

Chapter 8

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## Astrology is Religion's Road Map

**T**HE Stellarian religion is called The Religion of the Stars because astrology affords the best possible road-map for guidance to the most effective and highest type of life. It not only gives the most reliable instructions as to what the individual's religion should be, and what he should do to live his religion, but it also instructs him how best he can do the things which his religion indicates he should do.

If astrology and other inner-plane conditions are so important in religion, and if knowledge of them when applied will increase the individual's success, happiness, spirituality and freedom from illness 100%, why do so many academic intellects refuse to consider or investigate them?

Parapsychology includes investigation of extrasensory perception and psychokinesis. It embraces such work as has been done by Dr. Rhine and his associates at Duke University. Dr. Jule Eisenbud is a practicing psychoanalyst and Associate in Psychiatry at the Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons. He should, therefore, be able to speak with both practical and academic authority on phobias and irrational censorship of ideas by the objective mind. He specializes in such matters. And in the June, 1948, *Journal of Parapsychology*, he says:

I should be loath to conclude without suggesting one other possible use for the psychoanalytical approach in a period so important to the development of parapsychology as the present; as a means of investigating more deeply the fundamental nature of the irrationally phobic (passing as critical) attitude of the world toward parapsychology and parapsychologists.

He implies, quite correctly, that the majority of people at present have, unconsciously, ideas on the subject of extrasensory perception and other inner-plane phenomena, which have so much energy that they exercise a censorship over the acceptance of any evidence, however conclusive, that inner-plane energies exist. He classes the attitude as phobia. And the phobia embraces any evidence of those inner-plane weather influences mapped by astrology. Just how to cure this phobia is one of the big problems now confronting Stellarians.

With time, distance and gravitation on the inner plane having properties so radically different than they have on earth, should we expect inner-plane weather to operate according to the same laws weather operates on earth?

Einstein's Special Theory of Relativity carried to its logical conclusion indicates that inner-plane weather affects the individual, not merely according to his inner constitution, but through certain time-space relationships. These time-space relationships that indicate the inner-plane weather affecting the individual are measured by progressed aspects.

Just how the inner-plane weather affects an individual, however, is not dependent upon any theory. For even as time, distance and gravitation properties on the inner plane have been determined experimentally by university scientists, so have the properties of inner-plane weather, and how it works to affect individuals, groups, cities, nations and world affairs been determined experimentally through statistical studies carried out in the process of astrological research.

Wind, rain, heat, fog, snow, ice and cold do not exist on the inner plane, because these are all properties of physical substances made possible by their low velocities. Instead, on the inner plane, where velocities are too great to permit such physical properties, there are planetary energies the impact of which constitutes the weather of that realm. As there are ten planets, on the inner plane there are ten distinct kinds of weather, entering into endless harmonious and discordant combinations with each other according to the relative volume of each and the angle at which the planetary energies join.

Observation indicates what people's reaction to certain kinds of physical weather will be, and how their lives are apt to be affected by it. And observation also has taught how people react in thought and behavior to each typical kind of inner-plane weather, and what their thought-cells reacting to each uses their psychokinetic power to bring into their lives. What occurs is not inevitable. But what will occur usually can be predicted with considerable certainty because it is the commonly observed reaction to the particular kind of inner-plane weather present.

It may seem amazing that the inner-plane weather affecting one person at a given time may be quite different than the inner-plane weather affecting some other person working daily right alongside of him. But that it does so is a demonstrated fact. And it is no more amazing that the future can be perceived, than what an individual is doing on the opposite side of the world can be observed, or that physical objects can be moved by the nonphysical power of the mind.

People dislike to believe they are the puppets of fate. And some oppose the dissemination of astrological knowledge on the ground that astrology implies fatality. It does imply fatality in the same sense that physical weather implies fatality. Other than to use particles of dry ice dropped through cumulus clouds to produce rain, man has made almost no progress up to the present time in determining what the weather shall be. The wind blows, the temperature falls, the temperature rises, it rains, hails or snows, and the fog drifts in from the ocean as determined not by man, but by Nature. Man at the present is unable to prevent the day from being cloudy or sunshiny. And in that sense physical weather is fatality.

Neither can man, with his present knowledge, prevent the inner-plane weather being mapped by a progressed aspect in his chart involving Mercury, or Sun, or Moon, or Mars, or any of the other planets; nor can he determine whether the inner-plane weather so designated shall be fine or stormy. If the progressed aspect is harmonious the inner-plane weather will be fine; if the progressed aspect is discordant, the inner-plane weather will be disagreeable.

Just what the inner-plane weather will be during a given period depends,

not on anything he can do, but on the planets that form progressed aspects during the period, and what aspects they form. However, through calculating the progressed aspects ahead he can know with much greater precision than our physical weather forecasters can predict physical weather, precisely the kind of inner-plane weather a given individual will encounter in his life during any specific period of the future.

Up to the present time man has been able to do almost nothing to regulate either the outer-plane weather or the inner-plane weather. But he has learned how to conduct himself so that he can prevent unfavorable physical weather causing him the damage it otherwise might, and how to conduct himself to take advantage of favorable physical weather. And he is learning—through knowledge of what to do under certain progressed aspects—how to conduct himself so that he can prevent unfavorable inner-plane weather causing him the damage it otherwise might, and how to conduct himself to take advantage of favorable inner-plane weather conditions. And it is just as important to him to know what to do under inner-plane weather conditions of a certain kind as it is for him to know what to do under physical weather conditions of a certain kind.

What would happen to much of the population of these United States if people did not know that crops would not grow over vast areas during the cold months? Unaware that crops would cease then to grow, people would not store up food for these months of frozen soil. The grocer, failing to take proper precautionary actions, would have no food to sell, and a majority of the people would starve.

What else would happen to much of the population of these United States if people did not know that over vast areas during the winter months it would be bitterly cold? They would not build cold-resisting homes, they would not lay in a supply of fuel. Many would freeze, and most would suffer.

