

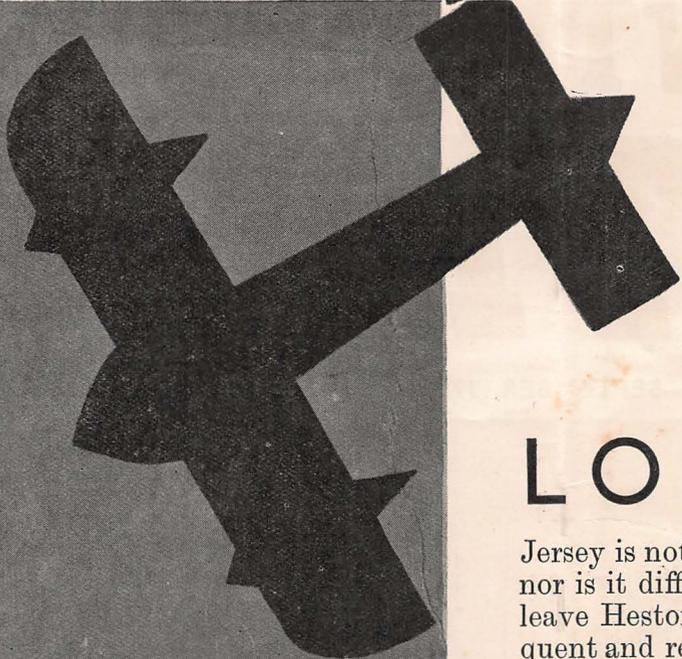
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# TWENTIETH CENTURY Astrology

## HOW ASTROLOGY CAN HELP THE INDIVIDUAL—AND THE NATION

There is much to be said as regards the Individual. Matthew Arnold lays down—and substantially proves—that conduct is three-fourths of life, and Astrology is even more concerned with conduct than with events: conduct under the various influences, which the Individual will encounter in his passage through life, and of which the Astrologer is able to give advice in advance. For the Individual to be conscious of the temptations, moods and opportunities that are coming, the battle is already arrayed. It is in ignorance and unconsciousness that the danger lies; and the plea is ever "I did not think that this could happen, or that such would be the consequence."

However meagre the data at the Astrologer's disposal, he can lay down some sort of guide to conduct, and any kind of guide is bound to be of benefit, even if only as a mental discipline.

It has been said that some Individuals are more subject to what is to be read from their Horoscopes than are others; that the latter are, in some way, above the decrees of fate, I would like to deny that this is ever the case, for it is possible to trace all such suppositions to one or other of two causes. Either the data supplied have been at fault, or some material aspect or configuration, and its consequent effect, has been overlooked. From extensive and mature experience, it is confidently asserted that no human being is "above his stars." Even our Lord may be presumed to have been subject to them, for the beauty of His Character and the events of His life can be read from a Speculative Horoscope set out by that painstaking and gifted Astrologer, Sapharial.

Influences affecting the Individual may be classed roughly under two heads, those which affect him from without, and those which affect him from within. The former are of the nature of what is known esoterically as KARMA, or fate. Such would be the death of a parent, spouse, or child. There could be no fighting against such happenings, but conduct under them might be at fault, if not correctly regulated. Those afflictions which come upon the Individual from within can be softened, or even averted and turned to good account by correct conduct. In the last resort, evil affects may be actually overcome, but only by prayer.

It is a task of much greater difficulty to say how Astrology can help the Nation in these latter days. Sufficient reliance cannot now be placed on predictions concerning Nations to justify any risk of money on them. There are,

indeed, quite a number of cases, in which the predictions have turned out to be correct, but there are many more cases, in which they have not.

How different from the olden days! Then kings took long and arduous journeys to consult the Oracles. The recorded answers were true, if cryptic, and we are able to see how true they were in the light of subsequent events. Right up to the Middle Ages, no king would have been so rash as to wage a war without consulting his oracle, and it appears from history that this custom prevailed until long after the Astrologers had commenced to turn their predictions to their own ends, and to frame them for their own petty, personal profit. Distrust arose gradually, and for some time the Ancient Art was allowed to fall into discredit.

