

Chapter 13

The Tree of Life

Virgo represents the Garden of Eden. The exercise of the critical faculty, which is within its special province, is the way to the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Yet information alone, no matter how comprehensive, is not sufficient to attain everlasting life, as the Bible clearly implies in Genesis 3:22:

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

The Bible then abruptly changes the subject. Having indicated that there is a Tree of Life, partaking of which man might live forever, it leaves man to his own ingenuity to find where it is located. Yet to anyone conversant with the ancient stellar doctrine that eternal progression depends upon both Love and Wisdom, and with the first principles of astrology which reveals that Polar Opposites, such as Love and Wisdom surely are, always occupy opposite stations in the zodiac, there could be no mystery where the Tree of Life must be located in the sky. It must lie across the zodiac from the Tree of Good and Evil.

Virgo holds a branch from the Tree of Good and Evil in one hand, and Hercules, picturing the middle decanate of the sign, holds another branch from that tree, on which the fruit yet hangs. The polar opposite of Virgo is Pisces. Pisces, because more appropriately it pictures the process by which eternal life is gained, and because a tree would not be a suitable emblem in the water where the Fishes swim, does not show a tree; but two of its decanates do. The Pisces-decanate of the sign presents a scepter made from the branch of a tree, held in a ruler's hand. That is, he is king over life and death. And the last decanate of the sign is pictured by a queen, who holds a branch of a palm tree in her hand, very much as does Virgo.

Furthermore, Pisces is the sign where the physical cycle of life ends. If there is to be still further life, such as indicated by the new cycle commenced in Aries, those processes which lead to revitalization should be commenced before the time of transition thus indicated. These are the processes so clearly indicated by the ribbon which binds the two Fishes of Pisces into an indissoluble union.

Specialization of parts—mechanics, statesmen, agriculturists, writers, artists, etc is familiar to us in that complex organization which we call our social

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system. And we also are familiar with the fact that two elements united often produce a chemical compound with possibilities tremendously more significant than the same two chemical elements possess when not so united.

We may be sure, therefore, that the ancient masters who traced the constellations in the sky did not unite the two Fishes of Pisces into a single system without having information of profound import to convey. They are not united rigidly, as are the cells of the physical body, but by a long ribbon which permits each Fish to move about without undue restriction from the other. Each thus seems to be permitted the exercise of its own initiative; but belongs to a system from which it can not separate.

Before attempting further to trace the significance of this universal symbol, let us see what the Greeks had to say about the constellation Pisces. It is related to a watery sign, and thus to the emotions. It is the exaltation of Venus, the goddess of love; that is, love finds its highest expression through Pisces. And it is ruled by Neptune, the upper-octave expression of Venus. Such expression, if it be true to the upper octave significance, relates to interior states which physical manifestations of love are unable to penetrate. They have their significance chiefly where the astral body is concerned.

The Greek legend is that Venus and her son Cupid one day were strolling along the bank of the river Euphrates, when quite unexpectedly Typhon put in an appearance. To escape this selfish monster, typical of Saturn, Cupid and Venus leaped into the water and transformed themselves into the two Fishes. To commemorate this event the Pisces Fishes were placed in the sky.

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

Love manifests on various planes or levels. But one the human plane, when there is natural harmony between the inner natures—that is, vibratory affinity between the finer bodies—and love has developed between the two persons of opposite sex, they easily and rather constantly tune in on each other's vibratory rates. Depending largely upon the activity of their inner forces and the state of their spiritual development, a circuit, or endless belt of energy forms between them. That is, there is a continuous current of astral energy circulating between them, much as there is a circulation of blood through the physical body of the individual.

This circuit is indeed a current of life, possessing amazing potentialities. These potentialities are commensurate to the height of the basic vibratory rates of the two between whom the circuit flows, and to the amount of energy generated by their love, each for the other. Not uncommonly those in love experience the blend of forces which if unbroken develops into this current. Some also are aware that such a current is in existence. But, as it belongs chiefly to the inner plane of life, mental discords tend to break it, and physical sensations tend to dissolve it.

It must be cultivated if it is to persist; and that cultivation must be along the line of developing and maintaining intense and tender love, each for the other. Grosser feelings and passion will effectually destroy this fine belt, or ribbon. It is sensitive to all lower expressions, and thrives on feelings which relate more to spiritual states than to those physical.

Selfishness, portrayed by the giant Typhon, is so restrictive in its influence that when it is present even in minor degree, and even when not related

to the object of affection, it tends to destroy this endless belt of love. To maintain it those whose love has reached a plane where it can form such a ribbon of spiritual potentiality must expand their affections to embrace all creatures. The desire to destroy another, to deprive another of that which is justly his, or to in any way cause suffering to any living thing, tends to disrupt this fine ribbon by which the loving souls are joined.

The knot where the ribbons uniting the two Fishes are tied represents the Ego which is common to both souls, and which is the eternal spark of Deity by, which they are energized. Thus the two souls and their Ego form a distinct system, which when so organized becomes a true spiritual cell in the cosmic body. Such a soul-mate system, or spiritual cell, has a distinctive form on the inner planes; and when made permanent is commonly referred to as an angel. It then no longer belongs to four dimensional existence, but by virtue of its new capabilities is typical of the truly spiritual, or five-dimensional plane.

The two souls comprising the angel do not lose their identity; no more so than Venus and Mars lose their identity because they both belong to the solar system. Liberty of action on the part of each soul is still retained; but before they are thus permanently united in a single five-dimensional form—as the two Fishes with their ribbon have a single form and yet each Fish has wide liberty of action—they must have come into a realization of their Cosmic work.

As an angel they perform the function in the cosmic scheme for which they have been specially educated by their experiences; and in this work they have complementary abilities. That is, each supplies certain talents, those of both together enabling them to do their Cosmic Work.

We may be sure, therefore, that those capable of uniting through the endless belt of finer energies that ultimately will provide the form of such an angel, will not have diverse or conflicting interests. Such divergent interests, through centering the mind strongly on different things, tends to disrupt or dissipate the endless belt of energy flowing between two people. Where the interests are, or an objective of attainment, in that direction the finer energies tend to flow. That is, the energies flow wherever the attention is directed. But when the interests of both are centered on the same things there is no dividing of the energy stream, and the forces of both flow along a single channel. This strengthens the bond between them.

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

Neptune, the upper-octave planet ruling Pisces, is idealistic in his expression. Therefore, those who cultivate this highest expression of love on earth find it advantageous to idealize all they do. Whatever they do which they feel to be worthy, in the doing they keep the image of their loved one before them and feel that they are doing that thing, not because of duty, but for the sake of the other one. All that is accomplished is thus done for love. And the love motive becomes so powerful, under such cultivation, that hardships are not recognized as such, all life is filled with joy, and great accomplishment results.

The joy coincident with the establishment of the endless belt of love is only a small feature of its advantage; for its power to accomplish, working from the four-dimensional plane when loving and constructive thoughts are carried by it, is truly amazing. Herein lies a force which makes Faith, even of

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the size of a mustard seed, able to move mountains. The Sun is in the decanate pictured by the Fishes from February 20 to March 21. Its Key-phrase is, I Believe, and the text is: *Love is the Tree of Life, and its Fruit is Universal Brotherhood.*

Cepheus signifies a rock, and the constellation in the sky designated by this name pictures the King of Ethiopia on his throne, with one foot upon the immovable Pole Star, representing Truth. Both Sagittarius and Pisces are dual signs, and both through Jupiter, which is the ruler of one and the co-ruler of the other, have some significance in matters of religion. Joseph, whose, "Bow abode in strength," represents Sagittarius, the duality of which is symbolized by his coat of many colors. It is this coat which Cepheus, or Pharoah, whom Joseph served so well in the land of Egypt, still holds in one of his hands.

Pisces, the decanates of which are pictured by the king, queen and princess of Ethiopia, is the sign of imprisonment, deceit and secret enemies. It belongs to the dark half of the year. Joseph, representing the sign of dreams and prophecy, Sagittarius, told his dreams to his brethren, and these, in true 12th house fashion—for it is through its natural rule of the 12th house of a birth-chart that Pisces signifies these things—conspired secretly to destroy him. They took from him his coat of many colors, with which to deceive his father, and threw him into a pit, representing the sign Capricorn, lowest position of the Sun, into which this luminary moves immediately after it leaves Sagittarius.

Sagittarius is the sign of long journeys, hence Joseph when removed from the pit was taken to a far land. Pisces, through the 12th house, rules imprisonment and involuntary servitude; and not only was Joseph sold into slavery, but due to the perfidity and deception of Potiphar's wife, while in Egypt he was thrown into prison. And even, while still in Egypt, desiring to bestow a favor upon his brethren, he did it through deception. He concealed the money they paid him in the sacks of grain sold to them, and in addition concealed his cup in the sack of Benjamin, that he might have an excuse for detaining him.

The Pharoahs of Egypt were not only the rulers of this land of darkness, but they also were the religious potentates, some of whom had undergone initiation. It was the common thing for them to consult with their high priests, even as Pharoah called upon Joseph to give him council, in all important matters based upon conditions which would arise in the future. The priests who thus advised the ruler were versed in both astrology and in such divination as gained Joseph renown.

Peter, of New Testament mention, is a name which, like Cepheus, means rock. And it was upon a rock that Peter was commanded to found his church. In the sky this is, of course, the rock of ages, otherwise known as the Pole Star, which changeth not; the symbol of eternal Truth. Cepheus thus not only represents Pharoah, but in a later story pictures Peter, whose foot, or understanding—and Pisces rules the feet—must rest on Truth; and who holds the keys to hell and heaven.

