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**First:**—To establish a nucleus and a vehicle for the essential UNITY of all life.

**Second:**—To bring about a greater understanding of UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD and the enlightenment of all people.

**Third:**—To promote a universal understanding and toleration of TRUTH by a diligent study of comparative religion, making science religious and religion scientific. Since TRUTH is an integral part of the nature and being of all WORLD RELIGIONS, there never can be, except by faulty understanding a conflict between the religions of the world.

The Society owes no allegiance or subordination to the authority of any power, body or office outside its own sphere of administration, vested in the Guardian-In-Chief, except that due respect is declared for every requirement of civil law.

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**Members-At-Large:**—Shall consist of all who have signed an application blank for admittance into the Temple Of The People, and pay the annual dues of six dollars. These members are considered in the light of probationers for the Order of the 36.

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*Behold I give*



*unto thee a key*

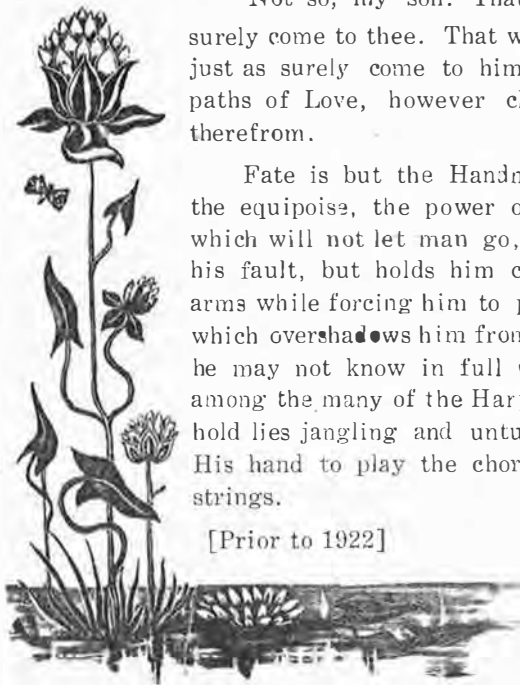
## FATE THE HANDMAID.

Dost thou believe a Fate doth follow thee throughout thy days to thwart thine every purpose and rob thee of thy strength to act, the while the same dread mystery doth strew thy brother's path with richest blossoms of success, when there is naught to choose between thy brother and thyself?

Not so, my son. That which is thine own will surely come to thee. That which is thy brother's will just as surely come to him, and both will come by paths of Love, however clear or choked the path therefrom.

Fate is but the Handmaid of a greater power, the equipoise, the power of Love, a power divine, which will not let man go, whate'er the measure of his fault, but holds him close in strong yet tender arms while forcing him to pay his debts — the Power which overshadows him from birth to birth, yet which he may not know in full while yet a single string among the many of the Harp of Life which Love doth hold lies jangling and untuned when God shall raise His hand to play the chord of all fulfillment on its strings.

[Prior to 1922]



THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION OF  
THE TEMPLE OF THE PEOPLE

Monday Session (continued)

At three o'clock in the afternoon the Guardian-in-Chief addressed members of the Inner Orders present in the Temple, in connection with certain interior observances.

At eight o'clock in the evening we regathered in Hiawatha Lodge to hear Dr. George R. Harrison lecture on "Atoms, Man and Stars." In this lecture illustrated with lantern slides, Dr. Harrison presented some of the material of his research work now being carried on at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. This dealt with the successive discoveries of science from the beginning of its work with electrons and showed in a most interesting way the growth of understanding and precision of theory that has come with the development of the work. Dr. Harrison has a genius for making the most abstruse studies intelligible to the lay mind, and, as he finished his lecture on the finer forces of nature from the viewpoint of science he suggested that human beings, in the face of electrons and stars, not to take themselves too seriously. A synopsis of this lecture, with its glimpses of undreamed-of ventures of the human mind into the infinite realms of cosmos may or may not appear in some future issue of the Artisan.

Tuesday Sessions

At eleven o'clock Mr. Fred Whitney lectured in the Temple on "The Future of The Present Humanity." The lecturer dealt with the law of cycles as it operates in the building of worlds, the raising and destruction of continents and races. He took as his direct subject the momentous confluence of cycles that occurred around the dawn of this Century, the evidence of which cycles was drawn from Temple literature and the Secret Doctrine. This lecture will run serially in future numbers of the Artian.

At two o'clock, the Temple Home Association held its annual meeting. Routine reports were made and no important new business came up. Mr. Westfelt was re-elected a member of the Board, and Duncan Ferguson was elected to fill the place formerly occupied by Mrs. Polly Tarbox, whose frequent absences prevent her regular attendance.

At eight o'clock Mr. William H. Thompson gave a lecture on "The Relation of the Temple Movement to the World."

