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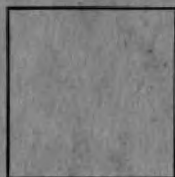
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EDITORIAL

The Horoscope of the Western Hemisphere

I am indebted to Professor Troinski of Berlin, a very erudite investigator, for a map for the landing of Columbus in the West Indies, which horoscope Professor Troinski designates as above, though obviously the title needs to be expanded somewhat, for it represents rather the birth of the planting of European civilisation in the Western World.

Positions (for 2 a.m., October 12, 1492) are:

Asc. 29 ♌; Sun 28 ♊; Moon 16 ♉; Mercury 20 ♍; Venus 17 ♍; Mars 28 ♌; Jupiter 10 ♌; Saturn 13 ♎; Uranus 24 ♏; Neptune 27 ♏.

The Professor supports the claims of this map with various highly interesting secondary directions, such as ☉ ♂ rad. 24, 1778, when the American Revolution began to turn in favour of the Colonials, and an exact conjunction of ♂ and ♀, both progressed, in ☿ ♋ in August 1945 (Hiroshima).

For 1950, a year towards which astrologers are beginning to look with some apprehension, he has found prog. ☉ ♂ prog. ♀, in ♏ ♎, whilst in 1962 prog. ☉ is ♂ rad. ♀.

Fortunately the figure itself must be pronounced to be very strong, with its fine "fan" Mars-Sun-Neptune, and the applying trines of the Moon to Venus-Mercury, the Moon being in her own sign. Saturn is in its own positive sign and Jupiter is well placed in Leo, and it is well to remember that serious directions must necessarily appear, sooner or later, in every national horoscope.

The Autumn Equinox and U.S.S.R.

The map for Moscow shows the Sun just about to rise in close square to Uranus virtually on the upper meridian, and in Cancer. I leave my readers to think this over.

National Directions

The conjunction of the Sun with Saturn (S-) to which reference was made in our last issue justified itself in June, not only in regard to Palestine and the flood of calumny to which we were exposed in that connection, but also with respect to the threatened reduction in the amount of the Marshall Aid to be made available to ourselves and others. There was the serious dock strike and an acute crisis in Berlin. Further, there was the Nationalist victory in the South African elections.

But nothing was more appropriate to this direction (since \hbar rules real property) than the coming into effect, on July 5th, of the Town and Country Planning Act (1947). It is characteristic of the apathy of the people that little notice seems to have been taken of this measure, which is likely to be a landmark of the utmost significance in our social history. It transfers many millions of pounds of "development value" from the landowner to the State. The Act may do some good in preserving what remains of the English countryside from indiscriminate "development," but its immediate operation can hardly fail to produce many minor tragedies, despite the provision of a fund for compensating hard cases.

The Faculty of Astrological Studies

This was founded and declared to be in existence as a separate entity at 7 hrs. 50 mins., British Summer Time, on Monday, June 7, 1948, at Queen Square.

At this point I would like to comment on its very interesting relation to the Lodge, of which it is the child.

In the map of the Lodge (7.20 p.m., G.M.T., July 13, 1915, North London), Mercury, Pluto and Venus have come by progression to the cusp of the 5th house. In the radical 5th, 2Π is on cusp 5; the ascendant of the F.A.S. is $2 \uparrow$. By o-d progression we have in the Lodge map $2 \downarrow * \S$, ruler 5th, exact almost to the minute of arc. I believe I have written somewhere that an o-d aspect between $2 \downarrow$ and \S is one of the best signs of the birth of a child!

The secondary progressions in the Lodge map are not so good ($\S \S \text{ 8th}$, $\S \square 2 \downarrow$). But these may refer to quite other matters.

I am strongly of opinion that it will take much time to develop the ambitious scheme of the Faculty, but, with the Lights sextile Saturn at its inception, this should be finally carried into effect.

The Lodge did me the honour of electing me first Principal. My directions in the next few years are not good; however, I may be of use in laying the foundations of what should become an important factor in British astrology.

The F.A.S. will be financially independent of the Lodge, but the latter body will exercise a supervisory function.

I hope to have much more to say on this subject in the December issue, but in the interim all interested persons are cordially invited to write to the Hon. Secretary, "Regulus," 6 Napier Avenue, London, S.W.6.

A Register of Data

On the suggestion of Miss P. Vernon, on old Lodge member, it is proposed, in each December issue, to publish a Register of important events, covering the preceding twelve months.

Foreign correspondents are especially asked to join in this project which will have much present, and even more future, value.

In all cases the source of the information upon which the data are based should be stated and the nature of the time given, i.e. whether local mean time, local standard time, summer-time and other relevant particulars.

The Ayanamsha and "La Volasfera"

After hearing Mr. Nixon lecture on Hindu astrology I was moved to test the well-known "La Volasfera" degree-readings in the light of the Hindu zodiac, which, as most readers will know, disregards precession and in consequence now falls some 19° behind ours.

I would like readers to apply this test to Hitler's nativity. We cannot quote the degree-delineations at length, and our readers will probably possess the book. But here are some samples, starting with Mercury and going round the zodiac.

Mercury will recede, in terms of the Hindu zodiac, to 6 ♎. The degree is said to indicate superiority, attainment and honour; but is fraught with many dangers. "Many catastrophes are to be feared." Applying this to Hitler's mind (♁) it cannot be denied that his mental faculties finally collapsed, and were never stable.

Next, Venus and Mars fall in 27 ♎. A degree of Decadence; "one whose nature will not sustain the reverses of fortune to which he will be subjected."

Next, Neptune, 11 ♏. A degree of Self-service.

Pluto—13 ♏. A degree of Selfishness.

Saturn—24 \varnothing . Read in the light of the nature of Saturn, this is very striking. A degree of Mastery.

Uranus—1 \simeq . The description is again striking, especially in relation to Uranus. A degree of Wounding.

The ascendant is uncertain.

Moon—17 \ddagger . An extraordinarily apt passage, which should be read in full. A degree of Abandonment.

Jupiter—19 \ddagger . The same applies here—"at some time in life he will find himself in a beleaguered city." A degree of Captivity.

I may say that hitherto I have regarded these delineations as completely worthless.

In applying the *ayanamsha* to old horoscopes account must be taken of the rate of precession, i.e. 1° in 72 years. Mr. Wemys suggests that the amount was 19° in 1916 and will of course be $19\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ in 1952.

In Sepharial's introduction to the translation of these degrees he states that they are the work of one Anton Borelli, but who this man was, I do not know. It seems pretty certain that he used the stellar zodiac and based these descriptions of the degrees upon it. That does not, of course, prove that the stellar zodiac is any "better" or "truer" than the equinoctial, which Sepharial refers to as the "fixed" zodiac. So far as the degree-delineations are concerned, it is merely a question of alternative methods of denomination.

Incidentally the term "fixed zodiac" is being used to denote the stellar as opposed to the equinoctial zodiac; but actually nothing in the nature is fixed, and nothing is less fixed than the so-called fixed stars. Therefore the terms stellar and equinoctial zodiacs seem best. "Zodiac of the constellations" is hardly correct, if we start from some such point as the star Revati and then take 30° for each zodiacal constellation, for, as writers have emphasised in our correspondence columns, the constellations have no such fixed dimensions—far from it.

The Ayanamsha and the Vernal Equinox

The Hindus, as we have said, use an *ayanamsha* or "precessional difference" of approximately 19° , differing as to its exact value.

Now such an *ayanamsha* would mean that the Sun enters the constellation Aries on or about April 10th of each year (at the present time).

If the reader will look at that date for the years 1914 and 1939, he will, though unable to use any mundane positions for lack of a precise time, perceive that the general aspects of the

heavens are singularly appropriate to the outbreak of great wars. In 1914 there was an opposition of the Lights in 19-50 Aries-Libra, and Mars was in 20-10 Cancer. In 1939, at noon, Sun was in 19-43 Aries and Saturn in 20-51 Aries (note that it was a war in which there was far more destruction of property and much less loss on the battlefield than in 1914-18) and Moon was in 6-44 Capricorn and Mars in 10-54 of the same sign.

