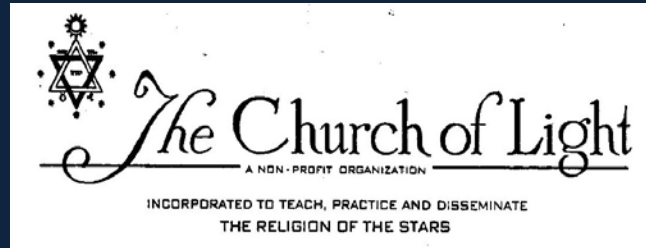




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Elbert Benjamine  
The History Lesson

**The Religion of the Stars**  
**The Stellar Religion**  
**of Akhenaten**

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 and the Religion of the Stars

The Religion of the Stars has a very long history and for thousands of years the knowledge transfer process involved data encoded in the stars; myths passed on from one generation to the next; devotees who added to its knowledge base; and people whose special type of intelligence and ability gave the information meaning and cultural relevance as time passed.

With the dawning of the Age of Aquarius in 1881 the ancient teachings which had acquired an 'I believe' Piscean Age mystical bias required a scientific makeover and in 1909 Elbert Benjamine was asked to document and upgrade the ancient knowledge in light of Aquarian Age scientific and psychological discoveries; and in 1910 he agreed.

You need to know that Elbert promised to do something that had never been done before and that the documenting and scientizing of the Brotherhood of Light's teachings would be a daunting challenge fraught with obstacles, difficulties and dangers. The Brotherhood of Light had powerful enemies who would stop at nothing to ensure he failed.

In May 1915 Elbert moved to Los Angeles, California, where he established the Brotherhood of Light and commenced writing the 210 lessons that comprise the 21 Brotherhood of Light courses on the occult sciences and to re-establish the Religion of the Stars.

In 1920 Elbert published the first Brotherhood of Light Annual – a single article titled 'Clouds Dispelled from Popular Customs'. At this time The Brotherhood of Light was a major supplier of occult literature and issued a not quite regular publication, not titled but referred to as the Brotherhood of Light Quarterly. It kept Brotherhood of Light members informed on books that were available and astrological matters including the research work being done by the Brotherhood of Light astrological research department.

Each year, in the December issue, Elbert presented The Brotherhood of Light's annual yearly report. In December 1927 The Brotherhood of Light had 8,014 active members and in December 1928 the number had increased to 9,457. By then 30,000 copies of the Brotherhood of Light's declaration of principles had been mailed; and by December 1931 the number of active students had increased to 13,104. Elbert and his wife Elizabeth were working 24/7 to ensure that The Brotherhood of Light had a solid foundation on which members in the future could build.

In the September 1932 issue of the quarterly Elbert wrote:

'We are not sure when the next quarterly will be issued; but eventually it will be forthcoming and if you keep us informed of your address it will be sent to you.

It may be necessary to skip an issue or two, not because of lack of material to print, but because finances for this purpose may not be available. Please understand, however, that we are not complaining of the support given us; for considering the general economic condition we feel our students have been both loyal and generous.

But even though you do not receive another quarterly for some time, you may rest assured that we will continue in a position to fill all orders for lessons and for books just as promptly as heretofore.

From the first, The Brotherhood of Light has operated on a non-profit plan. After replacement of items sold and the payment of operating expenses, such other money as has been received has been used in advertising and sending out free occult-educational literature. The amount of such literature sent out, therefore, has depended upon the volume of our sales and the free-will contributions.

Up to 1932 the volume of sales and contributions has been such that we have not been compelled to reduce the amount of free occult-educational literature sent out. But this year we have had to curtail greatly the free occult-educational literature distributed. Yet we have been able, up to the present issue, to continue distributing the quarterly to all students and customers. Just when the next issue will be printed, however, depends upon the amount of our future revenue.

We feel that our first obligation to our students and customers is to continue in a position to fill all orders for Brotherhood of Light lessons by return mail.

Our second obligation, as we see it, is to keep a complete stock of occult books and supplies, so that orders for them can be filled at once.

Thirdly, whenever funds are available, we will issue and mail to students and customers, The Brotherhood of Light Quarterly.

And fourthly, whenever additional funds are at hand free occult-educational literature will be printed and mailed to non-customers to the extent such funds permit.