#### Wednesday Sessions.

At half-past nine Mrs. Wall held open house in the pottery. She graciously exhibited examples of students' work and explained the processes of modeling, glazing and firing. Her painstaking prosecution of research work and devotion to her art is in the finest tradition of craftsmanship. Consequently, it is always a privilege to hear her speak of her work.

Later in the morning Mrs. Louise Awerdick received the guests in her loom-house and gave a demonstration of hand-weaving. Mrs. Awerdick is turning out a line of beautiful scarves and linens; and it is hoped members will find it possible to patronize this infant Halcyon industry.

At half-past twelve the Temple Builders served luncheon to the guests and entertained with songs, dances and recitations. They had a great time, and so did we.

At 3 P. M. Duncan Ferguson gave a talk in the Temple on "The Eternal Feminine Principle in Nature," showing the worship of the great Mother Principle running through many cults and religions. He splendidly elaborated on Eve, Isis, Sita, Devaki, the Madonna, and other great representatives of the Feminine and Mother Principle. (This lecture may be printed later in the Artisan or as a pamphlet.)

At eight o'clock Wednesday evening the Temple was graciously complimented by Captain Hancock and some friends of his who came from Santa Maria to play a program of fine chamber music. Captain Hancock played the cello, Mr. Strowbridge the piano, Mr. Marsh the violin, Mr. Smith the flute; while Miss Olive Smith, whose lovely bird-like voice has charmed us so many times, sang. Beautiful ensemble playing, fine soli, and a choice program made a delightful evening.

#### Thursday

As usual, the day was given to the beach picnic; and in the evening a jolly dance was held in Hiawatha Lodge.

#### Friday Sessions.

At half-past ten Miss Flora Gifford, a visiting friend, gave a most interesting lecture based on Mr. Sinnett's statement that the

same ego informed the persons of Virgil, Dante, Omar Khayyam, Spenser and Tennyson.

Immediately following Miss Gifford's lecture, Mrs. Lottie Ferguson read a paper on "Herbal Astrology," which Mrs. Ada Muir generously contributed to the Convention. Mrs. Muir was unfortunately unable to be with us, but her paper which is a contribution to the science of astrology, appears in this and will be completed in the next issues of the Artisan.

Reading of Mrs. Muir's paper was followed by the noon healing meeting, conducted by Mrs. Varian, priest.

The afternoon session, held in the Temple at three o'clock had Mrs. Ferguson as the speaker. After a brief introductory talk on the uses and abuses of astrology, she entered into a most interesting analysis of the horoscopes of the two presidential nominees, Messrs. Hoover and Roosevelt, relating them to the national horoscope. Large blackboards exhibited the three wheels. Needless to say, the lecture proved most vital and engrossing to the listeners. A condensed report will follow on another page.

At eight o'clock Mr. Ernest Harrison spoke in the Temple on "Fundamental Principles of the Temple."

#### Saturday Sessions

The first session on Saturday was the Social Science meeting at 3 p. m. presided over by Mr. Whitney. In opening the meeting the chairman gave a short talk on the philosophical basis of government, pointing out the differences between the organization and objects of government as conceived and carried on by man and as known and practiced by the Lodge of Masters. He said that the woes and suffering of the world today were due to the fact that incarnate man ignores and remains in ignorance of the basic laws governing the natural world about him and his own being, and tries to build his economic and political house out of selfishness, greed, and lust for power. Such structures can only fall upon and crush out of existence those who build them, which calamity overtakes man again and again. On the face of it it looks like a hopeless situation, and, yet, in spite of the wastage, suffering and sorrow incurred in these experiences it is out of them that man learns the Law. Pain is the great teacher. If man were wiser he would learn with less pain; but learn he will. And the

divine kings and the divine order will return to earth as the upgoing tide of terrestrial evolution lifts the mortal man closer to the divine.

Mr. Whitney's talk was followed by short speeches on certain aspects of social consciousness or activity by the following friends; Miss Maude Wilson, Dr. Little, Mr. Carl Wolff, Dr. Harris, Mr. C.E. Strong, and Mr. Chas. Edgar.

At eight o'clock, in Hiawatha Lodge, Mr. Edgar lectured on the effect of emotion and thought, illustrating his remarks with lantern slides said to show the reaction on man's various bodies of different classes of consciousness. This is, as every beginning student of occultism knows, a most grave subject, and Mr. Edgar succeeded in projecting some of the basic tones or ideas in this important field of thought.

#### Final Sunday Sessions

At half-past ten the Builders met in the Temple for their yearly meeting, the Builders occupying places on the points of the six-pointed star. Louise Stenquist presided over the meeting. Miss Ella Vogtterr spoke interestingly and feelingly of the beloved young Builders in Germany; and Dr. Little sang a hymn sent for the Builders by Miss Maria Gottschalk of Zoppot.

