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The Editor's Observatory

IN view of the anxiety in regard to the safety of St Paul's Cathedral it is not out of place to enquire into the astrological causes underlying the matter. The foundation stone of the present building was laid on Monday, 21st June (O.S.), 1675, when the planetary positions at noon were as follows :

☉	♂	♀	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂
♏9.29	♈25.8	♏24.7	♏3.58	♏17.28	♏11.22	♏9.58	♏0.7
							♏11.23

In all matters relating to building, the fixed or "foundation" signs are of the greatest importance, and herein lies the weakness of the horoscope of St Paul's Cathedral. In the above map we find Saturn in Taurus in square with Mars in Leo while Neptune afflicts both from Aquarius. The latter affliction is particularly insidious and indicates the peculiar instability of the foundation. Mars square Saturn alone would not be quite so bad, though of course it would denote danger from fires and similar catastrophes, but it would not have the undermining effect that comes from Neptune. The square of Uranus to the Sun is a present danger, especially as Uranus is linked to the fixed cross by semisquare and sesquiquadrate, and can therefore receive its effect. The dome, under Aries, and foundations, under Cancer in a general way, are pointed to by this aspect, and no

time should be lost by the authorities in doing what they can to minimise the danger, which may come to a head within the next two years.

By secondary direction the progressed date measuring to 1925 is 26th February, 1676. On this day Mars is in $10^{\circ} 30' 8''$ separating from the conjunction of the radical Saturn, and closely applying to the square of Neptune. These positions were stimulated at the Winter Quarter last December by Saturn and the Moon falling in opposition to the radical Saturn and in conjunction with the progressed Mars, while Mars in the Quarterly map squared by Jupiter, fell on the radical Uranus.

Hence the present public anxiety.

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In next month's issue we hope to begin a new feature. We have been accused occasionally of being too theoretical, and we have therefore arranged for a series of predictive notes in **A New Feature** which some definite forecasts of public events will be attempted. The object of the series is not so much to cover all the general events of the ensuing month, for this is already dealt with in our "International" pages, but to take one or two outstanding matters in as definite and unambiguous a manner as possible.

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A Prize Competition

Mrs Leo asks me to say that she is offering a prize of One Guinea or its equivalent in books for the best delineation of the following male nativity.

x		xi		xii		i		ii		iii	
♄ 7.0		♈ 5		♏ 28		♐ 18.54		♑ 23		♒ 1	
☉	♂	♀	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂
♌ 20.11	♌ 5.9	♌ 4.48	♏ 16.37	♏ 28.54	♏ 14.6R	♏ 29.8	♏ 15.25	♏ 17.13R			
Decs. 14N46	15N57	19N35	16N6	23N40	4N10	18S9	22N56	5N14			

The native is a prominent man in his own line and his profession should be specified.

V. E. R.

ON December 20 Mussolini presented a new Electoral Bill to the Italian Chamber unexpectedly, which may necessitate another General Election in the spring. This is another consequence of the conjunction of Uranus and Mars in the midheaven at the November New Moon as we pointed out in our remarks upon that lunation.

International Astrology

ECLIPSE OF THE MOON

FULL MOON, 8th Feb., 1925, 9.49 p.m.

	x	xi	xii	i	ii	iii
(1)	♄ 14.29	♌ 19	♎ 18	♈ 11.5	♊ 6	♋ 7
(2)	♄ 27	♎ 2	♏ 29	♈ 20	♊ 16	♋ 19
(3)	♌ 12	♎ 15	♈ 13	♊ 5	♋ 4	♌ 7
(4)	♌ 14	♏ 19	♈ 12	♈ 29	♊ 24	♋ 30
(5)	♈ 15	♏ 14	♋ 9	♊ 4	♋ 6	♌ 11
(6)	♈ 1	♏ 7	♄ 11	♌ 11	♎ 3	♏ 29

(1) London (2) Berlin (3) Constantinople (4) Leningrad (5) Calcutta.
(6) Washington

☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂
♈ 19.39	♌ 19.39	♈ 2.24	♈ 1.11	♈ 2.14	♈ 11.42	♌ 14.10	♈ 19.43	♌ 21.15 R.

THIS is a partial eclipse in which about three-quarters of the Moon's disc is obscured. The Moon will be rising near Quebec and off the east coast of the United States from Boston to Washington; it will culminate in the east of Europe, in Asia Minor, Syria, and the east of Africa; it will set in Japan; and will be on the nadir in Alaska. Because it falls in a fixed sign, with the other three fixed signs occupied, it is likely to be followed by seismic shocks. The fixed sign eclipses influence adversely Parliaments and Legislative Assemblies the world over, and this will be felt especially in western Europe and Great Britain, where the eclipsed Moon will be in the eleventh house. It will be in the midheaven for central and eastern Europe, Asia Minor, Syria, Mecca, and Cairo, where kings, presidents, and those in authority will be shaken, democracy will be strong, some king or eminent statesman will die. At Calcutta the eclipse will be in the eighth house, signifying a high death rate, especially among the common people, danger of an epidemic and of crimes of violence, unfavourable for the legislature, party strife. In east China and Japan, where the Moon will set, foreign affairs will be disturbed and difficult.

Trade and money matters will also be adversely affected in many parts. In western and central Europe Saturn will be in the second or money house in square to Moon and Sun; at Calcutta the Sun will be in the second opposed by the Moon in the eighth and squared by Saturn from the eleventh; about the central line of the United States the eclipse will be in the second house.

At Bombay the eclipsed Moon will be in the ninth house. There will be storms, accidents, and loss of life along the coast; and religious dissensions and troubles in the west of India and from there to Persia.

NEW MOON

23rd Feb., 1925, 2.12 a.m.

	x	xi	xii	i	ii	iii
(1)	♌ 5.56	♍ 2	♎ 22	♏ 7.27	♐ 14	♑ 28
(2)	♌ 20	♍ 14	♎ 1	♏ 17	♐ 27	♑ 15
(3)	♍ 7	♎ 0	♏ 21	♐ 12	♑ 24	♒ 5
(4)	♍ 8	♎ 25	♏ 8	♐ 19	♑ 10	♒ 9
(5)	♎ 4	♏ 29	♐ 29	♑ 5	♒ 11	♓ 9
(6)	♏ 17	♐ 20	♑ 20	♒ 15	♓ 12	♈ 13
(1) London	(2) Berlin	(3) Constantinople	(4) Leningrad	(5) Calcutta		
		(6) Washington				

☉ D	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌	♍	♎
♌ 3.58	♍ 25.27	♎ 18.53	♏ 11.22	♐ 14.29	♑ 14.19	♒ 20.29	♓ 20.51 R

SAGITTARIUS rises in London and over the greater part of Europe. The Sun and Moon are in conjunction in Pisces 3° 58' with no aspect either good or bad to any planet.

The chief feature of the map is the fact that all the four fixed signs are occupied by planets, and this will of course affect the whole world more or less, but especially the countries ruled by the fixed signs and the districts where those signs are on the angles of the map.

Squares and oppositions from fixed signs often act suddenly and violently, causing earthquake shocks, financial troubles and disasters; the nations are confronted by problems of taxation, loans, and revenue; eminent men die; there is increased death rate and danger of an epidemic; legislative assemblies are disturbed and shaken with general elections, and the resignation, defeat or death of statesmen; and political movements and party feeling are more determined and contentious than usual.