In 1854 (Crimean War) the Moon was close to a stationary Mars on April 9th, and Uranus was near our 1801 Mars.

In 1857 (Indian Mutiny) there was a conjunction of Venus and Uranus in square to our Saturn, and the Moon may have been in square to that planet, the ruler of India.

In 1870 (Franco-Prussian War) the Sun was with Mars, and both square Uranus; Mercury (ruler of Paris) was badly involved.

It is interesting that in 1848, the year of revolutions, Uranus was conjoined with the Sun at the time of the ayanamsha ingress.

We may add that, so far as one can judge without mundane positions, 1949 and 1950 do not appear particularly alarming when seen from this point of view.

It would be ungracious to quit this subject of the stellar zodiac without paying a necessarily brief but very sincere tribute to Mr. Cyril Fagan's immense work of research in that field.

Our private belief, for what it may be worth, is that in the course of time we shall agree that both zodiacs possess significance and that we shall find each of special value in its own field. The notion that the planets possess the utmost meaning for us and the stars and constellations none at all is, frankly, completely at variance with our entire conception of astrology.

COMPETITION

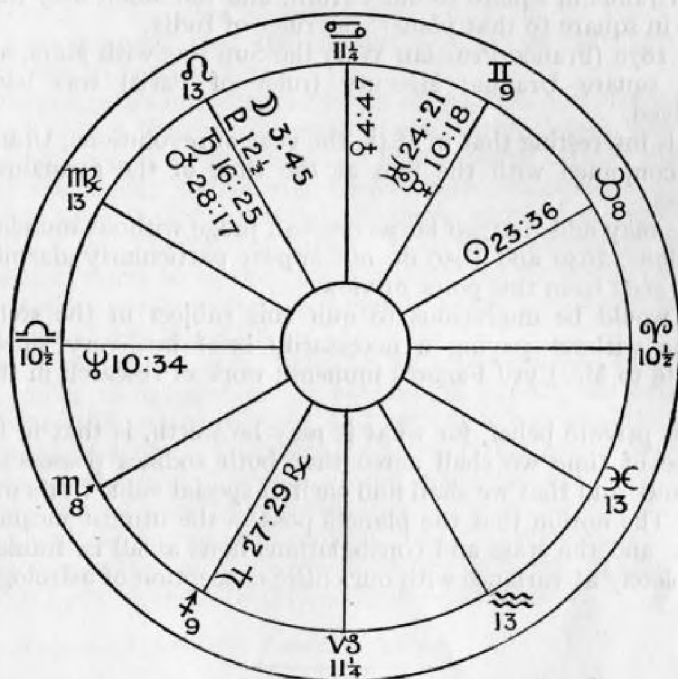
THE Prize goes to Miss Eileen Earle, of Stratford-on-Avon, Mrs. Vernita Churchill being a good second, though it seems to me rather strange that she should turn Mars into a yokel: surely that would rather be Venus-Taurus? Her Neptune is terribly humble and diffident and would Saturn sign himself the lady's "servant"? Surely that is rather Virginian!

I am sorry it is not possible for reasons of space to publish a selection of these amusing contributions. There were few entries: are astrologers getting solemn nowadays? In my early days we used to get a lot of fun out of the science and were by no means ashamed to do so.

THE EDITOR.

THE HOROSCOPE OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

BY THE EDITOR



THE new State was brought into existence by a declaration to that effect which was broadcast (see *The Times* of the next day) on May 14, 1948, at about 4 p.m. I am informed that 1 hour daylight saving was in operation, so that the equivalent G.M.T. was 1 p.m., and the local mean time (at Tel-Aviv) was 3 hours 20 minutes.

The peaceful settlement of the so-called Jewish Question and

the establishment of a prosperous Jewish community in accordance with their racial aspirations are vital to the well-being of the world, whatever one's opinion may be as to the respective rights of Jew and Arab. Therefore one would be glad to make a favourable report upon this horoscope.

Mercury and Jupiter are in their own signs, and Venus and Mars are strong by sign (in the writer's opinion).

Neptune exactly rising agrees well with the aspirations of Judaism and it is in very near trine to Mercury in Gemini, showing aid from the United States.

The ruler is fairly well placed, and the opposition of Jupiter to Uranus, which I would interpret (in part) as corresponding to the contrast between the religious and the Marxist elements in Zionism, is mediated by Mars.

However, the signs of strife are manifest enough, the Sun being in square, applying, to Mars; whilst the Moon, if not actually in orbs of the conjunction of three malefics, is in the same sign and applying to them.

Whatever one may feel about the spiritual side of Neptune, this planet, exactly rising, is not good from a material point of view, at least in my judgment.

False and selfish "friends" are certainly shown by the bodies in the 11th house; and the frustration of hopes and wishes, or at least their being realised only through bloodshed and great difficulties.

The Jews would have done well to imitate the wise example of the Burmese, who chose an auspicious time (at any rate by their own methods)* for inaugurating their freedom.

One is not at all surprised that this map accords ill with our 1801 map, the Jewish Sun being only 17' from the square of our Saturn.

Even more portentous is the correlation between the figure and that of the U.S.S.R.

"Beware false friends" is written on this map in letters that he who runs may read.

Perhaps, too, the 11th house stands for neighbours, to wit, the adjoining Arab States.

* But see my remarks (p. 4, March issue of this year) on their apparent disregard of Neptune!

CONCERNING CRICKET

BY JOHN M. ADDEY

AT about the time the sun enters Taurus each year, a faint unrest which has been stirring in the hearts of All True Englishmen begins to produce definite results. Sundry paraphernalia are produced, linseed oil is wiped from blades of wood, dextrous passes are made at imaginary balls, there is much activity on the greensward and by the first of May the stage is set for the great Taurean festival of King Willow and the opening of the Cricket Season.

I call it a Taurean festival because this initial association of cricket with Taurus seems to go much deeper; in fact there could hardly be a more complete expression of much that the sign stands for.

Cricket is essentially a game of the village green; indeed it cannot anywhere be played without introducing the leisured atmosphere of the countryside. There is no violent output of energy here, no lightning decisions, all proceeds with due gravity and decorum. The opening stages are distinguished by traditional formalities. The umpires inspect the wicket, the captains inspect the wicket, the players, individually and in groups, inspect the wicket. (This attention to the condition of the ground continues throughout the game and may be regarded as a kind of homage to Mother Earth!) A coin is spun and weighty decisions are made; the batsmen go through a process known as "playing themselves in," and on these firm foundations proceed, if they are doing the job properly, to amass a wealth of runs. Meanwhile, the bowler patiently works out his plans for the overthrow of the batsmen, and so the game gradually unfolds. The cardinal virtue of the batsman is prudence and composure—(without these the opportunity to exercise the secondary qualities of initiative is not likely to come his way); of the bowler, persistence; of the fielder, vigilance (and often endurance); of the umpire, reliability; of the spectator a tranquil contemplativeness; and the total effect is to induce a spirit of good-natured philosophy in one and all.

All of which, one must admit, has more than a suggestion of Taurus about it.

The game appears to have been cradled "on the springy turf of the North and South Downs and on the pleasant meadows of the Inner Weald," a corner of England I have seen mentioned

as having a special affinity with Taurus. Specifically agricultural associations are by no means lacking: the wicket (gate), the bail, the length of the pitch itself which has always been, as it is to-day, twenty-two yards or four gads*—the width of a Saxon acre-strip.

The references to honesty and fair-play which have passed into our language in such phrases as "playing the game" and "keeping a straight bat" need hardly be mentioned, but a point of greater interest is the association that cricket has always had with the enjoyment of refreshments (a Taurean speciality, I believe). Most of the early cricket clubs had as their headquarters the village inn or local hostelry, and this applies to village cricket still. Such was the case with the earliest of the famous London clubs, where it had formerly been the custom of mine host to advertise the attraction of "Bats and Balls for Cricket, and a convenient field to play in."

