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EDITORIAL

Next Winter

It is a matter of deep regret to me, not only as a citizen, but as an editor, that it is so difficult nowadays to present my readers with cheerful forecasts. Yet one has a duty to astrology that must be performed lest the old sneer should be heard again: Why didn't you tell us about this beforehand?

We have in mind the annular eclipse of November 12, 1947. This falls in $19\frac{1}{2} \text{ } \mathbb{M}$ in square to a conjunction, exact on that day, of the two malefics in $22 \text{ } \Omega$. Now this might not be thought to have any special reference to Great Britain. But actually the eclipse is on Ψ in our 1801 horoscope, and the conjunction of Mars and Saturn is on h in that figure. In other words, the $\odot - \text{J}$ $\square \delta - \text{h}$ of the eclipse falls on the $\Psi \square \text{h}$ of the national map.

The main stress is undoubtedly on finance, for the eclipse is in the 2nd house of the 1801 horoscope and $\delta - \text{h}$ are in the 2nd house of the theme of the eclipse.

We must collate this phenomenon with the King's Sun square radical Saturn, exact at the same time; but we consider it neither judicious nor becoming to make any observations on this direction in its personal application, except to express loyal hopes that His Majesty will be preserved from serious ill-health or other misfortune.

Nationally it looks like a specially severe economic crisis.

Jupiter and Venus conjoined in the 6th in Sagittarius should help affairs of that house and have a cheerful appearance; but the 6th house is after all only a cadent sector, though it rules important matters.

The eclipse is on the nadir in Persia and the conjunction Mars-Saturn is almost exactly rising at Moscow. I expressed the hope that the trine of Venus and Uranus in the vernal figure

might bring some amelioration of feeling between Russia and the United States; there is still time for this to happen, but one feels it can but be temporary, at best. In the maps of both nations the Sun is steadily coming to square progressed Mars, and the years 1949-50-51 will be dangerous to a degree. Indeed several factors point to an armed conflict between these great powers at that time, after which, one may presume, the victor will "bestride the narrow world like a colossus" and at all events will probably maintain a state of peace, perhaps for many years to come or even in perpetuity.

I do not despair of our being able to avoid being brought into any Third Great War that may come about; the 1950 ingress, though horribly bad in a general sense, shows both benefics rising at London.

Data of Franz Schubert

A Lodge member writes: "Last week was published by J. M. Dent & Sons, *Schubert, a Documentary Biography*, by Otto Eric Deutsch, translated by Eric Blom, and on page 4 appears an extract from the register of births and deaths in the family of the schoolmaster Franz Schubert: 'Franz Peter, born 31st January, 1797, 1.30 p.m., baptised 1st February.'"

Taking this as local time the ascendant would be Cancer 3, and my correspondent gives the following planetary positions:

☉ 12 ♊	☽ 20 ♋	☿ 0 ♋	♀ 13 ♏	♂ 10 ♏
☿ 15 ♋	♂ 21 ♏	♂ 12 ♏	♂ 11 ♏	PL 28 ♊

Ourselves and Dollars

Some of our American friends seem to think that we are very pernickety about the manner in which they send money to us. We can assure them that this is far from being the case; we are ready with the warmest possible welcome for any dollars that come our way and always do our utmost to make them feel thoroughly at home, in whatever form they may arrive.

Actually we prefer cheques, or, as the Americans write and we ought to write, checks. International money orders come without any indication of the name and address of the sender and so we often have to wait for a separate notification, which does not always come quickly. Dollar notes are subject to no drawback except the possibility of pilfering.

The Two Zodiacs

Some students appear to have been puzzled, if not perturbed,

by a recent book attacking astrology, as I gather, on the grounds (*inter alia*) that astrologers use the signs and ascribe to them meanings similar to those originally bestowed upon the twelve zodiacal constellations, although the signs do not now correspond in space with their stellar counterparts.

On this matter I would like to make the point, which seems to have escaped some students, that there is nothing arbitrary about the zodiac of signs. Admittedly we can see the twelve zodiacal constellations and we cannot see the twelve signs; but these latter are based upon a perfectly sound astronomical basis or frame-work, viz. the points at which the sun's apparent path cuts the equator at the two equinoxes and the meridian line which marks the solar solstices. There is nothing fanciful about these whatever, and it would be quite impossible to ignore their importance, even if we used the stellar zodiac. They would still demand attention.

Why, then, to take the next point, do astrologers say that the sign Gemini produces twins (as, incidentally, do the other two double signs) when the so-called twin-stars Castor and Pollux are no longer in that sign? Astrologers say this because it is a *fact* and we know it to be a fact. It may be that the constellation Gemini also has that propensity; I do not know.

We need not go back into the past to find material for wonder in the matter of names. Why did Neptune and Pluto receive names that certainly have a real relation to their values? I do not know, but I do know that the fact cannot be gainsaid by any rational investigator.

It may be that the zodiacal constellations have some significance for us. Indeed, it would be strange if they had none. But it is quite *certain* that the zodiacal signs are, and have been for many centuries, one of the bases of our science.

I think the major fixed stars in the zodiacal constellations have some value and, in so far as this is so, I should refer their meanings to the constellations that they occupy, not the signs, for this seems logical. Thus, we have mentioned Castor and Pollux. The Quarterly was started when I was under Sun trine Pollux, which is in 22 Cancer, so far as the signs go, but is, as everyone knows, in the constellation Gemini. It was the Gemini (literary) influence that came into play, not the Cancerian. Three years earlier Sun was trine Castor, and my first book was published. Again the Mercurial influence.

If this seems confusing (signs are signs, but stars in them retain their constellational value) then I can only say that astrology is not for those who are excessively enamoured of simplicity.

Articles and Letters Omitted

I must conclude with what has become, I fear, a permanent feature, to wit, an apology for my inability to include several interesting communications. Long before now I had hoped to revert to a 48 page production at least. Even this modest aim seems out of the question for some time to come.

AT THE LODGE

(SUMMER SESSION)

THIS opened on April 21st, the room being full; and several members who had been absent since 1939 or thereabouts were in the audience.

The presentation of an amethyst brooch to Mrs. West, in recognition of her long and valuable services as Librarian, was made privately, out of deference to her dislike of the lime-light. Mrs. West has had to relinquish her office by reason of a change in residence. Her place has been taken by Mrs. Halfin, Miss Corcos continuing as Assistant.

The President then lectured on astrological innovations made during the last forty years, commenting on their values. A lively discussion centred mainly on the Pre-Natal Epoch—though this, of course, is by no means an innovation in itself, but only certain extensions of the doctrine. Mr. Carruthers opined that the natus is the foundation of this life, but that the epoch might relate to the prior incarnation. Mr. Caselli insisted that it must have a wider significance than a merely mathematical (i.e. rectificatory) one. He also spoke strongly in support of the value of pre-natal epoch directions.

There was strong advocacy of pre-natal (or converse or retrogressive) directions. Mrs. Jaffa supported Mr. G. H. Bailey's view that the effects usually came from other people to oneself. Mr. Sanders was of opinion that pre-natal lunars were valueless, but that the pre-natal Sun produced valid directions.

Captain Kappers then delivered a most interesting lecture, illustrated by maps, on deformity in relation to the P.N.E. He showed that, at the time when those organs, which ultimately failed to develop normally, were due to take shape in the foetus, there were strong inhibitory influences at work in the epochal figure, and very often an eclipse or occultation affecting Saturn therein. In these cases the natus was, in itself, rarely evidential

of the deformed condition and it was suggested that the natus would probably only show the extent to which the native (if surviving) would feel the effects of the deformity in his or her life.

One case was of an almost complete transposition of the internal organs. Data: Amsterdam, October 2, 1902, 3.0 p.m.

On April 28th a very large audience listened to Mr. Owen's lecture on "The Law of Correspondence," which was packed with hints as to possible lines of research. Some of these might seem tenuous, but Mr. Owen is never without cases in point. Areas specially mentioned were 21 ♀ and 26 ♀.

At 8.20 Mr. Caselli spoke of the Hindu system according to which each sign may be said to "need" a particular planet for the attainment of power by the native.

