THE LIGHT OF EGYPT MYSTERY

An inquiry into CofL origins

Were T.H. Burgoyne, Zanoni, and Norman Astley pseudonyms of the same man?
Zanoni, T.H. Burgoyne

Thomas Henry Dalton
b. April 14, 1855
Douglas, Isle of Man

No record of place and time of death nor of any name under which he lived post-Burgoyne
T. H. Burgoyne Chart

April 14, 1855 4:11 A.M. LMT 54N00; 3W00
Data: Laws of Occultism, by C. C. Zain

Thomas H. Burgoyne, great seer (Moon, Mercury and Neptune on Asc.) and daring pioneer (sun conjunction Mars in Aries) in placing The Brotherhood of Light teachings before the world. Light of Egypt, Vol. I, published in 1889 was responsible for C. C. Zain making a thorough study of astrology. This book and Art Magic, and Ghostland, by another author, all three now out of print, were the outstanding expositions of Brotherhood of Light teachings until the present more detailed lessons were issued.

Coordinates are east of birthplace recorded in 1881 census
Davidson, Theon, and Chintamon

Scottish Freemason, Polish Kabbalist, Bombay Hindu— all mentors of Dalton
Max Theon’s mistaken identities

DAVIDSON IS ASTLEY AKA MAX THEON

- ...he met a Peter Davidson (also known as M. Theon and Norman Astley), the real founder of the Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor.

- *Gale Encyclopedia of Occultism and Parapsychology*, citing Albert Edward Waite

THEON IS CHINTAMON?

- Chintamon had supplied the Oriental knowledge as he was a Sanskrit scholar and knew much. Theon was Chintamon!

- William Alexander Ayton, private letter
Dalton and brother-in-law John Thomas Prince sentenced to prison 1883

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Dalton arrest record

photographs undermined Burgoyne’s pseudonym
Davidson and Burgoyne arrive in Philadelphia aboard the SS Manitoba, May 5, 1886
Emma Hardinge Britten on *The Light of Egypt*

- a certain American editor...ends by adding that this book is “by Mrs. Emma Hardinge Britten”... she has not the smallest claim to stand in a position implying ability far beyond her capacity to attain to. (*The Two Worlds*, August 18, 1889, p. 489)

- One of the masterpieces, both of writing and of instruction, of the age we live in. To the present writer, who has most carefully studied this sublime and truly-inspired treatise...there is nothing comparable to it in the English language. (*The Two Worlds*, May 8, 1891, p. 301.)
Now that our author has passed beyond the power of the world to flatter or condemn, and has given his thought for the uplifting of the human family, it is but simple justice that he be made known to the world as its teacher of a higher thought than has preceded him. He shrank from public notoriety, and modestly refused to be publicly known to the world…

He moved in the world, comparatively unknown to the world at large, and his greatest friends, though mystified, did not understand his true worth in spiritual greatness. The mask, or person, often hides from view the angel in disguise. Therefore our author must be judged by what he has written, and not by his personators and calumniators.
Burgoyne’s “dictation from the subjective side of life”

As this is his posthumous contribution to the world, the author wishes, in this connection, to pay a debt of gratitude and grateful recognition to his esteemed pupil and friend, Dr. Henry Wagner, who has so generously published nearly all of his writings. Without his aid and assistance we would not have been able, of ourselves, to have given these works to the world. Therefore, honor to whom honor is due. Mrs. Belle M. Wagner has been chosen by the Masters as my spiritual successor and representative of the Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor, and thus perpetuate the chain of outward connection between those in the realm of the higher life with those upon the outward plane.
Sarah Stanley Grimké and her daughter

One of the most wonderful souls that ever came to this planet...a scorching fire through which she has passed...Her book--- “The Light of Egypt” is the most wonderful book of modern times though she says it will be one hundred years before the world will recognize it. She nearly lost her life in writing it but her soul never flinched from a duty. Emma Austin Tolles, 1898
Sarah Stanley natal chart, April 3, 1850

Writer (Mercury in 10th), astrologer (Uranus in 10th) and daring pioneer (5 planets in Aries) in placing The Brotherhood of Light teachings before the world. Assisted T.H. Burgoyne in writing that part of Light of Egypt, Vol. I, which deals with The Science of the Stars, and in many other ways gave valuable cooperation (Pluto in 10th trine Moon, ruler of 1st) in spreading The Brotherhood of Light teachings.

