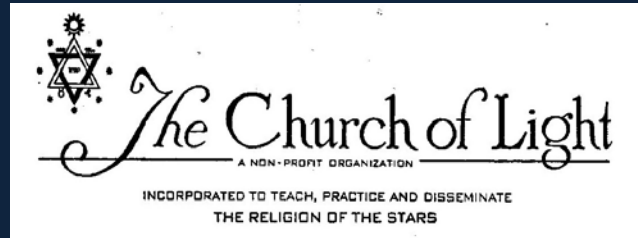




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Astrology for Aquarius



Albert Benjamin

**Beware when the Great God turns a Thinker lose
on this Planet. Then all things are at risk.**

Ralph Waldo Emerson

**Nourish your soul with the Religion of the Stars
and the teachings of the Brotherhood of Light.**

Elbert Benjamine's Church of Light...

... was established in November 1932 to teach, practice, and disseminate '**The Religion of the Stars,**' as set forth in 21 courses of lessons covering each of the 21 branches of occult science, as written by C. C. Zain under the auspices of 'The Brotherhood of Light'. Its founders were Elbert Benjamine, Elizabeth D. Benjamine and Fred H. Skinner.

Elbert Benjamine (aka C. C. Zain) devoted his life to investigating astrology and other occult phenomena and in the Brotherhood of Light lessons – which constitute the tenets of the Religion of the Stars – he presents the facts of astrology, extra-sensory perception, directed thinking and induced emotion.

In November 1951 when Elbert relocated to inner-plane astral life he placed his trust in current and future members of the Church of Light who, by their membership, were obliged to carry on his work, but within 40 years the culture at the Church of Light in Los Angeles, California was a toxic mix of infighting, personality clashes, power struggles and division. The Church of Light was being torn apart by spiritually challenged, ego-driven, juvenile Hermeticians. Members lost faith and left.

Misinformation and extreme ideas developed among members in Los Angeles. They proved that they didn't see meaning in the Brotherhood of Light lessons.

In 2001 when Elbert Benjamine's Church of Light was rebranded Light.org and launched online as **Light.org: Home of the Brotherhood of Light teachings** not **The Church of Light: Home of the Religion of the Stars** it was apparent that Elbert Benjamine couldn't trust the Church of Light's Board of Directors to carry out its duty and his wishes.

Board members misrepresented the Church of Light online; suppressed the fact that the Church of Light was established to teach, practice and disseminate the Religion of the Stars; and betrayed the trust that Elbert Benjamine, Elizabeth D. Benjamine and Fred H Skinner placed in them. Their actions were a fraud played on Elbert Benjamine, the Church of Light membership and the public.

Since 2000 incompetent leadership has broken the Church of Light. Its online presence as Light.org has been a dismal failure. A Vision 21 statement released in 2000 failed on all counts. Three presidents – Paul Brewer, Christopher Gibson and Margaret Joscher – serving a dwindling number of members mismanaged the Church of Light and persisted in pursuing failed policies.

In 2021 their fingerprints and ego-driven personal biases and prejudices are all over the blatant anti-Religion of the Stars narrative that's propagated on Light.org. Their disrespect and disloyalty for Elbert Benjamine was disgraceful.

In a court of law they and their fellow board members would be found guilty of abusing their positional power and their pledge to serve the Church of Light and they need to know that it's not ok to betray Elbert Benjamine; it's not ok to misrepresent the Church of Light; it's not ok to suppress the epithet Religion of the Stars from Church of Light email communications; it's not ok to manipulate Church of Light members and the public with false propaganda; and it's not ok to abuse their positional power.

Elbert's Church of Light belongs to its members not a few Hermeticians in positions of power. There is no training or experience required to be the President or a board member of the Church of Light. All it takes is a Hermetician's certificate. Loyalty and respect for Elbert Benjamine and spiritual acumen should be prerequisites.

The Church of Light is very important. Humanity only gets one chance to do it right and the Church of Light is responsible for disseminating the Religion of the Stars to the Aquarian Age civilization. And Elbert Benjamine knew that many dangers threatened the very existence of the Church of Light.

He knew that the suppression of the teachings from within the organization was possible. And his fears were well founded. But after driving like thunderbolts Elbert deserved better from his heirs and successors.

