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# Study Questions: Course 2, Astrological Signatures

# **Chapter 1, The Two Keys**

- 1. By what means alone can nature's sanctuary be unlocked?
- 2. What was the prevalent condition of science prior to the 17th century?
- 3. What man refuted the old authorities, stating, "Nothing can be proved or disproved by unproved principles?"
- 4. By the aid of what can all sophisms be avoided and all problems solved?
- 5. What conditions prevent the soul from accurately conveying the truth perceived psychically to the objective consciousness?
- 6. What are the most valuable possessions used in arriving at the mathematics of truth?
- 7. What was the earliest form of worship?
- 8. What was the source of fire worship and sex worship?
- 9. What is the written law? What is the Golden Key to its interpretation?
- 10. What is the key to the door of positive knowledge?
- 11. What knowledge enabled Paracelsus to effect wonderful cures?
- 12. In what manner did the sacred books have their origin?
- 13. What is the Oral Law? What is the Silver Key to its interpretation?
- 14. What book had been consulted by the most learned kabalists and mystics?
- 15. To what do the twenty-two major arcana and the forty minor arcana of the tarot correspond?
- 16. To what do the court cards of the tarot correspond?
- 17. What is the relation of the Tarot to Astrology?
- 18. What is meant by the eclipse of the sun at the death of Moses?
- 19. What is meant by the moon being diminished at the death of David?
- 20. What relation had the Ark of Covenant to the Book of Thoth?
- 21. What symbolical representations were carried in the ark?
- 22. What are letters?
- 23. What are absolute ideas?
- 24. What are numbers?
- 25. Due to what fact are the Golden and Silver Keys of such great value?

# Chapter 2, The Zodiac

1. Why can there be no intelligent study of occultism that omits astrology?

- 2. Define the Zodiac.
- 3. To what do the signs of the zodiac owe their peculiar influence?
- 4. What influence have the signs of the zodiac over the planets found in them?
- 5. Why does each sign transmit certain tones much more readily than other tones?
- 6. What sign in a birth chart indicates, in a large measure, the individuality?
- 7. What is the characteristic quality of people born under each zodiacal triplicity?
- 8. What are the four chief ways in which the zodiacal signs may be considered?
- 9. How is sight an apprehension of a trinity?
- 10. Name the signs belonging to each of the three Qualities, and state to what condition of matter each corresponds.
- 11. What is the meaning of Degree of Emanation?
- 12. Name the masculine signs of the zodiac.
- 13. What natural phenomenon does the sign of Aries resemble?
- 14. To what portion of the human anatomy does the sign of Taurus belong?
- 15. People of what sign are looking for the "why" of things?
- 16. To what degree of emanation does the sign of Cancer belong?
- 17. How are Leo people like, and how unlike, Aries people?
- 18. People of what sign are ever looking "how" desired results may be attained?
- 19. People of what sign are inordinately fond of approbation?
- 20. What is the dominant idea of Scorpio people?
- 21. What zodiacal sign rules the hips and thighs?
- 22. People of what sign are very diplomatic?
- 23. What airy sign possesses the most continuity?
- 24. People of what sign often lack self-confidence and are prone to worry?
- 25. Which sign has the most extremes of temperament and ability?

# **Chapter 3, Mundane Houses**

- 1. What are Mundane Houses?
- 2. What is a House Cusp?
- 3. Where is the First House of a horoscope located?
- 4. Why is the top of a horoscope considered as the South?

#### What houses are in the following, and what do they rule?

- 5. Trinity of Life.
- 6. Trinity of Psychism.
- 7. Trinity of Wealth.
- 8. Trinity of Association.
- 9. Which houses are Angular?
- 10. In which houses do the planets have the strongest volume?
- 11. Which are the Personal Houses, the Companionship Houses, and the Public Houses?
- 12. What houses are positive? Which tend toward increase?