The Brotherhood of Light is the membership on the various planes. It is not a secret organization and has no secret policies. Hence this explanation to keep our students informed as to our policy under present economic conditions.'

This issue of The Brotherhood of Light Quarterly also presented B of L astrological report #13: When do we gain money; and listed the 28 cities in America where Brotherhood of Light meetings were being held.

But at the same time – in September 1932 – political moves in Los Angeles, California almost demolished the Brotherhood of Light.

On September 3, 1932 the Los Angeles City Council gave a new ordinance aimed at prohibiting both the teaching and practice of astrology a first reading. At this time Los Angeles was a Mecca for frauds and charlatans who exploited gullible citizens with fake astrology and while the Los Angeles officials claimed to be acting 'in the public interest' Elbert saw their political moves as 'part of a plot to abolish interest in astrology.'

The Brotherhood of Light in Los Angeles taught astrology and sold books on the subject and on September 19, 1932 the ordinance, which made it illegal for a person to give an astrological reading free of charge and prohibited the sale or free distribution of astrological books and other astrological literature, was given its second reading and passed by a vote of 10 to 2.

It was signed into law on October 3, 1932 and would become law on November 2, 1932 and The Brotherhood of Light was caught in a frightful situation.

Elbert consulted various attorneys who 'advised us that our only protection against this ordinance, and similar ordinances which have been passed, or are to be passed, in other cities, is to become incorporated as a church. And within less than 24 hours after the Council had signed the ordinance we had taken steps towards forming such a corporation.'

It was a stunning development and Elbert explained: "The Brotherhood of Light was already a religious organization, as set forth in The Declaration of Principles, which each member reads before signing the application for membership. This Declaration of Principles, which was issued in May 1915, and which has been used ever since, states in no uncertain terms that The Brotherhood of Light offers a course of lessons on each of the 21 branches of occult science, and that "They are issued with the definite purpose of reviving The Religion of the Stars."

Elbert made it pain: 'Although we are a religious body, in view of almost certain persecution for our astrological religious beliefs, it was the unanimous opinion of the lawyers we consulted that it would be far better to incorporate, and use the word Church instead of Brotherhood, so that no question might arise as to whether or not we are a religious organization.'

In the December 1932 issue of **The Church of Light Quarterly** a notice explained to Brotherhood of Light members: 'We are unable legally to transfer members of The Brotherhood of Light to THE CHURCH OF LIGHT except through such members signing a new membership blank' and that there will be no future issues of The Brotherhood of Light Annual and that a 'separate folder will be published listing all the 210 regular lessons embraced within the 21 courses written by C. C. Zain in which is set forth THE RELIGION OF THE STARS, which The Church of Light is empowered to teach, practice and disseminate.' The 28 American cities holding Religion of the Stars meetings were listed. The Brotherhood of Light Annual was last published in 1932.

At the time of these major events influencing The Brotherhood of Light the progressed Sun in Elbert's chart – cusp ruler of house 9 (legal matters and religion) – was sextile (opportunity) birth chart Venus and he grabbed the opportunity to save the Brotherhood's religious teachings from the shadows of obscurity.

The organization that would teach, practice and disseminate The Religion of the Stars would be known publically by its signature The Church of Light.

In the Hermetic science of numbers The Church of Light's key number is 9 (Aquarius); and its decave is 19 (Leo). The Church of Light is therefore the agent through which wisdom and prudence (9) realizes happiness and joy (19).

Elbert completed the initial writing of The Brotherhood of Light lessons in February 1934 and from then till November 18, 1951, when The Church of Light's destiny passed into the hands of future members of unknown intellectual and spiritual merit, he worked tirelessly to revise the lessons and to teach, practice and disseminate The Religion of the Stars.

To be a Church of Light board member requires a Hermetician certificate. It signifies that the member has read the 21 courses on the occult sciences and passed set exams: And it's possible to read the 210 lessons and not understand a single word that C. C. Zain wrote.

By 1990 members who were eligible to be Church of Light board members had a very superficial understanding of Hermetic astrology and the Church's religious teachings; no knowledge of the Church's backstory; and scant awareness of their duty to Elbert Benjamine. It was a recipe for disaster.

