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DEATH OF MR. GLADSTONE.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE WILLIAM EWART GLADSTONE passed to the higher life at 5h. a.m. of the 19th of May, 1898, full of years and of honours, and after enjoying the loving esteem of his countrymen whom he had served honestly, well, and unselfishly for half a century.

As the Marquis of Salisbury so eloquently said, it was not Mr. Gladstone's marvellous intellectual gifts, his extraordinary personal magnetism, nor his eloquence which accounted for the admiration he extorted from friend and foe. "It was that men recognised in him a man guided, whether under mistaken influence or not it matters not, but guided in all the steps he took, in all the efforts that he made, by a high moral ideal. What he sought was the achievement of great ideals, and whether they were based on sound conviction or not, they could have issued from nothing but the greatest and purest moral aspirations; and he is honoured by his countrymen, because for so many years, and through so many vicissitudes and conflicts, they have recognised this one characteristic, which never ceased to govern his actions. A great Christian statesman," were the terms in which the Premier summed up, in the House of Lords, the characteristics of Mr. Gladstone.

Lord Salisbury and his nephew, Mr. Balfour, who had encountered Mr. Gladstone frequently in debate, were as deeply moved by his death as those who had under his leadership achieved victory and suffered defeat. Lord Rosebery, in his splendid tribute, mentioned the fact that, "There was no expression so frequently on Mr. Gladstone's lips as the word 'manhood.' In speaking of any one, he would say, with an accent that no one who heard him could forget, 'So-and-so had the *manhood* to do this;' and no one, I think, will forget the extremity of scorn which he would put into the negative phrase, 'So-and-So had not the *manhood* to do that.' It was

obvious from all he said and did that virile virtue of manhood in which he comprehended courage, righteous daring, and disdain of the odds against him was perhaps the one which he put highest."

Astral students will naturally seek to know under what combination of Solar, Lunar and Planetary influences so great and noble a man was born. Unfortunately the time of his birth was not recorded, and the nearest time available is "about breakfast time." This might be any time between 7h. 45m. and 9h. a.m. In FUTURE, January, 1893, we gave a diagram of the heavens drawn for 7h. 59m. a.m. of the 29th December, 1809, at Liverpool, the R.A. of the M.C. being $217^{\circ} 7'$.

This brings up the primary direction of SUN opposition SATURN, mundo, exactly to the period of death, and several satisfactory directions to the times of the chief events of Mr. Gladstone's useful and eventful life.

The (approximate) longitude of Neptune was *Sagittarius* $8^{\circ} 22'$.

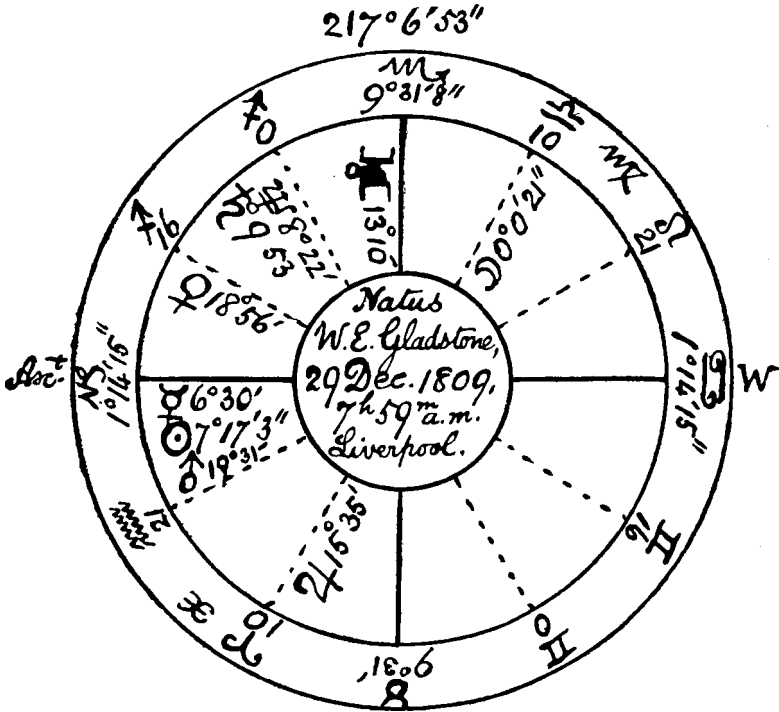
The position of the planet MERCURY in the ascendant, in the cardinal sign *Capricornus*, in mundane sextile aspect with Jupiter, Saturn, and Neptune, and in aspect with the Moon in *Libra*, also a cardinal sign, betokens the splendid intellect, the grand eloquence, the noble aspirations, and the busy nature of the eminent statesman.