These keys, by which Understanding of the Truth may be gained, are not pictured in Peter's hand, but adorn the crown placed on his head. They are shown as seven little spheres, representing the septenary of planets. They are placed on his head because the head is the region representing intellect; and it is the comprehension of the significance of these seven types of energy that opens the gate to an Understanding of Truth, which in turn permits entrance to the higher realms of being.

Peter, as shown in the sky, in addition to Joseph's coat of many colors

which he grasps in one hand, also has an implement of power in the other. Understanding alone does not open the heavenly gates. That understanding must be applied in action. Therefore, he holds aloft a scepter, of a form symbolizing the virility and energy of the Sun, a symbol of the same import as the Common Gavel of Ancient Masonry.

Thus does this ruler of life and death, of the external world and the astral kingdoms which belong to the 12th house, indicate that he both knows the Truth, and that he applies that knowledge in appropriate action. The scepter of power indicates creative energy under control, and directed as the ruler wills. The control of energy such as the scepter represents indicates that scepter to be one symbol of the Tree of Life.

Joseph and Pharaoh are not only linked, as types of Sagittarius and Pisces influences, in the Old Testament; but in addition to the Keys which Peter holds, the New Testament in Revelation mentions a Book of Seven Seals. Sagittarius, as natural ruler of the 9th house, the house of publishing, relates to books: and the seven seals are the impress which the seven planets make upon the Book of Nature. Yet this book, which rightfully belongs to Sagittarius and not to Pisces, when mentioned in Revelation is associated with the constellation Cepheus: "And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals."

Cepheus, or Peter, pictures the Pisces-decanate of the sign which has rule over the astral plane and its denizens. Sagittarius is the sign of religion, seeing clearly and expressing benevolently. Pisces has a religious significance also; but it tends to rely on blind belief; for it is the sign of secret things and of self-undoing. It is because the denizens of the astral plane through the Pisces tendencies have been able to impress their ideas upon the human race, causing it to place Faith in those things which are to the advantage of these selfish astral entities, that the race during the Piscean Age was so bound and fettered by its religious misconceptions.

To state the matter in another way, the unseen enemies of mankind belong to the 12th house, ruled over by Pisces. Elementals and earth-bound discarnate human beings are close to the vibratory level of the earth, and are best able to contact it through the conditions represented by Pisces. Through the deception they are able to practice they can in some measure control the trend of human events, and themselves gain a satisfaction for their own desires. Obsession relates to this section of the zodiac, as do mystical manias and religious fanaticism; these being extreme expressions of the influence of such astral entities upon human life.

Pisces, however, is a dual sign; and in the higher expression of its attributes it founds its beliefs upon the very Rock of Truth. The astral plane holds entities which practice deception upon the people of the earth whenever they find those who are negative enough to be impressed. But it also, on its higher levels, provides a dwelling place for noble souls who have made extensive research on various planes of being. These, when opportunity offers, transmit facts they have learned to their neophytes upon the earth.

The knowledge and beliefs of those on earth are determined to a much greater extent than most realize by the influence of the invisible world. Not only do invisible entities impress their thoughts and desires upon those who unwittingly tune in upon their vibratory rates; but planetary energies stimulate thought-cells within the four-dimensional body of man, and these attract events and prompt to action. We can not say, as some Orientals do, that the physical world is maya, or illusion; for its energies also cause changes in the

astral world; but we must acknowledge that most physical events and conditions trace their immediate cause to happenings on the astral plane.

We can not know the whole Truth if we ignore the physical world; but as the astral persists after the dissolution of the physical; as its sensations, experiences and scope are so much more vast than those of the physical; and as the immediate stimuli of physical movement are chiefly astral in origin; we can perceive the reason that prompted the ancients to place the constellation picturing Verity in that section of the zodiac which more than any other relates to the astral plane. The Sun is in this Pisces-decanate of Pisces from February 20 to March 1 each year.

Not only is the character of each life-form on the earth, that determines its destiny, embraced by the organization of its astral form; but the character so organized is that which persists beyond the dissolution of the physical. Man lives in his astral body, in fact, is chiefly an astral organization, while still in the flesh. And the same organization continues to live on the four-dimensional plane beyond the tomb. Real life and real death, therefore, such as Peter holds dominion over, relate to the four-dimensional plane which is more closely associated with Pisces than with any other sign.

Verity, which is the Key-word of the constellation, is an accurate comprehension of the facts and their relations to each other. Such recognition of Truth permits actions that make a successful adaption of the life-form to the conditions by which it finds itself surrounded. The keys which unlock the door of Truth also, therefore, unlock the doors of heaven and hell; for action based on falsehood and deception, such as one side of Pisces governs, leads to discord and destruction; while action based upon Verity, which the other side of Pisces governs, leads to harmony and eternal life.

Because all things in nature in their essential vibratory rates correspond to astrological influences, these astrological correspondences, such as are symbolized by the seven little globes in Peter's crown, are the Positive Key to that knowledge, which is essential to progress and to everlasting life. As a feminine complement to this positive key, to assist in unlocking the mysteries of the universe there is also a Receptive Key. This is embraced by the Tarot.

The golden key is the understanding of planetary law; for the character of each thing contacted is completely mapped by its astrological vibrations. The silver key is a duplicate of the one of gold, except that its action is feminine and passive, bearing the same relations to the latter that woman bears to man. In fact, the Tarot is to Astrology what the Moon is to the Sun. Astrology and the Tarot are known to initiates as the Two Keys. They are the Keys to Verity, the real keys for which Peter is renowned.

The text therefore is the Hermetic Axiom: *"As it is above so it is Below, and that which is Below is Like unto that which is Above."*

**Prometheus
Defies
Convention**

Paracelsus, according to all accounts, was the greatest physician of his day, performing cures where all the other doctors failed. Jesus offered harm to none except the cheating money-changers in the temple, healed the sick, and taught love and kindness. If one were less versed in the power of convention to bind all to old methods, and to persecute any who dare depart from what has been customary, it might be supposed that these great benefactors had been praised by their contemporaries. How Jesus fared need not be told; and Paracelsus was driven from place to place, his life constantly in danger from the members of his own profession, and was finally killed by ruffians be-

lieved to be in the pay of those whose outmoded methods of healing were less successful than his own.

On frequent occasions when machines have been introduced into some industry, those engaged in it have staged riots and broken the labor-saving devices. They believed that the machines would displace them; which was true if they were unwilling to learn how to handle the machines. A more successful method of healing also would take the livelihood from many members of the medical profession, as with less illness their services would no longer be needed; yet if they were progressive their energies could to advantage be turned into other equally valuable channels of human service.

It is almost impossible to advance any new method by which the human race can be benefited without this new method displacing the service, or at least affecting it, of some whose livelihoods depend upon it. And it is equally impossible to advance any new idea of importance by which the race can be benefited without it affecting the prestige of a large group of people who pose as authorities, or who hold some position of power which would be endangered if the new idea were to be generally accepted.

Progress is thus always gained only through conflict. In fact, progress consists of overcoming obstacles. And where human customs and human ideas are concerned the obstacles which cause the most acute conflict are prejudice and self-interest.

A thousand patents have been registered from successful models, and yet the labor-saving devices they represent, and the improvements in many lines which they could bring, lie dormant. These patents have been purchased by those who have money already invested in less useful things which would be displaced if better ones were placed upon the market. And to an even greater extent are ideals of high value to the human race suppressed by those with whose profits or prestige their adoption would interfere.

We need not think that the ridicule heaped upon Louis Pasteur when he advanced proof of the activities of bacteria in certain diseases, or the persecution of Galileo when he revealed the discoveries of his telescope, are new expressions of the antagonism of conservatives for those progressive. Even in a flock of birds, if one bird begins to act in an unprecedented manner the other birds become annoyed, and if the one departing from convention does not desist, the others birds set upon it, and either kill it or drive it from their midst.

Whether in that ancient time when the constellations first were given outline in the sky, or at the present day, if one were intrepid enough to break sharply with conventions, the least that could be expected was imprisonment. Throughout the ages those who have bestowed the greatest blessings on mankind have found themselves chained to the stone walls of dungeons. To depart too markedly from current practice or current belief, no matter how absurd it was, has always meant courting punishment.

Because such Self-Sacrifice has commonly been prompted by that sense of Universal Brotherhood which the higher side of Pisces promotes, and because Pisces, through its 12th house affinity relates to imprisonment and crime, the ancients placed Andromeda, the Chained Lady, in such a position as to picture the middle decanate of Pisces, where the Sun may be found each year from March 1 to March 11.

The Key-word of the decanate, Self-Sacrifice, is set forth in the universal symbolism not only of the story of Andromeda, but in that of Prometheus also. In the case of Andromeda the coast of her native land was being ravaged

by the Sea-monster, Cetus. This was through no fault of the fair princess; but had been brought on by the arrogance of Cassiopeia, her mother.

Cassiopeia had incurred the wrath of Neptune, who was quite justified in resenting her claim to be more beautiful than the Nereides, nymphs of the sea; and Neptune, ruler of Pisces, had sent the Sea-monster to bring destruction to her land. Jupiter, planet of religion, was appealed to in an effort to save the country; and he decreed that only through offering her daughter as a sacrifice to the Sea-monster could Cassiopeia atone for her sin. Andromeda, therefore, not because she had transgressed, but to save her fellow countrymen from death, was chained to a wave-washed rock in the sea for Cetus to devour.