The disaster arrived in 2000 when the Church of Light Board of Directors launched The Church of Light online as Light.org, Home of the Brotherhood of Light lessons. Years before cancel culture became a social media phenomenon Elbert's Church of Light was cancelled and given a false narrative and The Religion of the Stars was suppressed, silenced and pushed back into the shadows. It was a despicable act by an unworthy group of disloyal, inept, and ethically challenged Church of Light members who derailed The Church of Light's mission to re-establish the Religion of the Stars.

They were: Paul Brewer (President), Steve Carrothers (VP), Vicki Brewer (VP), Wm. H Jeffrey (Secretary), Donald Baker (Treasurer), Margaret Joscher, Dorothy Fast Wissler and Paul Klamer.

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

## Introduction: The Stellar Religion of Akhenaten

When The Brotherhood of Light became The Church of Light one of the first things Elbert Benjamine did was to enlighten members in regard to their religion – The Religion of the Stars; and from December 1933 to March 1935 he presented a series of articles tracing the religion's history.

The article he wrote for the December 1933 issue of The Church of Light Quarterly was titled: *The Stellar Healing of Akhenaten*; and in June 1934 he presented: ***The Stellar Religion of Akhenaten***.

Elbert's history lesson in this article takes you back to ancient Egypt and Pharaoh Akhenaten. It relies on events and dates provided by Arthur Weigall in his book *The Life and Times of Akhenaten – Pharaoh of Egypt* which Elbert used to support long held traditions. And it reveals how those who contact and wish to disseminate true spiritual teachings face opposition and personal danger from those intent on keeping it suppressed.

In regard to Arthur Weigall, an English Egyptologist who wrote extensively on Egypt's history, Elbert wrote: It was 'through his efforts historians are now able to reconstruct in detail the circumstances surrounding the life of Egypt's most spiritual ruler, Akhenaten. His published works, through careful comparison of all discoveries, have for the first time given a complete series of precise dates and events in Egypt's past.'

But, Egyptology is not an exact science. It's based on hit and miss guesswork and beliefs about this, that and the other. Writers speculate on what was taking place. Rulers who inflicted oppression and misery acquire wise and kind posthumous reputations. Dates are constantly changing and never right. So the dates Elbert used in this article are wrong, but this is incidental to the story.

Elbert explained that: 'By uniting tradition to what is now historical fact, we are able to get a clear picture of the struggle by which, at one period, spiritual ideas of the most exalted order gained national acceptance.'

In the article Elbert states that Pharaohs 'Tosortho, Snofru and Khufu, went far along the path of true initiation' and that Tosortho and Snofru availed themselves of the knowledge of initiates who had access to the Library of Tahuti. In another place he states that Akhenaten was an Egyptian initiate who understood astrology.

There is nothing mysterious about the word 'initiate'. It simply describes a person who has been initiated into an organization or activity and has access to special information. And Akhenaten had access to information pertaining to astrology and other spiritual knowledge, but it's what he did with the knowledge that makes him exceptional.

Elbert explained that the 21 Brotherhood of Light courses he wrote are, 'in modern terminology and with references to the findings of modern science, a present-day interpretation of the same teachings in the Library of Tahuti.' So while modern day scientific Hermetic astrology would bewilder Akhenaten he was taught and perceived that the Sun provided energies which the planets transmitted to Earth as definite qualities.

In regard to The Brotherhood of Light true initiation is a pathway and how far a person travels along the path is measured by their capacity to perceive and comprehend its spiritual knowledge and according to Elbert Benjamine 'place it before a wide a number of people as possible.' This came with a proviso: 'what could be placed...depended upon the willingness and ability of the populace to accept such exalted doctrines.'

Elbert Benjamine was a true initiate. His establishment of The Church of Light in 1932 and his documenting of The Brotherhood of Light teachings from 1914 to 1934 are the two most significant events in The Brotherhood of Light's 4,500 year history. His non-stop efforts to teach the information, disseminate it through his evangelical work and to discover and scientifically validate new information put him in a class of his own.

Church of Light members depend on what Elbert knew. They read his words and comprehend his astrological-religious message at a personal level of intelligence and spirituality. How far they travel along the road to initiation is measured by what they do with the information in the interest of universal welfare.