Equally, with the decline of Mundane, or National, Astrology, Natal Astrology, or the interpretation of Birth Figures, fell into disrepute. Its practice was carried on mainly by men of little education and reading; they were consulted in secret, and their unlearned and various interpretations gave rise to violent controversy. All this has changed during the last decade or so. The interpretation of Birth Figures is even more accurate to-day than it has ever been mainly owing to the discovery of the planets Uranus and Neptune, whose configurations account practically for most of the gaps and mistakes in the Readings of earlier Astrologers.

To summarise: It seems that the best way, in which Astrology could render help of a National nature, might be through the Birth Figures of men of National importance. *It must be through the Individuals.*

There is one other possible avenue. Horary Astrology has been practised with success from the most ancient time, and has often been used to resolve questions of National import. As too much space would be required for the quotation of instances, it must suffice to say that absolute integrity of purpose, and adherence to the ancient procedure dictated by tradition, are essential on the part of the Astrologer. He must not attempt to interpret, unless he finds that the Figure is Radical to the Question, and to the Enquirer. No tricks must be played in choosing the time of the enquiry, and preferably the enquiry should be made by one who is materially interested in its outcome. For serious results, the subject of the enquiry must never be too wide, too vague, or too petty.

## ASTROLOGY AND THE ANCIENTS

In the Days of ancient Greece, Astrology was an integral part of Religion. The stars each had their particular place in the then current theology. For instance, Apollo the Sun-God daily drove his flaming chariot across the Heavens, while Diana the Goddess of the Moon did not dare to show her face in the sky till after his disappearance. Again the mythical Orion, the famous poet and the supposed father of the Greek dithyramb, and thus, of the whole Greek Drama, whose delightful episode with the dolphin is of course common knowledge, was post-humously deified and gave his name to a constellation in the heavens. The twin sons of Apollo and Leto were also given their place in the sky, and from their Island birth on Delos, became the patrons and protectors of mariners.

In those days of course the world was believed to be flat, and surrounded by a river, the Ocean, which flowed continuously in an unbroken circle, while the sky was a fixed inverted bowl. Heaven where Zeus and the lesser immortals dwelt in supreme and ambrosial happiness was situated on top of Mount Olympus in Thessaly, while the Titans, a race of giants whom Zeus had expelled from heaven in his initial struggle for supremacy were imprisoned beneath Aetna in Sicily, where their struggles for freedom were supposed to account for the volcano's periodic eruptions.

Such then was the ancient world's conception of the Universe. But even in the last century the stars have vitally and obviously affected the destinies of the world. For example, the appearance of the Turkish national emblem in the sky—the rare phenomenon of a crescent moon with a star between its horns—was the signal for a national and concerted revolt by the whole Turkish people.

Modern Astrology, however, though it bases its calculations on the principles which the Ages have approved, now possesses all the precision of an Einstein formula and is as much a Mathematical Science as Trigonometry or Higher Calculus.

# WHAT IS THE TRUTH ABOUT ASTROLOGY

"The Heavens declare the Glory of God and the Firmament sheweth His handiwork: Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard."—Ps. xix : 1-3.

This is definite enough for those who treasure the Bible, and the remainder of the Psalm is rich in Astrological allusions.

Without a shadow of doubt, Astrology is the most ancient art known to human beings, and its beginnings are lost in the mists of antiquity. The oldest known writing in the world is in cuneiform script on a cylinder of baked clay, found amongst the ruins of a Chaldean Library. It starts with the statement that it is a copy of a very much older cylinder, and the whole script is an Allegory based upon the Signs of the Zodiac. The Art of Astrology is the parent of the modern Science of Astronomy. That is the first truth.

The second truth is that the art was born of observation, and that no known cause or reason can be assigned to it with any confidence. It is so.

Many theories have been put forward, and a vast amount of ingenuity has been expended in the endeavour to make them fit the facts which arise as the result of observation, but in the outcome, the theories amount to little more than a series of mental pegs on which to hang the traditional interpretations. To step aside to technicalities for one sentence: what possible esoteric explanation can be offered of the observed fact that a child that draws its first breath when Mars is ascending, has a red mark or scar, definitely placed on the person according to the Sign of the Zodiac in which Mars happens to be? But it should not be said that Mars rising causes the mark; it is preferable to say that the Ascending Mars indicates or records the mark.

