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EDITORIAL

Legislation and Professional Astrology

I have been invited by our friends in Australia to give my views on this question, i.e. how far is it desirable to seek to curb astrological charlatanism by means of legislation, supposing that it might be possible to get the Government to consider such action?

It seems that the general principle of successive governments in these matters has been only to interfere when quackery or ignorance may have serious results. For example, doctors, and to a less extent dentists, assume responsibilities that are very real indeed. In less important vocations the policy of the Government is usually to allow the public to use its own judgment. But some professions have, in their own interests and out of regard for their good name, taken steps themselves to restrict the activities of the outsider, or those they regard as such. Before the war the London Stock Exchange used to issue advertisements counselling the public to deal only with members of established stock exchanges. But so far as I know anyone can still set up as an "outside broker."

It would seem, then, in the highest degree unlikely that Parliament (especially in these critical days) will legislate to set up some authoritative body of astrologers with powers to strike members off its roll and drive them out of business, and, to be quite frank, I do not think that, at the present time, it would be easy to organise a body to whom such powers could, with the general agreement of astrologers, be entrusted.

Moreover, were this done, abuses would still occur, just as we read from time to time of lawyers and physicians being disqualified owing to non-professional conduct.

Such bodies, too, when set up, can become tyrannous, persecuting those whom they look upon as unorthodox, though actually they may be pioneers of valuable ideas.

A correspondent tells me that in parts of South Africa a man may sell homœopathic remedies but is prosecuted at once if in selling them he gives the slightest advice as to their use.

The purpose of the Faculty of Astrological Studies is to train and examine students in the general and fundamental principles of astrology, with special reference to natal work. It can claim that those who hold its diploma are competent astrologers. It cannot, in the nature of things, guarantee their conscientiousness, though every endeavour is made to set before them a worthy standard in this respect also.

But if it were possible for me, by a stroke of the pen, to prohibit from practice all astrologers who do not hold the Faculty's diploma, I would reject such a step. The only course which to my mind is in accord with the British tradition is to make the Faculty such a success that an ever larger number of professionals will *voluntarily* seek to obtain its diploma and the public will more and more learn that, whilst many other astrologers may be good, it is in general better to seek the services of someone who has taken the trouble to acquire a definite status.

Questions and Answers

As an editor I naturally often receive requests for enlightenment on astrological problems.

A few words on this topic would not be amiss, for some correspondents are, to say the least, very sanguine. They propound intricate personal problems to me that could only be adequately dealt with by a day's concentrated work!

Let me say, firstly, that questions of *general interest* may often be ventilated in the "Letters to the Editor" section, with advantage to other readers.*

The proper course with purely *personal* difficulties is to consult a competent professional who offers such a service.

Those who wish for *instruction* in astrology, in any of its branches, should apply in the same direction, or, if they are able, attend the Faculty lectures for a proper course of tuition.

One gets questions at times that touch upon some hoary astrological moot-point, such as the correct progression of the midheaven; and it may happen that the inquirer seems disappointed, if not vexed, because he does not receive a definitive reply. He is apt to think "If you don't know, it's time you, or someone else, found out!" Perhaps that is so, but often the point in question is not so easy to solve as it appears. This is not a state of things peculiar to astrology by any means; we

* See Mr. C. A. James's communication on page 28.

all know that "doctors disagree." Go to half a dozen for a prescription for the common cough and very likely you will get as many different remedies!

Astrological Proof

I am at times rather taken aback at the manner in which astrologers use the word "proof" when they mean "evidence."

It is probably true to say that each science has its own standards of proof as well as its own methods of trying to prove hypotheses and establish laws.

Nowadays most scientists are chary of using the word "proof" in any absolute sense. So many "proven" facts have been disproven! It has been shown, in the light of relativity, that some of the basic ideas of physics were affirmed in far too confident a manner. What were regarded as universal laws are found only to be true in certain conditions, and not universally at all, and even so they are only approximately true. Even the Euclidean axioms, which were supposed to be so self-evident as not even to need proving, are called in question.

That being so, it is a pity that astrologers should talk of proof without due respect for what this exacting word requires.

I would say that the most that we can even *attempt* to prove in astrology are *tendencies*, not invariable laws. There may indeed be invariable laws, but the conditions in which they operate are so intricate that no two cases are exactly alike, and therefore no true confirmation can ever be obtained of anything.

For example, most Leos in some sense, are unfortunate in marriage. That is a tendency that could, I believe, be confirmed statistically, if such an indefinite condition as connubial misfortune could be truly assessed, which is rather doubtful. But it could not be asserted that *every* Leo is confronted with this destiny—at least, I hardly imagine so. Not because the tendency is not always present—it probably is—but because so many other possible "laws" could intervene and overlay it. Thus, a male Leo might have Moon conjunction Venus in the 7th, in which case the law that "Venus in the 7th favours a happy marriage" would come into play.

When a chemist unites H, with O he can shut out interference. We cannot.

Even if we examined, say, 5,000 cases of Leo rising and discovered, beyond argument, that a quite unusual proportion had been unhappy or unfortunate in their marriages, it might still be for some reason (*a*) local, unless we took our cases from all over the world, or (*b*) temporary, e.g. due to some very slow-moving malefic planet passing through Aquarius.

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We are not alone in this misuse of "proof." I am sure many ardent Freudians, for instance, would affirm that the principal Freudian dogmas had been "proved over and over again," perhaps by "clinical experience." It would, I suggest, be more appropriate in such a case to say in effect "The Freudian hypotheses have, in my experience, been confirmed by actual cases so consistently that they appear to be well-founded."

That is the sort of language astrologers should use in similar cases, except that they should always say "this tendency" or something like it, because it is with tendencies or predispositions (as Krafft used to say) that we deal.

However, astrologers have a better basis for their beliefs than most other sciences. Their alleged facts are not isolated but are deductions from certain principles, so that the astrological tradition forms a unitary whole.

If, for instance, we assert that "Jupiter in the 6th tends to good health," we are not making an arbitrary statement that has no evidence behind it but its own factual correctness as ascertained by careful observation. It is derived primarily from our knowledge of the essential character of Jupiter as a preserver and from our belief that Virgo and the analogical house are concerned with health.

If I were asked to prove that Jupiter in Virgo is good for the health I could accumulate a certain amount of *evidence* to that effect, and different astrologers would assess its value differently; but even if I could show that average age of 100 people with that position was, say, 68, as against the general average of just under 62 (males), no one should call this proof and all one could expect of the most open-minded of statisticians would be an admission that "it might be worth following up."

Of course, all this doesn't mean that one ought never to mention anything in astrology unless and until it has been proven; if that rule were enforced we should have very little to talk or write about. The putting forward of hypotheses is a legitimate and necessary part of all science. The point is to make it quite clear that they *are* hypotheses.