It's an exciting, amazing time to be alive, but not if you're a member of the Church of Light. After years of mismanagement it's broken, but fixable. Dedicated spiritual warriors can repair the Church of Light, but it might take 20, 50, 100 years before there's forward progress in teaching and disseminating the Religion of the Stars.

First and foremost the repair process must be grounded on facts not false propaganda; so the Church of Light's website must be named: ***The Church of Light: Home of the Religion of the Stars.***

Elbert helped humanity with his glorious astrological information but now he needs your help. Help save Elbert Benjamine's Church of Light; be a Religion of the Stars carer. Assist Elbert and the Brotherhood of Light to pursue and fulfill their dream of re-establishing the Religion of the Stars here on Earth.

There's only one person who knows how to lead the Church of Light and ***Astrology for Aquarius*** is proud to give voice to Elbert Benjamine. The Church of Light's founder and wisdom figure is back to give leadership, religious guidance, hope and inspiration to all Church of Light members.

On January 5, 1941 Elbert Benjamine launched the Crusade for the New – Aquarian Age – Civilization. To attain its full economic and spiritual potential it needs the guiding lights of the Religion of the Stars: astrology, extrasensory perception, directed thinking and induced emotion.

Elbert's decision to launch his campaign for religious change was prompted by circumstance. At the time the world was in a big mess – much like today – and Elbert identified atheistic materialism (Pluto), self-interest (Saturn) and brute force (Mars) as the great dangers threatening humanity's chances of attaining an elevated mode of living. Spiritual religious teachings based on facts were needed.

The Brotherhood of Light's home study courses that constitute the Religion of the Stars present the facts of astrology, the facts of extrasensory perception, the facts of directed thinking, the facts of induced emotion and the facts of inner-plane astral life: And from March 1941 to April 1951 Elbert explained these facts, which the forces of darkness loathe and fear, in over 120 Crusade Talks on the Religion of the Stars that appeared in either The Church of Light Quarterly or its sister publication the Rising Star. In 2021 they're called explainers.

Elbert titled his first Crusade talk which appeared in the 1941 issue of the Church of Light Quarterly: Are we more than half civilized?

Are we more than half civilized?

Key points

- Faith must be supported by facts
- ESP provides glimpses of inner-plane life and God
- Your soul senses
- Learning by experience

Explainer: The inner-plane that Elbert refers to is the astral plane where your soul exists while adhered to your physical body by the psychokinetic power of its thoughts. It's a high speed realm that has no physical properties. There is no air, no moisture, and no molecular vibrations which constitute heat. Thus after you leave the physical world you won't be influenced by physical weather. Instead, you will be influenced markedly by astrological vibrations, which constitute the inner-plane weather.

What would you think of a people who were so oblivious to climatic differences and to weather changes that they ignored the existence of these environmental factors and made no preparation to cope with them!

What would you do about a people who refused to note the coming of summer or winter, and who continued to plant their crops as if there were no seasons, and then complained because so many of their plantings failed and met misfortune.

What would you say of a people who knew that in a few short years they would be transferred to an entirely different country, but made no effort to learn what equipment would be of advantage to them there!

In spite of all our machines of construction and destruction, and in spite of all our knowledge of material science, most people in the world today are like that. They are oblivious to the impacts which the climate and the weather of the inner-plane make upon them.

They ignore planetary storms which are as disastrous to the fruition of their plans as any blizzard can be to the fruition of their crops. They make no preparation for the fine sunshiny planetary weather which if utilized would enable them to realize their ambitions.

And although they know that their relocation to the inner-plane of life is only a few short years away, they make no special effort to learn what attributes will fit them to meet the conditions they are certain to encounter there.

The Religion of the Stars is not put forward to destroy the religions in which people already believe. It is disseminated rather to give a sound basis of facts to the faith on which the western religions of today mostly rest, and to give information which is vitally needed by these religions if those endeavoring to lead the lives they advocate are to be successful.

We do not ask anyone to relinquish the religion in which they believe. All we ask is that they fortify and protect their beliefs with the bulwark of facts.

Faith must be supported by facts

Faith is of great power. But if it is to do its work effectively it must itself be based on facts. Faith will assist in producing a fine harvest. But if through ignorance the grain is planted at the worst possible time of year, faith will not prevent a crop failure. And the best intentions possible, when their possessor is ignorant of the operation of the forces involved, may result in irreparable injury.

