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THE EDITOR'S OBSERVATORY

VOLUME XXX.

With this issue, the thirtieth volume of the JOURNAL commences. In the last issue a short statement was made as to the contents of the coming volume, and to this our readers are referred. It is intended to make the coming issue much more varied and instructive, and with a larger number of articles and the omission of controversial discussions, it is hoped that our efforts will meet with appreciation. Subscribers and readers will help us in our aims by purchasing an extra copy to present to friends.

I take this opportunity of thanking many correspondents for their letters of appreciation and congratulation on my efforts for the welfare of the science, and also on the twenty-nine years of service I have given to the cause of the science.

In the new volume I propose to give some special information in regard to the signs and planets which are mainly intended for the average reader, but which will also be instructive for the more advanced student. I have a special object in view in these two articles.

In my articles on the Pre-natal epoch and the Houses of the Heavens, I have explained my objects in the introduction to these subjects.

TWO QUESTIONS.

1. Does Sagittarius rule Spain?
2. Is Jupiter the planet of Fascism?

According to the traditional rules of the science, Spain was placed under the rule of Sagittarius, but it must not be forgotten that this country has recently become a Republic, and has therefore been re-born so to speak. Under the circumstances it is quite reasonable to suppose that a new sign has assumed the rulership of that country. It certainly seems strange that, with Jupiter passing through Sagittarius, although afflicted by both Saturn and Neptune, such a reign of terror should have taken place, and to my mind it is impossible to reconcile the original rule. Wilson, in his dictionary, ridicules the idea and states that "I am sorry to see a rational man like Placidus affirming that the sign Sagittarius relates to Spain and its inhabitants. A silly observation like this casts a shadow over all his other accomplishments." Personally I find it quite impossible to reconcile the present condition in Spain with the position of Jupiter in Sagittarius, even with its afflictions by Saturn and Neptune.

That the planet Jupiter is the ruler of Fascism is a suggestion or supposition that must be

rejected as an absurdity and wholly opposed to the nature of the planet. Fascism is distinctly revolutionary and autocratic, and Jupiter has no relation whatever to either of these two phases. I shall have more to say on this matter later.

RAPHAEL'S ALMANAC FOR 1937.

This popular Almanac is now published. The new issue maintains all the improvements which were incorporated in the 1936 Edition and, amongst the features of special interest to students of astrology, it contains Tables of the Moon's Phases and Positions; Rising, Setting and Southing of the Planets; Geocentric Longitudes of the Planets; Days on which the Moon occupies the several signs of the Zodiac; Astronomical Symbols, etc., and Celestial Phenomena in 1937.

Of general interest are Raphael's World Predictions for each month and the four quarters of the coming year; Astrological Forecasts for Great Britain, her Colonies, and other countries; 1937 Birthday Prospects for Everybody; interesting Horoscope Readings, illustrated from photographs, of some popular Film Stars and other Celebrities; a Compendium of Birthday Information for every day of the year, with Prospects of any child born during 1937; Buchan's Weather Periods; Valuable Information for the Farmer and Gardener; Raphael's Domestic Guide; helpful Hints for the Housewife; Legal Notes; a Daily Guide for all, and much other useful information.

Raphael's Almanac is published by W. Foulsham & Co., Ltd., at 9d. net. (Postage 2d. extra). It is also issued bound with Raphael's Ephemeris for 1937 at 1s. 9d. net (Postage 3d. extra). This combined Almanac and Ephemeris is preferred by many students.

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EDITORIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

All correspondence, articles for publication and astrological data useful for students should be sent direct to the Editor, 10-11, Red Lion Court, Fleet Street, E.C.4, who will endeavour to find space for their insertion.

Readers of the JOURNAL are requested to note that the Editor does not undertake professional astrological work. Advice as to the study of the science, best books to read, and any instructional advice will be given readily.

DAILY GUIDE

For Business and Pleasure, November 1936

DATE	MOON	ADVICE
1	10 ♀ 40	SUNDAY. Safeguard health and remain quiet.
2	25 14	Guard against disputes and losses a.m. Push business and write letters p.m.
3	9 ☿ 21	Travel, change, seek work, visit elders.
4	23 0	Travel, push business; start new work.
5	6 ♃ 13	An evil day for all things; act discreetly.
6	19 3	Visit friends a.m.; avoid wrangling; push business.
7	1 ♃ 33	Avoid deception; travel late.
8	13 48	SUNDAY. Visit elders; safeguard health.
9	25 53	A very evil day; act discreetly in all things.
10	7 ♁ 50	A doubtful day; safeguard health p.m.
11	19 42	A day for pleasure; avoid strangers; visit friends p.m.
12	1 ♃ 33	A doubtful day; attend to ordinary duties.
13	13 23	Visit friends and elders; write letters p.m.
14	25 15	Uncertain a.m.; travel evening.
15	7 ♀ 11	SUNDAY. Make plans; visit friends.
16	19 12	An evil day; do nothing important.
17	1 ♃ 21	Visit friends; avoid disputes and accidents; travel late.
18	13 40	Good for business a.m.; visit elders; write letters p.m.
19	26 12	Ask favours; write letters; sign documents; travel late.
20	9 ☿ 0	An uncertain day; attend to ordinary duties.
21	22 8	Doubtful a.m.; push business, safeguard health p.m.
22	5 ♃ 38	SUNDAY. Travel; visit friends.
23	19 32	Guard against deception and disputes.
24	3 ♃ 51	Ask favours; write letters; guard against disputes; avoid opposite sex p.m.
25	18 31	An uncertain day; do nothing important.
26	3 ♁ 27	A doubtful day; attend to ordinary duties.
27	18 33	Deal with elders a.m.; guard against disputes p.m.; ask favours, make plans evening.
28	3 ♀ 39	Avoid superiors; ask no favours; travel evening.
29	18 35	SUNDAY. Guard against deception a.m.; make plans evening.
30	3 ☿ 13	Travel, ask favours p.m.; do not travel at night.

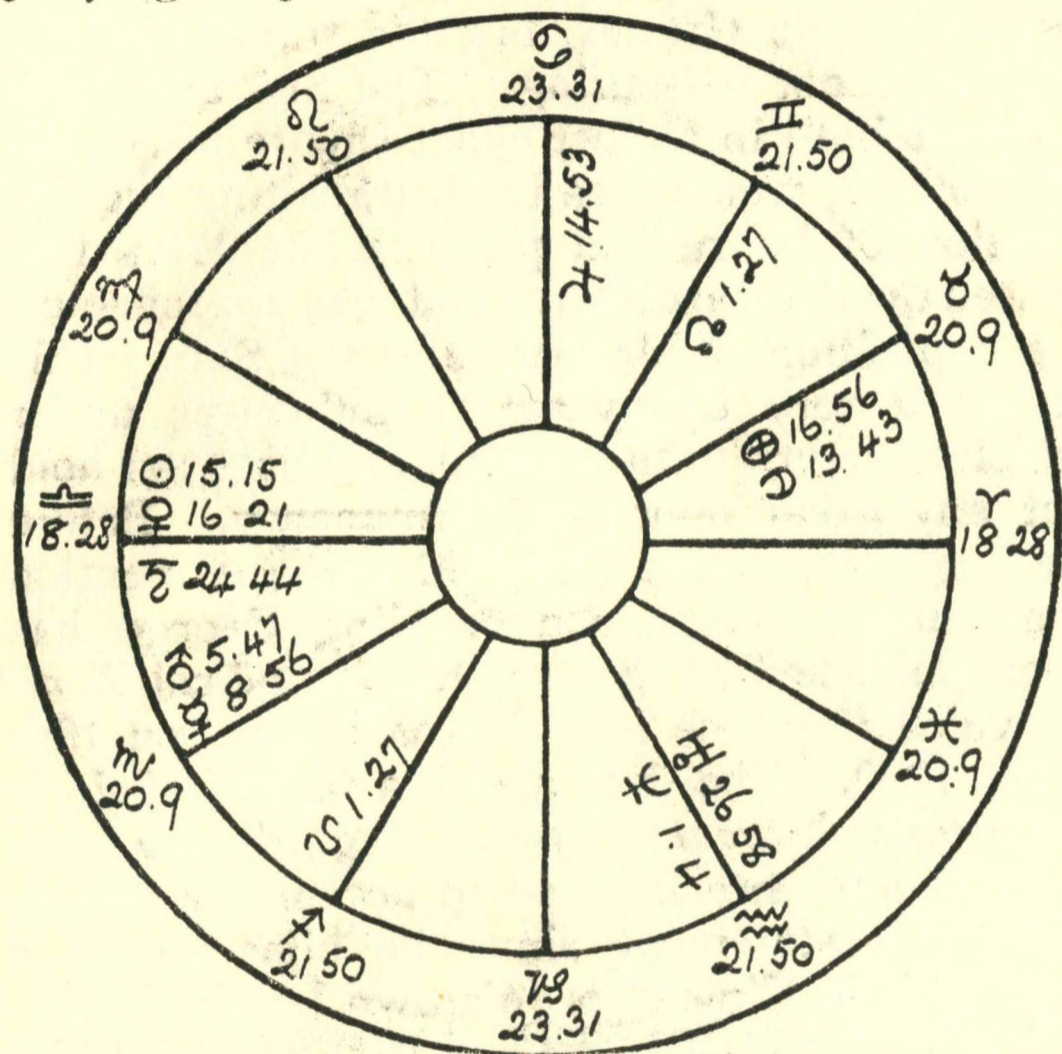
HOROSCOPE OF THE MONTH

By E. H. BAILEY

SAINT-SAENS

Saint-Saens, the celebrated French composer was born at Paris on October 9th, 1835, at 6.45. a.m. according to the biography by Daudet, as stated in our contemporary, "Modern Astrology," for September-October, 1936.

