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THERE is ever flowing from the Sun a refined material substance, a solar fluid, as it were, which gives to everything in space its vital force. The solar rays, which are ever radiating from the Sun, contain the potential qualities that are to become manifest on each planet. Each planet being a world in itself, has around it, and permeating through it, this vital essence which it specialises according to its requirements.

The physical planet, composed of matter in various grades of density from solid to etheric, acts as the body or vehicle of the life-force, and this life-principle is Prana, the "breath of life." Every living thing may be said to possess this vital essence, it being the preserver and energiser of the vehicle.

In the life that emanates from the Sun we have *our* life and being. It is the vital principle which is ever flowing from the Sun that gives the energy which we call our vitality. It is that which we know as animal magnetism, vital heat, force, and energy, and without it there could be no physical life. This vital force specialised is classified by astrologers under the rule of the planet Mars. In the solar system after the Sun the planet Mars may be considered as related to the centre concerned with Prana, and for a correct understanding of the occultism contained in astrologic study we shall later on have to carefully study all that relates to Prana and the planet Mars.

Wherever there is life there is consciousness, therefore the substance that is ever flowing from the Sun is a general life-consciousness. It is both repellent and attractive, it is the basis of all sensation, feeling and emotion, and the root-principle of all our desires; hence Māra is the god of desires, the tempter, and the cause of all evil. The D'Evil. This planet Mars is the lord over life and death, being the ruler over the first house or the ascendant, and also of the eighth, the house of death in Astrology. It will follow from this that, in all considerations of life and death, Mars is one of the most important planets to understand. His symbol is a cross over the circle, indicating spirit-matter, with the latter abounding.

This life-principle is common to all things in the mineral, vegetable and animal kingdoms as well as the human, and as life is consciousness, all things are therefore conscious, more or less; but in the human kingdom man is SELF-conscious. Before leaving this part of our study it will be well to give two convenient names to this life-principle, and as those used by the Wisdom Religion are the most simple and comprehensive, we shall therefore adopt them in this series of articles; the first is that already named, Prana, the life-principle from the Sun, common to all things; and the second is termed Kama, the *specialised* life-principle under the influence of the planet Mars; from this general idea we may now come down to particulars.

There is ever flowing outward from human beings a refined material substance, a luminous fluid, which we term vitality, animal-magnetism, force, energy, ojas, etc. This substance is the life or vitality, which we specialise through the spleen. Those who cannot absorb a sufficiency of this vitality frequently use that of others with whom they come in contact. Clairvoyants and psychics, of whom there is now a steadily-increasing number, can see these life-waves as they flow outward as lines, or rays of light; when the subject is suffering in health these lines are bent, and do not flow outward evenly. This is called the health aura.* The quality and condition of this health aura are dependent upon the sign the Sun was in at birth, but more especially the aspects of the various planets to the

* In this connection astrologica students would do well to read Mr. A. P. Sinnett's admirable book entitled *The Rationale of Mesmerism*.

Sun; aspects to the planet Mars increasing the strength of this health aura, and adverse aspects to the planet Saturn depleting it.

In the aura which surrounds each one of us there are certain grades; these grades inter-penetrate one another, acting as rings, "pass not," as it were, of the consciousness, and are the finer bodies spoken of by the Apostle Paul. Astrological students will understand this better by thinking of man as made up of seven fundamental principles, each principle coming under the influence of one of the seven planets; we shall therefore now take up the study of these seven planets and their corresponding principles.

Mars

THOU ruddy wanderer in the desert air,
 Singeing our orbit in thy close advance,
 On whom, in ages lost, men looked askance,
 And hid affrighted at thy martial stare.
 To us thou com'st a sister planet fair,
 And not a luckless harbinger that chance
 Hath wheeled into the ether void, to glance
 Calamity and discord everywhere.
 Across the starless gulf we peer, to catch
 Some answering signal from the luminous shore,
 To tell us there are those beyond who watch
 And wait to bridge the chasm between us o'er.
 Who knoweth? In the nearing century we
 May flash a brother's greeting out to thee!

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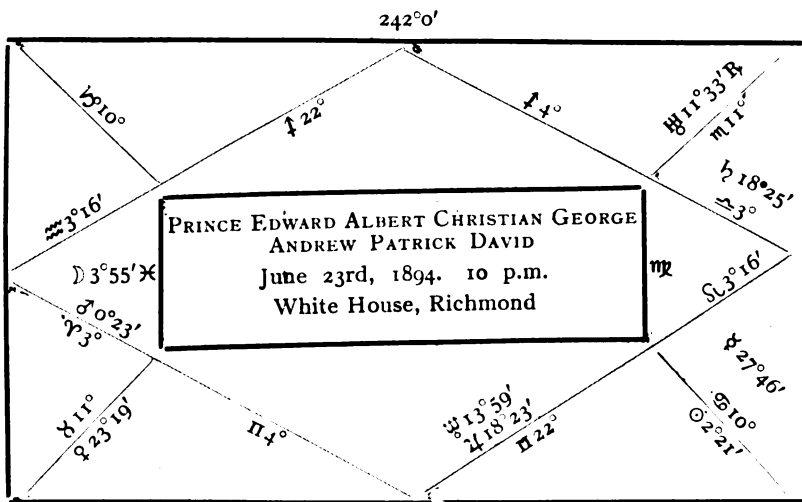
HARD TIMES AHEAD.—Are hard times coming? Mrs. Lucy A. Mallory seems to think so, judging from what she writes in *The World's Advance-Thought*. She says: "The very hard experiences that the world is now about to pass through will wipe out the general stagnation of thoughtlessness. Every man and woman of the least intelligence is going to think for himself or herself, as never before. The 'fixed' ideas that have been clung to so long will be let go of by the compulsion that the forthcoming disintegration of old things will produce."—*Light*.

A Royal Family :

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK

BY HEINRICH DÄATH

(Continued)



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☽	2 S. 39	12 S. 28	336 0	86 0	106 10
♂	0 N. 26	21 N. 30	119 57	57 57	60 17
♀	2 S. 11	16 N. 30	51 28	10 32	68 6
♂	2 S. 49	2 N. 25	1 29	60 31	86 57
♂	0 S. 27	22 N. 31	77 24	15 24	58 33
♂	2 N. 34	4 S. 50	197 54	44 6	83 53
♂	0 N. 24	14 S. 56	219 14	22 46	70 23
♂	1 S. 27	21 N. 3	72 49	10 49	61 1

AQUARIUS ascends as in the instance of the royal mother—to whom, indeed, the nativity as a whole bears a striking resemblance. What was said under the heading of the Duchess relative to the

ascendant applies here also, so need not be repeated. The Moon rises in both cases, occupies Pisces and is in close aspect to the Sun.

Prince Edward Albert will feature his mother and will have many of her instincts and characteristics. The Sun's position in Cancer will make him impressionable, tenacious and attached to home, while the Moon in Pisces will accentuate the impressionable side of his nature, resulting in psychic powers and a desire to develop or study them. The solar-lunar combination here exhibited is very harmonious, but notwithstanding Cancer being the positive pole of the aqueous triplicity, tends to receptivity. It will render him easily successful in life and extremely popular with the public, besides causing him to indulge in long and pleasant voyages. The aspect of Sun trine Moon from watery signs, Aquarius on the eastern angle and Venus in Taurus and the third, sextile Mercury, will make him the inheritor of artistic, musical, and literary faculties above the common order. He especially has the ability to become an accomplished musician and will probably possess a fine singing voice. Wherever the imaginative and emotional are to be found in their highest perfection, Prince Edward Albert will have no difficulty in criticism, culture, expression and creation. His emotions are strong and plastic, and he will be able to interpret his thoughts lucidly through the medium of speech. Uranus on the ninth imports high percepts, an original turn of mind, enunciates novel ideas, makes him inventive, acute, critical in his religion and not exactly orthodox. The mentality will be subject to many changes, and such matters as Astrology, archæology, antiquarianism, will come prominently into his ken. He will be able to deal successfully with them all. At times he will be liable to unaccountable depression, but it will soon pass.

