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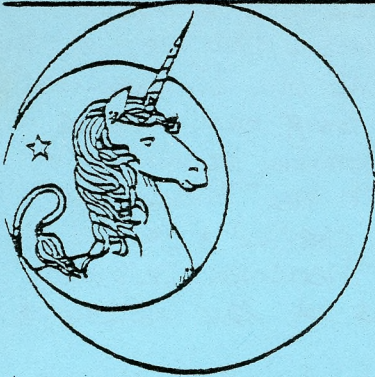
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A PUBLICATION OF THE ROWAN TREE

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Dearest Readers,

Thus begins the season of harvest, of reaping the fruits of our labours. On Lammas Eve, Unicorns of all persuasions will gather in the gardens of Lothloriën. Fruits & breads will be brought in to the garden temple, and all the herbe devas will be in awe, as this eve marks the beginning of the gathering, which will last until autumn. And the Elder will wield Saturn's sickle to reap the harvest of Jupiter's bounty. And, oh, we will trade stories of the great triple conjunct, described in the Unicorn Chronicles; (Volumes IV # 3 & IV # 4 of the Unicorn). The last triple conjunct was during the strife you call "World War II", & the previous in the 18th century. Always an exciting time, I've spent most of my time since Midsummer roaming the lands, listening to "conjunct stories", & visiting. Had a delightful visit with Cindy, & then went to Dallas to spend a few hours with Gary & his friends. But the local news of the Rowan Tree is a conjunct story all its own.

When last we left the Rowan Tree, Cassidy was engaged, & journeying through the great Southwest. Paul was on the road to Michigan, seeking a quest from the Goddess with his friend Perry. Lucy, Theodore, & Nick were travelling in their path to meet Paul at Circle Pines in Michigan. Paul & Perry visited Dennis Smith, & a few days later took the four hour ferry to Michigan, beneath a setting moon and a multitude of stars. The invocation to the Goddess was for the visions of Yule, & thus has the Rowan Tree changed. Conjunct stories - those of relationships! Paul fell completely in love at the festival. Lucy fell in love, many hearts came together. It was a wondrous gathering, with the Mother spilling Her love into the Sanctuary. Parades, dance, & delight; moonlit swims in the lake by the sauna. The Deva Ritual was performed as Renaissance street theatre, and was spectacular & eye-opening.

Following the festival, the pagan band from the land of Lothloriën journeyed to Ray Nelson's castle on the lake, to regale with laughter & chant the local land. The two Sun children brought us light; Nick fell in love, Paul sang into the stars for the man he left behind, & we partied until the sun rose, Pagan songs into the night. We next left Ray's castle to seek adventure in the city of Chicago, still guests of our brother Ray the Puppeteer. Adventure we had, for Ray knew what follies would entertain Pagan hearts. Nick & Theodore & Lucy left for the next festival amidst goodbyes. Paul finished his work (& play) & upon leaving was presented with a fine dulcimer by Ray. The dulcimer now sings the beauty of the Earth into the land of Lothloriën, & we long to see our brother Ray.

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Paul returned to Lothlorien, to find the Rowan Tree fine & sound, the magick placed kept us safe against the tornadoes & the house safely unlocked to friends. The three young ancients went on, to Circe's festival in Wisconsin, to commune with the Earth, & sing Her praises in ritual & sweatlodge. Mahr, fair daughter of Lothlorien, sparkled in the pond, & sweet-breasted Judyth joined up with the Three. The sound of Nick's drum lives eternal in the hills; Lucy carried a secret message to a young poet from Lothlorien's archives; Theodore, beloved kitchenmaster of Lothlorien, plunged the mysteries of the waters, & touched the fires of rebirth.

While young Lady Lucy journeyed to friends & family, the others turned homeward, for the Goddess of Change was due to visit Lothlorien. Nick was soon gone, it seemed, off to pursue adventure with new lands to explore. Our hearts long to see him, but his drum echoes oft, even cross the great mountains of the West. An Elven-Queen named Loui moved into our house, & the day of her arrival was doubled by the return of Cassidy, his head filled with visions of his quest, stories told in the kitchen of Katie, his new wife, a woman capable of satisfying his taste for adventure & excitement. Thus, did the Goddess of change visit Lothlorien, as the conjunct crossed the sky.