Elbert explained that ever since... there has been 'a continuous struggle upon the part of graft, greed, corruption and the influence of the inversive side of Pluto' to suppress the true wisdom and to pervert the spiritual; and in the Pluto period of the Aquarian Age the religious and political forces of darkness are active doing what they've been doing ever since.

Astrology for Aquarius is proud to give voice to Elbert Benjamine and present *The Stellar Religion of Akhenaten*. Since its publication in June 1934 it has received scant attention. It provides Church of Light members and adherents of The Religion of the Stars with the only trustworthy historical account of the religion they follow.

It is currently available in Elbert Benjamine's reference work: *Astrological Lore of All Ages*.

Arthur Weigall's book *The Life and Times of Akhenaten – Pharaoh of Egypt* published in 1922 can be borrowed from the non-profit Internet Archive library.

# The Stellar Religion of Akhenaten

## Key points

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- Ancient beginnings
- Recorded facts
- Khufu – aka Cheops
- Tradition
- The Great Pyramid of Gizeh
- The Brotherhood of Light
- Akhenaten
- The Religion of the Stars

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The fundamental teachings of The Religion of the Stars have been handed down from the distant past, through ancient Egypt and ancient Chaldea, perhaps from Atlantis. But in so far as they are revealed or inspired, and not the outcome of experiment, astrological studies and observing nature, they were acquired through the exercise of extrasensory perception.

Specialists in those days, generation after generation, devoted themselves exclusively to spiritual research. And their findings have been checked and found to be accurate by the most gifted of the present day.

Since the sinking of Atlantis and Mu there have at all times been those on earth who were familiar with the ancient spiritual wisdom; but the only time when its light shone full strength and The Religion of the Stars was adopted by a nation as a whole, was during the reign of, and due to the efforts of, our brother Akhenaten.

As the world has now entered a cycle, or astral stream, of similar quality, but of far greater power, events are transpiring which, due allowance being made environmental circumstances, are parallel to those which happened in his day.

We can therefore scan that past with considerable profit. And while tradition should not be neglected, yet in the interest of clear analysis it should ever be thus labeled, and not confused with recorded fact. Consequently, in what follows, that which is tradition, will be thus designated, and that which is of historical record, and all quotations used, will be from the works of Arthur Weigall.

History records, according to the Turin MS, that at the time of the early Sumerian kings in Chaldea, the first dynasty of Lower Egypt was established in 5,507 BC.

At this time no suitable calendar was in use, and the Egyptian system of writing had not been evolved. Fifty kings were to reign before Menes, who commonly is considered the first historical ruler because, seven years after he came to the throne, he established a calendar by which succeeding events could be, and were, recorded.

Menes, who established the First Dynasty, came to the throne 3,407 BC.

A dynasty usually consisted of a series of rulers who were close blood kin; and when the country was conquered by an invader, or some event such as a revolution permitted a new family to take charge, a new dynasty was established.

In the First Dynasty there were 8 kings, in the Second Dynasty 9 kings, in the Third Dynasty 6 kings.

The Third Dynasty is interesting to us because the second king, Tosortho, (aka Djoser and Sesorthos) 2868-2850 BC, was revered as a philosopher, proverb maker, physician, scribe and architect. At Sakkara he built what is known as the Step Pyramid, a rough square 351 by 393 feet, of six monstrous steps totaling nearly 200 feet in height, the largest stone-built edifice up to that time.

Then came the sixth king of the Third Dynasty, Snofru, (aka Sneferu and Snefru) 2813-2790 BC, who built a stone pyramid just southwest of Memphis, which stood 326 feet high and 700 feet at base. It is almost as large as the Great Pyramid. Many traditions exist as to the influence of initiates in the life of Snofru.

He also built a second pyramid; and immediately following him there commenced the Fourth Dynasty, although there seems to be no adequate political or hereditary reason why Khufu, who succeeded him, should be considered of a different dynasty.

Khufu, whom the Greeks called Cheops, was the first king of the Fourth Dynasty. He ruled 2789-2767 BC, the dynasty as a whole – 2789-2716 – comprising seven kings probably being contemporaneous with the founding of the empire of Sargon the Great in Chaldea.

It took Khufu, or Cheops, three years to build the road over which to haul the stones, and twenty more years to build the Great Pyramid. The stones were ferried across the river during high water; and he employed 100,000 men during the three months of the year that the population would otherwise have been idle due to their farms being flooded by the Nile.

