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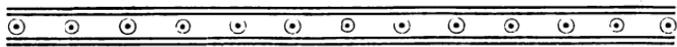


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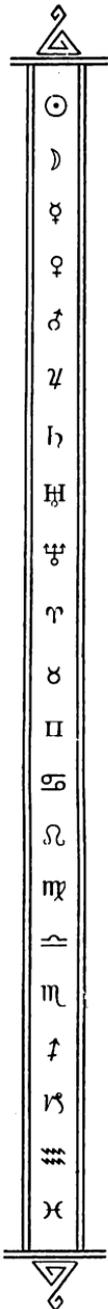
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PHENOMENA—JANUARY, 1897.

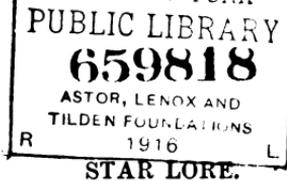
JAN. 6TH.—SATURN in *conjunction* with URANUS in the martial sign *Scorpio* 27° 40' 4", at 7^h 2·4^m a.m. Greenwich mean time—their first conjunction since 1852.

„ 13TH.—MERCURY *stationary* in the sign *Aquarius* 9° 48'.

„ 16TH.—MARS *stationary* in the sign *Gemini* 11° 34'.

„ 22ND.—MERCURY in *inferior conjunction* with the SUN.

N.B.—The *signs* of the zodiac must not be confounded with the constellations of the same name.



ON FOREKNOWLEDGE.

The prescience of the ancients was attained only after continuous observation extending throughout many centuries, by amassing data from observation, and by true inductive reasoning laying down laws of Nature. The whole ancient world, Hebrews and Christians included, accepted the *natural astrology* thus founded by the Chaldæans. David mentions the Chasdim, who were astrologers or Chaldæan philosophers. The Chaldaic philosophy was in existence long before the call of Abram who was a believer in the "*Aur Chasdim*, the light or doctrine of the Chaldees;" he was favoured with a direct revelation from Heaven that the heavenly bodies, however powerful they appear to be over the phenomena of Nature and the destinies of nations, were not to be worshipped.

Josephus avers that the astrology which was practised by the ante-diluvians, was founded by Adam who received his information thereon from the Almighty! He further states that Seth, having received instruction in its principles from Adam, foreseeing the Flood, engraved the rudiments of the science upon two permanent pillars of stone; and that the remains of those pillars he, Josephus, himself had seen. He also states that the science was taught by Enos and Noah, who preserved it to the days of Abraham.

It is the fashion of the present day to deride the astrology of the learned priests of Egypt, yet Diodorus relates that they frequently foretold correctly the failure of crops or an abundance, the occurrence of plagues, earthquakes and floods; and the appearance of comets.

Hippocrates wrote a book *De significatione vitæ et mortis secundum motum lune et aspectus planetarum*. He was marvellously successful in medical practice, and he freed Athens from pestilence, for which feat he was publicly crowned.

Opponents of *astrologia sana* are much given to the assertion that the supposed celestial influence is mystical and incomprehensible. There is really nothing more mystical in planetary influence than in gravitation or attraction, or the pointing of the needle to the north. In fact all the operations of Nature are mystical until they can be understood. Moreover, if the Deity sees fit to rule the world by planetary influence we may well find it difficult to understand, as are all His works—"wonderful and past finding out." Chemists and electricians must admit that the best known operations of chemistry and electricity are beyond comprehension as regards their ultimate causes. All things tend to one conclusion—viz., a great First Cause who in wisdom rules the universe.

We are frequently reminded that the learned astronomers of the present day ignore and condemn astrology, and that this is due to the discoveries of Copernicus overturning the ancient system of astronomy. The fact that the so-called Copernican astronomy is really Pythagorean, and that Pythagoras accepted astrology, that Kepler, the founder of modern astronomy, also believed in and practised astrology, is forgotten or suppressed. The first astronomer royal, Flamsteed, was an astrologer, a fact which is also concealed, although his figure of the heavens drawn for his elected moment for the laying of the foundation stone of Greenwich Observatory is preserved among his MSS.*

The foreknowledge afforded by astronomy is limited to the purposes of navigation, the foretelling of eclipses, transits, the return of comets and occultations. Astrology, the nursing mother of astronomy, goes farther, for it enables us to foretell earthquakes, storms, floods, droughts, wars and epidemics.