In the *Tetrabiblos*, ascribed to Claudius Ptolemy, it is declared that when Mercury and the Moon are posited in tropical and equinoctial signs, the mind is disposed "to enter much into political matters and State affairs, to be fond of distinction, and busy in theology; at the same time, ingenious, acute, full of invention, and studious of astrology."

Moreover, when Mercury is in the ascendant or oriental of the Sun, as in this nativity, the child then born becomes "liberal, frank, self-reliant, brave, ingenious, unreserved, and active."

Saturn, the disposer of Mercury, is in elevation, in a Jovian sign, disposes of the Moon by exaltation, is in mundane sextile with Mercury, and receives the application of the Moon to his zodiacal sextile, and this "renders the mental properties exquisite, unimpeded, and successful." Again, Saturn thus "renders men strong and profound in opinion, austere, laborious, imperious, hostile to crime, and inclined to avarice." The tendency to austerity and avarice is modified, however, by the mundane sextile aspect of Jupiter with Mercury, from the third house, which renders the mind and disposition "generous, gracious, pious, reverent, joyous, lofty, courteous, magnanimous, noble, compassionate, fond of learning, calculated for government, attached to the family, and philosophical."

The ascending position of Mercury and his configuration with the Moon conferred eloquence on Mr. Gladstone, and led him to change his opinions in politics; the configuration being the quartile, unpopularity was incurred at one time of his life, although he never lost the affectionate regard of his countrymen.



	Long.	Lat.	Declin.	Rt. Arc.	Mer. Dist.	Semi-Arc.
☉	7° 17'	—	23 16s	277 56	119 11	125 53
☽	0° 0'	1 46s	1 37s	179 19	37 48	87 49
♁	6° 30'	1 42s	24 56s	277 11	119 56	128 46
♂	18° 56'	0 34N	22 27s	258 1	40 54	56 11
♂	19° 31'	1 9s	16 3s	322 19	74 48	112 48
♃	15° 35'	1 19s	4 55N	14 51	22 16	83 21
♂	9° 53'	1 38N	20 21s	248 28	31 21	60 1½
♃	13° 10'	0 24N	15 25s	220 48	3 41	68 12

Morinus said that Mercury rising "gives noble ideas, invention, elocution, and a love of arts and sciences." Also that the Sun in the ascendant "gives honour, glory, and long life."

We make these quotations from ancient writers, in order to show that we are not twisting the science to make the horoscope agree with the character and career of the eminent statesman. The student will find the planetary positions and configurations as we have delineated them; that the Sun and Mercury, in the ascendant, are free from the hostile beams of malevolent planets; and that the aphorisms of the ancients are applicable to the horoscope in the manner described.

That Mr. Gladstone would make his mark early in life is indicated by the ascending position of the Sun with Mercury, the fact that Venus has but lately risen, and Saturn (ruler of the ascending sign) is in the eleventh house. Uranus being in the tenth house subjected him to some vicissitudes in his political career, in a sudden and unexpected way, on more than one occasion.

As the Moon was configured at birth with the ascending degree, Mr. Gladstone's complexion was always pale—deadly pale says one writer—and as Venus was the planet which ascended last before the birth, his complexion was of soft texture, like ivory, and his eyes were brilliant. As the very beginning of the sign (Capricornus) ascended, his stature was above middle height. Mercury being in semi-quartile and the Moon applying to sesquiquadrate with Mars, he was a daring horseman; and his expertness as a feller of trees may thus be accounted for. It is said that in youth and middle age he could walk fifty miles in one day.

Let us now compare the primary directions in this interesting nativity with the chief events in Mr. Gladstone's life.

In October, 1828, Mr. Gladstone was sent to Oxford University, at $19\frac{3}{4}$ years of age, under the direction of

Midheaven sextile Venus, zod. con. $19^{\circ}40'$

He first entered Parliament on the 11th of December, 1832, arc= $22^{\circ}58'$, under

Sun rapt parallel Moon, $22^{\circ}59'$.