A Remarkable Geniture

These are the authentic data of a remarkable man: would readers care to give their views as to the nature of his unusualness?

Born at Batley, Yorks, August 3, 1850, 7.50 p.m. Sun 11 Leo, Moon 14½ Gemini, Mercury 14½ Leo, Venus 19 Virgo, Mars 17½ Virgo, Jupiter 22 Virgo, Saturn 21 Aries R, Uranus 0½ Taurus, slow to R, Neptune 6½ Pisces R, Pluto 29¾ Aries, M.C. 10 Sagittarius, Asc. 10 Aquarius. Time taken as

G.M.T. but might be L.M.T. Data from native, as recorded in writing by his father at the time of birth.

The Outlook and Ourselves

This becomes increasingly grave, as indeed astrologers have long expected would be the case. It is evident that a second period of austerity is upon us (King's p. Sun square p. Saturn, end 1951; p. Saturn square r. Neptune in 2nd, 1801 map, end 1952).

This condition is directly due to rearmament, and unfortunately it is difficult to see how it can change except by war, which would certainly not end the austerity, but immensely intensify it.

I do not think the Kremlin desires a global conflict at the moment. They are astute men—not crazy fanatics like Hitler—and they know that in a great war anything may happen. Their motto seems rather to be that propounded by Trotsky: "Do not make war, but leave them no peace." But this policy is a dangerous one.

The Quarterly is the product of an order of society which, for good or evil, is rapidly passing away before our eyes. It came into existence because I had a good deal of leisure which I wished to employ usefully. In future there will be ever fewer people so circumstanced.

Any notion that it might be possible to run a serious astrological periodical on a commercial basis I regard as quite fantastic; people who suggest such a thing are completely ignorant of the facts of the case.

Similarly the publishing of books on serious subjects is becoming ever more difficult.

Your Editor, like other much more important people, has p. Sun square p. Saturn and going to square r. Saturn, so a certain amount of gloom must be forgiven him. But a state of society wherein one cannot easily purchase a packet of quarto paper is scarcely exhilarating!

I do not know whether, at the present moment, any modern astrological text-books are available for new students. My *Principles* is out of print—and the *Encyclopaedia* is nearly so. I am informed that to reprint these two modest volumes would cost somewhere between £600 and £700. It is staggering.

Nevertheless, I hope that *Principles* will shortly be on the market again. It will embody Mr. George H. Bailey's method of calculating foreign horoscopes* which ought to be universally adopted.

* Actually this unifies all horoscopic calculations, whether for foreign or G.M.T. figures, in one simple method.

To return to political astrology: I sometimes feel tempted to write no more on this subject. Mass-lunacy, especially when it is of the homicidal variety, is not a pleasant topic.

And that is pretty well what it adds up to.

We are marching (all of us) towards a resounding economic crisis. The only possible remedies will not be taken, because they would involve loss of power to those who dearly love power. As it seems to me, only those countries will to some extent escape who have great national resources not yet exploited. Those with a largely agricultural population may also fare better than the industrialised. Even they are at the mercy of the weather.

Jugoslavia

Economic crises lead to war, and Jugoslavia will be under pressure soon. The new moon of May, for example, shows Saturn exactly setting at Belgrade. Whether this is enough to cause actual war I cannot say, having no national horoscope nor any reliable map for Tito.

I hold no brief for this gentleman, who was not long ago shooting down American planes and aiding and abetting Greek ruffians in their child-stealing exploits. Nevertheless, one may smile at the tales we shall doubtless read of the ferocious Jugoslav lamb that has provoked the peaceful Bulgarian and Hungarian wolves to devour him, in self-protection.

Perhaps, if the Americans are sufficiently firm, the lamb may not be devoured. He may even render a pretty good account of himself. This, of course, will merely show what a savage beast he is.

THE "DIRECT METHOD"

By (Mrs.) M. E. Hone

It will be of interest to all who read the article by Mr. George Bailey in the autumn "Quarterly" to know that, at about the same time, the customary methods of astrological calculation were criticised by Mr. R. M. Trotter who has kindly assisted me to reorganise my own ideas, with the result that, after conversations between those who are bringing out new books this year, it is likely that all will use this new method in their books. I understand that the new books will include your own fourth edition of *Principles of Astrology*, Waite's *Compendium*

of Astrology which is to be re-edited by Mr. Colin Evans who is also contributing to a new book by Mr. Lyndoe, and there is, of course, *The Modern Text-Book of Astrology* by myself.

This method, i.e. the Direct Method, has been taught in the School of the Faculty of Astrological Studies since the beginning of this year.

As briefly as possible, the necessity for reorganising the method of calculation has been caused by the fact that most astrologers still follow the methods as taught by Alan Leo, and later by his successors, without regard for modern usages.

In Alan Leo's youth, "Standard Time" was used in Great Britain only for the timing of trains and was often, consequently, referred to as "Railway Time." Indeed, it was only made possible by the invention of what was then known as the "electric telegraph." The situation was somewhat similar in other countries. Gradually births became to be noted in "Standard Time"—which was generally the Local Mean Time of the country's capital city. It was not until after Alan Leo's death that by international agreement the now universally used system of Zone Standard Times was adopted. Thus all countries now have their time based on Greenwich Mean Time, but differ from it in jumps of 1 hour, 2 hours, etc., according to their difference of Longitude from the Greenwich meridian. The Zone Standard of Greenwich being, of course, 0 (unless the Standard Time has been altered into Summer Time, when the difference will be — 1 hour).

Though astrologers should understand the Old Method (as taught by Alan Leo) there is no point in using it when the calculation can be performed much more simply and with absolute accuracy by the Direct Method.

By the use of THE DIRECT METHOD *all maps for all localities whatsoever* are calculated in precisely the same way, and *all are precisely correct.* It is obvious that:—

(*a*) It gets rid of the old idea, once and for all, that foreign maps are "difficult." (In the old method a special correction had to be remembered in foreign maps.)

(*b*) In the old method all maps for localities near to the Greenwich Meridian are fractionally wrong (because the correction referred to in (*a*) is omitted in these maps). The error is slight, but it is through a fault in the method.

The expression "True Local Mean" Time is dropped—it is a meaningless phrase never used by astronomers. The reversion to "Previous Noon" is also discontinued, which, in itself, was the cause of so many mistakes made by beginners who either forgot to add the twelve hours or else made the mistake of calculating the planets also for the date to which they had reverted.

What should be made completely clear in the minds of astrologers is that the calculation used by them is not something special for the use of astrology only, but is an ordinary calculation required by all workers in all subjects in which conversion of time is necessary. These subjects include astronomy, surveying, aerial and marine navigation, etc. It may consequently be found in the early pages of any text-book dealing with these subjects, and also for general information in *Whitaker*.

It is the conversion of MEAN TIME to SIDEREAL TIME.