The Guardian-in-Chief said some words in recollection of B. S. who so loved the Builders, and for Mrs. Dower who was unable because of illness to be present.

The meeting closed with the singing of "Father, Mother," and was followed immediately by the midday healing meditation.

The last meeting of the Convention convened at three o'clock in the Temple. The "Harp of Life" music was repeated and the Guardian-in-Chief read greetings from members at a distance. Mrs. Varian read some of the inspiring poems written by John Varian while he worked with the Temple group on this outer plane; and we were grateful for their hearing.

As is customary, this meeting consisted chiefly of "Temple Talks" by visiting and resident members. Among those who spoke were Carl Wolff, Mr. Strong, Mr. and Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Awerdick, Mrs. Meier, Miss Wilson, Papa Bailey and Mrs. Byrne. All spoke with gratitude for the depth and beauty of the Divine Forces which pervaded every minute of the Convention. Of such Forces and Presences it is difficult to speak; for adjectives become sadly inadequate in such connection. One can best show by renewed poise, gentleness, clarity of vision and

action, the quality of That into which the good law has ushered him. Only so can the descent of Christ, the Holiest One, be shown forth.

This important Thirty-third Annual Convention of the Temple of the People then closed with the recitation of the mantrams and singing of the Consecration Hymn, followed by the Guardian-in-Chief's blessing.

In the evening we met for supper in Hiawatha Lodge and after some entertainment dispersed, filled with the spirit of rededication to the work of "the perfected Man and Master." Once again, through the medium of a Temple Convention, was performed that divine magic so perfectly described by our great mantram:

OUT OF THE DARKNESS SHINETH THE LIGHT  
 OF THE GLORIFIED TRIPLE STAR  
 INTO THE HEARTS OF HUMANITY  
 RAISING THE PULSE OF THE COSMIC HEART  
 AND DRIVING THE SHADOWS INTO THE BLACKNESS OF  
 THE GREAT ABYSS.

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TO JOHN VARIAN

Proud Eyed,  
 Mouthed with thunder,  
 Facing the sun  
 In splendor;  
 Blood brother to the potent earth  
 And comrade to death and life--  
 Blowing brave trumpets of faith  
 In the Great Day coming--  
 Riding verses as a strong man  
 Rides a white horse to red battle--  
 Free and grand and fearless,  
 Facing the dark and the dawn;  
 Challenging eternity  
 With spears of light-words  
 That shatter the dark of the Cosmos.  
 Proud Eyed,  
 Mouthed with thunder,  
 Facing the rising sun.

Thad Lovett



THE FOURTH ANNUAL TEMPLE CONVENTION IN GERMANY  
held in Berlin, Aug. 6th to 9th, 1932.

For the first time, the Conventions at Halcyon and Berlin took place simultaneously. The official report and letters speak highly of the spirit of harmony, beauty, and brotherhood during all the sessions. All the friends who attended carried home into their daily lives a great treasure of uplift and aspiration.

Saturday, Aug. 6, an Inaer Order meeting was held in the afternoon. In the evening, friends and guests were welcomed by the National Chancellor Fritz Ammon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guttzeit, where the general meetings of the Berlin group take place. There was a prologue read by Miss Kolloff, a letter of Dr. Little of Palo Alto, Calif., was read and attention was called to the beginning some hours later of the Convention at Halcyon. All united in thoughts of love and gratitude with the comrades there. Mr. George Priem spoke in commemoration of the First Guardian-in-Chief, Mrs. La Due — and all had a splendid time.

Sunday Aug. 7, in the forenoon, the Feast of Fulfilment was celebrated and after this a devotional meeting which was opened by reading the letter of greetings from the group in Halcyon, signed by the G. i. C., Dr. Dower. The Fire Sacrifice was held, and a fine sermon delivered by Mr. Otto Mieg, of Zoppot, and then for the first time in Germany the Temple wedding ceremony was held for two of our young comrades. All this was as usual interspersed with fine music.

In the afternoon, the friends reunited to hear a program of classical music rendered by our musical comrades, on organ, violin, piano, and with vocal soli and appropriate readings from "The Voice of the Silence" and "The Path to Discipleship," the latter by H. Kazem-zadeh.

In the evening, Brother Erich Reinecke of the Berlin group gave a lecture on "Theosophy and Politics." He showed that true politics has to be guided by divine wisdom, as it deals with the needs of the individual and his relationship to his country, his nation, the whole. Politics has been distorted by selfish interests, and knowing the law, we theosophists or Templars should do our share in this direction for the betterment of outer conditions, in social and political ways. He

gave many fine quotations from the Bhagavad Gita, the Bible, and Temple Teachings referring to individual and family life, government, nations and races.