Occasional failures of prediction are cited by the sceptics as proof of the absurdity of the claims of astrology to be considered a science, whereas they are due to some imperfections in the art, or else to opposing influences rendering judgment difficult. Failures are not entirely unknown, however, in other sciences, not even in astronomy. In 1857 there was a great scare throughout Europe owing to the extravagant prediction of an official astronomer that the great comet of 1556 would then return and come into collision with the earth. Zadkiel assured his readers beforehand that no injury to the earth would result. Biela's comet which was asserted by astronomers to have exploded, its scattered fragments forming the shooting stars of the 27th of November, re-appeared in 1872 to the confusion of astronomers. The predictions of great meteoric displays have sometimes utterly failed of fulfilment.

We ask again : What have the literati gained by ignoring the mysteries of Indian and Egyptian temples—mysteries which enthralled the mighty intellects of Pythagoras and Plato? Why are the literati indifferent to the true meaning of the writings of Hesiod, Aratos, Homer, Heraclitus, Plato, Plutarch, Ovid and Virgil, which are rich in astrologic lore, but are literally nothing without it? But how can they read by the lamp of astrology when their every effort is to extinguish it? Modern science is kaleidoscopic in the bewildering variety of its fluctuations, and has really not much of the fixity claimed for it. From one decade to another do our scientific men launch forth new theories and build up new cosmogonies. Where are now the

*A *fac-simile* of this horoscope is given in the first volume of "The Text Book of Astrology."

theories of "Strata Smith" in geology? Where are the nebula theories of Herschel? Where are the vain imaginings of the author of "Vestiges of Creation"? Gone, with much of the speculation of a Lyell, a Murchison, and a Whewell.

About thirty years ago, Piazzi Smyth, astronomer royal for Scotland, advanced his theory of the Great Pyramid, but his conclusions were fallacious, because he founded them on his own religious ideas instead of the religious opinions and astrology of the builders of that wonderful structure!

The fact that all the great wars, revolutions, and crises of the past 66 years have been clearly foretold in the pages of *Zadkiel's Almanac*, as have, also, nearly all the great earthquakes, droughts, and epidemics of that space of time, is incontrovertible evidence that there is a very great deal of truth in *astrologia sana*.

THE RARE CONJUNCTION OF SATURN WITH URANUS, 1897.

Not since the 16th of March, 1852 has there been a conjunction of Saturn with Uranus. Their conjunction now takes place on the 6th of January, at 7^h 2^m 25^a a.m., Greenwich mean time, in the sign *Scorpio* 27° 40' 4".

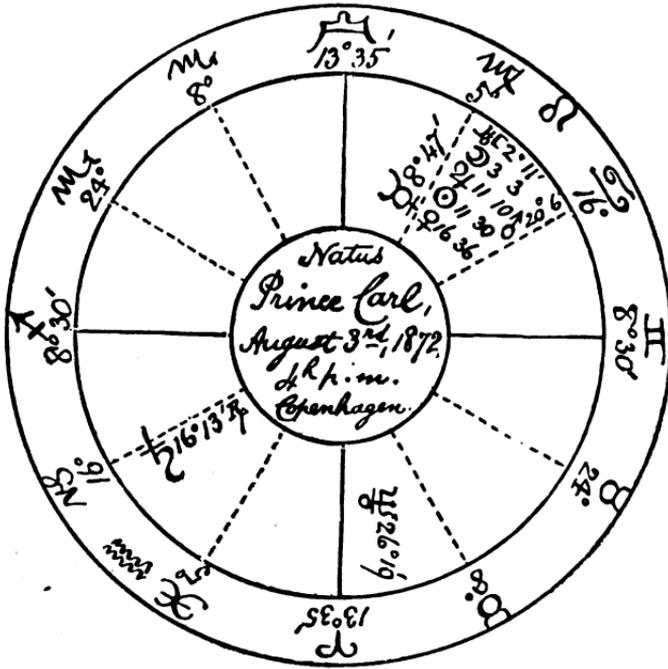
It has been proved that there is an intimate connexion between terrestrial magnetism and the relative positions of Uranus and Neptune, so that the stock objection that Saturn and Uranus are too remote to affect anything on this Earth falls to the ground.