Much of the difficulty in the mind of a beginner exists because he does not know proper names for what he uses. In this case, what he actually requires is the SIDEREAL TIME at the TIME of birth at the PLACE of birth; therefore what he has to do is:—

1. Convert the TIME GIVEN by any ZONE STANDARD or Summer or Double-Summer time into GREENWICH MEAN TIME (E −, W +), and he must state the DATE on which this time occurs. This is the G.M.T.-DATE. It is obvious that, if a birth was at 1 a.m. in a month when Double-Summer-time was in operation in Great Britain, the subtraction of two hours from the birth-time to arrive at the G.M.T. will show that the birth occurred at 11 p.m. G.M.T. on *the date before the given date*. The addition or subtraction of the ZONE STANDARD often results in a change of date.

2. It is necessary to note whether the ephemeris he is using is calculated for NOON or MIDNIGHT at GREENWICH. (Raphael's Ephemerides are all calculated for NOON at GREENWICH.)

3. Take the SIDEREAL TIME AT GREENWICH AT NOON for the *G.M.T.-DATE* from the Ephemeris.

Add or subtract the time interval between the G.M.T. of birth and Noon G.M.T., according to whether the birth was before or after Noon G.M.T.

4. Similarly, add or subtract the Acceleration on that interval. Acceleration is at the rate of 10 seconds per hour (or more exactly, 9·86 seconds per hour).

Acceleration is a new word to most astrologers, but it is the proper word and so it should in future be used.

Here is the difference between THE DIRECT METHOD and the old method. In the old method, the "S.T. Corr." was at the rate of 10 seconds per hour for each hour of *L.M.T.*

In THE DIRECT METHOD the Acceleration is 10 seconds per hour *for each hour interval TO or FROM G.M.T. noon*. This is, of course, the same interval used when calculating the positions of the planets so its use is another simplification. (The reason for the application of the Acceleration is because there

is a discrepancy of 10 seconds per hour (or, more accurately 9·86 seconds) between Sidereal Time and Mean Time).

The result of the calculation so far is to give the SIDEREAL TIME AT GREENWICH at the TIME OF BIRTH. If the locality of the birth is on the Greenwich Meridian, that is, on the same longitude as Greenwich, the calculation is finished.

5. If the locality of the birth is on some other LONGITUDE (whether in England or any other place in the world) the usual adjustment for LONGITUDE EQUIVALENT IN TIME is now added or subtracted according as this is East or West of Greenwich.

He now has the required SIDEREAL TIME AT PLACE OF BIRTH or, as it is usually called, *LOCAL SIDEREAL TIME AT BIRTH*.

Not only is it *correct* to add or subtract the longitude equivalent in time as the last step, but in doing Progressions or Solar Returns, having substituted the Sidereal Time for the day in question, the longitude can be changed as required, if it is thought preferable to use the longitude of the place at which the person is resident at the time of the Progression or Return.

The two following calculations (using 10 seconds per hour for the Acceleration) are chosen as examples because by the old method one would be regarded as easy (Liverpool) and the other would be regarded as difficult (Melbourne).

By the DIRECT METHOD it will be seen that both calculations are done on the same form and in exactly the same way and that there is no difficulty at all.

The G.M.T.-DATE, once found, is that used for the calculation of the planets and from which to reckon for Progressions.

It will be noted that in the Melbourne example the Zone Standard —10 hours gives G.M.T.-DATE 11 p.m. G.M.T. 29th February.

Forms for doing the DIRECT METHOD have been prepared and are useful to make correct working habitual. The form consists of a clear tabulation of all data required and order of working, and where alternatives are given those not required should be struck out.

The form reproduced has a gummed back and is so made that it exactly fits the space for calculation on No. 1, The Ecliptic Chart, and No. 2, The Houses Chart.

Form B is a quarto-sized calculatory sheet on which are printed instructions for the work as well as having space for tabulation as now shown. These cost ½d. and 2d. respectively and can be bought from the Bookstall of the Lodge, from John Watkins, 21 Cecil Court, W.C.2, and L. N. Fowler and Co., 29 Ludgate Hill, E.C.4.

BY DIRECT METHOD

	D.	M.	Y.
Birth date	6	7	1916
Birth place	LIV	ER	POOL
	°	'	
Latitude	53	25	o. N.
Longitude	2	58	o. W.

TIME	h.	m.	s.
Birth time as given	3	15	00 *a.m. p.m.
Zone standard *E — W.	0		
Summer (or double) time* —	1		
G.M.T.	2	15	00 *a.m. p.m.

G.M.T. date 6 : 7 : 1916

	H.	M.	S.
Sid. time noon G.M.T.	6	56	32
Interval *TO/FROM noon a.m. — p.m. +	9	45	00
Result	21	11	32
Acceleration on interval *a.m. — p.m. +		1	38
Sid. time at Greenwich at birth	21	9	54
Longitude equivalent *E + W —		11	52
LOCAL SID. TIME AT BIRTH	20	58	02
Subtract 24 hrs. if necessary —			

* *Delete whichever is not required.*

BY DIRECT METHOD

	D.	M.	Y.
Birth date	1	3	1944
Birth place	ME	LBO	URNE
	°	'	
Latitude	37	45	o S.
Longitude	145	0	o E.

TIME	h.	m.	s.
Birth time as given	9	0	00 *a.m. p.m.
Zone standard *E — W	10		
Summer (or double) time* —			
G.M.T.	11	0	00 *a.m. p.m.

G.M.T. date 29 : 2 : 1944

	H.	M.	S.
Sid. time noon G.M.T.	22	32	43
Interval *TO/FROM noon *a.m. — p.m. +	11	00	00
Result	33	32	43
Acceleration on interval *a.m. — p.m. +		1	50
Sid. time at Greenwich at birth	33	34	33
Longitude equivalent *E + W —	9	40	00
LOCAL SID. TIME AT BIRTH	43	14	33
Subtract 24 hrs. if necessary —	24		
	19	14	33

* *Delete whichever is not required.*

For the benefit of those not yet familiar with astrological work, it might be well to add that, when consulting the Table of Houses for the Northern Latitude which corresponds to that of Melbourne (Southern Hemisphere) it is, of course, necessary to add twelve hours to the final result and then to reverse the signs as given in the Table. This procedure obviates the necessity of double printing of all tables for the latitudes of both hemispheres.

THE VERNAL INGRESS 1951



THE above is the map of the Vernal Ingress for London, erected according to the semi-arc method. Those who prefer equal division can easily make the conversion mentally. The intermediate Campanus cusps are: XI 23 ♓, XII 8 ♉, II 4 ♌, III 19½ ♌.

In our last Editorial we spoke briefly of this figure and contrasted it with the New Year horoscope, which is much less pleasant.