His happy marriage took place on the 25th of July, 1839, arc= $29^{\circ}34'$, under the following directions falling due in his 30th year:—

Moon 40° Venus, zod., d., s.l.	...	...	$29^{\circ}23'$
Midheaven conjn. Neptune, zod., d.	...	...	$29^{\circ}30'$
Venus parallel Venus, zod., d.	...	...	$20^{\circ}49'$
Moon conjn. midheaven zod., d.	...	...	$29^{\circ}51'$
Sun sextile Venus, zod., d.	...	...	$30^{\circ}9'$

As the Moon's sign *Cancer* occupied the cusp of the seventh

house of the nativity her direction to midheaven, in the zodiac, influenced the marriage.

Mr. Gladstone became President of the Board of Trade and entered the Cabinet, in June 1843, under—

Midheaven trine Jupiter, mundo ... 33° 18'

Midheaven parallel Moon, zod., con. 33 24

Mr. Russell, in his biography of Mr. Gladstone, states that the statesman lost a finger by an accident with his gun in the winter of 1845. This happened under the direction of Mars to the ascendant—

Ascendt. conjn. Mars, zod., d. 35° 57'

He was elected Member for Oxford University on the 24th of July, 1847, under—

Midheaven trine Jupiter zod., d. 37° 13'

Midheaven conjn. Moon, in. con. 37 48

His father died in 1851, under

Sun parallel Saturn zod., con. 41° 11'

He made his first famous speech on the 17th of December, 1852, and was made Chancellor of the Exchequer, at 43 years old, under—

Sun parallel Jupiter, zod., d. 43° 19'

By a clever move, he repealed the Paper Duty, in 1861, under—

Sun rapt parallel Venus ... 51° 0'

Ascendt parallel Moon, zod., d. 51 21

He was defeated at Oxford, July, 1865, under—

Moon conjn. Saturn, zod., d. 55° 42'

However he was elected for South Lancashire, in the following month, under—

Moon rapt parallel Jupiter, 55° 50'

Under the same influence, he went over to the Liberal Party, and became Leader of the House of Commons in February, 1863, but he resigned in June of that year.

Mr. Gladstone became Prime Minister on the 9th of December, 1868, arc 58° 56', under—

Ascendt. conjn. Jupiter, zod. 58° 56'

In February, 1874, he dissolved Parliament, and resigned on his party being badly beaten at the poll, under—

Ascendt. conjn. Uranus, zod., con 64° 0'

Ascendt. conjn. Uranus, mundo, 64 31

After his arduous campaign in Midlothian, he became again Prime Minister on the 23rd of April, 1880, arc=70° 19', under:—

Moon trine Jupiter, mundo, 70° 28'

Ascendt parl Venus, zod., 70 32

Midheaven parl Venus, zod., 70 43

From the formation of his Ministry in the spring of 1880 nearly everything went wrong, "in a mysterious way," wrote

one pressman. This is accounted for by the Sun coming by direction to the quartile of the place of Mars. The troubles with the Irish Nationalists, the arrest of Parnell, the troubles in the Soudan, death of Gordon, and finally the defeat on the Budget, June 8th, 1885, marked the operation of evil directions, viz. :—

Sun quartile Mars, zod., d.	71° 34'
Sun trine Mars, zod., con.	73 56
Moon opposition Venus, zod., con. ...	73 52
Ascendt. quartile Mars, zod., d. ...	74 34
Moon quartile Jupiter, mundo ...	74 39
Midheaven opposition Mars, mundo	74 48
Moon opposition Venus, m., con. ...	75 6
Midheaven opposition Mars, zod. ...	75 11
Sun opposition Jupiter, m., con. ...	75 24

On the 1st February, 1886, Mr. Gladstone became Prime Minister for the third time; but on the Home Rule Bill he was again defeated in July, and resigned under—

Ascendt. 135° Sun, zod., d.	76° 11'
Moon parallel Mars, m., d.	76 16
Midheaven parallel Uranus, zod.	76 34

In August, 1892, he was made Prime Minister for the fourth time, at the age of 82 years 7 months!