The presence of Mars in Taurus in opposition to Saturn in Scorpio increases the tendency to violence and law breaking; murders and suicides will follow and deaths from apoplexy and heart disease. This opposition involves the fifth house (places of amusement, children, the birth-rate) and the eleventh (Parliament, Allies) in Great Britain, west and central Europe; the tenth (the Monarch, President, Government) and fourth (land, houses, the people, the Opposition) in east Europe, Asia Minor, Syria, and the east of Africa; the ninth and third in Persia; the second (money) and eighth (public mortality, foreign financial relations) in India; and the first and seventh houses in China, where there will be disturbances and tumults, unfortunate foreign relations, and some danger of war. At Tokio the twelfth and sixth houses are involved; at San Francisco the ninth and third; and at Washington the eighth and second. The aspect is violent and dangerous in all cases, but space will not permit of a full account of its possible effects.

The chief countries ruled by the four fixed signs are: *Taurus*, Asia Minor, Ireland, Persia, Poland. *Leo*, France, Italy, Roumania. *Scorpio*, Bavaria, Morocco, Norway, Syria. *Aquarius*, Prussia, Russia, Sweden.

In England and west Europe the presence of Jupiter in the second house will benefit trade and national finance in spite of the afflictions elsewhere. Jupiter will be within the ascendant in central and east Europe, being very near the cusp at Constantinople, benefiting the nation as a whole in spite of governmental misfortunes. It will culminate near Calcutta, strengthening the Government and the ruling power; and will be on the fourth cusp near Washington, which will be good for the land and crops.

PLANETS IN FIXED SIGNS

The following is a table of the chief mundane maps, lunations and ingresses during 1925 and 1926 when four or more planets will be in fixed signs of the zodiac. They cannot fail to influence the nations in terms of those signs. Persons who have fixed signs rising or important planets therein will also feel the effects as modified by radical positions and by directions.

The table gives the date of the lunation or ingress and the number of planets in fixed signs on each occasion. Events when there are fewer than four planets in these signs are ignored.

In addition to these the Moon's north and south nodes entered Leo-Aquarius April 4, 1924, and remain there until October 23, 1925.

1925				1926			
Eclipse ☉	Jan.	24	4	Eclipse ☉	Jan.	14	4
" ☽	Feb.	8	7	New ☽	Feb.	12	7
New ☽	"	23	5	" "	March	14	4
☉ in ♍	March	21	4	☉ in ♍	"	21	4
New ☽	April	23	5	New ☽	April	12	4
Eclipse ☽	Aug.	4	5	"	May	11	5
New ☽	"	19	4	"	June	10	4
"	Nov.	16	4	☉ in ♎	"	22	5
"	Dec.	15	4	Eclipse ☉	July	9	4
☉ in ♊	"	22	4	New ☽	Aug.	8	6
				"	Sept.	7	5
				☉ in ♎	"	23	4
				New ☽	Oct.	6	4
				"	Nov.	5	4
				"	Dec.	5	7
				☉ in ♊	"	22	4

THE question of the pay of School Teachers and its threatened reduction in the interests of economy continued to be discussed during the Autumn. Mercury was in Virgo in the eleventh house in opposition to Uranus in the fifth, children, in the quarterly map.

THERE was an extensive fire at Trieste on November 20; offices and warehouses were burnt and a steamer destroyed. The next day there was a fire at Naples doing £1,000,000 damage. Mars was in the fourth house, governing houses, at the Autumn Quarter in this region, and was near the cusp of the same house at the New Moon of October 28. At the time of these fires the Moon was near the opposition of Mars.

SEVERE earthquakes were felt in Java on November 12 and 13 and December 2, there were landslides and native towns were destroyed. At the Autumn Quarter 8 m 24° were on the meridian and ♏ ≈ 21° on the horizon, also Mars rising in opposition to Neptune setting; fixed signs being associated with earthquakes under affliction. On November 13 the Sun reached m 21 squaring the rising degree from the lower meridian.

Suggestions for Astrological Reform

By WALTER H. SAMPSON

IN offering to the astrological world some solution of their present problems it seems advisable to say a word concerning the status of Astrology now and the necessity for reform of a rather radical character. Most earnest students know, I feel sure, that there is something defective or faulty in the accepted methods, for, to say the least, there is not only great disagreement as to theory but all sorts of expedients have been suggested to amend doctrines which, however well stated and sincerely applied, have been found wanting. I had the pleasure, lately, of speaking with one or two who must, certainly, be held to have the interests and future of Astrology at heart and who must have had a very extensive experience with its methods and practice. They agree with me as to the need of new light. In voicing this need, we do not intend in any way to impugn the knowledge or labours of those who have preceded us in this field; we owe them all honour, all thanks and our heartiest appreciation for their efforts and accomplishments. We may be sure that they would have been the first to welcome any discovery or new application of existing theory which genuinely attacked and solved difficulties which must have been patent to them as they are to us. Before starting on our little journey, then, it may be well to salute, affectionately and respectfully, those who courageously took the road and became the pioneers of their time. I refer more especially to the late Mr Alan Leo.

I ask leave, next, to insert a brief autobiographical note. About 1898, my attention was drawn to Astrology through the medium, first, of Hiram Butler's "Solar Biology" and, later, Alan Leo's "Practical Astrology." Being one of those who seemed somehow destined to take fire from such torches, I did most expeditiously become ablaze. After about three years' study, in the course of which I exhausted the then available material, it became apparent to a rather precociously critical mind, that something was lacking. I cheerfully set out to find the little missing factor that had somehow managed to escape attention,

and to transform what seemed a somewhat halting Astrology into a clear and open revelation of man's character and destiny. Alas, this pleasant dream was hardly due for realisation and years passed without any satisfactory solution, while difficulties piled up ever higher. It was not until the year 1913 that intuition or some other guidance told me to sit down in front of the problem and say, as did Jacob, "I will not let thee go until thou bless me!" Then the solution came!

I had been associated for a brief time with Miss Adams of New York, a very skilled and experienced astrologer. I had noted that in forming forecasts, she paid great attention to the transits of the major planets to or in aspect to the Sun and the thought struck me that if another epoch besides that of birth were necessary, it must, at least, leave the Sun's radical position unaltered. The Lunar Prenatal theory had been tested, and while I wish to say nothing against its mere validity, I cannot say that in my experience it has seemed to give results proportionate to its promise. It was, then, a matter of very little time to try an epoch one year before birth, and as a cursory examination of planetary positions one year before the birth-time of several cases looked rather promising, the experiment was made of casting a few horoscopes for the full Solar Year before birth. The results seemed to quickly justify the experiment.

I am aware that the bare, unsupported proposition that a horoscope cast for one solar year before the time of birth, at the place of birth, should be used is, apparently, unscientific if not absurd. There is little traditional or logical foundation for such procedure and to some extent it may be said to shock the imagination. It may also inspire imagination, for, if valid, it may become a tangible evidence of the actual existence of the ego in manifestation long before the time of birth, before conception and even, in many cases, before the parents have met. I do not consider this an appropriate place for any extended discussion of the possible esoteric bearings of such a theory, since it is our immediate duty to demonstrate it as a fact. I shall, therefore pass on to the necessary steps for finding the epoch. I shall, for the present, rest my case entirely upon the ability of the theory to prove itself, given sufficient time and pains, and taking into account certain interpretative modifications which have been found necessary. The

deciding factor, for me, was its evident utility, and upon this factor I stake the future of the theory. We have had something too much of attractive, but inconsequent theories, taken up to-day, dropped to-morrow, and I shall ask the reader to remember that this theory has been under observation for eleven, in practical use for not less than five years, and that its use has been completely justified. I cannot, of course, ask anyone to take my word for it, but I have every confidence that the experience of others will, in time, decide in its favour. I shall go into the question of its method of use a little later on.