In this chart Moon, ruler 1st, is well supported by Venus (in her own sign) and by Uranus. Jupiter is in elevation (also *in proprio signo*) and his opposition to Saturn, though it shows restrictions and shortages, is not very close. Sun is also opposition Saturn and indicates the same kind of thing. Mars trine Pluto points to general rearmament.

In some countries the mundane positions are rather disagreeable. Amongst these I note:

Pekin: Mercury conjunction Mars, opposition Neptune, is near the descendant, which is 9 Aries. This clearly points to persisting conflict with the U.S.A. (☿) and U.N.O. (♂).

Moscow: Here the same complex affects the meridian, which is 13½ Aries-Libra. It has been suggested that this denotes danger to the Kremlin from within rather than without.

Paris: Here Uranus is closer to the ascendant than at London.

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Cairo: Neptune squares the ascendant.
Belgrade: The same.
Athens: M.C. is opposition Saturn.
Sofia: The same, not quite so close.
Vienna: Jupiter is near M.C. 20 Pisces.

It would seem that, dangerous though the position already is, it will be the conjunctions of Saturn and Neptune in Libra, joined in December by Mars and opposed by Jupiter, whilst Uranus throws its squares from Cancer, that will precipitate, in some directions, the direst calamities.

It would seem obvious enough that it is the Cancer and Libra countries that will suffer most, and this seems to point to China, though there seems a strong Libra complexion about all South-East Asia. Formosa, by its name (The Beautiful) seems under Venus.

According to the map published long ago in the Quarterly and proposed by Miss Gardiner, Libra 23 is the ascendant of the U.S.S.R. This was set for the time of the *conclusion* of the Bolshevik Congress which set up the new régime, at 5.15 a.m., November 9, 1917, as recorded by Trotsky. Mr. Marshall Harmer has suggested 5 a.m. on the 8th, when this Congress adopted the resolution to take over the powers of supreme government. This also shows Libra rising.

I cannot say that anything has appeared in the Press to indicate that the U.S.S.R. has recently been under Neptune T. conjunction asc. But it will be interesting to see whether, as Neptune begins to affect the last decan of this sign, such tendencies will be in evidence. Externally Communism seems to be going from strength to strength, but how far this is true internally, I cannot say. I had, at one time, several correspondents in the East of Europe, but nowadays only one writes me, and he but rarely and with great circumspection.

Reverting to China: If this country is placed under Cancer, then the strength of the Moon in the ingress must be highly favourable to her; if she is under Libra, then one can foresee only continued unrest, to put it mildly.

The old map for Republican China (January 12, 1912, apparently for local midnight*) is one of the worst possible; the map for the People's Republic (3.15 p.m., October 1, 1949, Pekin, ref. *Astrological Magazine* of Bangalore, March 1950, page 213) may best be described as mixed, but the conjunction of Mars and Pluto, square Venus in Scorpio, accounts for recent events and the truculent attitude of the Chinese rulers.

* I have no reference for this map, unfortunately. It seems to have been valid, for the direction M.C. square Mars in 8th dates to its overthrow by Mao.

AT THE LODGE

By R. C. Davison

The Annual General Meeting was, as usual, but sparsely attended but there was a good discussion on the question of making the best use of the 8.20 meetings, for members only. It was pointed out that they often were merely "lecturettes," only differing from the public meetings in being rather shorter. It was decided to limit the address, as far as possible, to twenty minutes, thus leaving a like period for discussion. However, some flexibility in their nature must be allowed for; not all lectures are very discussable, at any rate if the members have not had time to consider the question raised.

Mr. Carter dropped a bomb, as he put it, on Mr. Davison, by saying that, since it was always possible, if not probable, that he might have to relinquish the editorship of the Quarterly suddenly, he felt he would like to express his (purely personal) opinion that Mr. Davison would be the best person to assume that office, which actually includes not only editing but almost everything else in connection with the "AQ."

November 20th.—Four Lodge members (Messrs. Addey, Regulus, Carruthers and Dr. Rosenthal) gave delineations of a map which they had previously studied; Mr. Davison, who had provided this, commented on their efforts, and thereafter the members gave their own views.

Instead of the usual 8.20 there was an auction of books given to the Lodge by members and a good sum was realised to aid the funds.

Regulus took over the Bookstall, being the first male member to do so. Mrs. Watts and Mrs. Boreham, who had preceded him, following on Mrs. Hart, felt unable to continue, owing to the need for regular attendance being too great a tie.

On the 27th "Leo Topis" (a pseudonym that conceals the identity of a scientist with a European reputation) gave a talk on the asteroids, beginning with the story of their discovery and other astronomical details. He showed how they link the planets, inasmuch as Icarus passes within the orbit of Mercury and Apollo, Adonis and Hermes within that of Venus, whilst Hidalgo reaches that of Saturn. Vesta, though her diameter is only some 243 miles, is sometimes visible to the naked eye. He explained Bode's Law and gave reasons (such as the shape of Eros) for supposing that the asteroids are fragments of an exploded planet, which might have taken place some 300 m. years ago. He suggested that the point of this explosion might still be astrologically potent. He then announced that the

positions of the principal asteroids would, from next year, be stated in the *Nautical Almanac*. A really grand lecture.

At the 8.20, Mr. Davison placed on the board an "unknown" nativity, which proved to be that of Sonia Henie, the skater, born April 8, 1913, Stockholm, M.C. 30 ♐, ☿ rising in Pisces, trine Neptune. Members found plenty to say about this figure and its subject.

A novel experiment was tried on December 4th, when a Lodge "Forum" was held. Two short papers were presented on "House Division" and "Planetary Dignities and Debilities" by Mrs. Hone and Mrs. Parkes respectively. At the end of each paper members were invited to add their comments but were not allowed more than three minutes in which to do so. By this method many members who do not normally contribute their views to the Lodge discussions were enticed into saying a few words. Unexpected champions were found for the various systems of house division, while several interesting theories were ventilated on the subject of planetary strength. It was agreed that the experiment might profitably be repeated at a later date.

Regulus spoke at 8.20, dealing with the Capricorn Ingress and the New Moon figure for the month.

Extracts from the writings of Manilius of Antioch, Vettius Valens, Firmicus Maternus and Rhetorios formed the major part of Mr. Rupert Gleadow's lecture on "Character in the Ancient Astrologers" on December 11th. These authors' ideas of the signs tallied in many respects with those of modern astrologers but occasionally diverged in striking fashion from present-day conceptions. Sagittarians, for example, were described as "very wet, hard to understand, pursuing their enemies with guileful dissimulations," while Aquarians were "wicked, jealous, hated their family, suffered pain through carrying weights, married widows and foreigners, and were impudent braggarts though shrinking and timid, crying easily."

At 8.20 the Lodge Ritual was celebrated most successfully in a manner appropriate to the dignity and solemnity of the occasion.

