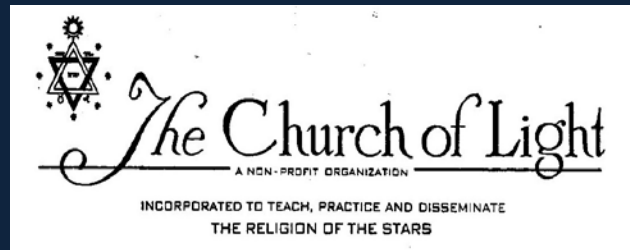




Elbert Benjamine founder of ...



Elbert Benjamine Remastered

Tenets of the Religion of the Stars

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.

This Crusade talk entitled The Tenets of the Religion of the Stars was published in the December 1946 issue of the Church of Light Quarterly.

Tenets of the Religion of the Stars

Our teachings and principles

Key points

- Based on demonstrated facts
- Contribute your utmost to universal welfare
- Observe the positions of the planets
- The facts of astrology
- Astrodynes and Stellar Dynamics
- Advocates and works to secure four freedoms
- Insists on the dissemination of facts
- Opposes the suppression of facts
- Has no political affiliation

The tenets of The Religion of The Stars are all based upon observed facts or upon reasonable conclusions drawn from these facts.

It is taught that, instead of trying to grab all they can for themselves, people should learn to take pleasure in contributing their utmost to universal welfare.

There has been an arbitrary commandment by some Supreme Authority to this effect, but observation leads to the logical conclusion that if humanity continues to practice the law of fang and claw, which is dominant in the animal world, it will deprive itself of advantages it otherwise might have, and probably in time become an extinct species upon the Earth.

It has also been observed in nature that where cooperation is the law, the organism or the colony gains tremendous advantages.

There can be an abundance of all the things that people desire, and they can be enjoyed by everyone, if people adopt and practice the basic tenet of each doing all they can to contribute to the welfare of all.

The Religion of the Stars teaches that you should observe the positions of the planets; not because someone long ago commanded you to, but because practical experience shows that the planets in your birth chart, map your natural aptitudes, temperament, and trend of fortune in each of the twelve departments of your life.

And practical experience shows that the progressed positions of the planets subsequent to your birth have as profound an influence on what you think and do, and what events come into your life, as do the changes in your local circumstances.

Observing progressed aspects and estimating the conditions and events they are apt to map is merely the extension of your commonsense habit to take note of what is going on around you and likely to happen applied to your equally powerful and important inner-plane environment so that you can better adjust yourself to its changing conditions.

The Religion of the Stars embraces the facts of astrology. It is not assumed that all these facts are known. It may be that some things now believed to be facts in time will be proven in some respects to be erroneous.

While the practice of astrology is an art, in the sense it is classified knowledge it is also a science. And in all the sciences held facts are discarded in favor of ideas arising from more critically conducted experiments and more comprehensive understanding.

This does not mean that because science now knows the atom to be divisible, that the science of chemistry as it existed at the turn of the 20th century, which held the atom to be indivisible, had to be junked.

Great chemical plants were then in operation, functioning quite successfully on the basis of the chemistry then known. But in chemistry and every other science, including astrology, there has been much new information gained during the past half century. And, no doubt, there will be further strides made in all of them, including astrology, during the years ahead.

When it is stated that The Religion of the Stars embraces the facts of astrology, it is not implied that it is indissolubly wedded to all present notions relative to astrology. Instead, it is implied that as new discoveries in astrology are made, tested and proved to be facts, these facts will then automatically become part of the teachings of The Religion of the Stars.

It is one of the functions of The Church of Light to gain more precise knowledge of astrology. To this end it has supported an energetic Astrological Research Department since 1924.

To date, the findings of this intense research have resulted in two quite distinct types of advance in astrological knowledge: one derived from the mass production method of statistically analyzing birth charts and progressed aspects, and the other derived from such painstaking methods that they are not adapted to the mass handling of charts and progressed aspects.

The other type of new information, of value only to those who know how to erect a birth chart and work progressed aspects, is embraced in the section of astrology known as Stellar Dynamics.

A standard unit of astrological power, known as the astrodyne, has been adopted, and mathematical methods have been developed by which the astrological power of any aspect, planet, sign or house in your birth chart can be computer and expressed as so many astrodynes.

