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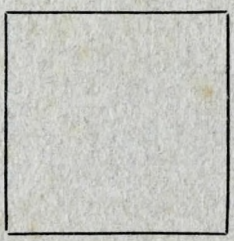
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employ in "mundane" work. One can point to Uranus in Gemini as a sort of minute-hand indication on the clock of Time, and one can say that the invention is typically Urano-Plutonic—the sudden eruption, under human guidance, of tremendous forces hitherto latent.*

Following this line of thought, it is interesting to note that the sextile of Uranus and Pluto, on April 14, 1944, found the latter planet in Leo 6, of which the Charubel symbol is "A large ball of fire flying through the air."

I mention this aspect as being the last preceding major contact between these two planets.

On the day when the bomb was first used Pluto was just in Leo 10, but it is worth noting that the Charubel symbol for Leo 9 is "A bomb exploding in mid-air" with the comment "It denotes what is very pernicious."

One does not altogether envy those who will live to see the conjunction of these two planets, a score or so of years ahead.

The Birth-hour of Winston S. Churchill

We have now good authority for stating that our great war-leader was born between 10 p.m. and midnight, November 30, 1874, at Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, Oxon.

This means an ascendant between 24 ♌ and 15 ♍.

That Mr. Churchill has a strong Virgo element in his nature is clear enough from his addiction to painting, to say nothing of the brick-laying episode. He is also a painter in words and phrases. That he should have not only had the Moon in that sign, but that it was also rising at birth seems improbable. We have ourselves, in a previous issue of *Astrology*, suggested an ascendant either in Leo or in Aries, and the Aries decan of Leo, close to the places of Jupiter and Pluto in the 1707 map and that of Saturn in the 1801 horoscope, seems attractive.† Those who have plumped for Scorpio were doubtless misled by the position of Mercury in that sign.

An American writer, Marion Meyer Drew, has announced a Virgo ascendant, claiming to have received information from family sources.

The Work of Uranus

On page 69 of our September 1944 issue attention was drawn to the station of Uranus in 13–08 ♊ and its relation to the map of the German Empire and several personalities. We know what

* Written before I was aware that, as well as uranium, a substance called plutonium was employed in the process of making the bomb.

† Or, again, Regulus may have been on the ascendant.

has since happened to the German Empire: here are the names and present condition of the personalities.

Mussolini	Dead
King Leopold	In exile
Laval	Shot
Beneš	
Roosevelt	Dead
Pétain	Life imprisonment

Let those who proclaim that astrology is "all guesswork" try their hand at a similar prediction;

It is true that, writing as I did for astrologers, I did not trouble to explain (except in regard to Mussolini) what sort of effect this station might be expected to have, as I should have done had I been addressing my remarks to laymen. Astrology is (amongst other things) a method of saying a great deal in a very few words or symbols, as every student knows. If President Beneš has suffered little from the station it is because his radical Uranus is exceptionally strong, being in trine to Mercury and Neptune and in sextile to Venus and the Moon.

Another exile whom I might have included is Peter of Jugoslavia: the station was near his Pars, square Sun, Venus and Uranus.

Lodge Activities

The attention of all Members and friends of the Lodge is directed to the brief but important announcement on our back cover. This is of the nature of stop-press news and will be mentioned at greater length in our next number. The retirement of Mrs. Hurren from the Secretaryship, after eighteen years' most successful fulfilment of this important and strenuous function, calls for much more than passing appreciation. She retains the office of Vice-President.

Requests have been received from country members that reports of Lodge meetings and of the points raised at discussions should be published in the Quarterly. This is eminently reasonable. However, very brief accounts would hardly be of any use and that is all that we could find space for, until the paper situation is easier. We shall bear the matter in mind and perhaps one of those who attend the meetings regularly will volunteer for the duty of recording abstracts of our transactions. Recently the discussions have been lively and valuable.

ABBREVIATIONS

As well as the usual glyphs, the following are employed in the Quarterly to save space:

Fractions in brackets, such as (1°), ($\frac{1}{4}$°), ($2\frac{1}{2}$°), denote fixed-increment directions at the rate given.

(RXM) denotes the radix measure of 59′ 8″ a year.

(S) denotes secondary directions generally: (S+) indicates the usual post-natal secondaries: and (S—) pre-natal or converse secondaries, when it is necessary to distinguish the two classes.

Ddz., cdz., m. are used in the traditional way to indicate direct, converse and mundane primaries.

(PNE) stands for pre-natal epoch generally: (PNLE) and (PNSE) are employed when it is necessary to distinguish between the usual lunar epoch and the solar epoch introduced by "Sepharial."

In the interests of brevity contributors should make use of these contractions.

THE SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT

By THE EDITOR

The result of the July 1945 election, which took place under the influence of the eclipse of the 9th of that month, was a sweeping victory for the Socialist Party. A solar eclipse is always said to portend the death or downfall of an eminent person in those countries where the obscuration is visible, and that was certainly the case with our late Prime Minister, even though it may be considered that he was defeated as leader of the Tory Party, and not as our national leader in war. The eclipse also fell on Saturn, and that was bad, as we foretold, for the Conservatives, though we expected certain mitigating aspects would have saved the day for the Tories, or possibly have produced a deadlock. In this we were manifestly wrong.

Mercury and Pluto were on the M.C., conjoined.

It is quite possible that Mercury is the significator of the working classes.* Pluto indicates the sudden outburst of hitherto suppressed discontent and disappointment, much of it dating from the evil years that followed the first great war, and much due to the inhibitions of military discipline which were sure to produce restiveness and a desire to react against existing authority.

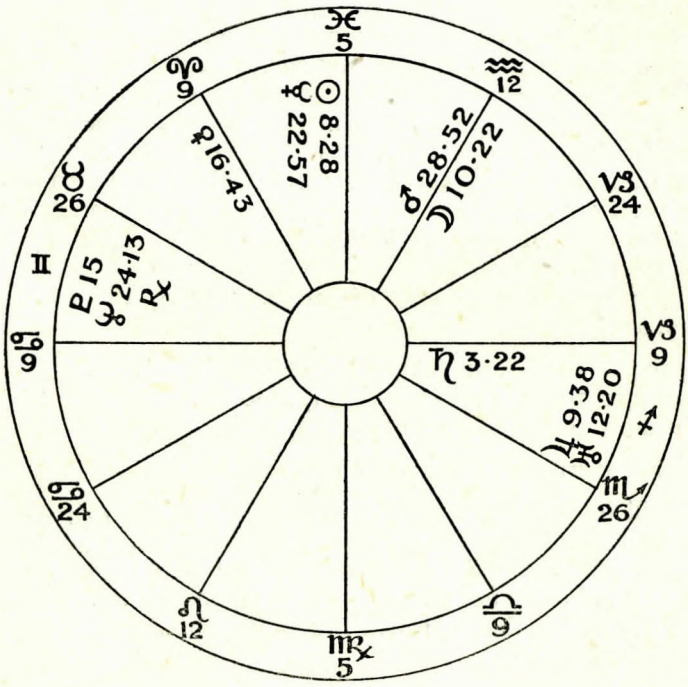
What now is likely to be the history of our new Government, faced as it is with numerous most difficult problems at home and abroad?

We are, of course, handicapped by lack of data, as always, but we can do our best.

* See also, in this connection, the spring ingress, with Jupiter on midheaven in Virgo.

Firstly, we have the map for the founding of the Labour Party at noon, February 27, 1900, in London.

This is by no means a bad map, though it has its weak points.



There are the squares in common signs which point to divergences of opinion and standpoint, mainly, I suppose, between the intellectuals on the one hand and the trades unionists on the other. One expects stressful contacts in the horoscope of a revolutionary movement starting as a small minority. One should be satisfied if there are also constructive elements.

The Sun is in sextile to Saturn which is obviously good for political work and responsibility, especially with Saturn in Capricorn; but one wishes that Saturn were stronger by house.

