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## The Editor's Observatory

### THE THREE WORLDS

THE question of whether the "dead" are living, is one of much importance at the present time when thousands of men are passing out of their physical bodies on the battlefield. It has not concerned ourselves personally so much as many of our readers, who have been sorely tried by losing their nearest and dearest in this heroic struggle between the venusian and martian forces, expressed in the Great War; and this, owing to a peculiar inner knowledge that has always possessed us that the human soul born of a heavenly Father *can never die*. To know, and to be silent, is the watchword of those who stand unruffled amidst the constant changes that result from the ceaseless turning of the Wheel of Destiny; for to speak of vital things touching God's plan of evolution requires wisdom for the expression, lest confusion enter the mind of those who can not see.

We are all temperamentally constituted to receive truth through different channels; some through faith, and others through reason; some by psychic means, and others through spiritual teachings. But to



all, no matter by which road they approach the truth, the knowledge comes to those who are desirous of perception. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle recently contributed to *Light* an article entitled "A New Revelation," in which he said:—"In spite of occasional fraud and wild imaginings there remains a solid core in the whole spiritual movement which is infinitely nearer to positive faith than any other religious development with which I am acquainted."

In the religious reconstruction that must take place after the war, and is now practically beginning, religious thought will have to come from within, and not, as hitherto, mainly from without. For the present race of mankind, we have gone to the limits of Saturn's densifying influence, and the higher physical influence of Jupiter's harmonising tendency must now draw men inward to the subjective realization of the truth. Christ in the body of Jesus has been nailed to the Cross long enough, and we have fully realized His divine sacrifice in taking upon Himself the burden of flesh. Let us now realize that He has risen and follow Him to the inner planes of nature either by meditation or by contemplation upon His Life and teachings.

If Spiritualism has required a Great War before it could avail to awaken thousands to the recognition of an invisible world, do not let us delay in our search for the truth and make it necessary that *some other catastrophe* must occur before the human soul can realize its link with God through the angels of the stars. That we are on the eve of a great religious revival with an entire change of thought in regard to religions no intelligent person can doubt, and this change is significantly evidenced by the attitude of such practical men as Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and Sir Oliver Lodge, and many others who have the courage of their convictions, and who prefer truth before fear of the ridicule of those who do not know. Sir Oliver Lodge has not hesitated to give the world the benefit of his own personal experiences in an impersonal manner, and his last book *Raymond*, or "Life and Death," gives us an indication of what form the revival of the religious spirit will take.

There are now before the world three great movements that have been working silently yet surely to reveal those vital truths they have preserved throughout the ages, for they are the same truths given to the world at the birth of man.



The first as well as the last of these movements, Theosophy, (*theos* God, *sofia* Wisdom), was destined to reveal the Divine Wisdom, a knowledge of God. It preserves the record of all the religions of the world, and sums them up in the one and only true religion—a knowledge of God. Theosophy is now radiating its teachings through the Theosophical and other Societies in every part of the world, and so far as true religion is concerned, it is the most powerful movement in the world to-day, for it works silently to form a nucleus of the real brotherhood of man. There is no other movement so far-reaching in its claim to establish the Universal Brotherhood of humanity.

Spiritualism may be considered as the second of these great movements, although it may be that it will change its name or take a ceremonial form at some date in the future. Through religious ceremonies the invisible worlds will be opened to the inner senses of those who believe those worlds to be but an *extension* of the physical. Those who are behind this movement are the Invisible Helpers who guide the "dead" and who care for those who have passed over as a mother cares for her infant in the physical world until it has grown strong enough to take care of itself. There is a constantly increasing number of intelligent men and women besides Sir Oliver Lodge and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle who know that THERE ARE NO DEAD.

Astrology may be considered as the stepping stone to the fuller realization of Theosophy—a knowledge of God. Spiritualism offers proof of the unity of humanity on all planes of existence, its chief concern is with *humanity*, and its methods provide the link of contact between the visible and invisible worlds in which humanity dwells. It deals with the world of Emotion. Astrology proves the existence of super-human intelligences and links man to God through the Angelic Hosts who work between man and God. Astrology traces the links between causes and effects; it reveals the law by which every living thing is governed, and demonstrates the workings of a Divine law in the Physical, Emotional, and Mental worlds. It demonstrates by a perfect symbology the motions of the earth in relation to the ecliptic zodiac; by a series of geometrical figures it explains the way in which God geometrises; and by observing the relation of the earth to the heavenly bodies reveals an unbroken



connection between God and man. There is no theory relating to the form of man and his destiny through the world of forms that cannot be reasonably explained by well-established rules founded upon a scientific basis known to man since the world began under the name of Astrology—the 'reason' of the stars.

The dictionary definition of the word Astrology is *aster* star; *logos*, word, knowledge, or reason; and astrology is thus defined as the reason or science of the stars.

Astrologers, ancient and modern, found their reasoning on a belief that there is One infinitude in which there are innumerable manifestations. They claim that the Human Self is divine *in essence*, and therefore immortal during both past and present; but they recognise that a conscious recognition of this immortality must be won by merit and pure living. "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."

Astrology reveals the destiny of the Human Self, through a long pilgrimage in the material world, from the dimly conscious state of innocence or ignorance, to the self-conscious state of knowledge, until the final goal of super- or cosmic consciousness is reached by love or wisdom. It views the zodiac as a circle of necessity in which the prototypes of all that is to be will be made manifest through suitable sheaths. The planets are considered as the concrete centres of vast spheres of influence from which certain vibrations are transmitted through the signs of the zodiac with which they are in affinity, and interpreted to our intelligence physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually. Astrology may therefore truly be defined as The Reason of the Stars; and although the "casting of horoscopes" is an integral part of astrology, that part is no more *fortune-telling* than is the forecasting of certain results from known chemical laws.

THEOSOPHY as the Wisdom religion is the summation of all endeavours to find God. This Wisdom leads men to the Masters of Wisdom and to the living Christ through whom the knowledge of God is obtainable by all who ask with faith and truth in their hearts.

SPIRITUALISM opens the door of psychic vision to the unseen worlds, but it warns the unclean and the materially minded to beware of self-deception, since none but the pure in heart shall see God. It has no terrors for the fearless man or woman who has outgrown selfish love. It opens up a psychic field filled with wonders and hidden



secrets for those whose senses have extended beyond the physical, whose eyes can see without tears and whose ears can hear without personal sensitiveness.

ASTROLOGY opens the door of the mind to those whose senses are under control, and reveals the workings of nature to the intelligence seeking to know God through His manifested worlds. Everything that has name and form is the outward manifestation of an inner prototype. Astrology scientifically demonstrates that there is a time to be born and a time to die in the physical world, a time to weep and a time to joy in the emotional world, and a time to study and a time to meditate in the mental world; and finally it shows that while fate binds us to forms we have not yet outgrown through lack of knowledge, we are nevertheless destined to become *perfect*, even as our Father in Heaven is perfect. But to attain the knowledge of this perfection we must obey and not abuse the laws of our being by working with the laws of evolution and not against them. Astrology warns those who cannot open the mind beyond the cloudy region of the senses that divine laws used for selfish ends will produce limitations that bind the mind to fatalistic conceptions and thus defeat the aim of all true astrological teachings that "Character is Destiny," and that there is no compelling influence in any of the three worlds to oblige man to sin. Ignorance of the laws that govern evolution is the only sin to be feared. Astrology includes a knowledge of the worlds in which we live, an understanding of the human souls who are evolving with ourselves, and a comprehension of the influences that attract us to the feet of the Masters, to Christ, and to the Lord of the World.