The astrological power of any progressed aspect, or any sign or house as stimulated by a progressed aspect, or any combination of progressed positions, can also be computed and expressed as so many astrodynes.

This means there is no longer any excuse for disputes to arise as to which of two or more charts has the most powerful Jupiter, or other planet, or the most powerful seventh house, or other house, or the most powerful sign; for these things can now be determined as reliably as to which of two engines develops the more horsepower.

A standard unit of astrological harmony, and a standard unit of astrological discord, have also been developed by which it is now possible to express the harmony of any aspect, planet, sign or house in your birth chart in terms of so many harmodynes; or the harmony of any planet, sign or house due to a progressed aspect or any combination of progressed positions in terms of so many harmodynes. Or these same factors may be expressed in terms of so many discordynes.

In the future there should be no controversy as to which person has the most fortunate or most unfortunate chart, or the best Mars in their chart, or the most harmonious house of money, or how much each house ruled by the planets involved in a progressed aspect is influenced harmoniously or discordantly by it; for these things can now be reliably measured.

The accuracy of your birth time influences the reliability of all the astrodyne measurements.

No doubt progress in astrological knowledge of all kinds will be made as time passes. But whatever adaptations are necessary the astrology taught in the future must square with new facts that are proved to be facts.

The Religion of the Stars is not dependent upon any theory of astrology. It must ever include all the facts of astrology that have been proven to be facts up to that time.

The same principle applies to the facts of extrasensory perception, the facts of induced emotion and the facts of directed thinking.

Universities around the world are conducting various types of experiments with extrasensory perception and the psychokinetic effect. And whatever facts relative to extrasensory perception are discovered will become a part of The Religion of the Stars as soon as they are proved to be facts.

The impartial weighing of evidence that is conducted to support a theory of material science must be applied to the testing and proving of the facts in regard to the science of extrasensory perception.

Both the survival of the personality after physical death, and the existence of an all-pervading Supreme Intelligence, are well demonstrated by extra-sensory perception investigation.

So these facts and the fact that it is possible to extend the consciousness and exchange thoughts with those who have passed from physical life, which at our present state of knowledge seems equally certain, are included in The Religion of the Stars.

Astrology and extrasensory perception have only one function: to impart information.

Information alone, however accurate it may be, does not of itself change the condition of an individual's life. It can improve your condition only if you use it as a guide to action.

Astrology provides a road map of life, and extrasensory perception may provide still other valuable information. But to benefit from them you must act intelligently according to the information they provide.

The Religion of the Stars shows you what you should strive to accomplish in life, and it also shows you how to best attain whatever objectives you have set for yourself.

But to attain your objectives you must exercise as much control over your destiny as possible. Rather than permit yourself to be shoved about by either astrological energies or your external environment you must exercise personal control and direct your life into the channels you have chosen by making use of induced emotion and directed thinking.

We know a good deal about how to use induced emotion, and we know a good deal about how to develop directed thinking. But we need to know much more than we do.

Control of Life Research deals with finding out how best to use induced emotion and directed thinking and whatever else may be employed to enable you not to be a puppet of astrological forces, or of pressure exerted by external environment, so that you can direct your own destiny and become master of your soul.

This information, and such other new facts as we are able to learn relative to the means by which you can control you own life, as fast as they are demonstrated to be facts, will become a portion of The Religion of the Stars.

The Religion of the Stars is not wedded to any theories relative to these subjects, but it does have as its chief tenets the facts of astrology, the facts of extrasensory, the facts of induced emotion, the facts of directed thinking, and the moral precept derived from these facts that you should contribute your utmost to universal welfare.

Nor is it wedded to any political party or any political philosophy. Other than to secure universal welfare we hold that all the people in the world should have freedom from want, freedom from fear, freedom of expression and freedom of worship.

A political party, or a political ideology so designated by name, through a change of leadership may actually work for principles that are opposite those for which it was originally established. A so-called democracy may become the tool of a group of wealthy families.

We advocate that everyone should work, to the best of their enlightenment, to secure freedom from want, freedom of expression, freedom from fear and freedom of worship for all people; but we assume no omniscience as to what political party, what political ideology, or what leaders in the future, are best suited to make this ideal a reality.

However, one thing we do insist on is that there shall be complete freedom in the dissemination of facts.

The Religion of the Stars is based on demonstrated facts. If, in any country, it becomes illegal or otherwise impossible to present these facts, our religion cannot be spread there.