Monday, Aug. 8, at five P. M. after an opening with music, the reports of the three German officers and Mr. Otto Mieg, representative of the Danzig-Zoppot Square, were given. Mr. Fritz Ammon, the National Chancellor of the German Section, summed up interestingly the data about the development of the German Section and referred to the duties of the German Temple members in this present world crisis, especially for Europe. Since the final forming of the German Section in 1931, two Temple Squares have been founded in Berlin and Danzig-Zoppot, and there are a few smaller groups and many single members scattered in Germany, some in Switzerland and Italy. As these all hold together harmoniously within themselves and with Halcyon, a real work for disseminating Lodge Forces will be done. The group has had its severe tests during the past year and come out stronger and fitter for the work as pathfinders, waypreparers for brotherhood on earth, torchbearers to lighten the darkness of outer world conditions.

The General National Secretary, Miss Bertha Martini, then reported on the splendid work that had been done in every way, in the active study and lecture work of the Berlin and Zoppot groups. Both have moved into new quarters to fit the greater need. Especially the Zoppot membership is steadily growing, partly due to the work of our sister Johanna Kanzler, who has passed on to inner realms. Miss Martini extended thanks to all who gave help, support, assistance to the work in many ways, especially to our comrades Mr. Giel and his sisters who donated a printing press to the Berlin group on which Mr. Giel prints all necessary papers. As a result, the German translation of the "Yellow Folio of Master Messages" has been printed in book form, and the Second Series of T. T. for members is now being printed. "As the three fall into the four", so during this fourth year, the knowledge and forces previously gained have manifested in strong, splendid outer activity", Miss Martini said, "Let us evermore become like the fingers of one hand, as the strings of a harp—tho all different from one another, yet all working, all attuned in perfect harmony. Thus our hearts will open to the greater harmonies of wisdom. Let this be our slogan: Victory to unselfish love, victory over the lower self which united with the Higher Triad will build up the Radiant Seven."

After this, the National Treasurer, Mr. Friedrich Greiner, spoke beautifully on the Temple Treasure that was given into the care of the Temple. Let us hold it carefully that nothing can take our crown in these times of high battle between the low and high forces. Let us protect the Central Cell of the structure that was given us—let us remember that everyone of us stands at every moment where he belongs by Law and let us do our best in responsibility to the whole. The Law of supply and demand is in exact justice. The Temple has given us much. We have to give our part. Let us at all times think of it.

Mr. Otto Mieg reported on the splendid activity of the Einheit Square of Danzig-Zoppot.

Then letters of greeting were read from members in Germany, Switzerland, Italy, and America; also from Brother Bilger, Meriden, Conn., who so splendidly aided the German group; and a letter of greetings was sent to Halcyon. It was decided the next convention would take place in Berlin, August 1933. With Mantrams, Consecration Hymn and blessings the meeting closed.

In the evening, Mr. Friedrich Greiner delivered a lecture on "What is expected of us."

Tuesday, Aug. 9, was picnic day. A hiking party was arranged to a friendly inn amidst lovely woods near the Wansee, one of the lakes surrounding Berlin.

In the evening, Miss Hedwig Borchmann gave a lecture on "Positive and Negative." After a short intermission, this was followed by a deeply impressive Healing Meditation Service led by Mrs Hedwig Deick and Mr. Otto Mieg, leaders of the Zoppot group. Just as the meeting drew to a close with some brief fine addresses of farewell for this year, Henry Cowell appeared, having just arrived from America. He brought greetings from the Centre and a fine conclusion to the Convention by the playing of some of his powerful compositions.

Space permitting, we may print some of the splendid addresses given at the German Convention in a later number of the Artisan. Any friends speaking German who would like to read the full Convention report, may write for it to Mr. Friedrich Greiner, Sonneberg, Thuringen, Germany.

## THE 1932 CONVENTION

After a difficult year we gathered once more about our Father's table. We ate of the food He set before us, we drank the wine of His Life Force, we listened to His words, we had deep fellowship together. At the beginning of the Feast He told us that we were in better condition and of greater usability than had obtained before, in fact that much more serious conditions had hitherto presented, only our eyes were too blind to see. At the close of the Feast, He earnestly warned us of grave danger because of our tendency to careless, hasty, bitter speech. We gathered with a reassuring word and were dismissed with compliments and specific warning. These two seem almost like a new armour and a special weapon against days and warfare just upon us. In the Sequel to the Convention Message of 1930 the Master Hilarion exclaimed,

"Sometimes we wonder, the Brothers and I, if you have any farther use for our love and ministrations such as we have given and offered in the past.---Too often when we have showered richest gifts, most precious truths upon you, when we have been in closest touch, outwardly as well as interiorly, you have failed to catch the inner vision, to grasp the inner meaning, to find and assimilate the hidden spiritual kernel within and thereby squander, instead, the forces generated by the contact.--- Thus do I call you to me now around our common altar, our united hearth, in silent tones of love, forgiveness, encouragement, beseechment. Let us start again.--- I need you. You can help me if you will. We can be of mutual benefit to one another by endeavoring to carry out the suggestions offered. The world looks to you more than you know."