The exponents of Spiritualism, Astrology, and Theosophy may not have absorbed the teachings belonging to their particular lines of evolution sufficiently to live constantly in the vibrations of the planes to which they belong—say the emotion of pure love and devotion for spiritualists, or the higher and intuitional mind for astrologers, but it is quite safe to believe that the one is eventually to become the Mystic and the other the Occultist. The Theosophist is the one who is to become the Altruist and the faithful server of mankind, and he has the greater task; for he must be so tolerant that he can see that by whatever road a man may come, all roads lead to God.



## AFTER DEATH . . WHAT?

Mrs C. Despard has written a charming pamphlet entitled *Life, Death—and What Then?* from which we extract the following. "‘Shuffle off this mortal coil’ said our greatest poet, and that is precisely what happens. The physical body is not ourselves; it is the vehicle in which we travel; it is the instrument through which we work. It is worn out, it can express us no longer; or, it may be, we have work to do for which it is too unwieldy. Enough! we drop it, as we might lay aside a garment when its use is done, and take on another that is ready for us. And why should we fear death? . . . ."

It is a beautifully written pamphlet written by a real lover of humanity in whom truly shines the Light of the World.

There is another pamphlet published at twopence entitled *After Death—What?* by C. Jinarajadasa, M.A., (Cantab.), in which the author states that "there is no religion that does not promise man immortality. . . . But their message is to our intuitions, to our faith, and not to our reasoning intellects which cannot in these days be satisfied with faith alone;" and he concludes with the statement that, "an exception there is just now to the normal process of evolution. For in the history of humanity we are at a crisis, in this World War, when a world is dying and a world is being born. Behind both the death and the life God stands; and for those that stand with Him on the side of life He gives the boon of renouncing Heaven for a while to return to birth *at once* to be reconstructors of a destroyed world. That is the inner meaning of this war, . . . beyond birthing and dying is the never-ending Adventure, the discovery of God and Ourselves."

From all sides we find men testifying to the fact that there are no dead; it is only the sheaths which hide the soul, that drop away. Astrologers, in common with all men who think deeply, have a scientific explanation to offer of the fear of death. They have ever taught that man is "a divine fragment" of God's Life, and that his soul is derived from the Father Star in the heavens. The Chaldean astrologers taught their pupils many things proving the wonderful power of the mind, and the imagination of the soul. They declared



"that our mind being firmly fixed on God may be filled with the divine power and being so replenished with light its beams being diffused through all media even to this gross, dark, heavy, mortal body, it may endow it with abundance of light and make it like the stars, and equally shining."

Fear is the influence that comes through holding this light in the mortal body and the desire to hold it as a separated and material light. They taught the influence of the Light and its illumination of the mind. Man fears death when he conceives the notion that his intellect is derived from the gray matter of his brain instead of being an illumination from the mind. In the astrological scheme there is no sudden jump from man to God, there are instead a certain number of intermediate states of existence, and we know of no other system of thought that scientifically demonstrates the existence of higher intelligences than the human who form the guardian wall of humanity, since all intelligences pass through spheres of influence from infinity to the dense and concrete modes of manifestation, and back to infinity again, each having won in its pilgrimage a sphere of influence of *its own*.

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KILLED IN THE WAR.—A member of the Astrological Society now in khaki send the following two cases, both officers:

a. Born 1 a.m., 15/1/85, Aldershot, killed last Dec. This chap was a tall well-built man with very red hair and typical m features. A thoroughly high principled man. Had a severe love disappointment, also a bad cycling spill. He was instantaneously killed by a chance shell.

b. Born 5.45 a.m., 20/7/93, London. Had his leg shattered by a shell last spring and finally died in hospital last Dec., after many operations. Had erysipelas and gangrene. Was tall, slim, handsome,—not at all the ♀ type—and very quiet and refined. Went through some of the severest fighting and was quite the idol of his Coy. on account of his cheerfulness, I believe. Had just got his Comm. after months of trying and was coming home to take up same only a day or so after he was hit. I thought the close 24 \* ☉ and ♀ on asc would have kept him safe.

METHODS OF HOUSE-DIVISION.—We have received from Mr Aritaka Kumamoto, of Tokio, a very courteous letter in which after expressing his high appreciation of the Chapter in *Casting the Horoscope* on "Various Methods of House-Division," he says he is inclined to think the 'Semi-Arc system' in common use needs some further discussion; and he adds an essay on the calculation of 'poles' with the object of securing greater accuracy. This article though highly technical is very interesting, and we had hoped to print it in our next issue, together with some comments by the compiler of *Casting the Horoscope*; but unfortunately the scarcity of space forbids, and we must therefore postpone it—not indefinitely, but until we have either more pages at disposal, or less pressure of other matter.



## King Albert of the Belgians

STUDENTS of Astrology the world over will be interested in the following correspondence.

" MODERN ASTROLOGY " OFFICE,  
40 IMPERIAL BLDGS.,  
LONDON, E.C.

November 21st, 1916.

*To His Majesty King Albert of the Belgians*

SIRE,

Mons. Jean Delville, the artist, of Brussels, who is known to you, has suggested that we should address ourselves to Your Majesty personally, and ask your help in the following difficulty. The birth-time of Your Majesty has been given as

- (a) April 8, 1875 a little before 10 a.m.
- (b) April 8, 1875 at 4.50 p.m.

It will be known to Your Majesty that the correctness of an astrological delineation depends upon the *hour* as well as on the *day* of birth. And therefore when the birth-time is uncertain, doubt will be cast upon the reliability of the horoscope. Our difficulty in this instance resides in the fact that these times have BOTH been derived from what appear to be quite reliable sources; and we have therefore no means of resolving the contradiction, apart from purely astrological considerations—of the validity of which the public cannot judge.

An unfortunate result of this state of things is that two entirely different nativities have been published, one in our magazine MODERN ASTROLOGY and the other in the *British Journal of Astrology*.

We are anxious that Your Majesty shall be convinced that we appreciate our responsibility in such a matter, and that we did not publish the nativity without being assured that the time was correct. We therefore entreat Your Majesty's patience while we relate the circumstances :—

(1) As soon as possible after the War broke out we published a "Special Number" giving the nativities of nearly all the rulers of European Countries, except Servia and Belgium. Soon after, a gentleman interested in astrology called on us and said that Your Majesty's sister the Duchess of Vendôme was in England, and that he believed he could obtain access to her and ascertain



the information we required. This eventually he did, and the time was given him by the Nurse who attended at Your Majesty's birth. Our representative was greatly touched by Her Highness's consideration in allowing him to interview the Nurse. He said in his letter to us: "without Her Highness's co-operation I should not have got the time from the nurse. *She (the nurse) is quite certain about it, and there is no mistake.*"

The time here referred to is "a little before 10 a.m." Her Highness the Duchess of Vendôme was then (25/9/1914) staying at ——— near London.<sup>1</sup> Her friends were naturally anxious that her whereabouts should not be known, or even suspected, and therefore when in the November number of 'Modern Astrology' the nativity was published, we merely stated that the birth-time had been obtained 'from a reliable source.'

(2) Nine months later, in August 1915, the *British Journal of Astrology*, having been informed by a correspondent that a "certificate delivered by the Lord Mayor of Brussels states that Albert, King of Belgium, was born on the 8th day of April 1875, at 4.50 p.m.," published a nativity calculated for that time.

(3) Quite recently we came across a letter received by us in 1912 from a French Doctor of medicine residing at Dole in France, a letter which had been put aside and unfortunately overlooked: though perhaps it may in the end turn out to have been a fortunate accident if it leads to the clearing up of an error. This gentleman writes:—"Je vous envoie les coordonnés d'Albert, roi des Belges délivrer par l'administration communale de Bruxelles. *Pièce authentique et officielle.* 'Albert, roi des Belges, huit Avril 1875 a quatre heures cinquante minutes de l'après midi a Bruxelles.'"