An important aspect in this nativity is the close square of Sun and Mars. This warns those whom it concerns that he will be very headstrong and reckless, forming conclusions and making up his mind upon impulse. This will result in misfortune in a variety of ways. It is rather unlucky that this aspect is accompanied by so many planets in watery and common signs, since they do not give sufficient stamina or positive attitude to make a stand against the impetuosity of Mars. The fact of this planet being on the second house cusp, too, points to monetary difficulties. His abounding generosity, lack of control and strong impulses, soon free him of any

superabundant wealth. He will, however, never be wealthy, that is, *verhältnismässig*, but the state of his pecuniary affairs will fluctuate, sudden losses will ensue; he will be extravagant and improvident and the country under his rulership would always be plunged into debt.

Mercury is very close to the cusp of the 7th as the nativity stands, being exactly $2^{\circ}20'$ distant in arc. This planet is thus well within the sphere of angular action and may even be closer still, subject to the actual ascendant being a degree or two earlier. This would indicate the marriage partner to be mercurial, witty and clever, with copiousness of speech, and attentiveness to details. The Moon is instituting application to Uranus in the ninth house, which foreshadows that he is likely to meet with her abroad, or that she will come from abroad herself, and that she will also be eccentric, independent and critical, with much of the Uranian in her composition. The most powerful planets at her nativity will be Sun, Mercury and Uranus. The marriage period is mund. 23rd birthday under a sextile of ☉ and ♀.

The vitality of Prince Edward is generally good but the square of Sun and Mars and the sesquiquadrate of Moon and Saturn are ominous of a violent termination to his career. The former aspect will render him liable to accidents and inflammatory action, fevers, and such Martial diseases as variola, scarlatina, etc.; the latter will weaken the constitution. Hurts and injuries to the head will ensue under proper directions. The chief seats of chronic disease are head and stomach. Gastric ailments will show themselves, as well as hæmorrhage of the digestive organs, and likelihood of some cancerial formation. Indications are not wanting that the death will be sudden or violent.

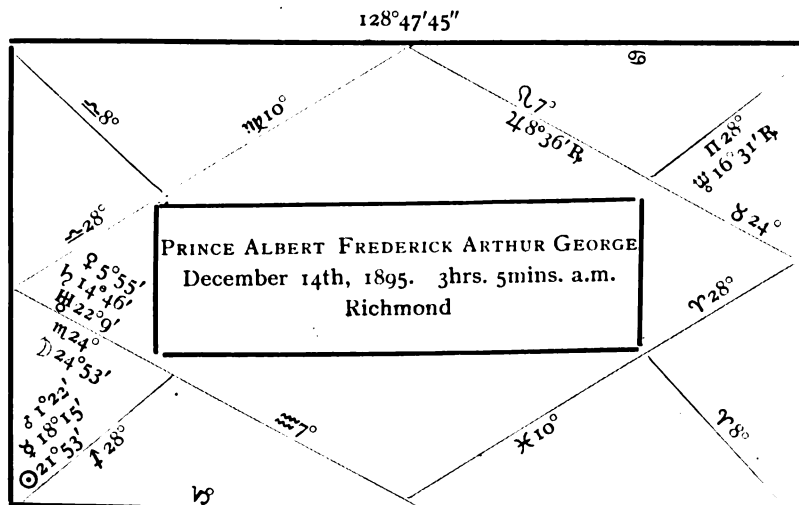
To sum up, this future heir to the throne of England is harmoniously polarised, his nature tending greatly to the side of the emotional, romantic and fanciful, with creative ability in art, music and poetry. His sympathies are easily awakened, there is much of the fluidic in his temperament, much of the lunar ebb and flow. He will nevertheless be very excitable and headstrong, and will require to be at the head of things. He will incline to be premature and give opinions, and form conclusions so rapidly that they will prove to be in want of revision. He has a splendid memory, an acute and critical mind, and will be attached to the mother.

DIRECTIONAL INFLUENCES

The seventh (present) year is not on the whole very good ; the system is liable to become disordered, attended by swellings in the neck and sickness. The ninth year, too, shows diseases resulting from a relaxed state of body and moist humours. In the tenth year, a long journey, probably a sea voyage, will be taken. With these exceptions, the early part of his life is comparatively uneventful. The first dangerous period occurs in the eighteenth year, when the ☉ by primary motion comes to the square of Saturn. We cannot disguise that this time is one of grave moment. He will come near to death, while some bereavement in the family circle is certain to eventuate. At present we will not look farther ahead than this.

CURRENT TRANSITS

The most important is the opposition of Saturn to Sun, which is pretty close throughout the year, but especially round November 14th, and earlier, in mid June and mid February. This is unfortunate for health and most other things. Mars conj. Sun occurs round August 13th (evil); ♄ ♄ end of November and beginning of December (evil also); ♃ ♄ beginning of September (evil). In a year or two's time Neptune will be over the radical Sun. The latter we shall closely watch.



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☽	4 S.52	23 S.37	231 12	77 36	123 24
♀	0 S.53	23 S.50	257 7	51 41	123 47
♂	2 N.39	10 S.57	215 27	93 21	104 6
♂	0 S. 0	20 S.26	239 13	69 35	117 58
♂	0 N.33	18 N.40	131 11	2 23	115 10
♂	2 N.11	14 S.12	222 57	85 51	108 34
♂	0 N.17	18 S. 2	229 47	79 1	114 11
♂	1 S.29	21 N.18	75 29	53 19	119 24

This prince has the most remarkable figure of any of those now under consideration. The twenty-eighth degree of Libra rises* and the whole of the planetary bodies with the exceptions of Jupiter and Neptune occupy a space of only 45° of longitude. No less than seven bodies are in close conassociation, a rare and peculiar stellium. The ego of this birth seems to bear little relation to the family among which it has made its appearance, and together with that of the Princess Victoria Alexandra is born out of numero-polaric order. Libra is a cardinal sign, giving the sense of form, order, and a love of justice, bartering, exchanging, buying and selling. Its subjects are compassionate and dispassionate and have the ability to weigh and judge. They are mental and have much inspiration when properly developed, fascinating, easily affected by inharmonious conditions, sympathetic, but impatient and occasionally unreasonable.

The ruler, Venus, in this horoscope is badly placed in Scorpio, its detriment, and afflicted by a conjunction with Saturn square Jupiter, and semi-squares of Mercury and Sun. This is an argument of evil. The sensuous will easily overstep the bounds into the sensual. The whole nature feels a craving for physical sensation and pleasures. Taking the polarity of the Sun and Moon as a basis, we find the nature to be combative, impetuous, sarcastic, and rebellious. He has a strongly pronounced character and does not shift any position he may take up, unless for his own ends. The Moon in Scorpio, its fall, will make him essentially fixed and determined and a strife maker. It is always a bad position for the unawakened ego.

The aspect of Sun semiquadrate Venus will incline him to the opposite sex and make him a lover of pleasure. He will require to

* The epoch shows 29° ♎.

have his sensations constantly tickled and revived. The same aspect with Venus conjunction Saturn and Moon in Scorpio will cause him to form bad habits, give him a markedly sensuous temperament, much tenderness and emotion, the tears easily flowing, and a love of poetry, particularly of the Byronic and Marstonian schools. The quadrate of Venus and Jupiter will contribute vanity and boastfulness, with extravagance in finery and apparel. The square of Saturn and Jupiter brings him discredit and dishonour. Fate will deal hardly with him at times. The lunar orb besieged between the malefics Saturn and Uranus on one side, and Mars on the other, discloses that his boundaries are fixed and that he will have a hard struggle against adversity. The lunar attributes, however, are sharp and well defined. He will see through complicated matters quickly and easily, possess some mathematical ability, but he will be liable to form illicit attachments through his dominant sensuousness. His sensations and ideas come with a rush; he is mad-headed, indiscreet, violent, self-willed, and destructive. There is a great amount of violence in this scheme; the subject ought to be carefully educated and taught the principles of self-repression, reserve and contemplation. Later, he would benefit by directing his thoughts into esoteric channels, and assimilating the idea of regeneration. If he will project his being into occult planes and devote himself to the study and meaning of life, he may learn to counteract his evil stars. He is being weighed in the balance. This incarnation is a turning point in his progress. The Scorpio action is two-fold and Prince Albert is full of it. Is he to cultivate the harmonious or the inharmonious side? We have sounded the warning note and can do no more.

