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## EDITORIAL

### *Have we failed as Prophets?*

Most astrologers seem to have been of my view that war would not come in 1939, and, therefore, we must admit to error. However, none of us was unaware of the grave peril that existed. I pointed out in the March editorial that one could hardly say anything good of the spring ingress. Nevertheless I hoped that peace would prevail, and there is this much to be said, that so far the war has been to some extent localised.

Astrologers are in a difficult position. If they foretell war categorically, they are alarmists and fatalists; if they are too hopeful, they are said to be unwilling to face facts; if they are undecided, they are accused of hedging.

Like the physician, the astrologer can sometimes speak with considerable certainty, but at other times he can but say that it is a matter of conflicting forces. So it was here.

There were pacific influences, and these certainly operated, chiefly in Signor Mussolini's efforts for peace, which very clearly fulfilled my remarks made at Harrogate last year and reported in *The Yorkshire Post*: "Mussolini will adopt a more reasonable attitude and will be more helpful than seems probable at the moment in the cause of peace."

Nevertheless, it would seem that I laid too little stress on the spring ingress and the eclipse of last April, in square to Pluto, which plainly emerges from our investigations as a planet closely related to warfare.

I judged, too, that Hitler would hardly begin warlike operations, which he has hitherto avoided, when  $\text{h}_2$  was on his radical  $\odot$ ; but I did not attribute enough importance to the transit of PL over his M.C. In the middle of July  $\text{J}$ , PL, and  $\text{h}_2$  formed a T square in the heavens which fell exactly on



his ☉-meridian formation; this, in the event, proved very significant.

It seems that some of the Venus influences upon which I relied for the maintaining of peace have worked rather in the numerous pacts, treaties, and agreements, of all sorts, that have been concluded between many countries.

Thus the Anglo-Turkish treaty coincided with the lunar eclipse in October, which fell on His Majesty's Venus.

Pacific influences are still at work, but it is questionable if an early peace can be hoped for, despite certain favourable indications. The Nazis, having got what they wanted from Poland, and perhaps more than they wanted from Russia, naturally are ready for peace. What guarantees they can give that their offers are serious and will be implemented, I do not know; the Moon in Taurus (Mr. Chamberlain) may be duped once, but, I imagine, not twice by the same people. How there can be any apologists for Hitler and his associates, outside penal settlements and lunatic asylums, I cannot conceive. One would not enter into a trifling business contract with people so soaked in falsehood: how then can one suppose that a lasting political peace can be negotiated with them?

### *The Duration of the War*

The figure for the outbreak of hostilities between Great Britain and Germany is a strange one, as many of our readers will have concluded already, Libra  $29\frac{1}{2}$  rises, and the Moon goes to the conjunction of Saturn, being in  $29\frac{1}{2}$  Aries, exactly opposed to the ascendant. The ruler of the horoscope is ♂ ☉ — surely a good sign.

This conjunction of the Moon and Saturn seems to indicate cautious attitudes on both sides and contrasts with Moon conjunction Jupiter at the time when Germany assailed Poland. Both sides seem loth to start large-scale operations. The paramount importance of economic considerations is suggested by Saturn in Taurus.

This war will call for patience rather than daring.

Next year, 1940, strikes me as a period of great confusion and uncertainty in many lands. I would refer to the several ♀ directions operative at that time in the 1921 24 h map.

Peace seems certain by 1941, at latest, for the ingress for that year is very good, there are fine directions in the map of the French Republic, and His Majesty gets Sun conjunction Venus radical (pre-natal secondary).

We have, of course, no authentic map of Great Britain,

which ought to make us very cautious in venturing upon forecasts regarding our own country. There is the 1066 map, but who can produce an ephemeris for that period, wherewith we can calculate the necessary progressions? There is also the 1801 map for the United Kingdom, given in *Notable Nativities*, but I cannot really accept this as very important. I wish I could, for it shows some good directions forming.

### *Germany and Russia*

Although the Pact between these countries was concluded under rather good aspects (if we accept a grand trine of  $\♂$ ,  $\text{♁}$ ,  $\Psi$  as good), the horoscopes of the Third Reich and the U.S.S.R. (given in Miss Gardner's classic article "Two Revolutions") are hardly congenial, for  $\text{♁}$  in one is  $\♂$   $\Psi$  in the other, with which positions we may compare Mussolini's  $\odot$  and  $\text{♁}$ , Churchill's  $\text{♁}$  in  $9\frac{1}{2}$   $\text{♁}$ ,<sup>1</sup> and Franco's  $\text{♁}$  and  $\text{♁}$ .

There are also various highly illuminating interchanges between these two maps (Third Reich and U.S.S.R.) and those of Hitler and of Stalin. For example, Hitler and the U.S.S.R. have  $\text{♁}$  in close conjunction in the 10th house; the U.S.S.R.  $\♂$  is  $\♂$   $\text{♀}$   $\♂$  in Hitler's map; Stalin's  $\♂$  is conjunction that of the Führer. A wondrous web of destiny, in all conscience! But one sees little signs of permanent friendship, or even toleration.

The great expansion of Russian power in the Baltic coincides with the direction in the U.S.S.R. map of  $\odot$  from  $\Delta$   $\Psi$  to  $\♂$   $\text{♁}$ .

Hitler, as I have pointed out, is now under  $\odot$   $\square$   $\text{♁}$   $\frac{1}{4}$ , an increment which a German writer declared, as a result of statistical investigation, to be the most dependable of the "symbolic" measures. Saturn, of course, rules Russia.

In this connection we may note that Napoleon, who, like Hitler, had  $\text{♁}$  in the 10th, did himself no good by his transactions with Russia, even though, when the treaty of Tilsit was signed, it seemed as if the fate of Europe was settled.

### *Will Holland and Belgium be Invaded?*

At the moment of writing the Press is much occupied with this problem.

The King of Belgium has a strong map but one fraught with tragedy, of which he has indeed already had his portion. His data were given in *Astrology* for September 1934 (still available),

<sup>1</sup> The *Royal Oak* was sunk just as  $\♂$  transited this point. The day before  $\♂$  was  $\times$   $\odot$  in the First Lord's map, and four "U" boats were accounted for.

the time given in an earlier issue being incorrect. The  $\delta$  of  $\mathfrak{z}$  and  $\mathfrak{H}$  in the 8th is a menacing position. He is now coming under  $\odot \mathfrak{z}$  PL.

I have not had time to examine the natus of Queen Wilhelmina exhaustively, but her transits are not reassuring. For example, the February  $\delta$  of  $\mathfrak{z}$  and  $\mathfrak{h}$  is on her radical  $\mathfrak{h}$ ,  $\psi$  is in transit over her radical  $\mathfrak{z}$ , and the conjunction of  $2\downarrow$  and  $\mathfrak{h}$  in August 1940 is within half a degree of her radical  $\psi$ .

These signs are disturbing, but not conclusive.

### *A Biblical Time-Measure*

It seems rather strange that, when so many "symbolic" measures have been suggested, no one, to my knowledge, has ever hit upon the striking passage in the 38th chapter of Isaiah. We are told that Hezekiah, being "sick unto death," was told by the Lord, "behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years," and that, as a sign unto him, "Behold I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun-dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backwards. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down."

This seems plainly to suggest a measure of  $10^\circ = 15$  years, or  $2/3$ ds of a degree equals one year.

Some readers may care to experiment with this increment.

As Hitler will be 51 years of age next April, the measure corresponding will be 34. Which brings his sun to the  $\delta$  of PL in the 8th, while his M.C. will be in square to that planet.

Let us hope there may be something in this measure!

It is of course not necessary to use it "symbolically"; we can use the actual planetary motions, as in ordinary secondaries, but use  $2/3$ ds of the day to the year. In this connection Hitler's pre-natal directions are decidedly encouraging—to us.

### *Future Issues*

I shall endeavour to issue the Quarterly in the same style as hitherto, but in these days things are not very certain. For example, paper may become very scarce.

At present there is some difficulty in sending copies to certain neutral countries, by reason of the censorship.

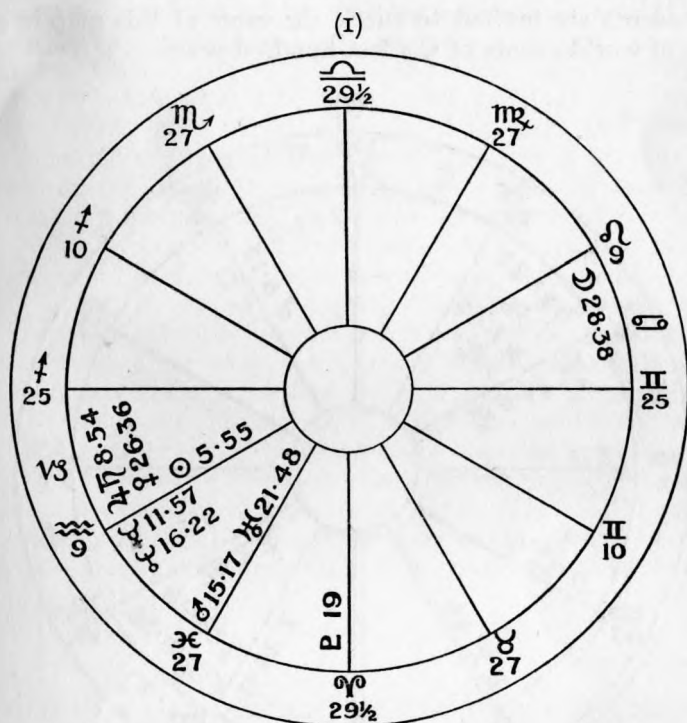
In view of the complexity of current international conditions I have decided to omit specifically political articles, preferring to print important maps, as in this number, with a few appended

notes. In making this change I wish to place on record my appreciation of Miss Gardner's work. I have not met many astrologers so assiduous and so conscientious in the collecting of valuable data, and though I have not always agreed with her interpretation of them, that is neither here nor there: without differences of opinion astrology would be dull indeed.

THE EDITOR

Written Nov. 18, 1939.

## HOROSCOPES BEARING ON THE WAR



(Placidian Cusps)

THE CONJUNCTION OF JUPITER AND SATURN AT LONDON AT 5.27 A.M.  
ON JANUARY 26, 1842

Map No. I is known as that of "great mutation" conjunction because it was the first conjunction of a series in the earthy trigon. Such figures are said to exercise great influence until

the next great mutation, which, in the present instance, will fall in 1981, in Libra.

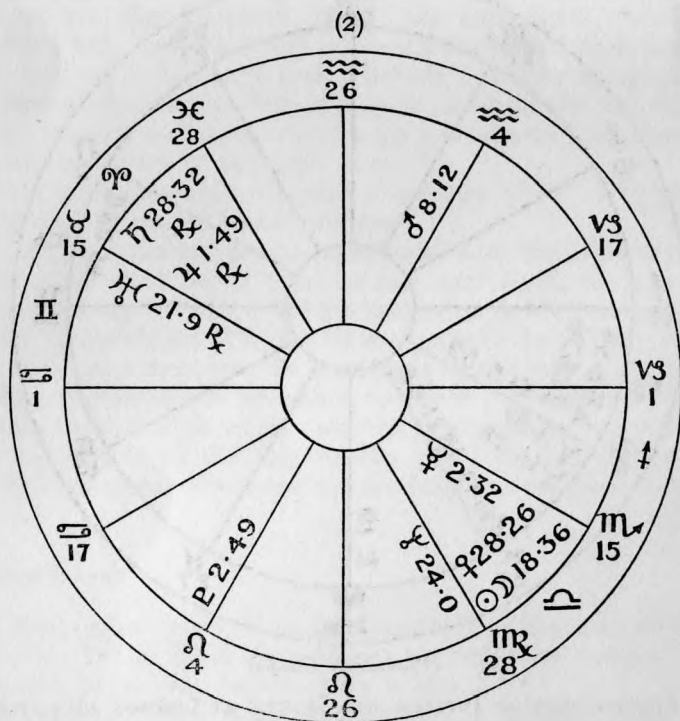
The war of 1914 is very clearly shown by ☉ ♂ PL post-natal and ♂ ☐ PL pre-natal. But Pluto was, of course, unknown in 1914.