Lord Douglas, fair noble of the land, arrived to award the Deed & Title to the peoples of Lothlorien, and there was much to prepare. Paintbrushes, hammers, brooms all were set to work. The Eldermentor of the land called meetings, for the peoples of Lothlorien were soon to have their own Kingdom, and the Keep of the Rowan Tree was to be freed from the tithing of the wicked Emperor. Lord Douglas agreed to watch the Treasury, in case there might ever appear any gold coins. Lady Lucy had been the apprentice of the old Hermit, and he informed the peoples that they should leave him alone, now, for Lady Lucy would be the local Herbmistress. (It is rumoured that he has wandered off into the forest, talking to trees. The Hermit was so peculiar!) Theodore said he would become the Gardenmaster, and study the magick to protect the fairies & devas of Lothlorien. Judyth said she would publish the local newspaper, called the Unicorn, for young Alex had retired, and there was concern that the tabloid might cease its holiday issues. And Lady Laurli, returned from the Lesser Mountains of the East, announced that she would teach the Children of Lothlorien. All of this was welcome news to Paul. He had reached the age of grandfather, and was retiring, to sing his songs & write his music; to travel off to visit those children & once-students, living even beyond the Mountains. Songs of the Goddess, songs of love, songs of the conjunct (which took back his festival-love.).

And thus, did all discover, amidst their work of preparation for the Goddess of Change, secretly one morning, the most amazing thing - She had already been & gone!

Love & kisses to all...

Andrius



We are finishing the year of death.
 What has not been released
 voluntarily will be taken from
 us. That which is released may
 return to us. That is love.

But remember: to finish the
 year of death also means to
 start the year of birth. Do not
 miss the sunrise for the tears
 in your eyes.

The Rowan tree grows
 Her boughs are strong
 Her children are well taught
 in the magickal song

I hear their singing
 all ^{ringing} through the night

My spirit awakens
 and readies for flight
 to dance the dance
 of the silver night
 across meadow and grove.
 Such beauty to see
 Such beauty is
 The Rowan tree!

- Lincoln of Milwaukee

(Thanks Link! we love you too)

"Thy priests go down at dawn
 They wash their hearts with laughter."
 fragment of a hymn to Ra.





The making whole of the individuals.
The making whole of the human race.
The healing and enlightenment
of the Earth and all her inhabitants.

Wild & Free

Look into my eyes, my love -
Gaze into my soul,
See what makes me one again
Together we are whole

The sparkle in my eyes you see
It's you who put it there
Being apart now as then
Is more than I can bear

What do you see when you look at me
Such beauty do you perceive
You see the good, the pure, the true
Such is the spell I weave.

I'm drawn to you, a attraction strong
As the moth is to the flame
A union, brought as crackling fire
Beside is my name

All the wild things of Earth
Live as one in me -
This is my wish, my hope, my dream
To be yours - wild and free.

- Joyce Baker

Moonstorm

Thin crescent brightens
Pale sky darkens
In the flame of becoming
Wilderness
And wilderness renew,
Time cycles,
The forest sighs and shivers:
Changeless
Is the essence of change
The deep sky is a sea
Bottomless, endless
With unguessed shores
At the center, above
Billowing fathoms of dreams
And myths
And strange imaginings,
In the waters of far-forgotten times
Commence the gentle swirls of sea
The delicate beginnings
Wind-spilled mystery
Of the rising white-tailed tidal wave
Of moonstorm.

- Noel-Anne Brennan

Song for a tree

You stand there mighty
Straight and strong
In all your dignity
What could there be more wonderful
Than the beauty of a tree?

In days gone by you stood as now
Unchanged by Nature's ways
Enhanced in fact by Mother Earth
Your song of life she plays.

Birch, oak, Willow, alder, ash
As sentinels you stand,
Guardians of the ancient truths
And keepers of the land

The holly and the Apple trees
Stand sacred in their place
They know the secrets, joy and pain
Of all the human race.

Listen people, to the song of the trees
For she has much to tell -
The strength of the Ages, the wisdom of time
So listen and listen well.

- Joyce Baker

Its Sundown time, and the Sun has gone away
But that's okay, we've had all day to play

Sleeping soundly, sleeping through the night
Slumbering until the morning light

Sleeping safely til tomorrow morn
Then you can wake to a dream of Unicorns

A song for Jonathan
By Phoenix
his mother, of Dallas

THE ROWAN TREE



classes - Lammas - Mabon

on-going:

Mondays: 8:00 PM - Creative Thinking (an active meditation class)

Saturdays: 1:30 PM - Herbal Exploration (Understanding through meditation)

up-coming:

August 14 8:00 PM - Creative Ritual - Open to all Mystery School students
Come dressed in costume as magickal entity
paul

August 28-29 8:00 pm - noon Overnight Dream Quest
limited enrollment - preregistration required
Discussion, Ritual, and etc. 15.00 donation
Chemically Free (including cigarettes, coffee, and etc)
paul

Beginning

♀ Wednesdays 7:00pm Aug 12 "Ritual of the Lesser Banishing Earth Pentagram"
Cassidy 4 wks includes middle Pillar Exercise for self Aura Cleansing