This time corrected by the epochal laws is 6h. 32m. 56s. a.m. for which time the accompanying map is drawn.



This is a very remarkable horoscope, for two planets are dignified by sign, Venus and Mars, and three, Jupiter, Saturn and the Moon are in their exaltation signs. The Sun, Venus and Saturn are rising in the sign Libra, the two former being in square with Jupiter in the tenth house, and the latter in trine with Uranus in the fifth house. Mercury and Mars are rising in Scorpio in conjunction, but in square to Neptune and Aquarius in the fourth, while the Moon is conjoined with Fortuna in Taurus on the cusp of the eighth house in sextile to Jupiter.

Our subject studies under Beniost and Halevy at the Conservatoire of Music at Paris, and was organist at St. Merri and of the Madeleine. He was the composer of the Operas of "Samson and Delilah" and "Henry VIII," which were very successful, and his symphonic poems "Le Rouet

d'Omphale" and the "Danse Macabre" were exceptionally fine compositions. He was a great pianist and performed in many countries.

The great musical ability is shown by the position of the Sun conjunction Venus, in the Aquarius subdivision of Libra, and with the Moon in the Taurus subdivision of that sign, an exceptionally fine position for musical and pianoforte ability. The rising position of Mercury and Mars gave him great executive ability and technique.

At the time of his appointment as organist at St. Merri in 1853, the Moon, ruler of the tenth was directed to the conjunction of the Dragon's Head, and his appointment to be organist at the Madeleine in 1858 took place under the direction of M.C. sextile Venus, and Sun conjunction Mercury. This latter post he held for nearly twenty years.

His operas were produced under M.C. sextile Mars and Mercury, and Moon trine Saturn and Uranus, also Mars sextile ascendant.

He died on December 17th, 1921, at the advanced age of 86 years. The directions at his death are very important ones, and show the value of midpoints in horoscopes and directions.

The midpoint between the luminaries was $\text{♁} 29.29$. Mars had just separated from that point, and the mean arc for death 84.57 added to the longitude of the point gives $\text{♎} 24.25$ conjunction Saturn. On the day of death Mars was exactly on this progressed point and the radical Saturn. The Moon was directed to the square of Mercury, ruler of the twelfth, and as the third decanate of Capricorn was on the cusp of the fourth, the sign Virgo with Mercury as ruler had influence over his demise. The midpoint between the Moon and Mars was $\text{♋} 8.54$ and the Moon by major motion had reached the conjunction thereof.

GARDENING NOTES

October 16, 17, 18.—3.30 to 4.30 p.m.

October 26, 27.—3 to 4 p.m.

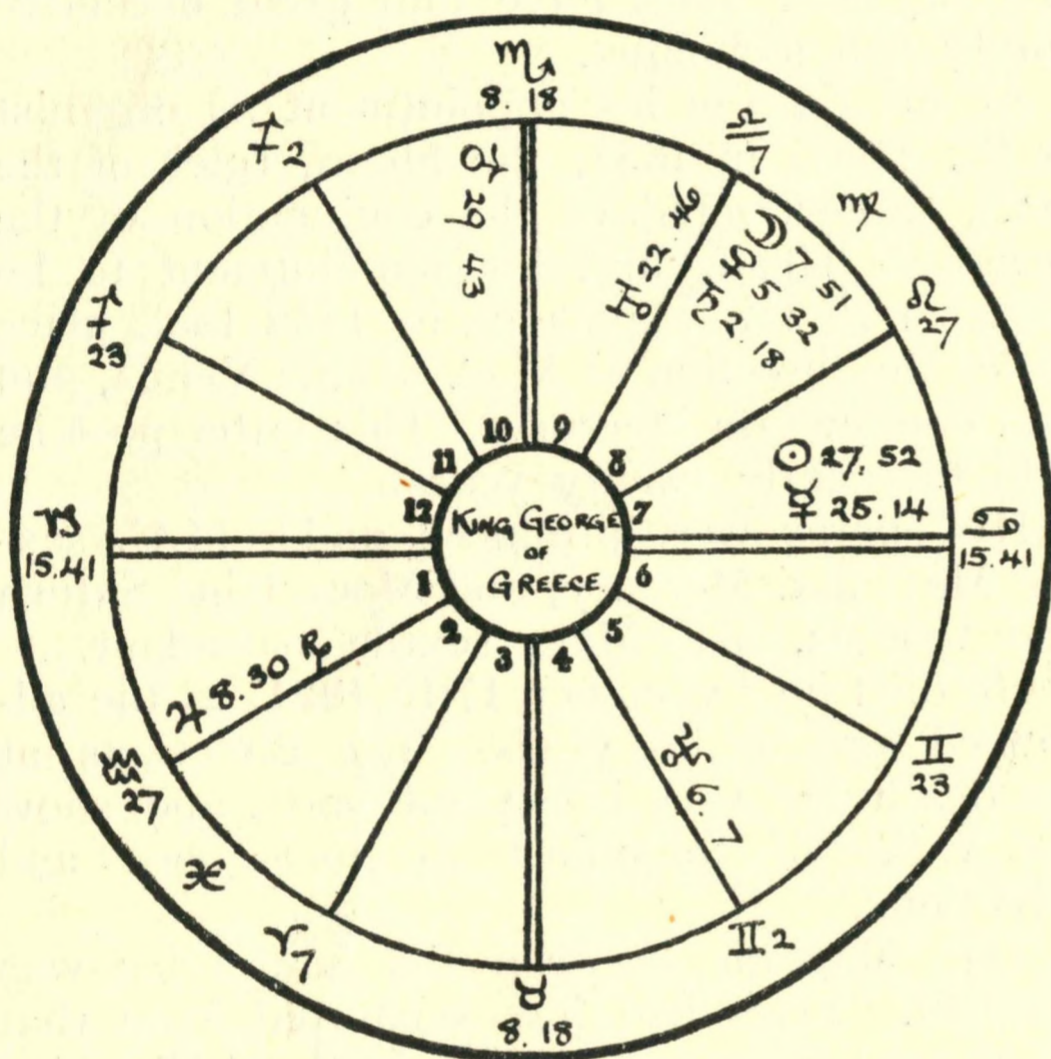
October 31st.—2.40 to 3.40 p.m.

Plant home radishes, early cabbages, cauliflowers, mint, and tarragon in frames for winter use.

THE KALEIDOSCOPE

By VIVIAN E. ROBSON, B.Sc.

THE KING OF GREECE.—I am informed by an American correspondent that George II, King of the Hellenes, was born at Tatoi, near Athens, on 20th July, 1890, at between 6 and 7 p.m., the time having been furnished by King George himself. I have not attempted a careful rectification of the horoscope, and the following map is set for 6.30 p.m. (Local Time) which appears to be a fairly close approximation.



The sign Capricorn rising, and three planets in Virgo are appropriate positions in view of the fact that these signs, and especially the former, are responsible for the rulership of Greece. But it is unfortunate that Saturn is also in Virgo, and that the planets there are squared by Neptune and Mars, the latter being ruler of the tenth house. This threatens loss of power to a King, and although the threat has already been fulfilled once, it still remains as a danger point in the horoscope. King George's younger brother Alexander, died in 1920, at about the time the midheaven came to the opposition of Neptune in Gemini, the sign ruling brothers. On 27th February, 1921, he married Princess Elizabeth, daughter of King Ferdinand of Rumania, Venus and the Moon being at this time in semisextile to the midheaven. His succession on 27th September,

1922, was followed in less than four months by the death of his father, and at the end of the same year by his own deposition and exile from Greece. Round about this period the influences appear to have been very mixed in nature. The ascendant was in trine to Uranus, but both it and the midheaven were receiving afflictions from Neptune and the Moon, while the Sun was applying to the conjunction of Saturn. In November, 1935, King George again returned to Greece under the influence of the midheaven sextile Uranus, but the transits at the time were not reassuring. The Sun and Jupiter were both in almost exact square to Saturn in Pisces 3, which was itself transiting the opposition of its radical place, while Mars had passed over the ascendant and was approaching the opposition of Mercury and the Sun. This is not a very happy set of influences under which to return to the throne, and does not hold out any great hopes of permanency. Before leaving this subject I should perhaps mention that another horoscope of King George has been published in the German periodical *Zenit* in which the time is given as 7 a.m. on 19th July, 1890. The date appears to be definitely erroneous, however, and as regards the time I am much more inclined to accept my correspondent's statement since he himself has a note of it in King George's own handwriting.

THE AMERICAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.—Once more the United States are preparing for the election of a new President, and as in 1932, I am again indebted to Mr. W. J. Bruknus, of New York, for details of dates and candidates. The Democratic nominee for re-election is Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt, the present holder of the Presidential office. He was born on 30th January, 1882, near Poughkeepsie, New York, at 8 p.m., and his horoscope was published in these pages in the issue for January, 1933. The arc of direction for 3rd November, 1936, when polling takes place, is 53.57, and the resulting directions are not by any means encouraging. First of all the midheaven is closely applying to the opposition of Venus and the square of Saturn, both these planets being very significant of the causes that have led to considerable unpopularity and criticism. Then, if this is not

already enough, we find the Sun close to the square of the Moon, Uranus in square to the Sun, and finally Mars in semisquare to the Moon. The longitude of the directional midheaven is Leo 6, Venus being in Aquarius 6 and Saturn in Taurus 6. During November, Uranus is within a degree of the opposition of Saturn by retrograde transit, and becomes stationary in almost exact square to the directional midheaven a week before the Inauguration Day next January. Furthermore, on the day of the election the Sun is in Scorpio 11 in conjunction with President Roosevelt's directional Uranus and in square to his Sun; while also in November Saturn comes to a stationary position in opposition to his radical ascendant. When commenting on this horoscope in 1933 I said "the next election will show a very different result," and I can see no reason whatever to alter that opinion. The Republican nominee is Mr. Alfred Mossman Landon, who was born on 9th September, 1887. Unfortunately the time of birth is not yet available so that a detailed list of directions cannot be compiled. All of which one can be certain is that he has the Sun in semisextile to Venus, and applying to the conjunction of Jupiter. This is all right so far as it goes, but I do not like the transit of Saturn in opposition to the Sun during November, though that will not necessarily spoil Mr. Landon's chances. He was nominated on 11th June, 1936, at 11.16 p.m. (Local Time) in Cleveland, Ohio, and a horoscope for this time is a very unfortunate figure. Certainly Jupiter is elevated in the tenth house in its own sign, but the aspects are uniformly evil. So far as one can tell neither candidate is under specially good influences, though Mr. Landon seems in a rather better position than his rival, and is more likely to be successful. No doubt his full horoscope would throw more light on his chances, but for the present the matter must be left as it is.