What would happen if farmers did not know what to do when favorable weather arrives? Instead of planting crops when they would grow to best advantage, and when they would be ready to harvest before frost, they would pass these opportunities by and fail to gain food that otherwise they might have raised.

If man took no precautionary action against the physical weather he would not build a home in which to live, nor produce clothing to keep from his body the cold, the wind and the rain. And without knowledge of inner-plane weather, and what it is likely to bring, the individual is as helpless to prevent disaster and to take advantage of favorable conditions as is the individual equally ignorant of what physical weather is likely to bring, and what he should do under certain physical weather conditions.

The individual aware of the functions played by extrasensory perception and psychokinesis, who is conversant with his birth-chart—which maps his own inner-plane thought-cell organization—who is conversant with the inner-plane weather conditions mapped by progressed aspects in his chart, and who takes the precautionary actions advocated for these weather conditions before they arrive and during the time they are present, doubles his usefulness to himself, and doubles his usefulness to society. He can double the chance of remaining in good health, he can double his happiness, and if he so desires he can double his spirituality.

The individual who is wise will thus strive not only to benefit himself, but also to render greater usefulness to society. For by so doing, in addition to the satisfaction such spiritual activities bring, he will insure his further develop-

ment after life on earth is done, which if continued will lead to Self-Conscious Immortality.

All should learn the lesson taught by early life on earth, that for a better life there should be division of labor and specialization of parts. When protozoa cells joined to form a united co-operative colony, as explained in Chapter 3, Course 12-1, *Natural Alchemy, Evolution of Life*, they gained a distinct advantage. And when there was further specializing of parts and further division of labor, as in the vertebrates, other tremendous advantages were acquired. Thus also in the universal scheme of things, as explained in Chapter 1, Course 14, *Occultism Applied to Daily Life*, there is a cosmic organization. All the information at present available indicates that the universe is an organic whole depending for its progress upon the co-operation of its intelligent parts. If it will make sufficient effort to find it, each soul has its own important work to carry out in this universal organization. And those that do thus contribute their share to the progress of the whole become immortal.

University experiments in telepathy now show that the minds of people are not insulated from each other. They are no more insulated than the various experiences and conceptions which constitute the mind of an individual are insulated from each other. And under suitable conditions for the Law of Association to operate, what one person thinks enters the consciousness of other persons as readily as under the same Law of Association what you think may recall some incident of your life that happened ten years ago.

But while your mind contains innumerable thought-cells and structures, each under the Law of Association capable of communicating its states of consciousness to any others, all are, or should be, under the guidance of the over-all authority which is you. The organization as a whole has a purpose. All the various factors which enter into the organization should, irrespective of their individual desires, cooperate in realizing the objective you have set for yourself.

Thus also should we, to the best of our intelligence and ability, co-operate with other souls in assisting to realize the purpose of the universal over-all authority which we think of as Deity.

Each ego, or spirit, is a spark or emanation from Deity, and thus has the potential of developing and exercising deific powers. And each soul is a cell of consciousness within the universal consciousness, capable of extending itself to partake of the thoughts and feelings not only of other souls and groups, but in some measure on the vibratory level to which its aspirations raise it, to partake of the all-pervading intelligence and power of Deity.

The way the universe is observed to be managed, the function of pleasure and pain in evolving ability, the fact that there is a universal law for all souls—embracing those that as yet are able to find expression only through a single protoplasmic cell, those that express through various plants, and those that have evolved enough to be able to function through man—and why the universal moral code reads, CONTRIBUTE YOUR UTMOST TO UNIVERSAL WELFARE, are set forth in detail in Course 19, *Organic Alchemy*.

Let us, therefore, instead of dwelling on the universal laws explained in Course 19, *Organic Alchemy*, recapitulate some of the steps taken in the evolution of life as set forth in the first seven lessons of this Course 12-1, *Natural Alchemy, Evolution of Life*, and observe how each step toward greater ability to perform a valuable function in the cosmic scheme of things has been a step also in the direction of greater freedom.

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Greater Freedom**

As indicated in previous lessons the soul is impelled to undertake its journey through the Cycle of Necessity in response to the Drive for Significance. This drive for significance which actuates all life-forms can find satisfaction only through expression. Through psychokinesis the soul attaches itself to one life-form after another, seeking more and more ample expression through developing, as the result of experience, the ability to manifest through successively more complex forms of life. Thus to continue to express itself it must provide nutrition for the form it occupies. And to provide means by which other souls can find expression, it must reproduce its organism. Thus from the primary drive for significance are derived the other two irrepressible drives, the Nutritive Drive and the Reproductive Drive. Every life-form is actuated by, and seeks to express, these three irrepressible drives. They are the motivation of every step in evolution.

All three are prompted by, and seek satisfaction of, the desire for more and more complete expression. In human life we strive, and rightly, for freedom from want. To the extent we attain it are we able to satisfy the nutritive drive; for we are then able to obtain food, shelter and clothing. We not only thus can provide for the continuance of our own life, but can provide for the necessary sustenance and maintenance of children, and in this way assist the reproductive drive to find satisfaction. And through the various gadgets, conveniences and luxuries freedom from want provides, we can find greater freedom of expression.

The nutritive drive, which is the drive for continued expression, does not find satisfaction solely in food. It seeks all means by which the organism can continue and keep healthy, including safety from inanimate things and from enemies. From the very first appearance of life on earth, therefore, we find each species not only seeking food and reproduction, but also seeking freedom from fear.

In religion man seeks to find guidance as to the type of expression while still on earth that will enable him to find satisfaction, and at the same time will insure that he will continue to find satisfactory expression after life on earth is done. He seeks freedom of religion because he wishes the liberty to decide what is best for him on earth, and best to insure continued satisfactory expression after the dissolution of the physical.

Thus in religion he is merely trying to find satisfaction for the same drives which are the motive force of every life-form on earth. All are seeking freedom from want, freedom from fear and freedom of expression. And the whole process of evolution is merely one step after another toward attaining in greater measure these three freedoms. Freedom of religion merely gives each person the opportunity to find for himself the best means for continuing these three freedoms after he has discarded his physical body.