This scheme runs:—

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

The plausibility or otherwise of these attributions was warmly discussed.

On May 5th Captain Kappers lectured on Medical Astrology. His paper was acclaimed with enthusiasm and will be printed at as early a date as possible. It constitutes a valuable general appreciation of the relationship that exists between the work of the doctor and the astrologer, and how this might develop. He pointed out that the ordinary practitioner hardly has the time to employ astrology in his work but that nevertheless astrological knowledge might help greatly in the individualisation of treatment. He mentioned also that astrology had been used on a very large scale in Holland to select men for special work and that the upshot was that the truth and reliability of astrology were established, but that it was found simpler, in practice, to use the modern methods of psychological testing.

At 8.20 Mr. Davison spoke on the Texas disaster. He referred to the last of the 1921 Jupiter-Saturn maps, the solar return for the same map for 1947, the lunation immediately preceding the vernal equinox, and the V.E. figure itself, and showed that all of them, except the last, showed impending disaster very clearly, these figures being of course erected for Texas. The lunar eclipse of December 12, 1946, and the conjunction Mars-Neptune of August 20, 1946, were also mentioned. There was a lively discussion as to whether the catastrophe was of a Uranus, Neptune or Pluto character, and somehow the atomic bomb

made its way into the discussion. But it seemed pretty clear that the Texas calamity linked up with ♂ □ ♀ in the 24 - 12 figure, as well as with ☉ □ ☿ in the same chart. A fine piece of astrological study.

On May 12th the Lodge listened to Dr. Dickenson, on "The Ruling Sign of England," a subject which she discussed with great energy and a singular happiness of language; she favoured Sagittarius, whose symbol combines a noble man and a noble animal, the natural and physical body. It is a sign of irrepressible spirits and never broods; it loves to harangue its fellow-mortals—and always for their good. Surely, she exclaimed, the B.B.C. Home Service is run entirely by Sagittarians! But it can be restless and vulgar, and, if the horse prances, the rider cannot aim his shaft aright.

She admitted that there was much to be said for John Bull and Taurus.

The President appealed to those of foreign extraction in the audience to give their opinions, and these were forthcoming in plenty.

First, however, Mr. Caselli spoke up for Capricorn and the British love of tradition; Englishmen are not experimental enough for Sagittarius. Dr. Rosenthal said that our love of fair-play was a Leo index. Madame Latour also spoke for Leo, but on the grounds that the English think themselves better than others, and also of their youthfulness; a point confirmed by Dr. Cappers, who affirmed that this was a point that struck all foreigners: one could call it youthfulness or immaturity and childishness, as one might choose. Mr. Freedman spoke of the love of liberty and advocated Aries.

It was generally agreed that it was a mistake to try to bring all English qualities under one sign, but it was noteworthy that no one seemed to propose an airy or watery sign, nor a Mercurial one, so that one was left with Taurus, Capricorn and the Fire Trigon from which to construct the English horoscope.

After the Whitsun holiday the first public 7.0 o'clock lecture was given, after Mrs. Hurren's instruction class, by "Regulus," who spoke on modern principles of delineation, with which subject he dealt exhaustively, a good discussion following, partly on the old, old topic of "ruling one's stars." The matter of direct, stationary and retrograde planets was also touched upon, one visitor likening the "vibrations" arising from these conditions to the sound of a railway train, approaching, just passing and going into the distance.

Afterwards the natus of the late Mr. Archer was discussed and the directions and transits operative at the time of his death.

The President then put before the Lodge two rather similar

maps in one of which severe physical suffering had been borne with religious fortitude and cheerfulness, whereas in the other case any sort of discipline was resented and the native seemed quite at the mercy of his bad aspects (male, born near London, 15 hrs. 12 mins. U.T.,* May 27, 1920—note stationary Mars).

On June 9th Mr. Freedman lectured on the horoscope of Sir J. M. Barrie and there was a good deal of discussion as to why he was not only a literary success and made immense sums of money, but was also outstandingly successful socially.

Afterwards Regulus put maps upon the board for identification on the lines of the B.B.C. "Twenty Questions." They were dealt with rather more easily than he had expected, with the result that there was time for a brief discussion of what was stated to be the natus of Galsworthy, but, alas, proved to have been erected for August 14, 1867, although it bore the correct date (August 4, 1867, † rising, at Coombe, Surrey). It was some consolation to find that members, prior to the discovery of the mistake, seemed rather puzzled by the horoscope.

On June 16th the public lecture was given by Mr. Gordon Noel Fish on "Religion and the Age of Aquarius-Leo." Unfortunately the writer was prevented from being present at a discourse which was widely agreed to be of exceptional interest; it is hoped that we may be able to print it at some not too distant date.

On June 23rd there was a general discussion on "What is Astrology?" under the guidance of Mr. Caselli. A number of members spoke, beginning with Mr. Freedman, who claimed that astrology is supreme as a means of studying mankind. Regulus said that astrology is the science that relates man with the Universe. Mrs. Hone—astrology is the study of inter-relationships throughout the whole universe. Mr. Schupbach—a study of planetary rhythms and patterns. Mr. Owen stated that without intuition astrology breaks down, Mrs. Bellairs spoke of the process of "simmering" that goes on after one has done the analytical work. Miss Caselli made an excursion in the direction of our glands, and Mrs. Hone rejoined with an account of the anthroposophical experiments on metals, it being observed that if metals respond to the planets, so must the same and less resistant substances when in our bodies. Mr. Schupbach spoke of the planetary configurations creating a certain "atmosphere" just as there is a psychological "atmosphere" at human gatherings which can often be sensed by those present. Mrs. Rogers said that the horoscope identifies each of us with a specific moment in time, but, behind the map,

* Universal time, i.e. G.M.T. measured from midnight. This is the time now largely used by astronomers and has much to recommend it.

there is always a person. Mr. Bowen Smith said that in studying a map we should ask first and foremost, what has the native come into the world to learn?

Mrs. Jaffa then placed on the board five maps of persons with Venus-Saturn afflictions, and a most interesting discussion ensued. It was agreed that such people were usually loyal to those friends they had once adopted as such; but in two or three of the natives a propensity towards forebodings and gloom was mentioned, and also a tendency to nurse grievances and brood on supposed slights.

On July 30th Mr. Fred Ward spoke of "Psychology and the Horoscope." He mentioned some interesting examples of fears generated by early incidents of an unpleasant character and dispelled when astrological analysis had brought these back into the conscious mind. For instance, a woman who developed a fear of the opposite sex due to her having been pursued when a child (under p. $\odot \square \Psi$) by a drunken man.

He asserted that δ produces aggressive tendencies; ♀ , a "set" mind; ♁ , schizophrenic traits; ♄ , a family-complex; \odot , delusions of grandeur; ♃ , religious manias; ♁ , panic and depressive tendencies, lack of self-reliance; ♂ , sexual abnormalities; Ψ , hallucinations, fear of "spirits," and a lack of initiative to make dreams actual.

He then placed on the board the maps of several famous psychologists and pointed out the prominence of the areas 28 ♁ - 13.

On July 7th, closing the session, Mrs. Sudbury Hurren lectured on "International Astrology," first of all placing the Aryans under Fire, the Semitics under Earth, the Mongolians under Air, and the Negroes under Water. She then dealt with the 1066 map and pointed to several significant transits in late years, after which she spoke of the principal countries coming under the 12 signs, taking these in succession, closing with a reference to the Naros in special relation to artistic and general cultural and religious developments in Europe and the East.

Mr. Freedman took the 8.20, after the Regulus Award had been made public, the recipient being Miss Alabone and Mrs. Churchill being commended. Although it was mentioned that a larger number of competitors would have been welcome, yet it was agreed that, taking into account the aversion to systematic research work that most astrologers evince and always have evinced, the number was not unsatisfactory. Regulus was warmly applauded for the encouragement which he had given to Lodge work and in reply spoke of the high responsibilities that fall upon the Lodge as the principal organised representative of British astrology.