Monetary affairs are distinctly unpromising and shown to be a source of trouble. He will make a good bankrupt. He is most inconsiderate in the dollar line. Money slips through his fingers remarkably well. His generosity, improvidence and extravagance will never allow him to retain any large share of this world's goods. He has sporting proclivities. In courtship and marriage there are obstacles, delays and grief, married life will not be happy if it is entered upon. The partner will be high spirited, martial tempered, keen featured, courageous, and a splendid and fearless horsewoman. She will bring him no large dowry.

The complaints incidental to the life of our subject are fistula,

gravel, stone and diseases of the genital organs. The throat will be affected, quinsies, diphtheria and tonsillar troubles ensuing. Chest and lungs suffer, while there is some slight danger to the cardiac region and more to the hips and thighs. Injury by gunshot wounds is indicated. The mental faculties are not well balanced. The redeeming feature of this horoscope is the close zodiacal parallel of Sun, Moon and Mercury. The parallel of the lights will strengthen the constitution and help him to ward off disease. Nevertheless, there is a doubt whether he will live to advanced manhood.

DIRECTIONAL INFLUENCES

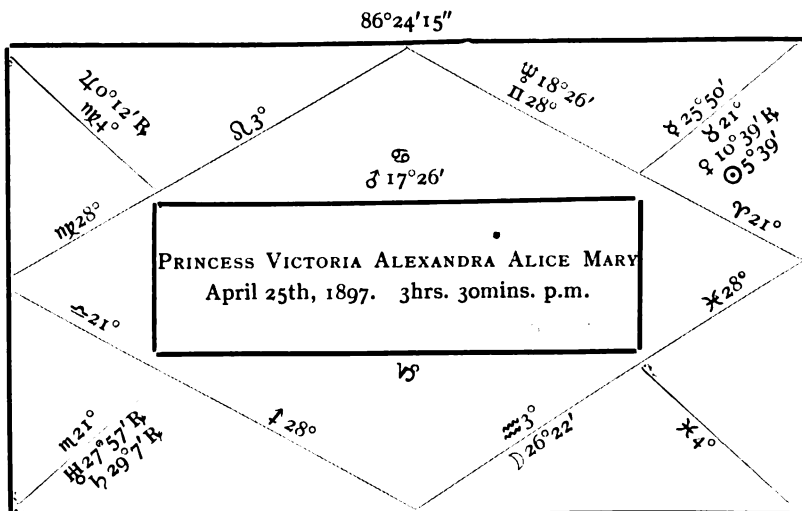
This is a case in which, owing to the close proximity of many bodies—forming what is known as a stellium or satellitium—the native will experience pronounced and well-defined runs of good or bad luck, although astrologically it is far from being luck in the ordinary sense, since it can be accounted for upon a proper and systematic basis. These “runs” will be particularly established by the lunar zodiacal motion and of course the major aspects will be most important in this capacity. Although a simple matter to point these out, it does not come within the scope of our present design. We merely draw attention to a few dangerous and successful periods.

The 8th year is distinctly bad. The prince will have illness proceeding from colds, and general misfortune. The throat and Scorpio parts are involved. The 12th is slightly evil—a relaxed state of the system and Venusian complaints. The 15th year indicates pleasant journeys, pleasures, merry-making, yet some changes will occur, and an early *amour*, also a danger of accidents exists. The 18th year sees another *amour* or an engagement. The 20th is a dangerous year, there being then formed a parallel of Sun and Mars. The 23rd is the probable marriage year, although the radical conjunction of Saturn and Venus does not seem to promise a very easy one. The mind is now graver and steadier, more philosophic and disposed to contemplation. He succeeds in his relations with elderly people, in dealing with property and the land. He is careful and receives advancement. The 24th year is again evil. Feverish diseases ensue. Acute inflammatory complaints, a touch of sciatica being not unlikely and some danger of gunshot wounds and sudden accidents. Round the 30th birthday is a very critical time indeed. Violence may be

expected—enteric fever, wounds, etc. In fact, it is the 24th year greatly augmented in intensity.

CURRENT TRANSITS

These are few and unimportant. The conjunction of Υ and \odot would have acted beneficially about December 13th, but as Υ is radically afflicted it will not bring much good fortune, but rather the reverse. The November lunation falls on radical Mars. The unexpected will follow upon that epoch.



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The Princess Victoria Alexandra comes under the latter degrees of Virgo.* Thinking some slight error in noting the time of birth

* Princess Beatrice was born under this sign, also the Duke of Clarence and the late Duke of Coburg (Duke of Edinburgh).

might have brought her into the domain of Libra we were curious enough to compute the epochal figure, which exhibited approximately $28^{\circ} 11'$ on ascendant, showing that 3.30 p.m. is practically almost the exact moment of *genesis*.

Virgo is a mercurial sign. Its main attributes are discretion, discrimination, ability to enter into minute details, sensitiveness, self-analysis, and introspection. Its subjects are thrifty, careful and persuasive. Usually they have a power of fitting themselves to the environment they may happen to be in, and though averse to strong contrasts contrive to satisfy their love of change in a thousand ways. They can express their nature through diverse channels, are quick to perceive and learn. They are very humane and versatile, good advisers, and have strong desires for the pure, clean, and beautiful in their surroundings, food, etc. They are more easily influenced by magnetic and atmospheric conditions than any other sign of the twelve. They sense the nature of a personal aura quickly and accurately. The proximity of inharmonious conditions, people, houses, localities, depresses and hurts them immediately. They are psychometric, or can become so in many cases. Inharmony is as much disease and death to them as malarial effluvia. They worry intensely and their brain is never at rest. Nature appeals to them with a finer force than to any other type. They are devoted to the country and study branches of natural science, make collections, and attempt to interpret and relate various forms of life. Diet and hygiene attract them. Virgo men form such ideals of womanliness that the reality of their marriage is often a too sudden descent into prosiness and they become unhappy, careless, and begin the task of repressing their higher instincts.

In the scheme before us the ruler Mercury is in Taurus on cusp of ninth house, afflicted by squares of Moon and Jupiter, oppositions of Uranus and Saturn and a parallel of declination with Neptune. These are evil testimonies, for, although Mercury's position will improve the mental attitude and give her much intuition and literary taste, the aspect of Uranus will make her over-critical, dogmatic, reiterative, and subject to be adversely criticised; that of Saturn, suspicious and stubborn; that of Jupiter, warped in judgment although with good abilities. Neptune will tinge the mind with romanticism. She will have acute faculties but her methods of using

them will draw disaster upon herself. Especially would this be so in matters relative to publishing, religion, during travelling, and with the relatives of the husband. Ninth house affairs are destined to play a prominent part in her life should she live to maturity. She will acquire languages with facility.

Although steady and persevering she will be easily aroused to anger, since her Sun is Taurean and Mars occupies the mid-heaven. She will prove rather precipitant in all she does, is very self-centred, and occasionally eccentric. Ready of wit and quick at retort she will be able to keep any company in which she finds herself full of life and amusement. She possesses some power of healing by the laying on of hands. She stores vitality up and keeps a reserve force. The culminating Mars will induce an exertion of the will. She cannot stand being thwarted but desires to direct and control, not always by any means redounding to her advantage. There is exhibited a state of over-criticalness in the horoscope which will prove disadvantageous and form many enemies for her.

So much affliction exists in the scheme that it will be well to enquire at once whether the subject is destined to live. We note that the lunar orb is most heavily aspected, having quadrates of Uranus, Saturn and Mercury (Mercury acts like the former bodies since in aspect to them); an opposition of Jupiter and an application by sesquiquadrate ray to Mars. The Sun is in the eighth (death) but fortunately bears a conjunction of Venus and a trine of Jupiter, while both luminaries are in parallel declination, first, with each other, secondly, with the greater benefic. It is these latter facts that decide she will reach womanhood. Yet there is much delicacy in the lunar constitution, and care will be required. The exclusively feminine functions become deranged and the sight also weakened. The chief seats of chronic disease are the throat and genital parts. Bladder and bronchial distempers will eventuate too. There is defective circulation, palpitation, and some organic weakness of the heart, while the ankles will sustain hurts and injuries. Parturition is painful, not to say dangerous. There is some defect in the mental faculties which will show itself sooner or later. The marriage partner is signified by Venus in Taurus, showing that he will be of kindly and sweet disposition, generous, fond of the arts and wealthy. Yet there is a probability that she will skip this man, owing to Venus, his significator, being retrograde, and

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The third Prince and fourth child was born under the same decanate and almost the identical degree of the same sign as Her Majesty the Queen, and peculiarly enough the Moon has just operated her conjunction with the Sun exactly as in the other royal nativity, except that it occurs in Aries instead of Gemini and in the twelfth instead of ascendant; but it is practically the same thing in one sense, since Aries is equivalent to the first mundane house. There is a decided similarity between the two schemes in other ways also.