## THE ANCIENT ART OF ASTROLOGY

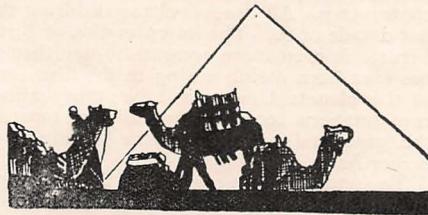
Of all ancient sciences, Astrology is the most ancient. It was known and practised in Egypt four thousand years ago. We find, in fact, right back as far as history can trace, in all nations of culture this old science being the guiding light of the nations. The Kings had their Court Astrologers, and no move was made of any importance, without consulting one of the many Court Astrologers, whether it be war or crops, anything in fact, which concerned the nation and government. The exact time to sow and reap crops was tabulated from the movements of the progressed planets, in their path through the zodiac—to great advantage. Egypt was a rich and powerful nation, and this was largely due to the fact that she carried out all important moves at the right time,—the time most favourable being calculated by the planetary positions.

In the western nations to-day the exact art of this branch of Astrology is lost, we are not so wise as the Egyptians of old. To a degree, however, modern Astrological research is making some astounding discoveries, based strictly upon modern scientific principles. There are bands of keen research workers and students applying much time, thought, and labour, to bringing the old science of Astrology down to a definite and detailed scientific level,

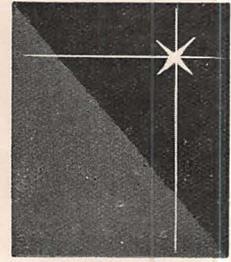
So it is with all the various qualifications and qualities which go to the make-up of any human being. They are all indicated by the positions of the Heavenly Bodies in the Zodiac, modified by their positions at the instant of birth as regards the Horizon and the Meridian; and yet again, by their positions relatively to one another. It is a complicated Figure which has to be read. No mere book suffices to include all the possible combinations and modifications, and the art of the Astrologer lies in seeking them out and estimating them from previous experience.

When it comes to the estimation of passing moods, impulses and happenings on a named date, the Astrologer's task is even more complex, and the need for knowledge, bred of experience, much greater; the positions of the Heavenly Bodies have then to be calculated to accord with the movements that have occurred amongst them since birth, and again, the relative positions of the Heavenly Bodies at the passing moment may provide other factors which cannot be neglected.

Another truth emerges here. However skilful and experienced the Astrologer may be, he cannot work without correct data. If the birthday only is known, he can only consider the effect of the position of the Sun in the Zodiac. Having the day and year of birth, he is able to say much more, for he can then compute the general position of the Moon, and those of the other Heavenly Bodies with rather more accuracy. But for real accuracy, he must know the Year, Date and Place of birth, and the hour (within minutes) when the first breath was drawn. Some description of the general environment and circumstances of the life are also necessary. The Astrologer must be treated with confidence in this respect. Any attempt to put him to trial or test would be likely to mislead him, and to disappoint the Client.



This is being done by observing facts in nature and human life, and tabulating its influence according to the heavenly positions. Many of the leading scientists in the world to-day are giving their attention to modern Astrology, with the result that this grand old science is being lifted out of the mire of corruption which it unfortunately fell into during the middle ages. During that period, charlatans and swindlers and cheap fortune-tellers, made use of what smattering knowledge they had, and dragged it down to a mere superstition. Thanks to modern research to-day, Astrology is being lifted once again to its right and proper place in the scheme of Nature's exact sciences. Of course, we have still a long way to go, but are confident we are on the right road, so that in time to come the nations may once again reap the benefit by carrying out great moves at the right and favourable time, shown by the progressing planets in their whirl through space and time, in relation to our Earth.



## EDITORIAL

"Why *Twentieth Century Astrology*?" That is the query raised by several readers regarding our title. "Isn't the Art of Astrology the same throughout the ages?"

There are, however, many reasons for saying that Astrology differs from what it was in the Middle Ages and even from what it was during the nineteenth century. The principles are unalterable, but some of them have been lost for centuries, and Modern Research is slowly recovering them. Then, the public idea of Astrology as something uncanny and forbidden has undergone a substantial change, just as has the point of view from which the Bible is regarded. We are not reluctant, at the present day, to consider some sort of an introduction of "Summer Time" combined with a natural slow movement of the Moon to account for Joshua's success in finding sufficient light for the pursuit of the Amorites, though this would have been considered rank heresy a century ago. But still there is a lag in the attitude of the Law towards the Art which, it must be acknowledged, is open to serious abuses.