THE PALESTINE RIOTS.—The trouble in Palestine early in September is one of the many things that have been stirred up by the current major aspects in the mutable signs. In the horoscope of Palestine Mars is in Virgo 18 and Uranus in Pisces 15, so that these two planets have been subjected to a series of transits by Neptune, Saturn and Jupiter, which have been focussed by the Sun in September. The Spherical midheaven of Jerusalem is in Taurus 14, and its ascendant is Leo 18, both of these points being successively under the transit of Mars by square and conjunction during the first week of the month.

Actually Palestine is ruled by Aries and Jerusalem by Virgo 5, but these positions do not seem to have been much in evidence.

THE TROTSKY TRIAL.—The recent mutual afflictions of the major planets in mutable signs seem to have upset Russia to some extent as well as Spain and Palestine. In the horoscope of Russia the Sun, Moon and Mercury are all in Virgo, while Jupiter is in Gemini, and at the present time Uranus by direction is now in Pisces 11 squaring Jupiter and opposing the Moon. The trial of Zinovieff and others for the plot on Trotsky's behalf against Stalin took place while Saturn was in transit over the Sun in the Russian horoscope. Fortunately for Stalin he has the direction Venus conjunction ascendant in operation in his own map, and this no doubt saved him from personal trouble of any kind. But in another year's time he has Mars opposition Sun, followed two years later by Sun opposition Uranus, and any plots that are hatched at this time will undoubtedly be of a more serious nature.

THE RED MENACE.—During the last few years the Red Menace has been spreading its shadow over the world at an alarming rate, and its outbreaks have, as always, been associated with atrocities and anti-religious demonstrations. In occult circles it is, I believe, said to be due to the workings of a certain group of Black Magicians in Central Asia, but what is of more immediate concern to ourselves as astrologers is the planetary cause behind it all. As it appears to be an integral part of the present cosmic evolution it must certainly be due to major causes and not to mere temporary disturbances. It has generally been put down to the evil side of Neptune, but I rather doubt whether this is the whole story, or even if it is entirely true. Neptune may cause chaos and the dissolution of society, but is it naturally a planet of bloodshed? Neptune rules violet which is at the opposite end of the spectrum to red, and its operations are not usually characterised by murder and outrage. To substitute or add the influence of Uranus does not solve the difficulty, for although Uranus undoubtedly causes strikes and revolutions, its effect has none of the insidious qualities which mark the work of the Reds. I am personally of opinion that what we are now witnessing is due essentially to Pluto, or perhaps I should say that the actual Red characteristics are Plutonian. I have no wish to start any controversy on this matter, but now that Pluto is a definitely accepted member

of the Solar System it is at least up to us to look out for evidences of his work. It is a curious fact that the discovery of a new planet always seems to herald the growth of that planet's influence in the world at large. Thus the discovery of Uranus was followed by the development of aviation, machinery and other Uranian matters. Spiritualism, Theosophy and an increasing interest in the superphysical followed the discovery of Neptune. I do not mean that the planet exercises no influence before its discovery, for that is demonstrably untrue, but it would appear that it is discovered at a time when its influence is to be one of the main evolutionary factors. On the planetary octave theory, we know that Uranus is the octave of Mercury, and Neptune of Venus. Therefore Pluto should be the octave of Mars, and so far as I have been able to discover, its influence is decidedly of the nature of that planet. The Red manifestations appear to contain a strong element of Mars coupled with the peculiarly insidious effect of the outer planets, which is no doubt due to distorted spiritual force, and I think they bear just such signs as one would expect to be given by Pluto. If I am right in this idea, then it is almost certain that the Reds have come to stay and are playing an important part in the evolution of the world.

THE NONAL EQUIVALENT.—A month or two ago I brought up the subject of Symbolic planetary positions, and mentioned the series of positions obtainable by the use of the decanates. There is, however, another series of far greater importance derived from the Hindu Navamsha, to which Sepharial gave the name Nonal Equivalent. He never published details of this method, which he himself used to a considerable extent in his later years, but as particulars of part of the theory have appeared elsewhere it seems only fitting that a description should appear in the JOURNAL in which it was first mentioned. The Navamsha is one of the most important of the numerous Hindu subdivisions of the Zodiac. Each sign is divided into nine parts of $3^{\circ} 20'$ in extent, and each of these parts is ruled by successive signs of the Zodiac. The rulership starts with Aries as the sub-ruler of the first Navamsha of Aries, and the succeeding sub-divisions are ruled by the signs in unbroken sequence right through to the end of Pisces. Thus Aries 0° to $3^{\circ} 20'$ is ruled by Aries; $3^{\circ} 20'$ to $6^{\circ} 40'$ by Taurus; $6^{\circ} 40'$ to $10^{\circ} 0'$ by Gemini and so on. It will be found that Aries rules the first sub-division of

each of the fiery signs; Cancer rules the first sub-division of the watery signs; Libra rules the first sub-division of the airy signs; and Capricorn rules the first sub-division of the earthy signs. As each sub-division extends for $3^{\circ} 20'$ it is quite easy to determine the Navamsha ruler for any position even without a Table. Thus suppose we have a planet in Sagittarius $18^{\circ} 12'$. The sign is a fiery one and its first sub-division will therefore be ruled by Aries. The sixth division which extends from $16^{\circ} 40'$ to $20^{\circ} 0'$ is the one required, and this will be ruled by the sixth sign from Aries inclusive, namely Virgo. Now the space from $16^{\circ} 40'$ to $20^{\circ} 0'$ of Sagittarius corresponds to the whole sign of Virgo, so that any planet in this division may be symbolically considered as in an equivalent part of the sign Virgo. Since $3^{\circ} 20'$ corresponds to one whole sign of 30° we have only to multiply by 9 to obtain the exact correspondence in all cases. Having found the Navamsha containing any given planet, find the distance of the planet from the initial degree and minute of that Navamsha. Multiply this distance by 9 and the result is the symbolic place of the planet in the Navamsha sign. We have seen that a planet in Sagittarius $18^{\circ} 12'$ is in the Virgo Navamsha. This begins at Sagittarius $16^{\circ} 40'$ so that the distance of the planet from the beginning is $1^{\circ} 32'$. Multiplying this by 9 gives us $13^{\circ} 48'$ as the symbolic place of the planet in Virgo. To obtain the full Nonal Equivalent this process must be applied to each planet in the birth horoscope, and also to the ascendant. A new map is made by using the ascendant so obtained, and adopting an equal division of the houses. Thus if the Nonal Equivalent of the birth ascendant happens to be, say, Leo $12^{\circ} 21'$, the ascendant of the new figure will be Leo $12^{\circ} 21'$, the cusp of the second house will be Virgo $12^{\circ} 21'$, of the third house Libra $12^{\circ} 21'$, and so on. The Nonal Equivalent of the planets are then to be inserted in the map. Next month I will explain the method of using the horoscope so obtained.

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SENSITIVE POINTS

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The study of the Sensitive Points in a horoscope is one that holds a good deal of interest for most students, but is hampered by the very incomplete information available. Most people I suppose, have an idea that there may be some forty or fifty such points, but actually the number more nearly approaches two hundred. In the present series of articles I propose to outline the general theory of the subject, and describe a number of the more important Sensitive Points, but a full treatment in serial form would take several years to run through, and long before that time I hope to be able to present a complete treatise in book form.

The term Sensitive Point strictly refers to any position in a horoscope that is found to possess an influence although no planet or cusp is situated there, but in practise it is generally used to describe the various "Parts" that are calculated in a manner similar to that by which Fortuna, or the Part of Fortune, is found. In addition to these there are the mid-point balances, terminal balances, and other points of a similar nature, all forming part of what I have called Dynamical Astrology, but with these I am not at present concerned, and I am restricting my account to the Part of Fortune and its companions.

There are two main series of such points, namely a small series of which there is a point for each planet, and a much larger series of a quite miscellaneous nature. In both cases, however, the method of calculation is the same, and consists in counting the distance from one given planet or cusp to another in the order of the signs, and then adding this distance to a third cusp or planet, the longitude thus obtained being the place of the Sensitive Point. This process can always be expressed by the formula $A + B - C$, where C is the planet from which the count is begun, B is that to which the count is carried, and A is the point of reference or the point from which the distance is set off. Thus in the case of Fortuna, we count from the Sun to the Moon in the order of the signs, and set off or project the resulting distance from the Ascendant, again in the order of the signs, in order to find the point on which Fortuna falls. Putting this

into the formula we have ascendant + Moon - Sun. The easiest way to work out these positions is to follow the formula rather than count from one planet to another. Thus suppose we have a horoscope in which the Sun is in Capricorn 10.37, the Moon in Taurus 3.20 and the ascendant in Gemini 9.22, and we require to find the place of Fortuna, the calculation becomes :—

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Ascendant ...	2	9	22
+ Moon ...	1	3	20
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	3	12	42
- Sun ...	9	10	37
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	6	2	5
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or Libra 2.5, which is therefore the place of Fortuna. As so many students find this kind of calculation puzzling, it may be as well to explain it at the outset. In turning the signs into figures it is customary to count Aries as 0s, Taurus as 1s, and so on. Thus Gemini 9.22 becomes 2s 9° 22', and not 3s 9° 22' as might be expected. The reason for this is that only two signs are complete, and we have only 9° 22' of the third. In the answer to the above calculation six signs are complete, namely Aries to Virgo inclusive, and an extra 2° 5' of the next sign Libra, has been passed over. In calculating, the full amount of 12 signs can always be added or subtracted if necessary.

