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From the Editors

Welcome to the March issue of this newsletter. Thank you for all the support and feedback that we have received.

We hope to continue providing a newsletter that gives value. To this end we invite you to send us comments and questions regarding articles or suggestions for topics you would like to see covered. Or send us questions of esoteric interest that you would like answers to. Patrick or one of the other teachers will provide answers that will be published in the newsletter.

There will be a change of editorial staff from next month onwards. Tamarinda will no longer be producing the newsletter. This task is being taken over by John Gamble and Deirdre le Patourel. Deirdre and John are both very talented and artistic people and we are sure that they will take the Newsletter to new heights. We wish them a lot of fun and great success.

The editorial staff consists of Patrick Desplace, Tamarinda Schreuder, Kieran O'Doherty, Linda O'Doherty and Carol Holding.

Love and Light
From all of Us.

WDHR News

Patrick has just finished running Pure and Applied Metaphysics and a series of Awakening Minds courses in Cape Town. After a well-deserved retreat he will be going to Johannesburg on the 20th of March to run the same programs there.

Other exciting news is that Paul Balch, who apparently is in Queensland at the moment, announced that Patrick was dying of cancer. Apparently Cyril, whose sense of humour must have gotten the better of him, confirmed that this was so.

Patrick wishes to express his gratitude to all those who sent him healing and organized healing circles to help him. A healing is never lost. However, he wishes to announce that he is not dying of cancer. He never had cancer and cancer is not the way he intends to use when it decides it is time to exit and "go home"!!! As you can tell from the photograph on the right he is far more likely to leave by

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Patrick's new hobby

climbing rock faces wearing unsuitable shoes.

A Magician's Training - Part Five

Divination

By Tamarinda Schreuder

This is the fifth part of a series of articles in which we investigate aspects of the training of a magician.

It was the year 550 BC. King Croesus of Lydia had invaded and overpowered the Ionian Greeks. He was contemplating consolidating his victory by invading Persia. In order to gauge his chances of success he sent a messenger to Mount Parnassus, the navel of the world, where the Oracle of Delphi was located. The messenger went to ask what the outcome would be if he attacked Persia. In order to help his request along King Croesus sacrificed 300 head of cattle to Apollo and sent gifts to the oracle which consisted of 117 bricks of gold and silver, jewels, statues and a golden bowl weighing half a ton.

The Oracle answered the question by saying that if Croesus crossed into Persia, a great kingdom would be destroyed. Greatly encouraged by this response, Croesus invaded Persia and was totally defeated. Later, as a prisoner of war, a very bitter Croesus sent his chains to the Oracle and asked why she had lied to him. Her answer, of course, was that there had been no lie and that a great kingdom had indeed been destroyed.

This story tends to be told in a context of proving that oracles and divinations are just tools to fool the gullible and that there is no substance to them. But there is far more to the story than that. Correctly used, oracles and the art of divination are important tools that assist the magician in dealing with circumstances that are too complex to be grasped by the intellect.

Divination or the use of oracles pertains to obtaining information about unknown or future circumstances by 'magical' or 'supernatural' means. It should not be confused with fortune telling, which is simply an attempt to predict what will happen in the future. Using divination we can find out what the likely outcome of events is as matters stand at the moment, always keeping in mind that any change made, even one as simple as a change of attitude, may dramatically change the outcome. It can allow us to find out what energies are operational in a given situation and can give information as to what lines of action are required if we want to change the outcome of the present set of circumstances. The future is not fixed until it has happened, and even then, by changing out attitude to the event its effect and impact on our lives can still be altered many years later.

Every now and then, go away; take a little relaxation, because when you come back to your work, your judgement will be surer. To remain constantly at your work will cause you to lose power of judgement. Go some distance away, because then the work appears smaller and more of it can be taken in at a glance, and a lack of harmony and proportion is more readily seen.