A search for statistics has been very disappointing. Copies of a *Cricketer's Who's Who*, published fifteen years ago, have so far been very elusive, though a fresh edition may be available before long, and I have had to be content with much more limited data than is desirable. However, out of 198 cricketers playing in County cricket during 1946 (the latest year for which I had figures) the disposition of the sun through the signs was as follows: (I have kept to sun positions only as being of most general significance and on account of the fifth house connection.)

♈	♉	♊	♋	♌	♍	♎	♏	♐	♑	♒	♓
17	21	16	22	16	14	16	14	16	14	13	18

It must be admitted that the number involved is trifling and the result cannot be looked upon as being more than a rather small straw in the wind. However, one recalls that the majority of these players are professionals, and neither Taurus nor Cancer (the two most frequently tenanted signs) produces types likely to choose a form of livelihood not always regarded as very settled or permanent. The slight pre-eminence of Cancer is interesting. It is a sign that has much in common with Taurus and I have certainly gained the impression that Cancer is exceptionally well tenanted in the nativities of many outstanding cricketers.

Len Hutton, for instance, the England opening bat, has ☉, ♀ and ♋ in Cancer, with, I would strongly suggest, a Taurus ascendant. In making the highest score in any Test Match,

* An old land measure.

364 against Australia, he batted for over thirteen hours. Performances of this sort require a good deal of the qualities one expects of these two signs, but it is easy to appreciate how criticisms of excessive doggedness and over-caution have come the way of this player from time to time. One wonders if the remarkable success of Yorkshire as a cricketing county might not be accounted for by allowing the natives of that county the Cancerian rulership which is suggested by their shrewd and homely nature and strong "local patriotism."

It may be that the cricket pitches of the last century, which the present-day schoolboy would hardly consider fit for practice play, favoured the rude vigour of the Taurean, but that the well-cared-for wickets of recent years offer more scope for the sensitive and imaginative qualities of the Cancerian.

W. G. Grace, universally acknowledged "The Champion," had sun in Cancer, too (the centenary of his birth was celebrated on July 18th this year). It is unfortunate that no record appears to exist of his birthtime; his horoscope should almost itself be the horoscope of cricket!

If, having mentioned Grace, it is proper to single out any other name in cricket history, that of Alfred Mynn, I think, should be the one. Although a Capricornian by sun-sign, one cannot help suspecting the Taurean influence at work too. Born in Kent in 1807 of yeoman stock, and weighing from eighteen to twenty stone during the prime of his cricketing career, he was, in his day, supreme in all departments of the game. There are some singularly apt and delightful verses written on Mynn after his death, which conclude:

"Lightly lie the turf upon thee, kind and manly Alfred Mynn."

"Kind and manly . . ." yes, those are certainly the gifts of Taurus at its best.

Of the other signs, if more comprehensive figures were available, I think one might expect Leo, as the most restrained of the fiery triplicity, to contribute a larger share to the cricketing fraternity. Are not Australians said to be ruled by this sign? Some will be surprised that Sagittarius should not receive honourable mention in this field of sport, as in most others. But though there have been notable exceptions, for instance Jack Hobbs, with ☉, ♂, ♀ and ♄ in this sign, Sagittarians as a class are not of the true-born cricketing temperament, being almost too active for this game and sometimes too reckless. Indeed, there is evidence that your Sagittarian cannot always rise to the occasion even when cricket is, so to speak, thrust upon him. Osbert Sitwell (☉ in ♏), mentions in his auto-

biography that his grandfather, having divined in him a future cricketer of great prowess, had arranged for "W. G." to have his grandchild's name entered for the M.C.C. on the very day of his birth! But, alas, he never took to the game, finding it, apparently, altogether too slow an affair, and he goes on to tell of how, as a small boy, he shocked his elders and "afforded some evidence of the devil within me, by falling asleep during what was for others one of the most exciting moments of a county championship match."

And what light then does all this throw on the much-debated question of our national sign?—for cricket is supposed to be as English as—well, as English as cricket!

If, as has been remarked, ours is "the land where men take their pleasures seriously," then this does not altogether contradict the Sagittarian ascendant favoured by many, and which of course gives a Taurean fifth house. For, though not strictly speaking a "serious" sign, Taurus often has an air of ponderous application which we may suppose the author of the above judgment had in mind. However, with some of the evidence before him, the reader may now form his own conclusions on this aspect of the matter.

A DOCTOR'S VIEW ON MEDICAL ASTROLOGY

REPORT OF A LODGE LECTURE BY CAPTAIN KAPPERS

IN this very interesting lecture Captain Kappers pointed out the value of astrological reasoning as a useful adjunct to medical diagnosis of diseases based on practical astrological and medical investigations. He summarised his findings as follows:

There were astrological testimonies of some diseases, but not of all diseases found by medical science. He said that the latter is only concerned with the usefulness of the egoic vehicle in a more or less indirect manner as it is primarily an experimental science, whereas medical astrology may provide the necessary key to the individual pattern of disease, as two cases of the same disease differ with the individual. This he considers one of the most valuable contributions which medical astrology can make in the field of healing as medical science is rather inclined to prescribe standard treatments for the same type of disease. Such factors as constitution which play such a great part in the effect upon the course of a disease with the individual may be successfully assessed by consulting medical astrology.

This is considered most welcome in the field of medical work. Although the metal lead, the 10th brain-nerve, the sign Capricorn and Saturn express the same idea, one should tread carefully in the application of astrological symbolism as lead, for example, is weak and flexible which otherwise has nothing to do with the toughness of Saturn. Therefore, astrological symbolism should be applied to medical science in a more general way. In his opinion it is also obvious to an unbiased mind that, as the celestial bodies have a noteworthy influence on human stature, character and destiny, they must obviously have an influence on human health.

The lecturer then gave the apparent analogy with the methods of psychical treatment, which afford the patient a view of his own psyche, which also includes the individual differentiation of a typical pattern-disease and the constitution of a patient as shown in the horoscope of birth. Whilst it is sound practice to connect certain regions of the body with the corresponding signs of the zodiac according to traditional astrological practice, the lecturer rejects the fundamentals of certain text books on medical astrology as, for example, those which have been written by Raphael, Heindel, and Wemyss, on the ground that in spite of valuable data being sometimes given therein, they are either very one-sided or over-simplified, thus betraying the author's poor knowledge of medical science. Or else everything is founded on a speculative religious system that as such has nothing to do with both astrology and medical science, besides a lot of contentions by the named authors which in the lecturer's opinion have not proved correct. For example, when Raphael states that Uranus in Aries in the 6th house gives meningitis and Uranus in Taurus trouble with the vocal chords, then a great number of such cases should have been noticed in the periods during which Uranus passed through the aforesaid signs, which has not been the case according to the lecturer's research. Also the Wemyss claims as to the influences of certain degrees in connection with various diseases could not be verified by the lecturer, such as Taurus-Scorpio 11° - 12° , Aries-Libra, Cancer-Capricorn 2° , and Taurus-Scorpio-Capricorn 17° to be connected with asthma and so forth. The lecturer then summarised how astrology should be applied in conjunction with medical science as follows:

General astrological principles are important in diagnosis, such as Ascendant, Midheaven; house and sign-position of the planets, the major aspects, progressions and transits. Both the 1st and 6th houses are most important and to a minor

degree the 8th and the 12th. Chronic diseases are mostly shown in the natal horoscope, whereas one should look to progressions and transits for acute diseases. Other points of interest according to the lecturer's research were some little-used aspects, the distance of which are 17° and 18° and which are of some importance to medical astrology, the influence being adverse. He also stated that the Moon's nodes in the Ascendant cause great susceptibilities to both bodily and spiritual disorders, and that the accepted system of planetary rulerships of the parts of the body does not cover all diseases. According to the lecturer the only way out of this dilemma is to introduce planetary sub-rulerships for the component parts of a bodily organ or for a certain substance penetrating the whole body, such as tissues. The following example is given for tissues:

The element Fire is expressed in the tissue of locomotion—the muscular tissue as follows:

ARIES: Non-striated or involuntary muscular tissue.