The pyramid, which is still one of the greatest wonders of the world, was originally 481 feet high, with a base of 451 feet, and covers 13 acres.

Now for a moment let us turn from recorded history to tradition.

Tradition has it that when the darkness settled over Atlantis and Mu colonists were sent to what later became the seven centers of ancient civilization, and took with them records having to do with the ancient stellar religion.

In Egypt a secret vault, closed by an immense movable block of sandstone, was quarried in rock near the town of Ynu. The knowledge of the location of this Chamber of Rolls and the Library of Tahuti, which embraced records from Atlantis, was reserved to the initiates.

Such initiates then, even as today, were ever alert to place true spiritual knowledge before as wide a number of people as possible. But even as today, what could be placed before them depended upon the willingness and ability of the populace to accept such exalted doctrines.

Even in Atlantis and Mu there was a continuous struggle upon the part of graft, greed, corruption and the influence of the inversive side of Pluto to suppress true wisdom and to pervert the spiritual to the end that what we call priestly and political racketeers might dominate and exploit the people in every possible way. And before their destruction, the light had vanished from these two ancient lands.

Of Egypt's seven thousand years of history, with the single exception of a dozen years under the reign of Akhenaten, the general populace had no more knowledge of the true meaning of spirituality, of the real nature of the existence after death, of the wider significance and purpose of life, than do the people of the world today.

Then, as now and at all times, there were some individuals who had received the light, and even among the general populace some had a clearer conception of the spiritual side of things than others. But then, as now, there was the constant effort to keep the people in ignorance and servility.

The rulers of Egypt were always approached by the initiates, and given such knowledge of the wisdom religion as they were willing to receive. Some of them, such as Tosortho, Snofru and Khufu, went far along the path of true initiation.

But so powerful had the priestly group become that, with the exception of Akhenaten, they felt that opposition to them in religious matters would mean a revolution and loss of the throne.

Even as in the past, powerful financial groups have been the real rulers of the US and many other countries, so in Egypt, in so far as religion and its material spoils system were concerned, the priestly group, with their vast holdings of property, and ability to sway the populace through superstition, were too powerful to unseat. Yet Tosortho and Snofru availed themselves of the knowledge of initiates who had access to the Library of Tahuti.

Khufu, or Cheops, when he came to the throne, being a very ambitious man, had a great desire to do something which would glorify his name above that of any past or future ruler of Egypt. And following the example of previous rulers, he decided to build a pyramidal monument for himself. But he wished this pyramid to excel any that might later be constructed. So he sent for an initiate named Didi, who was famed for his learning, and asked for his help.

It had been customary for the initiates of Atlantis and Mu, not in the form of a pyramid, but in their various temples, to incorporate measurements and relations which they had found to exist as correspondences throughout nature.

That is, in the very masonry of their edifices they had incorporated The Religion of the Stars. And these measurements and correspondences, as well as other wisdom, were on the rolls of the Library of Tahuti.

The initiate, Didi, employed by Khufu, therefore, presented plans for a pyramid which should in its structure embrace the relations between the various phases of nature, the measurements and as many other correspondences as possible, as recorded in the Library of Tahuti; so that the Great Pyramid of Gizeh should express in stone The Religion of the Stars.

Because the Great Pyramid – which is the only pyramid to contain such measurements and correspondences – is an accurate portrayal of stellar cycles and influences, both past and future, it, like the Bible, has come to be used as a basis of prophecy.

When the premise is correct, that is, when based upon accurate and reliable knowledge of astrological influences, either the Great Pyramid or the Bible can be used to calculate the nature and date of future events. But because of the many people who have written books on such subjects, few have the required detailed knowledge of astrology to take a proper starting point, or accurately trace stellar correspondences, almost every variety of drivel possible has been written in relation to Bible prophecy and Pyramid prophecy.

That we are at the end of one dispensation and the commencement of another (the Plutonian Period of the Aquarian Age) the stars point out clearly. But all the horrible things that are prophesied to come is not foretold in Bible or Pyramid, but is the result of hysteria and a fear complex in the minds of those who, feeling the impact of the new astral energy-stream, place upon the inevitable transition of adaptation to it, an interpretation which is but an expression of their own inward anxiety.

