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## EDITORIAL

### *Indian Astrology*

SO far I have only received one answer to the offer contained in our last issue, and I am retaining this for the time being in order that other competitors may come forward.

I would draw attention to Mr. Sanders' challenge on page 138.

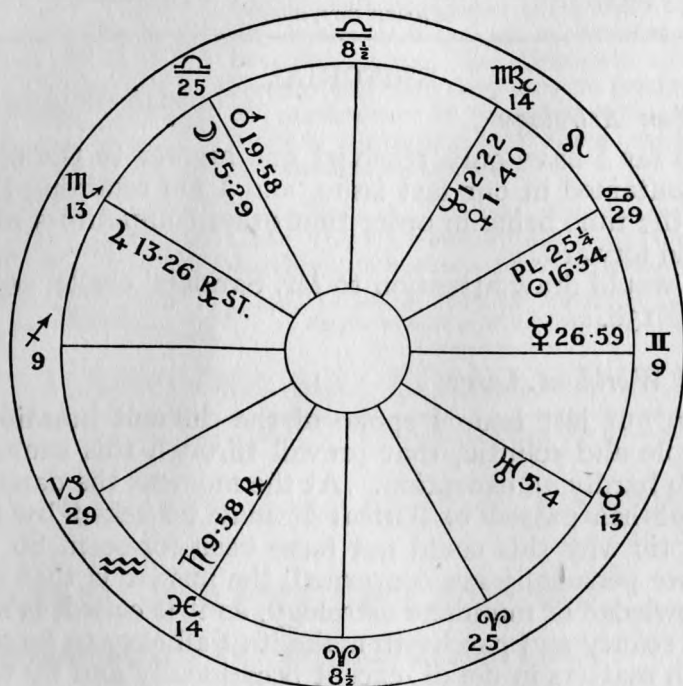
### *The World at Large*

In our last issue I spoke of the difficult lunations, simple and ecliptic, that prevail through this summer with hardly an exception. At the moment the danger-point has passed to Africa. It may be asked by the sceptic why this could not have been foreseen. So far as we personally are concerned, the answer is that our knowledge of mundane astrology, as it is called, is still too scanty and patchy to make it at all easy to foretell such matters in detail, except occasionally and by way of lucky shots. I do not suppose that any reliable maps in relation to Abyssinia are in existence.

So far as Il Duce is concerned, there is a clear indication of warlike movements in the conjunction of Mars and the Sun. Neptune is about to transit his M.C. and a time of severe testing is at hand. It must be borne in mind that the natus is extremely strong, but it is not invulnerable to ill-fortune, for the Moon is besieged by the two malefics. Another interesting point is that nearly all bodies are in the south-west angle, which can scarcely be considered a balanced condition or an altogether fortunate one.

I append, for what it may be worth, a horary figure

cast by myself at a moment when occupied with thoughts of the Italo-Abyssinian crisis; it does not, to me, suggest altogether a clear passage for the aggressor, and Mercury, in the 7th in its own positive sign and about to receive and move to some good aspects, would almost seem to have the better of it.



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It does not, to my mind, indicate a very clear issue, and it is possible that some sort of patched-up peace may end the matter, at least for the time being. Yet the ruler of the 1st in Scorpio, a fixed and Martian sign, shows resolution.

Another prominent statesman who is faced with the transit of Neptune over an angle is Franklin Roosevelt, whose ascendant is believed to be Virgo 15. I have not made a special study of recent conditions in the United States, but it seems to me that the President's map is pretty indicative of what has happened. I expressed the

opinion, at the beginning of his term of office, that he would have difficulty to make good in the face of Sun square Neptune radical. This aspect is eminently well intentioned (and Roosevelt's natus shows much more than mere good intentions), but under it things are likely to go wrong, and attempts to remedy errors are apt to lead to even worse conditions. Certainly many able American astrologers are gravely concerned about the next year or so.

It is curious that at the time of the Declaration of Independence Neptune was in Virgo, whilst Uranus was in Gemini, a sign which it reaches next in 1941. It has been said that the state of the country now in many ways resembles what it was immediately before the Revolution.

It is to be hoped that Neptune in Virgo will not affect the map of Great Britain greatly. What that map is I do not know, but it is hardly likely that it contains many bodies in Virgo, though I have heard it argued that the shyness and self-consciousness of (some) Britons point to a Virginian strain. I doubt, however, whether this is really English; it is probably a temporary trait due to the passage of some directional point through a sensitive sign. Something went wrong with the English character in the nineteenth century. It lost its natural robustness and self-confidence.

### *The Last Word in Absurdity*

So we must characterise the latest contribution to the question of house-division, put forward in a new publication and referred to in our correspondence columns. According to this, many of us must change our ascendants, for these are to be determined by simply adding  $90^\circ$  of longitude to the M.C. In Zariel's equatorial system  $90^\circ$  of right ascension were added, and this method is at least rational from a geometrical point of view, though useless in practice. The present proposition is equally remote from astrological fact, whilst also an absurdity from the standpoint of logic. Serious students should repel with contempt attempts to foist it upon the astrological world, for the only cause it



can serve is that of those who seek to pour ridicule upon us.

### *The Doctrine of the Hyleg*

In recent years there has been a tendency, much overdue, to revise medieval conceptions in astrology. One of these that, in my opinion, badly needs attention is that of the hyleg.

There is, I know, a strong propensity among some astrologers, principally those of theosophical leanings, to treat with extreme respect anything that is old; but the fact remains that, so far as science goes, we have left the ancients immeasurably behind. It would, indeed, be sad if this were not so, for in that case our boasted progress would be mere delusion. In part, no doubt, it is overrated; but to fly to the other extreme and suppose that human knowledge has steadily declined for hundreds of years is an unwarranted and depressing alternative.

Strictly, the hyleg is a point in the horoscope which was said to determine the *length of life*, as distinct from the *health*, which was normally judged from the rising sign and the 6th house. But some writers were very vague as to whether the hyleg decided longevity or health, though it is obvious that the two things are often very different, though not entirely separate. For example, many thousands of robust men were killed in the war at an early age and it often happens that healthy people die by accidents.

I think we shall all admit that many factors may affect the health, in fact almost any aspect may have *some* influence on it, if not a very marked one. Aspects involving the Lights, the rising degree, or the 6th, 8th, or 12th house (and this will include nearly all, in some sense) are bound to have at least a potential health-value. If an aspect involves several of these (for instance, a malefic ruling the 6th and placed in the 8th, in square to the ascending degree), then the physical well-being is sure to feel the effect sooner or later.

My own view is that the ascending sign, and in particular the actual rising degree, determines the

general strength of the body, at least as much as any one factor may be said to do so. If this is strong then the effects of other configurations of an inharmonious nature may be withstood for a long time, and *vice versa*.

But as to whether there is any point that by itself decides the length of life, and further as to whether this is identical with any of the points given as possible hylegs, this is another question. I am extremely doubtful on the second score. In the map of the Prince Consort (who died aged forty-two), neither Sun, Moon, nor ascendant is afflicted; he perished as a result of very severe interplanetary aspects.

The late Bessie Leo attained a good age with a very severely afflicted Sun and ascendant, though her health was not good. I have also the natus of a man born at 1.30 a.m., April 13, 1835, at Geneva, and here the Sun and Moon are badly afflicted by Mars and Saturn, yet he died September 3, 1915, being over eighty. This should console many who have "bad" maps and yet desire to see as much of terrestrial life as they can. It seems definitely to destroy the belief that longevity is entirely dependent upon either of the luminaries. But if we have to choose between them, I should say that a badly afflicted Moon is worse than a badly afflicted Sun; old people sometimes have the latter, but only exceptionally do they have the former, and this appears equally true of both sexes.

In a very general sense it would seem that the best aspects for old age are harmonious contacts of one or both lights to Saturn. Afflictive aspects between the same bodies do not necessarily deny long life, but they would not be conducive to health or happiness.

In sum, the doctrine of the hyleg ought, in my opinion, to be discarded, or at least laid aside until it can be placed on a sure footing. In its present form it is calculated to cause unnecessary worry.

### *Uranus Opposition Neptune*

This aspect occurs constantly in the horoscopes of young people, for it came within orbs early in 1903 and remained so, off and on, till the end of 1913—a formid-

able period of time. The question has often been asked in the Astrological Lodge (and doubtless elsewhere) as to what its usual effects have been.

I think that, considered as Neptune afflicted in Cancer, it denotes family troubles and, in particular, the death or disappearance of a parent and, regarded as Uranus afflicted in Capricorn, it indicates troubles in the employment.

From the standpoint of the nation, or perhaps one might almost say the race, the former influence appears to point to the great increase in the artificial limitation of families, and the latter is certainly related to unemployment.

Of course in each individual map many other considerations arise to mitigate or aggravate these tendencies.

The psychological effect lies probably in the direction of the way in which old values have been largely thrown into the melting-pot and the general mental and moral chaos that followed on the War, working havoc among those who have not that wonderful sheet-anchor, a strong Saturn. There can be no question but that, from many points of view, Saturn is the best friend a man can have. It is true that he can make one narrow-minded, emotionally cold, and without enthusiasms or sense of fun. But any planetary influence can be exaggerated, with regrettable results, and Saturn, if reasonably well placed, guards us against a thousand follies.

### *The Most Spiritual Planet*

The medieval writers seem to be responsible for giving Saturn a bad name, which has stuck. To them he was Limitation; and limitation was of the earth and the reverse of the spiritual.

But limitation seems to be a condition of our being—not only of our external existence in form, but also of our interior activity in thought, which depends on the principle of Order, which is itself a kind of limitation. It is not limitation as such that is evil, but wrong limitation. For instance, the strength of a man is less than

that of an elephant, but we do not feel this to be wrong, but perfectly natural. It is only when our individual strength is less than that of the average of mankind that we may call our condition in some sense evil. Without limitation there would be nothing but a universal identity and no manifestation at all, either objective or subjective.

Hence the fact that Saturn represents limitation does not stamp him as evil, but as being extremely basic in principle. He is, in fact, the first step out of the state of universal Sameness.

As for the question sometimes asked, What is the most spiritual planet? one can only say that all existences, and not only all planets, are expressions of the spiritual and are spiritually symbolic. Saturn is especially symbolic of the *immutability* of spirit.

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Correspondence is invited with earnest students of the zodiac as the pathway of the soul. Readers interested should write at once to BM/DRXE, London, W.C.1.

## OUR LAST COMPETITION

DURING the summer most of us lay our studies aside to some extent and the entries were few, but excellent.

The prize is awarded to the following, which we believe readers will find very interesting; it is concise and detailed and covers both the inner and the outer operation of the contacts.

### MY WORST ASPECT AND WHAT IT HAS DONE TO ME

By SOL MINSKY (New York)

I am a Capricornian by birth, having 8 ♄ 39 on the ascendant. I have ♀ 15 ♄ 33 and ♄ 18 ♄ 23 in the 1st house. This conjunction is ☐ ♄ 17 ♄ 6, retrograde on the cusp of the 3rd. Pisces is intercepted in the 2nd between ♄ and ♄. I was born November 21, 1909, at 10.04 a.m., at Manhattan. ♀ ♄ ♄ ☐ ♄ is undoubtedly my worst aspect.