#### Name the following planets:

- 13. Vital Planets. Intellectual Planets.
- 14. Social Planets. Business Planets.
- 15. Harmonious Planets. Discordant Planets.
- 16. What planet rules the heart or vital center of life?
- 17. What planet has dominion over the animal appetites and passions?
- 18. What part of the human anatomy does Jupiter rule?
- 19. What is the octave expression of Mercury, of Venus, and of the Moon?
- 20. Which planet rules the astral body?
- 21. Give the one word that best expresses the nature of each of the planets.
- 22. What aspect has the nature of Venus?
- 23. What aspect has the nature of Mars?
- 24. What aspect is harmonious in the highest degree? Discordant in the highest degree?
- 25. Give the one word that best expresses the nature of each of the ten aspects.

#### **Chapter 4, The Mission of the Soul**

- 1. What is the primary requisite for success in any enterprise?
- 2. Define ego.
- 3. Define the soul.
- 4. Did the ego ever have a beginning, and can it have an end?
- 5. Did the soul have a beginning, and does it change?
- 6. Why must the ego either remain unconscious or gain experience through contact with relative conditions?
- 7. What is the dual function that the soul develops?
- 8. For what purpose did the soul develop the power to mold forms?
- 9. How do the experiences of the soul in one form enable it to attract and mold a form of still higher organization?
- 10. Why could there be no love without experiences with relative conditions?
- 11. Why could there be no life without the experiences of functioning through forms in some kind of substance?
- 12. What is the answer to the question as to why we are here?
- 13. Why is contrast in experience to be desired?
- 14. Why is variety of experiences to be desired?
- 15. Why do the innumerable forms of the physical, astral, and spiritual worlds offer the best opportunity we can imagine for developing not only wisdom, but also love?
- 16. What are the two essential factors of immortal life?
- 17. Why is the cycle of the soul called the Cycle of Necessity?
- 18. What is the mission of the soul?
- 19. What is the process by which the soul evolves from the mineral state to incarnate as man?
- 20. What is symbolized by the Bible story of Eve being tempted and partaking of the forbidden fruit?
- 21. What is the relation of adaptation to immortality?
- 22. If man is to survive on the spiritual plane what must he have the power to do?
- 23. What is the general plan by which Self-Conscious Immortality may be attained?

- 24. What is the greatest wisdom?
- 25. What is the expression of the highest love?

#### **Chapter 5, Physiology and Correspondence**

- 1. Why is it illogical to think that a man is ever incarnated in woman's form?
- 2. When velocities are attained greater than that of light what happens to space, time and gravitation?
- 3. In the astral body what corresponds to the physical cells and structures of the physical body?
- 4. In what manner do states of consciousness perform for the astral body functions similar to those performed by sunlight for the vegetable world?
- 5. Why must man have food on the spiritual plane?
- 6. Why do some thoughts have an influence upon the astral body but not upon the spiritual body?
- 7. What enables energy derived from the motive Contribute Your Utmost to Universal Welfare to build the spiritual form?
- 8. In the maturation of the seed, to what event in human life does casting off of the first polar body correspond?
- 9. Name the ten realms in the Cycle of Necessity through which the soul passes.
- 10. In the adjustment of mankind to the Aquarian Age, what does the tenth and final step indicate?
- 11. What is of paramount importance to the individual?
- 12. What primarily determines the behavior of the individual and the events which enter his life?
- 13. Why, to be free from want and free from fear, and to possess freedom of expression and freedom of worship, should men be familiar with the facts of astrology?
- 14. Why are illiteracy, poverty, disease, heartrending toil and the acceptance of the doctrine of atheistic materialism hindrances to the development of spirituality?
- 15. Upon what must people chiefly rely for personal experiences that prove there is a Supreme Guiding Intelligence, and life after physical death?
- 16. What is the most destructive of all emotions, and how may it be banished?
- 17. Why are induced emotions so important?
- 18. Why does atheistic materialism strive to suppress the facts of astrology and the facts of extrasensory perception?
- 19. Why should men be free to express their individual aptitudes?
- 20. The thought energies flow into and tend to develop what?
- 21. Why for true progress is it essential that man should be at liberty to change his religious views to conform to new information?
- 22. What are the nine points of the Nine-Point Plan for the New Civilization?
- 23. To what plane do the Four Freedoms set forth in association with the negative, or even, numbers, 2, 4, 6 and 8 chiefly relate?
- 24. To what plane do the Four Orders of Facts set forth in association with the positive, or odd, numbers, 1, 3, 5 and 7 chiefly relate?
- 25. Of the points in the Nine-Point Plan for the New Civilization, which is the most important?