We who are interested in presenting The Religion of the Stars to the world, bringing, as it were, the fire from heaven that all may benefit thereby, find the story of Prometheus even more significant. Prometheus, in the first place, was out of favor with the gods because he ridiculed some of their exaggerated pretensions. He was very much in the position of some of us who have actually traveled on the astral plane and had opportunity to observe the conditions there. He did not believe in the current ideas; no more than we believe the materialists who say that when the body disintegrates the soul exists no longer; nor the orthodox who say that a soul who transgresses must suffer eternal torment in hell and that heaven is devoid of useful occupation.

Those now who make actual demonstrations that the soul survives the dissolution of the physical body, and those who make actual demonstrations that the planets affect the life and destiny of man, are somewhat in peril of imprisonment. The materialist says the soul of man does not exist after the physical is gone, and can not come back. The orthodox says that it does exist somewhere. But if you stage a demonstration to prove that the so-called dead still persist and have recognizable personalities, you open yourself to persecution. A city ordinance—depending on the city—may demand that if you do, or if you help some unfortunate person through giving astrological advice, you must go to jail.

Prometheus, however, was not to be deterred through fear of gods or men from actions which he felt convinced would benefit the human race. Like the valiant souls of all ages who are responsible for the world's progress, he was willing to sacrifice his own interests if thereby mankind might be benefited. So, with the assistance of Minerva, he climbed the heavens and stole fire from the chariot of the Sun, and brought it down to earth, that man might have its use.

This so provoked Jupiter that he ordered Prometheus chained to a rock, even as Andromeda may now be seen chained, where a vulture was to feed on his liver. His liver thus consumed by day, grew again during the night, never entirely exhausted.

As the liver plays so significant a role in this story, it should be explained that the ancients as well as we moderns place this organ of the body under the rule of Jupiter, the planet which rules the 9th house in a natural birth-chart, and thus also religion and public expression. The liver of Prometheus, on which not the fearless eagle fed, but the carrion eating vultures who live from the profits of religious corruption, represents that priceless heritage which alone permits a healthy race; the freedom to publically express philosophical and religious convictions.

Both in ancient and in modern times the favorite method by which enemies of the public, such enemies as the 12th house rules, gain their ends and

keep mankind in slavery to their own selfish advantage, has been to persecute the apostles of Truth, and to suppress the dissemination of correct information. It has been proclaimed that truth crushed to earth shall rise again. So also the liver of Prometheus, preyed upon by the human vultures who place a censorship on the dissemination of knowledge, and who purposely distort all information given to the public, grew again.

Those who attempt to enlighten the world always find it a painful process. Throughout the ages it has been the custom to imprison those who revealed the corruption of those in high places. The inquisition flourished to prevent facts being broadcast that would show the falsity of certain religious doctrines. Periodicals thrive chiefly upon their advertising, and an article or story which reveals some unpleasant truth about a product advertised in them can not get beyond the editorial desk. Radio stations commonly will not permit facts to be broadcast which tend to offend certain interests of power.

Yet Andromeda was not devoured by the Whale-monster. Instead she was rescued by Perseus, her Prince Charming, and had a happiness she could not have hoped for had she not endured Self-Sacrifice. And while Prometheus suffered for a time for gaining fire by which those of earth might live in greater comfort, he too eventually was released. Kind Chiron, representing the Higher Mind of Sagittarius, ruler of the 9th and of public expression, volunteered to take his place. And still later Hercules killed the vulture and he too was freed.

When the critical faculties of Hercules, picturing one decanate of Virgo, more widely are brought to bear upon the suppression and distortion of information, we may be sure that the vultures who misinform the public will no longer be tolerated. Furthermore, even while Andromeda and Prometheus were persecuted for their services to the public good they were being amply rewarded, as all who endure misfortune for the benefit of the human race are always rewarded, through building into themselves those qualities which ultimately would permit them far greater freedom in celestial realms than those could have who permitted injustice to thrive unmolested.

Thus does the text become: *He Who Sacrifices His Own Desires for the Welfare of Others Draws Down the Divine Fire from Heaven and With It Kindles the Highest Potencies of His Own Soul.*

The last decanate of the zodiac, where the Sun may be found each year from March 11 to March 21, represents the end of the cycle of physical life. Among the constellations this point from which the transition is made to a new cycle is pictured by Cassiopeia, the Lady in the Chair, who with one hand removes the cloak which represents the physical body, and with the other holds aloft a branch from the Tree of Life.

Of all regions of the zodiac, the Scorpio-decanate of Pisces thus pictured has closest affinity with both the higher and the lower astral spheres in relation to the condition of existence immediately following physical death. It is here, as the soul leaves the physical body, symbolized by the removal of the cloak, that it experiences in full measure the effect of the astral circuit so well represented by the ribbon binding together the two Fishes of Pisces. This circuit, depending upon its quality and attachments, may become a shackle, such as that by which Andromeda is chained, or it may in truth become the Tree of Life, such as Cassiopeia holds.

The alternative revealed by this decanate, the Key-word of which is Vicissitudes, is well set forth in the stories relative to this woman. As one queen, her inordinate pride, selfish ambition and attachment to worldly honors caused

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her daughter, Andromeda, to be chained to the rock for Cetus to destroy. But in another story, she is the queen who furnished her two children, Helle and Phryxus, with the Ram of the Golden Fleece, which was to carry them from danger into safety.

The Bible also portrays this celestial constellation in alternate roles; in the Old Testament as Potiphar's wife, whose Scorpio desires, and secret enmity when her advances were repulsed, caused Joseph to be placed in prison; and in the New Testament by Mary Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils, and whom Jesus loved. John 11:5: "Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus."

When the Sun moves across the celestial equator at the time of the vernal equinox, at that moment it leaves the garment of winter darkness—that is, the longer nights than days—in the hands of Cassiopeia, marking the decanate from which it thus takes exit. This garment of winter symbolizes the physical body of man which is left behind when he passes to the next life. And this episode is still further explained by the cloak which Joseph left in the hands of Potiphar's wife when he fled her importunities.

As related in Genesis 38, Joseph had been given complete charge over Potiphar's affairs. He was in a position of trust and responsibility, and as nearly always happens to those who gain positions of power and influence, he was approached by one who used great pressure to influence him to betray that trust. Joseph might have lived now and had the same experience, so typical is it of present-day methods of disposing of one whose integrity becomes annoying to the corrupt who are in power; Genesis 12:

And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out. And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth, That she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in an Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice: And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled, and got him out.

When Joseph was placed in jail, due to the false charges of this woman of 12th house affinity it also suggests the circuit of energy pictured by Pisces by which those in love are bound into a single soul-mate system; and that if such a circuit is to result in greater freedom and power, rather than in greater bondage, it must have a vibratory rate which is uplifting and spiritual in quality, such as tender love and unselfish affection tend to generate. That is, if it is to provide the energy of the Tree of Life, rather than bind to lower astral regions, the circuit must raise the lovers to new heights of feeling, and stimulate new endeavors for the welfare of the race.

The circuit also can be formed between two people on a level that opens them to the influence of the lower astral plane. This results in the generation of great force; but the force so generated is confined in its effects to the things of a phenomenal nature, being unable to affect the finer substance of the higher astral spheres. That is, the ribbon of Pisces, unless generated by a fine and exalted type of love, tends toward imprisonment rather than to greater freedom. As is always true, that which can be used for good can also be used for evil. And this circuit, when built on a lower, coarser level, while

giving great magical ability, tends in the direction of Death rather than in the direction of Life.

It then performs the same function as the circuit in a seance room when those present take hold of hands and sing. It generates a circuit of astral energy of great force, and also liberates etheric energy in volume. But the astral energy flow thus established, is of a vibratory rate corresponding to the elementals and other entities of the astral spheres closest to earth. These denizens of the realm signified by the house of self-undoing in a birth-chart, find such a circuit of energy of their own plane a stream that enables them to move into the astral bodies and in contact with the etheric energies, of those through whom the current flows. They are carried by the current wherever it goes, and as it goes through the bodies of those comprising the circle, they are able to bring their influence to bear directly upon the etheric energies and nervous systems of those thus contacted.

With a contact so fully established, either through a seance circle or through a circuit established between two lovers whose desires are on the level of those of Potipher's wife, these 12th house astral entities are able to use both the etheric energies generated and the astral energies present, to bring things to pass on the physical plane. The energy may be used for healing, for influencing other persons to do as those on the circuit desire, for demonstrations of phenomena, or for the purpose of selfish magic.

On such a circuit, however, because it has affinity through its vibratory rate with lower astral entities, whenever the attention of those generating the energy is relaxed, this enables the denizens of the lower astral to take control and use the circuit for their own purposes, of which those from whom the energy is drawn have no knowledge.

Gradually, as the circuit continues, and gains strength, those who furnish the energy tend to lose control of it or even of its manufacture. The etheric component is felt by them racing through their nervous system. And its too great withdrawal from the vital reservoir of the body leaves them depleted and with an aching spleen. They still may direct it occasionally to some purpose of their own; but for the most part, even while they sleep, it is used by low astral entities to further their own ends in influencing the trend of thought and events on earth.