I am a typical Capricornian. What the textbooks say about my sign is mostly correct. I am somewhat tall and walk slightly round-shouldered. I am clumsy in everything I undertake, from tennis,

swimming, dancing, to even shaving, and also possess a vicious orthography. I am desperately serious in everything I undertake and possess more ambition, but less talent, than anyone I know of.

I am methodical, exact, and punctilious. I arise each morning promptly at 6 a.m., read the *Secret Doctrine*, read my *Times*, take the car to my office, perform the same work each day (I am a civil service employee), leave every day at 5 p.m., go home, read *Astrology* or other serious books, go down for a walk, go up, read again, and at about 11 p.m. go to bed. Such is my life.

The above-mentioned conjunction has resulted in the following:

- (a) An operation for mastoid on my left ear (♄ ♀).
- (b) A sinus operation on my nose, left nostril (♄ ♀).
- (c) Abominable teeth and poor bone construction (♄ ♀).
- (d) A stern religious father who until the age of fifteen compelled my unwilling attendance in synagogue (♀ ♃).
- (e) Family troubles. Financial troubles.
- (f) My father has had four nose operations, my brother two, my sister two, my other sister a badly dented nose (♀ ♂ ♄ ♂ ♄).
- (g) My sister is partially deaf and has had infantile paralysis, leaving her crippled for life (♀ ♃).
- (h) My blunt, boorish, crude, sarcastic way of speech (at times).
- (i) My ailments, which certainly are immortal (as far as this life goes).
- (j) Women find me boring. This "appreciation" is mutual, however.
- (k) My height is explained by ♄ in ♃.
- (l) My expectations, which are seldom realised (to my satisfaction).

In conclusion I may add that this aspect has taught me patience, tact, consideration, courtesy, and sympathy. It seems that everything in life presents for me a difficulty, an obstruction which must be removed by understanding and experience. I am a true son of Capricorn in that I feel that in time (*kronos*) everything will be O.K. Time, time, and still more time is what I want. This life, any one life, is a joke to me. I haven't as yet begun to live. I am still in an embryonic state. I demand *all* knowledge, *all* experiences that life can offer. Therefore I simply plod and work. The result is an infinitesimal pace of progress—but progress.

## SOME ASTROLOGICAL ERRORS

BY THE EDITOR

I. THAT Leo is a strong sign under which to be born.

Leo may give strength in adult life, but it is certainly not a strong ascendant in infancy. In cases of infant



mortality it is by no means a rare ascendant, so far as my experience goes.

2. That Sun-in-Libra is a peace-loving position.

It is the reverse—it is characteristic of the fighter and the debater.

Nelson, Annie Besant, Hindenburg, Lord French, Wallenstein, Lord Roberts, and innumerable other names testify to the truth of this.

3. That Capricorn rising is taciturn, cold, and selfish, also that it possesses remarkable powers in commercial and political affairs.

It is usually the reverse of taciturn, often being loquacious and even eloquent. So far from being cold, it is one of the most emotional of the signs and is often artistic, musical, and poetic. It is very self-centred and may perhaps be selfish. It produces a number of persons who, though very good at their special work, are very far from being suited for business or politics—in fact, according to my observations they are often inefficient, apart from their own vocation, and hate business.

The traditional Capricorn seems more often to come under the Sun in that sign.

4. That Aquarius is always humane.

The hard side of Saturn is often in evidence when Aquarius rises, and many soldiers have been born under this ascendant. Though as a rule democratic in manner, Aquarius is not one that always spends its time or its money on humane projects; it is not particularly forgetful of "Number One," but sometimes gets credit for what is really due to Pisces intercepted in the 1st house.

5. That military life comes under Mars.

Saturn has at least as much to do with it, and not unnaturally. A soldier drills thousands of times for every once that he fights.

6. That religion comes under Jupiter.

Leo is the most religious sign, and after it the two signs of Saturn. Religious maps commonly show both Jupiter and Saturn strong, and often conjoined, or in each other's signs. Jupiter alone is not religious.

7. That Neptune rising makes people mild, inoffensive, dreamy, and wool-gathering.

Neptune rising weakens the physique, causing bodily and emotional sensitiveness, but it is quite compatible with good intellectual powers and common sense. It is often critical and rather unforgiving when seriously vexed.

8. That good aspects produce good people, and bad aspects produce bad people.

Good and bad aspects, as they are called, respectively indicate easy and hard lives, but they do not always correspond to noble and evil characters—far from it.

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## PLUTO IN RELATION TO HEALTH

By CHARLES E. O. CARTER

ONE of the first things that became clear to astrologers when they devoted themselves to the study of the planet Pluto, which was discovered in 1930, was that it is a *planet of crises*. *It brings to the surface that which has lain hidden*, often causing a severe temporary condition which, if properly treated, is followed by a much healthier state of affairs. This is its normal action, both in physical health and in regard to the social body. In terms of society it is the planet of revolution and strike, but there is always the chance that, if the symptoms are properly treated, the severity of the crisis will be mitigated or perhaps there will be no crisis at all.

The normal action of Pluto is to give the body energy, as does Mars. But when the action of some other planet, usually Saturn, inhibits the free flow of this energy, then disease is set up, generally of the febrile sort, representing the heroic effort of Mars and Pluto to force the barricades of Saturnian inhibition and allow the free flow of the river of cosmic energy through the frame.

We often talk of a disease being Mercurial, Martian, Saturnian, and so forth, but in point of fact almost every state of the body is the result of the action of at



least two planets. We say, "it takes two to make a quarrel," and in exactly the same way it takes two to make an aspect, either good or bad. Disease, if serious, is always the result of a radical condition, and that radical condition can scarcely be the work of one planet by itself. One could, in theory, have a planet completely isolated. It might be in its own sign and house and entirely unaspected. But if this were to occur it would be very weak and would certainly not produce a serious disease, unless, of course, it were tremendously affected by the aspects of a progressed planet, in which case you would get your "two to make a quarrel"—one radical and one progressed.

Now by far the commonest types of illness appear to me to result from the efforts of those gallant warriors Mars and Pluto to dissolve the concretions due to Saturnian action, or inaction. I must add that word, for Saturn is often a lazy fellow so far as physical exercise goes, and those who avoid exercises are guilty of disrespect and indifference to the planets Mars and Pluto, who will assist even those who dishonour them to regain health but will not be able to do so in the same normal manner as they adopt with those who obey their precepts!

Saturn's action tends to thicken, slow down, and harden all that it affects, and such a disease as rheumatoid arthritis is most characteristic of his work. In a case of this complaint in my own family, Saturn is in square to the Moon and in opposition to the Sun, which is in Aquarius, the Moon being in the phlegmatic sign Taurus. Jupiter, the most helpful of all planets, is in Capricorn, wherein he is more or less captive to the same Saturnine principle. The native is temperamentally anxious, fussy, not good at resting, but all the same averse to healthy normal exercise and there is that undercurrent of materialism which we are apt to find with very Saturnian people. Mars is in Pisces, wherein he does not work very strongly, and both he and Pluto lack strong aspects to other bodies and so cannot do what they should to assist the body to resist the adverse Saturn influence.

It appears to me that we have to consider three main parts of the science of nutrition, with the last of which Pluto is concerned. These are: *Ingestion*, *Assimilation*, and *Elimination*.

Ingestion, or the food we eat, seems to me to have a good deal to do with Venus on its negative Taurean side, and with Cancer also. In the maps of gluttonous people we are apt to find emphasised Taurus, Cancer, and Leo, or the corresponding houses.

I will now cite the horoscope of a woman born under  $17^{\circ}$  Cancer, July 31, 1859,  $51^{\circ}$  N.,  $3^{\circ}$  W. This is taken from the *Astrologer's Magazine*, 1894.

This woman persisted in taking a heavy meal after confinement and died in consequence at the age of 34 years 1 month.

Here both benefics rise in Cancer and there are three bodies in Leo in the 2nd house. The Sun is one of them and is besieged between Mars and Saturn, and these three take the square of Pluto in  $8\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  Taurus. This woman was not only gluttonous but also terribly extravagant, and the element of self-control is very lacking. There is nothing in the signs of Saturn and that planet is in detriment, without any aspects of account. With the exception of Neptune all bodies are in the first half of the zodiac. Of the ten bodies and one point (the ascendant) no less than seven are in two animal signs—Cancer and Leo. Only Mercury and Uranus are in human signs and they are in close square, giving self-will and perversity.

The animal nature here quite overwhelmed the rational, and the pleasure-seeking side of Venus and Jupiter, taking command, overloaded the body with unsuitable and unneeded food. Mars and Pluto naturally at once assumed their office of cleansers, but being helped by no good aspects, the result was a fatal fever. It is, I think, a very instructive case, and among other things shows us that, whilst it may be in many respects agreeable to be born with both benefics in the 1st house, the results are not inevitably fortunate.

This case really shows the disadvantage of being no longer an animal but not, as yet, truly human. The

creatures of nature rarely over-eat and, in fact, do not often have the opportunity to do so. But if they do this, they generally atone by a corresponding fast. Their sensitive stomachs also reject unsuitable food more readily than do ours. We train our organs to "grin and bear" what the animal stomach promptly ejects, under the action of a vigorous Mars or Pluto.

In some cases assimilation—the second process—cannot take place. Thus we have examples of infants who die through failure to assimilate food. In such cases there is usually some sort of Cancer affliction, showing a delicate stomach, and I think Libra, which is also a sensitive sign in matters of digestion, is often prominent. Then we often find Saturn strong—a planet which is no help in infancy. I have one case from *Modern Astrology*, June 1920, of an infant who died at  $1\frac{1}{2}$  years through inability to retain food. Birth was at 2.10 a.m., December 31, 1914, at Bradford. Here Neptune, the most sensitive of the planets, is in Cancer square the ascendant, which is the 27th degree of Libra. Five bodies are in the signs of Saturn and the Moon is in conjunction with Saturn in Gemini. Pluto is not ill-placed, but, of course, in this case elimination was not in question; there was nothing to eliminate. People are naturally timid of letting a baby fast, yet that might have cured the trouble and could not have resulted worse than attempted feeding, which did not yield nutrition but only wearied the feeble organism.

Diabetes is a typical disease of mal-assimilation, the body being unable, owing to defective action of the pancreas, to deal with starch. It would be interesting and perhaps valuable to know what planets rule the different food-elements—proteid, fats, carbo-hydrates, and so forth. Diabetics often have Mercury or the Sun in affliction with Uranus, and Jupiter is also often afflicted. It is a complaint to which, it is said, the fat nervous type is peculiarly subject and it is also common in Italy, India, and among Jews. During the war the death-rate from diabetes in Germany sank to one-half, showing that it is an ailment that goes with easy living and, probably, an excessive intake of

sugar, which is the most concentrated form of starch, and so far as commercial white sugar goes, a very deleterious form. I have never heard that the negroes, who consume a great deal of natural sugar, suffer from diabetes.