The Spring Session opened on January 15th with a Symposium under the title "Survey of 1951." Mr. Carter spoke first, basing his remarks on a map cast for the beginning of the 1951 calendar year. He showed how a similar chart for the year 1914 not only foreshadowed the events of that year but afflicted the birth charts of King George V, King Albert of the Belgians, the Kaiser, the Czar and the Emperor Francis Joseph. He then compared the birth horoscopes of some of the leading world figures with the 1951 map. Attlee, Mao, Nehru, Stalin and Tito were all adversely affected, while Truman, Franco and, happily, King George VI appeared to derive some benefit from the cross

aspects. The rising Saturn indicated the likelihood of a world slump, while the Cancer-Libra afflictions pointed to the continuance of troubles in South-East Asia.

Miss Theodossiou, who followed, delivered a comprehensive survey of the world position based on a study of the equinoctial and eclipse charts. Burma, Indo-China and Siam were likely to be threatened by the Communists, while their subversive activities in the Middle East would probably reach their peak in the Spring. Stalin's exit from the political scene was likely and the U.S.S.R. would be hampered by a lack of essential commodities and raw materials.

She agreed with Mr. Carter that 1951 did not appear to be a year in which there would be a major conflict but the Spring of 1952, the close of that year, and the Summer of 1953 were dangerous periods.

Mr. Davison contributed a few remarks based on the transits occurring in the charts of U.N.O., the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction of 1941, and the House of Commons. He agreed with Miss Theodossiou about the major crises in 1952 and 1953, drawing attention to the ominous configurations in the U.N.O. chart for 1953. Financial stringency, labour difficulties and public health troubles at home and the death or retirement of one or more prominent figures in the Government were foreshadowed for 1951, together with further grave difficulties for the United Nations Organisation.

Brigadier Firebrace agreed that Stalin was likely to disappear from the scene, as the Sun was in square to Saturn in his Solar Return (with precession) both planets being placed in angles.

Diplomas and Certificates obtained by the successful candidates in the recent Faculty examinations were presented by Mr. Carter at 8.20 and the presentation was followed by a talk from Mrs. Hone, who expounded the system of casting horoscopes set out in Mr. G. H. Bailey's recent article in the Quarterly and explained her method of teaching it to her Faculty and private pupils by means of a step-by-step tabulation.

ASTROLOGY FOR BEGINNERS

Lesson Nine

Nothing is more necessary, before beginning to judge a map in detail, than to decide, if one can, the general moral status of the subject.

From this point of view one can distinguish several classes.

There are a certain number of deliberately evil self-seeking people who, as the saying is, "stick at nothing." There are the

drifters, who are weak. There are the ordinary decent people who have personal and social standards to which they seek to conform, and these certainly constitute the largest number. There are those who are consciously seeking self-betterment, and, lastly, those who seem to have been born, or at any rate to have become, spiritually eminent.

To assess a person's moral worth from the geniture is not easy. Indeed some astrologers decline to deal with a chart unless they have first been informed of the general moral and social background of the native.

It is not at all a question of merely counting good and bad aspects, as they are called.

Alan Leo wrote that Mercury is the best index, indicating, just as mercury indicates the heat of a room in a thermometer, the moral worth of the native, Most astrologers would probably prefer to take Saturn as the principal guide to the moral standards.

Of course much would depend upon one's personal conceptions. If, for example, one regards kindness or compassion as the greatest moral virtue, one would probably place most stress on Venus or Jupiter, and so on.

As we have already said, the Ruler is certainly important, and we believe attention should be specially paid to the 9th house, as being the part of the figure related to the higher mind, or conscience. The house, one might say, of spiritual contacts.

It is difficult to find good examples because human nature is so infinitely mixed, so that it is difficult to separate good from evil in our natures. Again, there is often the question of mental abnormality that borders on insanity, thus making the victim morally irresponsible. Where Mercury is heavily afflicted (or the 3rd house) this may always be suspected. But, as criminal lawyers know very well, it is most difficult to say when insanity begins.

The first three signs are, in a general way, more liable to anti-social actions than the others. In brutal crime Aries and Taurus are commonly tenanted, whilst Gemini figures in crimes of skill, such as forgery, theft, embezzlement. The last two signs, when they are tenanted in the more primitive types, incline to produce the wastrel types—more their own enemies than hurtful to others.

Hitler, who deliberately sanctioned the death of many thousands of innocent people, had four bodies in the first two signs, and two in Gemini. Mussolini, who, though cruel and ruthless, was yet in a quite other category, had but one planet (Neptune)* in the first two signs, but four (in bad affliction) in

* The slow-moving planets are, of course, less significant than the others.

Gemini. Neither had anything in Aquarius or Pisces. Two notorious German mass-murderers, Kuerten and Haarman, both sexual perverts,* had nine bodies and both ascendants in the first three signs.

It will be safe to say that the map that has a heavy stress on the first three signs, especially regarding the Sun, Moon and ascendant, probably represents a rather crude type; but only severe afflictions would justify a judgment of criminal propensities.

The most spiritual man known to the writer (using that adjective in its best sense) had Neptune in Taurus and the Moon and Saturn in Cancer. Mars was in Virgo, trine Neptune, and everything else was in the second half of the zodiac.

It is perhaps rather a matter for surprise that such an idealistic man as Alan Leo had nothing in Aquarius and only Neptune in Pisces; but here we probably have that puzzling phenomenon, the transference of polarity. He had four bodies in Leo as well as his ascendant, and Saturn was exactly on the rising degree: it may be that Saturn effected this transfer from Leo to Aquarius. For he was certainly a lover of mankind.

Afflictions to the Sun usually indicate difficult circumstances, not moral obliquity; but with the Moon the reverse is the case: a heavily afflicted Moon usually denotes real moral conflict.

We can, then, give no hard-and-fast rules to judge the moral nature; but that is really because the whole problem is difficult and intricate, from the very facts of human psychology. But if the student carefully studies each map, he will usually get the right answer, even though it is quite possible that the subject of his investigation will not accept it!

Apart from moral conditions, he should bear in mind the basic distinction between the emotional and the mental types, the former being denoted by emphasis on Fire-Water and the latter by predominance of Air-Earth, whilst the two positive elements (Fire-Air) are upward-tending or aspirational, and the two negatives (Water-Earth) are the reverse.

Fire-Air is concerned with spiritual and intellectual values—*les choses de l'esprit*, as the French say. Water-Earth has no such interests and is usually intent on things of everyday life.

In the words of the *Golden Verses of the Pythagoreans* "in all the Mean is best," at any rate for the average person.

From this point of view it is likely that a stress on the signs Cancer to Sagittarius (inclusive) is desirable.

In our next Lesson we will discuss some of the problems of judging the external life. This is often opprobriously called "fortune-telling"—an insulting epithet that all astrologers

* See the writer's "Some Principles of Delineation."

resent, owing to its implication of quackery and fatalism. Nevertheless, astrology does most certainly permit the student to judge "fortunes" in a proper sense of that term and with the proviso that character must always be taken into account.