Gemini is a restless, mercurial, dual sign, whose major characteristics are adaptability to environment, impulsiveness, nervousness, and diffusiveness. They are unsettled beings; wander about a great deal, take many journeys and make frequent changes of residence. They delight to follow two occupations, or even more, at the same time. Oftentimes they are in business but have some regular employment also. Such characters will be busy, fussy people who will be engaged in one occupation through the day and another in the evening. Strong mental types issue from this sign but there is always detected a habit of diffusiveness and versatility and a tendency to leave things unfinished. This seems to satisfy their craving for change and novelty. They are not so diligent as Virgo types, having an inclination to make short spurts into which their whole nervous being is thrown for a time. They hardly ever come to the end of their tether, unless plenty of bodies are in fixed signs or other testimonies of determination exist.

The Prince will be exceptionally restless from the fact of the conjunction of Sun and Moon in Aries. His brain will be ever active and revolving and promulgating ideas and schemes. He will never care to play second fiddle. The aspect will fill him with a

desire to be at the head of things, to rule, command, direct, manage, lead and evolve. He will not shirk responsibility, and while the combination will develop his sense of approbateness and render him very fiery tempered, quick to take offence, self-assertive, excitable, rash and impulsive, it will expand his perceptions and intellectuality. The ruler, Mercury, conjoined with Mars accentuates these points, adding as it were a double force and testimony to the solar-lunar position. It will also make him very clever with his fingers and incline him to those professions in which delicacy of touch is required—sculpture, engraving, etc. Mechanical and mathematical abilities are evident.

The principal aspects to consider in this nativity are the trines of Jupiter and Uranus to the luminaries and the par. dec. of Mars to the Sun, as also the quadrate of Saturn to that luminary. The former aspects are extremely good and will give him success in life, make him generous, high minded, honourable, benevolent, sincere, acutely perceptive, with special acumen in matters related to astrology, electricity, etc. He will hold public and governmental appointments with great ability, especially *outré mer*, and be very popular among all classes of society. Were he an ordinary type he might gravitate to the Civil Service and do well therein. The square of Saturn, however, will always be a hindrance to receiving the full measure of above, and will bring him into danger from secret enemies and animals, much sorrow, and disappointment, with a tendency to melancholy; while the par. dec. of Mars will render him quick tempered and subject to accidents and fevers. He is as likely as not to be thrown from horseback either in the hunting-field or elsewhere, and receive serious scalp wounds or concussion of brain.

Neptune afflicted in the second, is not reassuring for the pecuniary prospects of this native, but the trine of the luminaries to Jupiter argues more than sufficiency. He will have losses through connection with bubble companies and schemes, swindlers, etc. He will hardly know how he does lose money. Marriage is shown to be happy. The partner will be jovially disposed, of good presence, monied, and fascinating.

The vitality would have been excellent but for the unfortunate square of Saturn and par. dec. of Mars to the Sun, notwithstanding it will be generally good but never robust. The chief seat of

disease is the head. The brain will suffer from overwork; headaches will ensue but also graver maladies. Intense excitement and worry should be avoided, since evil consequences are bound to follow in this case. He loses consciousness in illness, everything appearing to settle in the organs ruled by Aries. Fevers, mental derangement, brain disease and injuries to the head are the indications, with a reaction upon the stomach. The sight is also likely to become weak or suffer some hurt. Other parts of the system liable to disease are the lungs and knees, the malefic square of Mars and Mercury to Saturn in Capricornus predisposing to injuries in this latter part of the body. There is shown besides, some prospect of peril by travelling.

DIRECTIONAL INFLUENCES

At present these are good and especially during the second and third years. The seventh is important but not altogether good, the first indication of cephalic troubles appears. The twenty-first is an extremely dangerous year; accidents will occur; there is great rashness apparent; the head is imminent danger. The same may be said of the thirtieth year of life; these two years should be especially noted. We have reiterated *head troubles*; these years will exemplify what we mean. The twenty-second year is favourable for love affairs, engagement or betrothal.

CURRENT TRANSITS

Few, and those of a martial character.

July 1st, Mars over ascendant; August 25th, $\text{♂} \square \odot$; September 4th, $\text{♂} \square \text{♂}$. These act quickly and suddenly, producing minor accidents, extreme forgetfulness and self-will. They inflame, expand and annoy.

CONCLUDING NOTE

By a process of analysis and subsequent synthesis of the previous half dozen schemes, we arrive at a series of facts and positions which indicate an insistent law or laws attached to or connected with the especial progenital type—a lineal cord, as it were, woven in and out every member. For instance, it is a strange and striking reality that in each of these figures (except one), the planet Venus occupies her own sign Taurus. The exception is that of Prince Albert Frederick,

to whom, as has been previously mentioned, attaches something extraordinary. In this case, where the tendency is to be unsymmetrical and unrelated, Venus is in Scorpio, her detriment, and the oppositional sign to Taurus. Again, in five instances out of the six, Jupiter is located in a common sign : in the sixth, that of the aforementioned prince, Jupiter is in Leo. And so, time permitting, we might deduce many points of inter-relation between these several nativities, and not only among themselves, but travelling further back might trace assertive sympathies and antipathies in the pre-going units of their lineage. This we leave for the student to follow at his leisure. We hope, however, to revert to these maps again.

FINIS.

Astrology

"MAN is a universe in miniature." How often we hear this said, but how little is it comprehended! We have organs, we have functions, and are continually drawing energy to each from an internal source somewhere. Where is this reservoir into which the human will dips its magnetic needle with which to engrave its destiny upon the palm, foot, face, and brain, and in every human bearing? The great Man of the heavens, according to ancient astrology, is an embodiment of individualised forces, from Aries the head, to Pisces the feet. Each group of organs of the brain is influenced or acted upon by vibrations from the planetary zones. According as thought travels to the zone of Mars, the organs of combativeness, time destructiveness, and concentration are acted upon, and grow. Saturn sends thought to the organs of reason and firmness, and Venus to love, art, music and beauty. Jupiter accelerates veneration and benevolence, and Mercury, locality, memory, and construction. Urania spiritualises, gives hope and ideality, while Neptune brings friendship and truth, and the Sun makes strong the individual. Truth and Light are free to all, but they receive it first who are highest. Astrology is a science. It is founded upon fact. It has been proven by induction. It, too, must have definite rules. It has definite rules, and application brings added light, and proves its truth. The signs of the Zodiac, the planets and their relative meanings, in their varying movements and aspects, must be readily known as friends or enemies, as spiritualisers or begetters of spoil. Then will true intuition see the vibratory connection between the organs of man and the organs of the heavens.—Yours in the Love of Truth, A. W. LUSHER.

"Light."

The Oracle

FATE AND FORTUNE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

NOTE.—The following is most important to all persons born when the sign Scorpio was rising upon the ascendant, but when the time of birth is unknown, in a general way it will answer to the individual characteristics of those born between the 23rd of October and the 23rd of the present month in any year, but it will be found to represent the personal characteristics of all those who were born at the time when the Moon was in the sign of Scorpio. Persons born after the year 1850 will be able to find the Moon's place on the day of their birth, by reference to the table of the Moon's place in "Astrology for All."

IMPORTANT to all born between October 23rd and November 23rd in any year.

The fate and fortune, in a general sense, of all persons born under the influence of the sign Scorpio governing the present month.

DESCRIPTION.—Middle stature, strong and robust body. Dark hair and complexion.

CHARACTER AND DISPOSITION.—The sign Scorpio indicates that those born under its influence are bold and warlike, inclined to rush into quarrels and be involved in disputes likely to be harmful to them. They are disposed to be critical, sarcastic, and deal severely with their opponents. They have a very strong will, which will fight to the very end. The phrenological faculty of destructiveness is large in their case. They will pull down and destroy existing theories, institutions and beliefs, which is due to the acute and penetrative intellect which the sign Scorpio confers. They have an insatiable thirst for finding out the secret nature of things, hidden causes, etc. They have the ability to become occult researchers, chemists or even detectives. Their imagination is fertile and their nature very resourceful. Their temper is petulant and fiery, but not malicious. Their manners may be brusque and rude, but frank and fearless. They can keep their own counsel and watch their own interests. They have much mental pride. When they have brothers and sisters there is danger to them by falls from high places, and natural causes induced by maternal evils and cold.