Turning to the theory of the matter we find one or two possible ideas, the Sunrise Point theory being the one most usually put forward nowadays. As already mentioned, Fortuna is the distance of the Moon from the Sun, counted off again from the ascendant. Thus if the Moon is 60° away from the Sun, then Fortuna will be 60° from the ascendant. In other words if the Sun is exactly on the ascendant Fortuna will fall exactly on the place of the Moon. It has therefore been suggested that Fortuna and the other Points which relate to the distance of the other planets from the Sun, are really the places that these planets occupied at sunrise. At first sight this theory seems a fairly plausible one, but it does not bear a very close examination. If it were correct, then it would be necessary to use the longitude of the planets at sunrise, and not their longitudes in the horoscope, in order to find the correct Points. In most cases the result would not differ greatly from that obtained by the use of the current positions, but in the case of the Moon there would frequently be a

considerable discrepancy. To take an extreme case, suppose sunrise takes place at 4 a.m. and birth occurs at 10 p.m., or 18 hours after sunrise. The Moon will have moved roughly nine degrees or more during this time, so that the position of Fortuna as usually calculated, will differ by nine degrees from the position it would occupy if sunrise longitudes were used. A little experimenting with these different positions will quickly show that the ordinary current position is the one that gives the best results. A further, though perhaps less conclusive argument is that nowhere does Ptolemy in any way suggest that Fortuna is a sunrise point. In fact his description is distinctly against such an idea, for he says: "The Part of Fortune is ascertained by computing the number of degrees between the Sun and the Moon; and it is placed at an equal number of degrees distant from the ascendant, in the order of the signs. It is in all cases both by night and day, to be so computed and set down, that the Moon may hold with it the same relation as that which the Sun may hold with the ascendant" (*Tetrabiblos*, Book III., Chap. xiii.). Therefore I think we are justified in turning down the sunrise theory and in looking elsewhere for some sounder principle governing the operation of the Sensitive Points.

Underlying Ptolemy's remarks is a suggestion that the radical relation of one planet to another or to an angle is of importance, quite irrespective of the presence or absence of an aspect between them. This, I am convinced, is indeed the case, and I could quote a number of instances pointing to the correctness of this conclusion. Normally we should consider that if the Sun and Moon were, say, 102° distant from each other, there would be no mutual effect. This is perfectly true from the point of view of aspect effect, but it does not follow that that distance is not a significant one for the particular horoscope containing it. The direction of the ascendant or midheaven to a point 51° from each planet would focus the influence of both, and so would a similar direction to a point 102° from one of them on the opposite side to the other. Therefore from the point of view of balance any distance must be of importance. If two planets are in aspect we know at once the kind of effect the one will have upon the other, but when they are not in aspect we have no means of judging the exact value of their relation to each other. One might, of course, be tempted to say that the planets are quite unrelated but that would really

be an impossibility, for nothing in the universe stands unrelated to anything else. This difficulty is covered in Hindu Astrology, for aspects are usually considered by signs and not degrees, so that any planet in Cancer is in square to any planet in Aries, no matter what the exact distance may be in degrees. Now the function of the Sensitive Points is to show the effect upon a certain specified department of life of the combined influence of any two given planets. Obviously the combined effect of two planets depends upon the distance between them, whether it is an aspect or not, and therefore that is the first factor required. But it is useless to have this distance suspended in mid-air, so to speak, and it must be related to some position in the horoscope in order that it may have a point of operation. Thus to take the case of Fortuna once more, the combined effect that we wish to apply is that of the Sun and Moon, and we therefore start with the distance between them. We then apply this distance to the ascendant, as that relates to bodily and general affairs and it is upon such matters that we wish to know the combined soli-lunar effect. But that is not quite all, because the two planets are not treated as exactly equal. By counting from the Sun to the Moon, we are in effect treating the Sun as the fixed or passive body and the Moon as the moving or active one. In other words we are considering the Sun as a significator and the Moon as a promittor. This means that we are primarily concerned with the effect of the Moon upon the Sun, rather than the Sun upon the Moon, and are then relating the results to the worldly affairs. We are stressing the material factors, the Moon and ascendant, rather than the spiritual. Therefore it is not surprising that the reverse of Fortuna, in which the distance is counted from the Moon to the Sun, should be the Part of Spirit, where the solar or spiritual influence is stressed.

(To be continued.)

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THE PRE-NATAL EPOCH SIMPLIFIED

By E. H. BAILEY

INTRODUCTION.

In response to numerous requests for further information on this important subject and for some simplified instruction in the rules of rectification, I have decided to issue a series of articles on the latter subject for the benefit of readers of the JOURNAL and students of the science. It is not opportune at the moment to give out any further information on this subject, but as statements have been made as to the complicated nature of the rules—a wholly absurd idea—I have decided to deal solely with the elementary principles of the epoch so far as they relate to the subject of rectifying birth times. It is not my intention to enter into any arguments or to start any controversy, but merely to explain the rules in a more simple manner than is laid down in my books on the subject, in order that the average student may be able to follow these rules with ease and accuracy.

RECTIFICATION.

The primary use of the Epochal thesis was for the purpose of calculating the correct moment of birth, from the observed and also the approximate time. Where a birth time has been taken carefully, the correction of such time is very minute, amounting usually to less than two or three minutes, and in the case of approximate and casually observed births to less than ten minutes, unless in the former case there was any considerable doubt as to what the time really was.

Times of birth were never very closely observed, and as the real moment of birth is a matter of some dispute, which I shall deal with later, it is necessary to deal with the matter very carefully. I make this statement because official birth times have been altered to a considerable degree in order to make the time fit in with a wholly erroneous system of epochal rectification, and consequently the resultant horoscope has been widely different to the recorded time.

I could refer to several, but that of the late King Edward VII will serve as an excellent illustration. The official time of birth was given as 10.48 a.m., 9th November, 1849. This has been corrected by a false system of epochal rectification to 11.4, *sixteen minutes* later than

the given time. Such an alteration cannot be accepted, especially as there is authoritative information to prove that the birth actually took place several minutes before the official time, and this information was published over 70 years ago, in Vol. II of the "Handbook of Astrology," in December, 1863.

For the information of those who do not possess a copy of that excellent work, I can state that Morrison published the horoscope on page 2 of the book named, drawn for 10.38.12 a.m., and on page 29 of the same work, in giving an illustration of the direction ascendant conjunction Mars, zod, dir. 20.6, which measured exactly to the death of the father, the late Prince Consort, made the following pointed statement, which I reprint verbatim:

"The student may ask why we make the difference of 2.27 in the right ascension of the M.C. from that arising from the medical report. It is for these reasons: the medical report, as stated by Dr. Locock, in a letter now in my possession, was that the Prince was 'perfectly born' at the period named in the bulletin, but of course the worthy doctor was too much occupied to notice the moment of the infant's *first cry*; and he would not notice the time at all till all was over and the child 'perfectly born.' There would thus elapse some few minutes from the true moment of the *astrological* birth. Then also, the clock may have been, as most clocks were in those days, two or three minutes fast, as, at that period, there was no electric telegraph to keep the clocks as exact as they are now kept. Thus the difference of time is readily explained."

There are other reasons why such a rectification cannot be accepted apart from making the time 16m. later than that given. It gives \mathcal{W} 1.5 rising with Saturn on the ascendant in square to the Moon and semisquare to the Sun. This does not agree with his late Majesty's personal appearance which was typically Jupiter in Sagittarius, and moreover a child born at such a moment, with Saturn on the ascendant, afflicted by both luminaries, could not have lived. Further than that all the major directions would be falsified by the supposed time of 11.4 a.m., and this alone is quite sufficient to prove that the rectification was wholly incorrect.

The necessity for careful calculation and application of the proved rules of the epochal thesis cannot be too lightly regarded, and this fact will be emphasised in the illustrations which follow.

THE HOUSES OF THE HEAVENS

By E. H. BAILEY.

The subject of the Houses of the Heavens was first dealt with in these pages in Vols. 13 and 14. A further series of articles appeared in Vol. 26. A short time ago I stated that some additional information had been found, and I am therefore taking up this subject for the third, and I hope, the last time with the object, if possible, of some definite solution being arrived at.

At the present time a considerable amount of chaos exists in the minds of certain students and a number of opinions have been put forward thereon. Opinions, however, are of little weight and with the total disregard for facts which has been shown, much that has been written is more or less a waste of time. Moreover there has been a very intolerant attitude on the part of the adherents of the Campanus method and accusations have been made against myself which are totally untrue and unwarranted.

Personally I have no quarrel with the votaries of the Campanus system of house division. If they are so absolutely and positively certain that it is the correct system, then by all means let them use it. *But*, let them recognise that mere personal opinion is not proof and that they will gain neither credence nor adherents by making wholly unprovoked attacks against those who differ from them, and particularly when the latter have had ten times more practical experience of the subject than they have, and whose opinions are therefore entitled to at least, an equal consideration.

I hold no brief for any system of house division; I have examined and tested all of them; I dealt with them in the pages of a contemporary more than 30 years ago, long before any of the present writers knew anything about the subject, and I claim the right to adopt that system which my many years' experience has satisfied me is the correct one. In this I have the support of one of our leading English Astrologers, who wrote me: "Surely, with your experience you have the right to use whatever system seems best to you."