But to say glibly that "Character is destiny" is misleading if we speak only of this life, for it is obvious that many good men and women are unfortunate in their *external* lives, at any rate as the word "unfortunate" is commonly used.

SOME IMPLICATIONS OF "THIS 10th AND 4th HOUSE BUSINESS"

By (Miss) A. E. Leaver

I rather hoped when I saw our Editor's statement on page 37 of the June *A.Q.* that someone would produce an article on this subject, so Mr. Carter's well-known willingness to see others' viewpoints besides his own without bitterness incites me to make the following remarks on our Royal Family. If I preface them with my own case this is because as I am not subject to "the fierce light which beats upon a throne" my heredity, although not my career, would be completely obscure to 99 out of 100 practitioners.

My M.C., then, is 11:52 ♋ and holds ♂ 0:53 ♋ and ☽ 18:8 ♋, the planets being in parallel. The Leaver or Lever arms (this is not the coat of Lord Leverhulme of Sunlight Soap fame) are "On a field argent two bends engrailed gules," in other words, "Two wavy red lines parallel on a white or silver ground." For the benefit of any complete beginner wishing to study astrology:—

♋ is a sign of the waves
White or silver is the ☽'s colour
Red is the colour of ♂
And the two bends are parallel lines.
Quite definite, I think!

As regards our King, his daughter, and her son:—

George VI.—His M.C. is 7 of the kingly sign ♌ and holds in close ☌ ♃ ♌ 10th. M.C. and ♃ are △ both to his father's asc. 2 ♈ and to his own ♂ ☿ 2nd. ♃ is also the most elevated planet in his father's map.

7 ♒ cusps his untenanted 4th close to Queen Mary's asc. 6 ♒.

OUR FUTURE ELIZABETH II.—Her M.C. 26 ♏ holds her Ruler ♄ 24½ R ♏ most elevated planet which is ✳ her asc. 21½ ♑. ♄ is in mutual reception although □ with ♂ 21 ♒ 1st and □ also with ♃ 22½ ♒ 1st. Her Ruler □ ♆ 22 ♌ 7th appears to indicate that her worldly rank will not depend chiefly on her husband. The sign ♏ shows her father's naval career and the hindrances to it through duodenal ulcer wrongly diagnosed for some time, ♏ being particularly associated with this malady. All the water signs are connected with the sea; in my opinion ♏ indicates the fighting rather than the merchant navy.

26 ♉ cusps the Princess's 4th close to her mother's reputed asc. 27 ♉.

PRINCE CHARLES, judging from the condition of his fifth, is a born king or president. We hope that many years hence he will be known as GEORGE VII OF EDINBURGH.

The little Prince's mother is evidently to be the main source of his material inheritance as ☽ 0 : 24 ♉ 10th is exactly on her ☉ 0 : 13 ♉ 3rd. England's sign is on the M.C. 13½ ♈ and if we allow 7½° of orb to M.C. instead of the usual 7° to the angles—♂ and M.C. being highly important in every natus of English sovereigns—M.C. and ♂ 21 ♐ 5th are in △. His ☽ is △ ♃ 29:54 ♐ 5th; is ✳ ♅ 29:55 R ♊ in the house of politics but is ☐ his PL 16:33 ♌ 1st indicating the difficulties in adjustment to the modern developments consequent on the invention of the atomic bomb.

His sailor-father is charmingly shown by ♆ 14:8 ♎ 4th planet of the sea and exactly ☍ his M.C.; in other words, ♆ and M.C. are on the same great circle. ♀ 16:24 ♎ also appears graciously in the 4th.

> "Straight is the path of duty
> Curved is the line of beauty
> Follow the straight and thou shalt see
> The curved line ever follow thee"

used to appear to me rather absurd. But Relativity teaches us that a straight line carried to infinity becomes a circle.

As the Duke of Edinburgh's birth-data are unfortunately unknown within 2 days any reference to the 4th cusp is impracticable.

I have long noticed how very prominent ♂ and ♃ and/or the signs ♈ and ♐ are in the maps of successful kings of England and in that of Oliver Cromwell. This may be more than a coincidence as ♂ and ♃ are slower-moving planets than the ☉ and it certainly subsumes the maps to the basic map of England set by the late Vivian Robson where the asc. is 22 ♈

giving ♂ as Ruler with a sub-influence of ♃ through the ♐ 3rd decanate.

If any reader would like to know the implications as I see them for the Duke of Windsor and for Victoria, Edward VII, and George V, and will write to me, care of *Astrology*, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, I shall be happy to send them.

AT HOME AND ABROAD

By (Miss) J. Buddicom

[*Editor's Note.— It is regretted that Mrs. Rodgers has asked to be released from compiling this feature of the magazine. Her contributions were much appreciated. Miss J. Buddicom has very kindly offered to do this work in her place.*]

In *Market Forecasting*, by Mr. F. C. Dutt, of Calcutta, there are many statements of interest, quite apart from the particular branch of astrology with which the work deals. For example, Mr. Dutt considers the Quincunx to be a good aspect. Most astrologers regard it as troublesome and of a 6 8th house nature, often active in cases of illness or decease. The author writes: "The political horoscope of Great Britain is calculated for Noon, May 8th, 1660, London, and that of Russia for Noon, December 30th, 1922, Moscow." He does not say why.

What countries will suffer most from the presence of three malefics (Mars, Saturn, Neptune) in Libra? In the book mentioned above, Mr. Dutt gives the Libra countries as Austria, Upper Egypt, Tibet, Japan, Mongolia, Manchuria, Indo-China, Burma, Argentine. Except perhaps for the last, these certainly seem likely areas of trouble, and some have already become so. The squares from Uranus in Cancer will, of course, aggravate the danger.

New books on astrology do not often appear in Britain, unfortunately. Mrs. Hone's forthcoming volume may well be a whale of a work, since the authoress has Menkar (Alpha Ceti) on the midheaven! We can guarantee that few technical works have received more devoted preparation for public appearance, and believe it will establish a higher standard for astrological text-books, with definitely original features. But we must add that we have just learnt that another prominent member of the Lodge will shortly make his debut as an author—astrological, of course.

What a pity all the Alan Leo maps bear the words "Ascendant or East Point," "Descendant or West Point." It is, of

course, only when 0° Aries or 0° Libra rises that the ascendant is due east. Modern maps now on sale do not repeat this fault.

Midheaven is another term that causes confusion. According to Webster, its usual meaning is "the midst, or middle part, of heaven or the sky," while under ASTRON. he says "the point of the ecliptic on the meridian," which is the common astrological significance of the word. But beginners are apt to confuse the two meanings and think that somehow they are the same. It is, of course, easy to see that, in latitudes not near the equator, in the winter the Sun may be on the meridian without being anywhere near the midheaven in the *first* sense, which really means "the zenith and thereabouts." It is in this sense that Meredith writes of clouds "scaling the midheaven," I imagine.