FATE.—Their father is often a help to them, but is in danger of reversal. The premature death of a dear friend will cause them much sorrow and trouble. They will find enemies amongst their own associates, and their love affairs and marriage may occasion serious contests. In foreign countries they will be in danger of secret violence, from which they will, however, be providentially protected.

HEALTH.—They are liable to go to extremes both in work and pleasure, thus bringing on sickness and trouble. Ailments incident to Scorpio are affections of the excretory system, piles, fistula, diseases of the bladder and anus, inflammatory complaints of the

generative system, afflictions of the head and brain, fevers, etc., and some violent accidents by fire and steel are shown. The right arm is in danger of being hurt, or even lost, and the head is in danger of cuts and wounds. The eyes are also liable to be affected by disease or accident. They may be the cause of their own illness by excess in some direction. They are liable to meet with a violent end by the hand of another person, or even be the cause of their own destruction.

FORTUNE.—They are ambitious of honour and are capable of attaining a high position in life. They have a taste for arms and military pursuits; also for government and leadership. Their monetary affairs are often fraught with uncertainty. The early part of the life will not be fortunate, but the second half is likely to be prosperous, and they may gain by exploits in foreign lands, by marriage relatives, legal affairs, also by marriage. It is probable that they will have two distinct sources of income. Eventually wealth will be theirs. They will have many friends and supporters in the artistic or dramatic world, and some love affair of theirs will greatly affect their position in the world, either advancing or retarding it. Their family and relations are friendly to their interests and welfare.

MARRIAGE.—They are likely to marry more than once, and the premature loss of their first partner is to be feared. The partner will be in danger of long illness, or accidents and hurts by animals or secret enemies, especially rivals in love. They will have many children, who will marry early, and perhaps twins may be born to them. There will be some secret trouble, however, to do with the children, and many secret love affairs are likely to enter into their life. It is indicated that before thirty-five years of age they will have in all probability a serious heart trouble, disappointment, or loss of a loved one.

TRAVEL.—Fortunate and long voyages are indicated, which lead to success. Many exploits on the high seas or in foreign lands may be expected.

♀ VENUS ♀

VENUS represents love. In its lowest state it is blind attraction, producing gravitation among the corporeal planets and instincts among animals. The more it becomes amalgamated with intelligence, the more does it become capable to manifest its divine qualities. Pure love is a divine and self-existent power, which only gives and does not seek to receive. It has no desires, but it creates desires in the objects in which its power awakens. In its higher aspects it rules artists and true physicians; in its lower state it is active in all affairs of love and marriage and in pleasures of various kinds. Among the metals it is represented by silver, in the spiritual realm by the Goddess of Love. As Power is the father of all the gods, likewise Venus is their mother. No being can exist without love. When their ♀ is departed they will be all swallowed up by ♀.

Astrology and Its Critics

THE influence of the three most ponderous planets, Uranus, Saturn, and Jupiter, passing through the sign Sagittarius, the ninth sign of the Zodiac, is stirring up the world's thought on the question of Astrology; but old prejudices die hard, therefore we need not be surprised at the indignation of those who as yet have not passed beyond criticism before examination of the subject. In this issue we publish extracts from *Knowledge*, *Light*, and *The Two Worlds*, containing arguments against, and for Astrology.

The following appeared in *Knowledge*, September 1st, 1900:

ASTROLOGY

To the Editors of "Knowledge"

SIRS,—I should like to appeal against the antipathy which appears to exist against those doctrines usually termed astrological.

The majority of astronomers, without the least examination of the subject, reject the idea of planetary influence as being totally unworthy of their consideration, completely ignoring the fact that there are hundreds of proofs in its favour.

No modern scientists would think of denying that between the Sun and the planets, and the planets and each other, there is a mysterious connection, akin to electricity, which manifests itself in gravitation, centripetal attraction, and perturbations of their orbits. Why, therefore, should not this mutual influence show itself, psychically, so to speak, in the destinies and characters of a planet's inhabitants?

Pythagoras, whom we have every reason to believe originated the modern system of astronomy, was undoubtedly a believer in Astrology, and the famous Kepler was also an adherent to its teachings.

I wish that some of your readers would give the matter a sound and unbiassed investigation which would prove whether the Egyptians, the Chaldeans, and other highly-civilised races were wrong in the opinions they entertained for many thousands of years.

B. CHATLEY.

240, Holloway Road, N.

[In reply to Mr. Chatley it is sufficient to say that astronomers do not care to waste time on an examination into Astrology, for the reason that there is nothing in it to examine. It is simply a gross

imposture, a special form of Fetichism, *i.e.*, of the arbitrary ascription to inanimate objects of mysterious powers, entirely apart from any physical and material action. The only excuse it ever had was in the days of bygone heathendom, when the Sun, Moon, and planets were looked upon, not as things, but as beings: as Gods, in fact, and were worshipped as such.

But as compared with the English astrologer, the West African negro shows himself much the more reasonable and intelligent. The latter, if his fetich does not bring him the expected good luck, will kick or beat it, and consign it to the dust-heap. The former, if Venus and Mercury do not justify his anticipations, does not dream of reconsidering his notions as to their "influences," but goes on still blindly believing in spite of the clearest evidences against him.

Present day astrologers can neither tell when or how the special "influences" suppose to reside in each individual "planet" or "house" were determined, nor give the observations upon which primitive Astrology was based? They choose to call Jupiter "fortunate," and Saturn "malign"; but if anyone should think fit to reverse the attributes, who could contradict him?

Mr. Chatley asks "whether the Egyptians, the Chaldeans, and other highly-civilised races were wrong in the opinions they entertained for many thousands of years." If modern astrologers are right, they certainly were. For the ancients recognised but seven planets, whereas there are—according to modern astrologers—nine. That is to say, in the opinion of the ancients Uranus and Neptune had no influence, for they never detected anything wrong in their calculations, as they should have done if these planets were really potent.

By-the-bye, if these two new planets have any astrological power upon the characters and fortunes of men, how is it that astrologers did not discover them centuries ago? The astronomers had to wait till sufficiently powerful telescopes had been constructed; the astrologers had their materials for study—nations, cities, and individual men, all ready to their hands.

Again, when Uranus and Neptune had been discovered, from what observations, and by what process of reasoning, were their specific influences defined?

Further, can astrologers tell us now, by the "out-standing differences" between their predictions and their fulfilments, whether there are more planets to be discovered, beyond Neptune or within the orbit of Mercury?

One point more, the force of gravitation—to which Mr. Chatley alludes—varies directly as the mass of the attracting body, and inversely as the square of the distance. Is it so with the "astrological" or "psychical" force of the planets? Does any astrologer know? If it does not vary according to the same law, does it vary at all for any given planet, or is it always the same for the same body whatever its distance, and equal for all the planets whatever their mass? Or if there be any differences, what is the law governing them? No astrologer

can tell; yet without such knowledge Astrology stands a fraud self confessed.—E. WALTER MAUNDER.]

Here is a poser. Of course the whole bottom is knocked out of Astrology; the old tub has been leaking for a long while, but at last an astronomer arises who simply says that "without (certain) knowledge Astrology stands a fraud self-confessed."

Fortunately, Mr. Maunder saves us the trouble to reply to his unjust criticism. Note carefully his logic (?) in the first sentence of his reply to Mr. B. Chatley: "It is sufficient to say that astronomers *do not care to waste time on an examination into Astrology*, for the reason that there is nothing in it to examine."

Mr. Maunder stands a self-confessed prejudiced person. How can he, or any sane person, pass a judgment upon a thing that has not been examined?

Now hear another opinion, from an astronomer who thought fit to *examine* before he criticised. Major Graham Pearce is probably equally as clever an astronomer as Mr. E. W. Maunder, and writing from Officers' House, Portsmouth, after testing the truth of Astrology by sending for his own horoscope and those of friends, without giving their names, he says:

OFFICERS' HOUSE, GRAND PARADE,
PORTSMOUTH, *March 25th*, 1900.