Present hostilities do not seem to be so clearly marked, but ☉ is ☐ radical ♀ and ♀ is square ascendant, both pre-natal. ♀ is par. dec. ♂, after being in sextile.

Note also that PL is near ♄ r. by transit, and the ♄ is also involved in the eclipse of last April. Further, the eclipses of October 1939 and April 1940 fall ♂ and ♂ PL.

☉ is going to △ h p. \* ♂ r., the former being exact early in 1941.

Students are invited to check the value of this map in the light of world-events of the last hundred years.



(Placidian Cusps)

THE ECLIPSE OF OCTOBER 12, 1939, AT LONDON

Map No. 2 should be considered together with the eclipse in 18½ ♑ given below. The two phenomena affect many important



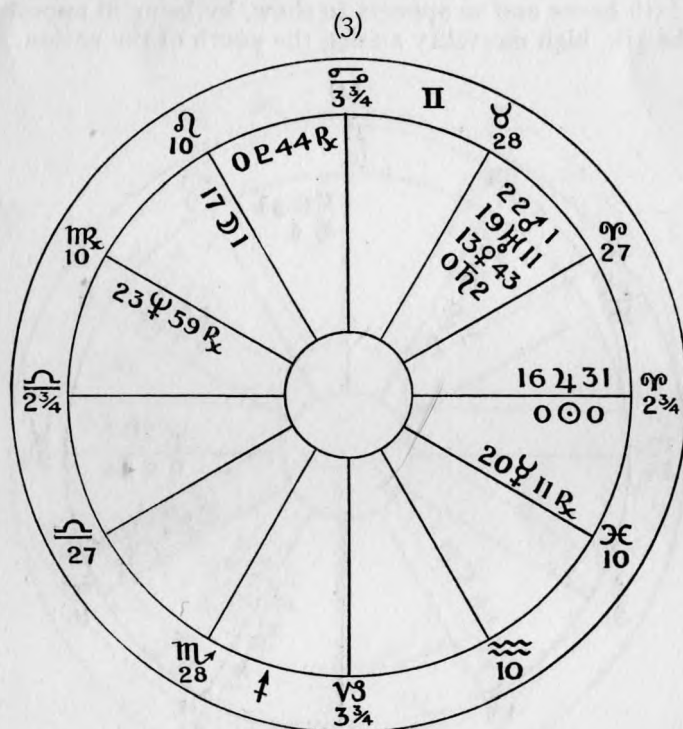
horoscopes and are bound to have considerable significance in regard to the course of events.

They fall in  $\delta$  and  $\gamma$  to  $\text{♁}$  in Hitler's map, to  $\gamma$  in that of Churchill, to  $\phi$  in that of Hore-Belisha, to  $\psi$  in the horoscope of the German Empire, to  $\text{♁}$  in that of the Third Reich, and to PL in the figure of the 1842 great mutation given on the preceding page.

### Winter Ingress, 1939

This shows  $\text{♁}$  near the M.C. at London, and  $\phi$  just set, but  $\square$   $\text{h}$ . The M.C. is exactly  $\triangle$  PL.

The interplanetary aspects are, of course, common to the whole world and therefore must not be given a local reference.  $\phi$  is  $\square$   $\text{h}$ ,  $\gamma$   $\gamma$   $\psi$ ,  $\text{♁}$   $\delta$   $\text{♁}$ . The last of these is near M.C. at Moscow.  $\text{h}$  is  $\gamma$  Hitler's ascendant.



(Placidian Cusps)

THE MAP FOR THE SPRING INGRESS, 1940, AT 6.24 P.M., MARCH 20TH,  
AT LONDON

*Mars conjunction Saturn, February 11, 1940*

This falls in 26 ♄, ♂ Hitler's ascendant. At London ♃ is in M.C. ♂ ♀, but they are ♂ ♀.

The conjunction is near the M.C. at Moscow.

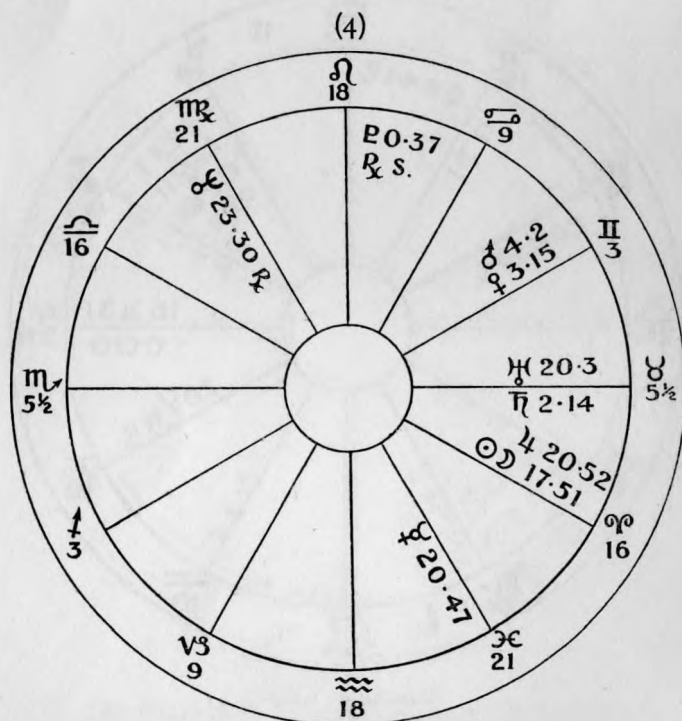
*Mars conjunction Uranus, March 16, 1940*

This falls in 19 Taurus, and must be regarded as important, since this is the ascendant of the Third Reich and also of Japan. The point rises near Warsaw and the new Russo-German frontier in that country.

It is on the cusp of the 2nd house (Placidus) at London.

The ruler of Map No. 3 ♀ is ♂ ♂ and ♄ in the 8th house, and this group is squared by ♃ and ⊕, so that it does not offer much hope of peace. The best aspect is ♃ △ 2♄.

By the Campanus system Pluto is exactly on the cusp of the 11th house and so appears to show, by being in opposition to the 5th, high mortality among the youth of the nation.



THE ECLIPSE OF APRIL 7, 1940, AT LONDON

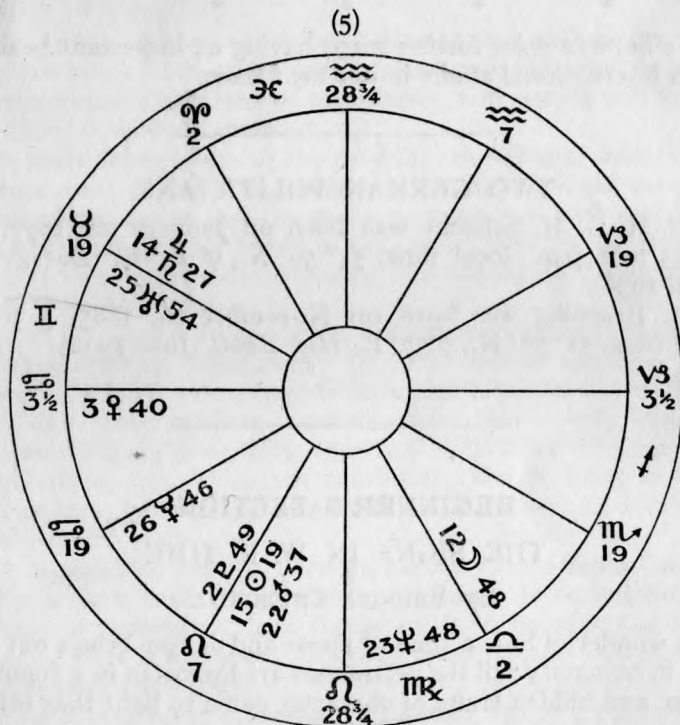
In Map No. 4 the place of His Majesty's ♀ is exactly rising and the conjunction of the Lights falls in close trine to the midheaven, also not far from 21. The ruler of the map ♂ is ♄ ♀. On the whole it is a favourable map, but the place of the eclipse is ∠ ♀ ♂.

At Berlin ♄ rules the M.C. and by its ♂ to ♀ shows labour unrest. But ♄ is supported by the ✱ to ♄.

*The Summer Ingress, at London, being for 1.37 p.m., June 21, 1940*

A figure that shows successful but sanguinary fighting, with ♂ exactly culminating, ♂ ♄ but supported by ♄ and ♀. Note ⊕ with 21.

This figure will delay the pacific influences of the eclipse of April.



(Placidian Cusps)

HOROSCOPE FOR THE CONJUNCTION OF JUPITER AND SATURN AT  
0.58 A.M., AUGUST 8, 1940, ERECTED FOR LONDON

Map No. 5 is a truly remarkable figure, for ♀ is exactly rising, but ♂ is ☐ ☿ and ☉ is ☐ ♃ ♎.

It is regrettable, in the interests of peace, that the lunation of September is an extremely Martian figure, in fact, ♂ (in close ♂ with the Lights) is almost exactly rising at Berlin. Otherwise the above map might well indicate a cessation of hostilities, if only by way of an armistice. *Even as it is, it may have this effect.*

As we have said in previous issues, there are, in 1940-41, three successive conjunctions of ♃ and ♎, and of these it is usually considered that the last will be the most important. It seems, however, logical to suppose that the first figure will have an important influence, at least until the next, on October 20th, and that in turn the October conjunction will hold sway at any rate until the last conjunction, in February of 1941.

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We hope to print further maps having an important bearing upon international affairs in our next issue.

## TWO GERMAN POLITICIANS.

Dr. H. G. H. Schacht was born on January 22, 1877, 10 hr. 55 min. p.m., local time, 54° 56' N., 9° 15' E. (*Der Zenit*, April 1930).

Dr. Bruening was born on November 26, 1885, 5 p.m., local time, 51° 58' N., 7° 37' E. (*Der Zenit*, June 1932).

## BEGINNER'S SECTION

### THE SIGNS IN WAR TIME

By VERNITA CHURCHILL

It is wonderful how a time of stress and danger brings out the best in humanity; all the pettinesses are forgotten in a common cause, and hidden traits of character come to light that otherwise would have remained dormant.

☿ is in his element; organisation is his forte, and the greater the difficulty, the more he will rise, until he has dealt adequately with the situation. Danger merely spurs him on.

8 is not much good in an emergency which requires quickness of decision, but he is grand at keeping calm and giving a sense of security in a time of excitement or panic—"keep calm" is his slogan. The job of special constable will suit him well, as he likes to feel he is protecting property.

Π is invaluable for his quickness of resource and adaptability; he is able to cope with any difficulty. He will be the one to darken the windows and to invent ingenious contrivances to shade the lights. Anything in the transport service will be suitable for him.

σ will undertake the catering and requisitioning of the store cupboard. Her thrifty mind will know just what may be stored with the greatest advantage and how to make one pound provide the nourishment of two. Helping to evacuate the children will appeal to her motherly instinct and she is also an excellent nurse. But she must be kept busy so that she has no time to gossip.