Ascendt. sextile Mars mundo... ..	82° 48'
Sun conjn. Moon, zod., con.	83 20
Moon conjn. Mercury, zod., d.	83 26

His Ministry had but a troublous existence, and increasing infirmity led Mr. Gladstone to resign, in favour of Earl Rosebery, on the 2nd of March, 1894, under—

Midheaven parallel Saturn, zod.	84° 11'
Sun conjn. Moon, m., con.	84 19

It may be mentioned that Mr. Gladstone had a narrow escape of being blinded, under the operation of the direction of the Sun to the place of the Moon, and ancient writers state this direction brings "weakness of health, danger of blindness," etc.

Moreover the Sun was coming by direction to the opposition of the place of Saturn at birth, and cardiac debility set in as well as an affection of the sight. The train of directions leading up to the fatal illness (the arc for death is 88° 23') were—

Sun opposition Saturn, zodiac	85° 24'
Moon semi-quartile Saturn, m.	87 12
Sun quartile Venus, zod., con.	87 17
Sun quartile Sun, mundo, con.	87 23
Ascendt. ss □ Sun, m., d.	88 7
Sun parallel Jupiter, zod., con.	88 15

Ascendt. opposition Saturn, zod.	88° 14'
Sun opposition Saturn, mundo ...	88 24
Sun parallel Venus, zod., d. ...	88 27
Sun parallel Saturn, m., con. ...	89 21

It is seen that in the above long train of important directions, only two are to Venus and Jupiter, and they are *contra* parallels, and therefore unable to save life against the formidable evil directions, at such an advanced age as that attained by the worthy and eminent statesman.

These primary directions, timed exactly to the periods of occurrence of the chief events of Mr. Gladstone's life, lead to the belief that 7^h 59^m a.m. was the exact moment of his birth. We may mention that twenty years ago we expressed the belief that the birth took place very near to eight o'clock in the morning, when Mercury and Sol were rising. Not until 1892 did we hear that Mr. Gladstone stated that his birth took place about breakfast.

If we examine the transits we shall find further evidence of the force of planetary influence. At his 23rd birthday, or Solar return in December, 1832, the Moon was in conjunction with Jupiter, and Mr. Gladstone made his first entry into Parliament that month.

At his 29th Solar return the Sun was in conjunction with Venus, and on the day of his marriage the Moon was in trine with Venus.

The great conjunction of Saturn with Jupiter in *Capricornus* 8° 54', on the 26th of January, 1842, fell close to the places of the Sun and Mercury at his birth, and this lifted him into power and eminence. During the twenty years of the rule of this important conjunction Mr. Gladstone achieved one peaceful conquest after another, and his course was onward and upward.

In October, 1865, Uranus was stationary in *Cancer* 3° 59', in opposition to the ascendant of this horoscope, when Mr. Gladstone made his transition from Toryism to Liberalism, and excited much enmity amongst many of his former associates.

At the 56th Solar return the Sun was in conjunction with Jupiter and sextile with Saturn in transit over the midheaven of the horoscope. In the following February Mr. Gladstone became leader of the House of Commons.

In February, 1874, Mars in *Aries* 1° was in opposition with Jupiter in *Libra* 1° on the place of the Moon at birth, both planets being in quartile with the ascendant of Mr. Gladstone, and he advised Her Majesty to dissolve Parliament; he was defeated at the poll, and resigned office.

In 1880, when Jupiter re-entered *Aries*, the sign ruling England, Mr. Gladstone again came into power—the Sun having been in trine with Mars and sextile with Jupiter at his 70th birthday. The *Times* (May 5th) wrote that the Government “enters on office at a moment when the financial prospects of the country, though not unclouded, are more favourable than they have been for some time past,” and that “the benignant fairies have been watching over its interests at home no less than abroad.” But the *Times* knew naught of astrology, and our predictions of war in Egypt and the Soudan, of discord in Parliament, etc., were soon verified.*

The year 1886 was a disastrous one for Mr. Gladstone, and we find Saturn transiting his seventh house, in opposition to his Sun and Mercury, and Uranus hovering about the place of his Moon and quartile of his Sun.

In 1892, when Jupiter re-entered *Aries*, Mr. Gladstone became Premier for the fourth time—the Sun having been in sextile with both Mars and Jupiter at his 82nd birthday.

Mr. Gladstone lived to see three revolutions of Saturn (whose period is $29\frac{1}{2}$ years), seven and a-half revolutions of Jupiter, one revolution of Uranus, and half of one of Neptune!