ASTROLOGICAL TWINS

By THE EDITOR

ONE of the most fruitful lines of astrological research probably lies in the comparison of the nativities of persons born on the same day, but in no way akin. For convenience sake we often call such "astrological twins."

It is a pity that very few cases are on record, at least in British astrology. Further, in some of those that we have, far too little is known about the natives and their respective circumstances and dispositions.

In cases such as these the aspects and sign-positions are, with the possible exception of those of the Moon, virtually identical, but the mundane positions will in most cases be quite diverse, for it will indeed be difficult to find instances of persons, other than true twins, who were born on the same day and with the same rising degree, or even decanate. Of course such cases, when we have them, ought to prove immensely instructive.

In the cases that I have it seems that the circumstantial element, or, as we often say, the destiny, is usually more alike than the disposition or character. This seems to indicate that, at least generally speaking, the disposition depends upon mundane positions and especially upon the ascendant, whereas circumstances are denoted rather by aspects and sign-positions. This is not quite what we are usually told. Houses refer to body; signs to the soul, we have been taught. Well, my deduction may be wrong, for it is founded upon but a handful of cases, and I should be the last to set up a new ruling in any dogmatic manner. It is put forward as an hypothesis, for examination.

In the cases I shall give you will find that the altered ascendant will account for the differences in disposition in a quite satisfactory manner, whereas the similarities of destiny or circumstance are shown by like aspects. As for house-emplacements other than the 1st house, sometimes their values are very apparent, and when they are not, as in cases I shall mention, we may fairly attribute this to lack of information about the lives under investigation.

Let us take Dr. Besant and Hindenburg, who was born a day later than the great theosophist. Here we are handicapped by lack of information about the Prussian's private life. But it is plain that no astrologer would have difficulty in accounting for their different characters, Dr. Besant having been born with Uranus rising in Aries, whereas the old Junker had Capricorn rising and Saturn in the 1st house. Again, in Dr. Besant's case

the Moon applied to conjunction Jupiter and square Uranus, but in Hindenburg's theme it was separating.

But Luna was just setting, and this may denote the German's brief but immense popularity as a symbol of German resistance, whereas Dr. Besant, with the Moon in 4th, had a more restricted, though also more stable, renown.

However, in both horoscopes we see the same opposition of Uranus in Aries to Sun, Mercury and Venus in Libra, though in Hindenburg's case the opposition of Mercury to Uranus is not almost exact, as it is in Dr. Besant's. Now, there is a curious parallel in the two lives that corresponds to this configuration: Hindenburg, as we know, was to some extent a mouthpiece for Ludendorff, and with all respect to her memory it may be said that Dr. Besant successively voiced the teachings of Bradlaugh, Madame Blavatsky and Leadbeater. Note also that in each case the collaborator was in some sense the bringer of a new religion, whether it was the Neo-Paganism of Ludendorff, the secularism of Bradlaugh, or theosophy. Of course the comparison is in very general terms only, but within these it is correct.

Another pair of nativities near enough to make comparison of interest is that of Sainte-Beuve, the great French critic, and Disraeli. The difference is one of two days, and, as it happens, the Sun has reached Capricorn in Sainte-Beuve's case, whereas it was still in Sagittarius in the geniture of the statesman. One might have expected the reverse! Disraeli had the Moon in Leo, which agrees with his oriental richness of imagination and dreams of Indian empire; the critic, quite suitably, had the Moon in Virgo.

Both had a remarkable conjunction of Venus, Jupiter and Neptune in Scorpio; this was rising at Disraeli's birth, but was in the 8th, near the 9th cusp, in the Frenchman's. Sainte-Beuve, so far as I can discover, was not a religious man, much less a mystic; he expressly desired that his funeral should not be accompanied by any religious rites. How, then, did this mysterious satellitium operate? In criticism rather than religion, it would seem. Scorpio is a critical sign. Disraeli had much the same detached view of religion. His father abandoned Judaism for Unitarianism but apparently considered that a scholar and a gentleman had no business to concern himself unduly about such matters; and his son probably thought much the same. But I would like to know more as to how that group in Scorpio in the 8th expressed itself in Sainte-Beuve's life; certainly he did not inherit any money. As we have said, these planets were on Disraeli's ascendant and tally well enough with his personal character.

Both these maps are given in *One Thousand and One*, and so also those of Shelley and Edward Irving.

The nativities of the last two, who were born on the same day, the great preacher under Scorpio and the poet under Sagittarius, make an interesting study, for there was much in common in their destinies. Both were arraigned as heretics, the poet as one who believed too little and the preacher as one who believed too much and fell into what we should nowadays probably regard as superstition. Both died young, Shelley at the age of 30, Irving at that of 42, the one in exile in Italy, the other expelled by his co-sectarians and broken in health. I do not know whether Irving was ever married, but if so, it would be interesting to compare his experiences in the married state with Shelley's, for they had in common a satellitium of Mars, Jupiter and Neptune in Libra in affliction with the Moon. This fell in the 9th, though near the midheaven, in Shelley's case, but in that of Irving it was on the 12th cusp, whilst the other group—Venus—Sun—Uranus in Leo—was in Shelley's 8th but Irving's 9th.

Thus in these two we detect the same qualities of moral courage and indifference to conventional views and the similar destinies of expulsion and exile and early death. The Christian preacher had a period of immense popularity and left some followers behind him, but whether his doctrine has any or many followers now, I know not. Shelley had some fame and much notoriety in his lifetime and has enduring fame in death. Irving died of consumption; Shelley may well have had a propensity in that direction but the sea claimed him first. The Libra satellitium was in an area allied to this complaint.

In sum, we have a striking resemblance here, but I find it very difficult to work out such differences as there were in terms of the altered domal emplacements, probably through lack of sufficient information on Irving's personal life.

I will now add a pair of maps from my private collection. Here we have the advantage that the circumstances are pretty well known to me, but on the other hand, the natives are both young, so that I can but write of what has so far taken shape.

They were both born on January 13, 1917. The first, a girl, has 25 Scorpio rising, whilst the second, a man, was born later and has 11 Pisces on the ascendant.

Now here there is, apparently, no likeness at all in disposition; each is described by the rising sign. The girl, you will note, has Venus in the 1st in Sagittarius, and perhaps this is the main factor in determining her personal appearance, for she is a very pretty blonde, with blue eyes and a pink-and-white complexion, quite unlike Scorpio. But her demeanour is that of

Scorpio rising, for she is extremely quiet; in fact, she is the type of whom one would say she has not a word to say for herself. On the other hand, the man is a real Pisces rising, talkative and friendly with all and sundry. Intelligence is said to depend on the Moon and Mercury, but, though these have virtually identical aspects in both maps, the girl appears to have very little, whilst the man is decidedly of the intellectual and literary type. In appearance, by the way, he is very tall—about 6 feet 3 inches—and thin.

Both have the Moon in Virgo, and in each case there is an interest in agriculture, or, in the girl's case, in the garden. The man has a special interest in problems of agriculture and has lectured on them.

So here you get, it seems, a complete difference of mentality (except for the Virgo interests) with the change of ascendant. In this there is no need for alarm, because the ascendant in each case agrees with the mental equipment.

As regards health, the girl was delicate as a child and was, I believe, born before the full term. But she seems pretty robust now. Jupiter, by Campanus, in close to the 6th cusp, though its ruler, Mars, is badly afflicted. By Placidus, Venus rules the 6th and is in trine to Jupiter but in quincunx with Saturn.

On the other hand, the man has had wretched health, both mental and physical, malefics being in the 6th.

This brings us to the main stress of the maps, the opposition of Neptune to Mars and Mercury. This falls, in the girl's case, from 2nd to 8th, though the bodies in question are not far from cusps 3rd and 9th. I think they must operate mainly through the latter houses, for I do not think that she has had 2nd house troubles, but she *has* had trouble with one arm, or shoulder, there being a dislocation that seems difficult to put right. And her extreme taciturnity may be in part due to this affliction involving the 3rd.