Mathematics alone will not determine which system is the correct one, neither will it carry conviction to the ordinary student. No good will result from those people who simply adopt a certain system without having the mature

experience necessary to give a reasoned opinion on the matter, and who do so merely to differ from someone else. What the student wants is PROOF and he will *not* be satisfied until such proof is forthcoming. As I have already written, however perfect any system of house division may be from the point of view of mathematics, its real perfection lies in its adaptability to the fundamental laws of astrology. The true judgment of the horoscopes depends in a measure to the correct calculation of the cuspal points whereby the house position of the planets is determined.

Another point may be stated with equal emphasis. It is useless for students to wax sentimental or go into raptures over an imaginary "beatific ideality" of some particular method. This does not constitute proof. However artistic or rhythmic a system may be; however beautiful or systematic its divisions may be, this does not in any way constitute proof or make it the correct system.

But to proceed. It is not my intention in this series of articles to enter into any argument or discussion on the validity of any particular system. I shall merely deal with facts, some of which have already been given in these pages, and others which have recently come to my knowledge. I give them for what they are worth.

I propose first of all to give a brief outline of the various methods of house division which have been handed down to us. As to some of these I shall have very little to say, as they do not concern the object of these articles, but with four of the systems, those of Alcabitus, Porphyry, Regiomontanus and Campanus, I shall deal rather extensively.

The method of Placidus I shall not give much space to, as I have long ago discarded it as being mathematically incorrect. I may be able to explain this statement from the new information which has come to hand.

It appears that the main issue lies between the methods of Porphyry on the one hand, and Regiomontanus and Campanus on the other. The first of the two latter methods appears to be favoured on the Continent, while several students in this country incline to the latter, with the addition of making cusps the centres of the houses which was not intended or used by Campanus. In no case, however, have the votaries of these two methods proved their claims, and with some it would appear that it is merely a fanciful belief, and certainly not based on either investigation or experience.

(To be continued).

REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ASTROLOGERS

The third International Congress of Astrologers was held in Düsseldorf from 1st—8th September, 1936. Among the sixteen nationalities present, Mr. R. S. Gleadow, M.A., was present on behalf of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF ASTROLOGY and the British Federation of Astrologers.

The opening of the congress was reported in the entire German press, speeches of welcome were made on behalf of the National-Socialist state and party and of the Mayor of Düsseldorf, and a telegram of good wishes was received from Dr. Goebbels. The week that followed was a very busy and successful one, and a large number of lectures were delivered, some of which contained matter of great importance.

M. G.-L. Brahy (Brussels) in a study on cancer, showed that the predisposition to this disease is greater when the watery signs and Libra are strongly occupied, but apart from this it is a superstition to believe that Cancerians are specially liable to it. Those who suffer from it usually show a tendency to excess in their horoscopes, with bad aspects to the lights, and the men have Mars afflicted, the women Venus.

M. K. E. Krafft (Zurich) showed by a graph how his life becomes more and more prosperous as Mars passes from Aries to Libra, and then less and less so as Mars returns towards Aries. The retrogradation of Mars causes a temporary reversal of the prevailing trend. M. Krafft suggested that other astrologers whose income is irregular might find a similar periodicity. It is worth mentioning that he has his ruler Mercury in conjunction with Mars in Aries.

Dr. H. C. Dierst (Harxheim), inspired by a statement in the Tetrabiblos, gave examples of lunar horoscopes set up from a normal table of houses with the place of the Part of Fortune as ascendant. The planets keep their radical places. The lunar horoscope gives information about destiny rather than character, and is susceptible to transits; it is often found for example, that on the day of death the ascendant or eighth house of the lunar horoscope is afflicted by a heavy transiting planet.

Dr. Dierst would be glad to have the views of other astrologers on this subject.

M. L. Lasson (Savigny-sur-Orge) contributed a valuable comparison between the house-systems of Placidus and Regiomontanus. Investigating the method of operation of primary direction of the Sun to Mars, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune in 366 cases, he found that the method of Regiomontanus gave 42 per cent. better results than Placidus.

Dr. Budai (Hungary), who is a physician and not an astrologer, gave it as his opinion that a doctor, in treating his patients, should take account of the cosmic influences to which they are subject. In support of this statement he produced many interesting facts. The frequency of sunspots, and even their three-day periodicity, notoriously corresponds with the frequency of violent acts and accidents. He quoted the demonstration of M. Krafft that the effect of sunspots is much more noticeable when the Moon is between Gemini and Libra or in Aquarius. Many sea-creatures respond to the Moon's phases regardless of light and weather. Three thousand cases of fever were found to show Moon-periodicity curves. Dr. Budai also pointed out that planets when in their nodes, have a specially strong influence.

On the afternoon of the first day of the congress an examination was held for astrologers desiring diplomas. The state authorities declared themselves satisfied with the conduct of the examination, and it is therefore possible that in a few months it will be made illegal for any astrologers to practice in Germany unless he holds the diploma of the Düsseldorf school. A state research institute with a government grant may also be set up.

At 6.28 p.m. on September 4th was founded the International Federation of Scientific Astrology. The object of the Federation is to facilitate the exchange of information among astrologers and by promotion examinations, to help obtain public recognition. Each country is to have one representative on the organising council, and the headquarters of the Federation are to be those of its president. As first president, Dr. H. Korsch, of Düsseldorf, was chosen, since Germany is the country in which astrology is nearest to obtaining official recognition. Other countries which named delegates were: France, Col. Maillaud, president of the Société Astrologique de France; Belgium, M. G.-L. Brahy, editor of "Demain"; Switzerland, M. K. E. Krafft; Luxemburg, M. E. Hentges; Holland, Frl. Keller.

THE TWELVE SIGNS

I.—ARIES.

The celestial sign Aries rising on the eastern horizon at the time of birth will give a fiery, active and energetic nature, an impulsive, frank, open and courageous disposition, with plenty of ambition, independence and enthusiasm, arising from an aspiring and progressive nature. There will be much self-confidence, and thereby success will come, but impulsive action, and a tendency to jump to conclusions, will be the cause of misfortunes. Though generally enterprising and progressive in tendency, there is a tendency to changeability of opinions, but a sureness of beliefs while they last. The Aries person is apt at times to say more than he means, but this is owing to the amount of feeling they put in their speech, and from the tendency to see things only as they desire them to be. There is a strong desire to be at the head of things, with the ability to hold their own in any position in life. The will is firm, the inclinations strong, while the temper, though hasty at times, is soon over and harbours no resentment. Generally speaking the Aries person can be generous almost to extravagance, also very liberal, alert and responsive, and in every respect is a pioneer both in thought and action. The instincts are more or less martial, the significator, the fiery Mars ruling over the sign Aries.

FIRST DECANATE. The first decanate of the sign Aries ascending will accentuate the martial tendency and give firmness and resolution, with ability to overcome obstacles. There will be considerable success in personal efforts but at the same time there will be a spirit of independence and a tendency to pride. It gives a very martial and aggressive tendency, and brings out the qualities of strength, fearlessness, courage and energy.

SECOND DECANATE. The second decanate of the sign Aries rising will bring a Leo or solar influence into the life. This will tend to soften the roughness of the Aries nature, and give much inner feeling attached to the thoughts. It will tone down the martial nature of Aries, and give more consideration, kinder-heartedness and magnanimity. There will be nobility of spirit but the temper when

aroused will be more on the side of righteous indignation. Head and heart will unite, by either thinking or feeling, whichever is the stronger.

THIRD DECANATE.—The third decanate of the sign Aries rising will bring a Jupiterian or Sagittarian influence into the life. It will tend to give more impulse and recklessness at times, but it will incline to a very devotional attitude, a very spirited mind, with ability to send thoughts quickly to any place or person desired. It will give some lack of concentration, a tendency to excitement and over activity, but at the same time a very generous nature, with a tendency to extravagance.

The sign Aries is a Cardinal, fiery and mental sign. It is the head of the Cardinal cross, the apex of the fiery triplicity, and has rule over the brain and mental powers. It also governs the mental temperament.

When the first decanate of the sign is rising, the full Aries influence is to be found, and the mental temperament predominates. When the second decan of the sign rises, a Leo sub-influence is brought into play, and any planet in the sign Leo or the fifth house will throw a ray into the ascendant. The mental-vital temperament is then found; head and heart or mind and life combined. When the third decanate of the sign rises, a Sagittarius influence is brought into play, and any planet in the sign Sagittarius or the ninth house will throw a ray into the ascendant. When this decan rises, the mental-motive temperament will predominate or mind and motion will interact.

The sign Aries is divided into nine subdivisions of 3.20' each, commencing with Aries and ending with Sagittarius. There are thus three sub-divisions in each decanate.

FALL BURIES TWINS

Working together in a pit at Desford, near Leicester yesterday twin brothers named Insley, of Bagworth, were buried by a fall. When a rescue party reached them, William Insley was dead, and Charles Insley seriously injured.

A third brother, Edward, was killed in the same place a few years ago.—“Daily Mail,” Sat. 2nd May, 1936.

THE INFLUENCE OF
THE PLANETS

By E. H. BAILEY

The object of this series of short articles is to place before readers, in a complete and simple manner, the action and influence of the nine planets in the formation of character and faculty. It is proposed in this and the next issue to deal generally with the planets, their natures, influence and symbology, and then to deal with each one of them single, month by month, leaving the final issue of the volume for a special summing up.