☽ Mondays 1:00pm Aug 17 "Tarot: An Introduction to the Mysteries"
Loui 4wks - minor Arcana, 6 wks Major Arcana, 4wks Tarot Reading
Each section may be taken seperately

♃ Thursdays 7:00pm Aug 27 "Amulets: How to make and use Them"
Lightfoot 4 wks - will include ritual consecration 10.00 materials fee
Each student will make their own

♂ Tuesdays 7:00pm Sept 1 "Introduction to Astrology, Signs, Planets & Houses"
Theadore 6 wks Natal chart interpretation
copy of your own chart desirable

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☽ Itinerary: Rev. Paul V Beyerl D.D. - Director and Founder of The Rowan Tree

August 15 2:00pm Evanstar Bookstore, Mpls "Crystal Ball Workshop"

Sept 5, 6, & 7 Tree of Life Seminar, Denver, Colorado

Contact:

7 Rays Inc
8020 Federal Blvd
Westminster, CO 80030
303-429-5375

Sept 5 11:30AM - Sociological lecture describing Astrological process of entering the Age of Aquarius

Sept 6 10:30AM - "The Magical Use of Herbs"
Includes performance of the Deva Ritual

Sept 7 10:00AM - Workshop: Gay Spirituality
includes a Ritual

Sept 24-28 University of Nevada Aquarian Earth Fair

Age of Aquarius talk and Deva Ritual
Contact: Marlene Zychowicz 1386 Lorilyn
Las Vegas, NV 89102 (702) 739-3627 (702) 798-7282





Invocation to the West

Flash of water
 Running Pure
 Call my mistress
 Unto me.
 I feel her in the
 Pull of the Moon.
 I hear her song
 In brooks & streams.
 Lovely Lady of the Water,
 Come & talk, if just for awhile.
 Whisper to me your deepest secrets.
 Let me whisper my songs of Love.
 Come to me, my Gracious Goddess
 Hear my chant & watch over this Rite!
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Invocation to the North

Oh my Goddess of the Earth
 Maternal mother of us all
 Bring us into your womb
 Give us all that we require
 Nurture us, Oh gentle Goddess
 Bring us peace we've never known
 Let our hearts be warmed in your womb
 Let us be your child of love
 Hold us near your bosom soft
 Let us know your loving caress
 Be our teacher of the craft
 Teach us things we long to know.
 Let us grow to know the truth
 Always loved & never smothered
 Teach us all about the Laws
 Let us always security know.
 Blessed Be! ©1980 The Lady & The Dragon United.

AUGUST 15 -- DANCE
 8:30pm New Age Celebration of the
 Full Moon in Aquarius with
 Shangouya and Golden Dawn
 At: Odd Fellows Hall
 27th Ave. So. and Lake St., Mpls.
 Refreshments, face painters, music, love
 Benefit for Evenstar Bookstore and
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A day to declare Independence; a right
 to celebrate love and community.
 Shangouya, the Twin Cities' favorite dance
 band, and Golden Dawn will vibrate us
 with high energy and loving music in a
 benefit for these two nonprofit organizations.
 Come with friends, free spirit, and dancing feet.

Books —

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Ellen Cooney
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 A delightful and handsomely laid out collect
 ion of poetic prose, divinely inspiring to
 all seekers of Truth. Each page is a sonnet
 on one image, one night encounter on their
 quest for enlightenment. Truly inspiring.
 The consensus at the Rowan Tree was that
 this book should be left in the Temple!

Matter, Life, and Evolution

John G. Elliott. M.S., M.L.S.
 Available by mail from Gibson Hiller Co. Pub.
 P.O. Box 22, Dayton OH 45406 \$2.95 ppbk
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 This book defines matter both in terms of the
 physical universe and the psychic universe.
 Scientific terminology is used throughout to
 define and explain philosophical questions such
 as what is life and consciousness? He does not
 attempt to answer these questions but to clarify
 what changes have occurred due to new tech-
 nology since first these questions were asked.
 He talks about the rebirth of consciousness, the
 law of parallels, thought as a substance, the
 law of complement, and the continuity of exist-
 ance for entity development.

Happenings —

Goddess Rising: A conference about the great Goddess and the ways of her followers. Well known speakers, Workshops and more: March 26, 27, 28 - 1982
 California Expo, Exhibit hall A&B, Sacramento
 for registration write: Goddess Rising
 P.O. Box 19241, Sacramento, California 95819
 Presented by: Temple of the Goddess Within
 and Ann Torfreedom.