Back at the commencement of life on earth, some 1,750 million years ago, there were iron secreting and sulphur secreting bacteria. They lived on inorganic material. They continue to live in great number to this day. They had a food supply and they had an adequate method of reproduction. But their field of expression was narrowly restricted. Some of them with the drive for significance unusually strong struggled for more freedom of expression, and as a result of using their psychokinetic power both single-celled plants and single-celled animals came into existence.

Both these primitive algae and primitive protozoa had a good food supply and multiplied by cell division. But some of them felt the need for greater freedom from fear. By developing colonial life, in which there was specializa-

tion of parts and division of labor, they could, and did, provide for more adequate nutrition and more adequate reproduction. But in addition to moving thus toward freedom from want, they also moved in the direction of freedom from fear; for the cells in the plant walls, and the cells surrounding the animal, provided for protection from enemies and environmental inclemencies.

Some plants, in their effort to secure freedom from want, moved from the water, in which previously all life had lived, onto the land. There they found a more adequate food supply. But thus to maintain themselves they had to develop roots. Driven by this desire to have freedom from fear, they brought their psychokinetic power into play and not only developed roots, but also stalks which would support them and protect them from the weather.

To insure that the reproductive drive might find more adequate satisfaction, the plants first developed spores, and later, so that their young might be nourished during the immature stage of life, they developed seeds. Striving for freedom from want for their young they devised innumerable cunning ways for the widespread distribution of their seeds. Also for means by which the seeds might be covered with soil and thus assisted to start their growth.

Here in California, for instance, one of the best wild forage plants is filaree, a member of the geranium family. It provides its seeds on one end with a gimlet-like point, and on the other with a long filamentous tail. When the seed dries, during the long season devoid of rain, this tail winds into a spiral resembling an auger, near the end away from the auger point making an abrupt right angle with the general direction of the spiral. This provides a lever with which to gain a purchase against the stem of grass or other vegetation close at hand.

The spiral catches in their hair or fur of any passing animal, which thus carries the seed to some distant point where it is knocked or scratched off. In this distribution it is not more clever than the cockle bur or the dandelion. The cockle bur also depends on animals to carry its young to distant parts; and the dandelion provides its young with parachutes so that the wind will waft them over a wide terrain.

But the filaree seed has an additional advantage. When the rain comes and softens the soil, in response to the moisture its spiral tail determinedly unwinds. The brace, the right-angled arm of the seed tail, by catching against a blade of grass or other vegetation, is prevented from following the unwinding spiral. Therefore, this unwinding, with the upper tail held stationary, gimlet-fashion, screws the seed point down into the moist soil. The filaree seeds not only are distributed widely—they have thus spread all over the California mountains—but they are effectively planted beneath the surface of the soil.

To insure reproduction, plants have made use of insects and devised numerous ingenious methods to make pollination certain.

We might survey each phylum of animal life from I to XII, and observe that each higher step taken has been in response to the desire for freedom from want, freedom from fear, or freedom of expression.

And in Phylum XII, the Chordata, there are numerous examples in which, guided by extrasensory perception, psychokinetic power was brought into play to adapt either the form or the habits to enable the vertebrate creature to move nearer one or more of these three freedoms.

Fish developed strong powers of locomotion that they might leave the sea and move up swift streams where life was not so crowded, the competition for food was less severe, and their dangerous enemies of the ocean could not follow.

When the ponds for a portion of the year dried up in which mud fish lived, they sought freedom from fear by developing their swimming bladder into a sac with which they could breathe air. And in time, in response to this desire to survive, which gives rise to fear, amphibians came into being.

Amphibians had to lay their eggs in water, and their young had to undergo the tadpole stage in the water, before being transformed into land inhabiting animals. But when the ponds dried up for the whole year round, and a desert-like condition took their place, amphibians no longer could lay their eggs in the water. But the soul striving for expression did not cease to struggle for survival and the perpetuation of its physical form. Thus bringing psychokinesis into play, no doubt under favorable inner-plane weather conditions, amphibians learned to lay eggs in which the young could develop to sufficient maturity that as soon as they were hatched they could forage for themselves.

When the cold shut down, in their determination to continue to find adequate expression for souls yet to be born, extrasensory perception, favored by astrological weather, guided psychokinesis into changing the reptile scales into fur and feathers. And it guided the development of the nesting habits of birds, and the development of a placenta and mammary glands in mammals.

In their desire to have freedom from want, freedom from fear, and freedom of expression, animals also developed intelligence, until in the form of man this intelligence became self consciousness, the power to use abstract symbols in thinking, and the ability to form judgments based on logic.

Man, no less than every lower form of life which preceded him on earth, is driven by the desire for freedom from want, freedom from fear, and freedom of expression. And he has found innumerable ways in which, through the use of the knowledge he has acquired, he can forward these freedoms.

His agricultural knowledge assists him in his effort to gain freedom from want. His knowledge of obstetrics and the infections to which babies are subject, assists him in his effort to continue his race so that other souls can attach themselves psychokinetically to the ovum at the time of fertilization, and undergo the experience of developing and functioning through a human form.

The automobile and the airplane have freed him from the old limitations which hindered travel. Books enable him to acquire more knowledge with which to combat the limitations still imposed by physical environment.

This writer does not assume to know to what extent private enterprise should manage economic affairs and how much should be turned over to the government. That must still be decided, not by arguing about some theory, but by actual experiment.

But the criterion on which the success of such experiment should be based is clear. It is the criterion by which we judge whether or not a life-form is a forward step in evolution. It is whether or not the method employed really adds to its three freedoms. And with the advent of man, freedom to decide the best means for continuing the other three freedoms in a future life—freedom of religion—is equally important.

But in human society we must not consider the freedom of one individual as of more importance than the freedom of another. Each should be permitted as much of the four freedoms as it is possible for him to have without restricting the similar freedoms of others. Nor must one freedom, such as freedom from want, take precedence over another. Freedom of expression, for instance, is quite as important as freedom from want. Survival—freedom from want and freedom from fear—is not an end in itself. It is a means by

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which the soul gains experience. And to make that experience worth anything, as this brief survey of evolution indicates, there must be freedom of expression. But in our society the freedom of expression of some must not limit the freedom of expression of others.