The time 4.50 p.m. seems clearly to be derived from some official record of the birth.

On the other hand we have no reason to suspect the *bona fides* of the gentleman referred to on the second page of this letter: [par. (1) above]. Yet both times cannot be correct.

In this dilemma we have ventured to appeal to Your Majesty to help us by directing us to some authority which can set the matter at rest, or by Your own personal statement.

We ask this, not because we seek justification for our own publication as against another, but because we are acquainted with the increasing interest taken by a large section of the public in the study of astrology, and because we realise that the nativities of those who have taken a leading part in this Great War will be turned to and studied by future generations far more even than they are now.

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<sup>1</sup> [In the actual letter sent to King Albert the name of the house and suburb is given.]



Astrologers regard the reigning sovereign as the representative of his nation, so that his nativity has a national significance, and therefore, in view of the noble part that Belgium has taken in this great struggle, astrological students will set a special value on this nativity.

We entitle our magazine: "MODERN ASTROLOGY: A Journal devoted to the Search for Truth concerning Astrology," and it is in the interest of truth that we have been so bold as to address ourselves to Your Majesty in regard to this matter.

Your Majesty's obedient and humble servants,  
 "MODERN ASTROLOGY" AND STAFF,  
 (Signed) ALAN LEO, *Editor*

This letter was sent with a suitable covering letter addressed to King Albert's private secretary in which we begged that our letter might be laid before His Majesty at some moment of comparative leisure, and in due course we received the following Reply.

BELGIAN HEADQUARTERS, *December 20th, 1916.*

SIR,

In reply to your letter of 21st ultimo, I have the honour to inform you, after having made careful investigation, that there is every reason to believe that the hour and day of the birth of His Majesty, Albert First, King of the Belgians, as certified in the Civil State of Brussels, is correct.

I am,

Sir,

ALAN LEO, Esq., *Editor*,  
 Imperial Buildings,  
 Ludgate Circus,  
 London, E.C.

Your obedient Servant,  
 C<sup>te</sup> FR. DE JEHAY,  
*Chief of the King's Cabinet*

P.S.—Would you be so kind as to send me to the undernoted address, together with a note of the cost, a copy of "Modern Astrology" and a copy of the "Special Number" mentioned in paragraphs 2 and 4 on page two of your letter No. 111, dated 21st November 1916 to His Majesty?

COUNT DE JEHAY,  
 c/o MAJOR A. A. GORDON,  
 Apsley House.  
 Piccadilly,  
 London, W.



We do not think we can more fittingly indicate our appreciation of the truly Royal courtesy which has thus found time amid such grievous cares to provide for investigation and reply, than by publishing the correspondence. We have begged His Majesty's gracious acceptance of copies of the issues of MODERN ASTROLOGY mentioned in the letter.

The horoscope calculated for 4.50 p.m. 8/4/1875 in accordance with the information supplied by the Mayor of Brussels, is printed overleaf.

### DELINEATION OF THE NATIVITY

IN this nativity the last degree of the sign Virgo is rising, and the last degree of the sign Gemini is culminating with no planets in the ascendant or midheaven.

The whole of the sign Libra may be said to govern the ascendant, and Venus must be taken as the ruling planet. This planet is unfortunately placed in the sixth house which nullifies much of the influence of the exaltation of Venus in Pisces.

The majority of the planets are setting. Jupiter the rising planet is placed in the last decanate of the rising sign Libra. The quality of the horoscope is FIXED-FIRE, the nature of which is fully described in *The Art of Synthesis*, p. 183.

The unfortunate aspects are Sun in opposition to Jupiter and the Moon in square aspect to Saturn.

The benefic aspects are Sun trine Uranus and Mars, in the fiery triplicity; the Moon sextile Mercury and quincunx Jupiter, and Venus parallel Jupiter and Neptune.

A somewhat remarkable feature of this horoscope is the influence of the decanates of the signs<sup>2</sup> in which the planets are placed at birth, the planets Venus and Neptune *alone* being unaffected in this respect;

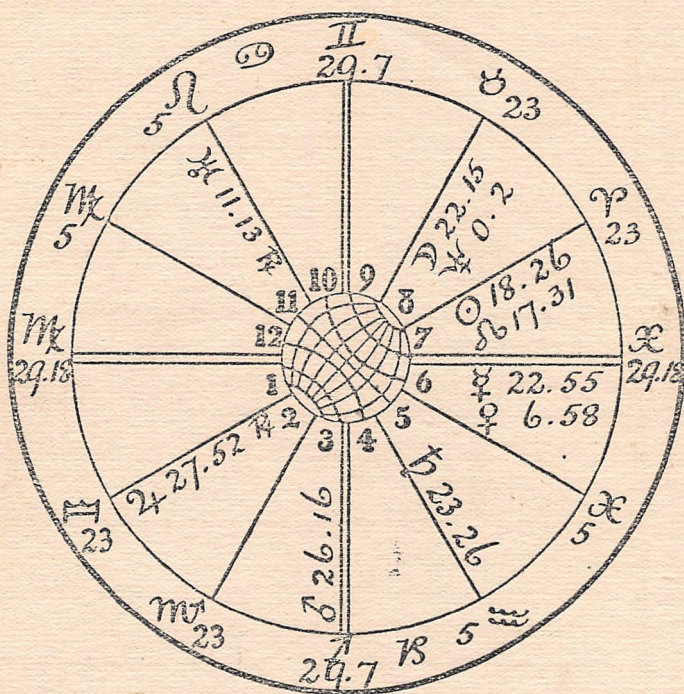
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<sup>2</sup> The Sun is in ♍ 18.26. This is 8.25 past ♍ 10.0, which is where the ♏ decanate commences. It may therefore be said to correspond to ♏ 8.26. But ♏ 8.26 is within the cusp of the eleventh house, and in conjunction with ♀—hence the expression “absorbing a Uranian influence.”

With this hint the other remarks will readily be followed. In order that the significance of these decanate positions may be apprehended, we have had a supplementary chart prepared in which they are shown in their due house position. This chart faces the nativity.



and these two planets alone are unafflicted by adverse aspects, which they probably could not stand in their weak positions. If the positions of the planets in their decanates are translated into mundane positions in the nativity they will be found to produce some remarkable influences. The Sun is in the Leo decanate  $8^{\circ}26'$  on the cusp of the eleventh house absorbing a Uranian influence. Mars is



☉ 7.14 N	☿ 9.32 S	♅ 14.42 S
☽ 21.9 N	♂ 23.27 S	♁ 18.5 N
♂ 5.3 S	♂ 9.18 S	♃ 9.54 N

Nativity: 8/4/1875, 4.50 p.m., local time, 50.52N, 4.1E.

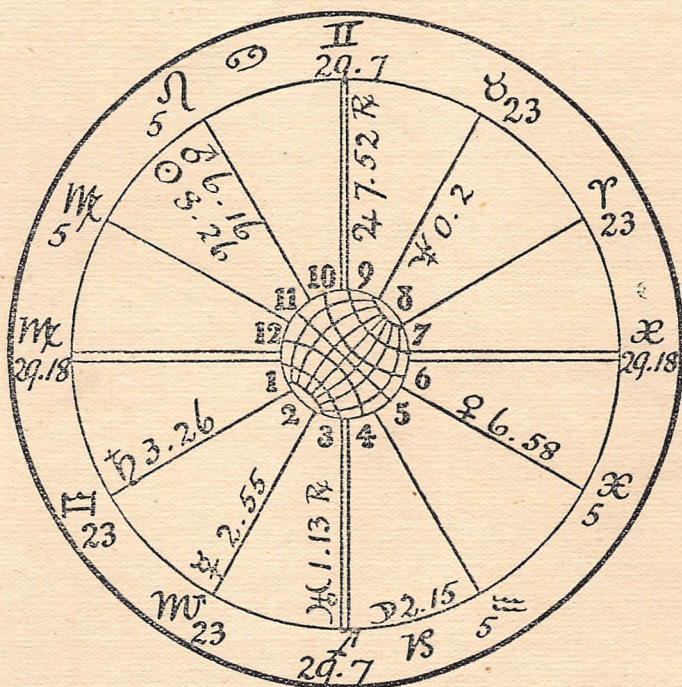
also placed in the Leo decanate  $6^{\circ}16'$  accentuating the Sun's conjunction in this position and producing a miniature Sun conjunction Mars and Uranus in the nativity—which is quite significant in the betrayal by “friends” from which he suffered when his country was invaded by his neighbour the German Emperor!