In the man's case the same opposition falls 6th to 12th, and, as I have said, his health has been very poor and his mind has been vexed with irrational fears and delusions. One would rather have expected these in the girl's case, with the opposition involving the 3rd house, but of course one does not know enough; people who suffer from these afflictions do not as a rule talk about them, if they can help it. They cannot always be sure of a sympathetic hearing, even from medical men.

Now in the circumstantial lives of these two there are some rather striking similarities, and I daresay, as their course develops, others may appear.

To begin with, in each case the father was absorbed in political matters, and took very little interest in his children. In the

girl's case the mother died when she was very young, and in the man's, the mother also neglected her children for a political career. So neither received much parental affection. This, of course, is Sun in Capricorn opposed to Saturn.

Secondly, both have been concerned with one of the Dominions, said to be ruled by Capricorn. The man went thither, in pursuit of his agricultural studies, and the girl has married and emigrated to it.

The man's marriage has proved quite disastrous, and this is by no means strange, for his Moon, in the 7th, makes first application to the semi-square of Neptune, and the ruler of the 7th is the much-afflicted Mercury.

In the girl's case it is too early to speak, but the astrologer would take a much more hopeful view of her prospects, for Venus, ruler of the 7th, though quincunx Saturn, is in trine to Jupiter. However, in her case also Mercury has a 7th house relationship by part-rulership.

In this case, then, we get some clear resemblances in the circumstantial life, but very little likeness in disposition and still less in mentality. Thus we come back to what I said in the beginning, that mind and disposition seem chiefly concerned with the ascendant or at any rate with mundane factors, whereas even when these are quite dissimilar, one still finds remarkable resemblances in the circumstantial life, due to zodiacal factors being identical.

Now my last case has puzzled me a good deal. It is that of a man and a girl both born on September 2, 1920, the former with 21 Sagittarius rising, the latter about half-an-hour later, with 1 Capricorn on the ascendant.

You will see that, as in the foregoing pair, there is a potent opposition, in this case of Uranus to Jupiter and to Mercury, the latter being almost exact. There is a satellitium of 5 bodies in Virgo, and in both lives there has been a considerable amount of health-trouble. Also in each case the marriage has not been a success. Similarity in circumstances, you see.

But there is no likeness in character. The man, whom I do not know personally, has been described to me as a very good sort of fellow; but the girl is really an unpleasant example of Capricorn, and shows the above-mentioned opposition to the full. Mercury conjunction Jupiter opposition Uranus: self-willed to a degree, capricious, snobbish, and quite without brains or consideration for her parents, or anyone else.

Now we should expect the Sagittarius ascendant to be different from the Capricorn, naturally, even though both rulers are in Virgo. But actually the Sagittarian ruler Jupiter is much more badly afflicted than the Capricorn ruler Saturn: why, then,

do we get a normal Sagittarian expression but a very bad Capricornian?

I confess this perplexed me a lot, as I have said. Then it struck me that, in the light of my hypothesis that the ascendant controls disposition (or at least a great deal of it), the solution is here—the man's ascendant has no strong contacts at all, the principal one being a square to Venus. But the girl's rising degree picks up the Uranus-Mercury-Jupiter affliction quite closely, and so translates it into terms of character.

This argument will not fall in with the doctrine that an opposition is mitigated by a trine-sextile position; and this view is supported by good astrologers. But I fear I must contend that the reverse may also happen, and that this is an instance of its being so: the trine of Jupiter and Mercury and the sextile of Uranus to the ascendant are spoilt by the fact that these bodies are themselves in an opposition. I would say that "mediating" trines and sextiles, as we call them, may be used to alleviate an opposition; but that free-will enters into the picture here. It does not happen automatically, but there is the *opportunity* to bring about a true mediation if we set ourselves to work upon our horoscope. Unfortunately this young lady is far too sure of her own rightness to understand that any need for self-improvement exists. So her rising degree gets the full impact of the oppositions, although one need scarcely question that if the opposing units were in square to her ascendant, things would be worse.

I wish it were possible to pursue these investigations further, for they would yield facts. And it is FACTS that we want—more and more of them. So that, when we encounter sceptics, we shall stand on sure ground and not on the shifting sands of mere opinion and conjecture.

WHITHER ASTROLOGY?

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ASTROLOGY seems to be in a cul-de-sac. It is open to question whether additional objective research will lend any additional knowledge of the influence of the planets on life in the universe, to what we already possess.

It is doubtful if better and more accurate methods of forecasting will be evolved and discovered, enabling us to give

closer and better forecasts of what is beneath the rim of the horizon.

It is doubtful whether it is really beneficial to uninformed persons to be supplied with "Guidance" and "Forecasts," enabling them to make more money, to avoid quarrels, or to best their neighbours in many various ways.

Indeed, I have little doubt that *this* use of astrology is entirely immoral and unjustifiable.

It appears to me that there are excellent reasons why humanity should continue its evolution, without any general recognition that "Astrology is true," or that the Sun, Moon and planets actually do affect or reflect the natures and actions of all of us.

It seems, therefore, that in attempting to "prove astrology" to the world; to further perfect methods of delineation and prognostication, to attempt to overcome the cosmic ban against the recognition of astrology, modern astrologers are barking up the wrong tree, and if this were generally recognised, a great deal of largely wasted work and effort would be saved.

I think we need, first of all, to have clear and unmistakable views as to what *are* the uses of astrology, and what we are aiming at by studying this subject.

Its legitimate uses appear to me to be twofold.

Firstly, it affords an unrivalled field for gaining further insight into what *is* the actual nature of this Universe of which we form a part.

We astrologers *know* that in some curious way man is a microcosm of the Solar System, apparently conditioned and fixed in his individual nature by the planetary positions at birth, and possibly also conditioned and fixed in his actions through life by the subsequent motions of the planets.

Even to know this, is a very great advance on the comprehension of the Universe enjoyed by a study of the recognised sciences.

The real function of our study of astrology is therefore knowledge—knowledge of how the Universe works and the way the centres of force, represented by the Sun, Moon, and planets, reflect and fix the individual nature of each one of us.

And from our study of how directions, transits, new moons, and so on, affect our day-to-day life, we also gain an unrivalled insight into the age-long question of Fate versus Free-will.

Indeed, I doubt whether any body of students is in quite so favourable a position for studying this problem, and arriving at clear-cut views concerning it.

The second use of the study of astrology is the acquirement of wisdom. If you know the nature of the various people with whom you are in close contact, then you understand them and

their actions and moods to a far deeper degree than the non-astrologer ever can. To comprehend what is the Saturnian nature, the Venusian nature, the nature of all the twelve signs when in the ascendant, the nature of the influence of the planets when prominent in the horoscope, this gives a clue to a deeper understanding of life than can ever be enjoyed by the non-astrologer, and in this way the astrologer becomes "A Wise Man."

Many years professional practice have convinced me that there are, in the main, only two conditons under which the client really benefits by professional astrological advice.

The first is when the client possesses a horoscope with a good Uranus or a good Neptune, indicating benefit by such methods. The second is when the horoscope of the client possesses close links with the horoscope of the professional, in which case the advice and guidance may be unique.

But, all the time, the *real* benefit of professional astrological work is a by-product, and not the main function of such work; this valuable by-product consisting in the knowledge, insight, and comprehension gained by the professional astrologer himself as the result of his work.

The client pays, but it is the astrologer who really benefits.

And I am still to be convinced that the work itself, and the use made of such work, is not equally fore-ordained and fixed, like much else in the Universe.

Life, as we know it, is very much a Shadow Show, which *seems* real enough, but which, none the less may only be a reflection of a reality which transpires on another plane.

And the *clue* to appreciating the nature of the shadow and realising our illusions, is given by astrological study.

Most astrologers nowadays cannot see the wood for the trees. It is high time the astrological world took on a fresh orientation, as in this newer field which I have indicated, delineating the *real* nature of the universe, it possesses a key that may unlock many doors to those for whom these doors are to be unlocked.

"The path to Souls for ascension lies through the Twelve Signs of the Zodiac. The descending path to birth is the same. After the Twelve Labors of Hercules the Soul obtains release from the world."—CLEMENT OF ALEXANDRIA.