Were this not the case parents who, through lack of astrological and psychological knowledge, lavish money, ease and affection on their offspring, denying themselves so that a son or daughter may escape work and hardship, would not so often witness their hopes turn to ashes and their children arrive at dissolute and shiftless maturity.

Yes! In this Aquarian Age belief must be supplemented with knowledge. We must know, first of all, that each of us is a self-conscious cell in the Cosmic Whole whose body we call Nature and whose consciousness we call Deity. And we must individually realize the imminence of that Deific Consciousness.

We must learn to contact the all-pervading Supreme Intelligence for ourselves, and thus gain first-hand knowledge, at least in some measure, of the existence and the purposes of God.

No, the consciousness of God cannot be weighed in the scales of a chemist and neither can yours. Chemists cannot weigh any inner-plane condition in their laboratory. Your soul and the all-pervading soul of God possess no mass.

The materialist, therefore, may deny you have a soul, or that God exists. But you can prove to yourself that you have a soul through exercising its faculties, and you can become aware of the presence of the Cosmic Soul which most call God through the exercise of these same extrasensory perceptions.

ESP provides glimpses of inner-plane life and God

Even though you cannot exercise these inner-plane senses and powers except at rare intervals which are not subject to your selection, you can, if you are an average human being, exercise them on special occasions.

You can become as completely aware of the inner-plane where you will dwell after your physical body's dissolution, and as convincingly aware of the pervading presence of God, as you normally are aware that you are a conscious person on the physical plane.

With such personal experiences giving you first-hand knowledge, no one would be ever able to convince you of the non-existence of Deity or the non-existence of inner-plane life. To do so they first would have to convince you that you have no existence now in any realm.

But you do exist. You exist as a soul which potentially is immortal.
And you exist on both the outer and the inner-plane.

Furthermore, as your own extrasensory perceptions will apprise you if you give them proper opportunity, you will continue to exist on the inner-plane after the materials which compose your physical body have once more turned to clay.

Your soul senses

Your soul senses, if you give them proper cultivation, will place you in telepathic touch with loved ones who have gone before, who now sojourn and carry on their joyous work in the non-material region where you will learn and labor and find delight after your residence on Earth is done.

This does not mean that a moderate cultivation of these faculties of your soul will enable you to get messages from friends on the inner-plane whenever you so wish. It does not mean that you will be able whenever you so desire to bring consciousness through into everyday life of the conditions which are encountered there.

But it does mean that at least in rare moments your consciousness will feel the presence, and flash the import of the thoughts, of those who no longer abide on Earth, and that your inner senses will, at opportune times, give you an occasional yet unmistakable glimpse of the region where you will dwell in the future.

Yes, you exist now on both the outer and the inner-plane. And, although your physical senses are too dull, or you are too preoccupied fully to realize their power, you are responding each day of your life to both environments.

Because you were born a human being you are sensitive to heat and cold, to wind and rain, to sunshine and darkness. And because you were born with certain character tendencies mapped by your birth chart, you are sensitive in a certain way to the impacts of astrological energies when the planets make progressed aspects.

Had you been born an animal with a coat of fur, your sensitiveness to cold would have been different. Had you been born a duck, with a well-oiled cloak of feathers, the rain would have been less discomfoting. But being born a human, in your natural state storms and heat and cold have a profound effect upon the way you feel and what you do.

No, you cannot change from being human. You cannot grow fur or feathers. Neither can you alter the fact that you were born with the broad character tendencies mapped by your birth chart. You cannot acquire some other person's chart and use it as your own, no more than you can grow a coat of fur or feathers.

You cannot control the time when astral sunshine will light your way, or astral storms will tend to make detours imperative. You cannot determine what the physical weather shall be, nor can you determine what the progressed aspects in your chart shall be, or when.

You are as powerless to control the inner-plane heat and cold, wind and rain, sunshine and darkness, as they reach you from progressed planets, as you are to control their physical counterparts.

Learning by experience

Yet long and painful experience has taught humanity to anticipate and prepare for seasonal changes. You have been taught to be prepared for rain and wind. You cannot change the fact that you are a human being and thus sensitive to the buffeting of the elements. No more so than you can change the fact that you possess the basic character tendencies mapped by your birth chart.

But you have learned how to change your personality as a human being so that cold and wind have far less effect on you. Born without protection from inclemency, you were taught to wear clothes. You don't go about naked, blistered by the summer sun and chilled to the marrow by the winds of winter.