These 12th house entities, enemies of the human race, use the force thus placed at their command to impress upon sensitives wherever they can be contacted, ideas which tend to prevent an understanding of true spirituality, and which tend relentlessly to draw these sensitives into their power. And in time those who furnish the current, through having it constantly directed by the astral denizens to that end, lose all power to direct its flow, and are chained by it, and must do henceforth the bidding of their astral jailers.

Yet the same principle, a circuit of energy such as the ribbon of Pisces represents, when used upon a higher, unselfish plane, exalted by ecstatic feelings of tender love, instead of imprisoning, becomes the Tree of Life. It is true that on this more spiritual level it brings those on the circuit into contact with the intelligences of this higher region. But these are too wise and too unselfish to desire to use the energies thus made available to control either those on the circuit or to demonstrate amazing phenomena on the physical plane.

Thus it is that the circuit lifts or lowers those on it to the level of the after-life world corresponding to its vibratory rate. If that rate is low it brings intimate contact with low astral intelligences; but if that rate is high, it brings equally close contact with exalted intelligences of the higher astral planes.

And these never take control. The information they impart is given merely as advice, with full liberty on the part of those receiving it to accept or reject.

Furthermore, when the energy of the circuit is that of an unselfish and spiritual love, in which all animal qualities and desires have been sublimated and true regeneration has taken place, it gives the ability not only here, but in the after life, to penetrate the higher spheres and to there enter upon the Cosmic Work.

It then becomes not such an influence as Mary Magdalene was under at first; for, according to St. Luke 8:22, she had at one time been possessed of seven devils; just such a condition as the lower circuit in connection with the 12th house influence tends to attract. But Mary Magdalene was loved by Jesus, who cast the devils out of her. After this she became one of those who ministered to him at the cross, and who on going to the tomb which he had left, was told by the angel there to herald the resurrection to all the world. Instead of the devils which once she had had, having tuned in on a spiritual circuit in which unselfish love was dominant, she had partaken of the fruit of the Tree of Life.

Such a spiritual circuit, among other things, permits of passing to the next life in full consciousness. Thus the text with which the circle of constellations closes is: *Man May Pass from This Life to the Next, Even Through Death, With No Greater Break in His Affairs than Would be Occasioned by Leaving His Acquaintances in One City and Taking up His Activities in Another City Amid a Different Group of Friends.*

Appendix

Study Questions**Our Spiritual Legacy (Serial No. 71)**

1. What has enabled presentday man to possess mechanical contrivances superior to those of any people in the past?
2. What enabled certain peoples in the past to attain a spiritual wisdom superior to that which most people possess today?
3. What is the most ancient form of writing?
4. In what two ways can universal symbolism be employed to convey ideas?
5. For what purpose are pictures drawn and stories told by primitive people?
6. Why does the meaning conveyed by universal symbolism change but little with the passage of centuries?
7. From whence did the Stellar Wisdom probably reach the seven ancient centers of civilization?
8. Did the ancients use, or commonly have need for, the minute precision which marks the work of the present-day laboratory scientists?
9. In what were the ancient wise men particularly interested?
10. Through what peoples did the constellated pictures reach us?
11. Did the ancients commonly recognize the earth to be round?
12. Why is the Vernal Equinox the best point to start both time and the east-west position of the heavenly bodies?
13. Are the constellations which picture the zodiacal signs each 30° in extent?
14. How was it determined which pictured constellation portrayed the significance of a certain section of the zodiac?
15. What is a decanate, and how is its significance made known by a universal symbolism traced in the sky?
16. How many constellations do the old Greek sources show?
17. Why is the celestial longitude—the path of the sun—used to determine astrological positions rather than right ascension?
18. Do the outlines of the constellations suggest the pictures the ancients traced about them to portray the designated influence or spiritual teaching?
19. How is the correct succession of the ultra-zodiacal constellations ascertained?
20. In addition: to indicating the influence of a particular section of the

- zodiac on human life, what other important idea did the ancients try to convey in the picture of each constellation?
21. Just what is the oral form of universal symbolism employed by primitive people to perpetuate ideas?
 22. Where can this oral form of universal symbolism, for the purposes of studying the ideas of the ancients, now be found?
 23. Why are moderns so ignorant of Stellar Wisdom?
 24. What important factors were contained in the Aztec Swastika Calendar and the Aztec Triskelion Calendar?
 25. Name some important features of the Arkansas Astrological Stone.

The Fountain of Youth (Serial No. 72)

1. The Sun is the source of what type of power?
2. Why were 7 full days allowed to pass before the Jewish boy was circumcised?
3. In what zodiacal sign are the cattle, Pharoah on his throne, and the captive in the dungeon, which are mentioned when the Lord smote the first-born in the Land of Egypt?
4. At the passover feast, why must the lamb be roasted?
5. When eaten at the passover feast, what do "bitter herbs" indicate?
6. Why was the feast of the passover to be attended with shoes on the feet, a staff in the hand, and why was it to be eaten in haste?
7. What was symbolized by the daubing of the blood of a lamb on the lintel and two side posts of the door to the house at the passover ceremony?
8. How does the passover have its counterpart in the precessional cycle?
9. What universal idea is suggested by the domestic triangle and represented by Triangulum?
10. What in modern science represents the heaven and the earth mentioned in the story of creation?
11. In terms of modern science, what did the Spirit of God moving on the waters represent?
12. In relation to food, why is light so important to human life?
13. In 1100 B.C., how did the Chinese determine the inclination of the earth to the ecliptic?
14. Why is triangulation so important?
15. What is the spiritual text for Triangulum?
16. What is the most characteristic factor common to enjoyment, love and the production and care of children?
17. The knowledge of what modern factor might have saved Ponce de Leon much travel in his search for the fountain of eternal youth?
18. What determines the plane or level to which the astral body moves after the dissolution of the physical?
19. What is signified by Phryxus reaching safety by being carried on the back of a ram?
20. What is signified by Helle becoming giddy and falling from the back of the Ram?
21. What does Goliath typify?
22. In reference to character building, what wisdom is represented by the dramatic legend of Medusa?
23. How can bad habits be cured?

24. What is the best way to escape an undesirable psychic influence?
25. How was Cassiopeia similar in character to many mothers of today?

Knights of King Arthur (Serial No. 73)

1. Why was it easy to interpret the significance of the kine and the ears of corn in Pharaoh's dream?
2. Why were there two tablets of stone which Moses received, written with the finger of God, instead of one?
3. What is the significance of the Greek Tau and the English T?
4. Why was the golden calf which Aaron made a molten calf?
5. Why were the people called a stiffnecked people?
6. Why did divesting them of their earrings cause them to be naked?
7. What is meant by Moses causing the Israelites to drink of the ashes of the pulverized and burnt golden calf when he strewed these ashes on the water?
8. For what three things is a rabbit distinguished?
9. Why are eggs a persistent factor of the Easter celebration?
10. From what is the name Easter derived?
11. Why are Easter eggs colored in various hues?
12. Why are bunnies a persistent factor of the Easter celebration?
13. Why is a rabbit's foot used to ward off evil influences and bring luck?
14. What is probably the origin of having twelve jurymen in a panel, and why were there twelve knights in the story of King Arthur?
15. What are the three stars in Orion's belt called in the region of the Tigris and Euphrates; and by the Druids?
16. What two things did Orion, Sargon, Moses, Jason and King Arthur fight?
17. What caused the brawl at the yuletide feast of King Arthur?
18. In the King Arthur story, what is typified by the Bull pitching down upon him from the sky, and he ready with upraised club?
19. How did King Arthur solve the difficulty between his knights, and what psychological principle does this teach?
20. What does the story of Phaeton teach?
21. In the development of new forces, what is the one rule which is essential if Mastership is to be attained?
22. What was the feud between the 450 spurious prophets and Elijah?
23. Why was the altar which Elijah built composed of 12 stones?
24. How is true mastership shown?
25. By what token is a real Master known from a mere wonderworker?

Story of the Three Bears (Serial No. 74)

1. How was the pence of the Good Samaritan marked?
2. What is the origin of the exclamation, "By Jiminy"?
3. Who were Damon and Pythias, and what was the bond between them?
4. How did they demonstrate the high moral quality of the Pythagorean order?
5. What did Pollux do when Castor was slain?
6. What is signified that only one of the two can be on earth at a time, the other remaining meanwhile confined in Pluto's dark realm?
7. In connection with the story of David and Jonathan what significance have the harp and the arrow held by one of the constellated twins?

8. Instead of three bears picturing the decanates of Gemini, what is used instead of the Middle-sized Bear?
9. What significance do the large feet of a bear have, and its habit of devouring everything presented that has possibilities as food?
10. What significance has the Indian legend of the spirit of the Pole Star?
11. Which of the three bears in the story represents Intuition, which represents Impulse and which represents Reason?
12. Why was the porridge of the Little Bear, in the Goldilocks story, just right?
13. When Goldilocks awakened in the Little Bear's bed, what was it that frightened her so that she jumped out of the window and ran home?
14. What star is the most brilliant of all the stars in the sky?
15. What are the amazing features of the companion star of Sirius?
16. Why was Sirius looked upon with such veneration by the Egyptians?
17. What marked the first of the month of Thoth, and how was it celebrated in ancient Egypt?
18. What is the origin of Dog Days?
19. What zodiacal position marks the place of the Titans and other giants?
20. What is the significance of the Tower of Babel, and of the mountains piled up by the Titans in their assault on heaven?
21. What is the significance of the confusion of tongues at Babel, and of the blood of the Titans giving rise to a race of ruthless men?
22. Who was Atlas, what was he compelled to do, and how many daughters did he have?
23. Why did Electra, of the Pleiades, wander to the Great Bear constellation to become the star Alcor?
24. What is signified by lighting of fires on pyramids, towers and eminences, in various parts of the ancient world?
25. What is the function of pleasure and pain?