Venus is in trine to Jupiter and Uranus in fire, and that is energising and spiritually alive. It restrains the revolutionary element well shown by Jupiter conjunction Uranus in Sagittarius.

Mars trine Neptune in air is good and intellectually constructive: it stands for socialistic planning, Mars being in Aquarius.

The ruler, the Moon, is perhaps somewhat vague and un-

practical in Aquarius, but it has excellent aspects, being sextile Jupiter and Uranus, sextile Venus, and trine Pluto.

On the whole the aspects are better than the house-positions. But the time may not be precisely right, and I shall not rely on angular directions for that reason. It is rather a temptation, for example, to make Venus come to the midheaven, by axial rotation, for the present year. But such speculations are usually futile and a waste of time. As the map stands, this direction measures close enough to the formation of the Coalition Government in the spring of 1940, and that would be appropriate, since that did bring several members of the Party into important positions and pave the way for more recent events. Venus would agree well with the idea of partnership, especially as it is in the radical 11th.

The principal secondary directions, during the next five years, are:

Spring 1946 Sun sextile r. Neptune
Summer 1946 Jupiter sextile r. Moon
Autumn 1946 Sun sextile p. Neptune

Also, Saturn sta. and square p. Mars.

It will be seen that this group is on the whole very strong, especially Jupiter sextile r. Moon, a long-drawn-out favourable contact. Stationary Saturn is not good, but it might be held that this indicates no more than the responsibilities and inevitable difficulties that will confront any conscientious government in these days.

1947 and 1948 do not show any powerful indications.

Early 1949. Venus is opposition p. Uranus and this passes to opposition r. Uranus later in the year. This seems to point to a danger of cleavage and schism.

1949 also shows Sun sesquiquadrate p. and r. Uranus, so that we have a difficult knot here, and evidently a time of stress. Since Uranus is in Sagittarius, one may expect trouble over foreign affairs.

1950, the year of the next election, if the Parliament runs its full term, shows p. Moon with Uranus and Jupiter and trine r. Venus, but one cannot rely much on these without knowing just when the election would be held.

Early 1951 shows Sun sextile r. Mars, and that hardly looks like defeat at any time within a reasonable orb of exactitude.

Thus it appears that, so far as one can judge by this map, 1949 is the time of greatest difficulty.

We will now examine the six relative maps of the Vernal Equinox. We cannot afford the time to investigate the other Ingresses, important though these may well be.

We are already familiar with the V.E. figure for 1945. It showed Jupiter on the M.C. in Virgo, and that, to my mind, is quite in keeping with the assumption of government by the Labour Party.

The next figure, for 1946, is a difficult one for any government.

The Sun and the two Inferiors are rising in opposition to Neptune: the Moon in Scorpio is in square to Pluto, and, worst of all for us, there is a very near conjunction of Mars and Saturn in Cancer, falling, by Campanus, in the 6th house.

This last certainly warns the Government that they would do well to promise no miracles. It looks as if a spirit of sullen disappointment may be abroad amongst the workers who may be apt to forget that reforms take time, and the more radical they are, the longer they are likely to take, unless they are precipitated, in which case reactions, in a country economically placed as we are, may be serious.

At all events, were it not for the good directions in the figure of the Labour Party, I should wonder whether it would survive this unpleasant horoscope. There will certainly be upheavals and one must hope that these will not drive the Government to seek desperate remedies.

Of course if you stick to Placidus you will say that this conjunction will only affect the 5th house. We shall see. In that cast it might operate as a depreciation of investment values and the discomfiture of the propertied classes.

1947 has a stormy Ingress, with the Moon (the ruler) on the M.C., conjoined with Mars and Mercury and in square to Uranus, which has however the trine of Venus.

However, the Sun, Saturn and Jupiter form a grand trine, which *may* be useful, though it is not a close-knit one, and Saturn is weak in Leo and retrograde. Neptune is no longer a menace.

It appears that the year will be a difficult one, but the presence of the lord of the horoscope on the midheaven should preserve the Government.

1948 Ingress also is not a particularly happy one, for once again there is a conjunction of Mars and Saturn, this time in Leo and in the 12th house, in square to Venus but in sextile to Uranus. The Lights are in trine, a sustaining feature. But what of this conjunction in Leo in the 12th? Does it show the end of the House of Lords? A bold suggestion, perhaps, but it threatens the nobility of the land.

1949 seemed to be the most dangerous year for the Socialist Government in the light of the directions in the Labour Party figure; and the Ingress bears this out. To begin with, Mercury, if I have reckoned the time rightly, is on the nadir, which might indicate change in government. There is, in addition, a somewhat vicious opposition of the Moon to Uranus, with Venus conjunction Mars in square to both. The Sun itself is not altogether clear of this complex. Saturn, by Campanus, is in the 10th, with minor afflictive aspects. Much political excitement, at best, is denoted.

Another point is that Saturn has now passed out of Leo into Virgo, which may be bad for Labour.

1950 is a fairly cheerful figure, for both benefics rise at London at the equinox and Venus is in trine to Neptune, Aquarius to Libra.

The fly in the ointment is Sun in close quadrature to Uranus on the cusp of the 6th house, pointing to labour unrest, especially as both are in heavy affliction with Mars.

Another interesting figure is for the first meeting of the new Parliament at 1.45 G.M.T., August 1, 1945.

Here Mercury in Virgo is exactly on the midheaven, and Jupiter in Virgo is on the 11th cusp (Campanus), corroborating my belief that Mercury-Virgo is the significator of the Labour Party.

It seems a good figure for the new Government, though it is true that Mercury is afflicted by the two malefics. The Moon is strong in the 7th house, in Taurus, and applying to the sextile of Saturn and the trine of Jupiter. The Sun is certainly in close conjunction with Pluto and is semisquare Jupiter, and, as it is in the 9th, this probably shows trouble with foreign affairs, which is virtually inevitable. But Sol is also sextile Mars and Uranus. Venus on cusp 8 should give the assembly a long life. Besides the Moon rules much of the 8th house and is well ensconced in Taurus.

Considering the difficult times we live in, it is not an alarming figure, though it must be admitted that a Placidean domification is not quite so happy, for by this method we get Uranus on cusp 8 in exact mundane square to Neptune on cusp 5. This, by polarity, might affect the 2nd house of the map in a manner that could have disastrous effects upon our national finances, at any rate by orthodox standards.

It must be admitted also that the figure for the opening of Parliament by the King on the 15th had Mars conjunction Uranus, a very tensive formation indeed.

It is no part of the duty of the editor of a scientific periodical to voice political opinions. Some will regard the events of July

1945 as a great forward stride in the onward march of humanity; others will say that it is a modern version of the miracle of the Gadarene swine. Some will be content to judge the event by its outcome.

No one can blame the working man (or anyone else) for desiring security. It is natural enough and plenty of rich people do not hesitate to make settlements upon their children, without fearing that it may make them "lose the spirit of independence" or cause them to "lack initiative." However, Nature has her own notions on these matters and history seems to show that the most secure nations have often tended to degenerate.

A fatal paradox, if indeed what we all desire, and reasonably desire, should inevitably prove our ultimate undoing!

However, what with the atomic bomb and other developments, there seems no need at present to worry about our becoming too secure.

AN INTERESTING NATIVITY

PRINCESS CHARLOTTE

By "URANIDES"

The data for this horoscope are taken from Wilson's *Dictionary*, where the time of birth is given as 9.24 a.m., January 7, 1796. The place of birth was Carlton House, London. A slightly different time is given in *Notable Nativities*. The above figure is erected according to the method of Campanus.

At the time of writing a play is running in London entitled *The First Gentleman*.

This, of course, was the soubriquet of George IV; but the play in question is largely concerned with the life and death of his only child, Princess Charlotte, whose geniture appears above.