You cannot change the weather, but you have learned that you can change the effect of the weather upon yourself by artificially altering your own personality.

A hat, skirt, blouse, shirt, trousers, shoes and raincoat are some of the things that people have added to their personality. When you think of someone you do not think of them devoid of clothing; the clothes they wear have become an integral, even if changing, part of their personalities.

By adding appropriate clothing you not only change the personality you were born with but, in equal measure you can change, through cultivating appropriate avenues of expression for your energies, your character which was mapped for you by your birth chart.

The energies are there, of a type and intensity quite precisely mapped in such a birth chart; but how these energies will find expression can be mostly altered by intelligent cultivation.

The cultivation by which a given character energy finds expression in one specific activity instead of another is called conditioning. And wise conditioning will protect you from planetary blizzards and enable you to enjoy your highest opportunities when the planetary Sun is shining mildly, as the wise selection of apparel will enable you to make the most of the physical weather that you are equally powerless to change.

People have learned through long and painful experience how to not only change their personalities by adding or removing clothes and thus increasing their comfort, but how to gain an advantage by changing their environment.

You cannot change the climate where you live. You cannot change the time when pleasant breezes blow or gentle rain falls. You cannot alter the temperature of the freezing blast that bears down on you in winter. No more so than you can alter the nature or the time when planetary energy from icy Saturn, reaching you from the inner-plane, chills and withers some fond endeavor.

But you have found that by intelligently selecting your environment the effects of the weather on you can be altered in a direction you choose.

People have learned to construct shelters, build fires and utilize shade and air-conditioning. When the sun beats down in the heat of summer, they not only condition themselves through wearing scant attire, but they seek the shade of some friendly tree, go where the cooling breeze from the ocean blows, or find an air-conditioned room. But when the snows and ice of winter hem them in they leave these spots which gave them benefit in summer.

Not only do they condition themselves by wearing warmer clothes, but they seek a physical environment where the weather now at hand will have scant chance to harm them. They move indoors where stalwart walls keep out the chilling winds, and they build a fire to keep them warm.

Long ago, before the cavemen's time and before the use of fire, there may have been an early human race who in nudity and with no knowledge of the use of fire or shelter, suffered and endured every adverse change of weather and every harshness brought by the seasons.

It may be that the people of that race feasted in the abundance brought by fruitful summer, but ignorant of, or ignoring, the succession of the seasons, made no preparation for the dearth when the harvest time should end.

If there ever were such a people they must have had a terrible time. To them it must have seemed an inexorable fate had decreed that one unpreventable emergency should follow another in their lives. They must have believed that a fate over which they could have no control was being kind to them when fruits and wild grains were abundant in summer. And they must have believed when the season changed and food grew scarcer and scarcer, that a fate which they were powerless to alter was chastising them.

When the summer sun blistered their skin they must have been sure that this was an inevitable event of human life; and when the winter nights almost froze the marrow in their bones they must have been convinced that nothing could be done but shake and shiver until the dawn.

They did not know, this early and imaginary people, what the forces were which at one time brought them joy and plenty, and at another brought them dearth and pain. And thus they suffered. So also at the present day do most people, ignorant of the impacts of progressed aspects, suffer.

They did not know how to make clothing for themselves, this imaginary people; no more so than most people of today know how to condition their personalities to take advantage of the character traits mapped in their birth charts.

And they did not know how to build houses, or enter a natural cave for protection. And most people of today, in so far as protecting themselves from inner-plane forces which affect their lives and fortunes as profoundly, are like this imaginary olden people. They do not take advantage of the favorable climate and kindly weather brought at periods easily predetermined by progressed aspects.

Maybe we live in civilized times. But in view of the fact that most of the world still blisters in the heat of Mars and freezes in the cold of Saturn with no effort to protect themselves through the clothes of conditioning, or by seeking a proper environment, there is a serious doubt!

We have, it is true, learned how to take advantage of the growing seasons of spring and summer. But how many take advantage of the fine inner-plane weather coincident with harmonious progressed aspects to Venus and Jupiter?

So far as the inner-plane weather and climate are concerned – a weather and climate that is fully as influential in all our lives as the physical – most still ignore their existence. Yet until we recognize these tremendous forces, and take adequate steps to cope with them, can we claim to be more than half civilized?