Madame Baudot informs me that a friend has interviewed Miss Gracie Fields' mother and learned that the popular comedienne was born at 1.15 a.m., January 9th, 1898, at Rochdale. This gives the end of Libra rising, whereas a map has gained currency calculated for 7 a.m. Moon just entering Leo, trine Uranus (and Saturn less closely) seems very appropriate, especially as Luna will be close to the midheaven, ruling most of the 10th house (by equal division, all of it).

In *Das Wasserman-Zeitalter* (Aquarian Age) Year 1, No. 3, are given the data of three prominent Communist leaders, viz. Togliatti (Italy) born March 26, 1893, 1 a.m., Genoa; Thorez (France), born April 28, 1900, 11.30 a.m., Nouvelle Godault; Clement Gottwald (Czechoslovakia), born November 22, 1896, 7 a.m., Dedice, Moravia.

Mrs. Hone has returned from Edinburgh, where she had interesting meetings with Mr. Maurice Wemyss and Miss Isabelle Pagan, both well known as writers of astrological books.

With the former she discussed a letter recently received from Cyril Fagan, President of the Irish Astrological Society, in which he told her that all his members now use the Zodiac of the constellations for their astrological charts. The researches of Mr. Fagan and Mr. Gleadow have been much publicised in the U.S.A. and the Llewellyn Press has published two booklets on the subject which are unobtainable in this country at the moment. Mr. Wemyss, who is an expert astronomer, asserts that the fixed Zodiac, measured from Spica, was indeed used by the Babylonians and Egyptians, but for *astronomical measurement only*. Later, the Zodiac of the signs, used for astrological purposes by Claudius Ptolemy, was measured from the Vernal Equinox; while the Hindus in India used a fixed Zodiac measured from one of the stars of Pisces, as the boundary between Pisces and Aries (see *The Wheel of Life*). Some of the Babylonians used the same division.

We have heard very little of the arguments on this subject, and at present we feel that we cannot improve on the comment of Donald Bradley in the November issue of *Modern Astrology*. He writes as follows: "Let us all practise intellectual democracy until the evidence held by both sides is exhibited fairly and adjudged by the criterion of actual *tests* of the claims. It would be a tragic inconsistency if astrologers were to resort to the same condemnation-without-investigation which they have justly despised in those who oppose *any* kind of astrology."

"Time tells the story," says Paul Councel in *American Astrology* for December. "The supreme need in human thought today is the consciousness of Time in Cosmic Dimension. When Cosmic Time is missing, there is no measure of progress, for the activities of a society are identified by various intervals. The margin of error lies in the available knowledge of periodicities. Quarterly in the precessional cycle, i.e. at intervals of 6,480 years, the equinoctial sun forms violent angles to the star cluster of the Pleiades, conjunction, square, opposition, and return square. Oriented earthwise, this pattern defines the four quarters of the world and accounts for the evidence of seismic disturbances, cataclysms, meteorological violence, plagues and the periodic mass destruction of life. The period of the effects of the conjunction was according to formula 2880 2160 B.C., its date 2520 B.C. when the conjunction was exact and the flood of Noah at its maximum." (According to the evidence for the flood dug up at Ur by Sir Leonard Woolley, this should have taken place considerably earlier than 2520 B.C., and according to the Bible Abraham lived about 2000 B.C., while the flood took place at least 1,300 years previous to his era.) Paul Councel gives the Period of Supremacy of the Ram as 2160 B.C. to B.C. 0, and the Vernal Equinox as entering Pisces on March 21, A.D. 1.

Stephen and Margaret Ionides, in their interesting and altogether delightful book, *One Day Telleth Another*, give the date for the entry of the Spring Equinox into Pisces as B.C. 140.

Rupert Gleadow, in *American Astrology*, for November gives the tropical and sidereal Zodiacs as coinciding at 0° Aries in A.D. 213, from whence the growing distance between the two is exactly 23° in 1868 and 24° in 1940. Quoting Ptolemy, he says, of the signs, "Their natures, powers, and familiarities take their cause from the solsticial and equinoctial starting places, and from no other source."

There has, indeed, been so much controversy as to the validity of the respective Zodiacs that I should like to add a few words. The 30° sign, 360° circle measure is, as Mr. Colin Evans points out in the September Quarterly, entirely theoretical

and the signs themselves are purely symbolic. Exactly how closely the zodiacal signs are, are not, or ever were, concerned with the *material* and actually existing constellations is a very moot point. But *God Geometrizes*, and however diffuse and lopsided things may appear to be *en masse*, from the entire known universe to a Swiss landscape, fundamental principles are always in perfect balance. Nobody can deny that the Zodiac represents Fundamental Principle, and should therefore be as symmetrical as a snowflake, as constant as a crystal. The Inner Circle Railway may be aligned to varying stars overhead at varying times, but whether the Bull is overhead, or the Goat on the horizon, South Kensington Station is always at South Kensington: thirty years later one does not ascend its steps and come out halfway up Gloucester Road. And so the zodiacal 0 Aries should remain 0 Aries, whether we live in the age of the Waterbearer or the Crab.

"Look at the Moon," says Carl Payne Tobey in *The Astrologer* for April 1950. Concerning the Moon at time of marriage, in the marriage dates of 3,600 engineers he finds the frequency with which Moon appeared in each of the zodiacal signs when the marriage ceremony was performed as follows:—

> Aries 287, Taurus 287, Gemini 265, Cancer 292, Leo 290, Virgo 311, Libra 296, Scorpio 293, Sagittarius 322, Capricorn 344, Aquarius 311, Pisces 302.

In another test of 720 European marriage dates he found:—

> Aries 53, Taurus 55, Gemini 60, Cancer 54, Leo 60, Virgo 56, Libra 58, Scorpio 56, Sagittarius 61, Capricorn 80, Aquarius 56, Pisces 71.

From this quite appreciable piece of research on diurnal position, it would appear, on the surface, that marriage occurs with greater frequency when the Moon is in the sign Capricorn. "Astrologers associate Capricorn with the established order: Marriage is an established institution."

Conversely, one finds it quite in accordance with preconceived opinion that an Aries Moon might be rather averse to having such ceremonies performed on her day, and be below the average; but why are they not more popular with the affectionate Taurus? The course of True Love seems to have gone a bit agley here, if nowhere else. And it is a curious coincidence that in both analyses Virgo and Aquarius should be identical.

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An interesting Squash-Rackets match took place on December 29th at London between those veteran and inveterate players, the Burnett brothers. Their maps are as follows:—

Douglas Burnett, holder of the Army Championship, born 28th April, 1910, about 10.30 p.m., Hyderabad.