The Moon is in the Capricorn decanate translating the Moon



square Saturn into a fourth house influence, accentuating the rulership of the midheaven and the fourth house. And the fateful square of Uranus is in the Sagittarius decanate affecting the third house—*neighbours*—and accentuating the strain of the conjunctions in the sign Leo on the cusp of the eleventh house, the house of friends, who were undoubtedly enemies by design.

Jupiter is in the Gemini decanate with a ninth house influence,



*Supplementary Chart of the Nativity drawn so as to show the Decanate influence*

bringing a square aspect of Jupiter with Venus into activity, showing the help of foreign countries which failed to bring the King out of his difficulties. Saturn is in the Libra decanate affecting the first house and translating the square aspect of the Moon to Saturn into a *personal* affliction. Finally Mercury is in the Scorpio decanate accentuating the sorrowful experiences indicated by the setting position of Mercury in Pisces the sign of its fall. The opposition of



this position to Neptune from the sign Scorpio denotes the treachery and cruelty of the King's enemies, for Mercury rules the twelfth house.

King Albert's nativity plainly shows that he had to be the victim of a cruel *fate*, over which he had practically no control, and the worst fate fell upon him at a time when he had to submit to circumstances, he having no power in himself to alter them.

The honour and integrity of King Albert is unquestionable and under no circumstances could he have been bought or made a traitor to his people. In spite of three planets in the signs of their exaltation, no amount of effort on his part could have been stronger than destiny. What he has realized only God and his own heart can know.

This arrangement of the planets in their decanates is the one we have adopted for many years, and if it is questioned it may be noted that the progressed horoscope supports the claim that it is an index to events that cannot be mistaken. The King's progressed horoscope at the time of the outbreak of war had brought the progressed MC to the conjunction of the fateful conjunctions in the first decanate of Leo, and this alone might easily form a satisfactory point from which to rectify the nativity, since it signified the sudden ruin of the Belgian nation.

The invasion of Belgium took place while the malefic influence of Mars square Saturn was in operation<sup>3</sup> from the ascendant to the midheaven of King Albert's nativity—a decidedly fateful influence, for then the transit Saturn was in opposition to the radical Mars near the cusp of the fourth house, besides other factors that students will have noticed. But these cosmic positions needed an explosive and tragic series of influences, such as we have found in the decanate positions, to be affected by them.

We shall have more to say about this nativity later, when the "directions" will be given and an attempt made to discover where and how the nation will be restored to King Albert.

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<sup>3</sup> This aspect was completed 12/8/1914 but was within orbs for a fortnight or more before and after that date.



## International Astrology

*New Moon, 21 February 1917 6.9 p.m. London*

	x	xi	xii	i	ii	iii
(1)	♄ 5	♄ 12	♄ 15	♄ 11	♄ 2	♄ 30
(2)	♄ 18	♄ 25	♄ 26	♄ 21	♄ 13	♄ 12
(3)	♄ 3	♄ 13	♄ 14	♄ 2	♄ 23	♄ 23
(4)	♄ 18	♄ 23	♄ 4	♄ 10	♄ 29	♄ 21
(1)	London	(2) Berlin	(3) Petrograd	(4) New York		
♄ 2.33	♄ 8.6	♄ 16.34	♄ 4.6	♄ 1.32	♄ 24.35	♄ 20.46
						♄ 2.44

Virgo rises at London and the Sun and Moon are in conjunction with Mars just below the cusp of the descendant in Pisces, but all three in good aspect to Jupiter in the ninth house. This signifies increased trouble in international affairs in western Europe, fighting by sea with gain to the Allies, but Spain and Portugal will be liable to be affected, especially the latter country, which is ruled by Pisces. Treachery, spying and underhand conduct are to be feared during the lunation. A great deal of attention will be paid to the forces, chiefly the navy and the air service, and some necessary changes and reforms will be made.

Parliament will not be under fortunate influences and is not likely to accomplish much. The re-entry of Jupiter into Taurus will benefit Irish affairs, although the square from Neptune and Mercury suggest that everything will not be smooth politically and that there will be trouble in Parliament, changes and mistakes in policy which will tell against the Government.

The map as a whole is not of first rate importance and is less significant than those for the winter and spring quarters. The place of the luminaries falls as under in various horoscopes :—

KING GEORGE	♄ ♄ p	CZAR	♄ ♄ ♄
„ ITALY	♄ ♄	EMP. GERMANY	♄ ♄
„ BELGIUM	♄ ♄	PRES. POINCARÉ	♄ ♄
„ SWEDEN	♄ ♄	GEN. JOFFRE	♄ ♄

At Berlin naval fighting and activity are also indicated; there will be an epidemic or much sickness in the country, as well as much discontent on the part of labour and the socialist party.

The Sun, Moon and Mars will rise in the Pacific Ocean;



culminate in North America ; set in west Europe and west Africa ; and be on the nadir near Calcutta. At home the weather is likely to be rather warmer than the average about this time.

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The changes in the government which took place early in December came as a surprise to the general public, though they were foreshadowed in our remarks on the autumn quarter in this magazine last September where Uranus was on the cusp of the fourth house opposing the Moon on the cusp of the tenth (p. 283, last par.). The prediction of "the instability of those in power" came true, although we did not succeed in naming the date when this would eventuate. Mr H. H. Asquith's resignation of office occurred on December 5, when Mars was entering Capricorn in square to the Sun's place (lord of the tenth in the eleventh) at the autumn ingress. The current lunation was that of 25/11/1916, Venus in the tenth in opposition to Jupiter in the fourth. The opposition of the two benefics often presents difficulty in elucidating its precise significance ; but it may be suggested that it may be read in connection with the fact that it was a voluntary resignation on the part of Mr H. H. Asquith, and not one resulting from a government defeat in parliament.

The angular positions of Venus, Mars, and Jupiter, three mild or warm planets, at the November lunation were not followed by mild weather as was expected. This was an instance in which current aspects—Sun, Moon, and Mercury trine the colder Saturn, though none of them angular—completely overpowered the influence of the warmer angular planets. But our prediction that the entry of the Sun into Capricorn (Dec p. 379) would be attended by milder weather was fulfilled, for the cold weather came to an end about this date. In this case the rising position of Venus was supported by ☉ Δ ♀, ♀ ♂ ♂.

The strenuous attempts at peace made by Germany, followed by Pres. Wilson's peace note to the belligerents, were in full accordance with our remarks on the map of the winter quarter (Dec p. 378) where the indications of a more pacific tone were very marked and were pointed out by us. The November *Occult Review* also contained some very accurate anticipations by the editor, Mr Ralph Shirley, on this subject.