"SUCH STUFF AS DREAMS ARE MADE ON"

A LECTURE GIVEN TO THE ASTROLOGICAL LODGE ON NOVEMBER 4, 1946, BY GEORGE H. BAILEY

IT is not generally realised by astrologers that they have in their exclusive possession the key to unlock one of the great mysteries of the universe, of which so much has been written in recent years, namely the mystery of space-time. This is no idle statement, for as astrologers we do in fact hold the key that workers in other scientific fields are searching for. Astronomers, physicists and mathematicians in particular have built up all sorts of wonderful theories around the combination of space and time which forms the very fundamentals of the universe, yet without the evidence we can supply they are not in a position to apply those theories to the unravelling of the enigma of life itself.

It is not that they would deign to come to us, of course! And even if they did, what could we, as astrological experts, tell them? How much do we know concerning the intrinsic nature of the tools we use? In our practice of astrology we make use of certain facts of nature on the lines handed down to us by our predecessors, yet alas! with very little real appreciation of their vital importance in the scheme of things.

I refer to the day-to-the-year method of progressing the horoscope known as "secondary directions." Doubtless everyone who has done anything at all to astrological prediction has made use of that system, in which the aspects formed between the planets every day after birth operate the same number of years later. This peculiar relationship between the days of one's infancy and the corresponding years of one's life has stood the test of many centuries of astrological practice, and can consequently be regarded as a well-established fact, even though at times the events don't always work out as one expected, and sometimes don't even occur at all, failures which can generally be explained by the discovery of other factors which can usually be found to have nullified the original directions on which our forecasts were based.

Now, many practitioners who use the day-to-the-year system confine their attentions to those aspects formed *after* birth, entirely ignoring those formed in the pre-natal state, either because the idea of using pre-natal directions has never occurred to them, or because they consider such directions inadmissible in that the stream of time never flows backwards. This attitude, as I hope to show, is quite a mistaken one, and results not so much in a one-sided picture of the directions operating in a

given period, as in the serious omission of directions which are every bit as important. I have used both for very many years, and speak from experience.

For an illustration I am using the horoscope of the late Mr. Vivian Robson, whose birth-map is given in the centre of the accompanying diagram,* the other two maps being set for the date of his death, that on the left being calculated for the equivalent number of days before birth, and that on the right the same number of days after.

As you all know, Mr. Robson was a very gifted and able astrologer, despite the fact that he never used regressed or converse directions. It was not that he disbelieved in them, but as he once told me, he considered the usual forward progressions were sufficient in themselves for predictive purposes. Admittedly, they might be good enough in some instances, for I *have* known cases of remarkably accurate forecasts made from very meagre or even wrong data, some people having on occasion the faculty of seeing as it were a complete picture from what to other people would appear to be nothing but a few scattered daubs of paint smudged over a large canvas. Be that as it may, it seems certain that due to the omission of his regressions, Mr. Robson did not foresee the intensity of the stresses operating in his horoscope at the time of his unexpected decease.

From the study of his birth-chart it is probable he knew that his end would be sudden, for it is so clearly shown therein. Mars, the ruler of the 8th is in the 4th (and close to the cusp at

* The data are respectively:—

Radix

M.C. 5 II 7	Asc. 11 III 22	☉ 5 II 9	♃ 0 III 19
♂ 6 ♀ 50 R	♄ 12 III 8 Dir. Sta.	♂ 27 III 41	♂ 23 III 7 R
	♀ 10 II 43 R	♀ 29 II 37	
	♄ 4 II 17	PL 6 II 17	

Progressed Figure

M.C. 25 III 20	Asc. 18 III 58	☉ 25 III 22	♃ 7 III 1
♂ 29 III 13	♄ 8 III 49 R	♂ 2 III 1	♂ 22 III 44
	♀ 19 III 41	♀ 2 III 29	
	♄ 6 II 4	PL 7 II 23	

Regressed Figure

M.C. 14 IV 3	Asc. 6 III 36	☉ 14 IV 5	♃ 26 III 27
♂ 11 ♀ 4	♄ 7 III 25	♂ 27 III 33 R	♂ 25 III 9 R
	♀ 8 IV 23	♀ 25 IV 8	
	♄ 2 II 30	PL 5 II 16	

that), while it squares the ascendant and Moon, and opposes the Sun and Mercury, the ruler of the map. Such a configuration must have been associated with internal stresses of some magnitude, which only needed to be intensified by directional aspects to reach breaking point.

An examination of the progressed horoscope for his death reveals nothing likely to accentuate unduly the strains in the natus—unless one introduces a few hypothetical considerations just to fit the case, a very doubtful course to follow and likely to lead us nowhere unless backed up by similar examples. Even the regressed horoscope shows nothing particularly startling in itself, for although it contains an exact opposition between Venus and Uranus, such an aspect could hardly be regarded as the indicator of death in this instance, especially as the two planets were in trine at birth.

If, however, the regressed planets are related to the birth-chart it will be seen that Mars, the ruler of the natal 8th and the planet chiefly concerned in the radical afflictions, had moved to the exact square with the ascendant and opposition the ruler of the map from the 4th house of the natus. The regression of Mars to complete those aspects forming part of the malefic radical configuration is indeed the key to the tragic occurrence, for although, as I have stated on other occasions, the great events of life are not so much due to isolated directions as the resultant of several operating together which need not all be exact to time, the nature of those events is usually revealed by the aspecting planets coupled with their house positions, dominated of course by the strongest, and here in this horoscope we have powerful evidence indeed of the operation of regressions.

It is true that the progressed Neptune had moved much nearer to the exact zodiacal conjunction with the radical Pluto than at birth, and while that might have been one of the factors in the case, the same sort of thing could be said about the regressed Pluto, which had moved close to the zodiacal conjunction with the Sun and M.C. The regressed ascendant was still within close orbs of the opposition to the regressed Jupiter, which had moved to a position much closer to the cusp of the radical 6th than it held at birth, and as the planet was in Aquarius ruling the blood it doubtless had some bearing on the matter, for the post-mortem revealed the effects of arterial poisoning, due to bad teeth. Taking everything into consideration, however, the chief significator of the sudden death in this case was undoubtedly the regressed Mars operating according to its position and rulership in the birth-map, and, moreover, in a much stronger manner than usual, for due to the fact that it

was not far away from its stationary position, it was moving at a very slow rate, a condition which seems to endow the less ponderous planets with some of the power more usually associated with the others.

As a point of interest, I have noticed on many occasions that a serious illness, or even death, occurs when a slow-moving body, by progression or regression, comes to an exact malefic aspect with the ascendant or luminaries, provided the aspect is already within orbs at birth, and I have no doubt that many students will bear me out in this.

So far as regressions are concerned, Mr. Robson's case is not an isolated one in which they played a more important part than progressions, for in the course of my studies I have encountered many similar examples, particularly where accidents or sudden fatalities are involved, and quite recently I heard from a prominent astrologer in the United States to the effect that, after taking up the study of astrology, he was puzzled for many years by the fact that his progressions gave no indication whatever of a serious mishap in which he was involved in his youth, a mystery only cleared up by his regressions, which fully accounted for the incident.

As I have already mentioned, the fact that the stream of time always appears to move forward is in the minds of many of us a great barrier to the ready acceptance of converse motion in the horoscope, or regressions. It must be pointed out, however, that the rate of time-flow of which we are aware is not that used in computing progressions, so that it is very questionable whether the apparent direction of flow has any bearing on the matter at all. We are so accustomed to the time scales used in primary and secondary directing of four minutes to the year and one day to the year respectively that it is difficult to dissociate the idea of movement in time from the completion of aspects by progression, particularly as time was originally taken to form them, but as these aspects are separated from their corresponding events by periods approximately 130,000 and 364 times as long, it seems clear that we are dealing with two entirely different kinds of time, one being that of which we are consciously aware as it passes by, and the other apparently crystallised or stored up in some unknown medium which enables its sequences to be released at a much later date in the field of time we know.