Charlotte was, according to the encyclopaedia, a bright, lively, warm-tempered girl, which we may well believe, seeing that she had both benefics rising in Aquarius, somewhat tempered by Saturn, but stimulated by the culminating Moon in Sagittarius. The figure, indeed, contrasts in an extraordinary way with that of her vain, pompous and self-indulgent father, whose Sun was in Leo and Moon in Taurus with Jupiter (*N.N.* 612). Charlotte also had Mercury strong by sign and aspect, though not by house. It is conjoined with Pars.

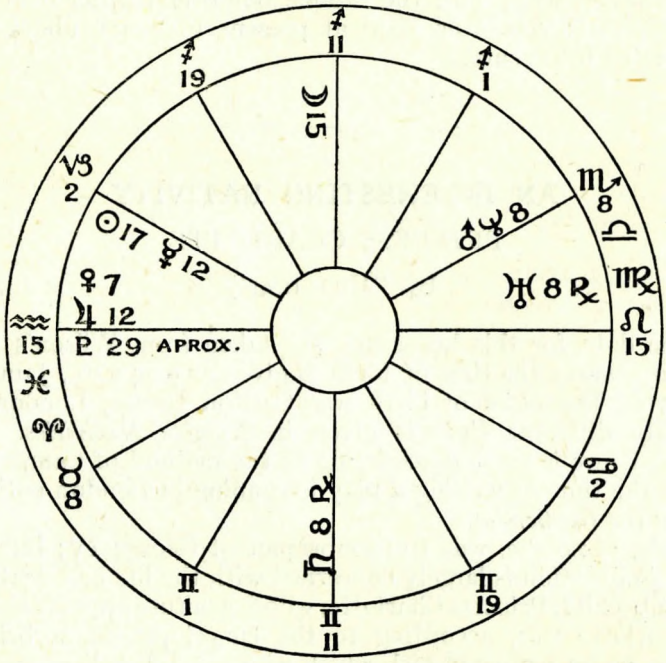
She was brought up in strict seclusion, her royal father

being bitterly jealous of her popularity. Saturn is close to the nadir and Mercury, ruling the 4th, is in the 12th.

Refusing to marry her father's choice, she finally won his consent to her marriage to Leopold of Saxe-Coburg. This took place on May 2, 1816: it was a love-match. But she died on November 5, 1817, in child-birth, and the child, a boy, was stillborn. This paved the way for Victoria to ascend the throne.

Charlotte's map does not agree well with the horoscope of 1066, generally regarded as the chart for the British throne. Her Uranus is on Jupiter in this map and conversely the 1066 Mars falls on her Venus.

Most astrologers would say that her marriage could not have continued as happily as it began, but one cannot argue about might-have-beens. For astrologers there are no such things.



Human affairs do not unfold fortuitously and it was undoubtedly within the order of things that Victoria should become queen.

We may debate whether most students would have predicted an early death. The Moon is in close par. dec. with both Venus and Saturn: she is separating from two malefic squares but is strong by sign and house. Sol is unafflicted and the ascendant well supported.

However, as we have said, Saturn is close to the nadir and rules the 12th. By Campanus the conjunction of Mars and Neptune, squared by Venus and Jupiter and quincunx Saturn, is exactly on the 8th cusp. By Placidus Venus rules the 8th and is both assailed and supported aspectually.

Actually the princess's death was held to have been caused by medical incompetence. Prior to confinement she had been copiously bled and during labour she was stupefied with wine (Neptune on cusp 8).

At the time of her demise her progressed Sun was in square to Mars and Neptune and in quincunx to Uranus, though trine Saturn. On the day of her death, by transit, Uranus was near radical Moon and Saturn was close to Pluto.

It is interesting to note that the play mentioned above appeared under an eclipse that fell exactly opposite her Sun and with Uranus in the heavens opposed to her Moon.

Leopold became king of Greece, and, later, of Belgium. I do not know his birth-data. His son, Leopold II (*N.N.* 963) was succeeded by Albert, his nephew, who died in our own times as a result of a rock-climbing accident.

The nativity of Queen Caroline, Charlotte's mother, is given in *The Astrologer of the Nineteenth Century*, page 415. She was something of a hoyden and her calamitous experiences as George's wife are notorious. The positions in her nativity are:

M.C. 23 ♈, Asc. 13 ♌, ☉ 27 ♉, ☽ 10 ♊, ☿ 8 ♉, ♀ 3 ♉, ♂ 8 ♓, ♃ 14 ♎, ♄ 2 ♐, ♅ 4½ ♉, ♆ —beginning of Virgo, Pluto 14 ♑. Data, 10.49 a.m., May 16, 1768, presumably at Brunswick.

This lady's character and fortunes are well shown by Moon square Mars and the Taurus conjunctions, which opposed her daughter's Mars-Neptune.

URANUS AND SOCIALISM

A REPLY TO MR. W. SCOTT

By H. Morris

Mr. Walter Scott deserves the thanks of all students for the wealth of valuable data with which he has provided us, but many of his remarks provoke comment. No doubt he will have anticipated some reaction.

Two salient points emerge from a perusal of this article, (1) Mr. Scott is an ardent Socialist, (2) he is an equally ardent

devotee of the planet Uranus. Now when one fervently admires two things one is naturally prone to connect them, if possible; and herein lies the cause of what is astrologically exceptionable in his article.

As regards (1) Mr. Scott is entitled to hold whatever views he pleases and comment must be restricted to the mere expression of a doubt as to whether an advocate of State Totalitarianism, who is at the same time a student of occultism, quite appreciates the menace that the former may present to the latter, or quite realises the anomalous position of one belonging to a despised minority-cult in a materialistic utopia, wherein all mental activity has been unified and synthetised into the whole which, according to Hegel's mischievous heresy, is greater than the sum of its parts. For State Socialism is Hegelianism of the Left, just as Fascism is Hegelianism of the Right: strip the latter of militaristic nationalism and it will differ from the former as the Arctic differs from the Antarctic.

But let that pass—no doubt it is good altruistic philosophy to be prepared to abjure one's petty mental conceits and fancies for the good of the mass in its search for stable conditions: to allow one's mental processes to be merged into the Hive Mind. No doubt it is progress to emulate termites, who can do these things so much better than we can.

But it is Saturnian progress! And this is where Mr. Scott goes astray. He over-simplifies the issues—or, rather, several issues. For him there is (1) Toryism, synonymous with reaction, ruled by Saturn, (2) Liberalism, a dead party which will not lie down and polls two and a half million votes and which Mr. Scott conceives as a sort of pale pink Socialism ruled by—well, here our sole information is negative; we are assured that it is *not* Jupiter, and finally (3) Socialism, synonymous with progress and ruled by the planet of progress, Uranus.

Mr. Scott does not seem aware of the divers shades and gradations of viewpoint which are included in each of these three parties, nor of the innumerable psychological motives which induce individuals to attach themselves to any one or to none of them.

Toryism, for instance: well, true Toryism, with its love of caste—that is, everything arranged in a rigid hierarchical order—is admittedly ruled very largely by Saturn, though, inasmuch as it is based to a certain extent on orthodox theology, Sun–Leo enters into the picture as well. That is biological Toryism, which is not necessarily the same thing as Conservatism. The motives which create Conservatism are manifold: there is loathing of change induced by sentimental attachment to the little familiar things (quite different from being "content

with social institutions as they are") and this is Moon-Cancer and Neptune-Pisces.

Here I must digress to declare how much I agree with Mr. Scott that it is arrant nonsense to associate the most truly evolved of all the planets (Neptune) with Socialism. I should like to say a great deal about Neptune, but it would take too long.

To proceed with our Conservatives. Then there is dislike of change induced by complete satisfaction with things as they are—chiefly Taurus: veneration for the past and for tradition—all the fixed signs except Aquarius but chiefly Scorpio: love of the power enjoyed by the fortunate few under Capitalism: love of large-scale organisation and control over others exercised by the Big Business planner (who can so easily be transformed into a Civil Servant!)—a blend of Leo and Capricorn, and, I tremble to add, of Uranus! And innumerable other motives and blends.