DEAR SIR,

The horoscope certainly hits off my characteristics and contains most essential advice; I, and many friends who have read it, are delighted with it.

And later on he again writes, as follows:

April 13th, 1900.

DEAR SIR,

I certainly consider your horoscopes marvellous, and I write as a prejudiced person, inasmuch that I have always heard Astrology derided during a life-long study of astronomy; moreover, as one of the tenets is a belief in the re-embodiment of the soul, I have yet to be convinced that we have souls.

Faithfully yours,
GRAHAM PEARCE.

It will be noticed that Major Graham Pearce is free from bias, as we may judge from his concluding remarks.

Mr. Maunder did not consider it worth while to waste his time to enquire whether the questions he asks had been answered by astrologers or not, but we may now tell him that each one of his questions has been fully answered, to the entire satisfaction of intelligent men who have been more careful than to criticise what they did not understand. There are no "outstanding differences between the predictions" of a competent astrologer "and their fulfilments," but we may place it on record in the pages of MODERN ASTROLOGY that there are two more planets beyond Neptune yet to be discovered by astronomers, and also an inter-mercurial planet.



THIS New Moon is an annular eclipse of the Sun, invisible at Greenwich but visible in Australia and South Africa. At London, the luminaries are rising, Mercury, Uranus, and Jupiter being also in the ascendant. The map is an important one and does not make for peace, for the eclipse is in square to Mars and the latter is the highest planet in the heavens. War, accidents, strange and violent deaths, and murders, are to be feared in the world. Sickness and even death threatens Royalty; and monarchs and statesmen have need to beware of the secret assassin. Sudden outbursts of anger and warlike feeling will occur, and many of the great of this world will pass "to where, beyond these voices, there is peace." Most of these dangers are as real for the world in general as they are for that small but important part of it shown in this map. Our country will be

strong and active although confronted with many dangers Mars brings trouble upon France and Turkey, especially upon the rulers and upper classes. There will be great loss of life at sea and trouble to shipping, as well as some danger from fire. Trade will be dull. The religious world feels the influence of Mars, and one of its eminent members will die. A well-known servant of the state will die. The German Emperor will have plenty of trouble, for the eclipse is near his Moon. We are sorry to see too that it falls in opposition to the Queen's progressed Moon, and too near the opposition of her luminaries at birth to be pleasant. Political complications for this country are sure to follow, and domestic trouble for the Queen, but it is to be hoped that the prevailing directions are sufficiently strong to ward off ill-health and personal danger for Her Majesty.

At Berlin 5° ♄ rises and the luminaries have just risen. At Rome 12° ♄ rises, and the eclipse is well in the twelfth house. In that part of Europe near the longitude of Athens, the eclipse will be in the twelfth, in square to Mars in the eighth, which will cause epidemics of crime, murders and sudden deaths. Mars is also in the eighth at Constantinople and St. Petersburg, therefore violent deaths of prominent people are to be feared; but probably the culmination of Venus will preserve the ruling monarchs. The figure is not very dissimilar for Cape Town, for the third decanate of Capricorn rises, the eclipse is in the eleventh and Mars in the eighth; the country will still be very unsettled, but Venus elevated strengthens the ruling power. Between European Russia and India, Mars will be setting, causing warlike excitement and disturbances in that region.

H. S. GREEN.

ZADKIEL SCORES

IN his almanack for the present year, published nearly a twelve-month ago, the venerable Zadkiel remarks that the fact that Mercury culminates at the ingress of the Sun into Libra, on September 23rd, 1900, "presignifies the possibility of a general election."

The prophet's accuracy is the more remarkable because the Opposition speakers to a man declare the time chosen for dissolution is absolutely unprecedented.

Solar Ingress in Sagittarius

THIS is an important figure. The malefics Saturn and Mars are angular, the former in the seventh, the latter in the fourth. These positions threaten the peace of the country and government. Saturn will disturb our foreign relations and make it difficult for us to pursue our policies. Fresh troubles will arise abroad and at home, while disappointments and chagrin will beset us on every side. The square of the luminaries and Mercury to Mars indicates a spirit of general rashness, anger, and combativeness to be abroad. The Government will have strong opposition and difficulties to face, and home affairs will be far from satisfactory. Since the Sun makes its entry into Sagittarius, and the Moon falls in that sign with no less than five bodies also occupying it in affliction, Spain should suffer a measure of misfortune as well as other parts under the archer degrees. False religions—and most are so—experience a stormy time. The Nonconformist element is prominent. Farmers should keep a sharp look out this ensuing month for incendiaries, as likewise interference with their established rights. Stored root crops are liable to sprout or rot, from the energising influence of Mars in the fourth. Those animals which usually retire early to pass the winter in a state of torpidity, are noticeably later, such as the badger, lizard, hedgehog, etc. Colliery managers and those interested should be on the alert for fire-damp, fires, and explosions, for a depressional area will form over some of the coalfields. Accidents will be frequent and work dangerous. Strikes are likely. Prices will rule high. The health of the country will be bad. An epidemic of some importance ought to appear. Servants of the state feel a stress of misfortune. Birth and death rates are above the average. Prominent literary and religious folk succumb. Crime and murders abound. The weather will be stormy, the atmosphere being electrified. Displays of lightning will occur and meteors will be seen.

The time of rule of this figure is from November 22nd to December 22nd.

HEINRICH DÄATH.

Observations

BY ALBERT KNIEPF

MR. HEINRICH DÄATH asks for the date of birth respecting the prenatal epoch in the July issue. The child was born July 24th, 1897, 5.37 p.m. mean time, in $51^{\circ}7'$ N. Lat. and $58'44''$ east from Greenwich, R.A.M.C. being $206^{\circ}54'40''$. The "coitus" took place October 8th, in the morning.

In the case of Fannie W. Tunison, the horoscopes of the parents must be considered, for such severe affliction has only hereditary causes. In my opinion the grandparents had a chronic disease or probably a disastrous fate. This is certain. Note to Astrologers: *Uranus is the significator of the grandfather: this I have found by much observation: it gives surprising diagnoses.* In the horoscope of Miss Tunison, Uranus is in par. decl. of Mars, the latter being ruler of the twelfth house, the house of chronic, fatal and incurable diseases. I do not say that one of the grandparents had the same affliction; all natiivities are a result of the fates of parents, grandparents or forefathers, as well as the brethren, sisters and other relations. Especially the time of birth and the situation of the parents at this time finds its expression in the horoscope of a child. Besides all this, it is probable that the mother had an accident during the prenatal epoch, which would be the next psychic cause of the child's heavy physical affliction.

As to solar figures for the twelve houses of the year (the twelve signs), it seems to me important to call attention again to the fact that these figures must be judged primarily in reference to *world policy, diplomacy, monarchs, princes* and all kings and persons generally ruled by the Sun. If we compare the positions of the planets with the horoscopes of such persons, we can give a clearer judgment with this additional evidence. At the end of September the German proposal in regard to the Chinese affairs was well received by the Russian diplomacy, but a refusal was made by the government at Washington. The horoscope, Sun in Libra showed the Moon $26^{\circ}33'$ Virgo near

the Sun, the lights in sextile to Mars, but square Saturn. Further, the Moon was in opposition to Mars in the radix of the German Emperor, announcing a conflict, whilst success was also shown by the Moon $26^{\circ}33'$ Virgo, sextile Moon radix of his horoscope.

The next solar figure, Sun in Scorpio, already judged by Mr. Däath in the usual manner, is also interesting for the policy. Mars 15° Leo, exact sesquiquadrate Saturn, is an aspect of importance in different political affairs, as Saturn holds exactly the same M.C. of the world horoscope. An aged statesman may have much annoyance and may be inclined to resignation. The aspect also heavily afflicts Jupiter in the radix of Queen Victoria, Mars being in opposition to this Jupiter. The English Government will find much enmity from a person of authority. Mars in the second house brings new financial sorrows to the government. Further, the Sun and Moon in the fifth house semi-square Venus may concern the Royal Lady and her visit, the Moon in Scorpio not being good for a Queen or Empress. But this position would have fatal signification for such a high person anywhere. However, the Sun and Moon sextile Saturn will produce at the same time honours to a Royal Lady.