If in November 1930 the Master was compelled to look back upon the Convention of the preceding August and speak as above -- how does he find us willed and moving today?

Geo. B. Little

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People, not seeing any possibilities, often fall into despair. Usually they forget one of the main allies -- they forget the flow of events. We do not say that one should inactively await the unknown, but sometimes the expected possibilities do not manifest themselves. And sometimes they are outlived and do not exist altogether.

From Agni Yoga.

## ASTROLOGY, ITS STRENGTH AND WEAKNESS.

Moses said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night and let them be for signs and seasons and for days and years." St Paul: "There is one glory for the sun and another glory for the moon and another glory for the stars; for one star differeth from another in glory." The great Johann Kepler, the astrologer, astronomer and scientist, said, "The planets forming the angles upon the earth by their luminary beams of strength to stir up sublunary things, have compelled my unwilling belief."

Thus astrology, the divine science, has stirred man's attention or belief since time immemorial. Yet one may ask "Is it true? Is it entirely unsatisfactory?"

The fact that during the year 1931 over two million ephemerides were sold in the United States, provides its own comment as to the growing interest in the subject. Nevertheless, just as doctors, lawyers and scientists can and do make mistakes, so the astrologer, like the diagnostician, can and frequently does make mistakes in judgement.

Mr. Alfred Benjamine, who is considered one of our finest authorities, says that in mundane astrology, that which has to do with countries and communities (and of which less is known than any other branch), only about fifty percent of the prognostications are correct. Horary astrology comes forward with a jump to seventy-five percent, and natal astrology about eighty-five percent. When we see the errors the greatest scientific minds have made in the last twelve years, the astrologers' judgement may well be sounder on the whole than theirs. I can think of no single case where we have turned right-about-face on a truth which has come down to us through the years. Our difficulty has been to determine what was the greatest truth among several testimonies in a chart. But, and this is a very big "but", our work deals directly with human lives; and if we make a mistake in judgment, it is a very serious matter. I personally never set up a chart without a feeling of great responsibility, and a prayer that I may be an instrument to guide the soul aright. Not only for that other soul's sake but for my own, knowing as an occult student that I must give the very highest or take on my soul a tremendous karma. Some of you may not know that a natal horoscope is a map of the heavens at the moment of birth. It shows its strengths and weaknesses and its potentialities. The tenth house in any such chart is known

as "the house of honors and position," and is the highest point of the earth where we were born; whether it be in New York or in San Francisco. The sign corresponding to the tenth house, taking into consideration necessary corrections for place and corrected time, is the place where our honors and position come to us, in both material and spiritual worlds. Therefore I will repeat: from the sign and the ruler of the tenth house and the planets therein, will come your spiritual awakening. Through this door the soul will contact its Higher Self and its Master. Therefore, when I look at a chart, I first look to see the spiritual point to which the soul responds; and I have never yet seen a chart that did not definitely show this point of contact between the native and the Great Ones.

A distinguished teacher has said, "The planetary positions at birth but correspond to tendencies organized within the astral form by states of consciousness previous to human birth." This from a noted teacher who, I have heard, is not a believer in reincarnation. The birth chart therefore is not the cause of either tendencies or events. It simply pictures the harmonies and discords at birth; because birth could not take place until the general astro-vibratory conditions at that point on the earth's surface were in correspondence with the astral conditions of the incarnating ego. Therefore, every birth-chart is a picture of the states of consciousness experienced before the birth in question.

This process of organizing states of consciousness does not cease at birth; it is intensified by the development of human thought. And it is these harmonious or discordant organizations of energy within the form of man, and not the planetary positions, which determine the events of his life. While the planets in their course stimulate and retard this energy, it is, I repeat, the states of consciousness that have been stimulated which attract them.

Therefore, a system of astrology, to have practical value, must take into consideration these psychological factors. It must show that natal astrology no more implies fatality than does the circumstance that winter follows fall. The regular sequence of the seasons implies fatality to insect life, and the same would apply to man did he not prepare for it. In the same way, if man knows from his horoscope when the severe problems of living come, he can prepare for them and in this case astrology is valuable. These effects depend on the forces he has generated. Therefore if he has sufficient spiritual reserve he can weather the storms of life, whatever they may be.

Another point: every sign and planet is of equal importance in the scheme of things. There are therefore great souls who have left their imprint from every sign of the zodiac and from a ruler corresponding to each planet or luminary. In times like the present, when such great demands are made upon one's time and energy, astrology should teach the best path to follow, not only for individual development, but for the good of the community as a whole.