Leonardo da Vinci

The 'theory' as to how divination works is simple. All things in the universe are related and connected to all other things in the universe. If you know how one thing relates to another, you can tell the state of the second thing by knowing the state of the first. In theory, it is possible to know the state of the entire universe by observing even the smallest part of it. Any part of the universe holds within it the key to the knowledge and understanding of the whole of creation.

In chaos theory they talk about a butterfly flapping its wings in one part of the world causing a tornado to form in another part of the world. It isn't that the butterfly flapping its wings necessarily causes the tornado; it is that all events are related and therefore a line of events from one to the other can be tracked. If instead of investigating tornadoes you were trying to find out whether your husband's affair was a threat to your marriage you would find that same butterfly actively involved in the matter as well. And at the same time it is quite possible that some other intelligence is watching your husband kiss the person you object to and from that is deducing that the butterfly is flapping its wings.

This explains why there are so many different forms and versions of divination. You can look at absolutely anything and deduce from it what is happening in any other part of the universe. All methods of divination work as well as the ability of the user to interpret them.

Knowing how one part of the universe is related to another is beyond the scope and ability of the conscious mind, but to the subconscious mind it is all quite obvious. What we do in a divination is set up a method by which the subconscious mind can communicate what it knows to the conscious mind, so that the conscious mind can have access to the knowledge of the subconscious. Usually we use a tool such as the Tarot, the Runes, the I Ching, geomancy, pyromancy, reading the tea leaves etc. What these techniques have in common is set of symbols with assigned meanings and a method of selecting them randomly.

The significance of using symbols is that the subconscious works with and understands symbols. The symbols have meanings assigned to them that the conscious mind can grasp. So they act as a communication bridge between the conscious and subconscious minds. The symbols that come up for the the divination are selected in a 'random' manner; that is in such a way that the conscious mind cannot influence the choice. This is very important because it prevents the conscious mind from overriding the subconscious and picking symbols in accordance with its preconceived ideas. The selection of the symbols is not really random, the subconscious will pick the symbols most appropriate to the question asked. This is also why one will often pick the cards or runes or whatever one is using with one's left hand if right-handed and vice versa, because this is the side of the body most in touch with the subconscious.

After that you just need to interpret the answer you have received, and this is where many of the pitfalls arise. Divination is an

Runelore

The Rune Kenaz



Sound: K

Name: Beacon, Torch

Planetary Rulership:

Mars and the Sun

Background

A torch or a beacon give light in darkness. This is a fire rune, but a fire that is tame enough to be harnessed and practically usable and somewhat controllable. Think of a bush fire compared to internal combustion in the engine of your car. It relates to vision, revelation, inspiration and creativity. It is the rune of craftsmen, artists and anything requiring technical skill. With this rune the creativity and vision can be transformed into something practical.. It is also the fire of transformation and regeneration – the vital fire of life. It can be used to banish dark forces and bring to light that in a situation that is not clear and right and needs to be fixed. It is a strongly creative rune, of the male or active fiery polarity. Kenaz also relates to vitality and good health.

extremely safe and accurate procedure until the conscious mind and the ego get involved. To illustrate, let us return to King Croesus. He was given completely accurate information about the future and he managed to fail quite spectacularly anyway. His first failing was that he did not know how to ask questions. If you ask an unclear and imprecise question you will receive an unclear and imprecise answer, or one that may be true but does not answer what you think you asked. If Croesus had changed the format of his question slightly he would have received a much more specific answer. A question along the lines of. "What will the outcome be for me if I invade Persia?" would have given him a more relevant answer. So he sent in a shoddy question and received an answer.

Then he made his second mistake. He did not examine the answer carefully. He wanted to attack and conquer Persia so much that he was inclined to interpret the answer as being supportive of what he wanted to do. Also he did not know himself. He had some inferiority complex or personal blind spot that meant that he did not conceive of himself as being in charge of a great kingdom. So he assumed that the 'great kingdom' referred to Persia. If he had been slightly more realistic about himself and more alert he could still have saved the day by sending the messenger back to the Oracle to ask which kingdom would be destroyed.