The Ladder to Heaven (Serial No. 75)

1. What symbolizes the first of Cancer being the gate to heaven?
2. Where in the sky is Peter pictured, and what represents the gates of hell?
3. Astrologically, what was symbolized by the ladder in Jacob's dream?
4. What did the going up and coming down of the Sun each summer suggest?
5. What are the steps in soul progress revealed by Jacob's dream?
6. Toward what is every life form moving?
7. What is the spiritual text for the sign Cancer?
8. How can we see the power of the Sun start to diminish when it touches the Little Dog decanate?
9. In what way does Procyon, the Little Dog Star, announce the Savior of the Nile, Sirius?
10. Against what kind of transgressions did John, the great baptizer of Bible times, incessantly preach?
11. Through the influence of whom was Herod trapped into beheading John the Baptist?
12. What is the moral to the story of Old Dog Tray?
13. How does the Law of Affinity work in relation to ourselves?
14. Describe the apologetic person.
15. Describe the boastful person.
16. Describe the person who feels superior to others.

17. From what group of thought-cells do the above three maladjustments stem? And what planets maps them?
18. What is the spiritual text of the Hydra decanate of Cancer?
19. What evidence is there of a great inundation such as the sinking of Atlantis?
20. How many people, according to tradition, lost their lives in the sinking of Atlantis?
21. When reached by the equinoctial pointer, what two dividing lines in the zodiac relate to the times of greatest cataclysm?
22. How long is the precessional cycle?
23. In what year did the Equinox pass from Pisces back into Aquarius?
24. What occult conditions are reported to have occurred before both the flood of Noah and the sinking of Atlantis?
25. What lesson is imparted in the action of Noah when he first sent forth a raven and a dove to see if the earth was dry?

Is There a Santa Claus? (Serial No. 76)

1. Why is the lion the universal symbol of desire?
2. What is signified by the young lion who roared against Samson?
3. What is the symbolical significance of honey?
4. What is signified by the conversion of the roaring lion into honey?
5. What is the astrological significance of the strength of Samson being in his hair?
6. What enabled Delilah to deprive Samson of his strength?
7. What is the spiritual text associated with Leo?
8. What is signified by those perishing who threw Shadrach, Mesach and Abednego into the fiery furnace?
9. What is signified by these three walking about unhurt and with them a fourth, who appeared like the Son of God?
10. About how long ago was the equinox so situated as to indicate catastrophe to the earth by fire?
11. About when will the equinox again be so situated as to indicate catastrophe by fire?
12. How is it possible to like certain activities which in the past have been disagreeable?
13. What is the most successful way of defeating the pull of forbidden desire?
14. In what manner is the picture of the middledecanate of Leo related to the picture of the sign Sagittarius?
15. What represents the chimney in the zodiac, and why?
16. Is there any mention of a Christmas tree or Santa Claus in the Bible?
17. Why does Santa Claus, have whiskers?
18. Why is the traditional garb of Santa Claus red edged with white?
19. What is the significance of kissing under the mistletoe at yuletide?
20. What is the chief point about a crow which can be admired?
21. What is the significance of Corvus in the act of tearing a piece of flesh from the back of Hydra?
22. What was the nature of the news imparted by Corvus to Apollo; and did it bring benefit to anyone?
23. What is the unconscious motive of those who delight in gossip?
24. What is the effect of gossip on the character of the one who indulges in it?
25. For what purpose chiefly do people go to movies or read fiction?

Why Was Eve Tempted? (Serial No. 77)

1. What sign represents the Garden of Eden, and why?
2. What is meant when Genesis relates that Adam and Eve heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day?
3. Where in the sky is the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil located?
4. Why did Eve decide that the Tree of Knowledge was good for food?
5. What is the price that always must be paid for knowledge?
6. What is meant when the Bible states, "and the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil?"
7. What is the significance of the immaculate conception?
8. Why, in the light of modern astronomical knowledge, is Job's question, "Canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?" so significant?
9. Why is it appropriate that servants and the marriage feast should be associated, as related in St. John's account of the first miracle?
10. What constellation pictures the decanate where water each autumn is converted into wine?
11. In what manner is the decanate thus pictured closely allied to stone?
12. Why were there six water pots of stone, in which water was converted into wine, instead of some other number?
13. What was the clew of thread furnishes Theseus by Ariadne, which enabled him to find his way from the labyrinth after slaying the Minotaur?
14. Why should Hercules have a constellation of so vast extent?
15. Just what was the nature of the work which Hercules undertook and accomplished in his twelve great labors?
16. What is the relation between the best quality and the worst quality of each sign, and how can this relation be turned to advantage?
17. Why is Monday the most appropriate day of the week on which to celebrate Labor Day?
18. Why is it appropriate that Labor Day should be celebrated when the Sun is in the Saturn-decanate of Virgo?
19. What is the significance of the paired foxes united by a firebrand, with which Samson destroyed the crops of the Philistines?
20. Why should the influence of tribulations be pictured in connection with the last decanate of Virgo?
21. Why are there twelve spikes on the Crown picturing tribulations?
22. Where does the Sun die each year, and how is this place related to the Northern Crown?
23. What was Job's attitude when his property and children were taken from him?
24. What is the psychological significance of the quotation from Job, "For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me"?
25. For what purpose, as Job learned, do people suffer affliction?

The Marriage In Heaven (Serial No. 78)

1. Why are the Scales a most fitting universal symbol of marriage?
2. What point in the zodiac marks the place where summer signs and winter signs are married?
3. What is the significance of Rosh-ha-Shannah, and when, according to Leviticus 24, should it be observed?
4. In the most famous trial in the whole of human history, what was the

significance of the child of one woman being alive and the child of the other woman, dead?

5. When Solomon called for a sword to decide the contention between the two women, in what way did he represent zodiacal relations to the sign of judgement?
 6. Upon what universal doctrine did Solomon rely when deciding the true mother of the child?
 7. In what way do the seven more days of light than of darkness indicate the relation of good to evil?
- What is symbolized by the following:
8. The spiral loop near the head of Serpens which lifts the head well above the body?
 9. The loop near the tail of Serpens which gives the tail supremacy?
 10. From whence did the doctrine of the serpent fire have its origin, and how are such practices related to the fiery serpents of the time of Moses?
 11. What does the manna which fell from heaven, and on which the Israelites fed, symbolize?
 12. What is represented by the brazen serpent which Moses raised upon a pole to cure those who had fallen into the serpent fire practices?
 13. What is the significance of the feathered serpent of the Maya?
 14. From the name of which planet is the word Satan derived?
 15. What are the two points, or nodes, where the orbit of the Moon cuts the apparent orbit of the Sun, called?
 16. What relation to these points, or nodes, have eclipses?
 17. What is symbolized by the Dragon?
 18. To symbolize what phenomenon in the sky does the Hopi snake dancer hold a snake in his mouth as he dances?
 19. Why should Yom Kippur be observed when the Sun enters the Draco-decanate of Libra?
 20. What qualities did the ancients wish to express when they traced a wolf in the sky?
 21. What is the zodiacal significance of the Bible quotation: "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves"?

What is symbolized by the following:

22. The deep voice of Red Ridinghood's wolf?
23. The bright eyes of Red Ridinghood's wolf?
24. The big ears of Red Ridinghood's wolf?
25. The great teeth of Red Ridinghood's wolf?

The Scorpion And the Eagle (Serial No. 79)

1. Why does the scorpion so fittingly symbolize the intensity, power, cruelty and vileness of the destructive side of sex?
2. To what extent is all energy dependent upon that which broadly may be considered as expression of sex?
3. In what way are religion and art dependent upon the love impulse?
4. Why is the eagle considered as a symbol of highest spirituality?
5. How did the Mound Builders who left the Arkansas Astrological Stone symbolize the creative energy?
6. Why are the ceremonies of the Hopi Indians, in which the Thunderbird takes part, held in an underground kiva?
7. Upon what depends whether the creative energies of Scorpio will carry

- its user on the back of the Eagle into spiritual realms, or will sink him in the mire of grossness and dissipation?
8. What is symbolized by the struggle between Ophiuchus and the snake?
 9. In what way does the thigh of Ophiuchus, which is out of joint, identify him with Jacob?
 10. What relation is there between the thigh and the eagle picturing one decanate of the religious sign Sagittarius?
 11. What is symbolized by the thigh being out of joint?
 12. Why is the urge for reproduction so insistent a drive in every surviving form of life?
 13. What is signified by the blessing received by Jacob when he was successful in his struggle?
 14. Why is the Piscesdecanate of Scorpio the most fitting section of the zodiac to be pictured by the Altar?
 15. What two regions of the invisible world does Pluto govern?
 16. What is symbolized by the custom of hanging May Baskets?
 17. For what kind of magic did Balak employ Balaam?
 18. Indicate how the Aztec Priests of Darkness, when they gained supremacy, made human sacrifice popular?
 19. Why was the sacrifice offered by Abel more acceptable than the one offered by Cain?
 20. With what kind of a crown did the ancient Greeks mark the victor in the Pythian games.
 21. Why, in Revelation 2:10, does it mention that before the crown of life is gained there will be tribulations 10 days?
 22. What is the significance of Peter's admonition to feed the flock of God, and that as a result a crown of glory would be received?
 23. What has the sublimation of the energies of Scorpio to do with attaining the Universal Laurel Crown?
 24. Why should one who seeks the Crown of Life make himself as familiar as possible with all the occult forces of nature?
 25. What pattern of life must be held by anyone who is to be successful in attaining the Crown of Adeptship?