So the people who put their crosses against the names of Tory candidates have divers horoscopes.

Liberalism: well, study the root of the word—Freedom, the noblest word ever coined. In other words, *true* progress, Jupiter and Neptune, regarded, needless to say, ideally.

Lastly, Socialism. Here let me emphasise that in what I say I am not alluding specifically to the British Labour Party, which, in its origin at any rate, owed little to continental Marxism, but was a left-wing Liberal movement, motivated by compassion and love of justice, and obviously inspired by a spiritual conception of the Universe: this is very clearly illustrated by the map for the foundation of the Labour Party (see page 71 herein). A most attractive map: let us hope that it is still valid. I greatly fear that it is not.

No, I allude to true, doctrinaire Socialism—a rigid earthy doctrine of Matter (the sole reality) controlled until it becomes organised into ever larger units, during which process a utilitarian ethic emerges.

If ever there was a Saturnian doctrine, it is surely this. But Socialism is a "progressive" movement? Of course! But is not Saturn sometimes progressive? Does he not rule the cardinal sign Capricorn? Admitted, it is a movement within rigid circumscribed limits: but if people wish to call perpetual motion in a circle "progress," they are surely entitled to do so.

Saturn is essentially the Socialist planet. Not by himself, of course: we must concede that Uranus lends a hand: he worships anything new just because it *is* new. But he is definitely the junior partner.

Now a close study of Mr. Scott's examples confirms the aforesaid, allowing for the fact that he includes certain British

Labour leaders, many of whom, as I have pointed out, may not be Socialists of the doctrinaire brand. He also appears to presuppose that Aquarius is ruled solely by Uranus, whereas it is at least as much ruled by Saturn, if indeed Uranus has any connection with it at all.

The Prophet's (Marx's) own map is a good example. It is heavily Saturnian: Aquarius rises and the ruler Saturn contacts Sun, Moon, Mars, Uranus, Jupiter and M.C. And Jupiter is in Capricorn, thus vitiating, from a human standpoint, the splendid trines from the Lights. It is perhaps a little strange that he should have Sun, Moon and Venus in the contented sign Taurus, but that reinforced the preoccupation of his mind with economics.

Professor Laski is another good example: if we knew his time, it might be even better. Sun is in close square to Saturn: Mercury is trine Saturn, and Moon is in Capricorn.

And so we could go on. I fully admit the Uranian contacts, but Mr. Scott stresses them exclusively and ignores the Saturnian ones, or at any rate ignores their implications. He is obsessed by Uranus's connection with Socialism: and moreover he seems to be quite indifferent to the *nature* of the contacts.

I feel I cannot conclude without some reference to the astrology of the recent political revolution. I think it is incontestable that the vital planetary configuration for an election occurs on the day of polling. As regards for what time of the day to calculate a map—whether at the opening or closing of the booths—I can offer no opinion: but it can safely be asserted that July 5 was the vital date, of far greater importance than the eclipse of the 9th, because that took place after the matter was settled, though the result was not known.

Briefly, then, if Uranus is of paramount importance in Socialism, *surely* one would expect him to be specially active on a day when, for the first time in history, Great Britain was electing a huge Socialist majority to Parliament. Instead of which, he has not a single contact, barring a very weak square to Jupiter and an even weaker semisquare to Mercury!

On the other hand, Saturn is in very close conjunction with the Sun, is in sextile to the Moon and sextile to Mars! How can one get beyond this? Sun is, after all, the most important body.

ECLIPSES AND THE LINE OF FATE

By J. R. Owen

There is one vexed question which constantly confronts the astrologer when it comes to the interpretation of a chart. This

question relates to the relative strength of aspects. Take, for instance, the square of Moon to Mars from cardinal signs. How will this aspect manifest during the life? Will it work out in terms of violence, chronic ill health, or acute domestic strife? How? Where are we to look for the answer when the natus itself is mostly silent on the matter?

I believe the answer is to be found in the study of eclipses and their relative positions in the particular chart under consideration. For purposes of practical demonstration, I have selected two charts from C. E. O. Carter's book, *Symbolic Directions in Modern Astrology*. I think this a better idea than using charts known to me personally. It has the advantage, too, of allaying any sense of suspicion in the mind of the reader as to selecting a private chart to fit the theory.

We will start with what Mr. Carter lists as Case No. 3. The native of this horoscope was killed while in a motor car in a wind storm near his 17th birthday. Date of birth 11/5/1903, 8 p.m.

Glancing at the chart one notes the square of Mars to Uranus and Venus, as well as the opposition of the Lights. An array of evil foreboding you might think, and with some justification, especially as Uranus is in the first house and personal injury of some sort seems indicated.

But against that what have you? The ascendant is free from affliction. Jupiter, ruler of the ascendant, is sextile to the Sun, surely a very protective influence. To quote Carter on the harmonious aspects of Sun and Jupiter, "It protects against ill health and accidents and it is a powerful aid in combating the effects of any malefic aspects."

So it seems that the evidence in support of a fatal accident is by no means conclusive. There is a balance of doubt which must weigh heavily with any responsible astrologer who attempts a clear-cut prediction in this case. What we require is proof of an over-riding nature.

Let us turn to the solar eclipses falling one year before birth and one year after birth. We will list these, along with the ruler of the sign in which the eclipse falls.

Date of birth in this case was 11/5/1903.

(*a*)	31/10/1903	Eclipse	Scorpio	7°	Mars Virgo	4°
(*b*)	29/3/1903	,,	Aries	7°	Mars Libra	7°
(*c*)	21/9/1903	,,	Virgo	27°	Mercury Libra	18°
(*d*)	17/3/1903	,,	Pisces	26°	Jupiter Aries	3°

With this set of eclipses we can get to work. Eclipse (*a*) makes no aspect within an allowable orb of 2°, but Mars is square to the ascendant.

(*b*) Eclipse and ruler square to 8th cusp.

(*c*) Here is an eclipse which makes us sit up and take notice. There are no ifs or buts about it. It falls directly on the much-afflicted Mars and represents a source of overwhelming power for evil in this particular natus.

Eclipses are the motivating power behind all planetary movements, and falling on malefic and badly afflicted planets, represent Destiny or Fate *in extremis*.

And what shall we say of the next fateful eclipse falling in Pisces 26° and so forming a complete cross in common signs? Fate evidently intended to make doubly sure of its victim!

Thus we have a complete answer to our question, "How strong is the square of Mars to Uranus and Venus?" We can state with conviction that violence is indicated and that it is quite impossible for the native to escape his unhappy fate. Eclipses provide the most conclusive testimony of all this, because they are the *true overlords of Destiny*.

Then, by using the 1° method, Mercury is directed to the square of Mars at the age of 17, touching off the whole train of evil directions. It is also interesting to note that Neptune is directed to the square of Mercury in Libra 18°, Mercury being the ruler of the sign in which the eclipse falls. The sign ruler is a most potent factor, and in many cases appears to act with the same concentrated impetus of the eclipse itself.

A great deal more research is necessary to arrive at a full understanding on this point. In advancing these theories nothing like completeness is claimed, but new horizons open out rich in possibilities for the studious and adventurous mind.

Also it is necessary to note that we are here concerned with a specific type of chart in which the people concerned have met death by accident or violence. In cases of death by suicide, insanity, etc., one would not expect the same type of eclipse set-up, and one does not get it, a very potent factor to my mind, enhancing considerably the value of eclipses as arbitrators of a specific destiny.

Case No. 7.—Carter writes that this poor child, born on 21/5/1910 at Sydney, Australia, was murdered by her father in February, 1924, together with her sisters.

Radically there is a square in cardinal signs and Venus and Mars are also in square. What does this indicate? At the very least it indicates a most unhappy childhood, with acute domestic upheavals and probable separation from the parents. But on the evidence of the natus alone it would be a bold astrologer, and probably a very foolish one, who would predict such a stark tragedy at the tender age of $13\frac{3}{4}$ years.