Now consider the horoscope of an unfortunate boy who at nine contracted this ailment, very unusual at such an early age. Data are: Hull, 3 p.m. Brit. Summer Time, September 2, 1920. This map differs from that of a niece of mine by only a matter of an hour and a half, but I am glad to say that my niece has not yet contracted diabetes, although she has had appendicitis. In her case the ascendant is Capricorn  $1^{\circ}$ . In the case of the boy there is, of course, a satellitium in Virgo, of which three members, the Sun, Mercury, and Jupiter, are in opposition to Uranus, and there are five squares to the ascendant, whereas, in my niece's case, the ascendant has three trines from Virgo and the sextile of Uranus, which may make a very big difference. The opposition of Uranus to the Virgo planets is in both cases from the 2nd to the 8th.

It would appear that Virgo has much to do with assimilation—digestion, in fact. This is not solely a Cancerian function; it extends to the Virgo region also. In a "fat lady" we have Uranus in Virgo square the Sun and Jupiter, and in our greedy woman we had Mercury in Virgo square Uranus. Here we have planets in Virgo again in affliction with Uranus, Mercury being the one in nearest opposition. It would seem that planets in Virgo afflicted by Uranus are very apt to produce assimilatory trouble, and the same is true of planets afflicted from Virgo by Uranus. We are apt to place Virgo's function in the field of elimination and to expect such a condition as chronic or acute constipation from Virgo, but it is evident that this is too restricted a view.

In this last case Pluto is in  $8\frac{1}{2}$  Cancer in good aspect to most of the Virgo-Pisces bodies, and this is sure to be helpful, giving the body considerable eliminative strength.

I do not know the exact date of the introduction of

insulin,<sup>1</sup> but it must have been fairly near the time of the discovery of Pluto. However, most non-medical healers have a poor opinion of this artificial preparation, which is in no sense a cure for diabetes and, according to the contentions of many, renders a real cure almost impossible. It is, at best, but a palliative of an abnormal state and, like all palliatives, tends to aggravate the unhealthy condition.

Light is thrown upon the nature of Pluto and its beneficent action by the horoscope of a sufferer from acute phthisis and chronic diarrhoea. This is taken from Heinrich Daath's book, where the place of birth is not given, but the time is midnight, September 4, 1864.

Here 15 Cancer rises and is in exact square to Saturn in 16 Libra, a debilitating contact that favours consumptive tendencies. These, however, are more specifically shown by Mercury in exact opposition to Neptune, 8 Libra to 8 Aries, and the Moon is in the phthisical area, 24 Libra.

Now the Sun is in 12 Virgo in wide square to Mars in 5 Gemini, and this hardly seems to account for chronic diarrhoea, especially when we see that the Sun is also in exact trine to Pluto in 13 Taurus. It is evident to me that there was a persistent poisoning of the bowels, shown by the opposition of Mercury to Neptune, and the diarrhoea, so far from being a mysterious and regrettable complication, is due to the trine of the Sun to Pluto, who here once again was labouring manfully to drive out poisons from the body which were probably set up by unwise and excessive feeding, designed to "keep up the strength" of the failing body. The testimony of experienced unorthodox healers is, I believe, that heavy feeding never helps the consumptive but that fasting relieves his condition to a marked extent, and, if it cannot cure, at least secures an easy passage to the beyond.

Fasting is probably the most ancient and the most natural mode of healing and, although it is not applicable to all conditions, yet it seems a pity that it is completely ignored by the medical faculty of to-day,

<sup>1</sup> In 1922, I am told.



presumably because it would prove unpopular with the average patient. It often happens that a fast causes temporary discomfort, which is checked by a resumption of food, and that is taken as proof positive that the fast "does not agree with me." The same feelings often occur when one passes from a stimulating diet, such as meat, to a vegetarian regimen, and many people say that fruit disagrees with them. In such cases the better diet allows the Saturnian concretions to dissolve, and as they pass into the blood-stream prior to elimination at the hands of Mars and Pluto, there is always a "healing crisis," which, unless the patient is in good hands or is well grounded in the matter, usually checks his enthusiasm completely and brings him back to his old ways.

I wish we had the horoscope of Horace Fletcher, the American dietist, whose chief point was the necessity of mastication. He reduced his food-intake to *one sandwich a day*, and on this fare accomplished such miracles of endurance that one is forced to believe that only a part—and seemingly not a very large part—of our energy comes from our food. In the Catholic Church there are records of saints who are reputed to have lived for years without food, and, although at one time I should have scoffed at these as idle monkish tales, I am not so sure whether I should be so prone to laugh now.

There is one more horoscope, however, to which I should like to draw your attention, though unhappily it is only hypothetical. It is that of a dietetic teacher named Arnold Ehret, born near Freiburg, in Germany, on July 29, 1866. I feel fairly confident that the ascendant is in Sagittarius. He died at the age of fifty-six from an accident that fractured the base of his skull, being then, it is said, "in possession of physical powers such as are the lot of few men in the civilised world to-day." It is probable that the accident was of a vehicular nature, and that agrees well with Mars setting in Gemini in square to the Moon, while the exact square of the Sun to Saturn, in fixed signs, agrees with an injury to the top of the spine.

When I read Ehret's book I felt immediately that I was in the presence of a Plutonian mind and life, and although Pluto is not angular or in aspect to either of the lights, it is most significantly placed in the 6th house in trine to Venus in the sixth sign, being, with the exact trine of Saturn to Uranus, the most powerful harmonious aspect in the map, which is not, generally speaking, a fortunate one.

Nor was Ehret's life fortunate in the usual sense. He conquered ill-health but he could not, in the fullest sense, conquer his stars, for when these could no longer prevail against him in health, their malice was turned in other directions and he was prematurely killed in an accident.

As a young man he was consumptive and neurasthenic, and he was discharged from the German Army on these scores. His father and brother died of consumption, but it appears that he was at least moderately well off, for he spent a large sum on doctors, both of the orthodox schools and of the nature-cure types. He experimented and travelled unceasingly and, being in the United States when war broke out, he remained there to the end, setting up sanatoria. His memory is cherished by an association that bears his name and inculcates his principles.

These are not, at first sight, very original. He believed that man's natural food is fruit, and that the sugar formed from fruit in the human body by normal digestion is the proper source of human energy, in so far as it is dependent upon food at all. He also ate vegetables and salads, not for nutriment but cleansing purposes, and he advocated fasts. This does not seem, as I said, particularly original, but perhaps the originality lay in the systematic way in which Ehret taught his ideas. He was also far from being a fanatic and was insistent on the need for care in making radical changes, particularly when one is already ill. He certainly cured his own weakness entirely and, if we are to believe his accounts, performed miraculous feats of endurance, at one time walking for fifty-six hours without stopping or eating, and this after a ten days' fast.



Elimination is the key-note of his teaching and the hallmark of Pluto. When once the body is cleansed of the poisonous accumulations of the past, which he called mucus generically, then the whole energy of the body is free to serve us in whatever direction we desire. But he insisted that this elimination is a task that has to be undertaken carefully and narrowly watched as it proceeds, and for the benefit of those who need a half-way house he gives not only a "mucus-less" dietary, but also what he calls a "mucus-lean" diet, in which certain concessions are permitted as temporary expedients.

He was interested neither in proteids and other food-constituents nor in the mineral salts, as such, simply teaching that these can be obtained in abundance from nature when once the body is clean and can absorb them, but, he said, until this happy state is attained, the things which are in reality the best for us will often produce the worst *apparent* results. Fruit will make people feel nervous and ill, because it is a potent eliminator and will set to work at once to cast out through the blood-stream the accumulated mucus. I must say that whilst I shrink from a full dose of Ehretism whilst at work in London, I hope I may find an opportunity to put him to the test at some future time, and if I cannot walk for fifty-six hours at a stretch, I shall be quite grateful if I can manage even twelve!

I believe that all true healing will be in some sense Plutonian. There will always be the inner disease which has to be brought to the surface and eliminated, even as the Master of all Healing said to the devils: "Come forth out of her!"

This is especially true in psycho-analysis, which must be regarded as a characteristic sign of the entry of the Plutonic idea into the world-mind. I have not any horoscopes of people who have benefited in a marked degree by psycho-analysis and I should say that the whole of this sort of thing is too much in its infancy to be altogether safe. But I am sure that where it has given good results the patient will have a helpful Pluto.

There is also at the present time a great vogue for seropathy, and this I connect with Pluto for purely practical reasons. That is to say, I have noticed that the transits and aspects of Pluto by direction have so often coincided with injections. The relative whom I mentioned early in this article in connection with rheumatoid arthritis has just had a series of injections for anaemia and Pluto is exactly on her ascendant. This is but one of several cases.

Pluto, therefore, like most astrological factors, would seem to have a double aspect—invasive as well as eruptive. So far as health goes I am all for the eliminative, but I question very much whether injections, derived as a rule from dead and often from ill-treated animals, will ever give true *health*, though they may afford for a time a sort of devil's counterfeit of it. Still, I suppose there are injections and injections, and I do not want to be biased on a subject as to which I am certainly not well informed, and hope never to need to be.

It is certainly the crisis-bringing, eruptive side of Pluto that impresses me most strongly.

There is nevertheless one other important aspect of Pluto that we cannot leave unmentioned, and that is his undoubted relation to death. Directions to Pluto frequently coincide with bereavement, as well as affecting the native himself in respect of bodily health. There seems to be no special reference to violent or accidental death; in fact, on the whole I should say that the cases of Plutonic death that have come under my notice have often been the natural decease of the aged, sometimes accompanied by symptoms of mental decay. This accords perfectly well with the mythology of the god of the underworld and it agrees equally well with what I may call the eruptive point of view. For death is the escape of the consciousness from the physical brain. It has been likened to the escape of the butterfly from the chrysalis, which is a most typical Plutonic phenomenon. Birth itself is Plutonic, and it is only logical that death should also be.

Yet another Pluto characteristic that was early

noticed is its connection with eyesight, which seems often to be defective when Pluto is afflictive. In connection with this I should like to be in a position to examine the causes of the defects in each case, for I believe that the visual trouble would be found to be the outward manifestation of some deep-rooted disorder, such as toxæmia, or perhaps to psychological causes. In one case, wherein the Sun was in exact square to Pluto in Cancer in the 3rd, and the eyesight seemed very weak, although the eyes were pronounced structurally perfect, a complete change of air and diet cured the debility.

It seems that in dealing with Pluto we must always *look beneath the surface*, else we shall necessarily entirely fail to understand what is happening. With Pluto the explanation is never obvious and the symptom is often very different, superficially, from the cause.

A very remarkable and interesting planet.