Another mistake he made was to make an important decision based on the reply of an oracle. As we have pointed out the future is not fixed and can change. Divination should be used to enhance proper planning and thinking, not instead of. If Croesus had assessed his strengths and weaknesses, compared them to the Persians, worked out a careful strategy etc. he would probably have made a better strategic decision than he did. Relying on success happening just because an oracle says it will happen is a recipe for disaster. You still have to do what it takes.

The inherent biases and assumptions of the person asking the question can distort the meaning of the answer, but the biases and assumptions of the oracle or person doing the divination will distort the answer too. King Croesus went to a Greek oracle after he had just invaded and conquered their country. It is quite possible that the Priestess giving the prediction was not well disposed towards him. She may have been less helpful than she could have. In a situation where one is very emotionally involved it can be very difficult to do an unbiased divination for oneself, so it does make sense to go to an unbiased and uninvolved person to do the divination. Just ensure that the person you go to is of a resonance that allows them to be unbiased.

And lastly, the other lesson King Croesus teaches us is that no amount of money spent on expensive experts will compensate for stupidity and ignorance.

Anything can be used for divination. However, using a well established system has the advantage of being under the care of 'power' that can make the process more powerful. There are also

Sometimes I think we're alone in the universe, and sometimes I think we're not. In either case, the idea is quite staggering.

Arthur C. Clarke

strong thought forms attached to the systems that are known, and hence you can take them into account when choosing your method.

Some common divinatory systems are:

Tarot:

This is a set of cards with pictures on them. The tarot must be used with care. The symbols on the cards link to very powerful forces. If you do a divination with the Tarot it can happen that the energies as set out by the cards become locked into place bringing the future depicted by the cards into being whether you like it or not. Ask questions with care and be very clear about your own role in the matter. It is much better to ask a question along the lines of "What are the energies in play around this topic at the moment" as opposed to "What will happen in the future regarding this".

The I Ching:

This is another powerful occult oracle. It is a Chinese system and is difficult to interpret without much study. It is based on combinations of eight tri-grams, each tri-gram consisting of three lines that represent combinations of yang and yin forces. It should not be used lightly and never be consulted twice on the same topic or more than once every 21 days. If abused this system will cease to work for you.

The Runes:

This is another occult system, used by the Celtic, Germanic and Norse shamans. The symbols are an alphabet, each letter in the alphabet being the sigil of an archetypal energy. The runes are much easier to gain an understanding of than the previous two systems, so it is good system to start with.

With these systems it is always a good thing to remember that they are systems of mystical training. The divinatory aspects are the least important of their uses. Working with them will link you to archetypal forces that will change you. The real point of working with a system of divination is for spiritual development and to wake up your intuitive faculties. When you start out your interpretations will often be wrong, but with time your accuracy will improve.

Practicing divination develops the link between your subconscious and conscious minds and starts to activate your psychic faculties. In time you will no longer need to use the system to get answers, you will just know them. Besides the ones mentioned there are many other systems of divination, it is up to you to choose which ones you feel good about using.

If you want more information there are millions of books available. World Development of Human Resources runs courses on the Tarot from time to time. WDHR also teaches the use of the runes during the Shamanism course.

1:6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.
1:7 And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.
1:8 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?
1:9 Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?
1:10 Hast not thou made a hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? Thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.
1:11 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.
1:12 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

This excerpt is from the Book of Job in The King James Bible. Download the entire text at www.descendedmaster.com

Summary of the Annual Cycle of Life

By Genevieve White

Here is a very handy summary of the Annual Cycle of Life contributed by Genevieve. If you do not know about the Cycles of Life you can find more detailed information and explanations up on our website, www.descendedmaster.com. The site also has a calculator that will work out the dates of your cycles. Another way of learning more is to attend one of the courses which are run from time to time by WDHR teachers.