Ω is another good organiser, although not so good as ρ in an emergency; but solid, steady, and reliable. Moreover, he always imparts a feeling of confidence; and people will follow his dictates without question.

ϙ must take charge of the medical and nursing side. She is always most capable, and will see that the first-aid arrangements are in order and the medicine cupboard well equipped. But she must be kept firmly in her department, or she will not be able to refrain from criticising and managing departments other than her own.

Ϛ is another who can keep balance and poise amidst the most disturbing conditions; he will tackle anything like hysteria or panic with a cold distaste that is harder to withstand than the most ruthless condemnation. He is very capable, too, and will do everything that has to be done without fuss, harmonising any discordant conditions. But to bring out the best in him, he *must* have an audience, so never put him on a lonely job.

Ⓜ is grand for deeds of heroism but very awkward to handle, as his pride is easily upset and he is inclined to be touchy. His outlook is pessimistic, and the worst is to be expected if his point of view is accepted. Any post of danger may be allotted to him with confidence.

‡ is a real prop—cheerful, optimistic, ready for anything. But keep him well to work, or his restlessness will get on the nerves of the others. He is at his worst when shut up in a small space and obliged to be inactive. Waiting in a gas-proof room until the raid is over would try him terribly.



♊, too, needs action, or his pessimistic outlook will do real harm to his companions, whom he will infect with his own gloom. So give *him* the lonely job. He will fear the worst, but will be prepared to withstand it.

♋ is unselfish and impersonal, and entirely reliable. He is more than ready to help, but will need to be told what to do; otherwise he is likely to "stay put." He is calm and a real support in times of excitement or danger.

♌ is not very helpful but is capable of surprising sacrifice and will humbly offer himself for one of the most dangerous posts, because he is "no good for anything else."

### *Gas Masks*

♍ will object to wearing a gas mask the most; she will think it is infecting her with all manner of germs.

♎ will object the least, for he does not mind looking ugly, which the ♀ signs decidedly do. All the air signs are certain to say they are being stifled.

♏ and ♐ will find the most comfort from their gas masks and will be careful to carry them with them wherever they go.

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## A LEARNED DOCTOR AND ASTROLOGY

By L. M. SNOW

IN a former paper I wrote of Shakespeare's mention of astrology, but now I deal with Sir Thomas Browne's *Religio Medici*.

Our author was born on October 19, 1605, and thus it is he speaks of the event:

"At my nativity my Ascendant was the watery sign of Scorpius; I was born in the planetary hour of Saturn, and I think I have a piece of that leaden Planet in me. I am no way facetious, nor disposed for the mirth and galliardize of company" (Everyman Edition, p. 84).

As to the duration of his life, he says:

"If there be any truth in Astrology, I may outlive a Jubilee: as yet I have not seen one revolution of Saturn, nor hath my pulse beat thirty years" (p. 46).

In fact, he died on his 77th birthday, October 19, 1682.

In speaking of death, he puts forward an original and interesting idea:

"Now, besides this literal and positive kind of death, there are others whereof Divines make mention, and those, I think, not merely Metaphorical, as mortification, dying unto sin and the world. Therefore, I say, every man hath a double Horoscope, one of his humanity, his birth; another of his Christianity, his baptism; and from this I do compute or calculate my nativity not reckoning those 'Horae combustae' and odd days, or esteeming myself anything, before I was my Saviour's, and enrolled in the Register of Christ" (p. 50).

Sir Thomas Browne was born in or near Cheapside, where his father had settled as a mercer; he was educated at Winchester and Oxford, studied medicine and natural history at Padua, Leyden, and Montpellier, returned to England to practice as a doctor, and in 1635 wrote a book, not on medicine, but on the religion of a doctor, who saw in everything and everyone this hand of a Creator whose word was law, whose nature conjoined wisdom and eternity.

"This is the cause I grope after in the works of nature; on this hangs the Providence of God. To raise so beauteous a structure as the world and the Creatures thereof, was but His art; but their sundry and divided operations, with their predestined ends, are from the Treasure of His Wisdom. In the causes, nature and affections of the eclipses of the Sun and Moon, there is most excellent speculation; but to profound farther, and to contemplate a reason why His Providence hath so disposed and ordered their motions in that vast circle as to conjoyn and obscure each other, is a sweeter piece of Reason, and a diviner point of Philosophy" (p. 16).

In pursuance of these thoughts, he ascribes to the mercy of God and the will of His Providence the rise and fall of states and kingdoms.

"All cannot be happy at once; for, because the glory of one State depends upon the ruine of another, there is a revolution and vicissitude of their greatness, and must obey the swing of that wheel, not moved by Intelligences, but by the hand of God, whereby all Estates rise to their Zenith and Vertical points according to their predestined periods. For the lives, not only of men, but of Commonwealths, and the whole World, run not upon an Helix that still enlargeth, but on a Circle, where, arriving to their Meridian, they decline in obscurity, and fall under the Horizon again" (pp. 20-21).

"Surely there are in every man's life certain rubs, doubtings and wrenches, which pass a while under the effects of chance, but at the last, well examined, prove the meer hand of God" (p. 20).

"We need not labour with so many arguments to confute Judicial Astrology; for, if there be a truth therein, it doth not injure Divinity. If to be born under *Mercury* disposeth us to be witty, under *Jupiter* to be wealthy; I do not owe a knee unto these, but unto that merciful Hand that hath ordered my indifferent and uncertain nativity unto such benevolous Aspects. Those that hold that all things are governed by Fortune, had not erred, had they not persisted there" (p. 22).

It is not surprising that our learned doctor became a great success in his practice at Norwich nor that his book was widely read.

"I am," he wrote, "of a constitution so general, that it consorts and sympathiseth with all things. . . . All places, all airs, make unto me one Countrey; I am in England everywhere and under any Meridian" (p. 65). "I feel not in me those sordid and unchristian desires of my profession; I do not secretly implore and wish for plagues, rejoyce at Famines, revolve Ephemerides and Almanacks in expectation of malignant aspects, fatal Conjunctions and Eclipses."

In a dissertation on "Christian Morals" our devout doctor (p. 268) sums up his attitude towards Astrology, even as did Shakespeare's Caesar:

"Burden not the back of Aries, Leo or Taurus, with thy faults, nor make Saturn, Mars or Venus, guilty of thy follies. Think not to fasten thy imperfections on the Stars, and so despairingly conceive thyself under a fatality of being evil. Calculate thyself within, seek not thyself in the Moon, but in thine own Orb or microcosmical Circumference. Let celestial aspects admonish and advertise, not conclude and determine thy ways. For since good and bad Stars moralize not our actions, and neither excuse or commend, acquit or condemn

our Good or Bad Deeds at the present or last Bar, since some are Astrologically well disposed who are morally highly vicious; not Celestial Figures, but Virtuous Schemes, must denominate and state our actions. If we rightly understood the Names whereby God calleth the Stars, if we knew His name for the Dog-Star, or by what appellation *Jupiter*, *Mars*, and *Saturn* obey His will, it might be a welcome accession unto astrology, which speaks great things, and is fain to make use of appellations from Greek and Barbarick Systems. Whatever Influences, Impulsions or Inclinations there be from the hights above, it were a piece of wisdom to make one of those wise men who overrule their Stars, and with their own militia contend with the Host of Heaven."

## MY CHOSEN HOROSCOPE

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*This article, with its delightful whimsicality and fund of astrological knowledge, will, I am sure, be read with as much pleasure as was experienced by those who heard it delivered as a lecture at the Astrological Lodge.—Ed.*

I WONDER if any of us are content with the nativities with which we were born! We may be of those happy people who are, as the saying is, pleased with ourselves, but a nativity, for whatever cause—curiosity, anxiety, chance—it was erected, is an arresting thing. It reveals much of which we were unaware; it shows limitations and possibilities, qualities better and worse, conditions and compulsions and consequences, some of which must startle or dismay. According to temperament—according to horoscope, in fact!—we shall be cheerful or depressed as we study it. This on first acquaintance, when it is a new possession. But as we go on, it reveals itself as something which we have to live with and live by, as unescapable as the shape of one's nose, and even the most lighthearted, the most lucky of us, perceive restrictions and coercions and pitfalls, and the unlucky ones feel as though they had been born into a barbed-wire entanglement with an unseen enemy bombing them at intervals. Often, as we ponder it, the fervent cry of old Omar Khayyam must rise in our hearts:

"Could you and I conspire  
To grasp this sorry scheme of things entire,  
Should we not shatter it to bits, and then  
Remould it nearer to the heart's desire?"

Such a remoulding of my own horoscope is what I have permitted to myself.

I have built up a *holiday horoscope*. You may remember that the ancient Jews were enjoined to let the soil lie fallow every seventh year—an excellent plan for recuperation. In American universities, and those of our own far-flung dominions, every seventh year may be a Sabbatical year, when the professors may leave their chairs and go as they please for rest and refreshment and new ideas. Those of you who accept the theory of reincarnation will assert that we must have of deliberate choice entered into the particular mortal coil which we have deserved, and which suits us as no other could, and have only ourselves to blame if we do not like it. But in the long procession of experiences down the ages, there might at intervals occur a halycon time, a life when roses had no thorns, and never wind blew loudly. I have fancied such a time, in idle hours. I have given up the notion of reconditioning my own map by judicious touches—modifying a square of Uranus here, and a grimness of Saturn there, shifting Mars a mere ten degrees or so from a perilous conjunction, and thus making a comfortable habitation for myself. It is not to be done. The map must be born again and it shall be a *smiling map*, with everything handsome about it. Those of us who are always longing to learn something may surely for once learn something from a real good time.

It was a serious matter selecting a rising sign. In this life I have been a Leonian, with Leo spread over the whole 1st house and part of the 12th and 2nd, and I am grateful to Leo for much. On the whole he is beneficial, healthy, buoyant, with large ideas and a generous outlook; I can recommend him to other discontented folk who wish for a change of ascendant, but he has his failings. He is arrogant and self-opinionated, and, though he has plenty of intuition, he lacks quickness of perception and is subject to heavy moods of depression after periods of extravagance. I have an affection for Leo and I know I shall miss him, but I want a change. After much cogitation, analysing the advantages and disadvantages of the eleven signs, I have decided on Libra. This choice may be due to a subconscious tenderness, for Leo is always fond of Libra, but so are other folks, and I am going to be essentially pleasant and amiable, with the precious faculty of making friends easily, and mine shall be the gift of the soft answer which turneth away wrath. I will not ride roughshod over anyone and people will be glad to let me have my own way instead of resenting it, will help me and wait on me instead of my helping and waiting on



them, which Leo instinctively does. To be sure I shall not really require much helping and waiting on, because I shall be healthy, with the steadiest and most even level of bodily health of all the signs, and active and quick, when I wish to be so; but I shall not wear myself out in bursts and lower my reserves, as Leo does. I shall be intelligent about myself, far more intelligent than formerly; being highly observant, and noting details, which are immensely important and which Leo abhors, much to his detriment. I shall love order and beauty, and follow them and gain them. I know that I may be frivolous and inquisitive and peevish and rather greedy and lazy, but, as the Scotch say, "there's aye a something," and these minor defects need not greatly obtrude; and personal charm and social instinct shall at least hide them. When I think of the countless occasions when I have met my fellow creatures with a face like a thundercloud, I long for the day when I shall greet them effortlessly with a pleasing smile. Libra shall rise, then, and the 2nd degree of it. One has to be definite here, or there would be no horoscope at all. Examination of the nativities of delightful people I have known, and recourse to the symbolic degrees of the zodiac by Charubel and Volasfera have decided this, after much perplexity. These two writers are so often utterly at variance that one is at a loss how to choose between them. Take, for instance, their different readings of the 26th degree of Capricorn. Volasfera pictures it as "a wide open seascape on which are distant sailing boats, signifying a person of calm, genial, and thoughtful temperament." Charubel, on the other hand, states briefly "Too revolting to be given!" But the second degree of Libra meets with approval from both. It describes "a person of splendid abilities, refined taste and exquisite accomplishment . . ." this according to Charubel. Volasfera perceives "a person of kindly and humane disposition, possessing a high order of intellect." I thought I was fairly safe with this degree, especially as I have known more than one admirable living expression of it. This settled my next ascendant for me, with all the houses. Of course there is no suggestion of an exact year or a day about this holiday horoscope—there is no time in the kingdom of fantasy!