## THE PRIME MINISTER'S DIRECTIONS

*General Directions*

♀ * ♄ r	June 1916	♄ √ ☉ r	April 1919
♄ * ♀ r	Sept "	♄ * ♀	May 1919
♄ * ♀ r	March 1917	♄ Δ ♄	June "
♄ P MCr	" "	♄ Δ ♄ r	" "
♄ Δ ♄	July 1918	☉ ☐ ♄ r	March 1920
♄ Δ ♄ r	Sept "		

*Lunar Directions*

♄ * ♄ r, * ♄ r	April 1916	♄ ♄ ♄ r p	Feb 1917
" P ♄	July "	" ♄ ♄	March "
" ♄ MCr, * Asc r	Aug "	" ♄ ♄, * ♄	Aug "
" P MCr	Sept "	" P ♄	Sept "
" * ♄ r, Δ ♄	Oct "	" √ ☉ r, * ♄ r p	Oct "
" ☐ ♄ r	Jan 1917	" P MCr	Nov "

*Progressed Horoscope as at 2/3/1917*

x	xi	xii	i	ii	iii
♄ 28.52	♄ 22	♄ 2	♄ 4.15	♄ 25	♄ 12
☉ 21.26	♄ 17.41	♄ 24.22	♄ 13.17	♄ 11.50	♄ 26.8r
				♄ 3.2r	♄ 16.50
					♄ 3.5

*Transits 1917.*—☉ ecl ♄ ♄ Jan 23; ♄ ♄ ♄ Feb 18; ♄ ecl ♄ ♄ June 19; ☉ ecl ♄ ♄ July 19; ♄ ♄ ♄ Aug 9; ♄ ♄ ♄ Aug 29; ♄ ♄ asc Sept 8; ♄ ♄ ♄ Oct 7; ☉ ecl ♄ ♄ Dec 14.

The Prime Minister's Directions present a suitable picture of the stormy and unsettled period of our history at which he has been called upon to take office; for while strongly good in some respects they are critical and decidedly warlike in others.

The midheaven of the progressed horoscope has just passed the conjunction with the Sun, and this has been supported during 1916 by Asc P ☉, two directions strongly indicative of increase of power and dignity; and they were followed by Asc \* ♄ Δ ♄, both very fortunate. Mars rising in the progressed map is also significant of the times and of Mr Lloyd George's activities in connection with war and munitions. Jupiter will transit this ascendant during the second half of the present year, when it approaches King George's Sun and the German Emperor's Jupiter; influences favourable for success and tending towards peace.

There is a long train of very fortunate mutual directions during the next three years, with only occasional trouble through lunar directions and bad transits. But if the position of the Moon on the eleventh cusp is correct the end of the present government or parliament or both seems to be indicated in 1920, under Sun square Moon.



## The Great War<sup>1</sup>

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### V.—THE COSMIC FORCES AND THE WORLD WAR

I DO not expect to find that the analysis of the course of events and their connection with the planetary aspects made in the four preceding chapters, has been allowed to pass without some criticism. It may be asked: Why should good aspects favour the Allies rather than the Germanic Powers? It cannot be replied that some of these favourable aspects are with the meridian and ascendant of one of the allied Powers, for the horoscope is assumed to be the world-horoscope, and not that of any nation in particular. Moreover most of the aspects are between the planets themselves, and these would remain the same whatever meridian was adopted.

On the theory of a World-Horoscope which is here being developed, favourable aspects can only be interpreted as being favourable to the evolution of the human race in general, and unfavourable aspects, as obstacles which have to be surmounted by the forces behind evolution. It follows from this that the good aspects will favour those belligerents whose victory will help forward evolution, and that the bad aspects will favour those whose victory will hinder evolution. I fail to see how this deduction can be escaped from, without rejecting the theory on which these articles are based. If the theory does not fit the facts, it ought to be rejected, but if it does fit the facts, it may be well to accept it provisionally.

Just as the exoteric sciences, Physics, Chemistry, Astronomy, etc. are interlinked and mutually support each other, so with the Occult Sciences; they are mutually helpful and explanatory. Astrology cannot be isolated from the rest of Occultism without losing much of

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<sup>1</sup> Continued from p. 366 of previous volume.



its vitality. Those who say that Astrology has nothing occult about it are in my opinion wide of the mark; it would be more correct to say that everything is occult about it—though that in its turn would be an exaggeration. On its abstract side Astrology is the science of time, but on its form side it may be defined as the science of the mechanism of Divine Government. There may be nothing miraculous in this mechanism, but there is certainly much that is occult. To study the workings of the mechanism, and ignore the Occult Hierarchy which uses the mechanism, is like watching the career of a chariot whilst disregarding the driver.

#### WHY GOOD ASPECTS FAVOUR THE ALLIES

The reason why good aspects of the planets should favour the Allies and not the Germanic Powers is best explained by information derived from occult sources.

The present war is not an ordinary war, in which the fate of one or two nations only is involved. It is a contest which will determine the course of civilisation for the next 10000 years. Most people are beginning to understand the enormous magnitude of the issues at stake, but only the occultist can realise them in their full significance.

The last occasion in which so great a world-struggle took place was before the last destruction of the continent of Atlantis, about thirteen thousand years ago; and the victory of the Dark Powers, at that time, necessitated the sinking of the continent a thousand years later: *Theosophist*, Feb 1916, pp. 512-514. This period of 13000 years was known to the Greeks as the Heliacal Year: *Isis Unveiled*, i. 31. It is the half of a cycle of Precession, so that at the last contest the first point of Aries was where the first point of Libra is now, that is, somewhere near the star Spica. The same people who brought about the war of 13000 years ago, have brought about the war of 1914. "All those great characters who tower like giants in the history of mankind, like Buddha-Siddartha and Jesus in the realm of spiritual, and Alexander the Macedonian and Napoleon the Great in the realm of physical conquests, were but reflex images of human types which had existed 10000 years before, in the preceding decimillennium, reproduced by the mysterious powers controlling the



destinies of our world": *ib.* p. 35. The author of the above work, Madame Blavatsky, long ago told her pupils that Prince Bismarck was one of the 'Lords of the Dark Face' whose victories in former ages involved the destruction of a continent: *Theosophist*, Feb 1916, p. 518.

To the question therefore, why should the planetary aspects be reflected in the victories and defeats of the Allies, we may reply, this is because the issues at stake are of the cosmic order of importance.

#### WHY GERMANY IS FIGHTING ON THE WRONG SIDE

It may further be contended that since Germany is the best organised and most efficient nation, the good aspects should correspond to German victories and *vice versa*.

A part of this contention may be admitted. I am told for instance that German towns have no slums, and that the country in general is a model of orderliness and successful culture. My reply is that this result has been obtained at the expense of individual freedom. Now freedom is of the essence of human evolution. It is sometimes asked why God has not made man perfect from the first. If this had been done, the perfection would have been imposed from without. But this perfection had to be evolved from within. Man had to make himself perfect by the free play of his life forces. How could God create a perfect man, was not the problem; the problem was, how could man create perfection for himself. The efficiency of the German nation therefore, being imposed from without, was contrary to the divine plan. The attainment of efficiency can wait, there is plenty of time for it, but the principle of individual freedom must be retained at all costs.

This is one reason why the German nation is fighting on the wrong side. Another reason is that it has adopted a principle which is deliberately immoral. This principle goes under the name of the 'Frederician Tradition,' and has been thus defined: "The King of Prussia shall do all that may seem to advantage the Kingdom of Prussia among the nations, notwithstanding any European conventions or any tradition of Christendom, or even any of those wider and more general conventions which govern the international conduct



"of other Christian peoples": *A General Sketch of the European War*, by Hillaire Belloc, p. 33. Since the above principle, which has been generally followed since the time of Frederick the Great who originated it, would make the confederation of the nations impossible, and since such a confederation is the next step in human evolution, it was absolutely necessary that this moral cancer should be destroyed root and branch.

For the above reasons amongst others the Germanic Powers naturally became the vehicle of the Lords of the Dark Face in the present contest, whilst the nations which were opposed to such principles, as naturally became the proteges of the Occult Hierarchy whose function it is to accelerate evolution. Hence the good planetary aspects are favourable to the Allies, and unfavourable to the Germanic Powers.