Thousands of people must be born annually with afflictions

from cardinal signs, but they don't all end up as victims of cold-blooded murder. It is useless to pretend in such cases that the natus alone provides the solution without reference to an overmap. To say that radically this terrible fate is shown by afflictions from cardinal signs, just isn't good enough. It savours of being wise after the event and does not advance our cause one little bit.

Let us turn to the solar eclipses one year before birth and one year after.

(*a*)	17/9/1909	Eclipse	Gemini	25½°	Mercury Gemini	22°
(*b*)	12/12/1909	,,	Sag.	20°	Jupiter Libra	11°
(*c*)	9/5/1910	,,	Taurus	17½°	Venus Aries	2½°
(*d*)	2/11/1910	,,	Scorpio	8°	Mars Libra	27°
(*e*)	28/4/1911	,,	Taurus	7°	Venus Gemini	12½°

We will come straight to the point and deal only with the last two eclipses to prove the case. It must be remembered that eclipses which fall nearest to the birthday are not of necessity those which exert the most profound influence.

Eclipse (*d*) is square ascendant from the 10th house. Mars, planet of strife and violence in its negative aspect, falls on the child's Moon in the sweet and gentle sign Libra, and shares in the square to Uranus. There is no other sign in the zodiac in which Mars can be more violently destructive when let loose than in Libra.

Eclipse (*e*) also falls square the ascendant from the 4th house, and incidentally this eclipse is conjunct Saturn. Venus, the ruler of this eclipse, falls in Gemini 12½°. This we must record as a sensitive point.

So we have a veritable bombardment of the Moon and the ascendant by the eclipse set-ups, indisputably sealing the fate of this unfortunate child. Could anything be more significant? The square of Mars and Uranus is undoubtedly Karmic, as would be a square of Mars and Saturn. Anyway, we are left in no doubt as to the ultimate fate of this unhappy child. The end is—violence.

At the age of 13¾, Venus by 1° opposes Moon and touches off the evil directions. Sun is advanced to the sensitive point of 12½° Gemini at the same time.

Judging from these facts it is expedient that we check off the eclipses before attempting the interpretation of any chart. Note the set-up of the chart and particular aspects or positions of planets. Is there an eclipse focused on these points? If so it is the index of a power unit for the concentration and ultimate discharge of a dynamic Karmic force.

Eclipses answer a whole lot of questions which it would be

impossible to formulate in a short article of this kind. As a final hint, and as an example of what is meant, let me ask the question—What makes Mr. Carter the foremost astrological writer in this country to-day? Why does he eclipse all others in this respect?

Mr. Carter prints a copy of his own nativity in the first pages of his book, *Symbolic Directions.*

On the 19th August, 1887, there was an eclipse of the Sun in the astrological degree of 26° Leo in opposition to his Venus in 26° Aquarius, on the cusp of the 5th house (the astrological house).

Therein you have the concentrated power of an eclipse to stimulate the creative urge of Venus along the desired line of Fate. Destiny has decreed this for Mr. Carter, and Destiny is no easy taskmaster.

The eclipse is square to Neptune and is thus not without certain sinister implications. Take the direction of Saturn to the point of eclipse in 26° Leo at the age of 39. At that time, Mr. Carter tells us, his daughter had a fall which nearly cost her life.

Previously he had issued an astrological warning, but in the final outcome he was helpless to stem the tide of Fate.

ASTROLOGY AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The following is taken from the Bulletin of the American Federation of Scientific Astrologers (issue of May 1945). We associate ourselves with the comments made by the Bulletin. The observations of Dr. Connell contain little that any reasonable astrologer could take exception to and are commendably free from the spirit of ignorant abuse that has been directed against our art from other ecclesiastical quarters.

In the September 3, 1938, issue (four months after the A.F.S.A. was organised) of *Ave Maria*, Rev. Francis J. Connell, C.SS.R., professor of Moral Theology at the Catholic University of America, published an article entitled "Present Day Superstitions." Dr. Connell is a widely recognised authority on moral theology. The following excerpt with reference to astrology is taken from that article:

Dr. Connell wrote:

"Astrology is the science concerned with the quest of information from the heavenly bodies. Its chief practical application is the formation of horoscopes—charts which show the exact position of the stars and planets at the time a person was born.

Great importance is attached to the particular sign of the zodiac that was rising in the east at the moment of one's birth. Now, to condemn the science of astrology as superstitious without any qualification is unjust. In the Middle Ages many learned and pious Catholics took a deep interest in astrology —among them bishops and popes. At the present day there are a number of Catholic astrologers of note in Europe (*Ami du Clerge*, May 6, 1937, p. 289). These scholars believe that the heavenly bodies, through a power given them by the Creator, exert a potent and invisible influence on human beings, or are at least witnesses to some such hidden influence. Of course, this does not mean that the stars and planets compel people to act in a certain way: for every human being is able, through his free will and with the aid of divine grace, to choose good in preference to evil. Nevertheless, it is not impossible that the celestial bodies are able to incline men toward certain modes of conduct. And since people often act according to their natural inclinations, a horoscope might give some measure of probability as to one's future deeds. However, apart from the uncertainty surrounding the science of astrology, Catholics in America are strongly urged not to dabble in it, because most of the astrologers in our land are quacks."

We agree with Dr. Connell that the person without a knowledge of astrology will not be in a position to differentiate between the "quack" and the genuine, sincere astrologer. The "quacks" are disappearing and will completely disappear when a national organisation such as ours receives the support of all sincere astrologers, from the "men of the cloth," and from all others interested in the advancement of humanity. Dr. Connell's reason for urging that astrology be not used is neither logical nor valid. Otherwise, he has stated a good case for astrology, with one excusable weakness. He refers to the European scholars as persons who "believe" in astrology. An astrologer does not believe in astrology. This implies an act of faith. The astrologer KNOWS astrology to be a fact which he can prove in the life of any individual for whom he has the required data.

Abbé Blanchard, a noted Catholic writer of France, attended the International Astrological Convention held in Paris in 1937 and delivered a remarkable address before that body.

"Q II"

By GEORGE H. BAILEY, F.F.B.A., M.A.F.A.

The Discussion on Transits

When preparing my previous article on this subject I hoped I should hear of someone who had carried out scientific tests on the lines suggested, and it was a disappointment to find that not one of my critics had troubled to do this. The evidence they produce in support of their contentions is really of very little value, and moreover, they do not even agree amongst themselves, for while Mr. Harvey states that transits over the angles and planets are so ineffective that they are hardly worth bothering about, Miss Bateson ascribes a series of annoyances to the transit of Saturn over her ascendant. As, however, she obligingly gives her birth data, an examination of her progressions soon reveals the direction ascendant p. □ ♄ as the indicator of her troubles, so invalidating her case.

The remainder of Mr. Harvey's letter is so naïve that one wonders whether it is intended to be taken seriously. He says a lunation occurring on his ascendant p. ♂ ☿ coincided with unpleasant working conditions, and although he omits to mention that the same lunation fell close to ♂ ♄ p. he most ingenuously goes on to say that a transit of Mars over the same degree shortly afterwards synchronised with the purchase of a tandem, on which presumably he looked forward to spending many a happy hour with his fiancée. What can one say to this? Had transits any effect whatever, the activation of so evil a direction as ascendant p. ♂ ☿ ♂ ♄ by a transit from Mars would surely have precipitated both Mr. Harvey and his fiancée from their tandem with lamentable results!