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## THE NEW METHOD OF READING HORARY MAPS

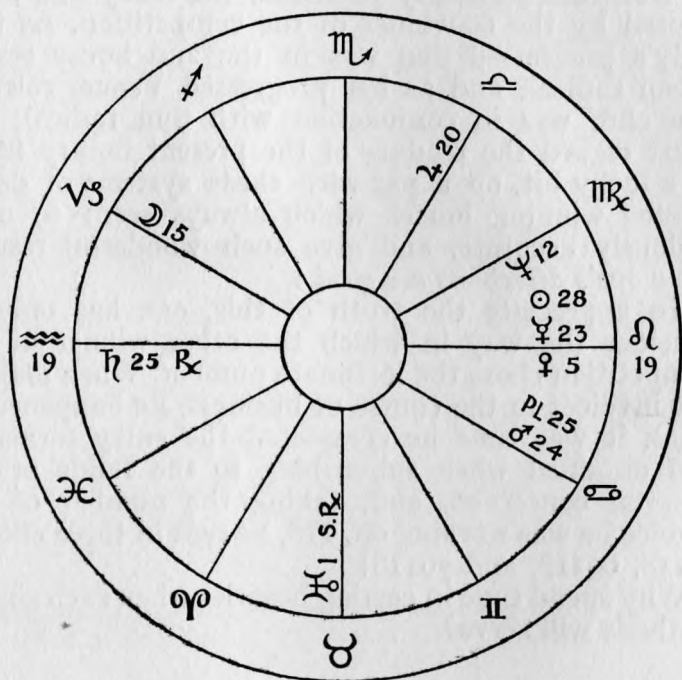
By GEORGE H. BAILEY

THE accompanying map is that mentioned in the March Quarterly as being the horary figure cast in an endeavour to ascertain the winning number in a hospital competition. No known rules being available, the numerical values of the planets were taken, following the course of the Sun, the sequence below the earth (69118) proving to be the fortunate one. No competitor submitted the correct number (69117), but two tied for the other, and the proceeds were divided.

Now that the result is known, it seems clear that had the fact of Saturn's retrogradation been given due consideration, the exact number would have been determined, for, by passing over the value of that planet (8), and including that of the next body (Luna), the correct number of 69117 is revealed. It may be

remarked, however, that Uranus was also retrograde, and the omission of its value from the sequence would have resulted in a hopelessly incorrect number, but, in answer to that, it should be pointed out that Uranus had only just turned retrograde, and was therefore practically stationary in the zodiac. Because of this it was more powerful in effect, and so justified the use of its full numerical value of 11.

This method has not since been put to the test by the writer, and no further examples of its efficacy are



available. If it were valid, the winning of lotteries would appear to be an easy matter, and a good many of us would be looking forward to an early retirement in affluent circumstances. Alas that such dreams should be foredoomed to disappointment! A brief study of the map will yield sufficient proof of the unreliability of the system, and the present example must be regarded as nothing but an isolated instance of a

"lucky guess" whereby good fortune came to pass, as indicated in the progressed horoscope of the native.

The flaw in the method adopted is, as will have been noticed, the omission of Pluto. True, the numerical value of that planet is not yet known, but the fact remains that Pluto occupied a position in the sequence of planets taken, and the insertion of any figure to correspond would have resulted in failure, no matter what value was adopted.

As previously explained, two numbers were arrived at from the planetary positions, the lucky one being chosen by the co-winner of the competition. As that lady's progressed Sun was in the 2nd house sextile Moon radical, and as her progressed Venus, ruler of the 2nd, was in conjunction with Sun radical, one must regard the reading of the present horary figure as a lucky hit, on a par with those systems of determining winning horses which always seem so marvellously accurate, and give such wonderful results, *when one's directions are good !*

To appreciate the truth of this, one has only to consider the way in which the other winner of the competition chose the fortunate number. When making out invoices in the course of business, he happened to think it was time he completed the entry forms he had obtained when subscribing to the funds of the hospital concerned, and, taking the number of the invoice he was working on, 118, he sent in three efforts, 68118, 69118, and 70118!

Why spend time in casting horaries when such simple methods will serve?

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## A NOTABLE NATIVITY

MAJOR CLIFFORD HUGH DOUGLAS

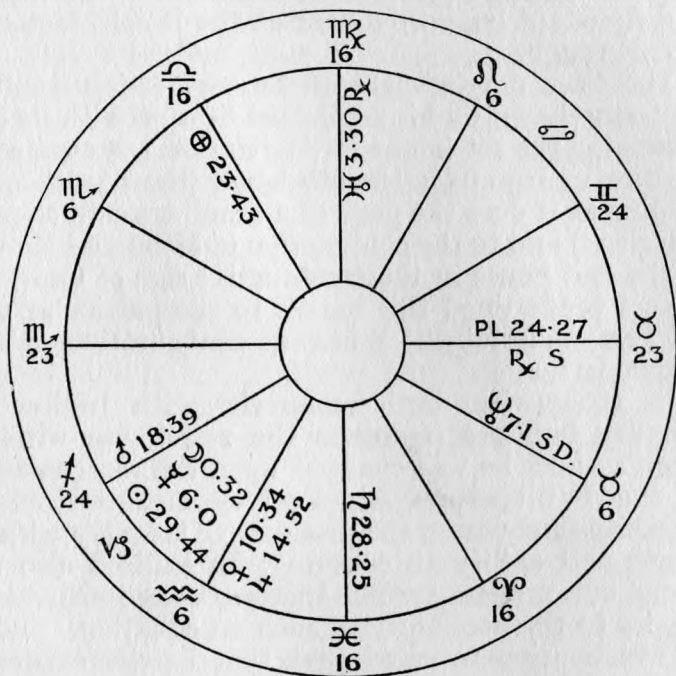
By ROBERT WITTEY

It is always a matter of keen interest to students of Astrology to note the configurations of the planets



Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto, the three latest discoveries in our celestial scheme.

That interest is rewarded in the horoscope of Major Douglas, for the disposition of these three bodies is such as to denote with particular emphasis the activity which has become the life work of this subject, who is the propounder of those theories which have now



HOROSCOPE OF MAJOR C. H. DOUGLAS, BORN 3.22 A.M., JANUARY 20, 1879, 2° 30' WEST, 53° 12' NORTH. DATA FROM THE NATIVE.  
PLACIDIAN CUSPS

become world-famous as the "Douglas Social Credit Scheme."

In this brief article it is not my intention to delineate this map from the personal standpoint, but rather to draw the attention of readers to the significance of dispositions which so aptly illustrate the subject's activities.

*Who's Who* tells us very briefly of some of the

positions held by this eminent engineer in this and other countries, but to Londoners he might well be remembered as the man who put the first "tube railway" under London for the Post Office.

He was on the staff of the Westinghouse Co. of America, was Chief Constructional Engineer for the British Westinghouse Co. in India, Deputy Chief Engineer of the Buenos Aires and Pacific Railway Co., and Assistant Superintendent at the R.A.F. factory at Farnborough.

This keen development of the engineering faculty is typically shown by his ascendant Scorpio with its ruler occupying the 1st house in Sagittarius, but even so the position of Uranus in the 9th house (the "Awakener"), holding as it does the peak of a grand trine to Neptune (Idealism) and to the conjunction of Moon and Mercury in the 2nd house in the constructive sign of Capricorn, almost predestined this native to the particular work he has undertaken. What a configuration for an economist!

In 1908 (when both luminaries with Jupiter and Mercury had progressed to the 2nd house with the Moon's node) he was engaged upon the reorganization of the Farnborough Air Factory and realized the necessity of equating the products of industry with the power and ability to consume; he realized also that under our present system there existed somewhere a barrier to the possibility of such an equation.

Investigation revealed that that barrier existed in methods of accountancy and the financial arrangements coincident with them.

Extending his field of operations, he spent nine years of research into the underlying principles of commerce and finance as affecting every branch of industry (note Uranus in Virgo, Virgo on M.C., and Scorpio Asc.), with results which confirmed and strengthened his earlier impressions, viz. that in all costs of production were included capital charges and overheads, items which, whilst being charged to the consumer in prices, had no equivalent distribution in purchasing power.

In 1917 the publication of his conclusions in the



*English Review*, viz. "that we are living under a system of accountancy which renders the delivery of the nation's goods and services to itself a technical impossibility," led to much controversy and the opening of its columns by the *New Age* for the discussion of this disturbing element on the financial horizon.

In August 1918 Major Douglas came into contact with Mr. A. R. Orage, who was then editing the *New Age*, and never have two men been more fated to meet and collaborate than these two, each of whom affected the life and interests of the other so greatly.

This is clearly shown by a comparison of their respective charts (at time of meeting the sign positions of the latter had progressed to almost exactly those of the natus of the former, the two Suns were within a few degrees of conjunction, and the latter's Saturn had progressed to conjunction with the former's natal Sun, both in the financial field (2nd house).

In Major Douglas's directions Mars had reached the trine to radical M.C., Jupiter had become square to Pluto, from which the Moon had just left the conjunction, and Venus was sextile radical Sun and conjoined radical Saturn.

Pars Fortunae was also conjoined M.C.

In 1923 Major Douglas was called as a witness before the Canadian Banking Inquiry (under asct. conjoined radical Mercury  $\Delta \Psi$  and Moon conjoined radical Jupiter by O.D. progression), and in 1930 he gave evidence before the Macmillan Committee.

By this time his works had reached a world-wide public.

Opposition is the breath of life to this man who has dared to attack the traditional strongholds of finance and economics.

His facile pen has drawn to his cause many thousands of ardent followers from all parts of the world in the fight he is waging to inaugurate a system which, more than any yet propounded, gives promise of the world's amelioration.

He is the author of four works on economics and many pamphlets; and his views, coupled with his now

famous A plus B theorem, which together form what is known as the "New Economics," have formed the basis of many publications.

He has lectured unceasingly in nearly every great country of the world.

In February of this year he was invited to Oslo to lecture before the King of Norway and his Parliament, and he has recently been appointed by the Government of the State of Alberta to investigate the possibilities of the adaption of his principles to their conditions.

It will be a matter of keen interest to students to watch the progressed aspects of this "Einstein of Economics," as he has been described; for the dragon of tradition dies hard.

## NATIONAL ASTROLOGY

By Mrs. J. NORMAN RHODES

THE forecast of the disturbed state of the world made in the previous issue has, unfortunately, come only too true, July and August being the two critical months.

The clash of the heavenly bodies during that period (eclipsed ♃ ♀ PL ☐ ♂, July 16th, eclipse of ☉ ♀ ☐ ♀, July 30th, and ♂ ♀ ♀, August 8th) has been reflected upon the peoples of the earth, setting up a state of discordance and aggression difficult to mitigate; the outcome has been rioting and rumours of wars, as we have seen.

Although, during the latter part of the year, there are signs of a much more hopeful spirit pervading the world, we shall still have to go through the serious after-effects of these strong adverse configurations.

Every day some fresh outbreak is being recorded, such as riots in Ireland and also in Lahore, India, while in France the cuts in salaries and new taxation, made in order to balance an adverse Budget, have brought about violent disapproval from the sections most concerned. The unruly element will use this financial situation to foment strife during the next two months.

The firm attitude taken by the Premier, M. Laval, has had a salutary effect in reducing discontent, also in creating a recognition of the grave necessity for the economies demanded from all classes.

The eclipse of July 30th, falling in ♋ 6, the sign ruling France, in □ to ♄ 8, is eloquent that financial crises will crop up from time to time during the next six months, at least.

The eclipse of ☉ in ♊ and the following eclipse of ☽ (total) during July have seriously affected countries ruled by that sign.

In China, ruled by ♊ (water), disastrous floods have caused great havoc and loss of life, estimated at 30,000, with hundreds of thousands rendered homeless.

Holland, also ruled by ♊, has been hardly hit. No less than three large air crashes with loss of life occurred during the week of the eclipse of ☽, the last and worst accident occurring on July 21st, when an air liner crashed into a mountain in Switzerland while battling with a storm. Result: thirteen passengers and crew killed and the liner destroyed. The financial and political position in Holland is also precarious.