LEO: The muscular tissue of the heart.

SAGITTARIUS: The striated or voluntary muscular tissue.

The element Earth is expressed in the supporting tissues as follows:

TAURUS: The connecting and cartilaginous tissue.

VIRGO: Possibly the bone-marrow and blood cells when tissue-forming.

CAPRICORN: The bone-tissue.

The element Air is expressed in the conduction or nerve-tissue as follows:

GEMINI: The peripheral nervous system and the tissue of the dense organs and their connection with the central nervous system.

LIBRA: The tissue of the vegetative nervous system.

AQUARIUS: The tissue of the central nervous system.

The element Water is expressed as follows:

CANCER: The absorbing tissue.

SCORPIO: The horny skin and tissue of the sex organs.

PISCES: The excretory tissue.

The houses are also important, e.g. the 6th and 12th houses govern the absorption and excretion of food, thus covering the whole digestive apparatus. The 2nd and 8th houses govern the internal digestion. The lecturer then goes on to point out the importance of age when considering diseases, as certain diseases are confined to certain periods of life as given by the planets. Epilepsy occurs mostly in youth as this is connected with the

Moon which rules the early periods of life. Arterio-sclerosis occurs mostly after the 60th year in the Saturn period. Also certain diseases occur in certain countries only, which brings in the astrological rulerships of a particular country. The lecturer also thinks that statistics would be very helpful in tabulating particular diseases as well as the use of horary astrology. The latter is particularly important when medical science cannot answer a medical question.

As regards the astrological application of herbs the lecturer does not deny their usefulness, but thinks there are chemicals available to-day which are better suited to the treatment of diseases than herbs, for example, very powerful drugs can be administered more easily when given as pure chemicals than when given in their herbal component forms. In this connection the anthroposophical research in agricultural methods may be useful for growing substances of required healing properties.

Finally, the lecturer stressed a very important point, namely, that well-trained astrologers must also be well-trained physicians with a sound medical knowledge in order to apply medical astrology to the problem of disease.

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

BY MABEL BAUDOT

THE horoscope of Lawrence of Arabia explains his swiftness, pioneering vision, unflagging energy and Leonian courage in revealing terms.

Gemini is rising,* with a powerful group of planets, including the ruler, in Leo. The Sun, Mercury and Saturn all act through the Solar medium. The Moon in Sagittarius, the zone of travel and far distances, shows both mental flights and physical explorations.

He was forever moving, striving, pressing onwards, either in body or mind.

* The writer has drawn this map for 11 h. 20 m. p.m., August 15, 1888, in Wales, but unfortunately has been unable to direct me to the source of her information as to the time of birth, which, I always understood, is unknown. Nevertheless, in view of requests for further articles from her pen, I have printed the paper against my usual rule in regard to hypothetical maps. Contributors are urged to maintain the greatest vigilance on this important matter.—Editor.

Lawrence studied at Jesuit College, Oxford, and spent all his holidays wandering in the countryside of England and France. Gemini is given, *par excellence*, to constant travel and delights in movement.

The love of France is indicated by the powerful Leo, in an angle, while the ruler of England, which country also claimed his allegiance, Mars, is dignified by being in one of his own signs, Scorpio.

Lawrence's favourite study was archaeology, a penchant brought about by Saturn in close conjunction with his ruler. The planet of the past is also trine to his Moon, in the domain of mental excursions, as well as ordinary travel.

There was immense attraction for him in antiquity, and "le cœur écoute toujours la voix qu'il aime." This passion proved irresistible and the journeys he took in the quest are clearly denoted by the fine ray between Mercury and the Moon.

He wrote about the Crusaders and the castles they built in Palestine and Syria. There was something reminiscent of the Crusader in the man himself, and we note the Moon's trine to Saturn, near the house of the past. A memory of the Far Away and Long Ago may have impelled him to this particular study.

In 1907, when he was twenty-nine, he made a long-desired pilgrimage to North Syria, to follow the path of the Crusaders. The Sun had then progressed to Virgo 13, in exact sextile to his Mars in Scorpio. The planet has some bearing on religion and faith generally, and in the Martial sign gave him the love of the militant element in religion which was so dominant in those warriors, while Saturn on the nadir caused him to be more interested in times past than in the present. He wandered all over the historic fields where Coeur de Lion had travelled—a second Lion Heart born in the nineteenth century—he found the ruins of both churches and Moslem castles and the haunts of mighty Sultans of old in lands of poetry and romance.

Still true to his stars, he discovered the Courts of the Lion and the Lizard described by Omar Khayyám—

"They say the Lion and the Lizard keep
The Courts where Jamshyd gloried and drank deep.
And Bahram, that great Hunter, the wild Ass
Stamps o'er his head, but cannot break his sleep."

When Lawrence returned from his travels, he was so impressed by what he had seen that he wrote a remarkable essay which gained him a five years' scholarship. Gemini, the sign of litera-

ture, shows the ascending degree in sextile to Mercury and also to the Sun. The Mercurial planet in the Solar sign has a richly golden tinge in this zone, while the conjunction to Saturn bestows depth and accuracy.

Lawrence spent the prize years in expeditions to Palestine, Syria and Egypt. The last-named country is somewhat under the sway of Scorpio; and here we find Jupiter, with the drive of this sign, full of his innate expansion and energy.

In Carchemish the director of the British Museum invited the explorer to help to dig in the huge mound of sand which he hoped would help to yield up the secrets and mysteries of the past.

Lawrence used to eat salt with the Bedouins—a Bedouin will never harm anyone who has taken salt with him. He quickly became *au courant* with all their ways—again attributable to Jupiter. A true son of the desert, he was never affected by the heat. He looked as cool and collected in his tennis shirt, shorts, and an Oxford blazer, as if he were on one of the emerald lawns of his own University.

Leo, the sign of deserts, gave him this immunity from heat. The darts of Apollo do not kill his own children.

Lawrence was not rich in this world's goods. He spent his early years in the Near East amongst the poor yet proud Arabs. Here again we find Scorpio—the dominant sign of that Arab race, with Mars in great strength in his own zone, in the 4th house—environment. The Sun near the 4th house, square to Jupiter, is not an augury of wealth.

The traveller had the unmistakable appearance of the small yet alert and dignified Leonian. He was short and slender in stature, fair-haired—the tawny mane distinctly suggested the King of the desert—blue-eyed, with a skin that never bronzed but became brick-red. The potency of the fire signs is responsible for these red and tawny hues. The quickness and sprightliness of his movements and his general slenderness seem to be Gemini characteristics.

In the summer of 1914, Lawrence was back at Oxford. A Colonel Newcombe was going to Egypt, sent by the War Office. Help was needed there. They required officers who knew the country and could speak the language. Amongst those he picked Colonel Newcombe chose Lawrence and Woolly, who were friends of pre-war days. The explorer was made Second Lieutenant. Once more the military signs, Leo, and Sagittarius bearing the Moon, influenced him along their own lines.

In 1916, the Arabian adventure commenced. Our Leo left

for the Arabian coast in October of that year, armed with his long, long dreams, his indomitable will and matchless courage.

He rode along the old Pilgrims' Road, the one the Moslem pilgrims take to reach Mecca. His mission was to visit the Arabian Prince, the eldest son of King Faisal, with the intention of gaining his help.

Lawrence was granted the desired interview after many adventures and several dangers, brilliantly overcome. He was approved by the royal scion of the Eastern house, and was equipped as an Oriental Prince by Faisal, with a head-dress made of a square of rich silk and a curved dagger in a golden scabbard. Neptune in the rising sign lends itself to fantasy and masquerade. In the case of Lawrence, there was often an underlying hint of danger, a subtle touch of peril, since Neptune applies closely to the conjunction of Pluto and is in square to Venus.