#### **Chapter 6, Doctrine of Signatures**

- 1. What does the Solar Ray contain?
- 2. From whence are all the life-entities of our universe issued? To what do they correspond?
- 3. What law forbids the beginning or destruction of egos?
- 4. What constitutes Character of Genius?
- 5. How does the State of Life affect a soul?
- 6. What is meant by Degree of Emanation?
- 7. Describe the motives and impulses of a soul belonging to each of the four States of Life.
- 8. Describe the actions of a soul belonging to each of the three Degrees of Emanation.
- 9. What three factors determine the Doctrine of Signatures?
- 10. After differentiation, how is the soul affected by the states it passes through?
- 11. Is the Doctrine of Signatures confined to entities?
- 12. Do all peppers have their origin in the same Spiritual State of Life?
- 13. By what sign are the Irish people ruled?
- 14. Do things ruled by the same zodiacal sign harmonize?
- 15. What do the terms good and evil imply in relation to some definite entity?
- 16. How can we understand the manner in which man is influenced by objects in his immediate environment?
- 17. What birth chart position denotes the Planetary Family to which a soul belongs?
- 18. By what Law do energy-centers in the astral form attract events of the corresponding quality?
- 19. What three distinct factors can change the energy centers mapped by the birth chart?
- 20. What happens to our astral bodies when we come in close contact with another person?
- 21. What does a comparison of birth charts indicate?
- 22. What is the first astrological consideration in a question of harmonious marriage?
- 23. Is there good ground for companionship between people belonging to the same Planetary Family?
- 24. What things indicate the strongest natural source of wealth?
- 25. How can the practical application of the Doctrine of Signatures help man?

### **Chapter 7, Facts and Fancies About Reincarnation - Part 1**

- 1. Why is it dangerous to permit any idea to become so strongly entrenched that no one is permitted to criticize it?
- 2. Give the range of the number of human incarnations as taught by various schools.
- 3. What does human reincarnation imply?
- 4. What did Madame Blavatsky teach regarding human reincarnation while working under Western Initiates?
- 5. Did Madame Blavatsky teach human reincarnation before removing her headquarters to India?
- 6. Why is popular opinion a poor criterion of Truth?
- 7. What relation to progress are hardships, trials and sorrows?
- 8. Do events in themselves have a value, or can all events be made to create values for the soul?
- 9. What determines the value of any event of life?
- 10. Are there other spheres than the physical that offer every facility for progress?

- 11. Why is it difficult for many to think of any place of reward or punishment or progress other than earth?
- 12. What is the true cause of the apparent inequalities of life?
- 13. Is it logical to think the spiritual giants who have suffered have done so in punishment for crimes of previous lives?
- 14. Are all souls progressing to fulfill the same destiny?
- 15. Why are the educational needs of souls arriving at the human stage very different?
- 16. Is it probable that it requires many incarnations as a horse to produce a race horse, or many incarnations as a man to produce a college professor?
- 17. Why does the average savage have as much opportunity for spiritual progress as the common civilized man?
- 18. What opportunities for progress have those who die young?
- 19. If characters were equal and opportunities were equal would there be apparent inequalities in life?
- 20. Explain the justice of differences in character.
- 21. Can we say that human suffering is due to karma only, and disregard the suffering of animals that have no moral responsibility?
- 22. Is it logical to suppose that people are perfectly happy in their first human incarnation, before having any karma?
- 23. Does the doctrine of karma inspire the hope of soon being free from suffering?
- 24. What does karma really embrace?
- 25. What factors determine man's condition in life when born into human form?