The continued disturbance in many countries over currency will end only when a fresh valuation is considered. Then the international flow of imports and exports will improve automatically. PL ♊ 27 receives a trine from 24 ♋ 27 at the end of October. It is just possible that a beginning will be made at that time for a general conference on the matter.

The extra spurt of Nazi activity against the Roman Catholics, Jews, and other organisations, planned by the "powers that be" in Germany, has not yet reached its height. One of the attacks was launched close to the time of the eclipsed ☽ (☽ □ ♄), July 16th, which fell on Dr. Goering's ☉ ♏ 23 and aroused deep antagonism. He may live to regret the part he has played.

Dr. Goebbels gets the force of ♄ ♄ ♄ close to his ☉ ♋ 6.48 and ♄ passes over his ♄ radical in ♋ 13 in August, which time will prove to be a sorry one for his victims.

In the quarterly map for September 23rd the configuration is against any cessation of the religious struggle, as  $\text{D } \Omega \text{ } 19 \square \text{ } 24 \text{ } \text{M} \text{ } 20$  and  $\text{h } \times \text{ } 5 \square \text{ } \delta \text{ } \uparrow \text{ } 5$  indicate only too plainly that a very serious state of affairs will be the outcome of this attack, due to the leaders of Germany attempting to suppress religious freedom and to victimise the Jewish element. In the end there will be bloodshed and possibly civil war, while some sections of the community will try to break away from the iron hand of tyranny—"those whom the gods wish to destroy they first make mad."

During the middle and end of November  $\text{h } \times \text{ } 3.50 \square \text{ } 24 \text{ } \uparrow \text{ } 3.50$  is very adverse for religious orders.

With the passing of  $\delta$  from  $\simeq$  after seven months, let us hope that some of the nations ruled by that sign will be freed from the concentrated force of this planet and all it implies.

Will Japan be less martially inclined and Austria be less harassed by raids on her borders? For the sake of the peace of Europe and the world we trust such will be the case.

In mid-July  $\delta$  passed away from the transit of  $\delta \simeq 21$  in the map of the League of Nations, and soon after from the King's  $\text{h } \simeq 24$  in the 7th house, so the tension on Britain and any problem the League has on hand will be relieved accordingly. While the contact was exact the worst phase of journalistic bickering was going on in the Italian Press, when both Britain and Japan caught the force of the onslaught. There will be less of that kind of wordy reprisal now.

### *The Coming Election*

This event will be in our minds within the course of the next few months. At present there is no direct move from the Government to indicate its decision.

From an astrological point of view, and for the best chance of the return of the National Government, there are two or three dates which suggest themselves as good. While  $\text{h } * \text{ } \text{M}$  holds, the ruling party gets the benefit, when in power and also at elections, as that aspect favours stability for the acting, or present,

Parliament. So we hope that the Government, both for its own advantage and for the continued security of the country, will decide to go to the electors while that configuration holds.

The best time seems rather early, perhaps, by which to get ready, but October 21st to 23rd or November 2nd, and no later than 9th, are good dates for preserving the National Government. Later on, 24 reaches ♄ and is in ☐ aspect to ♀ for the remainder of the month; this contact robs the ruling body of chances of success.

On November 2nd and for a day or two the aspects ♂ ♀ 3 △ ♄ 8 3 \* ♀ ✕ 3 are in force, a truly helpful aspect both for action and for stability. This configuration should return any ruling party to power.

Naturally we cannot expect so big a majority as at present, for at the last election four years ago the times were so exceptional as to warrant an overwhelming voice from the people to deal with the critical situation, but the Government should be returned with a good working majority.

If the election should be delayed till spring of next year there are two possible dates—second week in April, both ☉ and ♀ ♀ △ 24 ♄ and the third week ♂ \* ♀ △ ♄, but these are nothing like so good as October or November of 1935. At other times unfortunately 24 in ♄ mixes its influence with ♀ and ♄ in mutable signs with no help from ♄ or ♂, which confuses the issue and muddles the electors through there being too many parties. The end would be that no party would win a good working majority.

### *Italy and Abyssinia*

All thoughts turn eastward as the coming struggle between these two forces creeps nearer. The vital question is whether peace or war will be the outcome.

As before mentioned, the eclipse of ☉ ♀ 6 ☐ ♄ 8 5 falls close to Mussolini's ☉ and ♀, and causes anyone interested in national affairs to think seriously as to whether these strong forces playing upon the Duce's



map will excite him to unwise, rash, or disastrous acts, causing upheavals in his own life and that of the nation he governs.

The fact that the fixed signs are involved usually gives more obstinacy and self-will, the native not often admitting a mistake, and very rarely altering plans even if error is recognised.

Mussolini was born July 29, 1883, 1.54 p.m., Milan,<sup>1</sup> with ♀ 19 rising.

The eclipse fell in Mussolini's intercepted 9th house, and ♄ in his 6th conjunction his Dragon's tail. It is fortunate that ♄ escapes the 7th-house angle, as then the outcome of the struggle would be more acute and serious for Europe, as well as for Abyssinia.

The 6th house being involved points to much illness and disease of troops, with shortage of food, water, and medical supplies due to faulty plans in the commissariat department. The whole campaign may hang upon this vital nerve of the army's activities and success or failure be meted out to them accordingly.

That the preparations so far have cost the Italian nation much more than it can afford goes without saying; afflictions falling in ♏ and 8 show that whatever other gain Italy may reap from the doubtful conquest of Abyssinia, even if she wins at all, the financial loss will be crippling.

Neptune falling by transit in the Duce's 10th house shows the frustration of many of his hopes and the tangled web which surrounds his plans, also that whatever he reaps will be only transitory.

Neptune in ♊ 13 is ☐ his ♂ ♏ 13, and by transit ♀ 9 is ☐ his ♏ 9 during July, and ♀ reaches the same degree again in February 1936—usually a time of depression and disappointment. One doubts if he will stand where he did when it is all over.

There is still hope that the struggle can be localised and not spread beyond the border. Both this country and France are doing their utmost to confine the issue, with Britain taking the lead. Both countries are drawn into the struggle because of past treaties and

<sup>1</sup> According to reference books, at Varano di Costa.

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interests involved; also both are concerned to keep alive the League of Nations, which will be fighting for its life over this terribly serious position concerning two of its members. To refer to the eclipse in  $\Omega$  again, France is affected through being ruled by  $\Omega$ , and Great Britain through the King's  $\delta \Omega 5$ . This is situated in the 6th house, showing worry and anxious thought, but I take it we shall not be drawn into direct action. The King of Italy has  $\Omega 8$  rising, so again he is involved, as well as his country. Mussolini's directions help him to some extent, and also the transit of  $\downarrow \text{M} 19$  over his ascendant in mid September, but  $\delta \text{M} 19$  crossing his rising degree at the end of August excites the warlike spirit and inclines him to make rash decisions.

One redeeming feature of these two planets  $\downarrow$  and  $\delta$  is that by transit they throw a trine to his  $\text{f}$  and  $\downarrow \text{w}$  radical, so some cheer can be gathered from the thought that the struggle, should it come, will not be of long duration.

By  $1^\circ$  method  $\text{h} \text{w} 19.34$  is contacting Mussolini's ascendant by trine aspect, so in spite of the adverse configuration in force there are several of a preservative nature also. I cannot help thinking that the army and the people will suffer more than he will personally, which is quite in accordance with the nature of wars. Those who make them are not hurt by them so much as those who fight.

However, by reason of the afore-mentioned adverse influence, all will not be well with the Duce. By  $1^\circ$  method again,  $\delta$  reaches  $\text{f}$  radical during the coming year and his  $\odot$  radical next year. So Mussolini's mind and outlook continue to be coloured by the Martian ray for a year or two. Other aspects by  $1^\circ$  measure are  $\text{w} \text{w} \delta$  and  $\text{f} \square \delta$ .

By a fortunate occurrence it has been possible to obtain information as to the birth date of the Emperor of Abyssinia, which had so far been unknown. He was born July 23, 1890, and last Tuesday the daily Press notified the celebrations of his forty-fifth birthday.

At birth (midday position) the  $\odot \Omega 0.32$  and  $\text{f} \Omega 1$



were both  $\Delta \text{♂} \uparrow 0.20$ ;  $\text{♃} \approx 12 \Delta \text{♄} \approx 8 \Delta \Psi \Pi 6\frac{1}{2}$ , while  $\text{♂} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$  was  $\square \text{♂} \uparrow$  and  $\Psi$ . As both luminaries are helpfully placed we can see that he will hold his own with dignity and energy. It is interesting to note that both leaders have  $\odot$  and  $\text{♀}$  in  $\Omega$ , and as both are fixed, neither gives in easily, so a tussle of wills will be in evidence.

The Emperor's solar return shows many good features with the peaceful planets  $\text{♄} * \Psi * \text{♀} \Delta \text{♀}$  and  $\text{♀} \delta \Psi$  in close contact, while a few hours earlier the  $\text{♃} \times$  drew many of these aspects closer to his person.

These harmonious aspects will colour his life for many months to come. Is it too much to hope that some compromise will come about, either from himself or his attitude to suggestions submitted in order to ease the ugly situation? At any rate, this array of good aspects does not indicate a severe overthrow, or any humiliating position being thrust upon him, so we can take heart that if the Italian action starts it will be somewhat of a "face-saving" nature to justify all the preparations made, but that the onslaught will be short and sharp and the final upshot will be secured by negotiation.

Abyssinia is considered to be ruled by Aquarius.

The quarterly map, September 23rd, 11.38 p.m., gives  $\approx 24$  on the ascendant with PL  $\approx 27$  only  $3^\circ$  away. Unfortunately there are some strong adverse aspects in force, showing that international affairs are still seething.  $\text{♂} \uparrow 5.5$  in the 5th house in  $\square$  to  $\text{♂} \times 5.6$  in the 9th and there is  $\text{♂} \text{♁} \square \text{♀}$ , while the  $\text{♃} \square \text{♄}$  from 2nd to 5th indicates extravagance and losses in the theatrical world. The one stable aspect,  $\text{♂} * \text{♁}$ , is close and above the earth dominating the situation, although both get adverse aspects from  $\text{♂}$ , which indicates the struggle will be fierce between disruption and aggression on the one hand and security and stability on the other.

$\text{♁}$  is close to the cusp of the 11th house (parliament) and  $\text{♂}$  is in the 9th, so in spite of difficulties I think it, as representative of the country, will stand successfully against the forces of disharmony and war. During

late September and early October, while  $\hbar \square \delta$  is in force, there will be strikes and rioting. Spain may come in for more trouble, while religious difficulties will increase for a time. There will be losses at sea, while trade and finances will be in an uneasy condition, though only for a short time. The King will need to safeguard his health.

The new Moon on November 26th,  $\odot \rangle \uparrow 3$ ,  $\delta \downarrow \uparrow 3.52$ , will be good for progress and for transport, also long distance travel. Unfortunately it is in a close  $\square$  to  $\hbar \times$  in the 6th, so we must look for some ill-health for the people, while the Unemployment Regulations will not have an easy journey in Parliament.

The last eclipse of the year will be dealt with in the next Quarterly, but the aspects being good on the whole, there is more hope ahead.