There are three strategic points in a horoscope: the ascendant, or personality; the Sun-Logos, or individuality; and the moon or mentality. The moon also rules the emotions. These should blend in harmony to make for perfection—an integrated or balanced personality. The native must learn to take the characteristics shown by these three, study them, and strive to bring them into a co-ordinated balance.

Now for some of the abuses of astrology. I know of a man who keeps a large chart in his home. This he progresses daily, marking the planetary movements with pins. If there is a single adverse aspect, he doesn't do anything that day; and as there are generally a few of one kind or another, he has not worked in years. His wife supports him. Again, you hear students of astrology say, "What can you expect of such a person? He has a square of this or that, or an opposition of such and such!" True, it is more difficult to develop with many afflictions, but it is always an indication of a strong soul. The bible says, "The back is fitted for its burden." Therefore the afflicted native usually has strength to carry the load. Also remember that squares are opportunities for growth; oppositions are challenges, and you who have oppositions don't forget to take them.

Astrology shows your strengths and weaknesses and clearly indicates the path the soul should take. It is pernicious when practiced by so-called astrologers who use printed forms and do not take into consideration the birth data necessary for the proper erection of a horoscope. No chart applies to everyone; no reading can possibly apply to everyone. It is valuable only when correctly figured and proper judgement made, and the chart used as a guide to life: not as a bed or crutch, but a guide to true development.

Lottie W. Ferguson

[ After this general talk, Mrs. Ferguson exhibited the horoscopes of the Republican and Democratic presidential candidates, analyzed them, relating each to the progressed national chart. ]

## INTERACTION OF LIVES

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By way of illustrating the action and interaction between mental forces and substance-matter, consider the following:--

An idea flashes into the mind of man apparently from nowhere, but in reality from his Higher Self. It falls into a corresponding center of the brain, as may a seed into the ground. The inherent energy of the idea expands and touches other live but quiescent centers of the same brain, and each one of these centers constitutes a single order of a definite degree of lives governed by a specific rate of vibration.

If the original idea was drawn by the law of affinity to that center commonly called invention, and the individual inventor had a genius for machinery, with the expansion of the idea the thought-forces thus awakened by the inventor would serve to evolve the plans, method of work, etc., necessary for materializing the idea. These plans would be carried out by the inventor or machinist, who, by the way, does not usually recognize the fact that he has been led to take certain pieces of metal and reject others for some particular piece of work by an impulse from the Higher Self or Ego, but so it is. If he had taken other materials to build a machine, the materials would have rapidly disintegrated. If the elemental fiery lives of the materials were not in synchronous vibration with the fiery lives of ideation in the brain center of invention, the cohesive energy especially active in the connecting lives between any two or more divisions of those lives would be powerless to hold them together for any great length of time.

This illustration may be carried on and on, even to the man who purchases the machine, the money with which it is purchased, the things which it produces, and so on to its final disintegration of mass whereby all the hitherto confined lives in metal or wood or flesh are liberated when the cycle of ideation has closed.



When this occurs there has been a raising in the scale of evolution of that particular division of the fiery lives which has contacted man, and the divine power back of another cycle of their evolution will place them in incarnation in a higher round of life, possibly raising the lower manasic forces to higher degrees of mentality and the fiery lives of the mineral kingdom to the vegetable kingdom, etc., etc.,

The original idea corresponds to the hub of a wheel; the plans and method of work, the workmen, materials, purchaser, and user of the finished product are as the spokes of the wheel; the different scenes of action, as the spaces within the spokes; and the connecting lines between lives are as the rim.

One revolution of the wheel takes it from one point of space to another, places it, as it were, in another environment, as the developed idea,—the machine—would be placed in a different environment during another revolution of the earth on its axis. The lesser lives which constitute all of the substance of the wheel are thus given new experiences and opportunities for growth.

Whenever rebellion is aroused and man refuses to obey the law of progression, to whatever extent such rebellion is based upon the negative—the disrupting forces of life—to just that extent is the evolution of man or atom retarded.

There is more truth than fiction in the oft ridiculed claim of a devoted attachment between man and machine, and the claim is based upon a reciprocal attraction between the different degrees of the fiery lives which constitute physical and mineral substance. While the machine is not consciously aware of the attraction, the consciousness of the host of fiery lives en masse is influenced by such attraction.

(Prior to 1922.)



The manifestation of joy in the work is also the manifestation of a special form of psychic energy. Joyous labor results in success multiplied several times.

From Agni Yoga

## ASTROLOGY AND HEALTH

The Signs of the Zodiac co-related with some  
of our well known herbs.

By Ada Muir

“For every complaint, God planted a remedy” is a well-known saying of ancient astrologers. The modern student of Esoteric Astrology, however, recognizes that every complaint commences within and, while it is good to know of external remedies, it is also necessary to know of the internal causes.