The cause of his death is very pathetic, for at 85 years of age he seemed likely to live for several years, and some of his friends were so sanguine as to think he might, very probably, attain the age of 100 years. The first really serious attack of cardiac debility seems to have been suffered in November, 1896; and the facial trouble began in September, 1897, under Saturnine directions, as we have shown. In the *Tetrabiblōs* it is stated that, “Saturn produces death by means of lingering diseases, extreme old age,” etc. As the Sun was in the ascendant (which rules the head and face), his opposition with Saturn by primary direction produced a disease in the face.

The whole civilised world sympathises with England in her grief at the death of her greatest and most eloquent Liberal statesman.

Mr. Gladstone eminently deserved the eulogium of Pope:—
 Statesman, yet friend to truth! of soul sincere,
 In action faithful, yet in honour clear!
 Who broke no promise, served no private end;
 Who gained no title, and who lost no friend.
 Ennobled by himself—by all approved,
 Praised, wept, and honoured by the muse he loved.

Mr. Gladstone was offered an earldom in 1885, but declined the honour.

*Vide Text-Book of Astrology, vol. ii, pp. 75-81.

WAR AND REYOLT.

The present year, like 1848 and 1798, is proving one of war and attempts at revolution. We termed 1898 "the year of change" on the title-page of ZADKIEL'S ALMANAC, and in our hieroglyphic we depicted the sign (Gemini), ruling the United States, as the Heavenly Twins with a fire burning at their feet. The martial sons of America carried fire and sword into Manila on the 1st of May, and have bombarded some of the fortifications of Cuba and Puerto Rico.

Italy has been the scene of revolt, the streets of Milan having been reddened with the blood of her sons slain in furious battle with the troops. In Spain several towns have been the scene of armed rebellion—due to the scarcity and dearness of bread.

It is said that in England there is not sufficient store of wheat to feed our population for more than a few weeks if we were at war with a great naval Power.

All this forms a lurid satire on the working of the "principles of political economy." The wiser Orientals and ancients hoarded up corn in time of plenty against a time of scarcity or of war. Our short-sighted political economists have looked on indifferently while land has been going out of cultivation in some parts of England and farmers ruined. The rise in the price of wheat since war broke out between America and Spain has been of benefit to those of our farmers who had not sold all their wheat, and has led the authorities at last to think about measures for storing wheat, and this will involve a heavy outlay.

When MARS formed the *opposition* aspect with JUPITER from the first points of *Aries* and *Libra*, on the 30th of April, great political excitement quickly followed in England, and so did anxiety as to foreign questions in the Far East and in Africa, just as we foretold when writing on this configuration last summer, thus: "As the month comes to an end an awkward imbroglio awaits Great Britain, for MARS enters *Aries* and meets with the opposition of JUPITER close to the cardinal points. Even if this be safely tided over, our Government will be in a strait, and their opponents will be powerful, and persistently hostile; and political excitement will rule high."* On the 1st of May, the American Pacific squadron destroyed the Spanish warships in Manila bay; and the talk of America either holding the Philippines or handing them over to Great Britain roused the animosity of nearly all the Great Powers against England and America, and renewed the crisis in the

* Vide *Zadkiel's Almanac* for 1898, p. 15.

Far East. The Marquis of Salisbury addressed to the assembled bankers a solemn warning of an awkward crisis; and at Birmingham Mr. Chamberlain spoke of a probable early appeal to patriotism, and denounced the duplicity of Russia; those speeches gave rise to anxiety and excitement at home and abroad, and many foreign journals wrote spitefully against England and America. In the French dockyards, repairs to warships and construction of new ones were pushed forward by day and night. In fact the crisis is still more acute than any since the Crimean war. As we go to press, we hear that Spanish troops are being massed near the frontier of Gibraltar.

The opposition of MARS with JUPITER, to which reference has been made, took place at 4 p.m. exactly of the 30th of April 1898, the red planet setting (at London) in *Aries* $1^{\circ}25'$, and Jupiter rising in *Libra* $1^{\circ}25'$, Mars being in perihelion. The disturbing influence of this opposition will not be completely exhausted before the 10th of October, 1899, and as *Aries* rules Great Britain firmness and wisdom will be more than ever required at the hands of our Government to pilot the Ship of State through the stormy waters. Florence and Naples being ruled by *Aries* and Milan by *Cancer*, violent scenes in the streets of those cities, from the 6th to the 10th of May, quickly followed this important opposition. Mars was in transit over the place of Uranus ($1^{\circ}46'$) at the birth of the King of Italy, who has the primary direction of $\odot \delta \frac{1}{2} m.$, con. $53^{\circ}53'$ operating in his nativity (*vide* STAR LORE, May, 1897), and we said last year that 1898 would prove to be a very critical year for that monarch.