The Solar Prenatal Horoscope (S. P. horoscope) should be found as follows:

- (a) Find the Sun's position in the natal horoscope correct to seconds. This Sun's longitude is the reference point.
- (b) Find the time and date at which the Sun held this same exact position in longitude one year previous to birth. Set a horoscope for that date and time and at the place of birth. This will be the Solar Prenatal Horoscope.

Since the mean length of the solar year is 365 days 5 hours 49 minutes it is readily understood that this will yield a meridian and houses different to those of the birth horoscope, and upon this fact depends one very important proof of the validity of the theory.

For rapid and approximate investigation, it is sufficient to find that date in the previous year in which the Sun was nearest to his birth longitude. This becomes the day of the S.P. horoscope. Then from the time of birth subtract 5 hours and 49 minutes, making this the time of the S.P. With this date and time, erect a horoscope at the place of birth. This will be the approximate S.P. horoscope.

If the S.P. horoscope is rightly taken, the Sun's longitude is the same in each, and 5 hours 49 minutes subtracted from the R.A.M.C. of birth will give the R.A.M.C. of the S.P. horoscope, approximately.

Before going any further, we have to take into consideration a second proposition, as illogical possibly as the first, but if we are sincere students, bent upon the truth, we must not be put off with mere irrationality. This second proposition is that the heliocentric planetary positions should be included in the horoscopes of birth and of the S.P. and used there as essential factors in exactly the same manner as are the geocentric. This is not at all a new idea with the

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7 11 0

writer, being familiar for many years, and while having an apparent inconsistency has thoroughly shown its validity in past experience. I should refrain from introducing this second proposition at this moment if it were not for the fact that the main theory cannot be sufficiently proven without it, although the validity of the Solar Prenatal horoscope is quite appreciable without this factor. Every student must know that it requires all the factors of a case to demonstrate it satisfactorily. As there are one or two outstanding difficulties in the way of the ready acceptance of this doctrine, I briefly mention them.

First, the application of a series of heliocentric components to a horoscope cast geocentrically must seem quite inappropriate. If we are content to consider Astrology as operative only in terms of our preconceived notion of geometry, this, of course, must be ridiculous. I must, however, regard any rejection of this idea on such a basis as, in reality, trivial and impertinent. The main question with us, as students, must always be as to the working value of any idea and not as to its *à priori* rationality. If we rather more carefully consider the matter it may not appear quite so unreasonable. Receiving, as we undoubtedly do, our chief influence from the Sun, cosmically, and being compelled to admit that the Sun is the centre of an astrological scheme of his own, is it too much to presume that the Sun's influence must reach us highly coloured by the temporary condition of his own astrologic surroundings? It would be strange, indeed, if it were not so. The only thing for us to determine is in just what terms this influence reaches us. If, in the "Solar Horoscope" there is, for example, a heliocentric square between Mars and Jupiter, will not this influence be in some manner conveyed to us indirectly through the Sun himself, for he will have been affected by it? In point of fact, it is not difficult to trace such influences once they are placed under observation. If, then, this general hypothesis is assumed, the main question to us of the terms in which this influence will be transmitted must come up for solution. It appears, from an examination of the case (leaving out the evidence of actual observation and experience), that it must come in terms of the earth's Zodiac, for if it does otherwise, that will cause the positions of the major planets to vary too much from their original geocentric places, and give rise to what we

may theoretically call unnecessary discrepancy. This being so, it is not going too far to call the line uniting the centres of Sun and earth the reference line, from which such heliocentric positions will be measured in an angular sense, only, the amount of the angle, in each case, will be the difference between 180 degrees and the said angle. As an example, if the Sun is geocentrically in 0 Cancer, the earth at that time will be, presumably, in 0 Capricornus, although, so far, we have no proof of this fact. We must presume it, since our reference point the Sun's geocentric position, is already established, and the earth is in opposition point to the Sun. If Mars, at that same time, should be in dexter square to the earth, or 90 degrees advanced in longitude, he must then be in 0 Libra, which places him in sinister square to the Sun. If, then, this theory works out in fact, we have no quarrel with the geometry of the case, even if we do not quite understand its working. And so it proves.

Evidences of the validity of this part of the theory will be numerous enough in our future expositions and it can readily be shown that upon the basis of the natal horoscope, merely, Astrology is defective without it.

I cannot resist placing one notable case on record, as it seems quite the neatest proof of the virtue of the heliocentric planetary positions available. Two cases are given in *1001 Notable Nativities*, the first of which is mentioned on page 17 under title "Right Foot repeatedly injured," the birth data being on pages 54-55, No. 106, the astronomical positions showing that the native was born on January 2nd, 1872, when Mars, heliocentrically, was in the fifth degree of Pisces. The second case is given on page 37 under the title "Puzzle Horoscopes," second of the series given, this native being said to have lost his foot on April 20th, 1887. Reference to the birth date of this subject, No. 665, page 82-83, shows that HE WAS BORN ON THE SAME DATE AS THE FIRST, with Mars, as aforesaid, in Pisces heliocentrically. I think this rather striking. It must be understood, however, that the validity of the heliocentric positions depends far more on the numerous cumulative proofs that any extended inquiry will heap up, and not upon any one case, however sensational. One swallow does not make a summer.

The second difficulty is the absence of accurate heliocentric

ephemerides. I have, personally, been at pains to extract from past Nautical Almanacs in Great Britain and the United States the necessary data. So far as my experience goes, I know of no other source of accurate information. Hence, students are placed in the position of hardly being able readily to put this part of the theory to the test. Those eager to do so can, no doubt, find the data they need from libraries containing sets of Nautical Almanacs or of the *Connaissance de Temps*. I shall venture the suggestion that if sufficient interest is aroused in the importance of this matter, I have a very complete set of data that could be used for publication, and have already put together a condensed heliocentric ephemeris which would be quite sufficient for any students' needs, and which, in some manner, might be made available to those interested.

In case the question should arise as to any possible difference in interpretation of heliocentric as distinguished from geocentric planetary positions, I shall make answer that my first impression was that there should be, and that the heliocentric positions would probably prove more deeply psychologic or "esoteric" than the geocentric places, which I conceived to be more circumstantial or "fatalistic." This opinion proved baseless, and I have made the practice of using them without any distinction whatever. Many years of experience support this view.