For the rest, the progress of the Science of Astronomy (the groundwork of the Art), the ease of access to particulars of the movements of the Heavenly Bodies and the invention of the slide-rule, have made the calculations much easier to perform. There is still some heavy work attached to the progression of a Horoscope, but there is no mystery about it, nor any Royal Road.

Some branches of the ancient Art seem to have been lost, and but little reliance can be placed on what is known as "Mundane" Astrology at the present day. This is the branch which deals with the destinies of Nations and of Cities. Truth is achieved only sometimes, and never often enough to wager on.

The foundation of the Art of Astrology is knowledge. The erection of the Horoscope (or Map) is merely mechanical; but once erected, it becomes the "WRITING ON THE WALL," and only knowledge can read it.

There are certain limitations in the practice of Natal Astrology. When the authentic birth time can be furnished, there is no limit to the details into which the Astrologer can enter, both as regards Birth Figure, and Progression. When the time can only be guessed, it may be possible for the true time to be ascertained from the dates of known happenings in the life under review. In all cases, clients should treat the Astrologer as they would their Doctor or their Solicitor—with perfect frankness. It is merely waste of time to try test questions on him, for he can be so easily misled. As an instance, the case of King George IV and the chimney-sweep, who had identical Horoscopes, might be quoted. Every incident in the life of the one was paralleled in the life of the other, but in what different spheres!

If the client is not able to furnish the birth time, but only date and place, the Astrologer's powers are limited to generalities, some of which would affect all born on that particular

day, while others would apply almost equally to one born on that date in any year. Even this meagre information might be of value to an enquirer; to one having the faculty of introspection, the substance would appeal, though its degree might fall short of fact.

When the client desires anything further, he must put definite questions which the Astrologer may answer by means of a Horary Figure. Such enquiries were frequently made in ancient days. Indeed, it is now supposed that this was the means used for enquiries by URIM and THUMMIM, which appertained to the High Priest's Breastplate, set with the twelve Zodiacal Stones, representing the

Tribes of Israel. This branch of the Art is such that replies to frivolous questions will be either frivolous, or they will bring neither satisfaction to the enquirer nor credit to the Astrologer. To yield satisfactory results, the questions must be on matters of moment to the enquirer—matters about which genuine anxiety is felt.

To finish on a note of practical interest to all. It is useless to ask an Astrologer which horse will win the Derby. If a definite question is put—"Shall I benefit if I take a certain named risk?" It may be possible for him to reply. *Halcyon.*

# SCIENCE & ASTROLOGY

By Ph. D.

The question of the exact scientific value of Astrology is increasingly often the subject of heated controversy, both in academic and lay circles.

It is, therefore, with considerable trepidation that one enters into a subject, which throughout the ages has been the source of a veritable flood of abstruse metaphysical speculation. So far as can be ascertained by a survey of the writings on Astrology, the stress has most often been laid on its mystical, mythological, and legendary aspects, while the exact scientific physico-mathematical considerations—which are the very basis of Astrology—have been disposed of most casually in a few generally elliptical sentences.

The aim of the present writer is to remedy this deplorable state of affairs, and let it be said at the outset that the reader will look in vain for such hyperbolic phrases as "immortal splendour," "divine drama," "majestic heavens," etc. On the contrary, our language shall be coldly judicious, and calmly critical. We shall analyse, we shall not lyricise.

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The Law of Gravitation states that every particle of matter attracts every other particle of matter, the relation being incorporated in a formula, which takes into account the relative masses and distance of such particles.

In this connection, Einstein's brilliant Special Theory of Relativity—which he based to a large extent on the empirical results obtained in their laboratories by such men as Eddington, Soddy, Lord Rutherford, and Niels Bohr, and on the mathematical groundwork of Minkowski, predicted that light would also be found to be subject to just this gravitational influence. It is now history, that his prediction has been brilliantly vindicated. The immediate corollary is that light is matter, and that matter is therefore the "condensation" product of electro-magnetic particles, which latter are now known as protons. This theory is born out and independently verified by Bohr's Quantum Theory.