An examination of the figure of the heavens, drawn for the centre of London, shows that at the moment of their conjunction in geocentric longitude Saturn and Uranus are in the eleventh "house" or division of the heavens (reckoning the ascendant as the first and the upper meridian as the tenth house), and in almost perfect quartile (90°) aspect with the Moon and Venus in the sign *Aquarius* and in the second house.

This conjunction threatens warlike measures, epidemic diseases, and floods or earthquakes. These evils will fall on Turkey, Greece, and Asia Minor more than on our own country, because over the East of Europe the conjoined planets will be close to the meridian. At Bombay they will be in the eighth house, so that an extension of bubonic plague and mortality will take place there. At Capetown they are in the tenth house, pre-signifying trouble to the Cape government, discord, and severe storms.

NATIVITY OF PRINCE CARL OF DENMARK.

According to the official bulletin, Prince Carl was born at 4 p.m. of the 3rd of August, 1872, at Copenhagen. The right ascension of the Meridian was at that moment, $12^h 50^m 0.44^s$ or $192^\circ 30' 7''$ in arc, *Libra* $13^\circ 35'$ culminating, and *Sagittarius* $8^\circ 30'$ ascending.



Planets.	Latitude.	Declination.	Right Ascen.	Merid. Dist.	Semi-Arc.		
					°	'	"
Sun ...	☉	17 20 39 N	133 58 4	58 32 3	117	13	58
Moon ...	☾	23 22 51 N	126 21 9	66 8 58	129	18	27
Mercury	♃	6 49 37 N	159 49 47	32 40 20	100	6	10
Venus...	♀	17 7 40 N	139 27 50	53 2 17	116	50	34
Mars ...	♂	0 53 N	111 52 39	80 37 28	124	37	57
Jupiter	♃	17 59 57 N	133 47 28	58 42 39	118	25	42
Saturn	♄	22 17 5 S	287 34 23	84 55 44	126	54	16
Uranus	♅	0 33 N	124 35 53	67 54 14	122	39	46
Neptune	♆	1 44 S	8 33 15 N	25 2 40	12	32	33
					77	16	5

It was stated a few weeks ago, in the *Evening News*, that Prince Carl has studied astrology. This can well be credited, seeing that Mercury is in his chief dignity, the sign *Virgo*, and the Moon is hardly one degree separated from conjunction with Uranus. The Prince evidently possesses excellent abilities in science, literature, and art, and a jovial, generous, and frank disposition. The sun is well attended by Jupiter and Venus, and the Moon makes her application to Jupiter; and the Sun and Jupiter are harmoniously configured with both the Mid-heaven and the ascendant; so that a happy, fortunate, and long life may be predicted for the Prince. About the 43rd to 45th years of life, when by primary direction Saturn will come to the ascendant and Mars to the descendant, accidents or a chest affection will be experienced. About the 59th year will be the culminating point of his career.

The wedding of Prince Carl with Princess Maud of Wales took place July 22nd, 1896, under the direction of the Mid-heaven to the sextile of Mercury and Venus, and the transit of Venus over the place of the Moon at birth, and Jupiter over that of the Sun.

THE EARTHQUAKE IN ENGLAND, 1896.

The complacency with which Britons regard the subject of earthquakes received a rude shock by the vibration experienced at Hereford, Ledbury, and many other places on the 17th December, 1896. The earthquake took place at 5^h 35^m a.m. Greenwich Mean Time as SATURN and URANUS ascended in the last decanate of the sign *Scorpio*, the Moon setting in parallel declination with the Sun, and applying to the opposition aspect with the ascending planets.

In 1185, a shock of earthquake wrecked the newly-built cathedral of Lincoln. Uranus was then in the sign *Taurus* and in quartile (90°) aspect with Neptune in *Aquarius*.