I endeavoured to show in my previous article that transits are usually more numerous than events. It is therefore all too easy to find transits coinciding with the other incidents mentioned by Mr. Harvey, and I can only suggest that he should keep a full record of his many purchases as well as his transits, for a comparison of the two might open his eyes. To quote a parallel case, a good bargain in clothes came *my* way on August 13th last, yet my 2nd house was in no way involved, although as usual, plenty of transits were hovering around—♆ ♂ M.C.; ☿ ♂ ♂-♆, ∠ ☽; ♃ ✶ ♄-☿, □ ♀; ♂ ∠ asc., ♂♂; ♀ ✶ ♃, □ ♄-☿. Indeed, it is most difficult to get away from them!

The station of ♆ in 6° ♒ 26′ on January 8th last in exact square with ♄ in ♌ which preceded Mr. Harvey's boil by a

few days coincided with nothing whatever in my daughter's case, although the double transit closely affected her natal ☽ ☍ PL, On the other hand, *I* endured the lancing of a boil on a very tender portion of my anatomy on February 20th, when no transit was exact, while those within orbs were fewer and less malefic than the transits previously mentioned as coinciding with the purchase of a new suit.

Mr. Harvey's remarks on the acquiring of erroneous ideas are beside the point, although he seems to have picked up so many on his own account that his attitude towards a plain statement of cold facts is not surprising. If, as he thinks, Saturn's latitude of 2° N. 15′ in my daughter's case is sufficient to nullify its malefic effects, presumably Venus is totally inoperative in my wife's horoscope with its latitude of 8° N. 18′. On the contrary, let me assure him. And what of Pluto, with latitudes up to 18°? Then, too, Mr. Harvey's remarks on the so-called "prenatal epoch" are a joy to read—presumably *both* of his suggestions for my daughter's rising degree are "correct ascendants"? Again let me assure him that the ascendant given in "Q 9" is incontrovertible, for not only was the birth-time most accurately taken, but it is exactly confirmed by the Lunar Figure of the Soli-Lunar Interchanges, which, moreover, also confirms the known period of gestation. The transit of Mars across ☍ ascendant mentioned by Mr. Harvey accordingly took place on July 2nd last. He was wise in predicting nothing from this transit, for nothing occurred!

Mr. Archer's letter is non-committal, for while he admits that transits alone produce very little effect, he is loth to dispense with them entirely. Evidently he has not yet got down to a critical examination of them on scientific lines.

Apparently Mr. Shaw also believes in transits, for he seeks to justify their non-operation, although the kind of horoscopy he uses seems entirely at variance with traditional astrology, and the only definite conclusion that emerges from his letter is that the Septiform System has not been able to change the nature of Scorpio!

"Farnham" simply asserts that the direction ☉ ☍ ♄ reacted to transits in her case, as against the evidence given in my article, and although Miss Skaife is to be congratulated in predicting the end of the war with Germany, her forecast cannot be regarded as anything better than a lucky hit if based on a Solar Revolution, a figure which is utterly unreliable, as I have previously demonstrated in these pages.

Mr. White's account of his delays on the day Saturn transited his ascendant is suggestive of the mountain's labours to bring forth a mouse. If nothing worse occurred under so weighty a

transit, the evidence produced is really against transitual effects, for hindrances of the kind described are so common that they often occur when no relevant transits are in force. For instance, May 19th last was to me a day of similar delays and although, as usual, transits were swarming around (♆ ☌ M.C.; ♅ ☌ PL, △ ♀; ♃ stat. □ ♆-♂, ∠ ☽; ♂ ☐ ♄-♅, ✶ ♀), Saturn was near no sensitive point in my map.

The suggestions made in the Editorial for June load the dice too heavily in favour of the upholders of transits. Apparently if nothing is observed to happen at the time of a transit it can either be regarded as producing an inner response only or as operating at a later date by a sort of delayed-action effect—characteristics likely to prove most helpful when carrying out the proposed investigation into the effects of transits on the life of a public personage! As Mussolini was mentioned it is interesting to note the transits on April 28, 1945, the day of his execution, namely (allowing an orb of 1°) PL ✶ ♄, ♃ ✶ ♃, ♀ □ ♃. These must have been of the "inner response" variety, leaving "delayed-action" transits of an earlier date to account for the external event! There are plenty to pick from, as I have said before, but who amongst my critics would have predicted the date of Mussolini's death by such means?[1]

The transit of Saturn over the opposition to my natal Sun (in 1° ♑ 29′) mentioned in the same Editorial, occurred on July 1, 1944, and was evidently of the "delayed-action" species, for my house-decorating did not commence until the 31st of that month, when Saturn had reached 5 ♋ 10. Most obviously the transit had nothing whatever to do with my decorative efforts, particularly as I have undertaken work of this kind a good many times before when Saturn was not in Cancer nor in aspect with my Sun.

The cases cited by my critics have not refuted my contentions in any way, but even if it were admitted that transits have some sort of effect, my main point still holds, namely that *they are useless for prognostication.*

Tradition dies hard, and, no doubt, many of my readers will still wish to challenge this pronouncement. Before doing so they would be well advised to prepare a table of sensitive degrees such as described in "Q 9" and commit to paper their predictions of the effects of transits yet to come. This little scientific exercise will do more to establish the truth of the

[1] It must be frankly admitted that my postulate that transits often work by "delayed action," especially the powerful ones, lays itself open to the criticism that Mr. Bailey directs against me. Nevertheless, it appears to be a fact in nature. Mussolini is a case in point.—EDITOR.

matter than protracted discussions on past events with their related (and their unrelated) transits.

It so happens that an opportunity of testing the action of a reputedly powerful transit coincides with the publication of the present article, and I have therefore asked my critics (as well as other friends) for their opinions on its possible effect. The planet concerned is Mars, which assumes a much more ponderous rôle than usual in that it is about to go stationary on two sensitive points, namely my own ascendant and Moon—the sort of transit the late Sepharial considered almost as powerful as a primary direction. Its suitability for the present test is enhanced by the direction ascendant conv. ☌ ♂ rad. in force this year.

My horoscope appeared in the *Quarterly* for December 1941, but for readers who have not seen it its details are::—

22 December, 1896, 6 20 p.m. (rectified to 6 h. 18 m. 39 s. G.M.T.), 51° N. 22½′, 2° W. 8′. X 4 ♈ 43, X–XI ♈ 16½, XI ♉ 1½, XI–XII ♉ 21¼, XII ♊ 15½, XII–I ♋ 9½, I 29 ♋ 38, I–II ♌ 14¾, II ♌ 26¾, II–III ♍ 6½, III ♍ 15¾, III–IV ♍ 24¾. ☉ 1 ♑ 29, ☽ 2 ♌ 6, ☿ 14 ♑ 51, ♀ 11 ♒ 58, ♂ 15 ♊ 37 ℞, ♃ 10 ♍ 12 St. ℞, ♄ 26 ♏ 15, ♅ 26 ♏ 59, ♆ 18 ♊ 35 ℞, PL 12 ♊ 19 ℞ (the houses are Campanian and the cusps should be taken as the centres, the house effect waning equally on both sides until the border degrees are reached).

The consensus of opinion is that definite effects will occur, although in view of the many possibilities a clear forecast can hardly be expected. Miss Skaife points to the Martian rulership of the 10th (honour) and 5th (close associates), and to its being ☌ ♆ and PL in the 12th, which may tend to complications with the opposite sex, dating from the planet's entry into Gemini on July 23rd last, or more particularly from August 10th when it first contacted the Gemini stellium, all these things being brought into the open as the ascendant is reached. Alas for the streak of romanticism that presumably runs through us all, no possibilities of that sort are in sight, and I must therefore look forward to the 1947 transit which (although Mars is then swift in motion) Miss Skaife considers will be more effective because of the direction ☽ p. ☌ ♂ r. and p.

The constant multiplicity of transits is a point I have already stressed, and with this Mr. Shaw concurs in that he finds the number in force during the period concerned prevents the Martian effect from being isolated. As amongst them ♅ transits ♂ r. he considers the pace will be forced in some personal expression through friends (on his assumption that Mars is in the 11th), in business through the 10th house, and in the

health (ascendant), although he feels the main effect will be a "change of consciousness" rather than external events, through being shaken up internally by the influx of some fresh life.