One may well ask oneself how the above affects the destiny of a human being. The following is however the case.

From the moment of conception, a new entity takes its place in the four dimensional space-time continuum. It immediately becomes subject to the attraction of all bodies already present in the Universe at that particular moment. Of these bodies, the Stars are indubitably the largest and hence the most forceful, while the relatively close proximity of the solar planets gives them a special significance. In this connection it should be noted that there can be no extra-universal influences whatsoever, as the elaborated General Theory of Relativity has con-

clusively proved that our Universe, though unlimited, is finite and absolutely self-contained.

For reasons, which are self-evident, it is impossible to ascertain the moment of conception to any degree of accuracy. Astrologers have, therefore, agreed to the use of a fixed constant to cover the period of gestation, so that the actual stellar and planetary influences may be calculated from the moment of birth. Therefore, the ascertainment of the exact time of birth is absolutely essential for the calculation of an exact Horoscope.

Besides the stellar and planetary influences, it is also necessary to take into account the gravitational attraction of the lesser surrounding bodies, *i.e.* houses, furniture, parents, friends, etc. For this reason, a conscientious Astrologer insists on knowing something of the environment of his client, and a client, who seriously co-operates with his Astrologer, will no more withhold this vital information from him, than he would withhold it from his lawyer, doctor, or banker.

I repeat, the inclination-angles can only be accurately calculated, when detailed information is available.

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We have now seen that there are a number of forces acting on every being at the moment of his birth, these forces being inversely proportional to the distance of the attracting bodies, and directly proportional to their mass. The force-lines thus produced, will, as a result of the movement of the causative bodies, change in intensity and direction throughout the life of a human being. This change, which can be accurately calculated, is the basis of exact Astrology. It is this change, which causes a man or woman to be drawn physically and psychologically in various directions.

It is this certain knowledge, which makes it possible for the Astrologer to venture into the field of positive prediction of the future. A Horoscope is cast on the precise Birth Data, and is then projected—in accordance with certain mathematical principles—on to the fourth time-dimension. By a process subsequently of integration and differentiation, a minute study can then be made of any space-time point in the life of the person under consideration.

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The above may give an idea of the scientific problems involved in Astrological research. For obvious reasons it is impossible to graze more than the surface of this essentially complex science, but it is the present writer's fervent wish that he may have contributed, however modestly, toward a better understanding of the underlying truth of THE SCIENCE OF ASTROLOGY.  
Cambridge, October, 1934.

# IN SEARCH OF NEPTUNE

By Prof. MARSHALL.

In a previous Paper on the influence of Neptune, I have referred to the planet as representing "The Way," inferring that when we begin, of our own free will, to seek the REAL—the things of Spirit—of God, we open the channel for the subtle divine vibrations of Neptune to work in, and through us. In the early stages, until we have obtained mastery over the lower physical senses, it must necessarily be followed by many upheavals in the physical and spiritual life—depending upon the general development of our moral characters. For instance, to a man with a narrow and cramped outlook on life, it may follow that through certain experiences, he has opened the way for certain Neptune vibrations. One of the missions of Neptune is to search the inner sanctuaries of the soul, and expand the spiritual spark in man. Thus to the man with a cramped vision, this Neptune flow is going to cause upheaval upon the mind in the form of dissolution. The majority of humanity as we find them to-day in this "materialistic" age are in this position. The fact is, and I am going to be quite frank—that few can get away from the shell of things—few can set their teeth in the kernel, which alone can feed our souls. Once this shell is cracked, then we open ourselves to the true and divine rays of Neptune—AND TRUTH.

## THE MERCURY INTELLECT

Those of us, for example, with keen intellects of the higher Mercury type, will recognise every one of the difficulties which beset our spiritual path, but flash, hither and thither in the darkness, seeking explanation, seeking light, trying to reconcile and explain. We are not great enough alone to put all this aside and go straight to the informing soul beneath, that strives to express itself everywhere, even through those husks of crude material Matter.

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It is this bogging over EXTERIORS, this peering into pitfalls, this "Aries" desire to prove that, what such senses we have tell us is impossible.—IS IN FACT, POSSIBLE; which causes the overthrow of many an earnest seeker of truth, and renders its work conducted on false lines quite migratory.