The placing of the Sun seemed to follow in importance. Vitality, the inner spirit—where should I have them? The Sun is probably best in a fiery sign, but in Aries he would have been in opposition to the ascendant, and in Leo he would have been too reminiscent of present-day characteristics. So he fell into Sagittarius, where he is often a fine fellow of broad humanity, with immense energy, and likely enough the best

type of Englishman. I have always fancied Sagittarius as the national sign for England, with its combination of justice and philosophy as to one-half, and high spirits and sports as to the other, because we are a grave and thoughtful people at heart, with a genius for law and religion and philanthropy, though we are also devoted to adventure and the wide world and mirth and jollity. Going ahead, I dared to join Venus with him, my ruler. She is never far away from the Sun, and she is more sympathetic with fire than she would have been with Capricorn, on the one side, which would have cramped her, or in Scorpio on the other, which would have darkened her. In conjunction with Sun in Sagittarius she will be cheerful and chaste and warm, and will make for good health and long life. She will be practical and kindly. In the third house this should give a hopeful temper and a good chance of uncommonly friendly relations with one's own family, which is most desirable. As Ruskin said, a large family is a first-rate opportunity of making friends, and to get on well with brothers and sisters is a great help in life. It seemed that Venus had slipped into her place of her own free will, where none would question her.

The Moon was another story. I wrestled with her half round the zodiac. In Aries she would have been too restless with such a fiery Sun, and she would have been distractingly hasty in the line of marriage. It is not everyone who can cope with a married Moon in Aries; certainly not I, next time! In Taurus she would have been somewhat slow and stubborn, though with sterling qualities and a fine physique. Planets in the 8th house, moreover, are in a way fateful and menacing unless aspects are powerfully favourable. It is impossible to dodge the action of planets in the 8th, and Moon in Taurus is no dodger, but one of the most fixed and stable. We consider the Sun as spirit; the Moon is a close and necessary sheath of spirit for the duration of mortal life, and in Taurus she might have irked the fiery spirit which had to function through her.

I was attracted to her as in Gemini; so swift and clever, so expert in play of mind and body, and her varying moods pass so fast that she would indeed have been a thorough change from my present Moon in Aquarius, whose usual pace is leisurely, and who sleeps sound o' nights. Yet in Gemini she would have been opposed to Sun and Venus, and would have given me no peace. There would have been continual new starts and upsets, her nerves would have been too highly strung, and in these agitating days we all know what a nuisance sensitive nerves are. Pass, with a sigh of regret, fascinating Moon in Gemini! In Cancer she would have been in her element, but

already I had determined on Jupiter in Cancer in midheaven, and the pair of them would have been in various ways overwhelming. There would have been no limit to their expansiveness. I should be irreducibly fat into the bargain, with Libra rising as well. And I did not want her in Leo, because of Sun and Venus, both fiery. Also I know how pig-headed and prejudiced she can be in Leo, besides being mostly head-over-ears in love with someone! There is a risk of "not wisely but too well" all along the line with the Moon in Leo, and she cannot be reasoned with. So on to Virgo. Sun in Sagittarius and Moon in Virgo. No; not for choice. No vices, probably all the virtues, but endless argumentativeness and an inward fret because things are not just as she would think they should be. The pair will not see eye to eye. A critical Virgo in the 11th would be too much alive to the faults of my friends, and confined within the 12th she could not follow the adventures of my Sun. Thus half the zodiac is tried and found wanting as a housing for the Moon, in my good-time horoscope, my pleasure trip through a life. I come again to Libra and the 1st, and to conviction. Moon shall rise in Libra, and in the 18th degree of it, for Charubel says that this degree "confers some special gift." Hers shall be that of pleasant speech—easy, appropriate, intelligent speech. Volasfera also is favourable, saying that the 18th degree denotes an "hospitable and friendly nature, that of a born host and entertainer." Sometimes I have thought that fair words are the most important things in human intercourse; the memory of them lingers long after that of good deeds has faded. They smooth rough places, they make an initial felicitous impression; we *like* the speaker at once. My next Moon shall go far with her sweet words and her sweet smile. Far she *will* go, for Sagittarius and Libra together will have a passion for travelling, and every seven years, at any rate, she will need a change.

They will get on excellently with foreign peoples and foreign manners, and, aided by Venus, everyone will love them except other Librans, who play the same part, but as these will surely not have so carefully arranged their maps of birth, I look forward to remarkable social success. And shall deserve it! I am kindly and affectionate and cultured and polite and spirited, and shall have certainly much to be thankful for in personal appearance.

Does a cloud hang in midheaven where Jupiter is to be happy in Cancer, enthroned, so to speak? I feel I must have a thoroughly efficient Jupiter. In Cancer he will be popular and benevolent and will be able to realise his wishes in whatever

he undertakes—unusual psychic intuition will help; there will be what the French call *Flair* about people and the trend of events. The two symbolists agree pretty well about the 20th degree, though one writes that some great achievement will be made, and the other that, in spite of general prosperity, the life will be obscure. Yet I cannot conceive Jupiter in midheaven in a watery sign as obscure. My plans are becoming a little confused. Jupiter will be in square to the Moon. They will differ about some of his schemes, and at times her social projects will fail. It seems, as this map takes shape, that I cannot have everything my own way. Jupiter will mostly be in the right, and the moon will have to give in, as he stands over her. There may be a few tears and a sense of injury, but she will recover. I do not think she will break her heart for longer than a week or two, and it is perhaps well that the two should not be entirely one-minded, because both of them spread their net to catch every sort of fellow creature, from dictators to dustmen, and both so love entertaining and acquisition of beautiful surroundings and possessions, that the multitude of interests would be unmanageable, except that Moon in Libra knows so well how to make other people work for her, and Jupiter in Cancer will have plenty of money to make it worth their while! My poor present Moon in Aquarius—quiet, retiring creature that she is—is giddy with the idea of it all. However, next time she will be transformed. In this life she has been absent-minded and vague, had forgotten names and dates and faces, and loved old clothes and byways rather than highways. Now she shall be curious about everything and everybody, and recollect all she gathers; she shall have an instinct for dress and the becoming, and shall play the game of politeness and pleasure with zest. Something too much of sugar and cream here, perhaps; I must provide a solid, an astringent.

We must dispose of Mercury and he shall go into Scorpio. Already, in this incarnation, he is in Scorpio, and thoroughly understood, with all his drawbacks. But I begin to see that I must have some spot of familiar ground on which to take a stand in this bewildering change of conditions. Mercury is *memory* and he shall carry memory over, with the lessons he has learnt by hard experience. He has done many things he ought not to have done, having been in square to Jupiter, and he has made many mistakes and suffered for them. Now they shall be in trine to each other, and will quarrel no more, but reinforce each other; but he will remember. Scorpio probes and searches, takes nothing for granted, can reason about the intuitions of Jupiter—for intuition, I think, is memory of past

experience. Scorpio is essentially sceptical. A friendly scepticism will be very useful here. Nothing will alter the conviction, the dearly bought wisdom of a fixed sign. He shall go into the 2nd house, which Alan Leo has thus characterised: "finance, monetary prospects, thoughts caused by the 10th house affecting moral growth." The effusive human affections and the large speculative notions of Jupiter in midheaven will be sifted and restrained by Mercury, to the advantage of both. Both Charubel and Volasfera agree that the 18th degree of Scorpio is strong and humane.

At this point perhaps a pause for refreshment is indicated. Dare I say to myself, "Soul, take thine ease?" A brilliant Sun linked to a warm Venus, a lovable Moon, a bounteous Jupiter, and a wise Mercury to say "Don't" to all when needed, but in a courteous tone of voice.

But now I come to my troubles. Mars, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune, the Big Four, await me, and they are birds of evil omen in whatever part of the sky they appear. Not one of them shall be in an angle. They shall not spoil a happy marriage, or ruin a career, or make me ugly and cross-grained, or hinder a peaceful old age. They shall go into succedent houses, where they chiefly influence thought and feelings, and where they are mainly occupied in laying plans which may come to fruition next time. No doubt they will be busy enough, but they shall not have full play for their machinations.

I will have a good Mars—probably the best Mars there is, and he shall go into Leo, into the 7th degree, which Charubel says is as glorious a degree as any in the zodiac, and Volasfera says is a degree of "superiority." In the 11th house there will be wonderful friends, honourable crusades and quarrels, romance which tends to endure (have you ever noticed that the love affairs of Leo tend to last for about three years?), less of selfishness than is usually found in the impulses of Mars, personal courage which is ingrained and stable. The red light is a recognised danger signal, but the red light of Mars in Leo may be that of a setting sun promising fair weather. The aspect to the Moon is not a close one, yet they will be sympathetic. Leo will always stretch a point for Libra, and here there is strong mundane harmony with Sun and Venus.

Saturn must be dealt with. Him too I have pictured all round the map. He shall not go into Leo, to give me friends older than myself, who will die before me, or perhaps to cause heart disease! Cancer makes him fretful and despondent, and in Capricorn I am frankly afraid of him, because he is too powerful and ambitious. In Pisces he is comparatively softened and



tractable, but may be unlucky in his kindness and meet with ingratitude or bereavement. In Gemini, in my experience, his most effective activity is bronchitis and asthma, and in Virgo he makes the native a good plodding worker, but compelled to work in a groove. There is ever a snag about Saturn, an un-negotiable, implacable snag. And I will *not* have him in an angle! Finally, he has gone into Aquarius. It is a cool sign, not frozen or stormy, but reflective and unhasty; the airiness should make Saturn a little flexible, more like steel than iron. He may display his better nature as patience, a philosophical mind, a deep sense of responsibility, and high honour. He need not be cruel. There is a trine to the Moon, of great importance, for a bad aspect between these two is a severe handicap in life. In the 5th, the house of love affairs, he will have a steadying and chastening influence, of which there may be some need. You see, though, that there is an opposition to Mars, but with the best intentions in the world I am unable to avoid some disagreeables in this holiday horoscope, and have to admit this grave discordancy. A noble Mars and a just and not utterly unbending Saturn, yet they will be up against each other at intervals till the end. Friends may become enemies, plans may be frustrated, and the 5th is specially concerned with children. Now there will not be many children, not a large family; Moon in Libra would never stand for that, and there will be tenderness and playfulness and happy circumstances. All the same I fear there may be serious disagreement at some time, temperaments will clash, and estrangement may follow. I must hope for the best from the sextile of Sun and Venus and the trine to the Moon. One cannot have roses, roses, all the way! It was difficult to select a degree in Aquarius, and the 15th promised better than most. Charubel says, "a beacon-light on a high rock"; Volasfera says, "a ship in full sail upon a sunlit sea." Light by day or night; an impossible hope, though the idea of Saturn as a beacon on a rock is attractive. The square to Mercury is less menacing, but they will not understand each other. However, Saturn will instil caution into the enterprises of Jupiter and Mercury, though it may be by the shock of heavy losses at times. With the sextile to the ardent Sun and Venus and the intuition of Jupiter, there should not be any deadly slowness to grasp opportunity, but the worst of planetary action is that it usually comes irregularly, and now Saturn might be dulling Mercury, and now Mars might be rushing him on to injudicious deeds. Oh dear me! It is no easy task to make a holiday horoscope.