In seeking and applying the soul remedy, we need not discard the “outward and visible sign” in the form of Nature’s remedies to be found everywhere in hedgerow, field, woods and fen. In fact few are sufficiently patient or faithful to realize that in silent communion with the Unseen forces and thorough relaxation, perfect health may be found.

This is probably due to the fact that when we seek that silent communion and lift our spiritual consciousness to that realm wherein lies perfect peace and rest, the physical body, being grosser, does not immediately respond, and greater pain is, for a time, felt, causing the inexperienced seeker after spiritual healing to lose faith.

A knowledge of the solar forces of each individual will help many to a fuller realization of the way towards health, for each of the 12 signs of the Zodiac contains a special message and a path through which unity with the Infinite may be realized.

There is also a common wayside herb that can be recognized by all, that has an affinity with each sign, and the help of which must not be discarded in our time of acute need, for, “For every complaint, God planted a remedy,” and it is for those who know this to spread the healing message for the benefit of suffering humanity.

Let us then take the signs one by one and analyze them for their keynote and find the corresponding key in nature’s laboratory.

The Sun passes through the sign Aries from about the 21st of March to the 20th of April. This at one time commenced the year for the Northern Hemisphere, for all nature is then bursting with activity; and those born during that period are also bursting with desires over which they at times do not seem to have control.

They are natural leaders and they never willingly submit to the dictatorship of others, always holding a mental reservation of an inner knowledge of what is right. They can receive and transmit the will of the Infinite, but the greater their trust, the more sensitive their organism and the more imperative the need for silent communion and absolute solitude whenever possible every day.

Many great leaders find that in shutting the outer door which protects them from the jarring sounds of the public, they are enclosed with the discordant notes of the extreme solicitude of those within the family circle and finally disease reaches an acute stage and quick remedies should be applied.

One of the most common of their complaints, brought about through lack of silence, is pneumonia, but, while this appears to be sudden, it is the result of many months of mental worry and disturbances. The quickest remedy is to get plenty of stinging nettle. Make a tea and drink and make hot fomentations and put around the back and chest. At the same time get a hot water bottle, oven plate or brick, cover it with a cloth wrung out in hot vinegar, and apply it to the feet.

Relief is almost instantaneous and the patient settles down to the quiet slumber that the anxieties of the last few months have denied him. The nettle is the best known Aries herb and should be used freely whenever possible by Aries people as it supplies the rich phosphates so necessary for this type.

The Sun passes through the sign Taurus from April 20th to May 20th. The keynote for those born during this period is obedience to the will of the Father. Within their nature is the desire to conquer, but they must learn that he who conquers himself is greater than he who taketh a city, and in the "Speak Lord, Thy servant heareth" will be found the answer to every problem.

When they are baffled because others do not submit to their will, or intensely disturbed through their very keen feelings, the carbonaceous waste matter does not leave the body as it should through the pores of the skin and, besides the sweat glands, the whole glandular system is poisoned.

Unless there is free perspiration, deep-seated disease is the result through the over-loading of the body with this waste matter, so the out-standing Taurus herb is the yarrow, a well-known sudorific.

The mission of the Taurus type is to beautify the landscape and bring peace and harmony to others through their magnetic healing vibrations, but there must be peace and harmony within themselves before they are fitted to beautify or heal.

They must let go the idea of controlling others, conquering others or limiting them to their view of life, if they would have their glands free from impurities, but when physical disturbances begin to be felt by heaviness at the base of the brain, let them get a strong tea of yarrow on going to bed and the sweat glands will do their work of freeing their bodies of waste matter, the thyroid will be stimulated, the heart will work more rhythmically and they will feel ready for the best that can come to them; and if they will let go of the burden which caused the trouble and listen to the still small voice for guidance, a new era of usefulness will open up for them.

The Sun passes through the sign Gemini from May 21st to June 21st and the keynote for those born during this period is patience. Their work in life is to tune in on the higher etheric realms, hear the message and interpret it so that troubled souls, hearing, may understand. Their sympathies are easily stirred and they are eager to find a solution for the difficulties of others, and the cry from the depths of their being "My Father and I are one. What would my Father do?" is answered by the Divine Host who are ever ready to extend a helping hand to the sojourners on earth.

Truly to interpret the message, it is necessary that their house be a house of peace and so their first energies must be directed to internal harmony, harmony in their immediate surroundings, then they can do their special work of bringing harmony out of chaos for others.

In discordant surroundings they often fail to see what should come first, so get many things cluttered up through too many interests or responsibilities. This tends towards the thickening of the fibrin in the blood and quickly manifests as nervous disorders, throat troubles, pleurisy, etc.