To the extent they further the four freedoms for all, in a manner that limits the four freedoms of none, should the success of private enterprise and government ownership be judged.

With the techniques of their voluntary use properly developed, in the future both extrasensory perception and psychokinesis will tremendously advance man's progress toward the four freedoms. But at that time, because he should use it to guide him in their use, even as today, there will be nothing that will advance the individual or the race toward gaining the four freedoms in full measure as effectively as the knowledge, and the application of that knowledge, of the inner-plane weather conditions mapped by astrology.

From the standpoint of religion, nothing is more important than the development of character. The standards of morality differ with different religions, but all hold that certain actions are moral and that other actions are immoral. Thus, even as preceding each development in the evolution of life on earth, a problem is presented that needs solution. The problem in this instance is how the individual, and his offspring, shall not merely believe in a certain moral code, but can adapt their lives fully and successfully to the moral code in which they believe.

Merely a desire to adapt the life fully to the specific moral code is not sufficient to enable him to do it. No more than merely the expressed desire of an alcoholic is sufficient to make him consistently a sober citizen. To accomplish such adaptation the individual must know how to go about it to overcome tendencies which commonly defeat his intentions.

Within the unconscious of every individual there are thought-cell groups of great energy which, unless they are deliberately and intelligently reconditioned, will cause him to act in a manner that is the very opposite of his more considered conscious desires. These difficult to control trends of character, whatever they may be, are mapped in the chart of birth, along with the more desirable and morally acceptable trends. The individual is not born until the inner-plane weather is such as to indicate by the power, harmony and discords of the planets mapping them, the chief character trends, and the natural aptitudes of the one then born. Not that these trends — trends toward certain types of behavior, trends toward events of a particular kind — inevitably develop into the actions, abilities, diseases and events thus indicated. But unless such trends are perceived before they develop into the indicated factors, and proper precautionary actions are taken, they usually do in time thus externalize.

In the training of children, including the development of desirable moral attributes, it is a great advantage for parents to know just what each child's weaknesses are. If the child's chart shows a predisposition toward being dishonest, the parent can start in early to apply the factors which are most suited to condition the child toward being honest. If the child's chart shows a predisposition toward trying to dominate others, or toward ungovernable and dangerous fits of anger, the parents can start early, and with much better assurance of success, to apply the psychology which will overcome these weaknesses.

Few people live up to the standards of morality they have set for themselves. Within the unconscious of each individual are stored trends which are

derived from the soul's experiences before human birth. Psychoanalysis reveals that within the lower strata of the human mind lie primitive thoughts such as are common to the savage, and impulses that are common to lower forms of life. These primitive thoughts and animal impulses often have so much energy that an adult trying to the best of his ability to live a moral life—in spite of every effort on the part of his objective self—at times finds they take control of him and drive him to actions he later regrets.

Astrology not only reveals these primitive impulses, but it also indicates the best method the individual can employ to recondition them so that, instead of periodically conducting himself in a manner that later hurts his conscience, he can at all times act in the manner which his religion dictates. Astrology indicates just where and how induced emotion and directed thinking should be applied to enable the individual best to live the kind of life he has decided upon.

Under certain kinds of inner-plane weather the individual has both a stronger impulse, and unusual opportunity, to conduct himself contrary to his religious convictions. But a knowledge of progressed aspects, and the precise kind of inner-plane weather each brings, and what temptations are apt to be present during each period thus indicated, enables the individual to take specific and unusual precautionary actions to prevent himself from violating the moral principles in which he believes during any inner-plane weather thus foreshown.

Anyone who will become conversant with his birth-chart and the time and significance of each set of progressed aspects, and who will strive energetically to apply this knowledge, can insure his morality, double his spirituality, and thus in a personal sense attain a high degree of religious freedom.

A great amount of energy is lost through people entering some vocation for which they are unqualified either because they lack the particular kind of ability needed, or because in it they attract unusual misfortune. For the individual to have freedom from want, he should engage in the kind of enterprise in which he can make a success. And for the world to have freedom from want, its citizens should not dissipate their energies following occupations for which they are not qualified.

The birth-chart of a child does not show his abilities. Abilities must be developed through experience. But it does show the child's natural aptitudes, which are stored up experiences from his life previous to birth in human form. And, which in selecting a vocation is equally important, it shows his predisposition toward fortune or misfortune amid the conditions commonly encountered in following each vocation.

As it is a loss both to the individual and to the world for an individual to spend time and energy training for some occupation for which he has no talent, and which he either never follows or fails if he does, the earlier in life a child can begin to train his special aptitudes into definite abilities the better. And as from a chart of birth the natural aptitudes and the tendency to fortune and misfortune amid different surroundings can be ascertained, there need be no loss of time and energy in the training of a child; for in addition to his general education, his training may start at a very early age to channel the development of his natural aptitudes.

Astrological vocational guidance, however, is not confined to children. Adults often need to select a vocation, or to change from one vocation to another due to circumstances over which they have no control. In thus selecting the vocation to follow, the individual should always take into consider-

ation supply and demand and other current physical conditions. But within the limits indicated by these, he can select the vocation, or business, in which he will be most successful, by combining his abilities—for some natural aptitudes need a high degree of training to develop them to a point where they can be used in following some technical or professional vocation—with the predispositions for fortune or misfortune within the environmental conditions of the various vocations which require the special abilities he possesses. His birth-chart indicates the natural aptitudes which can most readily be developed into abilities.

And in following the vocation, profession, or business, if he will take the trouble, through calculating his progressed aspects, to know just what inner-plane weather is ahead, and when it will arrive, and in view of the weather to be encountered will take the proper precautionary actions before and after it arrives, he will make a far greater success than if he neglects such inner-plane weather conditions.

When an individual constructively employs the abilities developed from his natural aptitudes he finds greatest satisfaction in expression. And as following such astrological guidance he can best acquire worldly possessions, he furthers in marked degree not only freedom from want but also freedom of expression.