Uranus has much affinity with Gemini. Thought is the most rapid of our reactions, the most detached and unemotional,

and we can suffer radical changes in idea and opinion, and gain by them eventually, though the process, the shock may be severe at first. Uranus is least dangerous in an airy sign, and should be stimulating and interesting in the 9th house, where he is in exact trine to Saturn. Originality of mind is likely. In journeys and new ventures there will be startling experiences, perils, and surprises, and you see that in my effort to avoid angles for the enemy he is posted in opposition to Sun and Venus—a risky post. But I fancy, perhaps wrongly, that it is worth some risk to have him in Gemini, and he will enliven that lovely self-indulgent Moon without shattering her. Oppositions do not act all the time; Mars in Leo is in sextile, friendly and strong, and, in short, Uranus must go *somewhere*, and is a high explosive anyhow. I have known instances in real life where Uranus, elevated in opposition to the Sun, has worked out as a keen swift mind, undismayed and practical in emergency, and rather enjoying a crisis in mental or material conditions. Sun in Sagittarius opposition Uranus in Gemini put his lifebelt on quicker than anyone else in the ship when there was a collision in a fog, and packed up at lightning speed and was safely transferred to a helpful vessel without loss of even a fountain-pen.

The degree of Gemini was perplexing. I consulted other nativities and my two ancients, who were violent in disagreement; but Volasfera declared the 15th degree to be a degree of Peace, and Charubel wrote surprisingly and conclusively, "there is nothing connected with this degree—a blank!" Hence no doubt the Peace. It seemed a good place for Uranus; almost as good as a bucket of water for a hand-bomb.

Neptune remains. Neptune the mystery, Neptune the mostly malefic, to be planted where he can make least confusion.

Again the angles are out of the question. He shall have no say in the marriage house, and in midheaven, allied to Jupiter in Cancer in trine to Mercury in Scorpio, the result might be one of those terrible financial jugglers who deal in millions and operate with the blind monies of a bamboozled public. With a square to the Moon, disaster would fall not only on the public, but I myself might languish in gaol, or have to flee to the Argentine. Moreover, Neptune with Jupiter in Cancer would create even more physical fat than Jupiter and the Moon, and though I foresee that in my next incarnation I shall be much plumper than I have been in this one, there is a limit to the bodily weight and circumference that one can willingly invite. Perhaps Neptune is best in Pisces, where dreams and imagination have their perfect work; but the 6th is the house of sick-

ness and servants, as the text-books teach us, and I have come across too many Neptunian sicknesses to ask for one personally. When I take my turn at illness I will have it susceptible to orthodox medicine and surgery—a prejudice, no doubt, but one which you may understand and pardon. Further, in Pisces in the 6th there would exist a grand trine in watery signs. But already there is a grand trine in airy signs. Two grand trines in one nativity cannot be seriously contemplated! There is the 9th house, but Neptune in Gemini would seriously complicate the precarious balance of Uranus and Sun and Venus, and I have had him in the 9th all my present life. I owe to him a passion for sea and sky which has given great delight in long voyages, and a persistent sense of the Unseen which I would not have missed. Mercury will have to remember it for me next time; but, with a bad aspect, Neptune in the 9th can deceive and bemuse the mind unbelievably. There is a period of delusion and distortion wellnigh incredible when one emerges from the mist. Next time is to be a time of clear-sighted intelligence. I will neither deceive myself nor be deceived by others; which resolution stands also for the 12th and 4th houses. In the 12th he can provide a private realm of fantasy to which one retires whenever things go wrong, where one can act a private play, with oneself all-glorious, and it is a most alluring place of escape from worry and mortification; but fatal indolence is in its atmosphere, and an increasing habit of refusal to face facts. Day-dreams are the most insidious form of dope. And in the 4th one approaches the end of life, when mental keenness blunts and grip slackens, and there should be no webs and secret plots about. One is happiest with a bright fire to sit by, and honest affectionate faces round.

What about Neptune in the 8th? I have observed that Neptunian deaths are usually peaceful, a slipping and fading out of mortality without regret or struggle, but there is Mercury in the 2nd, who needs to be particularly practical and unvisionary in money matters, with Jupiter spreading himself like a green bay-tree up there in the 10th. An opposition would be thoroughly unhealthy for Mercury all along the line! Yet a spot must be found for Neptune, and I will bring him to earth. Strange to say, and quite by chance (for I have no feeling against the good earth), he will be the only planet to take his stand there. He shall go into Virgo in the 11th, chiefly because there seems nothing else left for him! Naturally, there is not one among my many friends' horoscopes which shows Neptune in Virgo, for these people are still very young, but next time will test this position. He may be fairly innocuous. The finest and

least obstinate sort of earth should not hamper him unduly and might make him rather less indeterminate than usual. I may have friends who are food or hygiene cranks, common enough nowadays. Mars in Leo, robust and buoyant, shall deal with them. Dreams by night may have a little useful bearing on daily problems. Surely they cannot in any case be vaguer or more impossible than some of the waking yearnings of Moon in Aquarius. He will not pull together with Uranus, but these two seldom do. Very often Neptune expresses and impresses himself hardly at all in a character, and I hope I may hear nothing of him for a whole incarnation.

No mention has been made, or will be made, of our new worry, Pluto, or of parts of fortune, or sensitive points or parallels, or any of the refinements that call for attention in these days of astrological research. The essentials and the unavoidable are here and judgment shall be given on these only.

I wonder if my readers will think this next incarnation is likely to be a comfortable downsitting! There is a grand trine—not exact but no doubt effective—in airy signs, and it is bound to be forceful. Authorities do not agree about the advantage or disadvantage of the grand trine, which may be too much of a good thing or an evil. Personally I hope the best imaginable from it in the nativity of Mr. Chamberlain. As you know, it is in fiery signs in his case, and it is enhanced by the conjunction of Neptune with Jupiter in Aries. The great Sir Isaac Newton had a grand trine in watery signs.

So had a friend of mine, who was well known as a novelist, a landscape painter, and an occultist, a most versatile person, greatly admired. Another instance was of a fiery trine, Moon rising in Leo, Sun in Sagittarius and Mars in Aries. Here there was immense physical strength, and a purely material attitude of mind. Death came from heart-trouble in middle life, due to plethora—not a good history at all. It looks as though some adverse influence attacking some one of the planets concerned in radix or by progression, may bring about disaster.

To return, I am apprehensive about that Saturn of mine, with his square to Mercury and his opposition of Mars. I feel that he will see that I have a few holiday tasks to learn! The working out will naturally be affected by sex. If I return a man, though of course Moon in Libra will incline to the artistic line, Mercury in Scorpio will demand something sterner, and I may study law as a career, but probably in one of my seventh year new adventures—say about 28—I shall shift into financial dealing of some sort—large enterprise, in which my legal training will help. Love of beauty is in grain, so is a necessity for big

ventures. Some clash here at times, but I may make gifts of public importance, endowments, a collection of pictures, a hospital. I shall have an excellent wife, shown by Mars in Leo, who will at times restrain—opposition Saturn in the 5th—the house of speculation. It would be better, with so much Libra, if I am a woman, when my personal charm and business capacity can spend itself in social and charitable activities and the newspapers will be full of me. I shall have a wonderful husband, who will really stand by me whatever I do, though occasionally disapproving. Jupiter in Cancer in midheaven must go ahead, and I daresay, at least once, I shall take the Albert Hall for a charity bazaar and make a profit! Male or female, I must have large scope. Jupiter in Cancer might start hotel-keeping on a big scale: there will be such a huge circle of friends and acquaintances that the concern might pay from the beginning. With my sextile to Sun and trine to Uranus, I shall have energy in work or play, and shall never lack willing co-operation from others. There will be some jealousy, mostly from others, not from me, for I am buoyant; some enemies, envy and criticism, but when we meet this will mellow. Good looks and winning ways move mountains in human intercourse. I think, on the whole, my children will be fond of me, and my brothers and sisters will be sincerely attached. I am wide awake, behind my smiles, and though I may “drop” people as I go along—indeed, no one could possibly keep in touch with them all—I shall not willingly estrange anyone. I shall do my best as a woman. A nice woman? Yes, kindly and generous, and bringing beauty and amenity into many lives: my adoring husband and my faithful relatives will prove this. Somewhat vain and ambitious, and I am afraid even ruthless upon occasion. But who is perfect? You can’t erect a perfect horoscope! I set out with the fullest intentions of planning a holiday incarnation, and I maintain that I have plotted out a great deal of pleasure and enjoyment, and but little harm done to myself or others at the end of the day—Oh! but looking at it now, with my present Mercury in Scorpio and my Moon in Aquarius, it does seem to be a very long day—a sort of bank holiday which begins at five in the morning, and closes at one o’clock the next morning, with crowds and crowds of people all round, and never an idle moment from sightseeing and feasting, smiling and moving from new thing to new thing.

I don’t know. When all is over, shall I look back upon it as a real good time, or shall I just be so tired that my one desire will be to have no more horoscopes at all for ever?



## A MISCELLANY

By M. MATTHEWS

In a book called *Francisco Franco*, by Joachim Arraras, I noted recently that the general's birth-time is given as four hours earlier than previously stated. Franco was born at El Ferrol, Galicia, December 4, 1892; and a quotation is given from the register of the parish church of San Francisco to the effect that he was baptised on December 17th, having been "born one half-hour after midnight on the 4th day of that month."

This makes ascendant  $\text{M}\ddot{\text{X}} 22\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\text{D}$   $\text{II} 11\frac{1}{2}$ . It is a more promising map for success than the Scorpio one, and is probably correct (except that I think ascendant should be rather earlier, as it fits best with directions, say ascendant  $\text{M}\ddot{\text{X}} 20.40$ , M.C.  $\text{II} 18.50$ ).

In this Virgo map,  $\text{h}_2$  has more power through its position in 1st house.

When the civil war began, in July 1936, the progressed  $\text{g}$  and  $\text{h}_2$  were in exact  $\text{g}$  aspect in  $12^\circ \text{v}$ ,  $\text{=}$ , from angles, with progressed  $\text{D}$   $\text{v} 10^\circ$ ,  $\square$   $\text{h}_2$  r., with  $\text{f}$ , his ruler, also applying to square  $\text{h}_2$ .

By  $\frac{4}{7}$ ,  $\text{g}$  was also applying to  $\square$   $\text{h}_2$ , and  $\text{g}$  was just leaving this aspect in this spring, when Franco at last won success.

When Barcelona fell, on January 26th, transit  $\text{D}$ ,  $\text{h}_2$ , were in his radical 7th house,  $\text{f}$  on nadir,  $\text{f}$   $\Delta$  ascendant.

About the time of his victory, Hitler's  $\odot$  p. was exactly on Franco's radical M.C., with the latter's progressed ascendant just past the same degree as Hitler's at birth. The birth ascendant on Mussolini's  $\text{H}$  points to a break with Italy.

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In a book entitled *Lenin*, by D. S. Mirsky ("Makers of the Modern Age" series), it is stated that Lenin was born at Simbursk, on the middle Volga, "on April 10(22), 1870."

The 22nd seems a more probable date than 10th, owing to the strong Taurus element. I have not read the authority for making  $\text{M}$  rise; it is probably hypothetical.