We will trust to ourselves and our own feeble intelligence, instead of opening ourselves to Neptune—"the Kingdom within," and gain first hand knowledge from the everlasting arms of the infinite.

### THE KEYS OF TRUTH

The keys of truth and knowledge are in and around us. When will man learn the great central fact of the everlasting life? That behind all there is a spirit of Infinite Life and Power that animates all and manifests itself in and through all the planes of nature? That this Infinite Power is creating, working, ruling through THE AGENCY OF IMMUTABLE LAWS AND FORCES, that surrounds all life. Each individual every-day act in life is governed by these great laws and forces. These laws are unchangeable, all THOUGHT and ACTION being subject to them, on all planes of consciousness.

This is the great central fact taught by teachers to human civilisation at all times.

### FAITH AND NEPTUNE

If we realise that FAITH is the plank—the only plank we can float upon the sea of life, and that the miserable works of mankind avail him nothing, then Neptune will open the way to the real truth, the real light—this Neptune plank is made of many sorts of wood suited, perhaps, to our different weights. The Highest truths are not those we learn from abroad, no OUTWARD teaching can bestow them. They are unfolded from within, by our very progress in the spiritual life—"New Ideas of Perfection, new convictions of immortality, a new consciousness of God, a new perception of our spiritual nature, come to us a revelation and open upon us with splendour which belongs not of this world."\*

Attention to the things of matter, without due thought to the deeper things of spirit, lead to selfishness, and the world of darkness, and that is the surest way to bring ourselves into inharmony with Neptune even if we respond to her rays in the smallest degree. Materialism leads to pessimism and pessimism brings in its turn fear, and a cramped, narrow conception of the wider life of spirit in man.

### LIMITATION OF FREE WILL

One of the great dangers in the study of our progressed horoscope is that many FEAR that which is to come, on seeing the gradual approach of a malefic planet to, for instance, the Sun. Each human being has free will. True it is limited by environment and birth conditions, but we can do what we like WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF LIMITATION, as shewn in the natal map. Thus when we see certain prolonged affliction, and say, such and such events must take place—we may dwell upon that, lying in dread of that fear must in some form or other be brought about in our own life. On the other hand, if we look upon the event foreshown with optimism and with a philosophic mind, we shall win through and be the wiser spiritually for the experience—not that it will alter the event; what we alter is our way of dealing with the event, in other words our attitude of MIND. We so often wander, during our physical trials, in the by-ways of the valley of fear and depression. Why not, by our very thoughts, go straight to the mountain top, and

\*W. E. Channing—"The Perfect Life"—page 193.

have dominion over matter, by bringing into activity the higher mental, psychic and spiritual forces which lie latent in each of us? Thus in the degree we open ourselves to the spirit of infinite power, symbolised by Neptune so in the same degree will that power manifest in and through us.

**NEPTUNE INTELLECT**

This is a "Neptunic" function—bringing knowledge of spiritual REALITY to the intellect. It is the power of answering to the higher vibrations of Spirit and when united with intellect, it gives birth to spiritual truth, and spiritual knowledge. The erroneous theories of the lower mind will not be got rid of until the intuition is recovered by the inner memory, and VOLUNTARY EFFORT is made by the lower self, to raise the consciousness to Neptune—the spiritual understanding.

**NEPTUNE THE WAY**

Those of us who desire to seek this true celestial consciousness and spiritual reality, and enter into the realm of spiritual wisdom, must first rid himself of intellectual pride and become as a young child. Prejudices, stubborn opinions and beliefs must always stand in the way of Neptune. They bar the door to TRUTH. "Ye must be born again." In astrological language, we must first seek the consciousness of Neptune, by unlocking the door of the kingdom of heaven, within, thus letting the pure, divine, unfettered truth flow in and through us, which in turn must radiate to those with whom we come into contact in every-day life. We must cultivate PEACE, which is harmony, and to recognise the fact that we are spirit here and now, manifesting through its shell—the physical body—and to live in this thought, is to BE spiritually minded. Peace cannot be found in the external world. The route lies within.