The analysis of the aspects and the course of events bear out the truth of this conclusion, and confirm the information derived from occult sources. We thus see that the linking of Astrology with occultism is helpful and even essential for a full interpretation.

#### THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CONFLICT

Although the present war has an importance to the human race of the same order of magnitude as that in Atlantis thirteen thousand years ago, its effect on human evolution will be diametrically opposite in character. For in Atlantis the Dark Powers gained the victory; the majority of the human race were in their favour. But in the present war the Occult Hierarchy will win; *Theosophist*, Feb 1916, pp. 515-526. This statement is supported by the secondary directions which from May 1916 are generally favourable.<sup>1</sup> Once the Occult Hierarchy gains the upper hand the whole civilisation will take on a new character. A little consideration will make this clear. The reason why the Hierarchy will win is that there is now a majority of mankind on the side of the good. Many of those who in Atlantis

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<sup>1</sup> [The reader may find it of interest to refer back to p. 238 of MODERN ASTROLOGY for July 1916, where quotations from newspapers dated 11/3/1916 and 22/3/1916 are given, and note the general agreement of what is there said with the course of events.]



fought for the Lords of the Dark Face, are now fighting against them ; *ib.* p. 526. This process of conversion from the evil to the good will continue as evolution proceeds, so that the supporters of the Occult Hierarchy will continually increase, and the supporters of the Dark Powers will continuously diminish. During the last thirteen thousand years the government of the world has in a sense been in the hands of the Dark Powers, but as evil is self-destructive such government has always a time limit. But once the good gets the upper hand its power increases without limit. Its system of government is eternal.

This makes the present war of immensely greater interest than the war of Atlantis, for the Atlantean war put evolution backwards, whilst the present war will put it forwards. It is therefore the epoch in human evolution *par excellence*, which will be recorded in history, and commented upon for untold milleniums. It will establish once more upon the earth the GOLDEN AGE which prophets have foretold and innumerable poets have sung. This explains the significance of the letter of an Occultist in April 1912, previously quoted, in which it is said, "the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." For when once the reins of government have passed out of the hands of the Lords of the Dark Face, they can never recover their authority. It is sufficiently established, by ample evidence, that it was Germany who—in the ordinary human sense of the word—originated this war ; yet the Kaiser and his Prussian oligarchy were actually the puppets of much mightier forces. It is the Manu of the Race who really controls these things : *Adyar Bulletin*, Feb 1916, p. 45. Germany trapped Austria into the war, but she in her turn was similarly trapped ; for she would on no account have begun the war if she had not felt secure that England would not fight against her. Germany trapped Austria on August 1st ; Germany was herself trapped on August 5th. It was the Lords of the Dark Face that decided on war, but it was the Occult Hierarchy that decided when the war should begin. On this point the Dark Powers were out-manceuvred. It was the misfortune of Germany that she afforded the most suitable vehicle through which the Dark Powers could function, for reasons above explained. "It is impossible but that offences will come : but woe unto him, through whom they come" : Luke xvii. 1.



## THE CHALLENGE AND THE ACCEPTANCE

The first move on the cosmic chess board was made by the Lords of the Dark Face, but it was the only move open to them, and it was promptly followed by a second move which was checkmate. The second move was that of the Occult Hierarchy.

This statement, which is intuitional, is based principally on astrological considerations. Just as a general in an earthly campaign will arrange his forces so as to have the use of railways for his transports, so will the Heavenly Warriors arrange that the mechanism of divine government, the astrological aspects, shall have a configuration which shall be most suitable for the work they have in hand. Hence whilst the earthly general will manœuvre for a place, or a position of advantage, the celestial general will manœuvre for a time, or a period when his mechanism is the most efficient. I have reason to believe that the cosmic mechanism through which the Occult Hierarchy helps mankind depends largely upon the configuration of three planets,—Jupiter, Uranus, and Neptune. With this kept well in view, we will now tabulate the aspects of these three bodies with the world-horoscope during the year 1914.

## MAJOR TRANSITS DURING 1914

Jan	1	♄ * ♄	June	12	♄ st * ♂
Jan	12	♄ Δ Asc	June	27	♄ * ♂
Feb	11	♅ * ♅	July	6	♅ * ☉ and ♃
Feb	27	♄ * ♅	July	21	♄ * Asc
March	9	♄ * ☉ and ♃	Aug	5	♄ * ♄
March	30	♅ * ☉ and ♃	Sept	4	♅ * ♅
Apr	7	♄ st Δ ♄	Oct	19	♅ st * ♅
Apr	18	♄ * ♄	Nov	29	♅ * ♅
May	19	♅ st * ☉ and ♃	Dec	9	♄ * ♄
May	26	♄ * ♂	Dec	29	♄ * ♂

In the above list there are twenty-two sextiles, and two trines, or twenty-four good aspects in all, an average of two favourable aspects per month. If Jupiter and Uranus and Neptune are the planetary vehicles used by the Occult Hierarchy to assist mankind, then 1914 was one of the best years conceivable to carry out this purpose. It will probably be asked: Then why in that case did not the Hierarchy prevent the war? The reply is that these aspects were only transits and had no favourable directions, primary or secondary, to support



them. On the other hand the evil transits which were also powerful and numerous, had a whole series of evil directions behind them, both primary and secondary, the karma of which they were thus able to precipitate. The Occult Hierarchy dare not interfere with the law of karma : "The ripple of effect as the great tidal wave, thou shalt let run its course."

#### MANŒUVRING FOR A DATE

The favourable transits could not prevent this precipitation, but they enabled the Hierarchy to inspire heroism in the nations, and give them courage and endurance to bear the karma bravely. It could also guide the leaders of the armies at critical moments, so that they would act wisely, and so avoid irreparable disaster. In this connection it may be pointed out that one function of the Occult Hierarchy is to store up the good karma, and to keep it in reserve for critical emergencies such as occurred in 1914. The prayers and meditations of religious communities, in our temples, monasteries and nunneries, the unselfish and holy lives that men and women have led, and which apparently at the time have had no good result, have all gone to enlarge this spiritual banking account; and just as the seven evil aspects that precipitated Armageddon can be tabulated with the seven vials of "the wrath of God," so the four and twenty favourable aspects can be tabulated with the four and twenty "golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of the saints" : *Rev.* v, 8.

It will be evident to anyone who examines the matter, that between 1899 and 1914 it was impossible to find any year in which the transits of Jupiter and Uranus and Neptune are so favourable as in 1914; hence if Armageddon had been precipitated at an earlier date, the mechanism used by the Occult Hierarchy to protect the race could not have been worked at its maximum efficiency, and the Dark Powers might have gained the victory. It is on these grounds that I have been led to conclude that in choosing 1914 the Hierarchy had successfully manœuvred for a date.

#### A SAFETY VALVE

The story is current in occult circles, that the Boer War was permitted by the Hierarchy for two reasons. Firstly, to awaken the



English nation, and compel it to realise how unprepared it was for the tremendous cataclysm which was impending over Europe. (In this object the Hierarchy failed, for the English nation was hypnotised: Kipling might write of "flanneled oafs," and Blatchford might thunder his warnings from the columns of the *Daily Mail*, but the minds of the English people were so firmly focussed on the football field and the race course, that nothing short of the crack of doom could arouse them from their enchantment.) Secondly, to lighten the pressure of the evil karma, and prevent it being precipitated too soon, for if war had not happened in South Africa, it would have happened in Europe, probably not later than 1907.