I suggest that Lenin's ascendant is  $\text{L}$   $\text{II} 11\frac{1}{2}$ , M.C. and  $\text{P}$  both  $\text{v} 19\frac{3}{4}$ ,  $\text{D}$   $\text{v} 27\frac{1}{2}$ . I have worked out this map carefully from epoch, and it seems correct. Directions and transits fit well at the time of the autumn revolution of 1917. The progressed and transit  $2\downarrow$  were then both on the progressed M.C. (This figure is for 11.12 a.m. local or 7.55 a.m. G.M.T.)

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Colonel Joseph Beck, Polish Foreign Minister, was born at Warsaw on October 4, 1894.



Mrs. Sparkes, wife of an unemployed labourer, of Gravesend, lost four children by fire (suffocated) on her thirtieth birthday, the evening of April 8, 1938. Planets at noon on her birth-date, 1908 (time unknown):

☉ ♀	♃ ♄	♄ ♀	♀ ♀	♂ ♀
18.15	16.12	23.23	2.51	0.54
♃ ♀	♂ ♀	♄ ♀	♀ ♄	PL ♀
3.42	2.28	16.50	12.9	23.0

The ♃ in the maternal sign ♄, so severely afflicted by ♄, ♀, ☉, ♂, and ♀, points to the tragic loss—also ♄ ☐ PL.

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Mrs. Mary Levena Wallis, of Weymouth, celebrated her 100th birthday on March 6, 1939. At the age of 91 she was still acting as a midwife.

She has a hundred grandchildren and great-grandchildren of her own.

She breakfasted at six, and soon after was ready to receive visitors. A child whose birth she attended nine years ago brought her a bunch of flowers. Later on she danced the Lambeth Walk with the Mayor of Weymouth. Planets at noon on her birth-date in 1839:

☉ ♀	♃ ♀	♄ ♀	♀ ♀	♂ ♀
15.16	22.13	8.57	3.52	23.15 R
♃ ♀	♂ ♀	♄ ♀	♀ ♄	♂ ♀
17.10 R	10.9	12.34	11.24	25.32

Possibly her ascendant was the early part of ♄, which puts ♄ on 2nd cusp, ♃ ♀ in 6th house (her employment), and ♃ in the 5th. The ♃'s good aspects to ☉ and ♂ help to preserve life. The ☉ ☐ ♂ aspect is often found to tend to long life.

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Mr. William Henry Harris, of Lewisham, celebrated his 102nd birthday on February 23, 1939. He was then in excellent health, and looking forward to his birthday party. He said he had enjoyed life and worked hard. He went to work at age 6, working twelve hours daily for 2s. 6d. weekly; but he rose to be chief engineer of a Lewisham silk mill, and was the inventor of tinsel. Another of his inventions was a tube for tracheotomy, and he claimed that one of his tubes was used to treat the ex-Kaiser's father.

He was married on Christmas Day, 1859, both his sons also marrying on December 25th.

His death was reported on April 17th (probably died the day before).

He was born at Woolwich, and lived in Lewisham all his life. His father was the strongest man in Woolwich, and his own health has been good. Till this year he could read without glasses, and enjoy a brisk walk. On his last birthday he had "a real man's lunch—a good steak and vegetables." He was also a keen gardener, and planted an apple-tree on his 100th birthday.

Planets at noon on his birth-date, 1837:

☉ ♋	♃ ♊	♄ ♋	♅ ♋	♂ ♏
4.43	7.35	8.49	13.22	10.54 R
♃ ♏	♄ ♎	♅ ♋	♆ ♋	♏ 8
10.27 R	17.9	4.32	6.46	4.53

His portrait suggests Sagittarius, or possibly Leo, with ♃ in that sign. ♄ ♂ ♆, and ☉ ♂ ♄ give an intuitive, inventive mind. The latter are in close good aspect with the N. node in 8, suggesting his tube invention.

At birth ♃ was ♂ ♆, and that aspect occurs again this April by transit, with the ♃ reinforcing it on the day of death by its aspect to both.

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Mr. John Fortnum celebrated his 103rd birthday on April 19th in the Wellhouse Hospital, Barnet. He is almost well again, and hopes soon to resume his daily walks.

Planets at noon on birth-date, 1836:

☉ ♍	♃ ♏	♄ ♍	♅ ♏	♂ ♍
29.26	9.1	16.59	12.47	1.57
♃ ♏	♄ ♎	♅ ♋	♆ ♋	♏ 8
9.27	2.9 R	3.26	5.55	21.12

☉ is ♂ ♄ and ♃ ♄, and the ♃ has a helpful ♀ conjunction.

After his 102nd birthday his home was destroyed by fire. He suffered no ill-effects, but lost the concertina with which he used to entertain his friends. At that age ♄ p. ♊ 29, ♃ p. ♏ 29, afflicted his birth ☉. ♀ p. also afflicted, being ♏ 0 R (29 29 this year).

Possibly ♄ rose at birth, with ♂ in 4th house, bringing ♍ on progressed ascendant at time of the fire.

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The late Pope Pius XI was born at Desio, near Milan, on May 31, 1857, at 8 a.m. (rectified to 7.52, local).

☿	♄	♅	♆	♁	♁
7½	15	24	27.26	15	8
☉ ♀	♂ ♀	♂ ♀	♂ ♀	♂ ♀	♂ ♀
9.43	18.12	11.20 R	11.27 R	11.37	
♂ ♀	♂ ♀	♂ ♀	♂ ♀	♂ ♀	♂ ♀
3.37	12.51	26.0	22.31	5.48	2.50

He was a great statesman and scholar, also a mountaineer, and had travelled widely. He was sent to Poland in 1918 (a country ruled by ♄).

Elected Pope, February 6, 1922.

He brought about the Lateran Treaty and Concordat signed in February 1929.

Unusual mental ability is shown, with the strong Gemini influence, and ruler in 3rd house, with many aspects. Also a very sympathetic, intuitive nature, with the ascendant so well aspected to ♄ and ♀.

(Epoch, August 27, 1856, 6.35 a.m., local time.)

He died on February 10, 1939, at "4.31 a.m. London time"; thus, standard time, Rome, 5.31; local time, 5.23.

I give this death figure:

♅	♄	♄	♅	♁	☿
12.35	5	25	17.2	1	12
☉ ♀	♂ ♀	♂ ♀	♂ ♀	♂ ♀	♂ ♀
20.32	8.52	13.53	4.1	7.8	9.12
♂ ♀	♂ ♀	♂ ♀	♂ ♀	♂ ♀	♂ ♀
14.3	14.0	22.46 R	29.56 R	12.45	

The death of a scholar is denoted by ♄, ruler of 8th, rising \* ♄ in 3rd, ♄ being ruler and disposing of ♄. The N. node exactly on M.C. denotes a person held in high esteem.

The Pope's ☉ p. at death was in ♁ 1, the degree on 8th cusp of this figure.

By 1° measure at death PL was exactly on birth ascendant.

Cardinal Pacelli was elected Pope on his birthday, March 2nd. He was born on that date in Rome, 1876. He is Capricornian in appearance.

Possibly as ♅ rises in the death figure of the late Pope it may denote the ascendant of his successor. If ♅ rises, his ♄ would be in ♄, ♂ PL, with ♄ in 10th, ♄ rising in ascendant.

At the time he was elected Pope, about 4.30 p.m. Rome, the sign ♁ was rising, M.C. ♄ 17½, with the ♄ in 12th house, ♄ 27½, exactly on the rising degree of the late Pope.

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$\simeq$	$\mathfrak{M}$	$\uparrow$	$\uparrow$	$\infty$	$\mathfrak{X}$
24	17	5	20.19	2	20
$\odot \ \Omega$	$\mathfrak{D} \ \Omega$	$\mathfrak{Y} \ \infty$	$\mathfrak{Y} \ \mathfrak{M}$	$\mathfrak{Y} \ \mathfrak{M}$	
5.34	17.7	21.49R	17.21	2.45	
$\mathfrak{L} \ \Upsilon$	$\mathfrak{h} \ \uparrow$	$\mathfrak{H} \ \Upsilon$	$\Psi \ \Omega$	PL $\infty$	$\Omega \ \Pi$
3.29R	1.4R	3.15R	25.55	16	25.53

This child, Nellie Easton, was born seven minutes after her mother's death.

The latter was knocked down by a lorry when crossing the road, the wheels passing over her head, killing her instantaneously. She was aged eighteen.

The accident happened about 6 p.m. (summer time), July 29, 1927, London.

Rectified birth time, 5.2½ p.m. G.M.T. The mother's body was carried to a surgery opposite, where a doctor performed a Caesarian operation, delivering child alive, in a state of blue asphyxia. It was said that natural birth would have been about ten days later.

The father was a painter's labourer.

Most of the planets are in the 8th house, the  $\odot$ , on its cusp, being extremely well aspected, its trine to  $\mathfrak{L}$ — $\mathfrak{H}$  pointing to the unusual birth,  $\mathfrak{L}$  ruling physicians. The  $\mathfrak{D}$ , ruling mother, is afflicted by these planets in  $\Upsilon$  and 3rd house, and goes to  $\mathfrak{Y}$ .

In the *Star*, August 24, 1937, there was an article on this child. Within a month or two of her birth she was adopted by a wealthy young couple who live near Hampstead. A friend of her foster-parents wrote: "I have watched this little girl develop into a happy, lovely child. As a baby she had a beautiful nursery and lavish care. Her birthday party is a great event; she is usually the life and soul of a party. She is a normal, healthy child, already endowed with more than the average amount of common sense and with an intelligence which gives promise of a brilliant future. She is now being coached for a famous girls' school."

The doctor often called to see her, but she is unaware that it was he who brought her into the world under such tragic circumstances.

The secret of her birth has been kept from her, but her foster-parents have decided to tell her the whole story when she reaches the age of fifteen.

The horoscope indicates the bright, merry nature and keen intelligence.

At age fifteen her progressed  $\odot$  will be  $\Omega$  20, trine birth ascendant, progressed  $\mathfrak{Y}$  then  $\Omega$  3½ trine  $\mathfrak{L}$  r. By 1° then,

☉ also △ ascendant, ♃ ☌ ♂, ♂ ☌ ♀, ♃ ⌒ PL, with other aspects. The ☉ then—from the 8th, birth, house △ ascendant, and the ♃ ☌ ♂—are specially significant of the child learning the truth of its birth.

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☿	♃	♄	♅	♆
14	13	23	7.45	I
☉ ♀	♃ ♀	♄ ♀	♅ ♀	♆ ♀
13.18	9.14	7.52	1.32	28.50
♄ ♀	♃ ♀	♄ ♀	♅ ♀	♆ ♀
19.45 R	4.48 R	13.37	17.24	28.44

This child, a girl, was also born a few minutes after its mother's death, in Philadelphia, on August 6, 1937. This is for 0.10 a.m. on that date. The mother died shortly after midnight of the 5th. The child only lived a few days. Not being able to find the cutting, I cannot find the date it died.

This child, as the other, had ☉ and ♃ in ♀; but in this case the ♃ is decreasing in light—less fortunate—and the ☉ here, at nadir, almost immediately meets the square of ♄.