The "Wash" is undoubtedly due to a great earthquake, in remote times, which probably passed from the Malvern district across the North Sea to Norway.

The rare conjunction of SATURN with URANUS on the 6th of January, 1897, will be quickly followed with severe shocks of earthquake, most probably in the Grecian Archipelago, or in Asia Minor about the 41st deg. of East Longitude. Should any vibration extend to Great Britain, the effects are not likely to be catastrophic.

PROBABLE EARTHQUAKE PERIODS: January 4th, 6th, 14th, and 18th.

[A treatise on earthquakes will be found in "The Text Book of Astrology," by A. J. Pearce, vol. ii.]

LOOKING FORWARD.

JANUARY 13TH TO 27TH.—The relative positions of the planets Mars, Saturn, and Uranus seem to pre-signify a violent outbreak in Turkey. Every precaution should be taken by the Ambassadors of the Great Powers against a massacre of Christians. A sudden movement of a fanatical kind is also threatened in Egypt.

The United States will feel the disturbing influence of Mars.

The City of London will be affected by the relative positions of Mercury, Mars and Neptune. Fluctuations on 'Change, public excitement, numerous fires, and crimes of violence may be expected about the 13th to 16th.

In many parts of the world, accidents by explosions will be rife on or about the 6th, 15th, and 27th of January.

PROBABLE STORM PERIODS.

January 4th to 6th, 12th or 13th, 22nd and 29th.

NOTES.

The *stationary* position of MARS in *Gemini* 11°34' is troublous for persons who were born on the 1st or 2nd of June, especially in 1826, 1829, 1833, 1837, 1842, 1843, 1852, 1854, 1857, 1860, 1861, 1867, 1869, 1872, 1883, or 1884. Precaution should be taken by them against accident by fire or fire-arms, feverish ill-health, quarrels and disputes, from the 15th to the 20th of January.

Those who were born when either the Sun, Moon, or Mercury held the 28th degree of the sign *Scorpio*, should avoid travelling by sea, dangerous places, and new undertakings or speculations this month. Those who had ☉ or ☽ in ♈, ☐ or ♁ with either ♀, ♁, or ♂ will suffer most.

JUPITER now benefits those at whose birth the Sun or Moon held the 9th or 10th degree of the sign *Virgo*.

Unfavourable days for commencing new business, heavy purchases, or new investments are January 6th, 7th, 15th, and 27th. Favourable days and hours depend on individual horoscopes.

Secondary Directions in nativities are to Primary "as moonlight unto sunlight, as water unto wine." The former were handed down to posterity by the ancient Arabian astrologers who possessed no good instruments for observation, and no correct lunar tables. They are very unreliable, if not entirely so.

The drought at Agra, Cawnpore, and Nagpore, owing to the failure of the monsoon, and consequent scarcity of grain at the end of September, 1896, and the outbreak of plague at Bombay in the summer quarter, fulfilled, in a sad manner, the predictions given at pp. 57 and 59 of *Zadkiel's Almanack* for 1896, viz. :— "There will be much epidemic sickness," in India, in the summer quarter; and "The figure of the heavens for the autumnal equinox threatens a drought, for Mars is the ruling planet and is in *Gemini*, and in south latitude." At Cawnpore, at the moment of solar ingress into *Libra*, September 22nd, 6^h 24^m 5^m p.m., *Aries*, 11° 5' ascended, and Mars was in *Gemini* 19° 39', with 0° 38' south latitude.

Had the Indian Government paid attention to these warnings, they might have taken adequate measures in advance to lessen the suffering from impending famine. At the conference of British Indians resident in Great Britain, on the 28th of December, held in London, a majority carried an amendment that the special reference of thanks to the Government of India should be omitted from the resolution submitted to the meeting.

TABLES OF HOUSES.

A set of "Tables of Houses" for every degree of latitude in Great Britain and for several cities abroad; and tables of the geocentric longitude, latitude, and declination of the planet Neptune for several back years, were given in the various numbers of "FUTURE" from June, 1893, to July, 1894. These tables are indispensable to astral students. The ten numbers of "FUTURE" containing them may be had for six shillings and sixpence, of Messrs. Glen and Co., 328, Strand, London.