The difficulty of separating the Martian effect is also pointed out by Mr. Archer, who stresses the possibility of confinement to bed with some form of stomachic, lung or intestinal disorder —or perhaps an accident. He warns against overwork (this being the only one of the "secret vices" he mentions in which I indulge, for I am a very moderate smoker, do not inhale and do not touch opium), for he expects the period to be a busy one, particularly in regard to astrological and occult matters. He considers the proximity of Saturn may result in depression.

Mr. Harvey is not inclined to attach much importance to the transit, particularly because of the latitude of Mars. (This appears to rule out the effects of most transits, for the planets are rarely on the line of the ecliptic.) He predicts the possibility of cuts, scalds and slight ill-health, irritability and domestic upsets, and points to the period between December 3rd and 8th as the time of maximum stress, the station of Mars being "touched off," as it were, by the Uranian transit over the radical Mars, opposed by the lights.

From personal experience the Editor has found that a transit of Mars over the Moon nearly always produces definite results, usually of an unpleasant character, its effect when over the ascendant, on the other hand, being very slight. He forecasts irritating and irritable conditions, domestic worries, indigestion, hurts to the face or dental trouble.

Until the Saturnian transit mentioned in her letter, Miss Bateson's faith in transits had been shaken by their apparent lack of effect, and consequently she expects nothing more than minor irritations, restlessness or indisposition, which may be accentuated at the time of the second transit towards the end of December. She considers a better test would be to examine a powerful transit when no direction of a like nature is in force, and pertinently questions whether the transit under consideration is likely to have any connection at all with the current direction ascendant conv. ☌ ♂ r. (occurring as it does in 15½° ♊, and not in 29½° ♋). Certainly the transit of Mars over 15½° ♊ on August 15th last, and its conjunction with Uranus two days later did nothing to worsen my state of ill-health at the time, nor were any other effects apparent.

The direction mentioned, although associated with a physical condition (Mars being in the 8th sign from its own sign Scorpio) has operated chiefly through nervous strain, a state which at the time of writing (late October) has greatly improved, the high tension having disappeared despite the fact that the

physical disorder has not yet cleared up. Its onset coincided with a period of high pressure at business, for Mars rules the 10th, but although the transit is of a like nature to the direction, from which one would expect an accentuation of the complaint coupled with a recurrence of the mental apprehension associated with it, the trine of the transit to the M.C. should preclude any untoward effects in the professional sphere. This confines its influence (if any) to matters relating to the 5th and 12th houses, which contain quite enough horrid possibilities to select from without going further afield!

I hope to render a faithful account of my experiences in the next issue. For the nonce here is a true story with a moral. A friend of mine who firmly believes in transits was tidying the garden when Mars transited his Mercury. Seeing a stone lying on a path near a bonfire he picked it up without thinking (except perhaps about the possible effects of the transit!), and as the stone had just fallen from the fire he burnt his fingers—♂ T ☿, as he was pleased to tell me. Now as I am no longer a believer I ignore transits entirely, and consequently was unaware of the transit of Mars over my Mercury last winter. I find, however, that at that very time I had to carry several cans of boiling water up a ladder in the black-out to thaw a frozen waste-pipe—but I did not scald my fingers or any other part of my person! In other words, nothing happened as a result of the transit. The moral? *Don't trouble about transits and they won't trouble you!*

[*Except for any remarks that Mr. Bailey may care to send us as to the concomitants of this transit of Mars over his ascendant, the discussion on transits is, for the time being, closed.*—EDITOR.]

STARS

I

They shine with fateful brilliancy
High in the sky along earth's swerving path,
Part of mind's outward guise,
Uncounted forms of energy,
Enclosed, dispersive, aggregational—
Change and eternity:
Obeying laws that are immutable,
Bounding the middle way,
They move on endlessly.

2

The rise and fall of kingliness,
The lowly road of all earth's commoners
Are there most clearly shown,
Blazoned across the skies great space,
And man's own efforts are part of the law,
The unseen rulership,
Adjusting and maintaining balances,
Achieving purposed ends
That lie beyond his mind.

3

Power for only power's sake
Leads not to peace but to embittered strife,
And to oppression's state:
Peace lies along the middle road,
The knife-edged path between the opposites,
Leading to wisdom's rule,
Where passion, pride, fear, ignorance and greed
Vanish to nothingness,
And freedom is attained.

REDVERS H. KING.

APPROXIMATE LONGITUDES OF PLUTO

1800–1840

at intervals of 300 *days*

1.6.1800	5	*Pisces*	23.7.1813	21	*Pisces*
28.3.1801	5		19.5.1814	22	
22.1.1802	5		15.3.1815	22	
18.11.1802	5		19.1.1816	21	
14.9.1803	7		4.11.1816	22½	
10.7.1804	10		31.8.1817	25	
6.5.1805	11		27.6.1818	27	
2.3.1806	11		23.4.1819	27	
27.12.1806	10		17.2.1820	27	
23.10.1807	12		13.12.1820	27	
18.8.1808	14		9.10.1821	29	
14.6.1809	16		5.8.1822	1	*Aries*
10.4.1810	16		1.6.1823	0	
4.2.1811	16		27.3.1824	2	
1.12.1811	16		21.1.1825	1½	
26.9.1812	18		17.11.1825	2½	

13.9.1826	5 *Aries*	30.11.1834	12 *Aries*
10.7.1827	7	26.9.1835	14
5.5.1828	7	22.7.1836	16
1.3.1829	6	18.5.1837	16
26.12.1829	7	14.3.1838	16
22.10.1830	8	8.1.1839	16
18.8.1831	10½	4.11.1839	18
13.6.1832	12	30.8.1840	20
9.4.1833	12	9.12.1840	18
3.2.1834	11		

In our next issue we hope to publish similar data for the years 1841–1880 inclusive, and thereafter from 1881 to 1933 inclusive, after which year data are given in *Raphael*.

OUR NEXT ISSUE

One of the principal articles in our next number should be "The Story of Samuel Johnson," by R. Marshall Harmer.

A NOTE TO CONTRIBUTORS

Extra copies will be gladly sent gratis to contributors of articles to *Astrology* if they will be so good as to state their requirements.

THE COMPETITION

THIS did not elicit a large response, but three interesting papers came to hand. The prize is awarded to Mr. R. Marshall Harmer, whose study is appended.

MADAM SKLODOVSKA CURIE

A Study of Uranus in her Nativity

"The door opened and I saw a pale timid little woman in a black cotton dress, with the saddest face I have ever looked upon. Her kind, patient beautiful face had the detached expression of a scholar. Suddenly I felt like an intruder."[1]

Thus wrote an American journalist of Madam Curie during

[1] *Madam Curie*, by Eve Curie (Wm. Hienemann, Ltd.).

the full bloom of her dazzling, yet unobtrusive life. She was unconsciously voicing an impression of an exceptionally brilliantly aspected Uranus, ruler of the human and sincere Aquarian ascendant.

From childhood the Polish girl had carried the curiosity and daring of an explorer within her. An inborn instinct had driven her to the study of physics at which she worked with ever-increasing curiosity. The genius of the brilliantly aspected Uranus, placed on cusp 6, focused her intellectual energy to the service of science, in which she subordinated herself, resulting after much mental and physical labour in the discovery of a new chemical element—radium.

Uranus trine the 8th house Scorpio Sun gave her intense power of will, which carried her through long series of experiments. This force of will is to be noted in everything she undertook. She possessed some kind of magnetic power which attracted and held firm to that which she sought, and through sheer perseverance translated vision into fact. This aspect makes for a great reserve of nervous and emotional strength, which set one obstacle after another aside, finally winning the battle and the brilliant recognition so richly deserved. But the 8th house has aversion to fame and popularity. She did not seek it, and when it arrived, retired from the glamour on every possible occasion.