LOOKING FORWARD.

The INGRESS of the SUN into the first point of *CANCER* (*i.e.* the solstitial point) takes place at 10h 6·8m a.m. of the 21st of June, Greenwich mean time. At London (taking St. Paul's Cathedral as the centre) the sign *Gemini* $3^{\circ} 16'$ is culminating, and *Virgo* $9^{\circ} 48'$ ascending. The Moon is in *Cancer* $24^{\circ} 18'$, Mercury in *Gemini* $19^{\circ} 23'$, Venus in *Leo* $1^{\circ} 29'$, Mars in *Taurus* $10^{\circ} 20'$, Jupiter in *Libra* $1^{\circ} 15'$, Saturn in *Sagittarius* $7^{\circ} 25'$ retrograde, Uranus in $\mp 0^{\circ}23'$ retrograde, and Neptune in II. $22^{\circ} 33'$.

We have given our judgment on the indications of this figure of the heavens at pp. 56, 57 of Zadkiel's Almanac; and we stated our opinion that the planetary positions at the time of ingress at Madrid "are inimical to the peace and prosperity of Spain."

With the critical state of affairs in Europe and America now in view, we take leave to add that an increase of our military and naval forces is imperative, and it is significant of this being done that Mars is in the eleventh house at the new moon of the 19th inst. If we show that we are well prepared for war our insidious foes will shrink from the ordeal of battle.

At WASHINGTON the ingress takes place at 4h 58^m a.m., Cancer 4° 17' ascending. Mars in the eleventh house promises success to the United States' army and navy; but Saturn in the sixth is ominous of the loss of at least one fine war-ship—absit omen!

At SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., MARS has just ascended; we shall soon hear of great military ardour and excitement on that coast, and fighting in the vicinity. An epidemic of diphtheria, or an eruptive fever should be guarded against.

The planetary configurations are inimical to the peace of Old England, particularly about the 4th to 20th of June; and the African question will become critical again.

We do not anticipate that the summer quarter will be marred by bad weather (notwithstanding that the *Globe* of the 18th of May said, "if old-fashioned weather signs are of any value, the summer will be wet and the winter of the bitterest") in the South of England, but damage from hailstorms is to be apprehended in the North. Let farmers and the promoters of pic-nics and school treats beware of adverse weather on the 13th to 15th, and 30th of June, and the 9th, 23rd and 24th of July.

Our readers are aware that we foretold the bad weather at the end of May, thus:—"Great atmospheric disturbance is threatened as the month [May] closes, to the astonishment of the official meteorologists, who foolishly ignore planetary action; let farmers and gardeners take precaution against loss and damage by hailstorms, as far as possible."—*Zadkiel's Almanac*, 1898, p. 17.

ON PRIMARY DIRECTIONS.

LESSON VI.

OUR contemporaries, *M. A.* and *C. E.*, stung by our taunt that they were lagging 250 years behind the age—proved by their attempt to pass off secondary directions as of primary importance—are now attempting, but in blundering fashion, to teach the primary method which they formerly condemned because they were then neither capable of understanding nor mastering it.

It is evidently a very unpalatable task for them, for we find Sepharial has the audacity to write, in an advertisement of

his, of the Placidian method of computing directions, as improved by Zadkiel I. and ourselves, as "old fashioned;" whereas, he himself has not yet mastered it, as he again shows in his puerile remarks on directions to the ascendant. By the way, we may remind him that he has not yet had the candour to acknowledge the blunder he made when he mis-stated our teaching in this connection.* He is endeavouring to persuade students that he is a greater master of astrology than was Zadkiel I., and presents them with an utterly fallacious method of computing primary directions!

Now, Sepharial is a comparative novice, and his experience is very limited. He was born in or about the year 1864, when Zadkiel I. (Morrison) had been studying astrology for nearly forty years, and two years after we published our little treatise, and the same year that our "Weather Guide Book" made its appearance. He, like Raphael, Alan Leo, and Aphorel, posed as a professor and teacher of astral science before he had acquired even a rudimentary knowledge of the true mathematical method of calculating. Raphael still sticks to his "ready reckoner"—poor deluded mortal. Morrison was a good and clever astronomer, and a great mathematician, in addition to being the greatest and most successful astrologer of this century, if not of all ages. Yet, the limited experience of Sepharial leads him to speak of Morrison's writings as "old fashioned," in order to elevate himself by casting ridicule on the great master!