*Written July 26, 1935.*

## AUTUMN WEATHER (GREAT BRITAIN)

By L. PROTHEROE SMITH

*September* (23rd-30th).—Unsettled and stormy conditions are probable for some days following the autumn ingress, and for once in a while the tradition of equinoctial gales seems likely to be fulfilled ( $\delta \square \hbar$ ,  $\text{♀} \square \delta$ ). Temperatures should be moderate or rather mild.

Near the end of the month the weather should improve somewhat, though it is hardly likely to be settled ( $\odot \nearrow \hbar$ ,  $\nearrow \text{♁}$ ,  $\vee \text{♀}$ ,  $\text{♀} \angle \Psi$ ). Temperature may fall a few degrees.

*October*.—During the first part of October there should be a spell of mild autumn weather, and considerable fair periods are likely in the south and east ( $\odot \angle \downarrow$ ,  $\delta \square \Psi$ ). In the west and north conditions will tend to be rather unsettled.

Between the 9th and 22nd there will probably be rather cold conditions off and on ( $\hbar * \text{♁}$ ), though milder temperatures are likely near the 12th ( $\odot * \delta$ )

and about the 18th-19th ( $\odot \delta \wp$ ,  $\wp * \delta$ ). Fair if not entirely settled weather will predominate.

From the 23rd to 26th there will be mild and unsettled conditions, with rain in all districts; heavy falls occurring in the west and north ( $\wp \delta \Psi$ ,  $\odot \angle \Psi$ ).

On or near the 27th temperature will fall abruptly ( $\odot \Delta \mathfrak{h}$ ,  $\delta \mathfrak{H}$ ), and the weather will be cold for the remainder of the month. Bright periods will occur, especially in the west; but rather unsettled conditions are probable on the whole, and snow will very likely be experienced in the north ( $\wp \square \mathfrak{H}$ ).

*November.*—During the first week of November the weather should be mainly fair, with moderate or rather low temperatures ( $\delta * \mathfrak{h}$ ,  $\Delta \mathfrak{H}$ ).

From about the 9th to the 11th mild and unsettled conditions will prevail, although there should be fair periods in the south and east ( $\odot * \Psi$ ,  $\wp * \mathfrak{L}$ ,  $\wp \vee \wp$ ,  $\vee \mathfrak{L}$ ,  $\angle \Psi$ ).

Temporarily colder weather is probable about the 12th-13th ( $\wp \Delta \mathfrak{h}$ ,  $\delta \mathfrak{H}$ ), and there may be some snow in the north ( $\wp \wedge \mathfrak{h}$ ,  $\wedge \mathfrak{H}$ ); but subsequently conditions should become mild again, and henceforth temperature is likely to be mostly above the average.

Between the 19th and the 22nd weather will be mild and unsettled, with a possibility of strong winds in exposed districts ( $\wp * \Psi$ ,  $* \delta$ ;  $\delta \Delta \Psi$ ,  $\angle \mathfrak{L}$ ,  $\angle \mathfrak{h}$ ).

In the last week of the month conditions will be stormy and unsettled, although mild ( $\mathfrak{L} \square \mathfrak{h}$ ;  $\odot \delta \mathfrak{L}$ ,  $\square \mathfrak{h}$ ,  $\wp \angle \mathfrak{L}$ ,  $\square \mathfrak{h}$ ).

*December (1st-21st).*—Stormy and unsettled weather will again prevail at the beginning of December ( $\wp \square \mathfrak{h}$ ,  $\delta \mathfrak{L}$ ), and seems likely to continue, apart from occasional quieter intervals, during most of the first half of the month.

An extraordinarily violent combination of aspects occurs between the 9th and 11th, coinciding with a full moon ( $\odot \square \mathfrak{H}$ ,  $\square \Psi$ ,  $\delta \wp$ ,  $\angle \delta$ ;  $\wp \angle \wp$ ,  $\square \Psi$ ;  $\angle \delta$ ,  $\square \mathfrak{H}$ ;  $\delta \square \mathfrak{H}$ ,  $\square \Psi$ ;  $\wp \delta \mathfrak{H}$ ,  $\angle \Psi$ ,  $\square \delta$ ). Very severe gales are likely to result in consequence, accompanied by heavy rain.

Conditions should improve about the middle of the

month, considerable fair periods being likely between the 15th and 18th (♀ ∨ 24, ♂ \* 24).

About the 19th temperature will fall, having hitherto been mild; the weather becoming rather cold for two or three days (♂ △ 28, \* 2). Conditions are likely to be dry.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### INDICATIONS OF THE RISING SIGN

From MONKTON FARLEIGH

The latest attempt to mix "science" with astrology has not only brought strange bedfellows together but seems to have produced a weird concoction containing little of either science or astrology. It remains to be seen on what particular rock this combination will crash, but in the meantime it becomes advisable to remind students that *the ascendant of any horoscope is the degree rising on the eastern horizon*, and not that obtained by adding 90 zodiacal degrees to the M.C. The latter system has no foundation whatever, either scientific or astrological. It is but a bad imitation of the equatorial horoscope propounded by Zariel, in which the cusp of the 1st house is obtained by adding 90 degrees of *right ascension* to the R.A.M.C. In Zariel's method the cusps run to the poles of the earth, but we have yet to learn whether the other system is to be dignified by the addition of such mundane things as house circles.

This question of the ascending degree has already brought me a letter from an old friend, an extract from which I give below:—

"I shall never forget the shock of surprise you gave me when you said I must have a mark on the thigh because I have Sagittarius rising, but now according to the 'new science' the end of Capricorn is on my ascendant, because the end of Libra is on the M.C. How do you explain that? The birth-mark is still on my thigh, although I have no planets in Sagittarius."

Evidence such as this is not lacking to uphold the ancient astrological teachings concerning the ascendant, and one has only to examine the faces of one's friends to obtain the necessary confirmation. One lady of my acquaintance has Aquarius rising, with Saturn in Libra, and bears a marked resemblance to another with Libra rising and Venus in Aquarius. Aquarians of a type similar to Mr. Krishnamurti are easily recognisable, yet in these latitudes our would-be scientists would label them Pisceans! Let us not pander to such folly.

## THE VERNAL EQUINOX IN SOUTHERN LATITUDES

From S. L. MACBEAN

An important point is raised by Mr. Freemantle Lane in regard to the above. The zodiac is the basis of all astrology and there must be a point where it begins. This point is marked by the sun as it crosses the equator *going north* each year. The question naturally arises—why is this the important point and not the opposite one where the sun crosses the equator going south in September? Whatever the true explanation may be, the fact remains that the northward crossing is the vital one.

Can it be that our earth's northern hemisphere is the more important one? This would seem to be so from several points of view. A glance at the map of the world will show that the northern hemisphere contains much more land surface than does the southern hemisphere. Note the vast ocean spaces of the lower part of the world. Another fact that nearly coincides with this is that our earth is some three million miles nearer to the sun during our northern winter than it is during our summer time. As the southern hemisphere contains so much water, this proximity to the sun during their summer time is not objectionable, since water absorbs more heat than any other substance. But if the reverse situation were true, our northern summers would undoubtedly be far too hot, because a land surface heats up much more rapidly than a body of water.

Then I think I am right in saying that the history of humanity is, in a very large measure, the history of the northern hemisphere. Only in comparatively modern times has the southern world obtruded itself on the consciousness of mankind in general. The story of our race from the Garden of Eden, or earlier, to the great events and characters of history, from the land of Egypt to the greatest cities of the world, concerns the northern hemisphere almost exclusively!

There may be something in the magnetism of the earth—the polarities of the magnetic poles, or perchance there is something in the direction of rotation of the earth, in an electrical sense, in its cutting of the lines of force which pervade the field in which the earth moves. Then there is the precession of the equinoxes as a further phenomenon. If the earth were rotating in the reverse direction, orbitally and axially, precession would probably be also reversed. Precession is said to be linked with the spiral motion of the poles and with the inclination of the earth on its axis. And precession, involving many factors of motion and direction, is probably linked with the relationship of our globe to the universe as whole.

I do not know why astrologers appear to ignore the shifting geographic point where the sun, going north, cuts the equator each year. Should not this point be the geographic  $0^{\circ}$  Aries for the year involved? However, it is a marvellous fact that this point projected into the celestial sphere remains fixed in the heavens for one year,



and regardless of the immense sweep of our earth around the sun that point maintains its potency and its fixed direction unimpaired. This fact is as inexplicable to me as the supposed existence of the luminiferous ether—which, if it does exist, must possess contradictory and impossible qualities.

Another curious fact favouring the northern hemisphere is that the sun remains each year north of the equator several days longer than its stay below. In other words  $0^{\circ}$  Aries to  $0^{\circ}$  Libra is a longer period than  $0^{\circ}$  Libra to  $0^{\circ}$  Aries. The Gulf Stream is a further phenomenon of the northern hemisphere. Without this warming influence Britain would be as cold as Labrador. And what would the world do without Britain? There seems also to be something in Sepharial's idea of Greenwich being the first point of Aries for the world. Those who believe in the British-Israel doctrine might be able to add considerably to this list.

So perhaps the northern hemisphere does rule the world, and if so perhaps our poets are not so far wrong in associating the sun's entry into Aries with the spirit of spring. As a consolation, however, to the dwellers below I would refer to the Hebrew principle of beginning the day at sunset and the year with the autumn. This principle may hold sway below the equator. But in any event the correctness of our accepted  $0^{\circ}$  Aries is established.

*From "ERIC BELL"*

Perhaps a solution of the problem regarding vernal equinox in southern latitudes is that the earth, going backwards in its orbit, at a velocity of nineteen miles per second, with the South Pole 3,143 miles in advance of the North Pole, causes such a draught in the cosmic radiations conveying the forces of generation that propagation is blown to the upper hemisphere, being precipitated by the well-known suction produced in the partial vacuum following all bodies having velocity, centrifugal force keeping them away from the pole.

Conversely, at the autumnal equinox the problem is allied to the right-handedness of shell and other volutes in nature, the rotatory flow of electric current, and diametric unity or polarity by which oppositions in astrology are similar in effect to conjunctions, transits working across meridian or horizon, e.g. father (10th house) being affected by malefics in 4th, alliance of 1st and 7th in partnership, the reversible anode-kathode difficulty in electrolysis, and the female being an introverted male, a balance now so much disturbed.

Hence southerners must read Libra for Aries, 7th house for 1st, etc., when they will find the net result is much the same, for a horoscope on transparent paper turned upside down and looked at from the back is, to use the schoolboy's remark, "the same thing only different."

We put our ascendant on the left because planets "south" to us when crossing the meridian, but to Australians they "north," and their ascendant should be on the right.

## INDIAN ASTROLOGY

From S. A. SANDERS

I am prompted to write a few words against the extravagant claims of a few writers for the superiority of Indian astrology over our Western systems.

In many cases I think that these writers are influenced by the fact of India being a land of much mystery—especially in connection with supposed occult powers, mysterious influences, and supposed secret knowledge; these writers feel that such an ancient land and people should possess superior astrological methods to our own.

We have our writers who have made attempts to translate some of the Hindu astrological methods into English.

I investigated the sample of Indian astrology as given by Sepharial in his *New Manual*, but after a short time quickly lost interest in it, for lack of results.

When the late Alan Leo was in India, he challenged Hindu astrologers with a statement that Indian astrology was inferior to our own.