Uranus, whose seat was in Cancer involved in a grand water trine to each light, although producing genius of mentality, foresight and intuition, appeared to have caused havoc in the feelings and emotions. That she lived in an intense "feeling world" of her own is shown from the following quotation from her biography, aptly indicating strongly the grand Uranian trine, involving 1st, 6th and 8th houses.

"Persons even more amiable, attractive and celebrated than Madam Curie have often been honoured by the world, but none of them, perhaps, has shown a face so locked and shuttered, an air of absence so complete. In the storm of acclamations none of them can have seemed quite so solitary."

Genius is often the product of the grand trine, plus a square, in the same integration. Such is the case here involving Uranus square Neptune. The water triad with a fire clash, produced great feeling and idealism, intense desires for the betterment and uplift of humanity. Her whole selfless life was devoted to ideals, which resulted in much sorrow and difficulty. Uranus dominated her actions and idiosyncrasies; whether it was scientific study and experiment or walking in the woods, she always chose the unfrequented path. She could never get used to working at a desk according to the tradition of thinkers.

She must have limitless space to spread out her sheets of graphs and notes. In the solitude of her house her daughters would find her sitting on the floor surrounded with papers. Another Uranian trait was her hate of hanging carpets and curtains. She liked a bare, shining polished floor, uncurtained windows which let in the full volume of sun, light, and air. She loved the sea, the rocks and wildness in nature, the freedom of open-air life, and in later life, sport. At 60, she was considered a fine swimmer.

Uranium, radium, radioactivity and "X"-rays one attributed to Uranus. Her life was bound up with these Uranian factors. During the 1914–18 war, she devoted her time and energy installing "X"-ray apparatus in hospitals behind the lines, and driving radiological units from hospital to hospital.

Cold, distant, but kindly, she exposed herself to tremendous fatigue and dangers. Such scientific service in saving the lives of the wounded is surely the grand climax of Uranus on the 6th cusp linked to Sun and Moon in the water trine.

DATA.—Born November 7, 1867, Warsaw (afternoon). (Ascendant and M.C., rectified by events to ascendant 9 ♒, M.C. 8 ♐.)

We hope at a later date to print the excellent attempt sent by Miss D. Huntriss (Marazion), to whom a consolation prize of 10s. 6d. is being sent. A good attempt has also been received from Mrs. E. Greaves (Chelsea).

HORARY FIGURE

RULES AS TO RADICALITY

FROM "RAPHAEL'S PROPHETIC MESSENGER" FOR 1853

IF the figure to be set by an astrologer for the querent, the first point to be considered is whether the figure be perfectly radical, that is, whether it be a figure to be depended upon for giving a correct answer to the question: if it be not radical, by no means should any judgment be given upon it, but the querent should be advised to defer the question and propose it at some future time and continue to do so until a radical figure can be had. A figure is not radical when the first or last three degrees of a sign rise, or when the Moon is void of course, which means, when she does not form an aspect with any planet whilst she remains in the sign which she occupies when the figure is set. The figure likewise is not radical when

the Moon, or lord of the ascendant, is in bad aspect with the lord of the 7th, or when the lord of the 7th, or 7th house itself, is afflicted by the malefic planets. These rules are the same as those given by ancient authors for judging the radicality of figures, the correctness of which I have proved in thousands of cases. I have sometimes had to set seven or eight figures on a particular matter before I could pronounce it to be radical, therefore let not querents despair. The best testimonies of a radical figure are, when the Moon or lord of the ascendant is favourably configurated with the lord of the 7th, the figure being at the same time free from the previously named evils.

When a querent sets his own figure, it is not necessary for him to attend to the rules respecting the 7th house and its lord, but refer only to the degrees of the sign rising, and whether the Moon be void of course.

"DO THE STARS COMPEL?"

By A. Langdon Coburn

Do the stars compel? In a way they certainly do compel. Material things most surely respond to their influence, answer to their call.

The Universe, with all the planets and fixed stars, is one mighty wholeness, every part of which, even the minutest atom, is related to every other part. Everything is created according to Divine Law, and order runs through the whole cosmic scheme in a marvellous way.

Order implies a Creator of order, and law a Law Maker. That anyone, faced by the perfection of the mechanism of the Universe, can doubt a perfect plan in the mind of a Perfect Creator is almost unthinkable.

All material things influence each other materially through gravitation and mutual attraction, magnetically, electrically, and in many other ways. Some of these influences are so infinitesimal that the most sensitive instruments will not record them; others are so strong that they may be seen even by the least trained observer.

Perhaps the most obvious planetary influence is that by which the moon sways the tides of the sea. This is universally recognised. We can say, and justly, that the moon compels the tides to ebb and flow in rhythm with her circling of the earth.

The effects of the Moon and other planets upon the atmospheric conditions of the Earth also can be clearly demonstrated, although to tell with exactitude the prevailing conditions of the weather at any given time or place requires great judgment and experience, because of the large numbers of factors involved in such a forecast.

Earthquakes and tidal waves have been prognosticated with such exactitude that the prognosticator has been taken for a wizard, and has had to flee for his life!

I expect many of you are familiar with that remarkable book *Solectrics*, by Captain Alfred Cooper, which was published in 1917.

Captain Cooper was shipwrecked by storms on three successive voyages. He decided that something should be done about it, so with charts and the *Nautical Almanac* he worked out a novel method—which he subsequently elaborated—by which storms and earthquakes of sufficient magnitude could be predicted with considerable exactitude from solar influences and planetary configurations.

Captain Cooper's practice was to make his calculations and then send his data, well in advance, to the nearest British Consul of the place indicated, asking for verification. A perusal of his book will indicate the measure of his success.

I was so interested in this book that in 1920 I wrote a letter to the author and asked if I might call upon him. He consented, and I found that he had retired from the sea, but had made his house as much like a ship as he possibly could!

I went up a steep ladder-like stairway, with a rope for a hand-rail, and found the Captain, whiskered and weather-beaten, seated in his snug "cabin," with a bunk for a bed. Charts were on the wall, and also on the table before him, spread out in a fine profusion.

We discussed his theory at some length, and he demonstrated points on a chart with numerous pairs of compasses, telling me of his successes.

I asked him whether he thought the planets had any influence upon the human body and he was rather doubtful about this. I persuaded him, however, to let me have the particulars of his birth, and from this data I was subsequently able to tell him of certain minor life-long ailments. This convinced him that there must be planetary influences at work upon the body of man, as well as in the sphere of meteorology.

He told me an amusing tale of his later days at sea. He had worked out his calculations, and decided that a gale was rapidly approaching, so he gave his orders to his crew to put everything in readiness for the event. Happening to be in his

cabin with the port-hole open he heard two of his sailors conversing. One was coiling up a rope and the other said: "What's up, Bill?" "Oh," replied Bill, "The Old Man has a gale on."

The Captain told me this with a gleeful chuckle, though the joke was against himself.

It was not a joke, however, for the gale presently sprang upon them with such suddenness, that the ship might have been wrecked if precautions had not been taken to prepare for it.

From the sea let us turn to the land for further verification of the compelling nature of planetary influences.

Favourable planetary conditions for the planting of seeds and the transplanting of plants and trees make an enormous difference to their fruition. This is not merely an unverified supposition, but has been proved by means of carefully tested experiments over long periods of time.

Medicinal herbs planted and picked under favourable planetary auspices possess much greater potency than those adversely planted and gathered. There is abundant evidence that this is the case.

All things under the sun, then—sea and earth, plants and animals, and even the physical bodies of men—are swayed by the stars and have an interdependence in their activities. Thus do the stars compel.

Let us, however, investigate still further. Do the stars compel the Soul of man? If they do, what becomes of *Free Will*, that sacred gift of God to man, by which he is truly human?

Are we—human Souls—free, or are we bound? Are we utterly and completely under the domain of the stars and Fate, powerless to shape our destiny, or may we rise above them?

(*To be continued*)

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