In case the question should arise of "how to handle so much data" and as to the "confusion arising from having two positions of Mercury, Venus, Mars, etc." I shall answer that the confusion disappears after a little experience and is partly owing to the unfamiliarity. Astrology has suffered in the past from the attempt, laudable enough, to obtain far too much out of far too little. Let one but consider the tremendous complexity of human psychology or circumstance and he will not be able to take the ground that any addition to our available factors is likely to be a disadvantage; students expecting Astrology to be a simple matter may, themselves, prove too simple for its elucidation and a careful consideration of these facts ought to warn us that a system as elaborate as that which must govern our psychology and life must, itself, be made up of almost a host of interacting influences. The attempt to simplify may become the means of stultification. Considering, in more detail, the fact that

there must be two positions of Mercury to note in each horoscope, I believe the intellectual activities of the quite average man are quite enough to account for it. Men do not think perpetually in the same manner or according to the same method day after day and hour after hour; they are many-sided, and in this and other departments of their being they are inconsistent and variable. The very complex workings of an active and brilliant mind could hardly be met by the factors of an ordinary horoscope, for a genuinely vital and productive mind is very resourceful and has at its disposal many changing modes. It would seem to me that while, admittedly, the addition of factors must make astrological work more difficult at the outset, it might make it much more articulate and intelligible in the long run, much more flexible, more true to a complex life. We may at first be a little dismayed at the unfamiliarities and difficulties, but it is not too much to say that even in these days of rapid work and superficial accomplishment, it is a poor horoscope that is not worth a few hours study and a genuine attempt to unravel complicated character. Let us make up our minds that the task of understanding life must, of necessity, be most difficult, only attained with very strenuous effort and very broad experience, and any form of Astrology that offers an easy road to the keys of life is likely to be incomplete or misleading. The surmounting of our difficulties may prove the solution of our problems, in which case the game is decidedly worth the candle.

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Nor can the student or investigator afford to think that once the S.P. horoscope is up and the heliocentric positions are in the horoscopes, the victory is won. If he have the faith and patience to get thus far, there are yet many difficulties to overcome, and chief among them I shall mention at once that the S.P. horoscope requires a somewhat different method of interpretation than that to which he is possibly accustomed. It has taken many years to partially discover the correct interpretative basis which, while following much of the traditional astrologic principles, departs from them in many essential particulars. I shall go as far as to say that while many of the interpretative factors of Astrology are well known and thoroughly proven, there are many, also, which require reformation. About this part of the question I do not mean to be at all dogmatic—am willing

to leave a very great deal to future independent investigation of a kind broader and more specialised than I have had the opportunity of undertaking. The chief factor to be taken into account is certainly the following.

Soon after the discovery of the S.P. horoscope, I asked myself the question "in what manner do the functions of this horoscope differ from those of the natal chart?" Careful observation disclosed one very important fact which, by its very nature, could not be at first apparent but which required extended survey to make itself evident. It was that while the natal horoscope is a somewhat loose, disjointed, often quite dissociated set of influences focusing on the earth haphazard, as it were, the Solar Prenatal Horoscope had what we may call "construction." That is, from it could be built up a well organised, synthetic picture of the true psychology or character. It is a matter of common experience to many astrological investigators that while much can be learned from the natal horoscope about a character, it is seldom possible to construct from it the relatively complete psychology. It appeared, then, that we had, in the S.P. horoscope, the true human psychological basis and foundation. If this be so, then the importance of this horoscope becomes paramount, for it will reveal both the most intimate and the most important character factors and formations, and also enable us to unite them in a synthetic picture or portrait, while, by inference from that, it should enable us to grasp the essential outlines of the life. This, further experiment found it to do. The theory, then, was formed that the S.P. horoscope revealed the genuine, initial, individual psychology, together with its immediate results in action or experience, all of which together we may conveniently call the ego; the natal horoscope, on the other hand showed, rather, certain environmental, circumstantial or "fatalistic" conditions which, while having their very powerful "induced" effect upon the character, could in no sense be said to be the original, individual psychology. That is, the S.P. horoscope was the positive of which the natal horoscope was the negative. From this followed certain corollaries, as follows: (a) If the S.P. horoscope were strong and well constructed, but the natal, weak or defective (in a very general sense), this should present the picture of a case in which a strong and well equipped individual battled against unfriendly circumstance or

lack of outer opportunity. (b) If the Natal Horoscope were strong and well conditioned and the S.P. horoscope weak or defective (generally speaking) this should then be an indication of an inherently weak, defective or indifferent character, poorly equipped, but fortunate in respect to opportunity, heredity or circumstance, and with these, certain secondary, induced character-formations which in no sense belonged to the original psychology. The general truth of these deductions soon became apparent, and afforded a clear demonstration of the rationale of the "mute, inglorious Milton" in whom we have not always believed. It remained, then, to take the position that the S.P. horoscope should be interpreted in a rather more positive, psychologic and, if you please, an esoteric sense, as if it were the portrait of the individual themselves, while, per contra, the natal horoscope should be interpreted in a somewhat more circumstantial, "fatalistic," exoteric and only indirectly psychologic manner, for its character components are more the result of the play of environment or circumstance upon it, engrafted, as it were, upon the radical psychology. This position once taken, has proved valid so far, but of course, to be quite accurate, it is not always easy to distinguish between what may be called real character and what is certainly induced, for much of the "induced" psychology is brought about in the infantile stages and is not, by any ordinary means of observation, clearly distinguishable from genuine character. The demonstration of this point, then, rests with the larger and more obvious character formations and more than in anything else, in that very familiar discrepancy that very often seems to exist between what people actually do and are, and what they would prefer to do and be if they had an uninterrupted opportunity, for it needs no Astrology to determine that neither character nor ability are according to free choice. It must be a superficial observer, indeed, who thinks that people either live or act as they originally intended.

In the general sense, then, we may provisionally regard the S.P. horoscope as the index of the genuine, radical psychology, together with such action and experience as will directly arise from the factors concerned. We are now prepared to learn that this spontaneous and direct psychology, action and experience are often checked, exaggerated or diverted by the nature of the natal horoscope but that if the

initial psychology is at all powerful, it may still hold its own and "be itself," acting out its nature within certain limits for, truly, nothing can prevent an individual from actually being themselves, although much may deter them from demonstrating themselves as themselves to the world at large. Whether the ego will prove effective along the line of its natural activity is a question that will belong to a comparison of S.P. and natus, each according to their potentialities, and their power to interact on one another.

This, then, is the point at which we shall have to leave the matter for the time being. In the next instalment, I hope to be able to illustrate these theories, and to place others in a position to demonstrate for themselves whether they are well taken or not. I shall hope to show that the range of the S.P. horoscope is not confined, by any means, to the psychological aspect of the case, but that it has, also, a very great deal to do with the physical appearance, peculiarity, constitution and also the individual life-path, and that its functions in these departments are not subordinate, but strictly essential and fundamental.

MARS was in the fourth house at the Autumn Quarter in this country and over the whole of central and eastern Europe, and from this we predicted earthquake shocks and accidents in mines, which was amply fulfilled. Amongst others a shock was felt in Wales on September 27 (D 8 8), doing some damage in mines; one in Scotland on October 13 (D 8 2); and another in the neighbourhood of Birmingham on October 24 (D 8 8). Several shocks were felt in Italy during the Quarter. A good many accidents in mines, more or less severe, occurred in Great Britain.

In the map for the Winter Quarter at London the Sun and Jupiter were in close conjunction on the cusp of the third house, which signifies short journeys. It was announced that the Ministry of Transport had decided upon the expenditure of many millions for improving roads and making them safer for fast traffic. We pointed out (p. 356) that "all means of transport and intercommunication will improve and extend."