Yet the two bodies in the quick-witted Gemini gave him great insight and the ability to turn odd incidents to advantage. In addition, Mercury and the Moon in good aspect from fiery signs bestowed swiftness of thought, foresight and a sort of almost lightning-like intuition.

One day, this unconquerable yet peculiar little man, clad in Arab costume, stood before the Staff Captain Wemyss, and in the purest Oxford accent, said gently, "I have just taken Abaku. My men are starving. I want a store ship sent at once. Can you do it?"

It took Headquarters in Egypt some time to recover completely from the shock of Lawrence's wonderful exploit.

His genius ill-brooked a master. He had to act independently, and he would wander away for a day and perhaps for two or three, and then return with valuable pieces of information. Gemini: the frequent transits and the rapid reception of intelligence.

Leo is intensely individual, and the brilliant Uranus in the cardinal Libra is in almost perfect sextile with Mercury, increasing the mental initiative and intuition. In addition, the swift rays of the transcendental one are steadied by being in favourable aspect with Saturn.

On one perilous occasion he was taken by the Turks at Derea. A brutal Turkish officer—a huge burly man—seized Lawrence and beat him on the head with the heel of his heavy boot until the Englishman's face was one red weal. But still he would not speak. They tortured him again until he slid on the floor, unconscious. During the night, in his cell, he managed to drag

himself up in the window and, with infinite difficulty, flung his weary and protesting body out into the darkness below. It was only a few feet, but he lay stunned for a while through the force of his fall. This stoical endurance and stubborn courage were bestowed by the square of the Martial planet entrenched in Scorpio, to both Mercury and Saturn. Without these stiffening and hardening elements he could not have constantly undertaken these danger-fraught and death-haunted missions.

There were times when he employed guerilla tactics against the Turks for months. On one awful day, he charged them single-handed.

At the end of this terrible expedition, which was an orgy of slaying, Lawrence was obliged to give the order to his Hotchkiss gunners to fire on the Turkish prisoners to save them from still worse treatment by his own infuriated Arabs. This position, into which his expedition forced him, put him in a cold rage—Saturn square Mars, so often a granitic aspect. These, both in strong fixed signs, and with the planet of destiny in his detriment, have a way of bringing the subject up against situations in which humaneness and compassion are lacking. Also, the square of Venus in Virgo to the combined Neptune-Pluto in Gemini, can introduce sinister events. Venus, weak in Virgo, reinforcing the Scorpio element as overlord of that sign, is also in opposition to the Moon. Note that the Turks are said to be ruled by Virgo, and they suffered at the hands of the explorer.

When the Armistice took place, Lawrence had left the scenes of his triumph and was in England again. He went to Paris for the peace negotiations and there began what he knew to be a losing fight for the purpose of carrying out the promises which had been made during the war.

He even appeared before the King and told him quietly that he felt bound to resign the honours which they wished to confer upon him. The ideals for which he had fought had gone, and he could not accept reward for what he thought was failure. The admirable integrity of his character comes from Saturn sextile Uranus, and the Moon also in sextile to Uranus reinforces the keen sense of honour.

At last he sought privacy in 1922 by enlisting in the Royal Air Force under an assumed name. He was happy for a few months and just as untidy as when he had worn an officer's uniform in the war—Venus square Neptune, Mercury square Mars. Then an officer discovered his incognito. The officer gave his information to the Press, and the Uxbridge Camp was so

inundated with pressmen that the Royal Air Force was obliged to dismiss him.

He then enlisted in the Tank Corps under the name of Shaw. The conjunction in Gemini, a double-bodied sign, in opposition to the Moon, in another dual sign, was the cause of these pseudonyms and assumption of dual personalities. There were times when the newspapers reported Lawrence to be in three places at once. Chaotic conditions are easily aroused in the two-fold signs. The bitter disappointments about the honours which he felt he was unable to accept, without his own honour being involved, accrue from the difficult aspects of Mars to his ruler and Saturn. Those fatal squares to Mercury and the planet of fate, prevented his receiving the reward of merit.

And so we come to May 16, 1935. Just before noon Lawrence had been sent on his motor cycle to Bovington Camp, Dorset, when he suddenly came on two boys who were riding bicycles in the direction in which he himself was going at from fifty to sixty miles an hour.

Whether Lawrence did not steer past them skilfully, or whether the boys did not move until too late, will never be known. He must have put on his brakes violently to avoid a collision, but did not succeed and was flung over the handlebars of his machine on to his head.

He was taken to Wool Military Hospital, and from Thursday to Saturday the struggle went on. Just after eight on Saturday morning, May 19th, the brave heart ceased to beat. His honour and ideals were safe—Uranus sextile the Moon, Mercury and Saturn in fire, from the idealistic Libra. He had kept them to the end.

Saturn rules the 8th house, and is on cusp of 4th. He is in square to Mars in the death sign, Scorpio, and Mars is in close square to Mercury, also in the 4th, ruling traffic and movement on the road generally. Yet Uranus, lord of the zenith, helped him, with his fine trine to the M.C., and sextiles to both Mercury and Saturn. The Uranian vibrations are frequently of lightning suddenness and swiftness. There was no sorrowful lingering, no painful, long-drawn-out weeks of suffering and misery.

The progressed Moon was in Leo, also in the radical 4th house. The transiting Sun was in Taurus, ill-aspecting the Sun at birth, while the transiting Moon was passing through Sagittarius, near her own natal position, in the 6th, and square the natal Venus. Original and versatile to the end, he died at the age of forty-six.

King George, who had been unable to press honours upon this unique man while he lived, paid a great tribute to his memory in a message he sent to the Colonel's brother, "Your brother's name will live in history. The King gratefully recognises his distinguished service to his country and feels that it is tragic that the end should have come in this manner to a life so full of promise."

Lawrence's monumental work, *The Seven Pillars of Wisdom*, was privately printed in 1926. It is a Mercurial-Saturnian book, based on an "intensive study of history," as stated by Lawrence himself.

ASTROLOGY FOR BEGINNERS

BY THE EDITOR

LESSON No. 3

NEXT, we come to the Zodiac, which, as we have seen, is the pathway, imaginary in the sense that it has no known physical substance, in which the Sun, Moon and Planets move, their motion therein being (again, as we have seen) a compound of their actual or proper motion and the apparent movement due to the earth's proper motion.

There are twelve zodiacal constellations or star-groups known, easily remembered, so far as their English names go, by the jingle:

"The Ram, the Bull, the Heavenly Twins;
The Crab; and next the Lion shines;
The Virgin, and the Scales.
The Scorpion, Archer and He-Goat;
The Man that holds the Watering Pot,
And Fish, with glittering tails."

However, the *Signs* of the Zodiac are quite different from the *Constellations*, though they have the same names, and at one time they coincided in space. Get that quite clear; *the zodiacal constellations are different from the signs and furthermore they need not concern a beginner at all.*

What then are the Signs?

They are twelve equal divisions (the constellations are by no means equal) of the zodiac, starting from a point known

as the vernal equinoctial point, or 0° Aries, which is the position of the Sun on or about March 21st of every year.

Here is a note for those who would like to know more about this point.

We have heard about the ecliptic, which may be pictured as a circle in the heavens half above and half below the earth. Now there is another important circle called the celestial equator, which is the projection of our terrestrial equator upon the heavens. But it does not lie in the same plane as the ecliptic, consequently the two circles cut one another, once at 0° Aries or the beginning of the sign of the Ram, and once at 0° Libra, or the exact opposite point of the ecliptic. The point of the vernal equinox is the former, whilst the sun reaches 0° Libra about September 21st, when autumn begins.

Those who get puzzled with this talk about circles must just take it as agreed that the zodiac of the signs starts from 0° Aries (or the Ram) and that this circle is divided into twelve equal sectors of 30 degrees each, making 360 degrees in all.