The herb of Gemini is skullcap, as this will steady the nerves, and cool the blood stream and in the soothing sleep which follows they can in dreamland obtain a truer perspective of the values of things and make another commencement. To do their best work, they should live mainly on those foods which ripen in the air and, since their whole body is so active, they should never burden the digestive system with coarse animal foods.

The Sun passes through Cancer from June 21st to July 22nd. The keynote for those born during this period is aspiration. Its lower phase is anxiety. The natives show their anxiety according to their development. The undeveloped are anxious for personal attention and will seek notoriety; higher up the scale we find fear lest they are losing the regard of loved ones; then there is fear that something should happen to their loved ones and later fear lest they are too wicked for salvation.

Once they are awakened, strength is obtained through "My faith looks up to Thee" and as they purify their bodies of every fear through this, they see their mission in life as the nurse who can soothe the troubled brow of the world and be a haven of rest for the fearful and storm-tossed.

In their period of darkness through fear and apprehension, some part of their bodies will be tense and taut and we all know how this would affect a piece of rubber or elastic. The same happens in the elastic tissues of the body and as the strain is removed, sometimes growths appear of an organism of a lower rate of vibration than the body, but which can feed on the body. We can cut off the supply of nourishment to this lower organism by a change of diet, living only on fruit and vegetable juices, or we can eat of those herbs which will supply the mineral salt which gives elasticity; but first it is necessary through aspiration, to raise the vibrations of the body so that groundless fears cannot destroy the Temple of the Living God, the body with which we are entrusted.

A valuable food for the Cancer type is the watercress and the simplest herb is the chickweed.

( To be continued )

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Every failure has a lesson to teach; and even mistaken efforts are not fruitless when a true motive actuates them. But it usually happens that in any misguided attempt one injures his fellows, and we naturally hate those we have wronged. Now, one of the strongest tests of true spiritual advance is to know one loves the persons one has injured most.

From Beacon Fires, "Learning to Live."

## TERRORS OF THE VOICE MANIA

Is the church helpless in the latest malady? Can it help the benighted mind? Does it know how to cope with *the latest* menace to the human mind? Can it find a remedy for the rapidly increasing attacks of the *voice mania*? There has been an alarming increase of voice mania since the war, especially since the radio's popularity.

From every quarter of the globe reports are coming concerning this "voice mania" that is attacking people in all walks of life. These victims go to their minister, friends and doctors, but none help them. What is the trouble? Are these unfortunate people demented or have they simply "tuned in" on the *universal* voice radio?

Their ears are attuned to a vibration *beyond* the physical; that is all. This calamity, if it may be called such, is the result of a body chemically known as psychic power. When *refined*, it attracts intelligent and *constructive* voices; when *unrefined*, it attracts marauding and *destructive* voices.

In 1848, the world was shocked into recognizing there was a wave of these intelligences passing through the minds of those who were attuned to recognize them. The church, realizing the danger to itself, acted promptly to prevent its development with the result that those who were interested met in secret places at night, giving stimulus to the old saying that "ghosts walk at midnight." Had the church at that time investigated this strange expression in life, they could have builded into the church's structure a *corner-stone* of greatest value which would have prepared the present generation for this *voice culture* that would have dominated *constructive* intelligences.

What can be done to help these unfortunates? Change the food properties, set a stronger mind to work over them; one who understands nature's law and can demonstrate it to the manifesting entity to their benefit. Such a menacing mind is like a microbe and must be dealt with by the same method. Destroy its bed and it can not live.

*Denying* this psychic expression *is not the remedy* for this voice menace. *Directing* its expression by *correcting* its channel is the

only *remedy*. Asylums are not the place for these afflicted ones; they must be watched and attended by those who can hear and see with them.

The minister has no remedy to offer them. The doctor looks wise and if the sufferer appeals too often he is directed to a hospital, treated with derision, or placed in a cell. If appeal is made to friends, they scoff and offer no help.

This is the day of scientific discoveries. Every school and church should have a class for the psychic children. When will the church awaken to the *truth*; when will they learn that they must study this vital question and prepare themselves to meet the issue or be swept from their foundation? Those who are ignorant of psychic law are usually the victims of this voice mania.

— Effa Danelson. (From The Occult Digest of March 1932.)

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You can predict very accurately that which lies before you by a self-examination of your words and actions for or against others in the past, and some day you will know beyond question that the cancer, the fever, the eruption, the loss of limb or organ, the utter breaking down of nerves, brain, and muscles from which you suffer is primarily due to some cruel, unjust, or untrue statement forgotten, mayhap, as quickly as it was uttered. Remember, "There are no little things." It has been truly said, "You shall give an account of every idle word." . . . . Man's continuous ignoring of the power of silence, and the inevitable effects of careless words which have a divine origin and purpose is responsible for three - fifths of his suffering.

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