THERE was a Communist rising in Reval Esthonia on December 1. Government buildings were attacked and the Minister of Communications was killed. The revolutionists were repulsed by troops and martial law was proclaimed. At the New Moon of November 26 the midheaven at Reval was $\times 17^{\circ} 57'$, Uranus was at $\times 17^{\circ} 36'$ and Mars at $\times 16^{\circ} 59'$, a violent combination for public affairs.

Comet and Asteroid

A COMET was discovered by Finsler of Bonn, Germany, on September 15; R.A. $198^{\circ} 15'$, Dec. 19° N., and Long. $\simeq 8^{\circ} 59'$. It was faintly visible to the naked eye, and had a tail about one degree in length. By longitude this was on the cusp of the eleventh house, ruling Parliament, in the map for the Summer Quarter, and the dissolution followed less than a month after, October 9. The Sun passed over this longitude on October 2, and only the day before the Conservative and Liberal parties each gave notice of a motion equivalent to a vote of no confidence in the Government. By longitude the comet was on the cusp of the fourth house in Mr Ramsay MacDonald's horoscope in opposition to Neptune on the cusp of his tenth and square to Uranus in the twelfth house.

The second discovery was of an asteroid on October 27 by Dr Baade of the Hamburg Observatory. Its position was variously given as R.A. $321^{\circ} 15'$, Dec. $12^{\circ} 50'$ N., Long. $\approx 28^{\circ} 12'$; and elsewhere as R.A. $316^{\circ} 19'$, Dec. $15^{\circ} 28'$ N., Long. $\approx 24^{\circ} 6'$. Magnitude 10. Practically no attention is paid even to the larger asteroids by astrologers, and it is difficult to believe that the smaller ones have any separate influence; but perhaps it is worth noting that this body by longitude fell on the place of Mars in the fourth house of the Autumn Quarter in opposition to Venus in the midheaven: also on the place of Mars in the midheaven at the September 28 New Moon. The General Election was on October 29. Mr MacDonald resigned the premiership on November 4 when the Moon applied to the longitude of this body in Aquarius. Whether this is more than mere coincidence I must leave.

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THE King of Egypt signed a decree dissolving Parliament on December 23, which will necessitate a General Election in February. This is another effect of $\text{♂} \text{♂} \text{♂}$ culminating at the November New Moon, Mars ruling the eleventh house, Parliament.

The Scroll of the Heavens

By ESMÉ SWAINSON

LOGARITHMS! arcs! primary and directions!—we are all so busy doing calculations on scraps of paper inside houses, that I wonder, how many astrologers go to the window or outside into the open air to study the Stars in their beauty; apart from their mathematical position on paper.

Granted, that many of us who live within a city do not get much opportunity of noting the rising and setting of the stars yet even there much can be noted of their changing orbits.

Centuries ago astrologers were astronomers also!

If you study our friendly guardians you will notice that even the little we can see of them with the naked eye seems to convey to us the influence of the mighty spirits who stand behind them, and one begins to realise the ardour with which the magi of old searched the heavens for the signs of the Star that should signify to them the Coming of the Saviour of Angels and men again to the world.

How many of our readers, I wonder, woke as I did at early dawn on Christmas Day, 1924, and saw the Vision of Beauty in the eastern sky—just over the hill-top, Venus shining like the Lamp of Love to tell the world again to celebrate the Festival of the Lord of Compassion.

The day before at the same time she stood close to the crescent of the waning moon—but never so bright as on Christmas morning itself, surely an emblem of hope to a world struggling to adjust itself to harmony in the midst of the strife and difficulties of the birth of a new age.

Did she stand, I wonder, as the Bright Star of Morning on that Birthday 2,000 years ago?

If we could, like the godmothers of the old fairy tales, bestow gifts on our friends, I would wish them nothing better at the time of Peace and Goodwill than $\mathfrak{D}\Delta\mathfrak{F}$.

We all need times to relax and enjoy peace and that this aspect

does this has certainly been proved to me this season. Everybody goes out of their way to make things smooth—gifts of things you have long wanted come your way—general harmony in every direction and you realise that “’Tis love that makes the world go round.”

Watch the stars at night when you have $\text{D } \phi \text{ } \frac{1}{2}$ (I mean here in the ephemeris and not particularly in your map), and there is a stillness and coldness in the atmosphere, an uncanny brilliancy and you almost feel weighed in the balance and may be found wanting! Yet you are braced up and made fit for the struggle with life by being lifted up to crystalline heights for the time, yet if you allow the personal side to enter—it may bring despondency, the black cloak of $\frac{1}{2}$ not his white lining.

Another night when the D is $\phi \text{ } 24$ the world visibly expands and you can feel the warmth and benevolence in the air—the plants that can develop under the beams of night grow, often a sleepy song of a bird half awake and you feel with the poet “all’s right with the world.”

When the fiery planet Mars joins the Moon, there is a feeling of energy and power to do, but you want to be alone and not near anyone antagonistic or irritation is likely.

I have only seen X rarely and not observed him get $\phi \text{ } \text{D}$ but I intend at the first opportunity to do so. The messenger of the gods is illusive to mortal eyes and can only be seen away from a big city or observed from a hill-top just before sunrise or after sunset.

Though I have noticed these aspects more at night, maybe being born at night gives one a certain leaning towards the then visible Book of God—or perhaps life is not so hurried then, there are two day aspects that are particularly notable, especially in winter, $\odot \ast$ or $\triangle \text{卐}$ and $\odot \ast$ or $\triangle \text{卐}$. This latter on a frosty morning after snow brings a fairy tale effect, a curious ethereal sense of lightness and of extension of the powers of the etheric body. You are tuned up to a higher note and there is a sense of music as if all nature were singing in overtones or harmonies, most difficult to hear.

$\odot \ast \triangle \text{卐}$ also has a sparkle but it is harder and reminds one more of electricity;—blue sky, white snow and a brilliant sun and a strength that is like a tonic in the air—but power and force evident.

It may be this does not appeal to all for I love these "strong" days as I do even the wind and the storm. These differences, the moods of nature are worth study apart from the individual map aspects and much can be learnt, as undoubtedly did the wise men of old.

The mysteries of our solar system—Then, at this time of year we can gaze on the Beauty of Sirius and from Him to the Pleiades, the Book has no end that we can fathom.

A thousand lives? Nay ten thousand will be as drops of water in the ocean in the acquiring of the wisdom of the universe.

In the map for the Autumn Quarter Mercury was in the eleventh house in opposition to Uranus in the fifth, both of them squaring Jupiter in the second or money house. Mercury rules the intelligence, and an afflicted Mercury is a misdirected intelligence. On October 20 (D □ ♄) five men were sentenced in London for uttering forged Treasury Notes; and about the same date two gangs of men were arrested at Berlin and others at Trieste on similar charges of forging and uttering.

ON October 19 there was an alarm of fire at a cinema at Athens whereby forty children were killed and fifty injured. At the Autumn Quarter, Mars was on the cusp of the fourth house, thus showing fires in buildings. The fifth house, which signifies places of entertainment and children, contained Uranus afflicted, one of its afflictions being the opposition of Mercury, lord of the eighth or death house; and at the accident Venus was approaching the opposition of Uranus.