CYCLE	BENEFICIAL	AVOID / BEWARE
	<u>PERSONAL</u>	
1 INITIATE RAY	Start thing; market self; favorable for advancing one's own interests with persons of influence; Phoenix bird reborn; demonstrate choices	Push forward with discrimination & determination
2 HIT & RUN RAY	Quick changes; try out things; transient phase – good for short-term plans; plant seeds. Explore, sample.	Long-term plans
3 POWER RAY	Great accomplishment where sheer energy/ force & persistence is needed; good time for anything that needs a jump-start	Over-exertion & recklessness can lead to unfinished projects; arguments & lies; delicate matters; beware of accidents, fires attacks
4 COSMIC RAY	Act on hunches; new thoughts/ideas – mental/psychic/nervous abilities energized; creativity – writing, planning, communication, imagination; good time to study. Optimistic. Deal with intellectuals, reporters, writers, accountants, artists	Deception, robbery – verify everything. Restless
5 SUCCESS RAY	Excellent time for personal, private affairs; fruition of what was set in motion; expansion, growth, prosperity; tendency to goodwill, courtesy, honesty & sociability; good time for dealing with clergy, judges, officials, prosperous people. Excellent time for metaphysical/philosophical/legal work and speeches	

Course: The Minor Arcana

This course comprises of a detailed look at the energies of the Tarot cards of the Minor Arcana. Although often considered of lesser importance than the cards of the Major Arcana, the energies of these archetypes are extremely powerful as they impact directly on the physical plane. This makes them far more difficult to handle than the energies of the Major Arcana.

This course is life changing. By connecting with the energies of the cards new potentials are activated and unleashed in the participants. This can be uncomfortable and disruptive initially. This course is only for those who are interested in practically experiencing archetypal forces. 'Armchair' metaphysicians should give it a miss.

The prerequisite for the course is EM1. Patrick Desplace will be running the course in Cape Town and Johannesburg in South Africa during the next few months. Course brochures will be emailed to all on our mailing lists. Details will also be posted on our website, www.descendedmaster.com.

6 FUN RAY	Holiday, entertainment, pleasure; affairs prosper on their own; visit & renew friendships; successful in dealings with the arts, music, perfumes	
7 DESTROYER RAY	The Phoenix bird is consumed by fire; get rid of redundancy - consolidate; break-down to build up; revise attitudes; favorable for dealing with the elderly, judges & decision-makers. Intuition out to lunch – operating alone	Take care not to chuck the baby with the bath water; can become despondent; cosmic/ intuitive guidance absent; impulsiveness is disastrous; postpone initiatives
	<u>BUSINESS</u>	
1 INITIATE RAY	Gain influence, prestige & recognition; promote self; good time for securing approval, credit & goodwill – rather than sales; send out representatives; network	<i>Not time for collecting monies</i>
2 HIT & RUN RAY	Good time for moving freight; dealing with tourists, passengers, transport & hospitality industry, "unattached goods"; shows/ lectures; engage employees; build up biz friendships; short-term plans. Good for dealing with liquids	Avoid decisions with long-term implications – career/ biz change; lending & borrowing, speculation, gambling
3 POWER RAY	A time for dealing with armed forces, explosions, steel, sharp instruments, electricity, fire, rivals/ competitors; push biz propositions to the limit; good time for salesmen, lecturers, persuasion; time for manufacturing, selling, promoting, producing, advertising aggressively; collect monies	Over-exertion & recklessness can lead to unfinished biz; avoid arguments & contracts; beware of accidents, fires, explosions, sabotage, biz coming under attack
4 COSMIC RAY	Successful promotion of biz – advertise widely/ intensively; new contracts & agreements; successful dealings with diplomats & the media	Hiring employees; avoid buying a biz or land; beware deception – get guarantees
5 SUCCESS RAY	Good time for dealing with officials, judges, businessmen & prosperous people; preparing legal work/ contracts, going to court; collect debts; speculation & buying for selling; growth and financial success for any proposition; seek investments, extension of credit, expansion; quick returns; promotion overseas, international matters; deal in transport, electricity & companies to do with pleasure & well-being	Disastrous to deal in trickery or deceit; avoid dealing with cattle, meat products or marine affairs

The life of every man is a way to himself, an attempt at a way, the suggestion of a path. No man has ever been utterly himself, yet every man strives to be so, the dull, the intelligent, each one as best as he can. Each man to the end of his days carries with him vestiges of his birth – the slime and egg-shells of the primeval world. There are many who never become human; they remain frogs, lizards, ants. Many men are human beings above and fish below. Yet each one represents an attempt on the part of nature to create a human being.