(Elbert Benjamine, Laws of Occultism)
Sarah, Angelina, and Archibald: three distinguished Grimkés.

Sarah Moore Grimké, 1792-1873
Angelina Grimké Weld, 1805-1879
Archibald Henry Grimké, 1849-1930
Angelina Weld Grimké
poet and playwright of the Harlem Renaissance

Oh how I wish that I had a mother! One to whom I might go and lay my head on her breast and weep away if possible all the bitterness.  Diary, July 18, 1903
While in Carmel, Burgoyne lived with Captain Norman Astley and his wife Genevieve Stebbins. Both were members of the Brotherhood who assisted Burgoyne in finding twelve earnest students who were willing to contribute $5 a month to support Burgoyne as he placed the Brotherhood of Light teachings into lessons.

Captain Astley traveled extensively as an officer in the British army and studied occultism in India. His contact with the Brotherhood led him to study with Theon in England. Astley’s work as a surveyor brought him to Carmel, California, where he eventually settled upon his marriage to Genevieve Stebbins.
Genevieve Lee Stebbins, daughter of James Cole Stebbins and Henrietta Smith, was born March 7, 1857, at San Francisco, California; married April, 1893, at Boston, Massachusetts, to NORMAN ASTLEY, born April 19, 1853, at Monmouth, England, who was a son of John Astley and Emma Hadden. Profession, journalist. Residence, 318 West 67th Street, New York, New York.
The object of the following argument is to establish what is commonly regarded as purely physical health upon a purely psychical basis; to show that Health is knowledge, wisdom insight; that men suffer from so-called purely corporal diseases only because they form erroneous judgments.

- Personified Unthinkables, 1884

Recognizing the interdependence of mind and body and the great power of habit, let us learn this beautiful philosophy,--training the body easily to express a beautiful soul, or vice versa, training the body to right normal expression--that through reflex action a sickly soul may grow into uprightness.

- The Genevieve Stebbins System of Physical Training, 1913

Which author enjoyed a long and happy life?
The Astleys in North Carolina
1894-1906

Ninth Biennial Report, NC Agricultural Experimental Station, 1895
Astleys in US censuses and Slindon directory

1900: Asbury Park, New Jersey

1913: Slindon, West Sussex

1920: Monterey, California
Norman returns to America with Genevieve in September 1917

and returns to England with wife Nellie in May 1935
If Burgoyne became Astley, why?

THREE POSSIBLE SCENARIOS

1. Burgoyne resigned his HBofL role to take a new position as Stebbins’s manager
2. Forced out by the Wagners
3. Asked to step down by Theon

HYPOTHETICAL MOTIVES

1. Becoming Mrs. Burgoyne would not be a good career move for Stebbins, a public figure
2. Denver was the center of the HBofL activities in America
3. Sarah Grimké partnership produced the HBofL lessons
Warned therefore by the failures of the past, we shall attempt the building of no system of thought. Admonished by the vagaries of intellectual speculation, when based upon the nonexistent, we shall ever rest upon the foundations of experience. Chastened in mind by the fantastic creations of an unbridled imagination, we shall conjure up no enchanted image of a final solution; but, keeping in view the finiteness of the self, and the infinity of the world, unbiased, enter upon the quest. With a humble and contrite heart, we begin the journey as pilgrims of “The Way.” (p. 40)

Life with Sarah vs. life with Genevieve?
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