Publications —

The Sphinx, published quarterly by the Coven of Isis, a subsidiary of the Center for Universal studies, Inc. Articles on Wicca & Magick, rituals, herbs, the Tarot, Mythology, contacts, Yoga, and more. \$6.00 per year
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 Box 873
 Monte Rio, CA 95462

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 612-872-9359

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Library for Social and Technological alternatives
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 Fairfax CA 94930

The Unicorn began June, 1977. It is a newsletter dedicated to sharing the good news of our Circle: Pagan friends. It is a Rowan Tree publication, with eight issues to coincide with the Solstices.

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 Andrius - Resident Unicorn

Artist
 Takya - Artist

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- \$8.00 - a one-year subscription to The Unicorn, (3 issues)
- \$10.00 - not only The Unicorn, but also the Extra Pages for gays + lesbians
- \$7.00 - The Holy Books of the Devas (Vol. 1) an herbal for the Aquarian Age
- \$5.00 - Andrius' Colouring Book of Numbers - numerology + mythology
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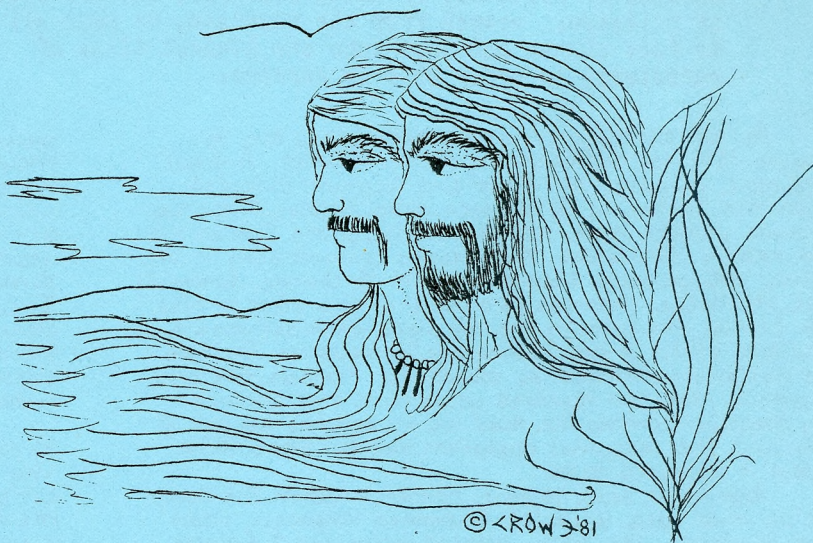


The Unicorn Provides These
Extra Pages
to aid communication between
Gay and Lesbian Pagans

Lovely lady silouetted by the moonlight,
Why do you look so sad?
Did you lose something important?
Or was it some part of your innocence?
Are you saddened by the fact men can
No longer satisfy the needs you feel?
Does it scare you?
Are you too frightened by all the stories
We are taught as children...
Womyn-loving-womyn are evanes and
they eat young children...
they are evil and decadent...
So now you are faced with the fact that
You might be one of those?!?
Do not despair!!!
Womyn-loving womyn are Not these things
It is an experience beyond the senses
It is warm and living...
Gentle and soft like a Kittens fur...
It is sensual beyond beleif!!!
A womyn is capable of loving your mind
your soul, your very being!
How can that be sad?
It can be so beautiful
That multi-colored link that some call psychic...
That gentle caress that knows your body even before you meet...
The hands that wander with a purpose instead
Of endlessly without one...
The kiss that warms you to your very soul...
The passion that flows through your veins...
Awakening your being beyond what has ever been before...
The hot cream that flows from between your thighs
The baited breath of someone who desires your entire being...
Rejoice!!! You are one with the Goddess and the Universe!!!
You have finally come home...
On the Lady and the Dragon Unlimited

Candra

A call to Gay Brothers Everywhere
Gathering of the Faerie Tribe
September 7-10, 1981
Pecos, New Mexico - Contact
Spiritwood
500 Monteruma
Sante Fe, NM 87501
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Under Capricorn M

Our hands are holy
five pointed stars
our bouyant bodies
the circles of our arms
are blessings
and our cocks, aspects
of the horned One
god of crossroads
and crossed fingers
of thresholds
we cross breathless
as climbers

the mountains
in us like coral
a history rising
from the dark
toward the blue light
element we hunger for
toward air

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the view from the mountain capricorn

Rev. Paul V. Beyerl DD

- in order to see into the future, one must look also to the past; we have spent many years hearing the visions of the age of aquarius, and each day most of us hear the myths of change: christ will be reborn, the world will end, nuclear holocaust, economic crisis, and the letting go of the old: the patriarchy, the worn out systems of politics, of doing business, the old systems of religion; viewed from the mountain, we must all learn to face change and grow into the highest ideal of ourselves, in order that we survive;