Demian by Herman Hesse

6 FUN RAY	Favorable to buy stocks, speculation & to engage employees; biz can relax – key people take holiday; dealing with luxury items, women's goods, the arts 7 antiques; promote value rather than investment value; meet customers & bankers socially; form partnerships & subsidiaries	
7 DEST ROYE	Dealing with inventions, real estate, mechanical things, minerals, fruit of the earth; let go employees; consult with elderly/ senior people	Avoid launching anything new; do not expand or advertise
	<u>RELATIONSHIPS</u>	
1	Good time for new relationships	
2	Get married;	New partners; long-term plans; marriage proposals
3	Women have upper hand	Men – avoid dealing with women; delicate matters; avoid arguments, lies, contracts
4		Avoid marriage, lies & deceptions
5	Good time for dealing with clergy, judges, officials	
6	Men deal with women with optimal success; women deal well with men in pleasurable things – not biz; renew friendships	
7	Can marry	Neglected relationships likely to break; avoid new relationships
	<u>HEALTH</u>	
1	Vitality at its best; plenty outdoor activities; drink lots of water; start health schemes; good time for surgery	Avoid starchy foods, rare/ raw meats; eyes vulnerable to bright light
2		Temporary ailments; digestion, circulation & nerves are vulnerable; breast & abdominal pain in women
3	Keep warm & eat with care	Over-exertion; surgery due to recklessness; skin diseases; blood toxicity; watch blood pressure

Political freedom is an idea but not a fact. This idea one must know how to apply whenever it appears necessary with this bait of an idea to attract the masses of the people to one's party for the purpose of crushing another who is in authority. This task is rendered easier if the opponent has himself been infected with the idea of freedom, so-called liberalism, and, for the sake of an idea, is willing to yield some of his power. It is precisely here that the triumph of our theory appears: the slackened reins of government are immediately, by the law of life, caught up and gathered together by a new hand, because the blind might of the nation cannot for one single day exist without guidance, and the new authority merely fits into the place of the old already weakened by liberalism.

The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion. The complete text can be downloaded from www.descendedmaster.com

4	Rest/ sleep, even if reluctant	Nervous system severely taxed; digestion affected; restless & uneasy; possible palpitations/ nervous breakdowns
5	Good time enhanced by deep breathing, long walks, gym; good time for convalescence	Tendency to over-indulge; beware of taxing the system for too long
6	Drink lots of water; eat fibrous foods; rest; do outdoor activities	Beware over-indulging; skin, throat, kidneys & genitals taxed
7	Cleanse but go gently on yourself	Do not start any new health schemes; avoid contagious circumstances; beware of chronic ailments; worst time for medication & surgery; sense organs affected
	<u>PROPERTY</u>	
1		
2	Move home; plant seeds	Buying a house
3		
4		Buying a house or land
5	To buy for selling/ speculation	
6		
7		
	<u>TRAVEL</u>	
1		
2	Any journey, esp. short ones & of immediate importance	
3		
4		Avoid returning from long journeys;
5		
6	Short journeys successful	Avoid long journeys & water voyages
7		Avoid voyages unless returning in next cycle
	<u>LEGAL MATTERS</u>	
1		
2		

55. The knowledge that springs from this perfection of discriminative power is called "knowledge that saves from rebirth." It has all things and the nature of all things for its objects, and perceives all that hath been and that is, without limitations of time, place, or circumstance, as if all were in the present and the presence of the contemplator. Such an ascetic as is referred to in this and the next aphorism, is a Jivanmukta and is not subject to reincarnation. He, however, may live yet upon earth but is not in any way subject to his body, the soul being perfectly free at every moment. And such is held to be the state of those beings called, in much literature, Adepts, Mahatmas, Masters.