In passing I would like to express the opinion that the so-called primary and secondary modes of directing are *not* two separate systems, but merely different sections of one universal method of prediction based on the measure of one day to a year. As can be shown by theoretical analysis, the progression

or regression of the M.C. by that measure does *not* involve the complete revolution of the horoscopic framework per annum, but only a movement of about one degree, this increment corresponding to the measure used in primaries and used in a similar way to carry the planets round to form mundane aspects with the radical places of each other (this effect being due to the rotation of the earth on its axis) while at the same time the planets move through the signs and houses by their own local motion, as in ordinary secondary directing, so forming both zodiacal and mundane aspects to the various radical and progressed factors, and moreover, providing many more directions to work with than usually associated with the secondary method by itself, directions which fill the somewhat discouraging gaps encountered by every discerning practitioner from time to time.

Years of research into the effects of progressing and regressing the angles at the secondary rate of motion have convinced me of their value—indeed, as such directions are so important when regarded as primaries, it is perhaps unnecessary to emphasise this, the point being that the measure I have adopted as a result of the research is *not* four minutes of time or one degree of right ascension per annum, but one true solar day to the year, during which period the M.C. moves forward or backward no further than approximately one zodiacal degree, sometimes a few minutes more and sometimes a little less. This has the effect of bringing primary directions into the category of secondaries, or rather welding the two systems into one, the basis of which is that peculiar characteristic of time wherein one day is equivalent to one year, and as I shall endeavour to explain, this apparent compression of time seems to be as much a part of the constitution of matter (as we apprehend it) as are its spatial dimensions.

Returning to the question of time-flow, it may be argued that we *were* conscious of the passage of time during the original period taken to form a particular aspect in infancy, and the transitual effect of that aspect is subconsciously stored in the physical cells to await directional manifestation in the outer world 364 periods later. If this were so it would more or less establish the case for uni-directional flow, and in so doing would invalidate regressions. However, the accumulation of transitual influence during infancy is the weak point in this argument, for in what can a force of that kind be stored? Certainly not in the physical vehicle, for the bodily cells which may be destroyed by an accident at the age of 60 are not those of which the body was composed when only two months old, the latter having long since disintegrated to be replaced by new

cells formed by the assimilation of fresh physical substance taken into the body as food.

This process goes on all through life, although we are not directly conscious of it. The body actually contains as much as 60% of water, which is in a state of constant flow, passing out of the system in various ways as quickly as it is absorbed into it, coming in with particles of matter of a more solid type and taking others out with it—even the air we breathe in and breathe out is charged with it. We could not live without it, and in effect our existence on this earth is carried on in an ever-flowing stream of water permeating our bodies through and through.

The fact really is that the body which suffers physical disabilities during the course of life is not that which was impregnated with the planetary forces at birth and during the period immediately succeeding it. On the other hand, the physical matter of which the body is composed was actually in existence on the earth (although in another form) when birth took place, for it is not only a part of, but is as old as the earth, and has therefore been bombarded by planetary rays ever since the solar system came into being. Nevertheless, we know from our astrological experience that by some means or other the rays associated with the horoscope of birth seem to affect all those particles of matter which may be connected with the native during the course of his life on the earth.

Personally I do not believe that we or the physical matter in and on which we dwell are "bombarded" or "impregnated" by planetary forces, but prefer to regard the solar system as a complete entity whose parts all interact with one another, the effects of these interactions being determined by the relative positions in space and time of the bodies concerned, both physical and planetary. Two entirely distinct factors are involved in this inter-relationship however, one being the life-essence which activates material substance, and the other the material substance itself, and from what we astrologers know of the operation of directions, the two most definitely function in *different* orders of time. This is perhaps not surprising, for although the basis characteristic of both is *force* or some kind of electrical energy, their respective forms of manifestation are entirely different.

In matter the force is confined to extremely minute particles, each atom forming a kind of solar system built up of units of positive, negative and neutral electricity, and although the life-essence makes use of a conglomeration of these atoms in order to function in the material world, it is not directly conscious of the electrical forces of which the atoms are composed, but is

only aware of matter as a seemingly inert and apparently solid substance. Now, it is not improbable that this inability to contact material force at its own level is entirely due to the fundamental difference in the two orders of time through which the respective forces operate, for although both space and time are essential features for the manifestation of force (which must not only have room to show its effects but time to carry them out), if the rates of time-flow for two separate forces are different, such forces obviously cannot function together in the same way in space, nor at the same level of consciousness. For example, scientists state that electrons circle round their orbits in the atom thousands of millions of millions of times per second, an order of time which we simply cannot comprehend, any more than we can grasp the rate of growth by fission of the cells in the human body, which takes place at the rate of two million per second. Rates such as these are quite outside the range of our consciousness.

We do not know, of course, whether the force in matter is actually conscious at its own level, nor whether it is aware of any *flow* in time, for we are only able to regard it from our own point of view, in our own time system. Even from that standpoint, however, we know very little concerning the real nature of time. Changes occur in our conditions, we move about from place to place, and so on, and as all the way through we are only conscious of the few seconds that constitute the present moment, the succession of events gives rise to the impression of something flowing, an intangible stream running from the past into the future, of which we can see but the tiniest glimpse, the present. Yet, on the other hand, it is possible that this intangibility is not a flowing stream at all, but is instead a motionless canal over which the eye of consciousness is moving while restricted in its view to but a point. The fact that the world in which consciousness functions is a material one whose particles are practically everlasting rather confirms this idea, and we have then a focus of percipience moving (in time) over a sea of matter whose interaction with the life behind the consciousness produces an apparent succession of events without which one would not be aware of anything at all.

The nature of these events depends on the quality and disposition of the material atoms with which they are associated, and this brings us back to the time factor at that level, which as we know from astrological practice, is of a different order from that of which we are consciously aware. It does not follow that because we are only cognisant of an apparently moving pin-point in time, the electrical force which is matter should function in time in the same way, for it may well be that

the very nature of the material atoms endows them with a characteristic entirely foreign to our own consciousness of time, the characteristic of duration, and at the atomic level space-time may be a truly solid reality.

If this should be the case, any time factor associated with material substance must be directly related to its spatial position, and *vice versa*. Now, in the horoscope of birth we are directly concerned with the spatial positions and inter-relationships of the various material units forming the solar system at the instant the life force emerges into the world of matter clothed in a garment of physical substance, and from an examination of the configurations concerned we are able to forecast, by the rules of astrology based on centuries of observation and practice, what is likely to happen as the result of the interaction between the various forces. Further, any alteration in the radical positions must carry with it a corresponding alteration in the time factor, which however, can only manifest itself to our consciousness in terms of our own apprehension of time. The progression of the horoscope gives the variations in spatial position in relation to the instant of birth, but as the material units concerned do not function in our time system, and have no separate appreciation of time apart from space, the alterations in their spatial relationships can be taken (as viewed from our standpoint) on *both* sides of the birth moment, or as we term it, "before" birth and "after" birth.

To be concluded in our next issue.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From (MR.) W. J. TUCKER

When reviewing my book *The Fixed Stars and Your Horoscope*, Mr. G. H. Bailey was obviously animated by one single and undivided purpose: destructive criticism. He therefore chose to treat my book as though it were a dangerous reptile, fit only to be stamped upon. However, if I may be permitted to encroach upon your valuable space for the purpose of making an interesting reply, I shall endeavour to show that I am not quite so absent-minded as Mr. Bailey states, hopes, and believes.

1. I have *not* stated that *only* those stars which are *actually occulted* by the luminaries and planets at birth affect the individual. What I did was to stress the supreme importance of the birthstars (i.e. the stars actually occulted); but I have also shown that other

stars of high magnitude also affect the individual similarly, even though these be not occulted. Obviously, I would not be referring in the text to "orbs" were actual occultations the unique consideration.

2. It is true that some stars which appear in my list could not *at present* be occulted by the luminaries and the planets. But these stars have been included because they belong to, and are part of, the zodiacal constellations: and because occultations *are not the only factors which have to be considered*. In this connection I will point out that the supreme importance of the Zenith has been stressed in my book *The Principles of Scientific Astrology*. The importance of the exact location (by latitude as well as by longitude) of the Rotational Sensitive Point (R.S.P.) has likewise been stressed. And I would point out that these positions will refer to stars outside the very restricted zodiacal belt (which itself is limited by the Moon's variations in latitude).