As an astrologer, my research leads me to roughly 1890 for the beginning of the change. A great and rare conjunct of Pluto and Neptune coincided with the beginning of immense global change. These slow moving planets have not shared the same Zodiacal site in nearly 500 years, the previous conjunct being in 1397. Since 1890 we have seen the effects of change. Astrologically we see these changes as a result of the great energies of Gemini, the first of the Air signs, which set loose the building blocks of the coming age of Aquarius. The Globe is no longer controlled by whomever controls the seas, instead, the last hundred years have been dominated by whomever controls the skies. We are entering an age of Air and the industrial revolution was far more than what it appeared to be.

Gemini is said to rule communication. The changes in that area have led to common languages, radio and television. They have also led to the loss of dialects, languages, and our dependency on slow moving forms of transmission. The rapidity with which we send messages today has led to interwoven migrations of people and changed the face of politics. This is needed so the families of the new age can find each other.

In 1939, Pluto moved into Leo, and two other planets which affect us now, moved into conjunct (Saturn and Jupiter). Thus did World War II feed to the Pluto in Leo generation. All those born between 1939 and 1956. Such an amazing group we all are, it took a war to prepare the Earth for the amount of change this generation would bring. This is the group who shook up the sixties, and this is the group who will hold within their maturity the ability to carry the Earth into the new age.

Astrologically, we are in the midst of intense change. The word 'intense' is not used as something to avoid, for even the partying is more intense these days. In 1890 Jupiter and Saturn again move into conjunct, a mixture of untold opportunity and a Saturnian lesson in Discipline, letting go, and change. Changes occur immediately in Global politics. Saturn and Jupiter met in Libra, the Zodiacal sign which most rules balance, and everything shifted. October 26, 1980 was when they first met in Libra. The election showed the shift in Balance with the Democrats giving way to the Republicans. As they wove their change back and forth through the night-time skies, we watched all sorts of change.

Leaders shot, political control shifting in many countries, and mixtures of more freedom and more oppression. After all, other than the 1940 to 41 triple conjunct of Jupiter and Saturn, this form of Astrological event has not happened since the eighteenth century.

A triple conjunct means that, from the Earth these two planets are in the exact same point in the Zodiacal Circle which surrounds the Earth. Due to variances in their orbits, they appear to slow down and even to back up. In this process they again

part one (this issue)

Astrological overview of the coming changes to birth the age of Aquarius

part two (next issue)

How we as Gay and lesbian Priests and Priestesses are called and affected

touch. Then their work is done, they resume their forward motion and touch for the third time. Each occurrence leads to change, with a series of three consecutive conjuncts indicating major changes. Within a three hundred year cycle, beginning with the 1890 conjunct, are a multiple of unusual planetary configurations. Incidentally, there is absolutely no time when all planets are 'lined' up. However, there are many fascinating things which will occur. One of these is the key to understanding asence of the future.

As I study the Ephemerii (books of tables of planetary motion and position) for the coming years, one date continually stands out above all others; the period of time which begins with the winter solstice when the Sun moves into Capricorn. Within six weeks eight planets will move through Capricorn, with six actually located within the confines of Capricorn. There are only two others which remain. One of them, Jupiter, planet of spiritual/physical expansion and opportunity, will be opposite all of this, within the sign of Cancer. Jupiter will be a significant key, for it will appear to go backwards (retrograde motion). Jupiter is the key for trying to maintain an energy balance. What will be needed is a lot of Cancer, triumphant mother, energy. The only remaining planet is Pluto, which will be in its perihelion (the point closest to the Sun), in thirteen degrees of Scorpio.

The Perihelion is interesting, for it is a 250 year cycle, the last occurrence of it was in 1450 to 1540, during which Constantinople fell to the Turks, leading to the Italian Renaissance. Pluto is the ruling planet of Scorpio, and Scorpio is the most "occult" of the signs of the Zodiac. For those who work towards enlightenment through Astrology, Scorpio takes you through death and rebirth, changing forever ones soul, thus bringing the resulting changes out to consciousness of physical reality.

Capricorn, where all this amazing activity will take place, is the sign of the Zodiac associated with bureaucracies, the system, and all those things which were the 'backbone' of the old age. This is a likely time for very intense changes to happen in those systems which we have long gumbled about. Anything which is not flexible and aware of the principles of change will suffer a most difficult time of survival. This will explain the amount of upheaval seen in visions of the crisis. What is seen from the perspective of the Earth herself, is the potential for deeply needed change. Capricorn is much like the Crone aspect of the Goddess. It is old and wise and wields a very sharp sickle.