Not only does ill health prevent many people from keeping continuously employed, depriving them through the expense of medical care of other things they need or desire, but disease gives rise to fear.

The Church of Light through the statistical analysis of the charts of numerous people who have had the disease, has determined the birth-chart positions and aspects for a great many diseases. Not all people who have these birth-chart constants of a given disease develop the disease; but only those who have its constants ever develop it. Thus the birth-chart constants of a disease indicate, not that a person will have it, but that there is a predisposition toward it.

The Church of Light through the statistical analysis of the progressed aspects in these charts at the time a given disease develops also has determined the progressed constants that are invariably present at the time the disease develops. These progressed constants of the disease, mapping the inner-plane weather always present at the time it develops, do not indicate that the individual will of necessity encounter the disease during the period thus mapped. But they do indicate that the inner-plane weather at that time favors it, and that there is danger of it then developing.

The birth-chart and progressed constants of 160 different diseases are set forth in Course 16, *Stellar Healing*, and further studies of them are published from time to time in C. of L. Astrological Reports. Course 16, *Stellar Healing* also indicates the precautionary measures that should be taken when the predisposition toward a disease indicated by the birthchart is given activity by the progressed constants of the disease.

Relative to diet factors which in general are precautionary actions to prevent disease, these are set forth in Chapter 3, Course 14, *Occultism Applied to Daily Life* and Chapter 4, Course 21, *Personal Alchemy*. But the specific diet most suited as a precautionary action against the disease tendencies stimulated by the inner-plane weather mapped by an adverse aspect involving each of the ten different planets is given in Chapter 7-10, Course 21, *Personal Alchemy*.

In the prevention and cure of disease inner-plane diet is fully as impor-

tant as outer-plane diet. Thought and emotion are the two factors of inner-plane diet. Wisely chosen, they condition the thought-cells to resist and deflect adverse inner-plane weather which otherwise would cause these thought-cells to use their psychokinetic power to develop the disease indicated by the birth-chart and progressed constants.

Good health tends to greater efficiency and to banish the fear of disease, therefore where health is concerned knowledge of astrology and following its guidance markedly furthers progress toward freedom from want and freedom from fear.

The predisposition toward the events which are likely to occur affecting each of the twelve departments of life are mapped in the birth-chart. Such events have their birth-chart and progressed constants, those for 20 different events being set forth in the reference book, *When and What Events Will Happen*. These events, however, are not inevitable. By knowing there is a predisposition in their direction the environment may be selected which will favor those fortunate and hinder those unfortunate, and thus markedly improve the fortune.

An event of importance only occurs when the progressed aspects which are its constants are within one degree of perfect. The general type of event is indicated by the planets involved in the progressed aspect, and the departments of life that will be influenced are indicated by the houses ruled by these planets. With knowledge of how the inner-plane weather during a given period is apt to cause the thought-cells thus given new energy to use their psychokinetic power, and the type and departments of life apt thus to be influenced by an event, the individual is in a position to use precautionary actions to take the utmost advantage of favorable inner-plane weather conditions, and to forestall and avoid the influence of adverse inner-plane weather conditions.

As through giving him knowledge of just the precautionary actions to take to improve the events which occur in his life relative to each of its 12 departments, astrological guidance can improve the fortune of all departments of life, it thus can contribute markedly to freedom from want, freedom from fear, freedom of expression and freedom of religion.

Outer-plane weather conditions are pronouncedly influenced by inner-plane weather conditions. For long range weather prediction astrology is many times more accurate than the weather bureau. What the season will hold of outer-plane weather conditions is important in many ways. This knowledge is especially important for those who plant and harvest crops. If there is going to be a late cold spring, certain crops should be planted later. If there are going to be floods, it is wiser not to plant ground which is apt to be inundated. If there is going to be a wet fall, it may be advisable to start harvesting earlier than usual, so that it may be finished before the wet sets in. If there is going to be an early freeze, certain fruit should be picked before it is damaged by the cold.

Astrological weather predicting also is valuable in other matters. It enables the individual to pick a day for a picnic, or for some other venture when the weather will be favorable for it. If there are to be heavy storms during a given period, it benefits various groups to know this ahead of time, and to make proper preparations.

Through indicating what the physical weather will be during various periods, astrological guidance contributes to freedom from want and freedom from fear.

The inner-plane weather affects not only individuals, but various groups of people. Progressed aspects made in the charts of the birth of corporations, cities, and nations give a good picture of what the attitude of the group will be during the period covered by the progressed aspects, how they will react to proposals made by other groups, and what fortune or misfortune they are likely to have in the various departments of their lives.

The biggest problem facing humanity as a whole is how to get the various groups of people, and the various nations, to co-operate for the advancement of all and the avoidance of war. Astrology cannot solve this problem, but it can give guidance as to the best way it can be solved. It indicates by the progressed aspects of a country, for instance, the best approach to win its approval of some plan for cooperation. And it indicates by the progressed aspects in the charts of the leader of the country the best time to approach him for such co-operation.

When the birth-chart of a group is known, it gives a better understanding of the aims, motives and methods of the group. And the progressed aspects in the chart of the group warn of its aggressive action before that action is taken, and even before it is contemplated by the group.

Astrology through giving better understanding of people, makes it easier for nations to get along harmoniously. Thus through its guidance both freedom from want and freedom from fear may markedly be forwarded.

Evolution is observed to be moving constantly in the direction of greater freedom; and where man is concerned it is the greatest of all aids in attaining freedom from want, freedom from fear, freedom of expression and freedom of religion. But are such freedoms the will of God?

The Stellarian religion holds that instead of relying on the opinions of people of the past who were wrong about much of the phenomena of the material universe, man should rely on his own observation of nature to determine the will of God.

The universe is the expression of the all-pervading Super-Intelligence. And even as we judge a man's character and what he wants by his actions, and not by some ignorant person's opinion based on no knowledge of his actions, so it is logical not to judge the character of God, and what He wants by the ignorant opinion of someone who knows nothing of His actions, but to judge what God wants by His actions.