The two mundane figures from November 22nd are very severe for the future, as the lights and Mars have bad positions in several horoscopes of monarchs. Any astrologer could point out this easily. For Pekin Uranus will be in exact opposition to the M.C. In the solar figure the Moon $5^{\circ}2'$ Sagittarius is in conjunction with Saturn in the horoscope of the Tsar, but in sextile to the Sun of the German Emperor. Jupiter passes Mars and Saturn in the horoscope of the young King of Italy, bringing him in the end of November success and honours. As Saturn in the solar figure will be exactly on the cusp of the seventh house for Greenwich, the English Government will have great difficulty with the Boers or their President. The Boers are Saturnians. The wars and enmities in the world will probably greatly increase after the eclipse of November 22nd, and there will also be financial calamities for peoples and states.

Now that Herr Albert Kniepf has supplied the necessary date of the case touched upon in "Observations" (July MODERN ASTROLOGY) and referred to in my letter of last issue, which, by the bye, ought to have appeared in the August number, it is possible to examine it by figures. Students are indebted to our contributor for recording the

coitus as taking place on the morning of October 8th, 1896, but this is mentioned as the *conception* in the July notes. What I wished to point out was the fact of a distinction between these two, and that the prenatal epoch was not necessarily the moment of impregnation, but the psychical, when gestation proper occurred. I shall be met with the reply that gestation is no more a psychic matter than is the actual corporal birth. In this I acquiesce, for in both cases the processes may be continued over so long a period as to be little or no use in deducing accurately such a sensitive *locale* as the ascendant. But in both instances there is a psychic moment of inconceivably short duration, in which the stars implant in the astral soul their radical influences. Now, on the morning of October 8th, the coitus took place. The exact time is not given, nor whether the 52° mentioned as the distance of the Moon from ascendant are degrees of longitude or oblique ascension. But this is of minor importance just at present, for we must get at the true conceptional period. The degree rising at the nativity was the $25^{\circ} \uparrow$, with the Moon posited in $5^{\circ} \cap 31'$ decreasing in light. At the epoch we shall thus expect to find the luminary situated in the degree on the western cusp at birth, and the degree held by the Moon at birth setting at the time of epoch. In other words, $5^{\circ} \uparrow 31'$ will ascend, and the Moon will occupy $25^{\circ} \cap$. And as the Moon is below the earth and decreasing, the period embraced between epoch and nativity will be *less* than nine calendar months. Looking back we find that on October 26th, 1896, the Moon occupies $25^{\circ} \cap$ during the morning. If we then make $5^{\circ} \uparrow 31'$ ascend, which it did at 9hrs. 47min. 34secs., and then compute the place of the Moon at that time, allowing for longitude east, we shall see that it was posited in $25^{\circ} \cap 12'$. These degrees are those which the ascendant at nativity should possess, but of course the sign will be Sagittarius. We thus note an exactness between the results obtained by *recording* birth time and by *deducing* it in the above manner, yet indicating the time taken to be a fraction "previous." Possibly by finer working than I have given epoch and delivery may approach each other closer still in their individual statements. Between the coitus on October 8th and gestation on October 26th is a lengthy interval, and the case shows unmistakably that it is upon the latter that we must base our calculations. I do not doubt that some day or other we shall be able to connect even these two functions—con-

pregnation and conception—in some definite manner, so that the ascendant of nativity may be defined from the previous act in this drama of cause and effect, physics and psychics.

As to the solar figures I am inclined to treat them exactly as I would other ones. If they only relate to princes, diplomacy, authority, etc., why do not the solstitial and equinoctial schemes likewise relate to such, and such alone? These latter are merely figures for the Sun's entry into signs, but they are important signs—being cardinal. Probably the influence of solar figures is only a question of degree. In power and importance come first the cardinal signs dominating the four seasons, following come the fixed, and last of all the common. Naturally we take account of the Sun as ruling power and authority, and the Moon dependence and the lower classes. But occultism recognises only one law. However, those interested will not fail to note our Deutsch friend's precept.

HEINRICH DÄATH.

Astrology

A letter to "The Two Worlds."

THE correspondence against this subject appears to me to be of a very similar character. The letters bear quite a striking resemblance to each other, and in my opinion do not partake of the arguments of the student. "Gross imposture" is, in fact, a very tall assertion, and the statements following this in Mr. E. Walter Maunder's letter speak of a strong bias as a first argument, finally attempting to sweep it from the face of the earth by letting us know that if certain (to my mind very unimportant) questions cannot be answered to his satisfaction, that "Astrology stands a fraud self-confessed."

How often have the same statements been used in connection with the Spiritualistic philosophy? The so-called doctrines of Astrology may be, as the early spiritual doctrines *were*, very hazy and incomplete, therefore the subject must not be judged by abstract theories and doctrines, but, by fact; and I have no doubt that if Mr. Maunder will closely examine the *results*, he will find that something more than mere coincidence is at work.

I would also point out that although Mr. Chatley likens the influence of planets upon humanity to the force of gravitation, he does not necessarily state it to be identical with the same. In fact, I understand that the influence of planets upon the human life and destiny is always said to be psychic, therefore Mr. Maunder's remarks on this point do not apply, as, so far, no instrument has yet been invented for the purpose of measuring the volume and intensity of psychic influence.

What is needed is to sweep away all its doctrines and speculations, all its superstitions, examine closely into the facts, and endeavour to trace the cause. In short, treat this in the same manner as Spiritualism has been treated, and until this is done withhold all judgments which must necessarily be premature and in themselves mere speculations.—Yours fraternally,

T. RUTHERFORD EDWARDS.

Numbers

BY H. S. GREEN

(Continued)

THE OGDOAD

THE simpler numbers are the more comprehensive. The procession of numbers from unity to multitude corresponds to the differentiation of the nebula of a solar system into Sun, planets, and moons; or to that evolution by which the spiritual monad of a group of animals becomes more and more separated and limited within its own essence until individuality is reached. Individuals, therefore, stand to the all-embracing spiritual monad as the higher and more complex numbers stand to unity. There is no doubt that the fate and fortune, the character and karma, of any being could be expressed in terms of numbers; the more highly evolved and specialised the being, the higher and more complex the number necessary to express it. In both cases, the cycle returns upon itself and ends with the higher unity. In the evolution of the soul, it gains greater and more glorious powers until it ultimately attains to the condition of at-onement with its Creator, the source from which it set out on its long pilgrimage. And in the procession of numbers, starting from unity, each becomes more complex and specialised until the whole return to number ten, the higher unity.

Number eight is capable of a variety of subdivisions and applications. It is the first evenly even number; it is the first cube; it forms the second tetraktys; it illustrates the laws of inversion and reflection; and it contains potentially the whole decad within it. An evenly even number is one that can be halved and these halves again halved without an odd number making its appearance, and so proceeding back to unity. They are formed by starting from unity and continually doubling it. As odd numbers are male and even ones female, the evenly even series is pre-eminently female, since no odd

number appears therein except unity. This is curiously confirmed by a zodiacal application of the series.

1	2	4	8	16	32	64	128	256	512
♈	♉	♊	♋	♌	♍	♎	♏	♐	♑

With the exception of unity and the duad, each of the numbers falls under either Cancer or Scorpio, when tested by the twelve-fold classification of the zodiac.

The peculiarly female character of the ogdoad is perhaps one reason why it was associated with female deities, particularly with Rhea, wife of Saturn and mother of the manifested gods, as Saturn was their father. Remembering the nature of the eighth sign of the zodiac, Scorpio, we may perhaps have a clue to the reason why circumcision was performed on the eighth day, and why, as Thomas Taylor says, conception comes under the ogdoad. This latter idea is worthy of closer investigation, because the other signs of the zodiac stand in a most curious relation to Scorpio, when taken in pairs, according to their planetary rulers. As every astrologer knows, each one of the seven ancient planets rules two signs, one odd or male, and one even or female. Thus Mars is lord of Aries, male, and Scorpio, female; Venus, of Libra, male, and Taurus, female; and so on with the others; the Sun and Moon being taken together as one in their rulership over Cancer and Leo. If any one of these pairs is examined in its relationship to Scorpio, it will be found to undergo a curious reversal. For instance, Mars rules Aries (1) and Scorpio (8); and Scorpio is the first from the eighth and the eighth from the first. Venus rules Taurus (2) and Libra (7); and Scorpio is second from the seventh and seventh from the second. Mercury rules Gemini (3) and Virgo (6); and Scorpio is sixth from the third and third from the sixth. Jupiter rules Sagittarius (9) and Pisces (12); and Scorpio is ninth from the twelfth and twelfth from the ninth. Saturn rules Capricorn (10) and Aquarius (11); and Scorpio is tenth from the eleventh and eleventh from the tenth. Finally, the Sun and Moon rule Cancer (4) and Leo (5); and Scorpio is fourth from the fifth and fifth from the fourth.