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Students may like to study this horary figure that I cast in 1933, February 22, 0.1 a.m.: "What will be the destiny of the world?" I was thinking deeply about the future of mankind, and this figure resulted:

♄	♅	♅	♆	♄	♄
29½	I	25	13¼	12	20
☉ ♀	♃ ♀	♄ ♀	♅ ♀	♆ ♀	♄ ♀
2.55	0.53	14.24	18.11	13.52 R	
♄ ♀	♃ ♀	♄ ♀	♅ ♀	♆ ♀	♄ ♀
20.16 R	10.8	20.42	8.59 R	21.34 R	8.9

Certainly an evil ♂ dominated the map, with the ♃ going from an aspect to it to ☌ ♃. By 1°, at the conquest of Abyssinia, ♃ in ☿ was ⌒ ♂; ☌ ♂ ♄ (with ♂ close ☌ ♄) occurred on Franco conquering Spain, ♄ being on his ascendant. By the same measure, ☉ is now ♂ ♄, denoting the extreme confusion and uncertainty of the times. In about three years or so the S. node and ♄ will come to the M.C., tending to increase anarchism and communism of the worst kind (owing to the tail being ☌ ♄ and ♂).

(The map I suggested for Lenin has also ♄, ♂, in ♄ on M.C., but as his is such a constructive map, with capability for organisation, it denotes a better form of communism.)



At the time of the abdication of Edward VIII, by the radix system, the ☉ in this figure was just on the nadir, being opposed by the narrow, carping ♀ on M.C.

The square from ♄ ♀ to PL ♄ points to destruction of property by war, and underground trenches. The best thing is the ♀ ✱ ♄ aspect, pointing to inventive discoveries in science and art.

A critical time will be this year (July), with ♂ ♄ 2↓ then, by 1°.<sup>1</sup>

I will leave students to make what they can of this extraordinary figure.

## MEDICAL ASTROLOGY

By H. B. PILKINGTON

THE characteristic symptoms associated with the disease asthma are quite well known to the physician, but the causative excitants to an attack are much more obscure and a specific case of asthma can often exhibit a number of possible indicants of stimulation. As it is the office of astrology to reveal that which is hidden, it is more than probable that the horoscope of the victim, carefully studied, would contribute to enlightenment.

In a general way the horoscopic indicants for the disease asthma are well outlined in Carter's *Encyclopedia* and in Zain's axiom, "Mercury and the upper octave planets prominent and afflicted." There are many systems by means of which a chart may be subjected to detailed study and, provided that it is thorough enough, one method is doubtless as good as another.

When going over a chart for indicants of causative origin of disease it is the writer's method to examine in turn what the natus pictures as happening in the functioning of the food tract, the cerebro-spinal system in relation to volitional muscular and nervous co-ordination, the blood circulation system, and finally bowel action in relation to lymph, the aim being to get at all possible contributing factors. Case No. 369 (data given beneath) will serve as an example of such working. Until the end of the 1937-8 winter the native enjoyed a degree of health probably higher than the average, but in the spring of 1938, following a succession of head colds, she became subject to many and frequent attacks of asthma.

<sup>1</sup> This article was written in the early summer of 1939.

The indicative progressions were Saturn progressed conjunct Mercury radical, opposition Neptune in Gemini.

Many, varied, and costly were the efforts made to find a cure, and, as part of this, astrological diagnosis was employed in January 1939. It is natural to associate asthma, a lung disease, with Gemini, and the progressions operative were quite in keeping with the situation save that one would have expected Uranus to be more prominent. Looking over the chart for secondary contributants we find Mars in square to Jupiter in Scorpio, a sign which has connotations of intimate association with the nasal passages, and, as the progressed Moon was in Taurus in aspect to both Mars and Jupiter, a diagnosis was submitted to the effect that the asthma was due to imperfect functioning of the epithelial cells lining the nasal passages.

This diagnosis a Harley Street specialist thought accurate enough to act upon; and a system of nasal irrigation and massage was designed, having as its objective the cleansing of the passages and, if possible, their enlargement. One of these treatments accidentally dislodged a polypus and two operations afterwards removed many more, since when there have been no more attacks of asthma for our subject.

*Data (Case 369)*

M.C.	♏ 21	♀	♋ 5
XI	♋ 9	♂	♏ 4 R
XII	♋ 24	♏	♏ 6½
Asc.	♏ 11	♏	♋ 18
II	♏ 9	♏	♋ 6
III	♏ 25	♏	♏ 22¾ R
☉	♏ 13¾	PL	♏ 14 R
☽	♏ 4½	⊕	♏ 1¾
♀	♋ 22	♏	♏ 8½

*(Placidian Cusps)*

To take a second example:—

Those of your readers who care to look up the planetary positions for 1 hr. 8 min. p.m., lat. 51° 32' N., long 0° 1' W., August 9, 1863, will get a chart which is typical of asthma, as is also the relative epoch.

In this case the brilliant configurations in positive signs led the native to possess abundant energy and ambition, to which two solitary planets in negative signs did not contribute much in the way of caution, and many attacks of asthma are known to be preceded by dissipation of nervous energy.

Marc Jones has a clever "keyword" for Mars in Virgo, namely hunger, and a voracious appetite added causative excitants via indigestion. When astrological enquiry had suggested the duodenum as a possible centre of contributive excitation, an X-ray examination revealed the existence of a duodenal ulcer.

Whilst the patient was undergoing medicinal treatment for this and was kept to a strict diet, there were few and only slight attacks of asthma.

In another asthma case known to me Sun conjunct Mercury conjunct Uranus in Aquarius make salt and salt foods dangerous as contributants to a truly distressing form of asthma.

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## THE ASTROLOGY OF MARRIAGE

By the EDITOR

*Second Instalment*

### *Elemental Compatibility*

From a philosophic standpoint this is one of the most interesting and profound aspects of marriage.

The wedding of the sexes is but one manifestation—although a very important one—of the great principle of polarity which runs through the whole of the universe. We have always that which acts and that which is acted upon, the positive and negative, the giving and the receiving, form and matter, ebb and flow, life and death. From the union of form and matter all things come into existence.

Thus, the perfect marriage is the perfect union of these two principles in a pair of human beings.

In astrology the masculine or positive signs symbolise the one manifestation of the dual principle, and the feminine or negative signs the other. Further, the Sun and the Moon are symbols of the same aspects of polarity, and each planet falls more or less distinctly into one of the two classes, although actually each of the (original) planets rules one positive and one negative sign, so that in a sense the planets bridge the polarity of the signs.

It is clear that the ideal marriage would be that of a male born under a positive horoscope with a female born under one that is negative. For example, Sun rising in Leo wed to Moon rising in Cancer, the rest of each map being in harmony with these symbols.

However, we may have:—

1. A male with a positive natus wedded to a female with a negative;
2. A marriage in which both are positive;
3. A marriage in which both are negative;
4. A female with a positive natus wedded to a male with a negative.

Further complications can arise through introducing the idea of maps that are more or less indeterminate in point of polarity, of which there are of course many. But the above four are the typical classes.

It must be remembered that negativity, in astrologic parlance, does not signify by any means *weakness*. Taurus and Scorpio are negative signs, and Libra is a positive one; but of the three Libra is the weakest, in the ordinary sense. But it is still true that Libra is an active sign, and the other two are negative, their habitual attitude being resistant and protective.

Likewise it must be understood that neither polarity is better or worse than the other in an absolute sense, though it is true that positivity correlates with such things as life and joy, and the negative with death and sorrow, as we see when we consider the significance of the water-signs as contrasted with those of fire.

Fire is more positive than air, and water is more negative than earth. Earth and Air (ruled by Mercury, Venus, and Saturn) tend to an intermediate condition.

For example, we see that, when its beliefs are assailed, Fire tends to anger and Water to shrinking and a retreat, as it were, to its psychological defences, whereas Air stands and debates the matter, and Earth commonly takes very little notice.

The positivity or negativity of an individual can usually be tested by his reaction to criticism or any other form of aggression.

It must be borne in mind that the negative types have often more patience and shrewdness than the positive. Thus, after being scorned at first by their more robust brethren, they often end by prevailing over them. For instance, the marriage of Queen Victoria and the Prince Consort comes under Class 4 above and exemplifies what has just been said.

On the other hand, Class 4 includes the familiar spectacle of the hen-pecked husband, when the latter is a poor example of his type. Or we may have the case where the wife may be the mainstay and supporter of the home.

As we have said, Class 1 represents the ideal, so far as this point of view, which is of course general, not specific, is concerned.

Class 2—both positive—tends to be centrifugal. That is to say, we have here two strong characters who are likely to find their respective independent ways in life. Hence the chance of serious cleavage arises, and any pair of maps that comes under review and is seen to belong to this class will need careful examination. By consideration of the more particular aspects of the map it should be possible to prognosticate whether the centrifugal tendency is likely to become acute.

Remember, as we have implied above, that fire and water are much more likely to develop serious tensions than the more accommodating air and the somewhat stolid, matter-of-fact and static earth. Both these elements dislike fuss, bother, and upsets. Dramatic "scenes" and tragic upheavals bore earth and are apt to strike air as funny!

The both-positive marriage tends to be sterile, or at most to have few children, and the home-life is usually not well developed, for in each case the interests are directed outwards and away from the common centre.

Class 3—both negative—tends to the domestic sphere and an uneventful existence, with little of the grand passion and a constant playing for safety. If either party should fall into temptation and be unfaithful to the other, it is likely to be a somewhat sordid affair. But any such contingency is not likely.

At best, such a marriage may be very happy, if somewhat humdrum.

But neither of the both-the-same classes of marriage have as much educative value as the other two kinds, for in neither does the complementary principle come into action, and in proportion as the two partners are elemental similars, so must they fail to supplement what the other lacks.

It must be borne in mind that the elemental tendency of a map is not entirely a question of the sign-positions of planets, for strong aspects or mundane positions have to receive some consideration. Thus Mars rising, or Sun square or trine Mars, would introduce a good deal of the fire-element, even if the signs occupied were negative. Even so, however, the propensity would be towards negative expression, viz. defensive rather than aggressive attitudes.

Naturally a defensive attitude sometimes takes a quasi-positive form of expression: a good deal of insight is needed here.

In our next issue we hope to be able to examine some cases illustrating various phases of elemental compatibility and the reverse, and also instances of more particularised stresses.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## GREAT CONJUNCTIONS AND WORLD-EPOCHS

From K. E. KRAFFT.

. Most astrologers, when seeking for the cosmic reason of political events, confine themselves to ingresses, and, sometimes, to eclipses preceding or following them.

Yet it seems to me that major events ought to be sought for in somewhat deeper strata, just as we do not judge a solar-revolutionary horoscope without referring it to the background of the natus.

Now it has been shown—with considerable success, I venture to say—that the conjunctions of the superior planets form, so to speak, the birth-maps of an epoch.

On page 220 of my *Traité d'Astro-Biologie* (Brussels and Paris 1939) the map of the last conjunction between Neptune and Uranus, in 1821, has been reproduced, showing the "original" ♂ position in 15 ♋ and the "solar" ♂ position in 7 ♏.<sup>1</sup> The latter hints at the probability that future wars, i.e. from 1821 onwards, would arise more and more out of the ground of ♏, viz. economics, abstract thought, ideologies, and also of certain over-rationalistic interpretations of what constitutes true human welfare.

To the above conjunction ♀ ♀ 1821 is subordinated the conjunction ♀ ♀ 1897 (as also was that of 1852). Here we find the "solar" ♂ in conjunction with the precise meeting-place of the two planets Uranus and Saturn in Scorpio, thus indicating the beginning of a particularly martial cycle of world-history. Note that there had been no major war between 1870-1 and the late nineties, with one exception, the Russo-Turkish. But then, suddenly, "it" started, and there has been no end.

The "solar" Moon of the conjunction Uranus-Saturn 1897 falls near the place of the "solar" Mars of the conjunction Neptune-Uranus 1821, so that one can hardly be astonished by the series of wars which from thence onward mark history: the Hispano-American, the Boer war, the Russo-Japanese, the two Balkan wars, the war in Tripoli, and so on, till the new "Thirty Years War" from 1914 onwards—for we can scarcely regard the signature of the Treaty of Versailles as more than the celebration of an armistice.