Those actions are observed to be the evolution of life toward the four freedoms, broadly guided by astrological energies climaxing on earth in that microcosm we call man. And toward a perfection of intelligence and love that enables the evolution to be carried on indefinitely in the realms of after-death life. Toward also immortality, and the development of an effective workman with special talents, capable and willing to assist God to realize, throughout immeasurable vistas of the future, His Great Program of Eternal Progression.

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**Study Questions****The Foundation Of Religion (Serial No. 133)**

1. What is the primary drive of all life?
2. What purpose is served by the Drive for Nutrition?
3. What purpose is served by the Drive for Reproduction?
4. In their expanded form, what is included in the three irrepressible drives?
5. Every step of progress taken in evolution, and by man, is in response to what three drives?
6. The effort to realize what today, and at all times in the past, has been the object of religion?
7. Why in the past has new and valuable information about the inner planes been suppressed?
8. Why must ways be devised by which special privilege cannot prevent people from knowing and publicly discussing the facts of both planes?
9. Why does truth alone make men free?
10. Why are those who permit their emotions to govern their conduct and beliefs like the European Lemmings?
11. Why is emotion, when guided and conditioned by reason, such an important tool?
12. Upon what two things depends the success of every undertaking upon which man enters?
13. Have most people evolved far enough above the animals not to be more powerfully influenced by their habitual reactions than by facts and logic?
14. Just what is truth?
15. What is the one logical reason why those in authority either in politics or religion try to prevent facts being made available and given through public discussion.
16. Why should religion acquire as many relevant facts as possible to both planes, and advocate the type of life that will in greatest measure insure the four freedoms?
17. What is Naturism?
18. What is the difference between Naturism and Animism?
19. Are the beliefs of Animism as erroneous in all respects as academic individuals have led the public to believe?
20. Do the rain dances of primitive tribes often bring rain?
21. Through what now recognized power is the rain made to fall?
22. What is Fetishism?

23. How does Totemism differ from Fetishism?
24. Illustrate how modern adoration of screen stars and notable people is a step in the direction of the Hero Cult.
25. What is the finer aspect of that which is known as Phallic Worship?

#### **Early Religions Of The World (Serial No 134)**

1. Who were the first truly human men?
2. To what extent did these first human men believe in psychokinesis?
3. What type of religion had the people of the New Stone Age when they first arrived in Africa, Europe, Asia and America?
4. Mention some of the practices and observances of the Heliolithic religion
5. Where did the American Indians come from?
6. How long ago did the Amerindians appear in America?
7. To what extent did the Indians of North and South America believe in God?
8. Were the American Indians given to offering prayer?
9. Did the American Indians believe in what is now called psychokinesis?
10. Did the American Indians believe in the survival of the personality after physical dissolution?
11. Is the Eskimo a believer in spirit communion?
12. Did the Indians have traditions concerning some of the constellations?
13. What type of Indian became most proficient in astrology?
14. What is the most important rite of Oceania?
15. What psychokinetic ceremony is used in Australia to kill a victim?
16. What is the basis of the Huna philosophy of Hawaii?
17. What is the chief Shinto God?
18. What habits of life were encouraged in early Shintoism?
19. What is a torii?
20. Up to the time of the Japanese defeat in World War II, what was the chief Shinto doctrine?
21. From what type of religion was derived the belief that the Mikado of Japan was a god?
22. Who were the Dravidians?
23. What are the characteristics of the devotees of Siva?
24. What was the foundation of Lamaism as practiced in Tibet?
25. Who is the head of the Buddhist Church throughout Mongolia and China?

#### **Religion In Historic Times (Serial No. 135)**

1. From whence is our knowledge of the beliefs of the early Nordic people derived?  
After what Nordic god(dess) were the following named, and to what planets do they correspond:
  2. Wednesday?
  3. Thursday?
  4. Friday?
  5. Tuesday?
6. Did the early Nordics believe in a life after the dissolution of the physical?
7. From whence came most of the Olympian gods of the Greeks?
8. About what date did the Greeks begin to influence the scientific trend of astrology?

9. What type of extrasensory perception did Socrates have?
10. About what date did the wisdom of Babylon, including knowledge of astrology, move to Alexandria and start having an influence over Greek and Roman religion?
11. What influence had the older Etruscans on the later religious beliefs of Rome?
12. Under what Roman emperors were there official astrologers?
13. From whence came the chants, rituals, pomp and show of Christianity when it was adopted as the state religion of Rome?
14. Who were the Druids?
15. How strong was the belief of the Druids in a life after physical death?
16. What three religions did Manichaeism endeavor to reconcile?
17. Did the Nestorians believe the Virgin Mary was the mother of God?
18. Where is the stronghold of the Druses?
18. Did the early book of Mormons condone polygamy?
20. What group of people among the Mohammedans correspond to the monks of Christianity?
21. What is the outstanding tenet of the Sankhya philosophy?
22. What are the two main Vedanta sects?
23. Who are the Sikhs?
24. What two religions did Jainism endeavor to reconcile?
25. What is the outstanding doctrine of Zenism?

**Tao, Confucianism, Zoroastrianism  
And Mohammedanism (Serial No. 136)**

1. What are the three chief religions in China today?
2. What are the weaknesses of Taoism?
3. Does Taoism consider that the universe has intelligence?
4. What is the meaning of Tao?
5. Does Tao teach life after physical dissolution?
6. From what is derived Confucianism?
7. Do the Chinese believe in astrology?
8. Who was Zoroaster?
9. What is the Avesta?
10. What is the main theme of Zoroaster's teachings?
11. Who are the Parsis?
12. Did Mohammed try to destroy the teachings of the Bible, or those of Jesus?
13. What is the Hegira?
14. What prevented Mohammedanism sweeping the world?
15. What was Mohammed's opinion of three gods ruling over the world?
16. Was Allah, the One God, a god of partiality, dispensing special and unmerited favors?
17. What kind of a hell did Mohammed picture?
18. What kind of a paradise after death do the Mohammedans believe in?
19. In the U.S. about how many different creeds base their doctrines on the Bible?
20. Upon what evidence does each of these sects demand that its teachings shall be accepted?
21. Who are the Sunnites?
22. Who are the Shiites?
23. Bahaim is a heresy of what religion?