The Bow of Bright Promise (Serial No. 80)

1. Why is the Bow, as representing Sagittarius, a symbol of protection from danger?
2. Why is the horseshoe a symbol of good luck?
3. What is the distinction between the terms soul, mind and character?
4. Are there really two minds, as might be inferred from speaking of the Higher Mind and Lower Mind?
5. How did Chiron well express the Higher Mind which Sagittarius rules?
6. How did Eurytion, another Sagittarian, exemplify by his conduct the Animal Soul signified by the horse side of the dual sign?
7. How did Jezebel, When Jehu entered the city, exhibit the sporting side of Sagittarius; and how did the horseman, expressing the higher side of the sign, respond to her advances?
8. What zodiacal association is precedent for mentioning together streets of gold, the Great White Throne, and the harp on which angels play?
9. Pluto, as ruler of the sign of sex, on the Eagle side relates to what kind of marriage?
10. What is the significance of Mercury furnishing the famous Harp on

- which Orpheus could play so sweetly?
11. What is implied through symbolism as the cause of Orpheus losing his beloved mate?
 12. What was the power which enabled Orpheus to find Euridice in the realms of Pluto?
 13. What is signified by the method applied by David to soothe the troubled spirit of Saul?
 14. What is signified by the story that Aquila, when Jupiter was hiding from the fury of his father, brought him nectar to satisfy his hunger?
 15. How does sex move from Scorpio in the house of death over into the house of religion?
 16. What is symbolized by Jove's cup of wine and the goblet which carried the oriental soma juice?
 17. In addition to Desire, what also is most essential to accomplishment?
 18. Why is the image making power of the mind so important?
 19. Why in sleep does the mind so commonly engage in fantasies rather than realities?
 20. What does the arrow, Sagitta, symbolize?
 21. What relation to the zodiac has Sagitta to the Giant Bear which also represents the Cyclops?
 22. What do thunderbolts, which the Cyclops forged in Vulcan's workshop, symbolize?
 23. What today represents the single eye of the Cyclopes?
 24. What is the relation between Illumination and the arrow shot from Dan Cupid's bow?
 25. What is illumination?

News From the Summerland (Serial No. 81)

1. Why are the days on which the solstices occur more easily ascertained than the days of the equinoxes?
2. How did Eratosthenes, from the top of the library building at Alexandria, determine the inclination of the ecliptic to the earth's equator?
3. What is the origin of the three golden balls displayed by pawnbrokers as the emblem of their trade?
4. From what event and what constellation is derived the word Panic?
5. What actions of Jacob identify him with the sign Capricorn when its worst quality is manifest?
6. What types of people at the present day represent the Jacobs and the Esaus, and how are they separated in the zodiac?
7. What is the prophecy regarding the ultimate fate of Esau?
8. What constellation pictures the decanate of the zodiac in which popular tradition holds Jesus was born?
9. Why, according to Luke, must John the Baptist have been born in the sign Cancer?
10. What is signified astronomically by John's prophecy that: "He must increase, but I must decrease?"
11. In what way are Swans related symbolically to those who dwell in the next life?
12. What manner of flight common to migrating swans suggests the Keyword of the first decanate of Capricorn?
13. In the after-life, if an individual's desires are higher than the plane on which he normally functions, in what way will he be affected?

14. What point in the zodiac represents the tomb, and why?
15. By what other name, and relating to the tomb, is the Dolphin Constellation in the sky called?
16. In the legends concerning it, what mission does the Dolphin always perform?
17. What is the moral of the Greek legend of the Dolphin and Hesiod?
18. What is the true way of repentance, either here or hereafter?
19. What is the symbolical significance of the Greek legend in which the Dolphin persuades the goddess who has taken a vow of perpetual celibacy to unite with Neptune?
20. What are the four Royal stars by which the ancient Summerians plotted the sky as a great rectangle?
21. What is the teaching symbolically set forth in the story of Venus and Typhon as applying to escaping from selfishness?
22. What is the teaching thus set forth as to the most effective manner of counteracting the undesirable influence of any planet?
23. What were the three methods advocated by the ancients by which planetary energies could be brought under control?
24. What is the significance of Peter catching a fish which held a piece of money in its mouth of sufficient value to pay the taxes?
25. To bring things from the unconscious, what bond of association is necessary?

In the Reign of Aquarius (Serial No. 82)

1. What is the significance of the 24 hour gauge held in the left hand of Aquarius?
2. What is the significance of the water which Aquarius, with his right hand, pours down upon the earth?
3. How many major motions is the earth known to have?
4. Has the precession of the equinoxes, by which the equinox makes its Great Cycle in 25,868 years, anything to do with the movement of the Sun, along with other suns, around a center?
5. How many degrees of the zodiac are always covered by each sign, and in what way do the constellations picturing the signs differ from each other in this respect?
6. Close to what star does the First of Aries among the constellations probably lie?
7. Upon what astrological fact is based the belief that man must make tremendous advances in invention, psychology, electricity and the study of the stars early in the Aquarian Age?
8. What two things are immediately suggested by a horse?
9. What is the significance of Horse Sense?
10. Why is it so common to find educators believing astrology is an "exploded" science?
11. How does the Horse Sense of the layman tend to discredit the educator's claim that astrology is an "exploded science."
12. How does the academic upholder of conventional tradition make use of the readings given by tencent advertisers as evidence that astrology is false?
13. Just what does a progressed aspect indicate?
14. What is signified by the wings with which Pegasus is equipped?
15. According to tradition, from what did Pegasus spring?

16. What is the significance of the spring of Hippocrene, from which all poets must drink if they are to attract the Muse?
17. What is the significance of Neptune giving Pegasus to Bellerophone to aid him in conquering the Chimaera?
18. Why does the unconscious mind commonly prefer to use the language of feeling?
19. Through what process can the unconscious mind be trained to impart whatever information it possesses, or can acquire, to the objective consciousness?
20. Why was a denizen of the water selected to symbolize the force or principle which is most inimical to life?
21. Which is the largest of the constellations, and what does it symbolize?
22. Why was Cetus placed in the sky where it would picture the marriage-decanate of the sign Aquarius?
23. What is symbolized by the ship on which Jonah embarked to escape that which God had called upon him to do?
24. What is represented by the three days during which Jonah remained within the belly of the Sea-monster?
25. What is represented by Andromeda being saved by her own Prince Charming, Perseus, from the destructive influence of Cetus?

The Tree of Life (Serial No. 83)

1. Is information alone, no matter how comprehensive, sufficient to attain everlasting life?
2. In what sign, according to the first principles of astrology which reveal that Polar Opposites always occupy opposite stations in the zodiac, must the Tree of Life be located?
3. What is represented by the ribbon which binds the two Fishes of Pisces into an indissoluble union?
4. What is the significance of the legend that Venus and Cupid, to escape Saturn, leaped into the water and transformed themselves into the two fishes of Pisces?
5. To maintain the ribbon of spiritual potentiality how must the affections of those thus united expand?
6. What is represented by the knot where the ribbons uniting the two Fishes are tied?
7. In what way do those who cultivate the highest expression of love on earth find it advantageous to idealize all they do?
8. What does the name Cepheus signify?
9. To Whom does the coat which Cepheus, or Pharoah, holds in his hand belong?
10. What is the astrological significance of Joseph, even when benefiting his brethren, doing it through deception?
11. Where are the keys of Peter to heaven and hell pictured in the sky?
12. In addition to understanding, the symbol of what is held aloft in the hand of Cepheus to indicate his ability to open the heavenly gates?
13. What is meant by the Book of Seven Seals mentioned in Revelation, and why is it associated with Cepheus?
14. Why is it so difficult to get any new method by which the human race can be benefited accepted?
15. What commonly has happened, in all ages, to those who broke too sharply with conventions?

16. Why was it most appropriate to place the constellation picturing a heroic effort to benefit humanity so it would represent one of the decanates of Pisces?
17. Why was Prometheus, even before he stole the fire, out of favor with the gods, and how does this represent some who now make actual demonstrations of unpopular truths?
18. What is represented by the vulture which daily fed upon the liver of Prometheus while he was chained to the rock?
19. What is signified by the vulture finally being killed by Hercules?
20. By what constellation is pictured the last decanate of the zodiac from which the Sun annually passes to commence a new cycle of life?
21. What two Greek stories indicate the alternative—the shackle which binds, or the Tree of Life—associated with the last decanate of Pisces?
22. What two stories from the Bible relate to the alternatives associated with the last decanate of Pisces?
23. If the circuit between two people who are in love is to provide the energy of the Tree of Life, rather than to bind to lower astral regions, what must be its nature?
24. How do the 12th house entities, enemies of the human race, use such energies as they can contact to prevent people from acquiring an understanding of true spirituality?
25. Do the exalted intelligences of the higher astral plane ever take control or make demands?

Appendix

History of The Brotherhood of Light

To trace the origin of The Religion of the Stars, recourse must be made to tradition. Pseudo occultists and charlatans are only too ready to appropriate a name and use it to deceive the unwary. Hence a name and boasted lineage mean nothing in such matters. When genuine they rest upon secret tradition. And such documentary evidence as can be submitted for the genuine may easily be imitated by the spurious.

