

Temple of the Sun

An Astrological Solar Year

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Temple of the Sun! You are about to embark on an exploration of the Solar energies and their expression through the cycle of a year moving through the Great Wheel of the Zodiac.

Many years ago I decided to deepen my knowledge of astrology through the discipline of 12 months of workings, contemplation and observation of the subtleties of flow from one astrological sign to the next. I chose the cycles of solar stations in each of the signs, given the longer duration of time in each of the astrological signs, unlike the lunar movements. What you hold in your hand is the result of this exploration and the expansion of its impact incorporating Qabalistic principles to add a richer layer of experience to the endeavor.

Part One: Entering the Temple of the Sun begins with an Overview of Astrological principals. There is just enough to get you started and to serve as a point of reference throughout your solar months. The **Pillars of Inspiration** are those of Solar Magick, a 101 of Qabalistic studies and practical advice on the use of pathworkings and poetry as other avenues of connection for the work ahead.

Part Two: In the Halls of the Solar Temple follow the cycle of the Astrological Wheel beginning with Aries and separated into twelve (12) chapters. Each chapter contains the tools of specific astrological attributes, considerations for magickal use, Qabalistic endeavors and a pathworking for contemplative reflection.

Final Thoughts provide some suggestions to get you thinking about how you may wish to personalize your **Next Trip Around the Sun**.

Please use the **Appendices** as points of reference throughout the Solar Year. There is much to be said for repetition and the entraining of the mind and heart in the internalization of what you seek as wisdom.

We stand in the rays of the Sun daily and with the tools and guidance of this book, the Temple of the Sun awaits you.

Part One

Entering the Temple of the Sun

Hymn to RA

All Hail to Thee, Mighty RA
Blaze of noon day sun.

Your fiery orb high in the
Sky above as we kneel
Beneath the heat of
Your radiance.

All the Gods bow to your radiance
All the Goddesses sing hymns of praise
To Your glory and man
Lays prostrate in humility
And devotion at the altar of
Your making.

Sweet music of adoration and offerings
Brought forth from the Black Land
Rise up in praise and thanks for
Your Sustaining Light.

All darkness flees at the touch of your hand
All ceases its movement as your expansive
Rays stretch across the morning sky.

The lotus opens to receive your Touch
And the sands glisten as rare jewels
As you gaze upon each grain washed
Clean in the boundless ocean that
Reflects the brilliance of your face.

All Hail to Thee
Amun-RA
All Hail to Thee
Who sits high
Above the world.

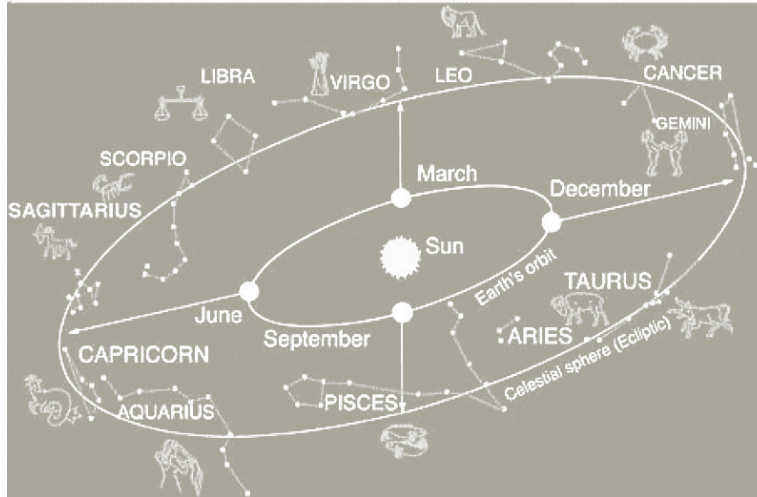
Khepra in the East
Atum in the West
Whose eye holds the
Point of Life and the
Trifold Arc of Power.

Your eyes see all and
You are the place of return
Within the glowing blackness
Of the Midnight Sun.

All Hail to Thee
All Hail to Thee
Amun, Amun, Amen!

Chapter One

The Solar Year



Astrology, Astronomy and the Sun

....The zodiac, the 12 signs listed in a horoscope, is closely tied to how the Earth moves through the heavens. The signs are derived from the constellations that mark out the path on which the sun appears to travel over the course of a year.

As Earth orbits the sun, the sun appears to pass in front of different constellations. Much like the moon appears in a slightly different place in the sky each night, the location of the sun relative to distant background stars drifts in an easterly direction from day to day. It's not that the sun is actually moving. Its motion is entirely an illusion, caused by Earth's own motion around our star. Over the course of a year, the sun appears to be in front of, or "in", different constellations. One month, the sun appears in Gemini; the next month, in Cancer....excerpted from NASA.org