3. May I point out that it was unnecessary to confuse new students, approaching the study of stellar movement for the first time, with the assurance that the positions of the stars as stated in my list are accurate only for the year 1936. Was it impossible for Mr. Bailey to understand that the rate of precessional movement is so small that it takes 72 years for the displacement to amount to one degree? And is one degree difference, by the time we have reached the year A.D. 2008, too great an error to satisfy the purposes of astrological *approximations* which allow "orbs" of several degrees?

4. When Mr. Bailey states that a goodly proportion of the stars listed do not lie within the area of the planetary belt, he is choosing to regard the planetary belt *as fixed* (just as I have chosen to regard the 1936 positions of the stars as fixed!), whereas I do not doubt that he is well aware that Polaris is not the only Pole Star which has been known to humanity, and that it will not be the Pole Star of the distant future. Surely he cannot be unaware that the travel of the poles slowly but surely affects the location of the Planetary Belt in the stars, as does Precession to stellar R.A. Obviously it would not have suited his purpose to reveal his knowledge of this fact when reviewing my book: the revelation would have blunted his dart!

5. In connection with the Duke of Windsor's horoscope, I was not ignoring the fact that Alpha Librae was not actually *occulted* by Jupiter. But it was *well within orbs*, and, being a star of First Magnitude, was by definition of as great an importance as the unnamed star (or stars) of insignificant magnitude which were being actually occulted by Jupiter.

6. With regard to the horoscope of the Black Prince, I revealed in the book that the horoscopolical data was not calculated by me, but was taken from 1001 *Notable Nativities*. What was Alan Leo's source of information I do not know: but I can conceive of two possible explanations: (1) that Alan Leo may have copied the details from a horoscope chart prepared by a medieval astrologer (an explanation which I deem *most unlikely*)—in which case it must be observed that detailed ephemerides were not in existence in a period anterior to the founding of Greenwich Observatory, and that

even Kepler had to calculate planetary and stellar positions for himself, being in the process just as vulnerable, human, and prone to error as the rest of us, or (2) that the positions provided by Leo were calculated by himself or by others—in which case we need assurance that the records providing the birth data of the Black Prince are unimpeachable, and an assurance that in calculating the positions the proper adjustments between the Old and New Calendars have been made and that the zodiacal place-positions given us were calculated for the actual stellar position by precessional motion for the year of birth of the Black Prince. What the truth is, I do not know; but being sceptical, I conclude that the calculated positions employing modern zodiacal series was intended to refer to the position of the Vernal Equinox as at the beginning of the twentieth century. Be that as it may, I will confess that the astrological pattern of the horoscope supplied by Alan Leo inspired me with confidence: and Mr. Bailey will duly note that my astrological investigation of the horoscope was quite deep enough to spot the significant correspondences which exist between the horoscopes of the Black Prince and the Duke of Windsor (which horoscopes were not cast by me, but by other astrologers).

7. The nature of Mr. Bailey's comments *re* the star 2 Ceti 1504 makes it impossible for me to fathom his meaning: but I gather that he has taken me too literally when I insisted upon the need for closeness of place-position in terms of R.A. and Decl. for both birthstar and planet-pointer (which was the real reason why I stressed the desirability of actual occultation) and that he has ignored altogether the factor of close and allowable "orbs."

May I end my letter with a protest? It seems to me necessary to protest, because certainly we are not going to get very far in this world if we all act like Mr. Bailey, and set out deliberately to discover means for destroying any new or original approach to Astrology that may happen along. It is quite easy to discourage lesser-instructed students from the approach to a new work by damning it at its inception. But is such unscrupulous conduct the work of an honest reviewer? Certainly I am human and just as prone to error as the rest of us. But the work of a scientist consists in the attempt to uncover the face of Truth, and therefore I have no doubt that the general consensus of opinion will confirm that by probing stellar mysteries and by revealing the results of my independent investigations in a series of books, I have been performing valuable services in the cause of Astrology.

Comments by Mr. G. H. Bailey

IT was most unscientific of Dr. Tucker not to tabulate the extent of the "orbs" permitted to each star, after stressing the supreme importance (and even the necessity) of occultation, as he does on page 19 of his book, where he says, "It will be realised that at the moment of a birth each of the luminaries and planets will be *occulting* a certain fixed star. Moreover, as we have pre-

viously shown, it is because the radiations from the (maximum of ten) fixed stars have been shut off from the Earth by the other members of the Solar System at the very instant of the 'moulding' process. That these ten separate stars have such significance and importance in the life—an importance such as is possessed by none other of the fixed stars in the particular life of the individual."

He emphasises this point even further on page 20 by italicising a paragraph: "*The birthstar has to be actually occulted by the transiting planet before it will produce its effects,*" and on page 21 he goes on to say, "But it should be carefully noted that the longitude and latitude of the planet must agree in *both* terms with the co-ordinates of the birthstar. Just because the longitude of the planet is exactly the same as the longitude of the star is not sufficient to guarantee an occultation. For unless the latitude of the planet simultaneously agrees with the latitude of the star as well, the planet will sidetrack the star."

We now learn from his letter how extremely wide are the orbs he proposes to allow— 10° for the faint star 2 Ceti 1504 (from 22° ♎ to 2° ♎, and presumably to 12° ♎), and as much or more in the case of Alpha Librae (which is *not* of the 1st magnitude, as he states, but only of the 3rd). Even students unfamiliar with stellar horoscopy will appreciate this absurdity.

His statement that some of the stars he lists cannot "*at present*" be occulted by the luminaries and planets implies the possibility of their occultation at some remote epoch, which renders his omission of their annual variations in R.A. and declination even more mystifying. No stellar catalogue can be considered complete without such information, and apparently Dr. Tucker does not realise that the relatively small displacement of approximately 1° in 72 years necessitates an alteration of over 8° to the zodiacal positions of the stars he tabulates before they can be examined in relation to the Black Prince's horoscope. Or does he really imagine that the planetary positions therein have been adjusted to suit the twentieth century?

Had the importance of the subject called for a longer notice many other notions put forward in the book would have been criticised, but as the main object of a review is to advise would-be readers what to expect, it was felt that nothing more was necessary than a brief reference to a few of the outstanding errors and omissions. Dr. Tucker's letter has but shown how right was that course

From (MR.) R. C. DAVISON

A PROTEST

I have become somewhat perturbed, on reading through the feature "At the Lodge" in the June number of the Quarterly, at the apparent misapprehension of fundamental astrological principles displayed by some of the Lodge members whose comments at the various meetings have been incorporated in the report. This is doubly unfortunate as the quality of the Lodge as a whole must be reflected in such a report, and while some misgivings might be felt by an experienced subscriber while reading it, there will be others less experienced who will be misled through attaching importance to ideas simply because they occur *in print*.

The first point to which I wish to draw attention is an illustration of this. It has been said in various textbooks that in horary astrology the 7th house represents "the artist." But it shows a lack of reflection for the conclusion to be reached from this that when an astrologer asks himself a question about someone else the 7th house still represents "the artist." The basic principle is that the house represents the self, the 7th, other people. When an astrologer is asked a question, the 1st house rules the querent's self and the 7th the one from whom he enquires, in which case alone the 7th house represents the astrologer. But when the astrologer asks a question he becomes the querent and is governed by the 1st house and those enquired about fall naturally under the 7th, which has then nothing to do with "the artist." The figure may then be judged by taking the 7th cusp as the ascendant of the one enquired about.