24. What weakness of Mohammedanism is also the weakness in the beliefs of certain astrologers?
25. Psychologically, just what does conversion accomplish?

#### **Hinduism And Buddhism (Serial No. 137)**

1. Who are the Dravidians?
2. About when was writing brought to India?
3. What kind of culture was prevalent in India previous to the Aryan invasion?
4. What was the origin of the Veda?
5. What section of the Veda contains the first extensive speculative philosophy of India, and is the foundation of the highly meritorious philosophies of India?
6. For what purpose was the Rig Veda used?
7. What were the four early outstanding castes of India?
8. Is Hinduism a religion of set beliefs?
9. Has there been freedom of belief in India?
10. Instead of denying any god brought to them, what explanation was given by the Brahmans?
11. On what one matter did the Brahmans insist and allow no freedom?
12. Why did those of high caste have little sympathy for those of a lower caste who lived in misery?
13. How does the caste system thwart progress and lead to the exploitation of the common people by those of special privilege?
14. Did Buddha denounce belief in the host of gods, godlings, spirits and demons generally believed in by his contemporaries?
15. Did Buddha reject the notion of some of his followers, as did Jesus, that he was Lord of the Universe?
16. About when is there first proof of written scriptures of Buddhism?
17. What is the big contrast between the doctrines of Buddhism and Christianity?
18. Do the Four Noble Truths of Buddha encourage belief that life on earth is worth while?
19. What is to be gained by following the Noble Eightfold Path?
20. To what did Buddha attribute all the miseries and discontent of life?
21. Is the Buddhism of today similar to the simple doctrines taught by Buddha?
22. Are there many Buddhist sects?
23. What is the fundamental weakness of Buddhism?
24. In retaining their authority over people, what is the contrast between the method used by the priests of the East and the priests of the West?
25. What means were employed both by the priests of the East and the priests of the West to enslave and make obedient their followers?

#### **Judaism And Christianity (Serial No. 138)**

1. What kind of religion had the Hebrews before they contacted the higher culture of Babylon or Egypt?
2. According to the Bible, where were the Hebrews during the 40 years after escaping from slavery in Egypt, and before invading Canaan?
3. What became of ten of the tribes of Israel?
4. What tribe was taken captive into Babylon in 578 B.C.?
5. How did the Babylonian captivity improve the Hebrew tribe?

6. Before the Babylonian captivity did the Hebrews have any commonly recognized literature?
7. What literature had the Hebrews at the end of the Babylonian captivity?
8. Do the descendants of the Hebrews have exclusive right to use the symbol of two interlaced trines?
9. What sacred literature came into existence for the Hebrews after the Babylonian captivity?
10. What are two unique features of the Hebrew Religion?
11. For what purpose in 325 A.D. did Emperor Constantine call the council of Nice?
12. Give an example of extrasensory perception employed by Jesus.
13. Give an example of psychokinetic power used by Jesus.
14. What were the three highly important messages Jesus gave the world?
15. Did Jesus try to destroy the Jewish religion?
16. What did Paul teach relative to a woman's complete submission to a man?
17. Why, in a day when the old Hero Cult still had such a powerful grip on the people, was it to be expected any extraordinary person would be considered a god?
18. How late a date was it before anyone made any inquiry as to the date of birth of Jesus?
19. From what did Christianity adopt the pomp, show, rituals chants, incense, figures of saints, and other church accessories and ceremonies?
20. Is the commandment relative to not making any graven image commonly obeyed?
21. To what extent should the commandment that man should not steal be extended?
22. Are most of the doctrines of the sermon on the mount sound?
23. What is the Old Testament account of the communication of one who had died with one who still lived on earth?
24. What is the New Testament account of the communication of those who had been dead hundreds of years without reincarnating talking to one who still lived on earth?
25. What means has orthodoxy employed to enslave the people of the

### **The Stellar Religion (Serial No. 139)**

1. What instructions should a religion give?
2. Here or hereafter, what must man possess to be able to cope with life successfully?
3. Why is it inevitable The Religion of the Stars will become the world religion of the future?
4. Why is materialism on its way out?
5. Why is orthodoxy on its way out?
6. How long has it been since any systematic effort was commenced to gain facts relative to the inner plane?
7. What would happen to orthodoxy if the implications of facts already demonstrated by scientists relative to the powers of the mind were grasped by the public?
8. What, more than anything else, blocks scientific acceptance of inner-plane energies?
9. What is included in psi phenomena?
10. What prevents scientists investigating and giving a truthful report on the influence of inner-plane weather?

11. Does the vast amount of evidence that has been collected about life after death verify the notions relative to the hereafter taught
12. People who try to adjust themselves to life according to the notions of their forefathers usually live in what kind of condition?
13. In addition to the innumerable university experiments that have proved extrasensory perception, have many people proved it through spontaneous experiences?
14. What is the big problem at present where extrasensory perception is concerned?
15. What influence have time, distance and physical obstacles on extrasensory perception?
16. What are some of the valuable uses for which extrasensory perception will be employed when it is possible to bring it under control?
17. What is psychokinesis?
18. Give instances in which the use of psychokinesis has proved
19. When brought under proper control, what are some of the uses for which psychokinesis could be employed?
20. To what extent is man influenced from the inner plane?
21. Through what means do objects have an inner-plane influence over man?
22. What are the two ways in which people's thoughts exert an inner-plane influence over others?
23. Of all the inner-plane energies, which are most powerful to influence the individual's life?
24. By applying knowledge of inner-plane energies, how much should an individual be able to increase his spirituality, success, happiness and health?
25. What is the moral code against which can be measured the validity of any moral precepts advanced by any religion?