#### **Chapter 8, Facts and Fancies About Reincarnation - Part 2**

- 1. Why is it easy to mistake a psychometric rapport with an astral record as an experience in a past life?
- 2. How are the real experiences of the soul during sleep often mistaken for an experience in a past life?
- 3. Why is genius no proof of past incarnation in human form?
- 4. What determined the first human incarnation?
- 5. What is the Cycle of Naros?
- 6. Why do certain types of people periodically recur?
- 7. What is the Anthem of Creative Life?
- 8. Is stagnation part of Nature's plan? Why?
- 9. Are Nature's limits so narrow she must force man back upon earth to relearn the lessons he has already been taught?
- 10. Why do people who recall past lives remember they were some notable person?
- 11. Why is human reincarnation not strictly an occult doctrine?
- 12. Why is it taught that the Dalai Lama is a reincarnation of Buddha?
- 13. In what way does the doctrine of human reincarnation tend to make the masses willing slaves of kings and potentates?
- 14. What teaching of Moslemism has for its purpose the subjugation of the masses?

- 15. What Christian teaching appeals to the selfish instincts of man and tends to keep him from rising against oppression?
- 16. Why has the priesthood always opposed the advance of science?
- 17. Why is the Caste System the natural outgrowth of the doctrine of human reincarnation?
- 18. Why is human reincarnation the most successful dogma ever taught for keeping the masses contented with their lot?
- 19. Do ideas reincarnate?
- 20. What are the exceptional cases in which there is human reincarnation?
- 21. What part has karma to play in life after death?
- 22. Why do Eastern priests discourage investigation of the spiritual realm?
- 23. What is the teaching the world needs at present?
- 24. Why have the people of the West made greater strides in civilization than those of the East?
- 25. Why is the teaching of human reincarnation destructive?

#### **Chapter 9, The Ritual of Egyptian Initiation**

- 1. From whence were the elaborate ceremonies of the Samothracian Mysteries, Eleusis, Bacchus, and the Saturnalia, derived?
- 2. Who was lamblichus, and what did he write?
- 3. What does "Riding the Goat" symbolize?
- 4. What were the objectives of the trials during initiation?
- 5. What are the sex doctrines of the ancient Mysteries?
- 6. In what scriptural allegory is the separation of the ego into male and female souls described?
- 7. What does the murder and reconstruction of Osiris symbolically picture?
- 8. What does the whole ritual symbolize?
- 9. What does the candidate's journey to the foot of the sphinx represent?
- 10. What does the sphinx symbolize?
- 11. What does the descending spiral stairway of 22 steps symbolize?
- 12. What is signified by the arms of the candidate crossed on his breast?
- 13. What does the abyss upon the edge of which the neophyte is halted represent?
- 14. What does the mechanical spectre swinging the scythe at the neophyte's neck seven times indicate?
- 15. What does the first dark tunnel symbolize, and what does the inverted cone with a well at the bottom represent?
- 16. What does climbing up seven steps of the iron ladder and passing through the cleft in the rocks represent?
- 17. What does the door of bronze symbolize?
- 18. What does a golden rose symbolize?
- 19. What is signified by the seven lamps of three branches each?
- 20. What is indicated by the Hierophant wearing a band of gold about his brow and occupying a throne of silver?
- 21. What does the triangle from which flow the golden rays, and the equilateral triangle of silver meeting at the top of the forehead of Isis, symbolize?

- 22. What does the second oath represent?
- 23. What does the royal nuptial chamber symbolize?
- 24. What does the garland of flowers indicate?
- 25. What is symbolized by the sphinx destroying the human effigy?