(conclusion next issue)

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Following the festival, the Pagan band from the land of Lothloriën journeyed to Ray Nelson's castle on the lake, to regale with laughter and chant the local land. The two Sun children brought us light; Nick fell in love, Paul sang into the stars for the man he left behind, and we partied until the sun rose, Pagan songs into the night. We next left Ray's castle to seek adventure in the city of Chicago, still guests of our brother Ray the Puppeteer. Adventure we had, for Ray knew what follies would entertain Pagan hearts. Nick and Theodore and Lucy left for the next festival amidst goodbyes. Paul finished his work (and play) and upon leaving was presented with a fine dulcimer by Ray. The dulcimer now sings the beauty of the Earth into the land of Lothloriën, and we long to see our brother Ray.

Paul returned to Lothloriën, to find the Rowan Tree fine and sound, the magick placed kept us safe against the tornadoes and the house safely unlocked to friends. The three young ancients went on, to Circle's festival in Wisconsin, to commune with the Earth, and sing Her praises in ritual and sweatlodge. Mahr, fair daughter of Lothloriën, sparkled in the pond, and sweet-breasted Judyth joined up with the three. The sound of Nick's drum lives eternal in the hills; Lucy carried a secret message to a young poet from Lothloriën's archives; Theodore, beloved

kitchen master of Lothloriën, plunged the mysteries of the waters, and touched the fires of rebirth.

While you Lady Lucy journeyed to friends and family, the others turned homeward, for the Goddess of Change was due to visit Lothloriën. Nick was soon gone, it seemed, off to pursue adventure with new lands to explore. Our hearts long to see him, but his drum echoes off, even 'cross the great mountains of the West. An Elven-Queen named Loui moved into our house, and the day of her arrival was doubled by the return of Cassidy, his head filled with visions of his quest, stories told in the kitchen of Katie, his new wife, a woman capable of satisfying his taste for adventure and excitement. Thus, did the Goddess of change visit Lothloriën, as the conjunct crossed the sky.

Lord Douglas, fair noble of the land, arrived to award the Deed and Title to the peoples of Lothloriën, and there was much to prepare. Paintbrushes, hammers, brooms all were set to work. The Eldermentor of the land called meetings, for the peoples of Lothloriën were soon to have their own kingdom, and the keep of the Rowan Tree was to be freed from the tithing of the wicked Emperor. Lord Douglas agreed to watch the Treasury, in case there might ever appear any gold coins. Lady Lucy had been the apprentice of the old Hermit, and he informed the peoples that they should leave him alone, now, for Lady Lucy would be the local Herbmistress. (It is rumoured that he has wandered off into the forest, talking to trees. The Hermit was so peculiar!) Theodore said he would become the Gardenmaster, and study the magick to protect the fairies and devas of Lothloriën. Judyth said she would publish the local newspaper, called The Unicorn, for young Alex had retired, and there was concern that the tabloid might cease its holiday issues. And Lady Laureli, returned from the Lesser Mountains of the East, announced that she would teach the Children of Lothloriën. All of this was welcome news to Paul. He had reached the age of grandfather, and was retiring, to children and once-students, living even beyond the Mountains. Songs of the Goddess, songs of love songs of the conjunct (which took back his festival-love)

And thus, did all discover, 'midst their work of preparation for the Goddess of Change, secretly one morning, the most amazing thing - She had already been and gone!

Love and Kisses to all... Andrius

We are finishing the year of death what has not been released voluntarily will be taken from us. That which is released may return to us. That is love.

But remember: to finish the year of death also means to start the year of birth. Do not miss the sunrise for the tears in your eyes.

The Rowan Tree grows
Her boughs are strong
Her children are well taught
In the magickal song
I hear their singing
Ringing
All through the night
My spirit awakens
And readers for flight

To dance the dance
Of the silver night
Across meadow and grove
Such beauty to see
Such beauty is
The Rowan Tree
- Unicorn of Milwaukee
(Thanks Link! We love you too)

Thy priests go down at dawn
They wash their hearts with laughter
- Fragment of a hymn to Ra

The making whole of the individuals
The making whole of the human race.
The healing and enlightenment
Of the Earth and all her inhabitants.