ON October 24 an earthquake shock was felt at Birmingham which began at 4.49 p.m. G.M.T. and lasted about four minutes. The positions at the time were: M.C. ♄ 12.6; Asc. ♄ 1.17; ☉ ♍ 1.0; ♀ ♍ 0.4. The earthquake signs Taurus and Scorpio are here rising and setting; the Sun and Mercury are in close conjunction almost exactly setting and applying to conjunction with Saturn, which was at ♍ 4.39. At the Autumn Quarter Saturn was at ♍ 1.0 and rising, so that the Sun had progressed to exact conjunction with this place, and Mercury very close. The books say Birmingham is under Aries; Sagittarius was suggested in *M.A.*, October, 1920; but this shock suggests that Scorpio is of importance in some way. It is under the same planet as Aries.

MERCURY was in the eleventh house strongly aspected at the Autumn Quarter at London, and from this we predicted an Autumn session of Parliament. This was fulfilled when Parliament met for Members to be sworn in on December 2; the state opening by the King being at noon on December 9.

Centenaries of 1925

By MAURICE WEMYSS

IT is impossible within the limits of a few pages to do justice to the many whose centenaries will be celebrated in the coming year, and even the few whose names have been selected for astrological comment must be merely passed in swift review.

1725 saw the birth of Clive, "the heaven-born general," Townshend "the weathercock," and John Newton. The last named was born on 24th July (O.S.). $\text{♄ } 16$, the degree of duty,¹ received a sextile from ♄ in $\text{♋ } 16.53$, ♄ itself being in $\text{♋ } 17.18$. ♄ was $\text{♋ } 8$. Charles Townshend, the statesman, whose principles altered with every wind that blew, was born on 29th August (O.S.). He had the $\text{♄ } \Delta \text{♄}$ but ♄ in $\text{♄ } 7.48$ was in square to $\text{♄ } \approx 9.17$. Clive was born on 29th September (O.S.). ♄ was in close sextile to ♄^2 .

There are many whose names have survived a single century, and perhaps the least confusing mode of commenting on well-known persons born in 1825 would be to take them in chronological order.

On January 11th was born W. Spottiswoode, mathematician and physicist. ♄ was in $\text{♄ } 10.48$ (the principle of things)³. ♄ was in $\text{♄ } 1$ sextile $\text{♄ } \approx 2$ showing mathematical ability. On the following day was born Bishop Westcott, famous for his New Testament in Greek. ♄ which was in $\text{♄ } 16^1$ must have occupied a prominent position in his horoscope. Sir Edward Frankland, the chemist, was born on the 18th of the month. ♄ was in $\text{♄ } 9 \text{ } \text{♄ } \text{♄ } 10$, ♄ being in $\text{♄ } 10^3$. On the 24th of the month was born John Macgregor, the canoeist and traveller, with ♄ in $\text{♄ } 17 \text{ } \text{♄ } \text{♄}$, and on the day following Bayard Taylor, who was also smitten with the *wanderlust*.

¹ See *M.A.*, March, 1923, p. 78.

² See *M.A.*, October, 1919, p. 301, and *M.A.*, May, 1921, p. 151.

³ See *M.A.*, October, 1924, p. 313.

February gave birth to F. J. Child, the historian of ballad poetry (born February 1st), and Birket Foster, the painter (born February 4th). Child's historical sense⁴ was indicated by ♄ ♋ 18.31 ☿ ♏ 17.23 * ✕ 17. The same planets from a different angle produced a painter⁵ in Birket Foster. Thus these planets were also in benefic aspect to ♄ ♏ 17, which must have been prominent in his horoscope. ♃ was in ♏ 1.

The only name of any importance in March was that of A. J. Mundella, the politician⁶, with ♋ 23 ☿ ♏ 20 △ ♄. ♃ was sextile ♃. ♃ 9 received a close sextile from ♄ and the ☉.

April 20th was the birthday of E. J. Worboise, an authoress much read in her day, and April 24th that of R. M. Ballantyne, whose books⁷ for boys were long popular. ♃ was in ♏ 6 ☿ ♏ * ♃. ♏ was in ♋ 20 * ✕ 20. Inman the shipowner was born on 6th April with ♃ in ♏ 4 * ♃. Lasalle the socialist was born on the 11th with ♄ in ♋ 3 ☿ ♏ □ ♃.

The only celebrity to be born in May was the greatest of the year, namely Thomas Henry Huxley. He (*N.N.* 51) was born on 4th May at Ealing at 9.30 a.m. according to the family Bible, though, according to his autobiography, about 8 a.m. The former time is probably approximately correct and I would suggest as a rectification ♋ 7 on M.C., a degree of life and death⁸ and most fitting for a famous biologist. It received a sextile from ♄ in ♏ and ♃ in ♏ 8 and a trine from the ☽ in ♏ 7 and ♃ in ♏ 5. It is thus little wonder that he was gifted with remarkable powers⁷ of exposition.

June 9th was the birthday of Richard Blackmore, author⁷ of *Lorna Doone*. ♄ was in ♋ 20 △ ♏ ♋ 19 * ✕ 20. *Lorna Doone* was published in 1869, when ♄ was progressed sextile ♄ p ♄ r. He was very fond of gardening. This is often the case when ♄ ♏ 19, degrees of "evolution," are well aspected. On June 21st Stubbs the historian⁴ was born. ♋ was in ♋ 11 and ♃ was ☿ ♄. W. H. Smith, the bookseller, was born on 24th June. ♄ was in ♏ 25 on

⁴ See *M.A.*, January, 1924, p. 9.

⁵ See *M.A.*, September, 1921, p. 275.

⁶ See *M.A.*, August, 1922, p. 241.

⁷ See *M.A.*, February, 1922, p. 48; *M.A.*, May, 1921, p. 151, and *M.A.*, November, 1922, p. 338.

⁸ See *M.A.*, July, 1924, p. 207.

♂ 7 (Con) and ♀ was in ♀ 15.26 ♂ ♀ ♀ 14.40 * ♀ ♀ 13.7. He was also prominent as a statesman⁹, ♀ 23 being well aspected by ♀ in ♂ 23.39.

John Conington, the classical scholar⁹, born 10th August, had ♀ in ♀ 19.23 * ♀ ♀ 17.29. ♀ was in ♀ 2.19.

Sir F. A. Gore Ouseley, the musician¹⁰, was born on August 12th. ♂ ♀ 17 were well aspected by ♀ in ♀ 16-43 and ♀ in ♀ 15.27.

Paul Kruger was born on October 10th with ♂ in ♀ 4.31 ♂ ♀ 5.40 in trine to ♂ 3, a degree of plot and strategy³. He was inclined to religious fanaticism, as is indicated by ♀ in ♀ 16 ♀ ♀, ♀ being in ♀ 22¹¹.

Sir Henry Ponsonby, Queen Victoria's secretary, was born on December 10th. The ♀ was in ♀ 18 and ♀ in ♀ 18½ degrees, which are present when there is any connection with royalty¹². ♀ was in conjunction with ♀.

Such are some of the influences which were present in the horoscopes of persons born in 1825. No doubt a similar number of persons will be born in Britain and her Colonies and America, whose names will be remembered a century hence.

VENUS was ruler of the eighth or death house at the Autumn Quarter and was in the midheaven applying to the conjunction with Neptune, and we predicted the death of musicians. This was fulfilled by the death, amongst others, of Puccini the eminent composer, at Brussels on November 29, when Venus had progressed to the place of Saturn at the Quarter. He was born 22/6/'58 at Lucca, and the same conjunction of Venus with Saturn was in force at his birth, a combination that often goes with a good musical ear. The directions ♀ ♀ ♀, ♀ ♂ ♀, ♀ ♀ ♀, amongst others measure to death.