The only safe criterion of the genuineness of any esoteric teaching is the amount and accuracy of the information contained therein. The Brotherhood of Light lessons are now accessible to all. We welcome investigation with a view to proving their value. The lineage here given is not to claim infallibility or to prove authority, but to disclaim any originality in the ideas set forth beyond their method of presentation. Upon the *prima facie* evidence these lessons contain as expositors of THE RELIGION OF THE STARS, The Church of Light is well content to rest all its claims.

According to tradition, in the year 2,440 B.C., a group separated from the theocracy of Egypt, and through subsequent times, as a secret order, the name of which translated into English means The Brotherhood of Light, has been perpetuated, and has exerted a beneficial influence upon western civilization.

During only one period of Egyptian history did the teachings of The Religion of the Stars have a great influence on Egyptian civilization. This was during the reign of Akhenaten. This king was influenced by The Brotherhood of Light and broke completely with the corrupt priesthood of Amen. He moved to his City of the Horizon and spread stellar art and wisdom throughout Egypt. He died before the establishing of a new civilization could be completed; so the priests of Amen did the best they could to destroy his city and philosophy.

With the ascension of the Greek civilization, the influence of The Brotherhood of Light is seen in the astrology and mythology of Greece. Many of the Greek Mysteries take their basic rites from the ancient Egyptians.

The Greek philosophers, Thales, Pythagoras, Plato, Euxodus, and a score of others famed for learning that might be mentioned, received initiation directly at the hands of the Egyptian members of the fraternity.

At a later date this venerable order gave the impetus to learning in Alexandria, which made the city so justly famous. One of The Brotherhood of Light, the noble Hypatia, who, after the decline of the colleges in that city,

was the last to withstand the onslaughts of superstitious ignorance, and died endeavoring to spread the light of ancient wisdom.

It was The Brotherhood of Light that preserved the taper of learning from complete extinction during the dark ages, and that was responsible for kindling with it the fires of science and philosophy in Europe, even in the face of ruthless persecution.

The Brotherhood of Light not only has persisted as such on the innerplanes, but the line of succession has been kept alive, although at times it became exceedingly thin, also on the physical plane.

Much of our written history is lost in the mist of time. The thread of modern day existence on the physical plane picks up with the following.

M. Theon, for years, was the head of The Brotherhood of Light in Europe. The teachings came to America and were published in two books translated and edited by Emma Harding Britten, *Art Magic* and *Ghost Land*. The original edition of *Art Magic* bears this legend at the bottom of the title page, "Published by the author, at New York, America, 1876."

T.H. Burgoyne was the son of a physician in Scotland. He roamed the moors during his boyhood and became conversant with the birds and flowers. He was an amateur naturalist. He was also a natural seer. Through his seership he contacted The Brotherhood of Light on the innerplane, and later contacted M. Theon in person. Still later he came to America, where he taught and wrote on occult subjects. We find articles on the tarot, written by him, for instance, during 1887 and 1888, in *The Platonist*, published by Thomas M. Johnson at Osceola, Missouri. This was more than a dozen years before Genevieve Stebbins translated the work of P. Christian.

Captain Norman Astley, an officer in the British Army, had traveled extensively. In the performance of his duties he had lived in India and there had pursued occult studies. He also resided a short time in Australia. Later he returned to England to meet M. Theon, having previously contacted The Brotherhood of Light in his travels.

Astley was also a surveyor. Retired from the British Army he surveyed, among other places, what is now Carmel, California. It was such a beautiful region that when he married Genevieve Stebbins, a member of The Brotherhood of Light and a Delsarte teacher in New York, they decided to build their home in Carmel. That was in the 1860's.

As T.H. Burgoyne was a member of the same organization, it was natural he should pay them a visit. Captain and Mrs. Astley, who had contacted a number of earnest students suggested to Burgoyne that he write the basic Brotherhood of Light teachings as a series of lessons. This he agreed to do provided the students would enable him to live while he did this work. The Astleys made contact with students he knew and 12 were found who were willing to donate \$5 per month to this purpose.

Burgoyne lived in the home of the Astleys while he wrote *Light of Egypt*, Volume I. He wrote and issued as a manuscript lesson, which the 12 students were permitted to copy, one chapter each month. He had a white pony which would come at his whistle and follow him as if it were a dog. Each morning the weather was clement, he and his pony would leave the Astley domicile and go to a certain wild spot on Point Lobos to commune with the Monterey pines, to listen to the birds, to caress the flowers, and to hear the noisy surf boil into a little rocky cove above which in spring wild asters grew in profusion. Overlooking the charging and retreating waters, always sitting at the same spot, he wrote the whole of *Light of Egypt*, Volume I.

For reasons set forth in the preface to *Light of Egypt, Volume I*, it was later decided to publish these private lessons in book form. That this might be done it became necessary to finance the venture, and to have some kind of an organization which would resist the attacks it was anticipated would be made by those opposed to the purpose of the book.

Dr. Henry Wagner and Mrs. Belle M. Wagner (both with Jupiter in the tenth house of their birthcharts) agreed to finance the venture, and did so to the extent of \$100,000. And a branch of The Brotherhood of Light called the Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor, was formed for the express purpose of seeing to it that the *Light of Egypt* and its teachings should receive wide distribution.

The Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor was governed in all its affairs by a council of three members consisting of a scribe, or secretary, an astrologer and a seer. Burgoyne was the original secretary. He passed to the next plane in March 1894, while residing in Humboldt County, California. Belle Wagner, Sun in Pisces, Aquarius rising and the Moon in the first house in Aquarius, was elected to take his place on the council. Minnie Higgins, Sun in Gemini, was the astrologer. Mrs. Anderson, Sun in Sagittarius, Moon in Cancer, Libra rising, was the seer. Meetings to decide issues were held on the second floor of Mrs. Anderson's large home in Denver, Colorado.

The bylaws of The Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor made it impossible for any person under 21 years of age to join; made it impossible for a married person to join unless the spouse also joined, and made membership possible only after the individual's record had been thoroughly investigated.

Early in 1909 Minnie Higgins passed to the next plane, and in the spring of that year Elbert Benjamine was called to Denver and elected to take her place on the Council as the astrologer. At this meeting on the second floor of Mrs. Anderson's home, the other two members of the Council did their utmost, as the official minutes of the meeting show, to convince Elbert Benjamine that he should undertake the job of preparing a complete system of education that would enable a wide public to become conversant with The Religion of the Stars. But it was not until April of the following year that he consented to do this work.

Meanwhile he had contacted personally and through correspondence not only members of the Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor, but members of The Brotherhood of Light who had remained aloof from the organization with headquarters at Denver. But it was chiefly by his becoming more closely associated with The Brotherhood of Light on the innerplane that he overcame his reluctance to take over so imposing a task.

In 1913 the three members of the Council of The Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor, after due deliberation, voted unanimously to close The Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor, and since then no members have been accepted.

During the period, 1914 to 1934 that The Brotherhood of Light lessons were being written, there was never any spirit other than that of helpfulness shown toward this work by any member of The Brotherhood of Light or by any person who had been a member of The Brotherhood of Luxor. And, in particular, Captain and Mrs. Astley were helpful. Elbert Benjamine visited them in their home on various occasions, and some of the extensive and encouraging correspondence he received from them helped him in this work.

In 1918 classes were first opened to the public. In order to carry out its objective of reestablishing The Religion of the Stars on earth, The Brotherhood of Light was incorporated as The Church of Light, on November 2,

1932, 9:55 a.m. PST at Los Angeles. The three founders of The Church of Light were Elbert Benjamine (C.C. Zain), who served as President until his demise November 18, 1951; Elizabeth Benjamine, who served as Secretary Treasurer until her passing in 1942; and Fred Skinner, who served as Vice President until his demise in 1940. From the 1920's through the 1940's much astrological research was carried on which has become standard reference for many astrologers.

Much of the history of The Church of Light in years between 1915 and 1951 involve the history of Mr. Benjamine's efforts. His mission on earth being completed through the writing, rewriting and printing of The Brotherhood of Light lessons, he felt that his physical form was worn beyond repair and that he could better serve the cause of Universal Welfare by leaving that body behind and moving to the next phase of his work in God's Great Plan.

In accordance with Mr. Benjamine's instructions, there was no public funeral, and his body was cremated. Because of his desire to be free from thoughts and emotions of grief so he might make a speedy adjustment in his new life, the announcement of his passing was withheld until the Response Day dinner in Los Angeles on December 18, 1951.

He left a priceless heritage in The Brotherhood of Light lessons, which must be preserved and passed on unchanged to succeeding generations.

The Light of Egypt is a consortium of advanced students and Hermiticians who seek to carry on the high traditions of the Brotherhood of Light by contributing our utmost to Universal Welfare without thought of personal gain or recompense.

It continues to work toward fulfilling these purpose by meeting the needs of a new world order with its progressive philosophy of soul development. As always there is a determination that each individual should have the opportunity to Contribute his or her Utmost to Universal Welfare to the end that all people may live with freedom from fear; freedom from want; freedom of speech; freedom of religion, and to be enlightened to the extent they wish by the soul uplifting teachings of The Religion of the Stars.