Here are the Latin names and the symbols of the Twelve Signs:

Aries	♈	
Taurus	♉	
Gemini	♊	
Cancer	♋	
Leo	♌	♍ and ♎ are the two confusing ones; learn to make the distinction clearly when writing them.
Virgo	♍	
Libra	♎	
Scorpio	♏	
Sagittarius	♐	
Capricorn	♑	
Aquarius	♒	
Pisces	♓	

Do not bother too much about their pronunciation. Some people use the "modern" Latin pronunciation and say, for example, "Lee-brah"; others keep to the old traditional English "Ly-bră." When in doubt, use the English name!

These twelve signs could well be studied for a life-time; we will begin with some fundamental considerations.

Firstly, they are called, alternately, masculine or positive, and feminine or negative. They might also be called outer and inner, or outgoing and indrawn, extrovert and introvert, and active and passive.

Again, they are divided into threes, each triad belonging to

one of the old alchemical elements, which have no direct relation with the elements of modern chemistry, but have highly important psychological values.

Fire comprises Aries, Leo and Sagittarius;

Earth comprises Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn;

Air comprises Gemini, Libra and Aquarius;

Water comprises Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces.

You will find, upon examination, that Fire and Air signs are all positive, being the odd numbers; and Earth and Water are all negative, being the even numbers.

In astrological parlance the elements are also called the *trigons* or *triplicities*, because each contains three signs.

Next and lastly, we have another division into what are called Quadruplicities, or groups of four signs each.

The *Cardinal* signs are Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn;

The *Fixed* signs are Taurus, Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius;

The *Mutable* (or *Common*) signs are Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius and Pisces.

Upon examination you will see that these distinctions do not occur in any haphazard way.

Each element has one sign of each Quadruplicity, and each Quadruplicity has one sign of each element.

Thus (and now you must get used to the symbols):

♈	is Cardinal-fire
♉	is Fixed-earth
♊	is Mutable-air
♋	is cardinal-water
♌	is fixed-fire
♍	is mutable-earth
♎	is cardinal-air
♏	is fixed-water
♐	is mutable-fire
♑	is cardinal-earth
♒	is fixed-air
♓	is mutable-water.

Thus, they are all different.

What are the meanings of the elements?

Very briefly (for the present) we will say:

	<i>Higher Aspect</i>	<i>Lower Aspect</i>
<i>Fire</i>	Aspiration	Animal spirits
<i>Earth</i>	Practicality	Materialism, dullness, inertia

<i>Air</i>	Reason Pure Intellect	Fantasy Day-dreaming
<i>Water</i>	Imagination Sympathy	Morbid fears "Moods"

Whereas, coming to the Quadruplicities, we will say:

Cardinality denotes the will to do, activity;

Fixity denotes the desire to maintain the *status quo*;

Mutability is the harmonising, synthesising principle that finds the middle way between the above two opposed principles.

Now, besides having these characteristics, each sign has a special affinity with a planet,* again according to a definite scheme. This affinity is technically called *rulership*.

♈	is ruled by	♂
♉	"	♀
♊	"	♀
♋	"	♂
♌	"	♂
♍	"	♀
♎	"	♀
♏	"	♂
♐	"	♂
♑	"	♂
♒	"	♂
♓	"	♂
♈	"	♂

You will see how, if you place ♌ and ♋, ruled by ☉ and ☽, side by side at the top of a circle, then these two signs are flanked by the two signs ruled by ♀; these in turn are flanked by the ♀ signs; these by those of ♂; these by those of ♀, and lastly ♈'s two signs oppose the signs ruled by the Lights.

The Ancients used to teach that a planet in its own positive sign (e.g. Mars in Aries) was at its best—you got the best out of such a Mars, and conversely you got the worst sort of Mars-value if he were in his negative sign Scorpio. Here again we must deprecate such clear-cut and dogmatic statements, without rejecting the idea as completely unfounded.

But it is generally thought that planets in the signs opposed in the zodiac to their own signs (e.g. Mars in Libra or Taurus) often find difficulty in expressing their values adequately.

* We sometimes say "planet" when we mean to include the two Lights; this for convenience sake and to save space.

We have also the following *exaltations*, as they are called:

- ☉ is exalted in ♈
- ♃ is exalted in ♈
- ♀ is said to be exalted in its own sign ♋
- ♀ is exalted in ♋
- ♂ is exalted in ♏
- ♂ is exalted in ♏
- ♁ is exalted in ♎

Planets exalted are said to show their natures in a specially harmonious manner, but the reverse is affirmed if they are in the signs opposed to their exaltations, e.g. Sun in Libra or Moon in Capricorn.

The signs opposed to a planet's own signs are called its *detriments*; the sign opposed to its exaltation-sign is called its *fall*. In a general sense a planet in a congenial sign is said to be *dignified* and when not so placed, it is said to be *debilitated*. These medieval terms are useful and are still in common currency, but the ancients had several other forms of dignity and debility that are seldom, if ever, employed nowadays.

A planet that rules a sign is said to *dispose of* any body in that sign. Thus if Mars is in Taurus, he will be disposed of by Venus, or, to put it another way, Venus is his *dispositor*.*

But if two bodies are each in the sign of the other (as Moon in Capricorn and Saturn in Cancer) they are said to be in *mutual reception* and this is regarded as a position of concord.

We cite these technical terms because, although not of the first importance, they are not difficult to understand and are convenient in use.

Uranus is thought by many to have a close kinship with Aquarius, and Neptune is similarly linked with Pisces, but they cannot be regarded as ruling these signs in the technical sense. Neither have they any signs of exaltation. Pluto is usually associated with Scorpio, but not by any means by all astrologers.

NOTE.—Do not start looking at your own map and getting worried because you have two or even three bodies in fall or detriment. Plenty of others are in the same boat.

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* Or in the case of ♃ and ♀, more correctly, *dispositrix*.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From "CAPRICORNA"

I would wonder whether anyone would be interested in the two following horoscopes.

The first is that of our only child, who passed on a few years ago. I know the birth-time is correct. He had congenital heart disease and died of his trouble at the age of 17½ years. The afflictions worked out physically. He was loving and gentle, with a good sense of humour and was unselfish to an amazing degree for one so young. He loved reading and had a passion for electricity, the theory of evolution and everything he could find out about the atom.

The second horoscope is my own, and I think the time must be correct, as the main events have always been denoted by aspects to the angles. For a few years I have realised that aspects this year are "significant." They include:

The transits of Uranus through the 6th house, conj. Neptune, which have recently revealed hardening of the arteries of the heart.

Incidentally I must endorse your views on the position of Neptune in Gemini, afflicted by Venus and Moon from Virgo and Sagittarius, written in a short letter to *Modern Astrology* many years ago. It is very much an affliction and is the chief way in which I have, I believe, been kept down to work out my karma for this life.

I hope you will not mind my writing to you. It is purely from a love of Astrology that I do so, in the hope that there may be something of interest, if only in the way of medical diagnosis, that could be passed on.

Wishing your magazine every success and thanking you for much pleasure in the years I have read it.

No. 1. May 31, 1926. 10.15 p.m. Corrected time, Liverpool.

M.C. ♀ 12	Ascdt. 6 13 33	☉ 9 11 40	☽ 7 40
♂ 20 ♋ 11	☿ 26 47	♂ 21 ♍ 30 R	♄ 28 ♋ 58
♀ 5 11 14	♀ 27 51	♄ 22 ♎ 12	PL 13 00

The progressed directions under which he passed on were ☉ ♀ 24 11 21 ♋ M.C. ♀ 11 11 11. It seemed to me that only an esoteric reading of that year could have predicted death.

No. 2. November 9, 1898. 11 a.m. London.