Some eastern astrologers took the challenge up and attempted a delineation of Mr. Leo's map—yet Mr. Leo remained unconvinced.

I was in correspondence with Mr. Leo after his return, and he asked me if I could verify the prediction of an Indian astrologer that he would marry twice; this was about 1911 or 1912, and we all know that Mr. Leo did not live many more years, and that Mrs. Leo long survived him.

What we want from Indian astrologers is some *practical demonstration of their art*, such as judgments from nativities and from maps for nations; for instance, let them give us their equivalent for the Sun's entry into cardinal signs.

The Hindu zodiac, being a pseudo zodiac or the zodiac of constellations, differs about  $27^{\circ}$  from ours, and Sepharial was at some loss to find its starting-point, and, when he did so, the results were demonstrably inaccurate.

Sepharial as an investigator was superficial and scattered, which made much of his work unreliable. Many of those who had his work were not always satisfied, and his "keys" were in many cases the results of his hitting upon "lines of coincidence," so that they would not bear scientific investigation.

Knowing this, we cannot regard Sepharial as a great authority, or accept the statement of "Sagittar" when he says that Sepharial was inclined to agree with Mr. Nixon, for Mr. Nixon was a schoolboy when the *Science of Foreknowledge* was written.

I believe that the best work that comes from Indian astrologers results from their knowledge of Western methods, as they are forced to fall back upon our Western zodiac or the Sun's pathway, their own zodiac failing to give results when closely examined; for example: the planet Saturn entered Pisces in the middle of February of this year and since that time I have met so many people who

have suffered from their feet that one would think that nearly every other person is suffering in some way or other in this way. This is also proved by seeing "feet clinics" springing up in various parts of London. This would not be seen from Hindu astrology, for the planet Saturn would still be in Aquarius, as the Hindu zodiac is some 27° behind our zodiac.

Many of the tales of the superiority of Hindu astrology seem to me to be in the nature of fairy tales or tales that are told to impress one—for we never have had anyone come forward to make a demonstration of its superiority, and I will, like the late Mr. Leo, throw out a challenge to Indian astrologers to prove their superiority by claiming that *I will give a more correct reading over any period of the life than any follower of Hindu astrology.*

The terms are that the Editor shall select a nativity of someone whose life is unknown to both parties to form the subject for examination, and the subject shall be examiner and judge.

I will use Western mathematical methods up to date, and will not consider events of trifling importance.

The follower of Hindu astrology is to use Hindu astrology and not a hotch-potch of Eastern and Western with a dash of Hebrew and Chinese, and is not to confine himself to trivialities but to give the main events over the period of time decided upon. Any three years in the life will be quite sufficient, so as to save time and trouble.

Such a contest as this will immediately give us the information as to whether Hindu astrology is superior to Western astrology, and whether it is worth while to study and practise it.

## REINCARNATION?

From M. MATTHEWS

The *Sunday Express* of June 2nd contained an interesting letter on "Have I lived before?" the last of a series of readers' letters on the subject.

The writer, when a girl of eleven, was journeying from her home in Northants to visit relatives at Weymouth. After leaving Yeovil the train stopped for some time, and she was surprised to find the country familiar, especially a hilly field opposite. She said, "When I was quite a little girl I lived in a house near here. I remember running down a hill in that field with two grown-ups holding my hand, and we all fell down and I hurt my leg badly." She described the dresses they all wore, and said, "My name was Margaret then." Her mother scolded her for telling untruths, for she had never been that way before, but the memory remained clear to her.

Seventeen years later she was motoring through Dorset with her employer, and they stayed at a cottage for tea. There to her amazement she saw an old portrait on glass of herself as she was when running down that hill, "a child of five with a plain serious face, in a long white dress sprigged with green" (the dress she had remembered). She exclaimed, "Why, that is me." She was then

laughed at, but the woman of the place said the child had died years ago, "but I guess you were just like her when you were small."

The woman's mother then told the child's story. She was Margaret Kempthorne, only child of a farmer. The mother of the story-teller was employed at the farm as a dairymaid. When Margaret was about five she was running down a hill with this dairymaid and another when one caught her foot in a rabbit-hole and they all fell, with the child underneath. Her leg was very badly broken, and she died two months later, fighting hard to live, calling out, "I *won't* die." The market town nearest the farm was Yeovil.

On the back of the portrait was gummed a slip of paper. "I read there, 'Margaret Kempthorne, born January 25, 1830, died October 11, 1835,' and on that day when Margaret died my father's mother was born, miles away in Northants, and my own birthday is on January 25th."

On reading this I wrote to the lady asking if she would kindly send the year and time of her birth, which she did. It was in 1900, at 10 a.m. The ☉ in both years was at the same degree and minute at noon, and as they seemed alike in appearance I have made cusps the same. This brings the progressed ♄ to 8 4½ two months before death, square ☉ ☿ in ♋. Note the four Aquarian bodies opposition ♄; and on August 8, 1835 (near the time of the accident), the full ♄'s place fell on ♋ 15—on the ♄ opposition in the map—certainly the ♄'s place seems fairly correct, supporting the probable ♈ ascendant. There is considerable resemblance in the maps, planets being in the last signs of the zodiac, ☉ ♀ in same signs, ☉ aspecting ♂, ☿ ♄ aspecting ♀, etc.

I did not find any connecting link with the planets on October 11, 1835, but planets in ♋ blending with the Aquarian in the child's map.

I give the two maps (Placidian cusps):

Lady born January 25, 1900, 10 a.m., Northants.

X	XI	XII	I	II	III
♈	♈	♋	♈	♈	♈
3	21	17	7½	22	15
☉ ♋	♄ ♋	♄ ♈	♀ ♋	♂ ♋	♂ ♋
5.1	21.28	24.40	6.36	2.50	
♄ ♈	♄ ♈	♄ ♈	♄ ♈	♄ ♈	♄ ♈
5.30	0.26	11.21	24.37 R	14.48 R	

Child born January 25, 1830, Yeovil—planets at 10.8 a.m., G.M.T. (with above cusps):

☉ ♋	♄ ♋	♄ ♈	♀ ♋	♂ ♈
5.1	14.31	23.12	17.36	9.8
♄ ♈	♄ ♈	♄ ♈	♄ ♈	♄ ♈
4.58	15.34 R	6.21	20.51	6

The father's mother comes under 1st house; possibly she was born under ♑. PL in the child's map is on the ascendant of the 1900 figure (which I think should have ♑ 6 rising by epoch). It may be that all three had the same degree rising, and the grandmother and child got into touch on the astral plane (under Pluto's rule).

## MEASURE OF DEATH

From OSBERT WALTER

I have just read your illuminating work, *Symbolic Directions in Modern Astrology*, and the above-mentioned chapter inspired me to investigate the horoscope of my brother, who was killed in the war, because by ordinary directional methods I have never felt satisfied that the results are conclusive.

By your measure, however, the result is, to say the least, startling—and, furthermore, *brings other probable factors to light* which I feel sure will interest you.

I would mention that I have not troubled to use any of the sub-measures—only the one-degree and the one referred to above.

My brother was born 7.50 a.m., February 4th, 1893, London. Was leading torpedoman in the "Q" ship *Cullist*, which was caught unawares in the Irish sea and sunk by a U-boat.

Date of death—February 11, 1918. Age at death—twenty-five years and one week.

Calculation by Measure of Death is therefore  $6\frac{1}{4}$  degrees, giving progressed positions—Sun conjunction ascendant; and Neptune conjunction I.C.

The following are the planetary positions and aspects by one-degree direction:

☉ ♉ 11, △ ♀, □ PL	♂ 8 15, □ ☉, ⋈ M.C.
♂ 20, Cusp 8th, ♄ 24	♂ 7, □ ♀
♀ ♉ 1, ☉ ⊕	♂ 5, * ♀
♀ ♊ 19, ♄ asc.?, * 24	♂ 3
♂ 8 20, □ asc., √ 24	PL 5

Which is conclusive enough as it stands; but I made the following discoveries, which seem to be too exact to be entirely accidental!

(1) Mars and Venus (co-rulers of 8th) are in square across the ascendant. A mid-point between these bodies is Pisces 10—the Sun's progressed position.

(2) In the same way a mid-point between the cusps of 8th and 9th houses is Scorpio 7—the position of Saturn progressed.

With good wishes and many appreciations of the work you are doing.



## BOOK REVIEWS

*The Science of Dreams*, by W. B. CROW, D.Sc., Ph.D. Published by The Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar. Price not stated.

The author of this work will be remembered by many readers as having contributed a valuable article to the Quarterly on "Animals of the Zodiac." Here he deals with dreams from the theosophical standpoint, whilst being fully qualified to appreciate the theories of non-theosophical writers. The book is written with great clarity and is concise, covering the subject in 42 pages. Only at the end does Dr. Crow specifically introduce astrology at some length—"in some cases it is also possible to identify the figures in the dream with certain planets and their behaviour with planetary movements at the time of the dream."

Dreams often reflect planetary influence, and not only in a symbolical manner but quite directly. Thus, when Venus was in square to the radical Uranus by transit during the night, a man dreamt of his wife's eloping; and under Martian transits it is common to dream of being engaged in fighting. Inspirational and prophetic dreams probably come under the 9th house, but those of a lower type will commonly reflect the 5th house, as indicative of the dominant astral propensity.

There seems an error in the statement that "The mental world is the world of noumena, of wholes, and during the day, whilst working through the physical, we can only see things in parts, as phenomena." Surely the mental part of man is active during the day, and, though it can be, and commonly is, directed to particulars, as indeed must be the case, it can equally well contemplate abstract and noumenal wholes.

A most interesting book, to be recommended to all who require an essentially modern and scientific work on dreams, written sympathetically with the astrological standpoint. C. C.

*Zenit, Sonderheft 7, Grundriss der Geschichte der Astrologie*, by HUBERT KORSCH. Mk 4.

Dr. Korsch, the learned editor of *Zenit*, has laid astrologers under considerable obligations in the past, and this last publication (the 7th supplement to *Zenit*, entitled, in English, "A Sketch of the History of Astrology") is of the utmost value and interest, at all events to those who can read German.

It contains 8 sections, namely,

1. Ancient Astrology—  
Babylon, Egypt, Greece, and Rome.
2. Ordinances forbidding Astrology.
3. India, Arabia, and Byzantium.
4. Astrology and the Catholic Church.
5. Medieval Astrology.
6. The Renaissance and Golden Age of Astrology.
7. From the Period of Decay to that of Revival.
8. An Index of Individuals and Subjects.

We have thus, for the first time, the dates of almost all astrologers of note,<sup>1</sup> with a brief mention of their work and teaching, arranged as a Who's Who; whilst in Sections 2 and 7 we have the names of some of those who have opposed astrological truth. Only one omission strikes me, and that is the name of Ramsey, who wrote an excellent work on astrology in the reign of James I.

We find that Campanus lived about 1280 and translated Euclid from Arabic versions. Campanella was born in 1568 and lived till 1639. The system of Alcabitus should be ascribed to Albategnius (858-929). Dr. Korsch writes of the method of Campanus "that from a geometric point of view it is indeed of dazzling simplicity and beauty, but it has one fault, and one only, which is that it does not in any way comprehend the actual motion of the stars in the sky." But the only system that does this is the equatorial, and this, though geometrically as perfect as that of Campanus and in complete agreement with the natural rotation of the heavens, seems to have no correspondence with astrological fact.