If we look at the last conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn in 1921 and take a map for the coming of the Sun to the exact place of that phenomenon, we shall be almost bewildered to find Mars in 0½ ♏, not very far from its place in the map of 1821. This would indicate an approaching fulfilment of the menace symbolised a hundred years earlier, especially, of course, at such times as the conjunction was activated by transits.

<sup>1</sup> Mr. Krafft considers that a map for the coming of the Sun to the exact place of the conjunction, for the first time after that conjunction, is more effective than the map for the conjunction itself. By a "solar" position is meant the position in this subsequent horoscope, as distinct from the "original" place.

Moreover, ♄, in 7 ♋, through its *exact opposition* to the position of ♂ mentioned above in the 1821 map, can be supposed to exert a stimulating, if not an irritating, influence upon everything that can be connected with the complex symbol or archetype ♂/♄. Analytical and over-critical thinking, over-specialisation, economism pushed to extremes; boom and crisis; impatience, short-sightedness, lack of generosity, widespread mistrust, etc.; the whole tragedy of modern man brought to a climax!

Now let us compare the transits during those fateful days of early September 1939 with the above three maps. Do they not confirm in more ways than one the sensitiveness of those ecliptical degrees held by the planets in 1821 (♂ in 7 ♄, ♀ in 20 ♋), in 1897 (♂ in the end of ♄, ♀ in first half of ♄), and in 1921 (Jupiter-Saturn in 26½ ♄, ♂ around 0½ ♄, and the ♀ *at the very place* where we find her again on September 3, 1939, whilst the transit ☉ and ♀ of this day pass over the highly critical place ♄♄ foretold for a century and more by these three great conjunctions!

I think it would be extremely difficult, if not in vain, to attribute all these remarkable correspondences to pure chance! Every astrologer who is not hopelessly imprisoned in his or her dogmas will find here some hard facts to meditate upon; and more than one among them will now better understand why the present writer has always been, and probably will remain for life-time, a lover of unorthodox facts and original thoughts rather than of "safe" rules and out-trodden paths!

## SIGNS OF WAR

*From* (MISS) P. VERNON.

In your recent Editorials regarding the 1921 chart, you do not mention the progressive Moon conjunction Mars about next January. Incidentally Mars in this chart would, I believe, appear on the M.C. if cast for central China.

By the same consideration the 1941 chart gives Mars on the M.C. in Europe, some few degrees west of the Russian frontier. Is it not possible that future disturbances and war on a large scale are most likely to be concentrated in that area?

Mr. Archer's description of Pluto as a "power point" is an excellent one. Before reading this article I had analysed all the charts of people with whom I am acquainted in an effort to discover the radical effects of this planet. In each case I found that, in combination with the planet or planets with which it held strong and close aspects, together with the houses involved, Pluto served to underline the most important and persistently recurring eventualities and characteristics of that person's life. This was particularly marked when connected with finance.

I have just been studying the chart of Wallenstein—N.N. 920—a would-be German dictator of the 16th century, whose life and character seem to have had a strong parallel with that of Hitler. A comparison of their charts is interesting.

Regarding Pluto and War, I note that the outbreak of the Boer War gave Pluto opposition Saturn, the Great War Pluto conjunction Saturn, and the present war Pluto square Saturn, all within  $3^{\circ}$  of exactitude.

## PLUTO THE PLANET OF WAR

From (MRS.) E. COLBERT.

As a student of the science of astrology I have asked myself again and again during the past fortnight the question why have astrologers and students the world over been more or less confident that there would be no war in 1938-9?

Largely I believe because the influence of this newly discovered planet Pluto has not been studied enough.

People have said we know so little of his actual influence and mankind's reactions to his vibrations that it is best to leave him out of our calculations, and while doing this it is very difficult to see at the present time how, with two major planets Uranus and Neptune in a trine aspect to each other, there could have resulted a war of any magnitude.

I have been given October 9, 1899, as the date of the commencement of the Boer war and Pluto's aspects on that day were truly formidable. He is in square to Venus and to the Sun, and in opposition to Saturn.

Let us look for a moment at Pluto's position on August 4, 1914, it being  $14^{\circ}$  Cancer; we then find it in square aspect to Venus, square to Mars, conjunction the malefic Saturn and in semisextile to the planet Neptune.

He is now transiting the M.C. of Herr Hitler's map (natal), where Saturn sits in square to Venus and Mars and possibly the war will last for two or three years until he has well passed this critical position. *Mundane Astrology*, by H. S. Green, gives Aries and Taurus as rulers of Poland, to the rulers of which signs Saturn is in square.

Do let us collect more evidence of the effects of this planet's vibrations. In my own map Pluto is in the 5th house and my husband was in the Army almost until he married.

In my son's progressed map for this year  $\Omega$   $1^{\circ}$  is on the cusp of the friendship house; and just as soon as Pluto reached the cusp by transit, his particular friend donned a soldier's uniform. A baby's map I have just erected shows a Sun almost conjoining Pluto and his father (represented by the Sun) is now engaged in work as an Air Warden. My friend has Pluto transiting M.C., and she gives a great deal of time to work of a V.A.D. nature.

Another friend is expecting her fiancé to be called upon for military service; she has her progressed Sun within two degrees of Pluto, and in many other cases too numerous to mention it is the same.

We know that in Greek mythology Pluto is god of the underworld; he is suggestive of darkness (black-outs), dug-outs, and

trenches; and if we associate black with him I don't think we should be far wrong, millions of yards of black cloth having been sold to keep the whole country utterly without light. Poison gas seems also very Pluto-like. To digress for a moment from war conditions, I believe that this planet has much to do with tubercular cases; people who have it in the sign Gemini afflicted are frequent sufferers, or, again, if he afflicts Saturn, they have tubercular disease in the bones. It is worth while noting that the only cure for this disease is rest, light, and an abundance of air, the two latter being directly opposed to the dark-loving, mysterious Pluto. Psychologically, too, he would not be expected to be open and above-board, and so let us be prepared to deal promptly with an influence that we know is an underhanded one; to be forewarned is to be forearmed.

Was it not Sepharial who mentioned that an infernal influence from some planetary body was to be expected, and could there be anything worse than what is happening now? Although, judging by history and the cruelties inflicted in the past, his influence seems to have been long with us, but doubtless now in the Aquarian age, when we are being drawn closer together, things are naturally on a much larger scale. Let us remember that no force on earth or in the universe can make us do that which we believe to be wrong. Is it not up to humanity *now* to resist these forces of evil with every ounce of courage and fortitude they possess, because, as always, right is might, and not vice versa?

If we fight for justice, truth, honour, and to stay the oppression of the weak in the true spirit of comradeship, lasting peace must result when once the evil is overcome.

It is most essential that we should strive without hatred or bitterness and remember we are fighting a cruel system and not actually a people. If we once allow this hatred and bitterness to enter our hearts, then we are allowing the very forces we fight to become a part of ourselves. We shall need love, heroism and courage; and if we can express those qualities we shall have no need to fear the outcome and we shall not feel very far from the Divine Heart of things, because that abounding love is always ready to shield and protect.

We instinctively feel with Keats that "A thing of beauty is a joy for ever"; shall we not create the beautiful in thought and deed whenever we can?

#### APPENDICITIS

*From W. SCOTT.*

In the June issue Mr. E. de V. Leach calls for comments on his article on appendicitis and also on his new "Carter-Leach" classification for red hair.

In respect of the former, I was myself operated on for appendicitis on October 26, 1927. My data are May 1, 1908, at 2.30 p.m. Manchester. Taking the amended rules of Mr. Leach, we get the following:

1. There is *no* planet on the cusp of the 12th, so that "fluency" aspects therefrom do not apply.
2. There is no severe affliction in Cancer, but Mars (characteristically!) squares the ascendant degree in Virgo, so the second part of this rule can be said to apply.
3. The *contrary* of this rule obtains, as Moon is *trine* Uranus. Nevertheless, the knife *was* used!
4. Mercury has a wide sextile to Venus, but what this aspect has to do with appendicitis, I fail to understand.
5. Mercury is semisextile Saturn, but, again, why should this connect with an inflammatory complaint?
6. Contrary to rule, Neptune does not contact Venus.
7. I take it this rule obtains, as Saturn *rules* the 6th.
8. Neptune has no contact to the 6th, contrary to rule.

Analysing the above, we see that at least four "rules" out of the eight do not apply in this instance, which, I assure Mr. Leach, was undoubtedly an appendicitis illness.

But we must turn to the case of red hair to see the "Carter-Leach" classification break down with a vengeance. The data are: Female, born December 7, 1912, Hyde (Cheshire) at noon. Taking Mr. Leach's suggested rules, we find:

- (a) Pisces is certainly intercepted in the 1st, but this very common astrological factor must be of little significance, and especially as Mr. Leach states that the following four points must apply also.
- (b) does not apply, as Neptune has no aspect to the rising degree.
- (c) does not apply, as the Moon has certainly no strong malefic contact to the 8th house.
- (d) does not apply, as Saturn also has no malefic contact to the 8th house.
- (e) does not apply, for although the Moon and Mercury are certainly in a common sign, they are not in aspect as the rule requires.

I see that Mr. Leach considers that neither Aquarius nor Mars has anything to do with red hair, but it is noteworthy in this case that Aquarius is the rising sign, while Mars opposes the ruler, Saturn. Another case of red hair known to me has Mars *in* Aquarius, and rising. Another has Mars in Aries, close to the ascendant and opposing the ruler Venus. Taurus, of course, rises, and the Moon occupies Aquarius. Another has Scorpio rising, with Mars, ruler, at the end of Aquarius conjoined to Venus and Mercury in Pisces. This lady has Sun and Jupiter in Aquarius too.

EDITORIAL NOTE.—Although I welcome Mr. Leach's efforts to carry out concentrated research, the use of my name in connection therewith is, I think, likely to prove misleading, as the particular research under discussion was entirely Mr. Leach's work, not mine.



## "AS WE GO TO PRESS"

### SOME FINAL NOTES

ON November 8th an attempt was made to destroy the Nazi leaders by means of a bomb explosion at Munich. At the time ☿ was in close transit over Hitler's 8th cusp, taking the ascendant as 24 ♌.

At the lunation three days later the Lights were on the 12th cusp at Berlin, heavily afflicted, and the likelihood of revolutionary movements in Germany was stressed at the preceding meeting of the Lodge.

Full moon maps seem less important than those for new moons, but the map for the full moon at the end of November is striking, and it may indicate some break in the present military quiet. The Lights fall on Hitler's Pluto and are in square to the Lights in the heavens. But heavy fighting seems unlikely until the spring, and, if this is so, it will do something to justify the various prognostications of "no war in 1939."

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Mars and Uranus are in Pisces, which constitutes a general indication. But such a condition is far commoner than the possession of eleven toes, so we must seek a more individual note. This is seen in the fact that Mars is in exact square to the cusp of the 12th house.

One of the terms of any peace treaty should be that the Germans abandon their bad habit of choosing rulers and leaders with Mars in affliction with Saturn. Frederick the Great had them in exact opposition; Bismarck had them conjoined in Aquarius; Hitler has them in square; Goering has them in opposition; and even Schacht has them in square. The ex-Kaiser did not altogether escape this contact, and his father, who did not have it, only reigned a few

months. Goethe, whom the Germans insist on regarding as the greatest man ever born, had the planets in mutual reception.

It is evident that this particular contact corresponds to some deep-set movement in the German soul. And, if they would only keep it to themselves, they are welcome to it.

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