THE PLANETS

The planets are nine in number, and their names and symbols are as follows:—

Sun	☉	Venus	♀	Saturn	♄
Moon	☾	Mars	♂	Uranus	♅
Mercury	☿	Jupiter	♃	Neptune	♆

In dealing with the influences of the planets it should be noted that all the power and influence they possess is received from the Sun; they have no light or rays of their own, and only reflect the solar rays, the Sun being the essence of all the planets and they the media through which certain forces act. Each planet represents a principle in nature, a power or force which has two modes of vibration, which we call "benefic" and "malefic," the former being when the principle is cultivated and developed, and the latter when it is neglected and abused.

This is the true explanation of the terms "good" and "evil." The planets are not necessarily evil because tradition associates evil influences to Saturn or Mars, but solely because the influence is misused or abused. Anything which in itself is a power, becomes a veritable evil if neglected or allowed to run riot. Take fire, for instance. Properly used it becomes a power for many benefic ends, but allowed to run riot it becomes an evil. Thus it is with planetary influence. The planet Mars stands as a representative of force and strength, but it can be equally a destructive force as a constructive one, the former being the abuse of the principle, as the latter is the development.

The following table will show the principle represented by each planet, and its two modes of vibration:—

PLANET.	PRINCIPLE.	USE.	ABUSE.
Sun	Perfection	Power	Pride
Moon	Perception	Imagination	Illusion
Mercury	Memory	Knowledge	Superficiality
Venus	Emotion	Affection	Immodesty
Mars	Force	Energy	Passion
Jupiter	Compassion	Benevolence	Ostentation
Saturn	Justice	Contemplation	Selfishness
Uranus	Regeneration	Genius	Eccentricity
Neptune	Impression	Inspiration	Sensation

Only one word is used for each, though the same may be expressed in many other ways, but as shown above, it gives the simplest meaning of the principle represented by each planet, and its use and abuse.

The planets Venus and Jupiter are regarded as benefic in their operations, and Mars and Saturn as malefic, but this is only to be taken in a general sense, as both Jupiter and Venus may be very evil, and Saturn and Mars may strengthen and improve the horoscope. Everything depends on their respective positions and aspects in the horoscope. Mercury is a convertible planet, taking on the influence of the planet to which it is conjoined or in nearest aspect and also affected by the sign in which it is placed. Uranus and Neptune are undoubted malefics at the present period of human progress, though both have a highly influential power for good in many things. They undoubtedly represent grades of influence, or planes of manifestation, which present day humanity are unable to live up to. The Sun and Moon are regarded as passive stars, dependent on the aspects of the other planets.

In Hindu astrology, the Sun, Mars, Saturn, and Mercury when conjoined with a malefic and the Moon when decreasing in light are considered evil, and the increasing Moon, Venus, Jupiter and Mercury when conjoined with a benefic are regarded as good planets. The Hindu idea is far more reasonable and should be considered.

In the next issue the Symbology of the planets will be dealt with.

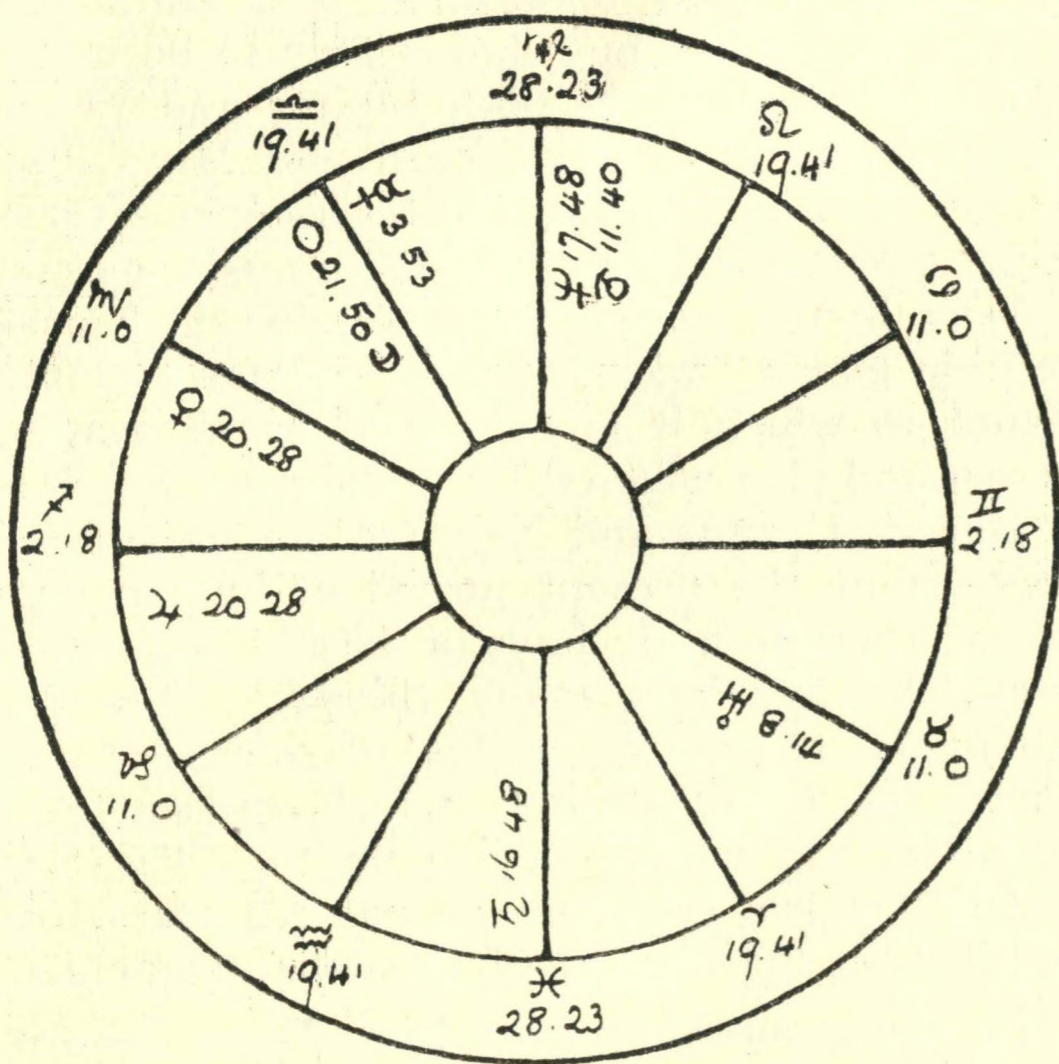


MUNDANE ASTROLOGY

By E. H. BAILEY

THE OCTOBER LUNATION.

The new Moon of October 15th takes place at 10.20 in the morning with Jupiter rising in the ascendant in sextile to the luminaries in the eleventh house, an influence of important and beneficial action for this country. Mars and Neptune are close to the meridian in opposition to Saturn and square Jupiter. The map of the lunation is appended.



The rising position of Jupiter in sextile to the luminaries is of very beneficial import for this country, and will improve trade and commerce, the general condition of the country and people, and also denotes important and beneficial legislation. The elevated position of Mercury, ruler of the tenth, shows many public meetings and is especially good for trade and commercial activity. Honours to people of science and intellect. The position of Uranus in Taurus on the cusp of the sixth house is not good for the workers, there being danger of strikes, but as this planet is in trine with Mars, engineering and allied trades will greatly benefit. The position of Venus in the twelfth house will benefit hospitals and institutions and will bring financial gain thereto.

The danger spot in this figure, is the conjunction of Mars and Neptune in opposition to Saturn, which falls on the meridian in 11 to 17 W. Longitude. This falls in the vicinity of

the Madeira and Canary Islands, and is ominous of heavy storms in the Atlantic and seismic activity in these Islands. The special import of these aspects is dealt with separately.

In a general sense these aspects will bring about a great deal of unrest and intrigue in the country and as they fall across the horizon of the Autumnal equinox will accentuate the difficulties arising out of the international position, and this particularly during the first half of November.

MARS OPPOSITION SATURN.

3.35 a.m., 23rd October, 1936.

The opposition of Mars and Saturn takes place in the early hours of October 23rd, Mars being ten degrees above the eastern horizon and Saturn the same distance below the western. As Mars rules the third house, there is a danger of accidents in travel, and much sickness. In 81 E. Mars culminates and Saturn is on the nadir, pointing to storms and floods and probable seismic troubles, and in 99 W. the two planets are reversed, Saturn culminating and Mars on the nadir. In this latter locality, tornados and seismic troubles are threatened, also serious fires. This opposition is evil for Portugal, Switzerland and the West Indies.

MARS CONJUNCTION NEPTUNE

10.29 p.m., 25th October, 1936.

This conjunction falls on the cusp of the third house at London in opposition to Saturn in the ninth. Here again there are dangers in travelling, disputes in transport matters, some indications of newspaper libels, and the publication of indecent literature. This conjunction falls on the lower meridian in 24 W., denoting storms in the Atlantic and on the upper meridian in 156 E. where violent storms are threatened.

A BRITISH METHUSELAH

Sir,—The most remarkable instance of longevity which is met with in British history is that of Thomas Carn, who, according to the parish register of St. Leonard, Shoreditch, died on January 28, 1588, at the astonishing age of 207 years.

He was born in the reign of Richard II., in the year 1381, and lived in the reigns of twelve kings and queens.

He outlived the better-known "Old Parr" by 55 years.

F. H. BANNER.

Louth.

—"Daily Mail," Thursday, 11th June, 1936.