Sepharial has outdone himself in his last attempt to "explain how zodiacal directions are calculated." He positively asserts: "They are taken in two ways: (1) by reference to the natural motions of the planets, the ☉ and ☾ in the zodiac; and (2) by reference to their differences of right ascension at birth. The first of these are sometimes called secondary directions, to distinguish them from those advocated by Ptolemy, Placidus, and others."

Will he assert that the semi-arc motion is not a "natural" one?

Sepharial proceeds to state that: "Directions to the ascendant are measured in the zodiac by *right* ascension." This is an astounding statement, and is utterly opposed to the teaching of Placidus, Morrison and Oxley, three of the ablest mathematicians who have treated of primary directions. It would be a waste of time to argue against such a proposition—"which is absurd," as Euclid would say.

Sepharial bungles again when he attempts to differentiate between zodiacal and mundane directions to the ascendant. He

* *Vide* STAR LORE, December, 1897, pp. 181-182..

actually says that the mundane directions "have been termed zodiacal," but omits to say, who, besides himself, ever said so.

Reference to pp. 200-203 of the *second* edition of our "Science of the Stars" shows that different rules are given for the mundane and zodiacal directions to the ascendant. And at page 112 of the same work (written in 1881, when Sepharial was about 17 years old) we said that: "Those directions which for the sake of classification are termed zodiacal are really mundane,"—although taken in the zodiac. Yet Sepharial writes as if he had just made an important discovery, as he is stumbling along the path of astral knowledge with no better guide than his own erroneous judgment!

Sepharial, moreover, states that: "Zadkiel makes use of a uniform measure of $1^\circ=1$ year, $5'=1$ month, for turning arcs of primary direction into time, with the result that after correcting the time of birth by an exact arc thus converted into time, many other arcs necessarily fall out of time some months more or less than the true." Mark that he does not give any instance of this *necessary* error, although he has several nativities with primary directions appended thereto in the first and present volume of STAR LORE to refer to. We deny that any other arcs "necessarily fall out of time some months more or less than the true," after a proper rectification of the time of birth by an exact and appropriate arc of direction. We have *tested* all the various methods of equating arcs of primary direction during a long experience, and conclude, with Zadkiel I., that the Ptolemaic, of $1^\circ=1$ year of life, comes nearest to the truth; and, except in directions of the Sun and Moon to parallels in the zodiac, and mutual directions of the Sun and Moon, which always begin to operate some time before the arcs measured to the centres of the luminaries are complete, it brings up directions exactly to the times of events. Parallels should always be computed for *first contact* when a discrepancy appears between their arcs (measured to the centre of the Sun or Moon) and the arcs of notable events. When the Moon is almost exactly rising or setting at birth, it is very likely that her parallax may throw out an arc of direction to her centre a few months.

All directions of the Sun, Moon, and planets to each other must be computed either under their poles or by their semi-arcs. To compute them by "differences of their right-ascensions at birth," is an utterly fallacious process. The ascendant's directions must be computed by oblique ascension. Only when the Sun or Moon happens to be within 2° or 3° of the meridian at birth may the directions in the zodiac be computed by right ascension. When either ☉ or ☾ happens to be within 2° or 3° of the ascendant or descendant at birth, the directions must be computed by oblique ascension—as we showed in Her Majesty's nativity.*

* *Vide* STAR LORE, June, 1897.

In Mr. Gladstone's nativity we direct Jupiter to the ascendant, *modo*, thus:—

Semi-arc of Jupiter	...	83° 21'
Merid. dist. of Jupiter	...	22 16—
		61 5
Arc of Asct. ζ μ m.,d, =		

This direction taken in the *zodiac* is computed by finding, by tables, the right ascension and declination of the place of Jupiter at birth, viz. 15° 35' of Aries, and then the oblique ascension. Then say—

R. A. of γ 15° 35'	...	14° 22'
Asc. diff.	...	8 19—
		6 3
Obl. Asc. =	...	307 7
Obl. Asc. of Asct.	...	
Arc of Asct. ζ μ z.,d, =		58 56

The circle, 360° must be added to the oblique ascension of the place of Jupiter, 6° 3', in order that the oblique ascension of the ascendant may be subtracted from it.