Song for a Tree
You stand there mighty
Straight and strong
In all your dignity
What could there be more wonderful
Than the beauty of a tree?
In days gone by you stood as now
Unchanged by nature's ways
Enhanced in fact by Mother Earth
Your song of life she plays
Birch, oak, willow, alder, ash
As sentients you stand,
Guardians of the ancient truths
And keepers of the land
The holly and the apple trees
Stand sacred in their place
They know the secrets, joy and pain
Of all the human race.
Listen people, to the song of the trees
For she has much to tell
The strength of the ages the wisdom of time
So listen and listen well
- Joyce Baker

Its Sundown time, and the Sun has gone away
But that's ok, we've had all day to play

Sleeping soundly, sleeping through the night
Slumbering until the morning light
Sleeping safely til tomorrow morn
They you can wake to a dream of unicorns

- A song for Jonathan by Phoenix, his mother, of Dallas

Wild and free
Look into my eyes, my love -
Gaze into my soul,
See what makes me one again
Together we are whole
The sparkle in my eyes you see
It's you who put it there
Being apart now as then
Is more that I can bear
What do you see when you look at me
Such beauty do you perceive
You see the good, the pure, the true
Such is the spell I weave
I'm drawn to you, attraction strong
As the moth is to the flame
A union brought as crackling fire
Desire is my name
All the wild things of Earth
Live as one in me -
This is my wish, my hope, my dream
To be yours - wild and free

- Joyce Baker

Moonstorm
Thin crescent brightens
Pale sky darkens
In the flame of becoming
Wilderness
And wilderness renew,
Time cycles,
The forest sighs and shivers:
Changeless
Is the essence of change
The deep sky is a sea
Bottomless, endless
With unguessed shores
At the center, above
Billowing fathoms of dreams

And myths
And strange imaginings
In the waters of far-forgotten times
Commence the gentle swirls of si
The delicate beginnings
Wind-spilled mystery
Of the rising whitened tidal wave
Of moonstorm
- Noel-Anne Brennan

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6 wks - Natal chart interpretation - copy of your own chart desirable

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August 15 2:00 pm Evanstar Bookstore, Mpls "Crystal Ball Workshop"

Sept. 5,6, and 7 Tree of Life Eminar, Denver, Colorado

Sept. 5 11:30 am - Sociological lecture describing astrological process of entering the Age of Aquarius

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Invocation to the West

Flash of water

Running Pure

Call my mistress

Unto me.

I feel her in the

Pull of the moon.

I hear her song

In brooks and streams.

Lovely lady of the water

Come and talk, if just for awhile.

Whisper to me your deepest secrets.

Let me whisper my songs of love.

Come to me, my gracious Goddess

Hear my chant and watch over this rite!

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Invocation to the North

Oh my Goddess of the Earth

Material mother of us all

Bring us into your womb

Give us all that we require

Nurture us, Oh gentle Goddess

Bring us peace we've never known

Let our hearts be warmed in your womb

Let us be your child of love

Hold us near your bosom soft

Let us know your loving caress

Be our teacher of the Craft

Teach us things we love to know.

Let us grow to know the truth

Always loved and never smothered

Teach us all about the laws

Let us always security know.

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John G. Elliott, M.S., M.L.S.

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Lovely Lady silhouetted by the moonlight,
Why do you look so sad?
Did you lose something important?
Or was it some part of your innocence?
Are you saddened by the fact men can
No longer satisfy the needs you feel?
Does it scare you?
Are you too frightened by all the stories
We are taught as children...
Womyn-loving-womyn are crones and
They eat young children
They are evil and decadent...
So now you are faced with the fact that
You might be one of those?!?
Do not despair!!!
Womyn-loving-womyn are not these things
It is warm and living...
Gentle and soft like a kittens fur...
It is sensuous beyond belief!!!
A womyn is capable of loving your mind
Your soul, you very being!
How can that be sad?
It can be so beautiful
That multi-colored link that some call psychic
That gentle caress that knows your body even before you meet
The hands that wander with a purpose instead
On endlessly without one ...
The kiss that warms you to your very soul ...
The passion that flows through your veins
Awakening your being beyond what has ever been before
The hot cream that flows from between your thighs
The baited breath of someone who deserves your entire being...
Rejoice!!! You are one with the Goddess and the Universe!!!
You have finally came home ...
Oh the Lady and the Dragon Unlimited
- Candra

A call to Gay Brothers Everywhere
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Under Capricorn
Our hands are holy
Five pointed stars
Our buoyant bodies
The circles of our arms
Are blessings
And our cocks aspects'
Of the Horned One
God of Crossroads
And crossed fingers
Of thresholds
We cross breathless
As climbers
The mountains
In us like coral
A history rising
From the dark
Toward the blue light
Element we hunger for
Toward air.

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The view from the Mountain Capricorn

In order to see into the future, one must look also to the past. We have spent many years hearing the visions of the age of aquarius, and each day most of us hear the myths of change. Christ will be reborn, the world will end, nuclear haultocaust, economic crisis, economic crisis, and the leting go of the old. The patriarchy, the worn out systems of politics, of doing business, the old systems of religion. Viewed from the mountain, we must all learn to face change and grow into the highest ideal of ourselves, in order that we survive.