We have previously seen (p. 327 October) how at the completion of the seven oppositions of the progressed Moon and the transit Saturn, the present war was precipitated. But from 1905 to 1908, there was a similar series of square aspects, which would have precipitated the European war, perhaps inevitably, unless the fighting spirit of the nations had found a vent at some earlier date. The Boer War in South Africa and the Russo-Japanese war in the East thus acted as a safety valve, and enabled the Hierarchy to obtain a date for the final conflict when their controlling influence would have a maximum efficiency. It will be observed moreover that both the above wars have had the most beneficent results, and have strengthened the Allies. The series of adverse aspects that had to be circumvented in 1905-8 are as follows:—

LUNAR SECONDARY DIRECTIONS				TRANSITS OF SATURN			
1905	March	♃ □ ♀		1905	Feb 26	♂ □ ♀	
1906	Feb	♃ □ ♀		1906	March 21	♂ □ ♀	
1906	Apr	♃ □ ☉ and ♃		1906	Sept 17	♂ □ ☉ and ♃	
1906	Nov	♃ □ ♄		1907	March 12	♂ □ ♄	
1907	Feb	♃ □ ♄		1907	Apr 13	♂ □ ♄	
1907	Apr	♃ □ ♀		1907	May 7	♂ □ ♀	
1907	Sept	♃ □ ♄		1908	March 21	♂ □ ♄	

The above are the lunar secondary directions and the corresponding transits of Saturn, from which it will be seen that Saturn has been "racing the Moon" around the horoscope, and forming aspects of the same kind nearly simultaneously. Possibly these seven aspects have some connection with the opening of the seven seals of the book of Revelation, chaps. 5 and 6. The Primary Directions operating during these years were as follows:—



## PRIMARY DIRECTIONS DURING 1904-1908

1904	Aug	3	♀ ♂ ♀	1907	Oct	9	♂ ♂ ♀
1905	Nov	23	MC ♂ ♂	1907	Dec	21	♂ ♂ ♂
1906	July	3	♀ ♂ ♀	1908	June	15	♂ ♂ ♀
1906	Aug	15	♂ ♂ ♀	1909	March	15	♀ ♂ ♂
1907	May	27	Asc □ ♀				

It will thus be seen that the Primary, Secondary and Transit aspects in 1905-8 were of the kind that might have precipitated a European war. If this had happened we shall see that the mechanism of the Occult Hierarchy (*i.e.* the transits of ♃ ♄ ♅) was much less efficient in those years than in 1914. These transits are given below :—

## TRANSITS OF JUPITER, URANUS AND NEPTUNE DURING THE YEARS 1905-8

1905	Jan	16	♃ Δ ♂	1907	Oct	2	♃ Δ ♄
1905	Feb	15	♃ * ♀	1907	Oct	17	♃ Δ ♂
1905	Feb	22	♃ * MC	"	"	"	♃ Δ ♀
1905	June	25	♃ ♂ ♃	1908	Jan	31	♃ Δ ♄
1905	July	9	♃ Δ Asc	1908	May	28	♃ Δ ♄
1905	Dec	22	♃ Δ Asc	1908	June	11	♃ Δ ♂
1906	Feb	20	♃ Δ Asc	"	"	"	♃ Δ ♀
1906	May	5	♃ ♂ ♂	1908	July	19	♃ Δ ♀
"	"	"	♃ ♂ ♀	1908	Aug	5	♃ Δ ♂
1906	June	7	♃ ♂ ♀	1908	Aug	17	♃ Δ ♀
1906	June	23	♃ ♂ ♂	1908	Aug	20	♃ □ ♃
1906	July	4	♃ ♂ ♀	1908	Aug	25	♃ * ♀
1906	July	12	♃ ♂ ♀	1908	Aug	31	♃ * MC
1906	July	18	♃ ♂ MC	1908	Oct	25	♃ □ ♄
1906	July	20	♃ □ Asc	1908	Nov	8	♃ □ ♂
1907	July	27	♃ Δ ♃	"	"	"	♃ □ ♀

The total number of aspects of the above three planets operating in the four years 1905-8 is 32, of which 21 are favourable and 11 unfavourable ; leaving a balance of 10 favourable, if we consider that each unfavourable aspect cancels one of the favourable. This gives two and a half favourable aspects per year, whereas in the single year 1914, there were twenty-four favourable aspects of the same three bodies, and none unfavourable. Thus the mechanism of the Occult Hierarchy was enormously more efficient for the helping of humanity in 1914 than it could have been in the years 1905-8. Moreover of the three planets only Jupiter could give any transit aspects at all. The other two, Uranus and Neptune, were out of aspect during these years.

## AN OCCULT TRINITY

Now there is reason to believe that Jupiter requires the co-operation of the two more occult planets, Uranus and Neptune, in



order to work to full advantage: the three planets when co-operating constitute an occult trinity. In this connection I would refer the reader to what is said about the Triple Æon in the *Secret Doctrine*, iii. 469. Jupiter is the planet linked with the Auric Envelope of man, the "Luminous Egg," or the invisible magnetic sphere in which every man is enveloped: *ib.* p. 452, Diagram II. This envelope, called by occultists Hiranyagarbha, is an emanation from Atma, the will aspect, manifesting from Uranus, and Buddhi, the wisdom aspect, manifesting from Neptune: *ib.* p. 445. "It is only through these cosmic and spiritual centres that the physical centres can benefit by their occult interaction": *ib.* p. 447. These three planets therefore are interlinked in the same way as Atma-Buddhi-Manas are interlinked. They constitute a kind of triple Æon. Jupiter the lowest of the three draws its forces from the two higher. It is the distributor of the influences sent down to it by the Manu and the Bodhisattva of the race, whose planets are Uranus and Neptune. Hence Jupiter governs clergymen, philosophers, and teachers generally. It is the executive part of divine government, receiving its instructions from the Manu and the World Teacher, Uranus and Neptune.

Interpreted in this way we see that the aspects of these three bodies in 1914 were immensely more efficient than in the period 1905-8, and that to so manoeuvre that the European War should be deferred from the period 1905-8 to 1914 was a strategical move of the highest order of importance.

(To be continued.)

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AN UNUSUAL BIRTH.—"Florence Shaddock, born at Long Beach Los Angeles County, California, U.S.A., Oct. 11th 1916, 2.45 p.m.: (We have no summer time over here so the time is regular.) This is a 10 months and 4 day baby; 9½lbs. in weight. The mother laboured *every day* from 4 to 8 a.m., *for six weeks* before the child was born. This had gone on so long that the poor mother had given up almost, and the regular physician had told her that she would have to undergo an operation, when a Spiritualist doctor, a masseur, was called in. He told her that she would not labour any more for 36 hours and that when she started again she was to send for him. It was almost to a minute 36 hours when they called him again, and they told him that the child must be dead, as there was no movement and the mother could not feel any life. He examined the mother, and found the little one's heart beating right. So he reassured the mother and encouraged her not to give up hope and in 15 minutes the baby was born. I happen to know the Doctor, and know the above data to be reliable."



## Letters to the Editor

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Letters are inserted at the earliest possible opportunity, but are sometimes unavoidably held over through lack of space. Correspondents will please remember (i) that *all* communications should be written upon *ONE* side of the paper only; (ii) that planetary positions, *as well as birth data*, should be given where possible; (iii) that information should be put as concisely as is compatible with clearness.

Neglect of these considerations may cause otherwise valuable letters to be excluded from these pages. Space at the present time is exceptionally scarce.

## THE PROGRESS OF THE WAR

DEAR SIR,

As you will remember, a letter of mine was published in the December 1915 number of *MODERN ASTROLOGY* (p. 476), in which I traced the successive interventions of neutral powers in the war to the variations of Uranus, and those variations recurring methodically twice a year, in May when it becomes direct and in October retrograde, I was led by the full study of the matter to the conclusion that the initiation of the direct motion brings an intervention in favour of the Allies while the retrograde brings one in favour of Germany. So it was that in October 1914 Turkey intervened on Germany's side, in May 1915 Italy with the Allies and in October 1915 Bulgaria with Germany. I left it open then as a future test that in May 1916 an intervention was due in favour of the Allies.