JUPITER and Mercury were setting at the New Moon of November 26, and we predicted that "some treaty will be arranged" (p. 323). The Anglo-German Commercial Treaty was signed at the Foreign Office, London, on December 2. The Moon had progressed into the midheaven and was in sextile to Mercury and Jupiter on that day.

⁹ See *M.A.*, September, 1923, p. 277 ¹⁰ See *M.A.*, July, 1921, p. 221.

¹¹ See *M.A.*, November, 1920, p. 336

¹² See *M.A.*, November, 1922, p. 339.

The Philosophy of Astrology

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THE earth and its inhabitants are *profoundly* affected, one way or another, by solar, planetary and stellar influences. How can it be otherwise when our own Solar system, as an example, hangs together as a unit. For we are informed that each of the planets is, as is our planet of earth, the abode of a great Planetary Intelligence who, through the medium of that planet, pours forth unremittingly into solar space, a certain definite characteristic influence, which influence is calculated to affect, and does affect along certain lines, all the beings which come within its sphere of operation. That is why the influence of MARS, for instance, is different from the influence of MERCURY, and so on, for each of the other planets. All are needed to make up the great plan which the Divine has in mind for this system of ours. It is because these astrological influences have a tendency to profoundly affect man's nature—physical, emotional and mental—that we can trace the origination of certain disabilities or diseases to their spheres of operation. It is therefore possible to ascertain the primal causes of disease by means of this method of diagnosis when, perhaps, no other method would do it to anything like the same adequate extent. I think the accompanying illustrative case shows this.

This brings up a question for the critics of this system of diagnosis to reasonably explain on any other hypothesis. How do they explain those happenings—and the consequent incidence of affliction or disease as a result of those happenings,—which come to very young children, a child born blind for instance, or congenitally defective in some form or another. The law of heredity does not, by any manner of means, logically and reasonably explain the matter. Because the parents happened to have committed some fault or other does not adequately explain why that child should suffer. You, as a parent, would not condemn your child to a lifelong misery because of something you *yourself* have done. Is God less kind and loving than yourself?

Under the science of Astrology these facts can be logically and reasonably explained because it is largely due to the above-mentioned astrological influences operating at the time of birth of that particular child—supposing it is born defective—that causes this defect to appear. And why so? Because probably at no other time than this could this child have been born. And why at no other time? Because it has to reap the result of its own past misdeeds committed in a previous life or lives. Mark you, not as a punishment—God never punishes—but in order that a particular lesson might be learnt by that individual—a lesson which is intimately and directly bound up with his past misdeeds and the particular character of the infliction he is now called upon to suffer—a lesson which can probably now never be learned in any other way than through the incidence of this specific infliction.

Thus astrological influences, in themselves, are impartial forces of a distinctive and varied character, but our own past actions become the means by which we ourselves become the recipient first of one kind and then another. In themselves none are harmful, all are salutary—it depends upon ourselves as to whether, by our reception of them, they will become to us the means of weal or woe. Blindness from birth, for instance, seems a great privation, but the one born blind has brought this disability upon himself by something he has previously done, and, if he will but have it so, it can prove the medium of a great blessing which far and away outweighs all the sorrow which accompanies the defect.

The case referred to above, and which I now quote, points the way to this truth. A youth, not 15, was suddenly afflicted with an illness which rendered him, at times, unconscious. He slowly recovered but, from being a bright, sparkling lad, full of energy and spirits, he became morose, gloomy, complaining of being a great sinner too wicked to live, constantly writing letters of farewell to his parents saying he was going to die, often feeling his pulse or his heart, constantly praying, etc. Night after night he has kept his parents out of bed through the early hours of the morning, crying he was going to die and must not be left alone, etc. His physical health became very poor, appetite bad, furred tongue, constant dribbling from the mouth, sometimes,—as in the act of chewing or swallowing,—almost complete cessation of the act as though he were paralysed

at the moment of performing the action, inability to dress himself or feed himself, constant swaying backwards as though unable to keep his balance, etc.

A competent astrologer was asked to draw up his horoscope who, on doing so, gave it as the opinion, from what was shown there, that this youth had been a suicide in his last life and that it was about this particular time in that life that the act had been committed. At once a flood of light was thrown upon what, hitherto, had appeared an almost insoluble enigma, and the reasons for the present experiences stood revealed.

Can any other solution be advanced to reasonably explain this situation? One realises now that here is a soul passing through a time of great difficulty and trial because of what that soul had done in a previous incarnation. And for what purpose? Not for the sake of punishment, God knows! But in order that this soul may have given to him the opportunity to face a somewhat similar situation to the last—similar, that is, in respect to the essence of the temptation, though not necessarily similar in character or detail—and, facing it, to win through. Last time he lost the fight because he took the coward's way of getting rid of his difficulties—as is practically the case with every suicide. This time he is being given the opportunity again to take the man's way and, in so winning through, develop such characteristics that *never again* will he lose the fight should he ever be called upon to pass through experiences of any similar nature.

And so it becomes worth it all, even all the suffering and the woe. For it is a battle, not simply for a life but for a soul, and, if the soul can successfully pass through this fiery trial, how much stronger, how much nobler it will be! It is right character which is of supreme worth, to attain the development of which Providence labours with infinite patience and ingenuity, arranging just such settings, just such capacities to measured reactions as will enable the individual soul concerned to develop that particular phase of character hitherto lacking. Hence, one incarnation dovetails into another, and one's past actions form the setting, environment and forces all requisite for the learning of a much-needed lesson.

There is another point also. God's law is harmony, love in manifestation, and they who do wrong—either to themselves or others

—break this law of harmony and have to suffer until, through the suffering, they come to realise the existence of this Law of Harmony and the strict necessity for compliance with it. They may not knowingly realise it as a Law of Harmony to which they must give compliance, but they do realise the necessity for a change of heart, or “a new birth” as Jesus termed it.

“He (who does wrong) has violated the Divine Law of Harmony. Each soul has *its own note* in the Divine Harp, and he who wrongs his brother (or himself) has struck ‘a discord’ which can only become Harmony through his expiation.” And it very, very often occurs that the necessity for realising this change of heart, and particularly the conforming to that realisation, can *only* come about through deep and bitter experiences. Yet it need not be so. “The path of Love and Mercy is open to all, but few tread it.” And hence, because we will not of our own free will tread that Path, our own past actions are brought in to discipline us until we come to the realisation of the better way. Then, of our own free will, we begin to tread it.

Yet again there is another point. Though we all, ultimately, must voluntarily come to a treading of that Path, and have to bear sorrow and suffering, of our own past making, until we do, yet that sorrow and suffering is never given us in measure above what we are able to bear. Be assured of this, no individual can ever rail against God saying that his lot, humanly speaking, was more than he was able to bear. If it is so, it is not because the amount of suffering apportioned to him—his karma—was too great for him. Says the Christ, “Every cup of sorrow held to human lips I drink the half, but for every soul that rests on Me, I drink the whole.” But it is because this soul, like the youth in his last incarnation cited above, has turned coward and, through his own bemoanings, his own self-pity, his own terror, has made it *seem* to be more than he is able to bear. So he has gone down, not because there was not a Strong, Right Hand ready to lend him aid as soon as he lifted his gaze upwards, but because he has kept his eyes so intently fixed on the ground of his own sufferings, and thus sunk down into the morass entirely heedless of the Hand stretched out ready to save.