ASTROLOGY AND THE KABALAH

By E. W. WHITMAN

After the general influence of the first letter of the first name, or the Signatory Letter, as it has been called, has been applied and its vibration so far as the general character, etc., has been noted, it is possible to go a long way farther in seeing the influence that the name has upon one's life and fortunes. It must first of all be remembered that the various descriptions already given of the planetary influences of the letters of the alphabet can be strengthened or weakened according to the position in the horoscope of birth of the planetary or zodiacal vibration involved. In the case of a luminary, planet or the Part of Fortune, the sign and house position together with the aspects made will amplify the readings that have already been given. When a zodiacal sign exercises power then the house over which it rules as well as its natural vibration, must be taken into account, together with any planets that may be in it, the position and aspects of its ruler and the house that its ruler also occupies. Thus as an illustration should the first letter of the name be B, then the sign Virgo will give the signature of the name and the Virgo characteristics will be strong. Should this sign be rising at birth then the general disposition will be stressed and the Virgo virtues and vices will be strengthened. Should this sign be on the cusp of the second house of the birth map, then financial conditions would be very prominent in the life and the person concerned would find many of their interests, desires and wishes linked with money. If the sign was on the third cusp matters to do with relatives, neighbours and others in the external life would affect the decisions and actions to some extent, there would be many short journeys undertaken and the attraction towards the intellectual and mental side of life would be strong. With the sign being on the fourth cusp, the trend of home, family and domestic affairs would influence the thoughts and actions and the home would be a centre of influence for either good or bad. The end part of life would prove to be an exceptionally important part bringing about a realising or disappointing of the desires and wishes according to the line of life that has been fol-

lowed previously. Should the sign be on the fifth cusp, there will be a strong desire for pleasure and to some extent the enterprising or even speculative side of the nature will be drawn out. Matters to do with art, education and children will be prominent. When the sign occupies the sixth cusp, the actual work that is being carried out will be of great importance, and all matters to do with work, those in the sphere of the work or who work for the person will be drawn very much to the fore, whilst health conditions are also likely to be affected. The sign being on the cusp of the seventh house brings in conditions associated with marriage, partnership and public affairs and much will depend upon the type of person chosen as partner or with whom to co-operate as to the success or otherwise of the partnership whether marriage or business. In the event of the sign being on the cusp of the eighth house the actions of the partner or of others in the life with whom there is a degree of co-operation will react upon the person's financial interest; there will be a holding of positions of trust and responsibility regarding money or property that is not one's own, whilst conditions to do with death can affect one for good or ill. When the sign is on the ninth cusp there will be an attraction towards religion, philosophy and matters of an abstract nature, whilst there is an indication of certain long distance journeys. Should the sign be on the tenth cusp, the profession, occupation or business calling will be affected, together with the honour and reputation. With the sign on the cusp of the eleventh house the influence and actions of friends or external associations will be marked and the realising or disappointing of the personal hopes and wishes will depend to a great extent upon oneself. When the sign occupies the twelfth cusp there is some danger of encountering enmity or misunderstanding and much discretion will be required to avoid doing things that can bring about a limiting or restricting of the personal actions, and there is some possibility of a forming of secret associations or attachments or of doing things involving some degree of secrecy.

Any letter giving a zodiacal influence will conform to these general principles and the character of the sign together with the nature of the house and the things it rules should be blended together and will thus open up the meaning of the name one degree more.

**THE APPEAL TERRIBLE : ITS
CAUSE AND REMEDY, IN THE
LIGHT OF ANCIENT SCIENCE**

By **JAMES HARVEY, F.T.S.**

PART I.

The psychological aspect of the problem of suicide, inasfar as an explanation of its cause and occurrence, is of a vague, speculative and most unsatisfactory kind. The literature of the subject is of a goodly number: from the famous essays of David Hume, Jean Jacques Rousseau, Voltaire and Arthur Schopenhauer, to the works of Enrico Morselli, M.D., and Dr. Wynn Westcott of the nineteenth century. The act of self-murder abounds all through history: as is found in classical, profane and sacred records. The act has been defended and advocated by many of the ancients, especially the Romans; and deprecated and condemned by Christianity, Islam and other faiths. Pliny the Elder, A.D. 79, said it was "a privilege of man which Deity does not possess"; and the great Marcus Aurelius, A.D. 150, remarked that "a man had as much right to leave the world as he had to leave a room full of smoke." And Diogenes Laertius, A.D. 220, tells us that the greatest leaders of men, advised the wise to its commission, Lib. viii., 1,66. It has been called an act of cowardice in the seeking of this awful avenue of escape to avoid responsibility and shame; leaving others to face the circumstances. On the other hand suicide has been spoken of as a commendable act in order to avoid the bringing of decent people into the limelight of scandal and notoriety. However, on the front of the consideration of such a procedure, it is to be condemned, in any aspect, as a crime against the construction of society and the liberty of the individual: as it is murder. Hume, of course, argued from the materialistic standpoint, that as one were not consulted as to coming into life, they should not be consulted as to leaving it. But Schopenhauer, with that brevity characteristic of him, describes suicide as "an ugly way of asking the question": of destiny and death. In this analysis of the theme, it will be seen that Astrology, by the planetary examination of several cases of self-destruction, throws more light on this fearful enigma of the soul, than is obtainable from the lamps of our modern psychological investigation.

As has been said, there are many recorded suicides in the annals of the world. The Bible contains the accounts of nine cases of self-assassination: first Abimelech, 1206 B.C., King of the Shechemites, Judges cap. ix. Samson, 1120 B.C., Judge of Israel, Judges cap. xvi. Saul, 1050 B.C., the first King of Israel, Samuel I. cap. xxxi. Saul's Armour Bearer, an Amalekite, *loc. cit.* Ahitophel, 1023 B.C., Counsellor of David, II. Samuel, cap. xvii. Zimri, 929 B.C., King of Israel, II. Kings, cap. xvi. Eleazar, 164 B.C., one of the Maccabees, I. Maccabees, cap. vi. Razis, 162 B.C., a Jewish Elder, II. Maccabees, cap. xiv. Judas Iscariot, A.D. 33, the Traitor, Acts, cap i. And Pontius Pilate, A.D. 36, Procurator of Judea, took his own life according to Josephus in his Antiquities, xviii., 4, 1, 2, and also to Eusebius, the Bishop of Cæserea, in the third century in his Ecclesiastical History, cap. ii., 7. Then there are many classical cases, notable amongst them being that of Sardanapalus, 759 B.C., Empedocles 435 B.C., Demosthenes, 325 B.C., Zeno 264 B.C. the Stoic, Eratosthenes, 194 B.C., Hannibal, the great Carthaginian general 183 B.C., Caius Gracchus 121 B.C., Cato 46 B.C., Brutus 42 B.C., Cassius 42 B.C., Marc Antony 30 B.C., Cleopatra 30 B.C., Boadicea A.D. 60, Seneca A.D. 65, Nero A.D. 68, and St. Pelagia and Sophronia both in A.D. 310. And amongst those of the Middle Ages and modern times are Richard II., 1399, Dr. Burton 1600, Thomas Chatterton 1770, J. J. Rousseau 1778, Lord Castlereagh 1822, St. Simon, C.H. 1822, Earl of Munster 1842, son of William IV, Hugh Miller 1856, Admiral Fitzroy 1865; and Abdul Aiziz 1876, Sultan of Turkey. And at this aspect of the theme, the question has been discussed, whether the tragedy of Calvary was a suicide or a murder? A little thought will show that this is an intricate and perplexing question of such an aspect which could not be treated of in this enquiry. It is chronicled that Staunislus Gautier, a French occultist, thought that

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Weather Forecasts

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1st. Light E'ly or variable in S. and Channel, mainly fair, fog will persist in some districts for most of the day, N. to N.W. wind over Scotland. 2nd. Light, variable winds, sunshine small generally in S.E. and E. England, showers over the North Sea and may reach our E. coast in places, much fog on E. side of North Sea, S. to W. winds over Scotland and maybe showers in N., Ireland fine. 3rd. Light or mod. E'ly over England and Wales, mainly cloudy and occasional rain, mild, Scotland fairer with little or no rain, Ireland similar to S. Britain. 4th. Heavy rain over both S. and N. Britain, also Ireland, temps high for season. 5th. Stormy conditions, furious Southerly gales raging over greater part of these islands, heavy rain over Scotland and N. England, less heavy in S. England. 6th. Gales still blowing over the North Sea, mod. to fresh S.W. or W. over Ireland and W. of S. Britain, gales moving across Belgium and Holland, showers are still falling over England and Wales, gales renewed in S.W. and Channel area later with more heavy rain. 7th. Fresh, squally W. or N.W. winds, moderating later, showers with sunny intervals during day, maybe frost at night, this applies to all districts. 8th. W. to N.W. winds backing later in all districts, not much sunshine in W. showers to rain over Ireland and Scotland, becoming milder, rain probably reach our E. coast by evening, freshening S.W'ly winds. 9th. Fresh or strong S.W. wind, veering later, dull or rainy, mild, unsettled all districts, gales about N. Scotland. 10th. In the early hours stormy conditions over England and Wales, particularly in the S., where heavy rain is also likely, Scotland will have showers, but temporarily finer, Ireland will have sunny periods. 11th. W. or S.W., fresh or strong, unsettled especially in N., mod. or fresh in Channel area, some rain, mild, W'ly Scillies, rain or showers in all districts. 12th. Winds veer W. or N.W. and a cold polar air brings squally showers of rain, hail and thunderstorms in places, N. England will be storm driven, and moving E. across North Sea, drop in temps; very noticeable. 13th. Temporarily finer over England and Wales with most sun-