**NEPTUNE AND FEAR**

It can only be found by rising superior to the passions and desires—such as living in the slavery of fear—fear of physical want, fear of starvation, fear of opinion, of death. This Saturnine terror is to be found everywhere, in all forms, amongst all peoples in the world to-day; and yet, by opening the door to "The Kingdom" all fear and dread can be swept away. By our very attitude of mind we tender thoughts of fear, which must grow thicker and stronger. On the other hand, all "fear thoughts" can be stamped out. Let us seek the aid of Neptune, and open ourselves to the real life of peace, harmony, wisdom, and understanding.

**OPTIMISM**

Optimism is the reverse of fear, which is degrading. By cultivating an optimistic outlook when, for instance, our progressed horoscope shews "nasty" afflictions, saying that all adversity in physical life is for a purpose, and is the result of the laws of spirit working through matter, working for our own spiritual progress, by giving just the experience we require, the very lesson which will teach us more and more.

**PROGRESSED AFFLICTIONS BY DIRECTION**

If we make the very best of these afflictions, being for our own good, and set into operation the subtle forces of thought power, based upon patience, self sacrifice, optimism, and a healthy spiritual outlook—all the time seeking in the future, not worldly gain for the physical self, but spiritual gain for the soul. If we do this, we shall travel a good way along the road which leads to that "celestial consciousness"—which passes all human understanding.

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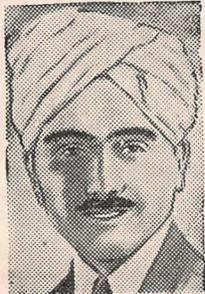
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## IN SEARCH OF NEPTUNE *(Continued from page 7).*

In the animal kingdom the keynote to evolution is selfishness and self-assertion represented by Mars. It is necessary in the universal plan for the building of form. If that form stands the test of strength, it survives; if weak, it dies, being imperfect in the life plan of evolution. The struggle for existence, the survival of the fittest in form is the law, and selfishness is the method by which form evolves—the same law builds the form of man, but in each man is something higher—he has a soul, is, in fact, part of the divine. He is a higher expression of God and a fuller revelation of His nature, than the life in the plant or animal. What is suitable for the plant and animal is not suitable for man. Self-sacrifice is the keynote of the evolution of humanity. The divine plan for man is to make them happy. But man can only be happy in-so-far as he rises above the animal desires and reveals those higher aspects of the soul. Each soul must be active and each individual action must help or hinder the "human" plan. If the soul works with the plan—through service, self-sacrifice, and helping forward other souls who have not yet discovered how to work with the plan, then he is happy, for he has entered the "Kingdom of Heaven" of Neptune. The evolution of form, and the evolution of spirit go hand in hand. FORM is the vehicle in which spirit may express itself. But the law of FORM, is NOT the law of spirit. The soul manifests in form, in order that the soul may evolve to become one with the divine plan. In its process of evolution in and through matter it has to overcome the instincts of form and matter—to learn the lessons of joy and grief according to the soul's sowing of good and evil. It is part of the divine plan that each soul is surrounded with opportunities to learn to act in accord with the higher laws of spirit. The rise of nations, the fall of nations, the appearance and disappearance of cults and creeds and sciences, arts and philosophies are little moves in the game of this plan. The game is played, in order that each soul taking part may become channels of THE LIFE—of GOD.

Thus, Selfishness is the law of evolution of form; but self-sacrifice the law of evolution for the soul. The soul has to overcome form—spirit overcome matter.

And how best can the soul, while functioning in matter—coloured by the trials which matter sets up—work with the divine law, become in full harmony with the law? Should not the individual soul go direct to the Infinite spiritual source itself?

"If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God."

When the soul thus contacts the infinite source, it is no longer the slave to the personality, religious dogma, science and books and the things of matter. It gains TRUTH. Is this not the "Neptune" Way? Mercury seeks knowledge through books and travel and discussion. Jupiter seeks through the religion and philosophy of the day, but "Neptune" enters the silence and communes direct with the divine. Neptune has no need of books, of religion, of science, of philosophy in order to gain a knowledge of Truth. Neptune communes with the source, and in the degree that the "Neptune soul" opens himself to the divine; in that degree the soul receives wisdom and understanding, through the "intuition." And wisdom is the knowledge of God—an understanding of the law.