As an astrologer, my research leads me to roughly 1890 for the beginning of the change. A great and rare conjunct of Pluto and Neptune coincided with the beginning of immense global change. These slow moving planets have not shared the same Zodiacal site in nearly 500 years, the previous conjunct being in 1397. Since 1890 we have seen the effects of change. Astrologically we see these changes as a result of the great energies of Gemini, the first of the Air signs, which set loose the building blocks of the coming age of Aquarius. The Globe is not longer controlled by whomever controls the seas, instead, the last hundred years have been dominated by whomever the skies. We are entering an age of Air and the industrial revolution was far more than what we it appeared to be.

Gemini is said to rule communication, The changes in that area have led to common languages, radio and television. They have also led to the loss of dialects, languages, and our dependency on slow moving forms of transmission. The rapidity with which we send message today has led to interwoven migrations of people and changed the face of politics. This is needed so the families of the new age can find each other.

In 1939, Pluto moved onto Leo, and two other planets which affect us now, moved into conjunct (Saturn and Jupiter). Thus did World War II lead to the Pluto in Leo generation, all those born between 1939 and 1956. Such an amazing group we all are, it took a war to prepare the Earth for the amount of change this generation would bring. This is the group who shook up the sixties, and this is the group who will hold within their maturity the ability to carry the Earth into the New Age.

Astrologically, we are in the midst of intense change/ The word 'intense' is not used as something to avoid, for even the partying is more intense these days. In 1890 Jupiter and Saturn again move into conjunct, a mixture of untold opportunity and a Saturnian lesson in discipline, letting go and change. Changes occur immediately in Global policies Saturn and Jupiter met in Libra, the Zodiacal sign which most rules balance, and everything shifted. October 26, 1890 was when they first met in Libra. The election showed the shift in Balance with the democrats giving way to the Republicans. As they wove their change back and forth through the nighttime skies, we watched all sorts of change. Leaders shot, political control shifting in many countries, and mixtures of more freedom and more oppression. After all, other than the 1940 to 41 triple conjunct of Jupiter and Saturn, this form of Astrological event has not happened since the eighteenth century.

A triple conjunct means that, from the Earth these two planets are in the exact same point in the Zodiacal Circle which surrounds the Earth. Due to variances in their orbits, they appear to slow down and even to back up. In this process they again touch. Then their work is done, they resume their forward motion and touch for the third time Each occurrence leads to change, with a series of three consecutive conjuncts indicating major changes. Within a three hundred year cycle, beginning with the 1890 conjunct are a multiple of unusual planetary configurations. Incidentally, there is absolutely no time when all planets are lined up. However, there are many fascinating things which will occur. One of these is the key to understanding asence of the future.

As I study the ephemeris (books of tables of planetary motion and position) for the coming years, one date continually stands out above all others; the period of time when begins with the Winter Solstice when the sun moves into Capricorn. Within six weeks eight planets will move through Capricorn, with six actually located within the confines of Capricorn. There are only two others which remain. One of them, Jupiter, planet of spiritual/physical expansion and opportunity, will be opposite all of this, within the sign of Cancer. Jupiter will be a significant key, for it will appear to go backwards (retrograde motion). Jupiter is the key for trying to maintain an energy balance. What will be needed is a lot of Cancer, triumphant mother, energy. The only remaining planet is Pluto, which will be in its perihelion (the point closest to the sun), in thirteen degrees of Scorpio. The perihelion is interesting, for it is a 250 year cycle, the last occurrence of it was in 1450 to 1540, during which Constantinople fell to the Turks, leading to the Italian Renaissance. Pluto is the ruling planet of Scorpio, and Scorpio is the most "occult" of the signs of the Zodiac. For those who work towards enlightenment through astrology, Scorpio takes you through death and

rebirth, changing forever ones soul, thus bringing the resulting changes out to consciousness of physical reality.

Capricorn, where all this amazing activity will take place, is the sign of the Zodiac associated with bureaucracies, the system, and all those things which were the backbone of the old age. This is a likely time for very intense changes to happen in those systems which we have long grumbled about. Anything which is not flexible and aware of the principles of change will suffer a most difficult time of survival. This will explain the amount of upheaval seen in visions of the crisis. What is seen from the perspective of the Earth herself, is the potential for deeply needed change. Capricorn is much like the Crone aspect of the Goddess. It is old and wise and wields a very sharp sickle. (conclusion next issue)

Rev. Paul V. Beyerl, DD

Part one (this issue)

Astrological overview of the coming changes to birth the Age of Aquarius

Part two (next issue)

How we as gay and lesbian priests and priestesses are called and affected