Let us now consider an event bearing upon the present work: In our Declaration of Principles, issued in May 1915, and since, and before Weigall made his study of ancient dates, occurs this passage: 'According to our traditions, in the year 2,440 B.C., a group separated from the Theocracy of Egypt, and through all subsequent times, as a secret order, the name of which translated into English means, The Brotherhood of Light, has been perpetuated.'

History records the building of other pyramids than those mentioned, that the Fifth Dynasty, 2715-2588 BC, embraced 9 kings and that the Sixth Dynasty, 2587-2459 BC, embraced 6 kings.

The last of this line of kings was Menthesuph, who reigned only one year; after which a period of anarchy ensued lasting 5 years.

After 6 years of anarchy, which we may well believe was fomented by priestly racketeers striving to dominate the land, Neterkere, the founder of the Seventh Dynasty came to the throne. But in the year 2452 BC he was murdered by the exploiting group, and his sister, Nitokris, given his place. After reigning 12 years, Nitokris committed suicide.

Weigall quotes Heroditus in regard to the circumstances of the suicide of Nitokris, which preceded the separation of The Brotherhood of Light from a Theocracy which had become irreparably corrupt and bent on keeping the populace in superstition that they might profit thereby.

It seems that the nobles who comprised the political group, which we may be sure were incited by the Priests of the Shadow, as these constantly strove to dominate the policies of the throne, having murdered her brother and placed her on the throne, commenced to exert pressure upon Queen Nitokris.

Perhaps she had the enlightenment of the people at heart. At all events she arrived at a point where she realized she could no longer resist the demands of this iniquitous group. She had a building erected near the river, on a low-lying site which was well below the level of the Nile floods, and she had a fine hall built as a cellar beneath it, such as those now to be seen in the temple of Denderah, but larger.

Secretly she had a tunnel made which should bring the flood-water directly to the building. Then she gave a royal banquet to which she invited all these treacherous nobles; and as soon as they were in the crypt enjoying themselves, she went above, closed the trap door, turned on the water, and drowned the lot.

Having accomplished this, and knowing, we may believe, the power of the priestly racketeers who had used the nobles for their ends, she committed suicide by shutting herself in a room filled with charcoal fumes.

No wonder The Brotherhood of Light, in order to persist, became a secret organization. The priests of Amen grew to be the strongest group in Egypt. They had vast holdings, levied immense financial tribute, and had built at Karnak and Luxor stupendous temples.

With the characteristic cunning of the inversive forces, they taught the nobles that to give their daughters to be the Brides of Amen was an honor.

These Brides of Amen, recruited from among the most attractive maidens of the land, were dedicated to temple service. They were prostitutes, who catered to the vices of those who had money; but the money they received for their prostitution was made holy by giving it to the priests.

When they grew too old to be attractive, and failed to yield good revenue to the temple, the priests arranged a marriage for them with rich merchants. The merchants were given to understand that this prostitution, because it was to benefit the god, Amen, was rather an asset than a detriment to their brides.

Such doctrines are everywhere characteristic of the inversive side of Pluto, and we find similar institutions in India today. This is but one of a hundred subtle ways by which an inversive priesthood compel the people to do their bidding.

Let us now skip to the Eighteenth dynasty, which was founded by Ahmose I in 1580 BC, over 1300 years after the building of the great pyramids, and some 2000 years after Menes founded the first recorded dynasty.

At this time Amen was the presiding god at Thebes, which had become the capital. Then came Amenhotep I, followed by Thutmose I, Thutmose II, Queen Hatshepsut, Thutmose II and Thutmose IV, who was grandfather of Akhenaten. Thutmose IV ascended the throne 1420 BC, and Akhenaten's other grandfather, Yuaa, who was not a priest of Amen, but of Min, and who was an initiate, was born about 1470 BC.

Probably due to this initiate, Yuaa, even before Akhenaten came to the throne, the wife of Amenhotep III, Queen Tiy, mother of Akhenaten and daughter to Yuaa, had endeavored to suppress the power and iniquities of the dark priests of Amen. The organization of Amen had its headquarters at Karnak. Led by the hand of Tiy, who was called the Great Queen, Amenhotep III came to be known as the Magnificent.