As a matter of fact, May 1916 came up and no new intervention occurred; the next intervention was indeed on the side of the Allies, that of Rumania, but it came up on the 27th August, *viz.* three months behindhand. Why was it so belated, I wondered, until on September 1st I chanced to read in a paper that in an interview one of the leaders of Rumanian politics had declared the following: Everything had been arranged three months ago. It had been agreed that should certain political and military events take place in a predetermined space of time, Rumania then would interfere. Now in the August number of *MODERN ASTROLOGY*, page 295, Mr Sutcliffe says: "The outbreak of the Balkan War in October may appear to be quite contrary to the Transits then operating. But the critical time is not always when the war actually begins, but the time when the decision to go to war is made." There is the link, and the Rumanian intervention may be said to belong to May 1916, the decision being due to the Uranian influence.



Then we come up to October when an intervention was due in favour of Germany. No practical intervention has taken place, and in fact the cycle of interventions is likely perhaps to have come to an end. Still the events of last October bid fair to claim obedience to the law. All through the month, Greece has been to the front in the European anxieties and it was on the verge of an intervention in favour of Germany; it required no less than the disruption of the whole country, a Uranian influence indeed, to prevent the evil; and so we saw the Greek unit rent in twain, leaving the interfering side, the State, powerless, as against the risen Nation, won at last to the true cause.

Too far past already is the cosmic opposition of Uranus and Neptune to be able to afford any new power in favour of the raging Evil. Uranus, the Will aspect of the Kosmos, has already gained power enough to overrun the fateful opposition which imprisoned the Spirit, the life side of things; the forms are now broken down so that life may assert itself. If any new intervention is to occur, it will take place in May 1917 and that will be the last one, because times are ripe already and the hour of Justice is at hand.

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Valencia (Spain)

JULES FERMAUD

#### LORD KITCHENER'S BIRTH-DATE

DEAR SIR,

I see that a correspondent signing himself Gabriel Neith writes you a very misleading letter with regard to Lord Kitchener's horoscope (p. 13 January). Firstly he repeats the mistake that Lord Kitchener was born on June 24, and says that this statement has the authority of Lord Kitchener himself. It appears however from a letter of Sir Arthur Vickers to the *Church of Ireland Gazette*, quoted in *Zadkiel's Almanack* for the new year, that this date is in error, and that the actual date of birth was June 15. Your correspondent caps this mis-statement by another when he says that Lord Kitchener is also his authority for the statement that he was born half-an-hour after midnight. This, I am in a position to state, is absolutely untrue. Lord Kitchener personally informed a friend of my own who cross-questioned him on the subject, that he had not the least idea at what o'clock he was born, and added that he had no means of finding out. It is a pity that such misleading statements should be given currency and I feel that one is only doing one's duty in nipping them in the bud.

8-11 Paternoster Row,  
London, E.C. 6/1/17

Yours faithfully,  
RALPH SHIRLEY

[Two points are involved in this letter, first the date and next the time.  
(1) The date of birth of Lord Kitchener (to give him the title he



is generally known by) is not quite an easy matter to settle. We had already written to Mrs Parker, Lord Kitchener's sister, drawing attention to the publication of a facsimile of an official copy of the BAPTISMAL certificate, in which the day of birth is set down as June 15 (1850), whereas *Who's Who* and all biographies give the date as June 24, 1850. We asked her if she could throw any light on the matter, even if only by way of conjecture, for a discrepancy of nine days—which alters the very day of the week—is difficult to account for. Her kind reply follows:—

Jan. 3rd

4, Greycoat Gardens, Westminster,  
S.W.

DEAR SIR,

The registration of births in Ireland where my brother was born, was at that time very careless.

I can only tell you his birthday was always kept on June 24th — mine was on June 22nd, two years earlier, and they were kept together. Certainly our mother considered June 24th the day of my brother's birth. Knowing the careless way things were done in Ireland at that time, I have no doubts on the subject. The 24th June was the day in my opinion.

We had a family bible but have been such a scattered family I do not know where it is. My eldest brother is still in East Africa fighting; he may have it, I will ask him if he remembers. If he has, it is probably in Jamaica and unget-at-able at present.

Yours truly,  
FRANCES E. J. PARKER

(2) As regards the time of birth no knowledge seems available In reply to a question on this point Mrs Parker wrote on January 19th, 1915, "I am sorry I have no knowledge as to the hour Earl Kitchener was born—day and year you know." This of course did not preclude the possibility that Lord Kitchener himself might have known, and therefore we published Gabriel Neith's note without comment. Mr Shirley's letter is conclusive, and we think he has done a service to students in sending it.—EDITOR.]

## THE PRENATAL EPOCH

DEAR SIR,

Your correspondent, Mons. Vigneau, in his letter in your January issue, shows himself to be very imperfectly versed in the rudimentary principles of the Prenatal Epoch, otherwise he would not have proposed such a test as that described.

Permit me to point out to him that it has never been stated that the Epoch *alone*, will determine the time of birth, when only the approximate time of birth is known; but that events must be given as a guide to determine such time before the rules of the epoch can be applied.

As regards the test proposed, your correspondent states that he



has altered the *exact* times of birth to *approximate* times. He gives these latter as 1.22 p.m. and 4.53 p.m. and states that they are within the margin of error in ordinary birth records. In his communication to me he altered these birth times to 4.20 p.m. and 1.56 p.m. nearly three hours different from those sent to you, and we are asked to accept his word that this alteration is "within the margin of error in ordinary birth records."

The margin of error in ordinary birth times,—an error of observation as it is called—cannot exceed more than a few minutes either way. No birth time ever recorded is absolutely exact, no matter how much care is taken in ascertaining it.

In conclusion allow me to point out the following facts:—

1. We do not fit epochs to birth times. Every exact birth time yields an Epoch in accordance with certain well-defined laws and in which sex is the chief factor.

2. That when the birth time is approximately known, or even unknown, it is possible to determine the exact birth time from the epoch, by means of past events, and has been done time after time. I am at the present period doing several cases a week.

3. That the prenatal epoch is the one and only reliable method of rectification, and has stood "absolutely legitimate, honest and severe tests."

Your correspondent's arguments are old and obsolete, and have long since been consigned to the dust heap. If he will be good enough to obtain a copy of my work on the Prenatal Epoch which can be obtained from my Publishers, Messrs. W. Foulsham & Co., 61, Fleet Street, E.C., and make a thorough study of the only complete explanation of the subject, probably he will see how foolish his test really is.

Yours faithfully,  
E. H. BAILEY,  
Editor, B. J. A.

61, Fleet Street, E.C.

[We regret that Mr Bailey is unable to satisfy our correspondent. Perhaps it would meet the case if he would give the calculation of the Epoch in the nativity of King George, whose birth time was recorded accurately in the Official bulletin. This at least would make a useful test case.—ED.]

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MR RALPH SHIRLEY writes:—"I am glad to see that you have published the correct horoscope of the new Emperor of Austria. You do not draw attention to a fact which I think is worthy of note, that not only is the ascendant almost exactly identical with that of the late Emperor, but the Sun also occupies the same degree of the same sign."

"MISSING" OR DEAD?—E. A. C. writes: "As a regular reader of your valuable paper may I ask the opinion of other readers respecting my brother's fate. He was reported "missing" on 18/7/1916, after a battle in Delville Wood. Horoscope:—x 27, xi 12, xii 12, i 20, ii 16, iii 19: 130, 121, 24, 2, 24, 4, 5, 12, 9, 11, 1, 89."



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