C. C.

*The Essential Judgment of Horoscopes according to the Hindus*, by M. VIJAYA-RAGHAVULU, B.A., M.B., C.M. Published by the Gautama Printing Office, 140, Broadway, Madras, India. Price 8s. 112 pp.

Text-books on Hindu astrology are seldom available to the Western student, and this book will help meet the demand created by the awakening interest in this branch of the art. In it the author has forsaken his calculations to set down the principles for judging horoscopes according to Hindu methods. The application of these principles to the events of life still awaits publication, however, and one feels from the author's remarks on the possession of manuscripts on applied astrology in India, that some difficulty is likely to be met in obtaining the necessary details.

The present book refers largely to another of the author's works, *Hindu Astrological Calculations (Modernised)*, so that to make a proper study of the subject it would seem necessary to obtain the complete set of text-books, and the appearance of the formulae mentioned in the Preface is awaited with interest.

It is worthy of note that house cusps are regarded in Hindu astrology as the mid-points, and that learned Hindu astrologers follow the Porphyrian method of division, while the rank and file use that attributed to Ptolemy. In latitudes near the equator the discrepancies are probably too small to affect this system of astrology, but one suspects that the more rational method of the rank and file would suit it better in our northern latitudes.

G. V.

*Prenatal Astrology*, by Fakir CHANDRA DUTT. Price 1s. 6d., paper covers. Chirological Society, 54, Amherst Row, Calcutta.

An interesting little book linking up planetary periods with intra-uterine life, thence passing to the application of the lunar epoch,

<sup>1</sup> Names of living astrologers are omitted.

to determine which the author details the methods he uses, giving actual illustrations, together with dates of coition, particulars of which are always welcomed by students of this branch of astrology, who will doubtless be glad to add this book to their libraries. It is not clear whether the times stated in a number of cases are estimated or rectified, however, although both appear in those forming examples of the calculations concerned. The usual "Law of Sex" is repeated, and, after dealing with multiple births and deformities, the author goes on to the planetary rulerships for each year of life, a table of which is given in addition to horoscopic data by way of evidence.

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*The Prenatal Casting of the Horoscope*, by E. S. WALDRON, of Honolulu, Hawaii. Paper covers. Price not stated. Printed by Unwin Brothers, Ltd., London and Woking.

This is not a book to pick up during an idle moment, in fact as a book it is hardly readable. Those desirous of investigating the theory of the prenatal epoch and who prefer to work by rule, however, will probably find it of great assistance. The author sets out the process step by step, and then illustrates each rule by giving the detailed calculations for seven different (and carefully selected) horoscopes. That is all, but quite enough to go on with. G. 173.

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#### FOR THE BEGINNER

### AN INTRODUCTION TO ASTROLOGICAL PSYCHOLOGY

By THE EDITOR

#### CHAPTER ONE

#### THE ASTROLOGICAL IDEA AND THE BASES OF ASTROLOGICAL PRACTICE

BEHIND all astrological thought lies the belief, or, as the astrologer himself would say, the knowledge, that there is an intimate relation between Man on the one hand and the Universe on the other.

It is not necessary to assume that this relation precludes the possibility of free will, for astrology is of the natural world and all that it can say on the subject of freedom is that there are more natural influences

than are commonly known, and much more subtle ones.

Whatever evidence astrology can bring to the question of determinism is probably on the side of the determinist, but this evidence is not of a conclusive nature, any more than the modern discovery of the great and unsuspected influence of the unconscious upon our motives is evidence of a conclusive kind for the determinist.

The practical experience of ancient and modern astrologers has established that the Sun, the Moon, and the planets of our system are potent astrological factors, but the stars (other than our own sun) are seldom used in modern times.

The Sun and Moon are indicated by the symbols ☉ and ☾ respectively, and the names and symbols of the planets are:

Mercury	☿	Saturn	♄
Venus	♀	Uranus	♅
Mars	♂	Neptune	♆
Jupiter	♃	Pluto (no symbol as yet adopted; the letters PL are commonly used)	

It is often stated that the discovery of the last three of the above, in modern times, has overthrown the astrological pretensions. The reason for this assertion (in so far as there is any) lies in the fact that the ancient astrologers laid great stress on the symmetry by which the Sun, Moon, and five planets known to them "ruled" the twelve signs (see below), a symmetry which the discovery of Uranus (in 1781) was supposed to have destroyed. Nevertheless the new planets have, in fact, added to the scope of astrology by introducing fresh principles, and they have no more destroyed the astrological thesis than any fresh discovery may be said to destroy the science to which it relates. For example, astronomical conceptions were revolutionised by Copernicus, but astronomy was not destroyed.

Further, it is found that the zodiac, which is con-

ceived as a belt surrounding the earth and constantly polarised in one direction, in the plane of ecliptic, possesses great significance, howsoever it may be regarded by the orthodox scientist, who has never investigated the subject, as being a mere figment.

The zodiac is equally divided into twelve signs, for which the Latin names are commonly used (in Great Britain and the U.S.A.), together with symbols that have been handed down from remote antiquity.

These signs and symbols are, in the order of the zodiac:

Aries	♈	Libra	♎
Taurus	♉	Scorpio	♏
Gemini	♊	Sagittarius	♐
Cancer	♋	Capricorn	♑
Leo	♌	Aquarius	♒
Virgo	♍	Pisces	♓

There is an intimate association between the Sun, Moon, and planets on the one hand, and the signs on the other, to which the name "rulership" is applied.

Thus, whilst the Sun and Moon each rules a sign, the planets (excepting Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto) each rule two signs:

Aries	ruled by	♂	Libra	ruled by	♀
Taurus	"	♂	Scorpio	"	♂
Gemini	"	♀	Sagittarius	"	♂
Cancer	"	♂	Capricorn	"	♂
Leo	"	♂	Aquarius	"	♂
Virgo	"	♀	Pisces	"	♂

This arrangement follows a certain symmetry, to which we have referred.

Thus we may re-arrange the signs as follows:

♌	♈—♎	♋
♍	♏	♊
♎	♐	♉
♏	♑	♈
♐	♒	♎
♑	♓	♏
♒		♐
♓		♑
		♒
		♓

Here we place the Sun and Moon together as being, in fact, the "masculine" and "feminine" aspects of



one principle, and then the planets follow in their natural order from the Sun. The signs ruled are placed on either side and will be seen to follow their proper order, beginning on the top left-hand with Leo and ending on the top right-hand with Cancer.

The planets are strong, but not necessarily harmonious (if otherwise adversely affected), when in their own signs, and the reverse tends to be the case when in the opposite signs to their own, sometimes called their "detriments." In traditional astrology they have also their signs of "exaltation," and opposite these those of their "fall." These are given in the text-books, but from the psychological standpoint it is necessary to study every sign-position individually and the traditional "dignities" (a generic word for the sign-affinities of the planets) are too cut and dried to be very valuable.

The planets normally move (by their own motion round the sun combined with that of the earth) in the sense of the zodiac, but they also appear at times to be stationary in the zodiac and to move in a contrary sense, being then called retrograde. Both they and the zodiac in which they travel have an apparent motion from east to west, best known in the case of the sun because most obvious, and by this they appear to pass round the earth (allowing for their individual motions) in approximately twenty-four hours.

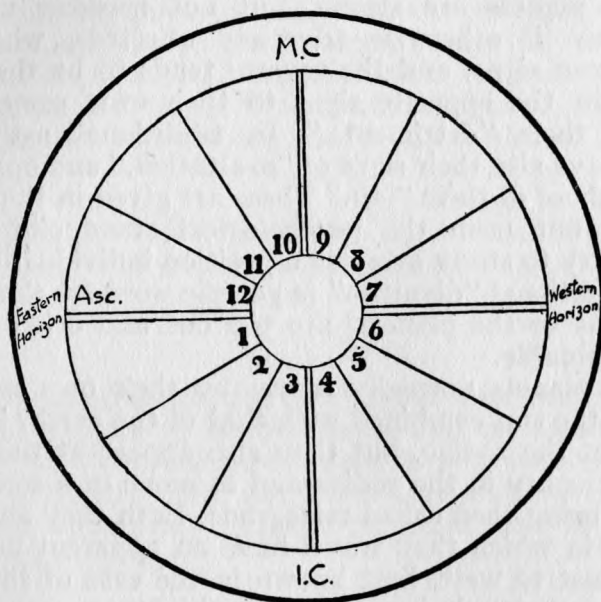
Besides the Sun, Moon, and planets and the signs, there is a third primary astrological factor known as the houses of the horoscope or simply "the houses."

These, in the system of Campanus,<sup>1</sup> consist of twelve equal divisions of the sphere of the heavens, six above and six below the earth, and formed by lines drawn from the north point of the horizon, at any particular spot, to the south point, thus resembling the segments of a peeled orange. The horizon divides the houses into the six above and the six below, and the plane of the meridian similarly divides them into six eastern and six western houses. The houses are

<sup>1</sup> There are several systems of house-division each with its advocates.

known by their numbers, one to twelve, beginning with the first, which is immediately below the eastern horizon.

The houses appear in the usual horoscopic diagram thus:



Here the houses are shown numbered.

To erect a horoscope for a specific time and place we must carry out certain calculations that are set forth in the text-books. These enable us to insert in the diagram the Sun, Moon, and planets and the signs, in their proper relationship to the houses—this is our horoscope, called, when it is for the birth-time of the individual, a “natus” or “nativity.”

It is a fact amply proved by astrological experience that a map thus drawn for the beginning of physical life contains the seeds of that life in terms of natural things. To discuss why this is so would draw us into the regions of metaphysical and what would be perhaps called theosophical doctrine, which is beyond the scope of psychology as usually understood. Briefly it

may be said that, by a universal law of attraction, the ego is drawn to physical birth at a moment appropriate to its own nature and the general circumstances of its life, so that astrology has two sides, both true, the inner or psychological, and the outer, or circumstantial, which latter has gained it the name of fortune-telling.

Thus we are faced with a certain "fatal" aspect, and we are also confronted with the fact that there is, in every ego, a specific physical and temperamental predisposition, accordant with, but not caused by, the stellar configuration. It is not necessary to believe, unless we wish, that the ego has no self-active power to combat and modify this predisposition, but that this latter is an actual fact astrology compels us to believe, and if it were a simple matter to change it totally, there would be little use in studying it.

After reading this statement the student is likely to ask how it is that the same figure can show two things which are often very different, viz. temperament on the one hand and conditions on the other. For though it often happens that these are in agreement, the fact remains that sometimes they are not. It is not always the violent man who comes to a violent end, although it is true that violence in a general way engenders violence, and mildness courts and sometimes obtains mild circumstances. The gentle deer may be torn to pieces by the tiger, who, when his span has elapsed, may pass away in tranquillity. The same is sometimes the way with human deer and tigers.

The reply is that the temperament (a word preferable to character in this connection) is not shown by the same factors as are the circumstances; but it is admittedly often difficult to disentangle the two in a horoscope.

This question will be investigated in a later chapter.

*(To be continued)*