In any country where the government suppresses facts, or in any country where powerful groups are able to suppress facts through control of the newspapers, radio or television, the people are held in a position of intellectual servitude.

You can only form opinions based on the facts you possess or the fallacies you believe. Therefore any authority or clever group which can censor some facts and twist others to appear as they desire, can shape your opinion in any chosen direction.

And public opinion not only elects presidents and legislatures in democratic countries, but in other regions it keeps dictators and oligarchies in power.

The only way the people of the world can hope to gain any of the four freedoms is through the pressure of an enlightened public opinion which can only be maintained in a region where there is no suppression of the facts, and where there are facilities through which the people can learn the facts undistorted by those who seek special privileges.

Four of the fundamental teachings of The Religion of the Stars are that all the people of the world should have freedom from want, freedom from fear, freedom of expression and freedom of worship, and that's why we encourage and work for the utmost in freedom and facilities for the dissemination of the facts, and vigorously oppose any group or any government which either distorts the facts or suppresses them.

A state or group which can suppress some facts and distort other facts can retain unjust power, gain unjust privileges, exploit the people, lead the people into war, govern in great measure their religious beliefs, and get them to do various things which are to the people's detriment.

On the other hand, although it will take time and much experimenting, we believe that if the people are made familiar with the facts, they will exert political pressure in the direction that will enable them to gain also freedom from want, freedom from fear, and freedom of worship.

The Church of Light is not wedded to any political group.

It does not instruct its membership to vote for any candidate for political office. It believes its membership, and others, when they have the facts at hand have intelligence enough to vote for the political party, or candidate, which will most favor the attainment of the four freedoms.

If the facts are not obtainable, or are not clear, who is to say which candidate or which party is most desirable?

But against any candidate, any political party, any group, or any political system which attempts to suppress facts or distort facts, The Church of Light does take a definite stand. Its political platform embraces the four freedoms. But this platform rests on the utmost freedom and facility for the dissemination of facts.

However benevolent certain other governments may be, we deplore their efforts to keep their citizens ignorant of facts. We believe that all peoples should look with suspicion on any form of government which censors and distorts news and prevents its citizens from learning the true political and economic conditions that obtain both at home and abroad.

A sound system of politics and a sound system of economics needs no protection by ignorance or falsehood.

But let us not believe that people in totalitarian nations are the only ones denied access to the facts. Monopolistic capitalism or a well organized religion in a democratic nation can also suppress news and distort facts to suit its selfish ends.

People are dependent upon the press, the screen and the radio for their information in America. To the extent some group can acquire control of these mediums can it suppress some facts and distort others, and thus work its will, for better or for worse, upon the people through developing the particular sentiment that suits its purpose.

In the United States, while certain political groups may make the effort to do so, the government does not suppress facts. The big-circulation magazines, and the big-chain newspapers, however, are either owned or are powerfully influenced by financial interests. They are dependent, in large measure, upon the patronage of big advertisers to meet their expenses.

Important political and economic facts are thus constantly kept from a large section of the public, and are made available only to the very limited number who subscribe to truly independent periodicals which have no axe to grind.

The movies are an educational medium of great power but what can be shown on the screen must, quite rightly, conform to moral standards which are prone to change. And the other great educational mediums – radio and television – should give equal opportunity to opposing political groups, opposing political candidates and religions. No religion should be barred from explaining its tenets over the radio or television.

In view of the fast changing conditions, it is difficult to decide how far private enterprise should be permitted a freedom which when it becomes monopolistic tramples on the rights and welfare of others, and it is equally difficult to decide how far socialism should be permitted to supplant private enterprise and government run business.

Certainly not so far that people are regimented and made slaves of by the State.

Yet these decisions are knocking at the door. They will have to be decided soon. And we believe, although much will have to be tested by the method of trial and error, that the people are quite capable of making the correct decisions, but only if they have access to the facts.

It is the policy of The Church of Light, therefore, to encourage to the utmost the dissemination of facts.

Related reading

The procedure for calculating and measuring the power, harmony or discord of astrological energies which are now done by a computer program are set forth in Elbert Benjamine's book ***The Astrodyne Manual***.

All the research data by the Brotherhood of Light's three research departments is available in ***Astrology: 30 Years Research*** by Doris Chase Doane.