56. When the mind no longer conceives itself to be the knower, or experiencer, and has become one with the soul - the real knower and experiencer -- Isolation takes place and the soul is emancipated.

From the Yoga Sutras of Patanjali. The complete text can be downloaded from www.descendedmaster.com

3	Can initiate legal matters	Avoid court cases – judgement is clouded
4		
5	Good time for preparing legal work/ contracts; collect debt; going to court or making speeches	
6		
7		

Commentary on Current Events

By Patrick Desplace

As you know that all the aspects of our world, our planet, are in a state of flux. Our consciousness is also in a state of flux, a state of mutation. Never before has the consciousness of Humanity been so active and so challenged. As things stand, it is not possible to the war in the Middle East to escalate beyond a threshold. However, a way is being sought to bust or bypass the might of humanity's will. Bush and his cohorts are beginning to realize that although there is a common goal of "No War" the motives of the individuals do not have a pattern, and so their efforts are not coordinated and united. Chirac, stating "War is Failure" could act as a rallying cry, uniting some of the antiwar forces, at least in Europe. So it is important to undermine him if the war is to go ahead on the scale that Bush and his allies want. So far, Gulliver is pinned down by the Lilliputians, but is wiggling dangerously with and with vigor. Anything is possible at this point.

If the war starts in April or after, there is a definite possibility of an escalation involving Korea and Iran followed by China going for Taiwan! The mighty dollar is slipping and bribery is becoming less effective. Emotional blackmail and threats are losing their efficacy as the giant is pinned down and the mighty dollar is losing its might...

This is a time of amazing opportunities for those who have the heart to make the most of the amazing energies that abound...

Riddle of the Month

A Solution to last Month's riddle: The Guilty Demon

This answer to this riddle is a paradox. I'm not convinced this is a legitimate solution because it means that it would have been impossible for Zeus to assign the tasks to the demons in the first

The Lion in Love

A Lion once fell in love with a beautiful maiden and proposed marriage to her parents. The old people did not know what to say.

They did not like to give their daughter to the Lion, yet they did not wish to enrage the King of Beasts. At last the father said:

"We feel highly honoured by your Majesty's proposal, but you see our daughter is a tender young thing, and we fear that in the vehemence of your affection you might possibly do her some injury. Might I venture to suggest that your Majesty should have your claws removed, and your teeth extracted, then we would gladly consider your proposal again."

The Lion was so much in love that he had his claws trimmed and his big teeth taken out. But when he came again to the parents of the young girl they simply laughed in his face, and bade him do his worst.

Love can tame the wildest.

Aesops Fables

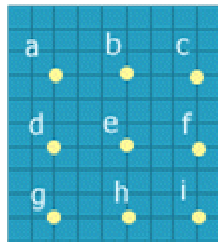
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place. No matter how long he paused time he would still be at it. If you are willing to overlook that little detail, here follows the 'solution'.

Zeus had summoned an infinite number of demons. So for any given demon, N, there exists a demon N+1 who would have killed Prometheus earlier.

To say that some demon actually did kill the hero is equivalent to saying that there exists a maximum counting number N for which there is no N+1. As per definition of infinity it is impossible to assign a size or number to it.

This month's Riddle: The Four Dots



Can you connect all nine dots using four straight lines?

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Lost are they who deny
the meeting with God
until "the Hour" cometh
suddenly upon them!
Then will they say, "Oh,
our sighs for past
negligence of this hour!"
and they shall bear their
burdens on their back!
Will not that be evil with
which they shall be
burdened?

The life in this world is
but a play and pastime;
and better surely for men
of godly fear will be the
future mansion! Will ye
not then comprehend?

The Koran
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