#### **Astrology Is Religion's Road Map (Serial No. 140)**

1. Why is the Stellarian religion called The Religion of the Stars?
2. What has the energy of the ideas most people hold relative to inner-plane phenomena to do with their refusal to investigate them, or to accept them when their existence has been demonstrated by competent persons?
3. Why should we not expect inner-plane weather to operate according to the same laws weather operates on earth?
4. How many distinct kinds of inner-plane weather are there?
5. How do we know what usually to expect in the life of an Individual who is under a certain type of inner-plane weather?
6. Is it more amazing that the inner-plane weather affecting one person in the same vicinity, that the future can be perceived, or that things can be seen on the opposite side of the earth by E.S.P?
7. Can man at present prevent most of the physical weather he experiences?
8. Can man, with his present knowledge, prevent the inner-space weather mapped by progressed aspects?
9. What can man do to his advantage when he foreknows either the outer-plane or inner-plane weather?
10. To what extent are the minds of people insulated from each other?
11. Man seeks to find guidance in religion for the satisfactory expression on earth and in the hereafter for what three drives?

12. What freedoms are all life-forms striving to gain, and what additional freedom does man seek?
13. What knowledge and its application will most advance the individual or the race toward gaining the four freedoms in full measure?
14. What is the most important progress from the standpoint of any religion?
15. In what way does a knowledge of astrology enable the individual to develop his character and live his religion more successfully?
16. In what way does knowledge of astrology aid parents in the moral training of their children?
17. In what way does astrology indicate the natural aptitudes of a child that should be given special training?
18. In what way does astrology assist adults to select the vocation in which they will be most successful?
19. In what way can astrology be used to promote better health for the individual?
20. What is meant by the birth-chart constants of an event or disease?
21. What is meant by the progressed constants of an event or disease?
22. How can knowledge of the birth-chart and progressed constants of events and diseases be used to improve every department of an individual's life?
23. To what extent can astrology successfully be used to predict outer-plane weather?
24. How can astrology be used to enable individuals and nations to get along together more harmoniously?
25. Toward what condition, guided by astrological energies, is the soul steadily evolving?



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## **History of The Brotherhood of Light**

**T**o 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 Benjamin 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 Benjamin 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 Benjamin 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.

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## **Declaration of Principles**

**W**e 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.

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## **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.

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## **Other Brotherhood of Light Courses**

### **Other Brotherhood of Light Courses in the Alchemy Branch**

#### *Course 3, Spiritual Alchemy*

Every person, as well as every object, has an astral body-but a truly 4, spiritual body is only built through living a spiritual life. The spiritual body is not attained vicariously; each must earn it for himself. Every event of life affords the opportunity for the creation of spiritual values, for building up the spiritual body. Making use of the opportunity requires the proper attitude toward the event. Spiritual Alchemy differs from material alchemy in that the metals used by the spiritual alchemist are the experiences of his life; in light of this, the "Seven Spiritual Metals" are explained so the reader may recognize his opportunities for spiritual growth. Also explained from the spiritual alchemist's standpoint: Transmutation, the Philosopher's Stone, the Great Work and the "Elixir of Life."

#### *Course 9, Mental Alchemy*

What we have within us, we attract from without. To change a diseased condition of the body, or an undesirable condition in any department of life, including the financial, the discord within the astral body must be transformed to a harmonious center. A condition of our environment is but an external manifestation of a condition within our astral body. As "Esoteric Psychology" explains, no power to influence is greater than our own thoughts; thus, by reconditioning our thinking, we can recondition our astral body. The author elucidates, in simple terms, the scientifically accepted methods of Free Association and Self-Psychoanalysis as ways to fill your own life and others with health, success and happiness.

#### *Course 12-1, Natural Alchemy, Evolution of Life*

Though many orthodox religions are at odds with scientific discoveries concerning the Creation and evolution, the Religion of the Stars has ample room to incorporate the observations of biology, archaeology, et al., being fundamentally based on observable, proven laws of Nature. For those unfamiliar with the scientific history of evolution, a highly interesting and readable account of each important evolutionary step is included with an explanation of the important part played by inner-plane (astrological) influence, ESP and psychokinesis in adaptation and natural selection.

#### *Course 14, Occultism Applied*

This book is a distillation of the most practical aspects of the Religion of the Stars. All that physical science can contribute, that psychology can aid, and everything of an occult nature that may be used to make your practical endeavors more successful are here explained. All the knowledge you can acquire, including occult knowledge and even the information contained in the Religion of the Stars, won't help you nor anyone else if you don't apply it. This course doesn't require that the reader already possess any occult knowledge; it is a straightforward, common sense approach to overcoming life's practical, day-to-day problems, based on the author's intimate knowledge of Natural Law.

#### *Course 17, Cosmic Alchemy*

In the complex, ever-changing world in which we live, it's often difficult to discern right from wrong, true from false and what may be "spiritual" from what is not, especially in terms of national policy and world events. Cosmic Alchemy differs from other branches of alchemy in that it seeks to transform the energies of society as a whole into channels most beneficial for all—and, as such, is an absolutely tremendous aid to anyone desiring to "get involved" and be of service to the community and the world. As timely today in this era of high technology and the danger of nuclear war as it was when first published in 1946 because it is not merely a treatise on being a citizen of a nation, but on being a citizen of the Cosmos.

#### *Course 19, Organic Alchemy*

The author, recognized as a naturalist, having led Nature-study field trips for nearly twenty years, is in a unique position to describe the laws of Nature by which all souls progress. Humans are not unique in that they are set apart from other intelligences, be they animal, vegetable or mineral. All souls progress by the same general process and each is being fitted for a higher function in more active realms through the operation of cosmic forces that direct its special training. This course amply illustrates these laws through examples of their action in lower realms of nature and their correspondence in Human affairs.

#### *Course 21, Personal Alchemy*

Personal Alchemy embraces the various changes which the devotee of the Religion of the Stars must make in his manner of living as he ascends in his effort to become an adept. Just what steps to take, and in what order, are set forth in this final course to assist the adherent in developing his own powers and possibilities in the quickest and most effective manner, to the end that he can be of greatest benefit to others. The last five Lessons of this course are often of special concern to healers, health-seekers and astrologers, being devoted to a most effective method of illness prevention: Stellar Dietetics.

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