Appendix

Declaration of Principles

We are a Religious altruistic association. We consider all humanity as equal in the higher sense, and utilize our resources for the purpose of assisting each individual to fulfill their part in the Divine Plan. Our Hermetic Philosophy indicates that each soul is responsible for its spiritual progress; and our lessons provide the best information possible for the attainment of true spirituality and happiness on the physical plane and on each higher plane of progress.

There cannot be Two Orders of Truth in the Universe. Therefore, we deny that there is any antagonism between true Science and true Religion. We accept but one book as infallible in interpreting the Will of Deity. That is the Book of Nature. We worship but one Religion, which is also a Science: Nature's laws.

Students are under no obligation to accept our teachings. We encourage them to investigate all existing religious and occult organizations, and our course on *Evolution of Religion* gives details on how our philosophy relates to many of the religions of the world today.

We teach that the family and the marriage relationship are the most powerful aid in building the spiritual body. It is through the sacrifices of the parents for the children that they give up selfishness and then transfer that love to higher planes of work. Our course, *Ancient Masonry*, gives more detail about this process, as well as the course on Spiritual Alchemy and the one on *Occultism Applied to Daily Life*.

Our view of the reason for existence upon the earth is discussed in the book, *Astrological Signatures*, and the book *Organic Alchemy*. We know from tradition and scientific experiments that the soul and personality survive the transition called death and live on higher planes of existence. This is outlined in the book *The Next Life*. We also have lessons on healing and alchemy (psychology) both from the spiritual and physical plane.

Our philosophy is grounded in two basic studies: The Golden Key of Astrology and the Silver Key of the Sacred Tarot. Only with a thorough knowledge of these two keys may the sanctuary of Nature's Temple be opened. Astrology is the science of finding and utilizing the natural potentialities as indicated by the planetary chart of birth. It becomes a religion when it shows the individual how these natural tendencies can be utilized for the benefit of all humanity and furtherance of the purposes of Deity. This is why we are called The Religion of the Stars.

The *Sacred Tarot* is the pictorial form of the spiritual ideas of our world as viewed by the spiritual giants of the past and checked by subsequent illuminated ones as to accuracy. Initiates of all ages have added their contributions. It is the esoteric presentation of the Hermetic Philosophy, and provides each Neophyte with many sources of meditations and inspiration. Our courses on *The Sacred Tarot* and *Spiritual Astrology* give much insight on these two foundations of Knowledge.

The Religion of the Stars is dedicated to the unfoldment of the Universal Plan for this Aquarian Age. A Nine Point Plan provides the framework for this work. The Nine Point Plan is:

That everyone should have:

**Freedom from Want
Freedom of Expression
Freedom from Fear
Freedom of Religion**

That to obtain these in proper measure, people must have the freedom to become familiar with:

**Facts of Astrology
Facts of Induced Emotion
Facts of Extrasensory Perception
Facts of Directed Thinking**

And, that instead of working to take all that he can for himself, each must learn to find pleasure in

Contributing His or Her Utmost to Universal Welfare

The Brotherhood of Light teachings are presented in 21 courses covering 21 Branches of Occult Science. The courses have study questions in the back of each book for every lesson. If you request them, you will receive a final exam for each course. Upon passing the final exam, the Award Manuscript will be sent to you. These give information on the safest method of developing higher states of consciousness and other information of value to the neophyte.

Appendix

Home Study Program

About The Home Study Program...

The Brotherhood of Light lessons offer the safest and most reliable information concerning occult studies found anywhere! Many are interested in investigating the occult sciences but cannot find a suitable teacher or are unable to find a practical approach to such matters. To meet this challenge the Home Study Program was designed.

Much information about the outerplane environment can be had in public schools and universities. Of equal importance is knowledge of the innerplane. Since this information is not yet available in our public institutions, The Brotherhood of Light lessons are published.

With the dawning Aquarian Age, our planet is undergoing a new dispensation of knowledge. Manifestations of this knowledge are evident in the scientific and technological growth experienced since 1881. So that development may be along the most constructive channels, it is important that we work to align personal and community intention to the Will of Deity. It is the role of religion to facilitate this alignment.

The Religion of the Stars teaches that the most reliable evidence of God's intention is obtained by observing Nature. To do this requires not only effort, but the process of trial and error. Sometimes standing on the shoulders of those who precede us can be helpful. May we suggest that you will find The Brotherhood of Light lessons to be a reliable guide, as well as some of the most uplifting material you will ever encounter.

Who can enroll in the Home Study Program...

Anyone can study the 21 Courses by reading the material contained therein, and may submit examinations for correction. Upon receiving a passing grade, members will receive the "NotSold Manuscripts." They contain information which we believe to be safest and most reliable methods for psychic unfoldment.

While the reason for each person's study is highly personal, there can also be an organization goal. That is, to become a Hermetician. A Hermetician is a person who has passed final exams on all 21 Courses and thereby demonstrated physical knowledge of all branches of the Hermetic Sciences (Astrology, Alchemy and Magic). As a Hermetician one is eligible to participate more fully in the religious and educational aspects of the organization.

How does the program work...

Recognizing that each person begins his/her course of study with a particular area of interest we have structured the program so you may pass courses in any order you wish. We strongly encourage you to undertake the passing of examinations in sequence from Course 1 to 21.

You can request that we send you an a Course 1 (Laws of Occultism) examination.

After receiving a passing score (exams are open book) we will send you the "Not Sold Manuscript." This process is repeated until you reach the Hermetician level by passing exams for all 21 courses.

Appendix

Other Brotherhood of Light Courses

Other Brotherhood of Light Courses in the Astrology Branch

Course 2, Astrological Signatures

For those only vaguely acquainted with Astrology, this course provides a genuinely complete starting point. For those thoroughly conversant in the effects of the stars and planets, this course explains the connection Astrology has always had throughout the millennia with the Religion of the Stars. The religion's Hermetic Traditions concerning where the soul had its origin, through what processes it reached the earth and why human incarnation was necessary are related. Of special interest is the explanation of the purpose of joy and sorrow. Also included is a description of the aspect of the Religion of the Stars evident in the Mysteries of Ancient Egypt—from a translation by Genevieve Stebbins of Iamblichus's description of the ancient initiation ceremony.

Course 8, Horary Astrology

This course is most often chosen by beginning students of Astrology for its technical Lesson, "How to Erect a Horoscope," as well as for its clearly organized, easy-to-understand system for judging any given horoscope. More advanced students quite frequently refer to this volume for details concerning the delineation of a horary chart. For students of the Religion of the Stars and/or Hermetic Astrology, the Lesson, "Doctrine of Horary Astrology," is of special importance, with its explanation of just how and why this branch of occult science can solve a problem relating to events past, present and future. Also included for beginning students are C.C. Zain's chart erection shortcuts, for which he designed the Church of Light #2 chart pad to further facilitate this process.

Course 10-1, Delineating the Horoscope

As the Lessons on Astrology emphasize: much is to be gained by diligent application of the rules when delineating—and much is lost by not doing so. Here, then, is the Hermetic System of Natal Astrology, step by step, along with the unsurpassed "Outline of a Complete Astrological Reading." When this process is followed, one can hardly avoid providing an effective and helpful delineation. Of interest to the beginning student or the advanced are the explanations of the 36 decanates, illustrated with examples of renowned persons having Sun, Moon or Ascendant in that decanate.

Course 10-2, Progressing the Horoscope

A technical manual on the Hermetic System of Progressions, major and minor. Some of the best proof of Astrology's validity and effectiveness (especially for those extremely skeptical of the science) can be found in this area due to the ease of observing the influences of properly timed major progressions. Hermetic rules regarding the delineation of progressed aspects assist the student in avoiding erroneous assumptions concerning the progressed chart. To round out this study of Natal Astrology, a Lesson on the Hermetic System of rectifying the horoscope is included for use in erecting a birthchart when the exact birth-time is undetermined.

Course 13, Mundane Astrology

The sign occupied by each of the planets in our solar system, and the aspects they form from time to time, have an influence over the trend of world events. Where these events will chiefly take place, however, must be determined from specific natal charts and progressions. When these natal charts are unavailable, though, astrological influences can be determined through the Cycle charts of the nations, cities, groups, etc., in question. This course is not only one of the few technical manuals available on the erection of Cycle charts and delineation, but, by way of numerous examples, provides a fascinating and enlightening account of the effect of planetary cycles in the 1800's and early 1900's on the United States and the world.

Course 15, Weather Predicting

A complete treatment of the subject and the only text available entirely devoted to astrological influences on the weather. The inner-plane weather mapped by astrological positions has an influence on all earthly things and enterprises and physical weather is no exception. Weather predicting according to the Hermetic System here set forth is exclusively astrological. The attention is directed to the manner in which the inner-plane weather tends to change the physical weather from its normal trend during the season at any place selected. This is particularly useful information for those involved in agriculture, aviation, travel or planning a social event. It is an aspect of the science that should surely not be neglected by anyone seeking a complete, working knowledge of Astrology.

Course 16, Stellar Healing

This course entails what is probably the most effective method of spiritual healing: treatment according to birthchart indications. Natal and progressed constants have been determined through years of extensive research for 160 of the more prevalent diseases; these are included along with the appropriate stellar treatment for each. For ease of reference, the latter six Lessons are devoted to an alphabetical arrangement of the diseases, from abdominal troubles through yellow fever. A most important inclusion is the method in Lesson 197 for calculating astrodynes, harmodynies and discordynies, the unsurpassed mathematical formula for the measurement of astrological power developed by Elbert Benjamine and W.M.A. Drake in 1946.

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