Planetary Influences

and

Human Affairs

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"There are more things in heav'n and earth, Horatio, Than are dreamt of in your philosophy."

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"I tell thee,

There is not a pulse beats in the human frame That is not governed by the stars above us, The blood that fills our veins, in all its ebb And flow, is swayed by them as certainly As are the restless tides of the salt sea By the resplendent moon; and at thy birth Thy mother's eye, gazed not more steadfastly On thee, than did the star that rules thy fate, Showering upon thy head an influence Malignant or benign."

THOMAS NEIL.

"The most powerful forces of nature are the unseen forces."

Philosophy of Personal Influence.

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OBSERVATION of natural phenomena has revealed the existence of forces operating in conformity with well-defined—though, perhaps, not always physically-evident—laws.

Physicists assert that the matured fruit, parting from its parent bough, descends to the earth in obedience to the law of gravitation; that chemical elements combine in accordance with specific laws of attraction; that the earth, revolving on its axis and cycling in its orbit, is governed by fixed laws; that many of the myriad stars, which night reveals to our entranced vision, move in their orbits in conformity with known laws.

The orderly and systematic arrangement of the Universe reveals the marvelous

prescience and wisdom of the Creator and emphatically, precludes the possibility or existence of what is popularly designated "chance."

Human affairs are, necessarily, included in this arrangement. Every human being has his or her specific sphere of activity in life. But, whether that sphere be in Religion, Art, Banking, Merchandising or Mechanics, it is known that the lives and affairs of the inhabitants of the earth are subject to planetary influences. Master minds, in all ages of the world, have recognized this fact.

Need we marvel, then, that a study of the operation of these finer forces in Nature leads to an intelligent and comprehensive knowledge of mundane affairs? or that that knowledge enables us to investigate and understand the relation of success or failure, fortune or misfortune, happiness or unhappiness, good or ill-health, and many of the other phenomena of life, to the nativity of the individual, or, so to express it, of the project, if such it be?

Nor need we be surprised at the verification of the maxim that "There is a time to sow and a time to reap;" or, in other words, that there are favorable and unfavorable epochs in human affairs; a fact which experience has incontestably demonstrated by the actual occurrence of these epochs.

Is it not commendable and advisable, then, to utilize the advantages of favorable epochs and conditions, and, if possible, avoid the disadvantages of unfavorable ones? The wisdom of such a course of action is self-evident.

It is, practically, impossible, however, to do so without the aid of a competent adviser who has made a special study of these matters. His advice concerning personal affairs, business ventures, domestic relations, investments, health, wealth, friends and a variety of other subjects will be intrinsically valuable beyond any financial outlay involved in its acquisition.

In proof of the truth of this statement it may, perhaps, be interesting to mention the fact that the equivalent of \$1000 was paid, presumably by the German Government or one of its emissaries, for knowledge of the most propitious time to inaugurate the Franco-Prussian war which resulted in the defeat of France.

Is there a valid reason why a similar course of investigation should not be made in regard to other affairs? Nay, more, is it not the duty of a financier or of a merchant to avail himself of proper safeguards against loss?

The existence of a surplus of \$8,000, 000 and of a defalcation of \$60,000 as coincident facts in the affairs of a prominent financial institution prove that appearances of prosperity and security are, sometimes, deceptive and unreliable.

A planetary study of the affairs of that institution, or of the characteristics of its employes, would, doubtless, have resulted in a timely warning that would have inspired the managers with a greater degree of caution and thus have prevented or lessened the disagreeable notoriety and impairment of prestige consequent upon the exposure of the affairs of that institution.

In view of these and other facts how can a financial officer reconcile careless or indifferent management—especially if due to pride, prejudice or intolerance,—with a proper and conservative regard for the financial interests confided to his care?

Is it wise to allow idiosyncracies to preclude the benefit of advice, based on scientific methods of investigation, which the experience of ages has proved to be valuable and useful?

Pride, prejudice and intolerance should be excluded from the rational management of personal, business or family affairs.

Why should a physician, whose diagnosis of an intricate or obscure ailment has proved confusing, hesitate to avail himself of the benefit of advice that may enable him to rectify his diagnosis if it happen to be erroneous?

Is it not good policy for a business man to ascertain whether the time be favorable and the prospects good for a proposed business venture?

Are the building, launching, sailing and management of a ship matters of so little importance that they may be carelessly attended to or disregarded with impunity? Do not the meteorological conditions that may prevail during her voyage deserve some consideration in view of the appalling list of marine disasters?

Why should not the captain or commander of a ship be advised concerning the prospects of a voyage or the management of his crew?

Is it not an advantage for the lawyer to have additional channels of information revealed to him?

Should Judges or Prosecuting Officers discard possible sources of information concerning matters subject to consideration?

In the Executive branches of governmental affairs do not instances occur where skill and judgment are baffled and where advice would, perhaps, be both useful and valuable?

Is it not the duty of parents to ascertain and study the mental and physical characteristics of their offspring, their condition of health, the diseases to which they are liable, their future prospects in life, etc.?

The Divorce cases, that encumber the calendars of the Courts, prove, conclusively, the need of timely advice before blindly incurring matrimonial responsibilities. Wrecked lives, blasted hopes and dismembered homes are, not infrequently, the results of rash and ill-advised matrimonial ventures.

These illustrations emphasize the necessity and value of laudable, confidential and conservative counsel deduced from the scientific investigation of such facts as may be submitted for consideration. Nor need this imply the anticipation of personal infallibility, or the

possession of supernatural attributes by the adviser. He simply endeavors, by scientific methods and in accordance with known laws, to conscientiously advise his patrons and to conserve their interests, just as the lawyer consults the interests of his clients or the physician those of his patients. Hence, it, naturally, follows, that the business relations of an adviser and his patrons should be *strictly confidential*; a safeguard that, doubtless, will be properly appreciated.

Scepticism is a mental characteristic due to subtle influence imperceptible to ordinary observation but readily recognized by the initiated. It obstructs mental vision and delays the recognition of actual or possible facts, especially if they be not apparent to the senses. The possibility of intangible or occult forces operating in and around us will only be

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conceded by the sceptical mind when the existence and operation of these forces have been made physically and materially evident. The remarkable and successful experiment in wireless telegraphy of transmitting information nearly 1800 miles through the air, accomplished by Sig. Marconi, demonstrates the existence and operation of planetary forces. We are entering an epoch pregnant with marvelous revelations.

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