The second point concerns the remarks on the Vernal Ingress figure. By what strange jugglery of astrological principles the portents in this figure can be held to be moderately good for the Government I know not. One French astrologer, an unofficial adviser to the French Cabinet, has gone so far as to predict a change of government in this country. The ruler posited on the Midheaven is held to be good for the Government. But what a condition the ruler is in! Mars is very ill-placed in Pisces and receives the square of Uranus from the 12th house, of all places! To make matters worse, the impressionable Moon is caught up in this configuration. The underlying astrological principle is that a planet exactly on an angle is strong. It can, however, be strong for good or evil, and in this particular instance no amount of whitewashing can change the fact that Mars is in a very bad state indeed. All the indications seem to point to a very powerful, organised (Uranus) secret (12th house) movement against the Government in which transport (Gemini) interests will be prominent. There will be great difficulties in the way of nationalising the transport industry and the health services and the possibility of an organised wave of mass hysteria against the present Government. The trouble caused by the Government's Conscription Bill is also shown by this configuration. Events will cause the Government to totter, but I should not like to predict a fall from this map alone.

Lastly, let us consider the matter of the precession of the equinoxes and the affirmation of Regulus that the great periods of time in which the vernal equinox travels backwards through the various constellations are unequal. Such a theory makes nonsense of the whole basis of symbolical periodicity in astrology. At the present rate of precession the time elapsed before the first point of Aries returns to its original location in the zodiac of the constellations is 25,920 years. This divides into twelve equal periods of 2,160 years, which give us the Piscean, Aquarian ages, etc. This period of 2,160 years can be subdivided by thirty to give the number of years required for one whole degree to be traversed by the Vernal Equinox. This period is 72 years which is directly related to the 36-year cycles. Thus each zodiacal age of 2,160 years is comprised of sixty 36-year cycles. It was on a profound knowledge of the existence of this law of cycles that Nostrodamus and other great astrologers based their predictions of what was to happen many hundreds of years ahead, often with startling success. The zodiac of the constellations can only be considered to enter into the question of precession in so far as it forms a background against which can be measured the progress of the first point of Aries. But to identify the unequal constellations with the various ages is to invite error and enter into chaos.

Congratulations to Mr. Caselli, for whose astrological prowess I have a great regard, for fighting the intrusion of this heresy.

Those interested in studying the subject further should refer to "The Wheel of Life," by Maurice Wemyss, Vol. I, Appendix 4, and to "Cosmic Symbolism," by Sepharial—the chapters on "Cosmic Symbolology" and "The Law of Cycles."

REVIEWS

Autobiography of a Yogi, by Paramhansa Yogananda. The Philosophical Library, 15 East 40th Street, New York, 16.

An unusually interesting book, full of the miraculous feats of Indian saints, who, however, despite their extraordinary powers, are not above advising their disciples to wear astrological charms and bangles. The references to astrology are not extensive but they are well worth consideration. "Ages ago our yogis discovered that pure metals emit an astral light which is powerfully counteractive to negative pulls of the planets." Again, "the preventive uses of astrology have seldom been seriously studied outside of India."

Other references to astrology are of a philosophical character.

The style is delightfully simple and easy and yet seems to transmit to the reader something of the supermundane calm and profound wisdom and goodness of the exalted beings to whom he is introduced. But there is plenty of humour too. We particularly like the yogi who was only induced by a mauling and a miracle to forsake for a holier life his beloved secular occupation of fighting tigers with his bare hands.

Simply as a picture of contemporary Indian life and thought the

book is well worth perusal. It is noteworthy that even in the East there are people who sneer at astrology as "superstition" and affect an attitude of hard-boiled materialism.

C. C.

NOTICES

MR. E. H. BAILEY, for many years editor of *The British Journal of Astrology*, informs me that he has resuscitated the British Astrological Society after the war interval, and that it is holding meetings near St. James Park Station. Inquiries should be addressed to Mr. Bailey at 4, Balfour Road, Hounslow, Middlesex.

A member of the Lodge, Mr. W. Shoemaker, Cefn Coed Hospital, M.P.R., Cockett, Swansea, would welcome astrological correspondents.

According to the journal of the British Astronomical Association a transplutonian planet has been discovered. Its period is put at about 685.65 years, and its mass at 11.6 times that of Mars. Moreover, unlike Pluto, it seems to have very little eccentricity in respect of the plane of the ecliptic. It seems curious that nothing else (so far as I know) has appeared in the Press about this supposed discovery, the reality of which seems to be taken for granted in the publication cited, which also refers to a planet with the strange name of *Hidalgo*. This is perhaps a planet, in lieu of a castle, in Spain!

The present position of the new body is said to be 4 Leo.

"... the characters of the planets, as conceived by medieval astrology, seem to me to have a permanent value as spiritual symbols—to provide a *Phanomenologie des Geistes* which is specially worth while in our own generation."—C. S. LEWIS in *Rehabilitations and Other Essays*.

IS ASTROLOGY A SCIENCE?

By J. A. GOLDSCHMITZ

A WELL-KNOWN Netherlands parapsychologist has recently read a paper before a learned audience bearing the above title. He could not answer the question, but most readers of the

Quarterly will be convinced that the value of Astrology cannot be denied, even by the most prejudiced, for much longer. I have been asked, at this moment when the world has been appalled by the number of grave airplane accidents, which often occur all over the world within the space of a few days, as to the possibilities of foreseeing and even preventing these accidents. Of course the possibility is there; but, except for the mourning relatives and friends, we are apt to forget these unpleasant happenings, which have caused the death of hundreds.

With the advance of technical science there are "bigger and better" planes; there are more passengers; but there is also an increasing number of accidents. Indeed, "death takes no holiday."

After each crash a commission is set up to examine the twisted and burned remains and determine the exact cause of the accident. Often this cause cannot be found. Pilots in such cases have practically always a perfect record of service and therefore cannot be blamed, whilst the airplanes themselves were constructed according to the latest discoveries and requirements for utter safety.

It is not my intention to break a lance for Astrology just now, but it is regrettable that our big Air Lines do not consider the possibilities hidden in the study of the planetary configurations. How many lives could be saved and how much sorrow prevented if they did so, quite apart from stemming the general waning confidence in air travel!

Astrological research has shown that certain stellar constellations are highly provocative of airplane accidents. It is amazing to see how these configurations manifest themselves at the very moment of the crash, whilst they can also be found at the same time in the horoscopes of the passengers. Various accidents have been carefully examined by the writer, and it is not without reason that he has come to the conclusion mentioned. Here are some cases to consider:—

On May 26, 1947, Mars and Saturn were in square aspect; this was responsible for several crashes that took place at that time.

On August 6, 1947, Mars and Uranus will be in conjunction: a dangerous constellation!*

About the same time the conjunction Saturn-Pluto may cause airplane crashes, although up to now I have not been able to examine the influence of Pluto in respect of aviation sufficiently for a clear conclusion.

On November 12, 1947, there will be a conjunction between

* So indeed it proved to be, and not only in the air but also in relation to terrible mining and train disasters.—ED.

Mars and Saturn (very fatal) and a most unfortunate configuration will occur on or about October 23, 1948.

Owing to the fact that essential data, such as the moment of birth of the pilots, the exact time of departure of the plane, and so forth, are not available, it will not usually be possible to narrow down the predictions to the exact time and place of the accident. Only the probable dangerous dates can be fixed, but this does not exclude of course the possibility of accidents happening on other occasions.

It will not be absolutely necessary that crashes will take place *exactly* on the above dates; but we may be sure that they will occur *about* the times stated.

In my opinion, it is irresponsible to engage pilots in whose nativities indications are found of liability to accidents in the air.

NOTE BY EDITOR.—It is very important to recall that the usual psychological tests employed by the air-lines (as we have been informed) may be very reliable *within their own limits*, but that the scope of the nativity is far wider, since it embraces not only a psychological liability to accidents but also a liability in every sense, including what would normally be styled pure ill-luck.

ESSAYS ON THE FOUNDATIONS OF ASTROLOGY

BY
CHARLES E. O. CARTER

THIS work, written during the war years, comprises Chapters upon the Sun, Moon and Planets, Aspects and Exaltations, the Positive-Negative Polarity, Aspects in Terms of the Signs, the Twelve Signs, and the various Problems connected with the Houses. The angle of approach is chiefly psychological, and the book should interest all who are attracted by that side of the science, although the practical and common-sense point of view which is associated with the Author's writings is never forgotten. It contains much that is suited for beginner and advanced student alike.

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