M.C. ♀ 6	Ascdt. 13 0 34	☉ 17 11 6	☽ 19 11 23
♂ 3 ♎ 23	☿ 26 21	♂ 11 11 35	♄ 2 11 48
♀ 29 ♍ 19	♀ 17 11 10	♄ 24 11 20	PL 14 11

The progressed ascdt. is at present ☐ ♂ (ruler).

THE PRE-NATAL EPOCH

From (Mr.) R. C. DAVISON

It has always been a source of surprise to me that so many astrologers should seek to discredit the validity of the sex degrees of the Pre-Natal Epoch, or even the whole theory of the Epoch itself. The nature of the objections put forward generally show an inability to grasp completely or apply properly the rules of the Epoch. The article by P. A. Murphy in the June number of the *Quarterly*, in which information is produced purporting to invalidate the sex laws of the Epoch, is no exception to the general rule.

There is no guarantee whatsoever that any Epoch will be what is known as a "regular" one. The only way to be sure of finding the correct Pre-Natal Epoch is to calculate all the possible sex Epochs which confirm the birth time within reasonable limits and to examine each one for appropriate directions, especially to angles, coinciding with important events during the life. When the times of three or four important events are known it is generally a fairly simple matter to eliminate the fictitious epochs.

As in all the cases used by Mr. Murphy the births have occurred during the past twelve years, it is extremely unlikely that sufficient major events have occurred in these young lives to form a suitable check as to which Epoch is the correct one in each case. In fact I am fairly certain that Mr. Murphy has applied no such check. Without testing the Epoch map for suitable directions the chances of successfully finding the correct Epoch are about fifty-fifty which, unfortunately, is the only thing Mr. Murphy has proved by his experiments.

Mr. Murphy also refers to "the time of birth by the general consensus of opinion." What we need in astrology, however, are facts, not "consensus of opinion," and it appears to me that it is still extremely doubtful from an astrological point of view as to what does actually constitute the actual moment of birth. This need not give the slightest cause for alarm, however, as it is quite easy to determine the astrological moment of birth, once a few timed events are known, by calculating the correct Pre-Natal Epoch according to the sex laws.

It is the writer's opinion that if more astrologers took the trouble to master this method and used it to rectify all the horoscopes they examined they would speedily resolve many of their doubts and difficulties with regard to house division, directions, solar and lunar revolutions, and diurnal maps.

From (Mr.) E. H. BAILEY

Thanks for your letter of 6th inst. As I read Murphy's contribution, I got the idea that after having obtained an epoch in a number of cases, it did not confirm the sex and mentioned 36 out of 70 correct and 34 out of 70 correct; 2nd and 4th par., page 62.

There is a very good illustration of this in the previous issue from Felix Pater, who gives the date and time of a certain birth. The particulars as to the ascendant and Moon are correct. It is an epoch of the 4th order, Moon below and decreasing, and the epoch should fall later than the 273rd days before birth, which was November 2, 1946.

The ascendant of the birth figure was Male, and the Moon was negative. Now the epoch is stated to occur on October 25th which is a direct violation of the rule, as it must occur later than November 2nd.

Now what is the result? He alters the ascendant to Scorpio $13^{\circ} 8'$, which makes the time of birth $15\frac{1}{2}$ minutes earlier than the given time which was stated to have been carefully observed by the doctor and nurse and gets a male epoch for a female child. The epoch shows a negative degree rising, and the Moon in a male area. The whole calculation is wrong!

He also states that according to my works the sign on the M.C. at coition is often the ascendant or descendant at birth. I have never published such an idea.

The true epoch in this case is found as follows: Count from the Moon to the descendant. This degree is male, therefore the count must be continued round over the earth to the ascendant making the date of the epoch November 22nd, and the time of birth five minutes later than that given and the epoch definitely female. Five minutes is an average time for the difference. Statistics which I have prepared myself show that 80 per cent of birth times are correct within five minutes.

There was no idea of challenging Murphy's view. My suggestion was that he should send me two dozen of the cases in which he could not get the sex, with his calculations, for me to examine, as I am quite satisfied that he has not used the correct rules.

The question that the epoch does not correspond to any physical event was dealt with by Sepharial over fifty years ago in the *Astrologers' Magazine*, where he stated that he did not identify the epoch with coition, impregnation and any of the preliminary stages of generation; and it was not until some thirty years after that a doctor, who was also an astrologer and had studied the subject, put forward the suggestion that the epoch coincided with ovulation, the discharge of the ovum from the ovary, which could be regarded as the "birth" of the ovum.

Subsequent investigation along this line, where cases with the time of coition was known, fully confirmed this view. All this has been published in the *British Journal of Astrology* and in Chapter II of *Astrology and Birth Control* I developed the theory. I have no reason to alter my views thereon.

EDITOR'S NOTE.—My proposal is that I should publish, say, a dozen times of birth of children, taken by a physician using a stop-

watch. The adherents of the sex-area doctrine should then be invited to identify the sex of each child. The result should settle this matter once and for all.

From "URANIDES"

A point for the consideration of the pre-natal epoch experts:—

Within the Arctic Circle the points O Cancer and O Capricorn never touch the horizon. At Spitzbergen it is impossible for a child to be born under any sign except Aries, Libra, Virgo or Pisces.

Suppose, then, a child is conceived when the Moon is in (let us say) Cancer or Capricorn and is born at Spitzbergen, which does not seem an impossibility by any means: how could the famous Trutine work?

The above is adapted from that excellent periodical *Les Cahiers Astrologiques*.

HORARY ASTROLOGY

From A. GAUNTLETT

I think the reason so few professional astrologers, in this country at least, appear to have any interest in horary work is to be found in the fact that this branch of astrology more than any other has, in most people's eyes, a faint air of disrepute, classed generally with mere "fortune telling." In the case of serious students this of course is not at all true, but nevertheless the horary art is more susceptible than any other branch of astrological science to mis-handling and sheer charlatanry.

I have myself devoted some considerable time to horary astrology, and on the assumption that people who are displeased with what you tell them very quickly let you know, while those who are satisfied with the answer given, and the event, usually do not bother to say anything about it, I would seem to have gained some degree of proficiency.

Yet, so far as I am aware from my reading, and from my talks on the subject with others who do horary work, I am running quite counter to traditional and normal practice. Yet it seems to work satisfactorily, although I cannot produce statistics to prove my belief.

Astrologers who practise horary work, and carry out most of it by letter, so far as I understand it, erect their charts for the time of opening or receiving the letter, or somewhere about then; but they erect the chart for the place where they are themselves, not for the place where their correspondent resides. This has always seemed to me somewhat illogical, even though it has apparently worked for several centuries. But life is much more complex now than it was in the days of Lilly, and astrologers would not then be very likely to receive, by the same post, enquiries from places as wide apart as say Bournemouth and Berwick, or Bristol and Cullercoats. This can quite easily happen in these days, and in that

case, by traditional methods the astrologer is using the same factors for both clients, merely by the accident that he lives in London.

Again, some uncertain person, and there are such, may decide to send to two astrologers, at the same time, the same question. One consultant may live in London, the other in Glasgow or Aberdeen. Now in horary work the houses are of very great importance, and although the zodiacal positions would be the same if the two astrologers worked at approximately the same time, the mundane positions, that is house positions, would be very very different. Therefore the answers given would also very likely be very different. But if the maps are erected for the place of residence of the querent himself, then any two or for that matter any dozen competent astrologers working at the same time, would produce substantially the same answer, no matter where they lived.

I may possibly be under a misapprehension, and astrologers do in fact erect their charts for the place of residence of the querent, but I have always understood otherwise. Also, if I am not mistaken in this belief, my idea may seem somewhat silly to other students, but it might be interesting to hear what others think.

After all, if for example a man sends for advice about a certain course of action, whether he should carry it out or not, whatever he does in regard to the matter has to be done, or started at least, from the place at which he resides, not at the place at which the astrologer happens to reside.

"TESTING" ASTROLOGY

From (Mr.) J. HAROLD BROWN

I think I cannot have made quite clear, in my story of the TEST, that it was done in my callow youth, when we "rush in where angels fear to tread," and that now, I hope, I should be wiser. But the facts were these and can be vouched for by living authorities.