If this Universe of ours is directed in Love how could it ever be possible for a human soul to have given to it to bear, at any time—no

Correspondence

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FLAT SHOOTING TRAGEDY IN LONDON

DEAR SIR,—Mr A. M. Joshua, the financier, who was one of the victims in the recent shooting tragedy in a London flat, was born on February 24th, 1870. This fact according to the press report of the case was obtained from a passport.

A map set up for noon at London is very significant, and is as follows:

	x	xi	xii	i	ii	iii		
	✕2	76	823	♄6.17	♄22	♂0		
	⊙	♃	♀	♂	♂	♂	♄	♄
	✕7.27	♂27.19	♄9.25	✕4.20R	✕9.13	♂15.2	♂27.8	♄18.19R
								♂17.43

His intrigue with a servant girl would appear to be shown by ♃ ♂ ♃ in ♂, a sign associated with shooting. Both occupy the sixth house. It will also be seen that ♃ rules seventh, eighth and ninth houses.

His rise to a position of wealth and power would be accounted for by the elevated position of the ⊙, ♀ and ♂ in the tenth in ✕. This seems to indicate that his position was entirely a superficial one and although he enjoyed the confidence of his friends and colleagues in the business world, ♂ in eleventh sextile ⊙ and ♂ in the eleventh, he had a skeleton in the cupboard, ♂ □ ♀ eleventh to ninth, ♀ ruling fourth and twelfth. The square of ♄ to ♄ is also significant. It will be noticed, too, that ♂ is in conjunction to ♀ in ✕ in the tenth and that ♂ rules the eleventh and sixth houses and ♀ the twelfth and fifth.

While these facts must, of course, be purely speculative as the actual birth time is unknown, the map is worthy of further study.

Yours truly,

A. E. PRICE.

THE SEPTIFORM SYSTEM OF ASTROLOGY

DEAR EDITOR,—In Mr Green's review of my above work I am indebted greatly to him. He has kindly pointed out that this is an introductory work to the study. That is quite so, and as such is not intended to expound details. To the thoughtful student, however, who has met deadlocks in our modern teachings, will be found therein the key to his difficulties; such will see, reading between the lines, many deep secrets, and which secrets are only given out in detail to the inner students of this school; for let it be known that *He who runs, may read* therefore the signs, and the truths are given forth, even in this outline work. But it is a truth in God's law, that we can only grasp that which is within the measure of our spiritual evolution.

One of the points in my teaching is that I do not differentiate between Esoteric and Exoteric Astrology. Every little mundane act, every little thought, every little condition of our lives, has a spiritual source, and a spiritual purpose. It is nevertheless perhaps wise to concentrate, as my work does, upon the exoteric and mundane view; because this is the first step of the causeway, the stair which is nearest to our understandings, and which leads from darkness upward to the light of *Cosmic law*.

Next month I shall welcome your invitation to give you my views, as requested, upon the remarkable position of Saturn in the M.C. of our Mrs Alan Leo's nativity.

Sincerely yours,

ALEC STUART.

To the Editor, MODERN ASTROLOGY

DEAR SIR,—A great deal is being written nowadays about *Primitive Instincts*. The demonstration of these forms an important part of the "New Psychology." We are advised to recognise these fundamental urges; never to repress but to direct them: each such Instinct having its good as well as its bad side.

Fear may produce a Cowardice, which defeats its own ends; as in the case of a person so afraid of being ill that they spend most of their life indoors, and lower the whole level of their health. But fear may, and should, prevent any human being from taking unreasonable risks while wearing such a frail vehicle.

The interest for Readers of MODERN ASTROLOGY will lie in the linking-on of these recently-defined Instincts, to the old, old symbols of Astrology. The matter is fairly simple after a little thought.

♄ FEAR is Saturn.—Active as repulsion; pushing away; asceticism. Passive as mere flight.

♂ DESIRE is Mars, also neg. Venus.—Active as Sex Passion (Barren), or Altar Fire. Passive as Acquisitiveness (second house).

☿ CURIOSITY is Mercury.—Active as Mental function. Passive as Wonder.

(♍) ♀ LOVE AND CREATION.—Active as Reproduction, Human, Artistic or Scientific. Passive as Protection of Creations, Parental. (The active side involves a Mate or a Profession: seventh house.)

(♊) 4 COMPANIONSHIP is Jupiter.—Active as desire for Rule over many. Passive as mere Herd instinct.

There are other things generally treated in modern books on Psychology as "Instincts"—Pugnacity (Peacefulness is omitted) Self-assertion, and Self-abasement. I suggest these are not fundamental urges or substances, but mere moods or vibration-rates.

M. H. CHARLES.

DEAR MRS LEO,—Enclosed please find my subscription 14s. for MODERN ASTROLOGY, and including sufficient for letter postage for same. It is always a pleasure to me when it arrives and I earnestly hope you will have strength and courage, and with all the assistance necessary given to you to carry it on. I so often think of the past, and of how bravely you are keeping the Flag flying, just as your dear one would have wished it.

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M. ADAMS.

AN earthquake was felt in the Philippines on December 18, killing twenty-four people and doing much damage. Uranus in conjunction with Mars set near here at the November lunation. On the date mentioned the Sun had progressed to the fourth cusp within orbs of a square of Mars progressed to the seventh cusp at Mindanao.

SMOKY DEGREES. Certain degrees said by the ancients to cause a swarthy complexion and dull intellect if rising. They are as follows: ☿ 20, ♀ 20, ♁ 22, ♃ 24, ♄ 23, ♅ 15, and ♆ 4.

SOLAR CYCLE. A period of nineteen years.

SOLAR DAY. See DAY.

SOLAR DIRECTIONS. One of the classes of Secondary directions, comprising those aspects made by the progressed Sun to radical and progressed planets. These directions are sometimes misleadingly named *Primary*, for they have no connection with the Primary System of directing.

SOLAR HOROSCOPE. The name given to the birth horoscope when arranged so that the Sun is rising or setting under its own pole.

SOLAR HOUR. A twelfth part of the Sun's diurnal or nocturnal arc.

SOLAR INGRESS. The entry of the Sun into a zodiacal sign. It is usually applied chiefly to the Sun's entry into the cardinal signs Aries, Cancer, Libra, and Capricorn.

SOLAR REVOLUTION. A horoscope cast for the exact time that the Sun returns to its birth longitude in any given year. Such a horoscope indicates the events of the ensuing year.

SOLAR SEMICIRCLE. The signs from ♈ to ♏ inclusive.

SOLI-LUNAR POLARITIES. The combined positions of the Sun and Moon in the signs, used as a basis of character delineation.

SOLSTICE. One of the two points at which the Sun is in extreme declination, either N. or S. The former is the Summer Solstice when the Sun enters Cancer on about June 21st, and the latter is the Winter Solstice when the Sun enters Capricorn on about December 22nd.

SOLSTITIAL SIGNS. ☈ and ♏.

SOUTHERN SIGNS. ♈, ♃, ♄, ♅, ♆ and ♏, in which the Sun is in S. declination.

SOUTHING. The passage of a planet over the midheaven, or south point of the heavens.

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