When Amenhotep III died, in the 36th year of his reign, Queen Tiy assumed control in behalf of her 13 year old boy Amenhotep IV, who came to the throne in 1375 BC.

Subsequent events indicate that he was given opportunity to gain the wisdom of his grandfather, Yuaa, the initiate. He early realized how completely his people were dominated by the Shadow of the priests of Amen, and he determined to free them from such invasive influences.

First he renounced the name Amenhotep, with its implication of obedience to Amen, and adopted a name of Light – Akhenaten. When he was 16 or 17 he introduced Stellar Art.

The vast material resources of Amen, with the huge temples at Karnak, and their dominion at Thebes with their spies at every hand, soon convinced him he could not combat them amid surroundings so permeated with their accomplices and magic.

He decided to move the capitol, and to collect about him only those who were willing to live constructively, willing to learn the truths of nature, and who were willing to defy the power of the Amen priesthood.

When 19 he sailed down the river from Thebes, to a point which was situated to his purpose, some 160 miles above modern Cairo, and founded the City of the Horizon.

After two years of feverish work a city had arisen there which perhaps, for beauty and art, had no parallel in history. Here, at the age of 21, Akhenaten took up his residence amid the many who, perceiving his wisdom and spiritual greatness, had joined forces with him.

From this new city, which was magnetized to his own spiritual ideas, he was successful, for the first time in recorded history, in suppressing corruption, dissipating ignorance, and spreading The Religion of the Stars as the official religion throughout the length and breadth of the land.

To set forth what he taught would be to present the 21 Brotherhood of Light courses; for these, in modern terminology and with references to the findings of modern science, are merely a present-day interpretation of the same teachings in the Library of Tahuti.

He taught the constructive use of astrological knowledge.

Instead of the curses and maledictions of Amen, he taught the use of beauty, of art, and of all ennobling activities to lead the mind into channels which are completely constructive.

While he occupied the throne, greed, corruption and exploitation were suppressed, and fear, hatred and vengeance were removed from religion.

He taught that God: 'Was the tender, loving Father of all men, ever-present and ever-mindful of his creatures. There dropped not a sigh from the lips of a babe that the intangible Aten did not hear; no lamb bleated for its mother but the remote Aten hastened to soothe it. He was the loving Father and Mother of all that he had made, who brought up millions by His bounty.'

'As Akhenaten had completely revolutionized the beliefs of Egypt as to the nature of God, so he altered and purged the theories regarding the existence of the soul after death.'

'According to the old beliefs; the soul of man had to pass through awful places up to the judgment throne of Osiris, where he was weighed in the balances. If he was found wanting he was devoured by a ferocious monster, but if the scales turned in his favor he was accepted into the Elysian fields.'

'So many were the spirits, bogies, and demigods which he was likely to meet before the goal was reached that he had to know by heart a tedious string of formulae, the correct repetition of which, and the correct making of the related magic, alone ensured his safe passage. Akhenaten flung all these formulae into the fire, even Osiris himself with all his court'

The doctrine of hell and eternal punishment, the fear of which so often warps and cripples a child's developing mind and drives afar the possibilities of a happy adult life, were no part of his teachings. Instead, due allowance for the time and circumstances, they were similar to those in Brotherhood of Light Course 20, The Next Life.

Probably the book, The Life and Times of Akhenaten – Pharaoh of Egypt – published 1922 by Arthur Weigall can be borrowed from your public library and the beauties, the purity, the sublimities and the truth of The Religion of the Stars as accepted by Egypt during the reign of this one king ascertained in greater detail.

The work of Akhenaten is important at this time, not because he was so successful in his undertaking, although none other has accomplished so much, but because a similar cycle has once again enabled the forces of truth and righteousness to come to grips with the legions of greed, corruption and inversion.

The exposure of the activities of the Power Trust International Bankers, the Insulls (see Samuel Insull on Wikipedia) and a thousand others all point to the change. And the effort to suppress religious liberty and to prevent self-medication, all point to the fight which is in progress between the destructive and the constructive forces.

The stars in their course cannot bring victory to the forces of Light and of Right except those forces press forward. But the stars do indicate opportunities, which if grasped, will lead to a more permanent revival of those conditions of Light, Life and Love which during his reign Akhenaten established and maintained in ancient Egypt.