I was in 1916 in a certain well-known Government camp, with others. One day one of the men, a total stranger, came up to me and said "Did I know anything of, or believe in, astrology?" I said no, and that I assumed, because of the silence on the part of conventional authorities, the Universities, etc., it must be nonsense. He assured me otherwise and asked me to test it. I wrote to several "authorities," scientific and otherwise, and the answers were all non-committal. *No one would sign his name to a statement that astrology was false.* I wanted a signature; I never got it. I looked into the encyclopaedias and found the subject sidetracked and not fairly dealt with.

At last, failing to get satisfaction, I told my friend I would test it myself, and if I proved it nonsense would insert an advertisement in *The Times* to say so. However, "I came to scoff and remained to pray." And after having learned the rudiments, I did about twenty or thirty horoscopes of friends and relations and was so impressed

that I started on the "hundred test" to satisfy some sceptics who were enjoying the whole proceedings. They brought me horoscopes which I worked out and they too were very impressed and many of them are users of astrology to this day through this event. I may say the gentleman who introduced me to the subject claimed to have worked under Alan Leo, and he told me he picked on me as he thought I was Scorpio Uranus ascendant and would be interested. I was! He too had Uranus on ascendant, and of Libra. But I have not heard of him for years; he went to Russia, I believe, in 1921 or thereabouts.

I have learned much since then and I do not use astrology except for my own personal requirements. I find that people are not to be converted to anything they do not WANT to believe, *whatever the evidence*. I doubt the wisdom of using astrology to tell people their characters, etc. One can watch and help, perhaps, occasionally, but to tell the people we have around us anything about themselves is folly. One in several hundreds is perhaps engaged in an honest determined attempt to grow spiritually, but such are very few. It is good that you should be giving your precious time and energy to such an open forum as you are doing and that those who are interested should have the chance, rare in this world, of meeting the minds of those who are interested in the same things, but your policy of perfect freedom is the only way, and I agree with you that "tests" as such are unwise. If anyone disputes our beliefs, let him go on disputing; we are not compelled to argue with him, and always we shall win in the long run. Why, the very types we use are enshrined deeply in our unconscious use of language, and no writer can fail to use our own terms in his writings. So we can afford to ignore the sceptics and quietly work and learn more and more of our "mystery."

EDITORIAL NOTE.—We have special pleasure in printing this letter, for Mr. Brown's views largely correspond with our own. In our books and in the Astrological Lodge and other societies inquirers are given every opportunity to study astrology for themselves. Other astrologers, particularly in Europe, have compiled statistics running into thousands of cases. If "sceptics" really wish to investigate astrology we should (and do) give them every facility. But if they expect us to spend our time clamouring to be taken notice of, and begging for their attention, they will, so far as wise astrologers are concerned, be disappointed.

ORDEAL BY PLANNING

From GEORGE H. BAILEY

Although the history of the baby whose birth is noted in the March issue of the Quarterly has yet to be written, undoubtedly it will but endorse the indictment against the wave of muddleheaded "planning" that is making the lives of most of us a misery to-day. Those

responsible for the ghastly mess we are in strut about with pride at their ineptitudes, blaming the elements or any other convenient scapegoat when a crisis develops, just as Felix Pater takes all the credit for the rising Jupiter in his daughter's horoscope but blames its afflictions to Karma! Verily he deserves a niche as high as any we are reserving for the arch-planners.

His planning runs true to form. "This example shows that the birth of children at *favourable* times may be, to some extent, pre-arranged," says he. (The italics are mine.) Aiming at a rising Jupiter he puts it close to the ascendant in Scorpio, disposed of by Mars in the 8th conjunction Uranus, semisquare Sun, and squared by Sun, Moon, Saturn and Pluto. "How successfully this was achieved may be realised from an inspection of the birth map," he writes, an inspection which reveals that besides being in the thick of these afflictions, the luminaries oppose each other and the ascendant is included in all the squares! This presumably is where Karma gets at cross purposes with the planner. Or did he not bother to look at his ephemeris when planning?

So far as the pre-natal maps are concerned the case is simple enough. A Lunar Figure can be found for October 12, 1946, during the last menstrual period, which gives a birthtime of 13h. 59m. 14s. U.T., two minutes later than recorded, when $16^{\circ} \text{M} 12'$ was on the ascendant and the Moon in $15^{\circ} \approx 00\frac{1}{2}'$. The usual series of Soli-Lunar Interchanges go back to the Causal Figure on May 7, 1942, when the Sun was in $16^{\circ} 8' 12'$ and the Moon in $15^{\circ} \approx 00\frac{1}{2}'$.

HOUSE-DIVISION PROBLEMS

From (Mr.) ALEXANDER RUPERTI

In Vol. 20, No. 2, page 35, the Editor asks why the 12th House should be the last, since it is obviously the first into which the risen Sun enters at daybreak. The answer is simple provided one regards the Houses as a projection onto paper of the axial rotation of the Earth every 24 hours. That is, in order fully to understand how the House meanings were generated in the first place, a House must be regarded primarily as a time factor rather than a spatal one. Thus, if an observer places himself facing the Eastern Horizon, the first phenomena striking his vision will be those stars and planets which, at the beginning of his observation, were still below the horizon and in the 1st House. Two hours later, the celestial phenomena found in the 2nd house will rise above the horizon; four hours later, those found in the 3rd, and so on, until after 22 hours of observation, the 12th House 2-hour period will rise into view.

I notice that G. H. Bailey is very much against this 2-hour conception of a House (see his review of Nicholas de Vore's *Encyclopedia of Astrology* in Vol. 21, No. 4, page 127). However, it seems to me to be the only logical explanation of the facts. Perhaps critics of the

idea fail to make a distinction between the House circle as such—as a twelvefold division of the 24-hour day, each House containing therefore 30 degrees of space (*not* of zodiacal longitude)—and a House in a calculated birth-chart which may contain more or less than 30 degrees of zodiacal longitude according to the latitude of the birth-place. I believe it is very important to make a clear distinction between these two basic circles of values which we employ—the Zodiac, based on the yearly orbital revolution of the Earth around the Sun, and the Houses, based on the daily rotation of the Earth on its axis. Each circle contains 360 degrees and is divided in twelve equal segments of 30 degrees. It is therefore quite justifiable to say that a House equals two hours of time, being a twelfth part of 24 hours.

The problem of House division arises only when one tries to find the most logical manner of combining the two circles, and their twelve equal divisions, with one another. On theoretical grounds, no system of House division which does not employ Earth co-ordinates as a foundation, is correct, since the Houses are based on a purely terrestrial motion which does not involve the Earth's relation to other planets, to the Sun, or to the Signs.

The difficulty of present-day House divisions when confronted with high latitudes, may be explained by the fact that astrology was born in, and adapted to, human civilizations living in the *temperate zones*, and in *northern* latitudes. Hence the pejorative meaning given to all southern factors in astrology. Furthermore, must we not take into consideration the fact that the climate in high latitudes does not warrant a twelve-fold division of human experience? People living in the arctic circle lead a life of pure instinct since most of their existence is dominated by the struggle for survival. In the same way, near the equator where Houses and Signs coincide the most equally, the life led is also instinctive and without the psychological and other problems which characterize our civilized life. Hence the problems denoted by intercepted Signs do not exist.

As a final comment on views presented in the Quarterly on House division, may I suggest that the tendency to regard the cusp of a House as being in the centre of the House is rather a dangerous concept? Astrology is the science of beginnings as can be seen from the necessity to know of the first moment of existence of the person, nation, project, etc., in order to arrive at valid astrological conclusions about its destiny. If we are going to quibble with words and begin talking about Houses, degrees and so on beginning in the middle instead of at the cusp, then there will be no real reason why the moment of birth (or conception) should yield better results than a chart drawn up for the 21st birthday, say.

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