The mundane direction is that of the body of Jupiter coming to the eastern horizon—the zodiacal one is the zodiacal place of Jupiter directed to the ascendant.

Our readers will perceive that there is (on account of the latitude of Jupiter, at birth) a difference of 2° 9' between the two directions of ascendant conjunction Jupiter; yet Sepharial says that “the mundane directions to the ascendant have been termed zodiacal.” So absurd a statement was never made by either Placidus, Zadkiel I., Oxley, or ourselves; it can only exist in the imaginative brain of Sepharial.

We have shown that Mr. Gladstone died under the operation of the direction of SUN *opposition* SATURN, *modo*, direct, 88° 24'—which the student can verify by: As Sun's Semi-arc to Saturn's Semi-arc, so is Sun's meridian distance to the second distance 57° 3', which added to Saturn's merid. dist. 31° 21' = 88° 24'. Sepharial cannot obtain any such arc by the “differences of right ascension,” for the difference (of the opposition aspect) would amount to over 150°.

By secondary or progressive direction, the Sun had arrived at 7° 25' of Aries, and was attended by Venus, at 88 years 5 months, and was thus within 3° of the *trine* of Saturn!

Further comment is needless.

NOTES.

HEREDITY.—“As an example of the terrible effects of hereditary transmission, I may instance one which, in consultation, lately came under my notice in the family of a tailor. His wife had always been an epileptic, and had had eighteen children, of whom, at the time referred to, six were living, all more or less afflicted with epilepsy and congenital deficiency; six had died at various ages of convulsions, and six were prematurely born dead during her own attacks.”—“Hints on Insanity,” by Dr. John Millar, 1877.

BURTON remarked, upon the authority of the older medical writers, that the offspring of parents advanced in age were given to melancholy.

From the *Referee*, May 29th, we gather that the writer of Our Handbook in that journal has lately been converted to the anti-vaccination view. He writes: “Owing to the persistence of the opposition to it, I was induced to look into the merits of the question, and to do this, I can assure the impartial and unbiased seeker after truth, is to become convinced that the prevailing exceptional treatment of one germ disease out of many rests upon a basis of error and self-deception. The medical authorities who support vaccination fight with all the bias of political or theological sectarians; that you can see from the manner in which the controversy has been conducted, with its abundant *suppressio veri* and *suggestio falsi*. . . . At first vaccination was declared to be an absolute preventive of small-pox for a lifetime; then it was said to protect for a period; finally it is declared to modify the virulence of the disease. Everyone of these propositions, in my opinion, is disproved.”

The late Dr. C. T. Pearce, in the year 1855 was the first legally qualified medical man in this country to perceive the fallacy of the vaccination theory and to controvert it by statistics. In the *Companion to Zadkiel's Almanac* for 1872, we showed, in our article on the “Plague of 1871,” how vaccination had utterly failed to prevent or stamp out small-pox. Gradually, conviction that vaccination is a delusion is pervading unprejudiced minds amongst the most learned and enlightened men. Vested interests have biased the judgment of the official vaccinators, and the Government lends its ear to those who profit largely by the practice, and still seeks to enforce the filthy rite upon an unwilling and a free people!

If the *Referee* scribe will cast aside his tame submission to the current official view of *astrologia sana*, and will “look into the merits of the question” of planetary action, he will be

compelled to conclude that the learned societies and officials who condemn astrology without examination are actuated by vanity as largely as are the vaccinators; for they also perceive that "to admit the plain teaching of experience" in astrology, "would be for them to recant the errors of a century."

Mr. J. B. Dimbleby, in *Past and Future*, p. 127, writes:— "We have no sympathy with men who hold pagan views of the Bible. Such views foster scepticism, and ruin more souls than they save." What Mr. D. chooses to call *pagan* views are incontestably *true* views of the Holy Scriptures, and he makes no attempt to controvert them. Narrow-minded condemnation cannot overthrow truth. Nothing has fostered and spread scepticism so much as the views of commentators who were either too ignorant or too prejudiced to perceive that the Bible cannot be understood without a good knowledge of that astrology with which it is inextricably interwoven. We respect Mr. Dimbleby for his honesty of purpose, piety, and chronological ability, and we are truly sorry to find him falling into error through prejudice.

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