shine in E., backing to S.W. and S. over Ireland and W. Scotland early, accompanied by rain and freshening to a gale, rain area may reach our E. coasts by evening. 14th. Fresh or strong S'ly, cloudy, some rain, mild, all districts similar, gale force about N. Scotland, nearly gale force in the Channel. 15th. W'ly winds at first in S and Channel become N'ly probably embracing all S. Britain later, occasional rain is likely in all districts, thunder may be heard, heavy rain is likely in Holland, Belgium and N.E. France. 16. E'ly over the North Sea, further W. more N.E'ly except in N. Scotland where S'ly, mainly fair, local showers over S. Britain, brighter over Ireland, but showers or rain N. Scotland. 17th. N.E'ly winds, mod. or fresh, mainly cloudy, temps. mod.; all districts Great Britain and Ireland. S'ly winds over N. Scotland, rain later. 18th. Unsettled and showery in all districts, heaviest falls Ireland and Scotland, where gales are also likely on parts of coasts, may be thunderstorms in places. 19th. S. W'ly winds, strong to a gale in places, rain or showers general, parts of E. coast may have considerable sunshine, heavy falls of rain some districts, temps. above average in S., many places about 60° F. 20th. Mainly cloudy or dull all districts, with rain or showers general, S.W'ly winds, fresh in S., mod. in N. 21st. Mod. S'ly, freshening, cloudy, occasional rain, mild, sea moderate in Channel, wind may veer later, especially in W. districts. 22nd. S. or S.E., strong to a gale in W. districts, heavy falls of rain in W. districts, thunder heard in places, but considerable sunshine in E. England, temps. very high for season. 23rd. Mod. or fresh S'ly winds, rain general over Scotland, temps. still high, most sunshine probable on S. and W. coasts. 24th. Light S'ly in E. and S. England, but veering in W. districts, considerable fog early in some districts, rainfall small generally, several hours' sunshine in some areas. 25th. Winds between W. and S., fresh in coastal districts, rain early to showers over Britain, ground frost in N. Britain, temps high during day, low early. 26th. E. to N.E. round Channel area, perhaps going N.W. or N. in S.W. districts later, continuous rain may reach to Midlands from S., further N. and W. More showery, mist or fog probable in E., S. and Midlands early, where it is cold early, likely frost in parts of Scotland. 27th. Continuous rain spreading N. early, becoming

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Birthday Influences for October 1936.

1. Business, financial and social gains, disputes or accidents. A child born will be clever, generous and affectionate, but very hasty and rash.
2. Business gains, activity and new work, disappointments, reverses and annoyances. A child born will be clever, enterprising and progressive, erratic and will meet with many difficulties.
3. Recognition, pleasure, worry. A child born will be steadfast, impressionable and fairly successful.
4. Financial and business success, disputes, deception and annoyances. A child born will be clever, generous, but hasty and rash and have much to contend against in life.
5. Indisposition, deception, financial losses, trouble through other sex, success in employ. A child born will be extravagant, unreliable, and have much trouble in love. Will do best in employ.
6. Financial gains, activity and new work, scandal and grief. A child born will be generous, enterprising and energetic, but untruthful and careless.
7. Changes, journeys, social gains, recognition, pleasure, trouble in employ. A child born will be original and inventive, affectionate, trustworthy, impressionable, but proud.
8. Business gains, deception and annoyances. A child born will be clever but unreliable, and have much deception to contend with in life.
9. Social gains, reverses, losses and disappointments. A child born will be kind, but careless, erratic and unreliable and make little headway in life.
10. Success in employ, travel, changes, financial gains, disputes. A child born will be popular, skilful, generous and original and inventive, somewhat rash and hasty.
11. Changes, journeys, benefits in employ, indisposition, disputes or accidents. A child born will be original and inventive, hasty, rash, and will meet with serious difficulties in life.
12. Social and business gains, indisposition or bereavement, deception. A child born will be affectionate, impressionable, clever, but will have a very hard struggle in life.
13. Financial and business gains, deception. A child born will be generous, clever and very successful.
14. Indisposition, disputes or accidents, some gain in employ. A child born will be hasty, rash, have many difficulties to meet and will do best in employ.
15. Financial gains and changes, disputes or accidents. A child born will be very hasty and impulsive, but generous and reliable.
16. Reverses and indisposition, annoyances. A child born will be erratic and unreliable and make little headway in life.
17. Social gains, activity and new work, recognition, pleasure. A child born will be affectionate, enterprising and progressive, trustworthy and impressionable.
18. Courtship or marriage, social gains. A child born will be artistic and affectionate.
19. Financial and business gains, disputes or accidents. A child born will be clever, generous, hasty and impulsive and often involved in difficulties.
20. Financial gains, success in employ, indisposition, deception and reverses. A child born will be generous and popular, but unreliable and erratic, will do best in the employ of others.
21. Financial gains, changes and journeys. A child born will be original, inventive and generous; fairly successful.
22. Social gains, recognition, activity and new work, pleasure, scandal. A child born will be enterprising and progressive, affectionate, steady, impressionable but untruthful.
23. Social gains, disputes and annoyances, trouble in employ. A child born will be affectionate, but proud and hasty, and have many obstacles to overcome.
24. Business gains, success in employ, reverses, indisposition. A child born will be clever, industrious, erratic; will have much to contend with in life and will do best in employ.
25. Financial gains, success in employ; disputes, indisposition and treachery. A child born will be generous, popular, hasty, dictatorial and meet with many serious difficulties in a career.
26. Business gains, changes and journeys; grief, deception and disputes. A child born will be clever, original and inventive; careless, wayward and impressionable.
27. Financial losses, disputes, danger of law, accidents and serious difficulties. A child born will be hasty, extravagant, deceptive and unreliable, and will have a very difficult path to tread.

28. Business and social gains, deception and indisposition. A child born will be clever, affectionate, impressionable, but will have many obstacles to overcome.

29. Financial gains, success in employ; scandal, serious reversals. A child born will be generous and popular; careless, untruthful, erratic, and have many difficulties to meet.

30. Recognition, disputes, treachery, trouble in employ, reverses. A child born will be steady, but proud, erratic and wayward, and be often involved in troubles.

31. Social gains, pleasure, activity and new work, serious reversals. A child born will be kind, enterprising and active, impressionable, but will meet with serious reversals in a career.

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out of the body he could carry out his work better, and with that resolution put an end to his earthly existence. Long, long after, from the *post mortem* state, he sent a purported message to a disciple that instead of the spiritual freedom which he expected, he found, after the act of suicide, he did not die, but was conscious of all around him, unable to make any physical manifestation. And was told by those on the other sphere of death, that owing to the fact of having killed his body before the time apportioned by God, he must remain in it, in the grave until the period assigned for its normal and natural departure: undergoing the states of corruption, mortification and decay of the tomb, in full consciousness. Of a truth, this is a hideous incubus, and terrible picture of fate: but may act as a deterrent to anyone seeking oblivion in the facile means of self-murder; and awake to the horrible reality of standing on the fire-lashed shores of Hell.

For who can tell on what red hell
Our sightless soul may stray.

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- THE HOUSES OF THE HEAVENS.

Astronomical Phenomena

OCTOBER 1936

Moon's Phases.

Last Quarter	— 7th —	0h. 28m. p.m.
New Moon	— 15th —	10h. 20m. a.m.
First Quarter	— 23rd —	0h. 54m. p.m.
Full Moon	— 30th —	5h. 58m. a.m.

Planetary Positions.

- ☉ The SUN is in Libra, enters Scorpio 23rd at 2.18 p.m.
- ☿ MERCURY is in Libra, retrograde to 10th, ☿☉ 1st.
- ♀ VENUS is in Scorpio, enters Sagittarius 23rd.
- ♂ MARS is in Virgo, ♂♃ 25th.
- ♃ JUPITER is in Sagittarius.
- ♄ SATURN is in Pisces.
- ♅ URANUS is in Taurus.
- ♆ NEPTUNE is in Virgo.

☾ The following table shows the Moon's sign position at noon on each day of the month.

Aries	1, 28, 29, 30	Libra	14, 15
Taurus	2, 3, 30, 31	Scorpio	16, 17, 18
Gemini	4, 5	Sagittarius	19, 20
Cancer	6, 7, 8	Capricorn	21, 22, 23
Leo	9, 10	Aquarius	24, 25
Virgo	11, 12, 13	Pisces	26, 27

WEATHER FORECASTS.

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showery in S., rain or hail, sunny periods in most places, rain over Ireland again later, an E'ly gale likely early N.E. England and E. Scotland. 28th. S'ly in S. and Channel, becoming strong, veering, rain at first, showers and sunny intervals later, further N., squally, with showery conditions, also in Scotland, may be hail and thunder in some areas. 29th. Very unsettled and variable, showers of rain or hail, with a thunderstorm thrown in, sunny periods, ground frost in places, others troubled with fog. 30th. Winds variable, light, but freshened in W. and S.W. later, rain or showers general early and again later in W. and S.W. of S. Britain, fog early in E. England, heavy falls of rain over Ireland. 31st. S'ly winds, veering S.W., strong to a gale in W. coastal districts, unsettled, rain or showers general, hail with local thunder, parts of S. Britain, most sunshine in Eastern districts, temps. about average. VILLAGER.

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THE AUTUMN SESSION.

The Autumn Session of the Institute opened on September 24th, 1936, at the Lecture Room, 69, High Holborn. After a short business meeting and a report by the Manager, a lecture was delivered by Mr. E. H. Bailey on the subject of "Common astrological misconceptions." In his remarks the Lecturer drew attention to a number of common mistakes in connection with aspects, orbs and house position. He dealt with the erroneous supposition that sextiles and trines were always good and squares and opposition always evil, pointing out that the real influence of aspects depended on the strength or dignity of the applying planet. Various other matters were dealt with, and the Lecturer very strongly denounced the present erroneous method of Solar astrology, which depended wholly on the position of the Sun and not on the time of birth, and was therefore more or less applicable to everybody born on the same day, irrespective of the time.

If space permits, the lecture will be published in these pages.

The following lectures are arranged for the month of October:—

October 1st.—"Disraeli and the Suez Canal," Miss J. Harrap.

October 8th.—"Astrology and the Kabbalah" Mr. E. W. Whitman.

October 15th.—"Hindu Astrology," Mr. R. Woods.

October 22nd.—"Medical Astrology," Mr. E. H. Bailey.

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