This peculiar reflection and reversal of the pairs of opposites, or twin signs, is found in no other sign than Scorpio, and is quite characteristic of the powers of that sign, which are conception and death. These two events in the history of the soul, its incarnation and ex-

carnation, both come under one heading, namely transference from one plane to another, reversal from above downwards, or from below upwards.

If we take the Sun and Moon as the parents, they meet as they enter Scorpio, and, by this peculiar reversal, conception takes place.* Then, allowing nine complete signs to elapse, in the order of the zodiac, we come, passing through Cancer, the eighth from Scorpio, the mother great with child, to Leo, which stands for the child born of that mother; and Leo, as we know, in both eastern and western Astrology, stands, with the fifth house, for children. The Sun, which stands for the procreating father in Scorpio, is re-born as his own child in Leo, his own sign.

In the old geocentric astronomy, the earth was regarded as surrounded by the seven typical planets, the sphere of the Moon coming first and Saturn being the farthest off. The eighth sphere was that of the fixed stars, from whence the soul returned to rebirth, and it synthesised the whole seven.

Some of the characteristics of number eight come out curiously in the subjoined Table of Numbers.

TABLE OF NUMBERS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	4	6	8	1	3	5	7	9
3	6	9	3	6	9	3	6	9
4	8	3	7	2	6	1	5	9
5	1	6	2	7	3	8	4	9
6	3	9	6	3	9	6	3	9
7	5	3	1	8	6	4	2	9
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	9
9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9

This table is formed by regular multiplication. Put down the numbers from 1 to 9 to form the first line across the page. Then for the second line multiply these numbers by two, which gives 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 (put down 1), 12 (add the 1 and 2 together and put down 3), 14 (add the 1 and 4 together and put down 5), 16 (put down 7), 18 (put down 9). The third line is formed by multiplying the first line by 3 and

* The Upanishads affirm that the soul comes into touch with the parents destined to give it birth by way of the food they eat. Food is Virgo, and the relation of this to Scorpio is well known.

treating the numbers so formed like those in the second line when they exceed 10, and similarly with the other lines.

Each line so formed has certain peculiarities of its own. Excluding the line and column containing no other number than 9, it will be seen that the eighth line is simply the first read backwards. The first line unfolds regularly from the one into the many, symbolising life, growth, birth, increase, which come under the monad and Aries. The eighth line withdraws regularly and gradually into unity, symbolising death, disintegration, decay, which characterise the ogdoad and Scorpio. In addition to this the lines associated together in the table are those belonging to the twin signs of the zodiac. The first and eighth lines, we have seen, are similar, and the two signs of the same number belong to Mars. Venus rules the second and seventh signs, and it will be seen that the seventh line in the table is the second read backwards. Mercury rules the third and sixth signs, and it will be seen that the sixth line in the table is the third read backwards. And lastly, the Sun and Moon are associated as rulers of the fourth and fifth signs; while the fifth line in this table is the fourth reversed.

In its relation to the zodiac, the ogdoad as Scorpio forms the second tetraktys and repeats in a secondary stage the process seen in Cancer and the first tetraktys. We saw that Cancer was a synthetic sign, gathering up in one all the remaining signs following after it. Scorpio does the same for the last four signs of the zodiac, containing within itself potentially all that is subsequently unfolded in them. Cosmically Cancer represents the Mundane Egg, containing the whole sevenfold universe synthetically within it; while Scorpio is an egg within an egg, synthesising the lower four planes of the seven. These four are seen differentiated in Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius and Pisces, which apparently relate by correspondence to all lower quaternaries within the various septenaries of nature. They are the so-called planes of form, as distinguished from the formless or nirvanic planes, represented by Leo, Virgo, and Libra. In the Orphic system they apparently represent the so-called "Sensible World," as distinguished from the "Intelligible" or "Super-sensible World" of the same three signs just mentioned.*

* See the "Chart of the Orphic Theogony," in Mead's *Orpheus*.

Therefore, while the signs from Leo onwards each relate to one of the seven cosmic planes, Scorpio is omitted in this correspondence. It forms a sort of zodiacal "eighth cast out"; Libra corresponding to the third plane (from above) and Sagittarius to the fourth. Scorpio resembles the monad in being a starting point, unifying everything below; and it is both creative and destructive. Just as Scorpio is the stage at which the lower four cosmic planes are differentiated out, so conception is that at which the personality begins to differentiate in physical manifestation. And just as Scorpio synthesises or gathers up the lower four, so death unifies the operations of the manifested personality, that their fruition may be gathered up in one into the soul. We have here the cyclic procession of the downward, outward, analytic arc, and the upward, inward, synthetic arc of the circle of life.

"The Ogdoad or Eight symbolises the eternal and spiral motion of cycles, the 8, ∞ , and is symbolised in its turn by the Caduceus. It shows the regular breathing of the Kosmos presided over by the Eight Great Gods—the Seven from the primeval Mother, the One and the Triad." (*Secret Doctrine*, II. 614.)

The figure of Eight, composed of two circles, illustrates the transference from one plane to another; cyclic motion outwards and back again. But number Eight is also $7+1$ or the octave; and Mars, which rules the first sign, Aries, also rules its octave expression, Scorpio. Furthermore, Aries is fire, or the upward pointing triangle, which reflects downwards as Scorpio, water, the downward pointing triangle; and "water" stands for matter in general, the substance out of which forms are made, and is fertile and productive.

"Number Eight postulates the equality of all men. Out of eternal unity and the mysterious number seven, out of Heaven and the seven planets and the sphere of the fixed stars in the philosophy of arithmetic was born the ogdoad. . . . In Eastern philosophy number eight symbolises equality of units, order and symmetry in heaven [*i.e.*, the upper circle] transformed into inequality and confusion on earth [*i.e.*, the lower circle] by selfishness, the great rebel against Nature's decrees. . . . But if perfect as a cosmic number, it is likewise the symbol of the lower self, the animal nature of man." (*Lucifer*, V. 357.)

(*To be continued*)

Reviews

The Anatomy of Misery: Plain Lectures on Economics. By JOHN C. KENWORTHY. With important comments by Count LEO TOLSTOY and Dr. ALFRED RUSSEL WALLACE. Second Edition. Paper 1s., cloth 2s. (London: "Clarion" Office, 72, Fleet Street.)

THIS little book with its quaint title has an importance out of all proportion to its size. Containing only 100 pages, it is packed with information and argument, clearly expressed, admirably thought out, and easy to be understood. It consists of a careful analysis of the present social condition of the nation; an examination of the causes of the discontent, want and unhappiness so prevalent; and a study of the remedy for this state of things. The author associates himself in his views with such men as Robert Owen, Ruskin, Karl Marx, as well as Tolstoy and Dr. A. R. Wallace. He is a Christian "Non-Resistant." He sees clearly that, in the moral world, force is no remedy; and that everything depends upon the moral progression or evolution of the individual. The keynote of the book is given in the introductory letter by Count Tolstoy:

"We should all like our social arrangements better ordered than they are now. To move in this direction we must ourselves become better. It is the only way. There is no other.

"It is this simple truth, which, however, we always forget, that is, with clearness and convincing power, set forth by the present work."

The book is one that should peculiarly appeal to theosophists. For if we are immortal souls passing through a long course of evolution, and learning to exercise wisdom, love and power by painful experience, the general condition of society is dependent upon the degree of evolution attained by the souls in incarnation at any given period. The cure for misery, want, and sin, therefore, lies not in the passing of laws but in the education of the soul. Laws can temporarily palliate or ameliorate general conditions, but they cannot change a weak soul into a strong one.

The author's politics, it will be seen, are essentially religious, and his work is most heartily to be commended. We strongly recommend this book to all thoughtful and practical people.

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