Asc. ♐ 29; M.C. ♎ 9; ☉ ♉ 7; ☽ ♐ 23; ☿ ♉ 28; ♀ ♓ 21; ♂ ♊ 28; ♃ ♎ 6 R; ♄ ♈ 28; ♅ ♍ 25; ♆ ♒ 17.

Brian Burnett, holder of the Air Force Championship, born 10th March, 1912, about 11 p.m., Hyderabad.

Asc. ♏ 24. M.C. ♌ 26. ☉ 20 ♓; ☽ ♐ 19; ☿ ♓ 27; ♀ ♒ 20; ♂ ♊ 17; ♃ ♐ 14; ♄ ♉ 16; ♅ ♒ 2; ♆ ♒ 21 R.

This Inter-Services match between the two, played at about 4.30 p.m., was won by Brian. (Asc. ♒ 15. M.C. ♓ 13.)

Data from mother. As the time stated was approximate, a slight adjustment has been made in angles. For times stated Douglas should be asc. 1½ ♍; Brian, asc. 25½ ♏.

COMPETITION

(Medical)

Male child, born 00.15 a.m., G.M.T., September 19, 1947, London, S.W. Time carefully taken.

Became ill in October 1950.

What was the nature of the complaint?

Prize of One Guinea is offered. In the event of more than one correct solution, the first to be posted, as indicated by the post-mark, will win the prize; but all solutions must arrive before May 1st.

"THE ASTROLOGICAL REVIEW"

Mr. R. Marshall Harmer informs me that this periodical has ceased to appear in its old form but that he is endeavouring to produce a three-monthly issue, provided he can find enough subscribers to cover the cost.

Those who are prepared to help in this manner should write to Mr. Harmer (41, Craigen Avenue, Addiscombe, Surrey). We hope many of our readers will do so. All serious enterprises of this kind should be supported.

THE 1950 INDEX

It is regretted that it has been impossible to complete this in time for press. We hope to issue it with our next number.

NEWS FROM THE FACULTY

THE yearly examinations conducted by the examining board of the Faculty were held during the second week of December, 1950.

Eight candidates took the examination for the Certificate. The six who were successful achieved an excellent standard. Their names are: Miss Cornish, Miss N. D. Dewick, Mrs. Gill, Mr. Maxwell, Mrs. Hicks and Mr. Woodman.

The scholarship which is presented each year by the Principal, Mr. C. E. O. Carter, has been awarded to Mr. Woodman. This covers the fees for tuition for the Senior year and for the examination for the Diploma. A high level of ability is expected from astrologers who present themselves for the examination which will give them Diploma status. Of these, there were eight; five were members of the Senior class of the Faculty. The names of the six who were successful are: Mr. Addey, Miss Buddicom, Mrs. Hodgson, Mrs. Marden, Mrs. Pickford and Mrs. Smoker.

These candidates showed a wide range of understanding of their subject, some gaining high marks in papers on astronomy and theory as well as in those on calculation and interpretation.

In October, a pre-examination study-group was formed by the Faculty School for coaching those candidates who had not previously studied with the Faculty. This was keenly appreciated. It will be repeated next autumn.

The year of work for the Staff of the Faculty has been made a pleasure through the enthusiasm of the students. Their feeling towards the Faculty has been shown by the fact that, at the close of the teaching year, not one is leaving.

All past Juniors are taking their second year's course, while all past Seniors are attending special fortnightly classes open to all advanced astrologers for the study of charts.

In the summer and autumn terms, other short courses will be arranged. These will be on Mundane Astrology, Solar and Lunar Returns and on other subjects to be announced.

The Map Discussion Group will probably continue also. As these will be arranged according to demand, those wishing to attend should apply before the end of March to the Hon. Sec., 6 Napier Avenue, S.W.6.

In November, Brigadier Firebrace, Chairman of the Faculty School Committee, gave a party for the students. Before tea, he interested them in a lecture on Solar and Lunar Returns illustrated by a film showing, amongst other charts, those of Hitler during the war years.

The Faculty attracted publicity in the Press in the latter months of 1950. Articles describing its formation and its work appeared in the *New World Astrologer* and in the *Aquarian Path*. The Editorial in the latter periodical included the following: "We believe the Faculty is filling a great void in the astrological world by instituting proper courses and diplomas and by taking a stand against what might be called 'newspaper astrology' . . . we hope that any of our readers who are thinking of taking up astrology seriously will consider doing so through the Faculty."

It has not been the custom of the more serious papers to report astrological activities, but the founding of the Faculty has put the study of astrology on to an academic basis, and the recent examinations were the subject of a long paragraph in the *Daily Telegraph* which, on the same day, published a good-natured and humorous third leader under the headline "Courses in Stars."

Interviews were also given to reporters from the *Daily Mail*, the *Star*, and the Kemsley Press.

The following is quoted from the *Star*: "Astrologers are campaigning against quacks, charlatans and fortune-tellers. The Diploma course is an attempt to put their art on an honourable basis. What use is astrology? . . . I was told 'It helps people to know themselves so they can use the tendencies in them for the smoother running of their lives.' "

We should like to record our appreciation of the serious interest taken in the work of the Faculty by the papers mentioned.

A final note as we go to press: We start the New Year with 45 students, as against 8 in the first year and 16 in the second. Of these about 15 are taking the Certificate Course, and the same number the Diploma and the Special Advanced Courses.

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THE ASTROLOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE CLUB

The Hon. Secretary, Miss T. K. Bateson, 6 High Street, Hadley, near Wellington, Salop, tells me that she has been pleased to enrol fresh members from overseas (U.S.A., Africa, and New Zealand) and that she hopes that these will find their correspondence with British members fruitful and interesting.

Membership is open to all interested in astrology.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From H. BUNGE
Aerdenhout (Holland) Jul. v. Stolberglaan 33.

SOLAR RETURNS

As regards the Solar Returns, I feel sure the English astrologers would find it worth the while to study them. I have found that the secondary progressions often give no indication at all for important events in the life of an individual and that in such cases the SR's give the explanation. One friend of mine used to insist on my making him every year a sort of prognosis—much to my dislike in fact—but he finally stopped it as he got somewhat scared about the accuracy of the predictions. This is one example out of a long and varied experience with the SR and I have no second sight at all. In order to have good results it is, however, imperative to adhere strictly to the following principles:

(1) The SR-horoscope has no value in itself; it must be read together with the radix.

(2) When consulting the SR, one has to do with 2 sorts of aspects: the aspects formed between SR-planets and radix planets, and aspects formed between SR planets. Only such aspects must be taken into account as are formed between planets which also form an aspect *in* the radix.

EXAMPLE: Radix shows Mars conjunction Saturn.

SR shows Mars square Saturn. This would be, of course, very unfortunate.

SR shows Mars sextile Saturn of the radix: fortunate aspect.

There may be variations of a contradictory nature which make the interpretation difficult: in my experience they point to events of a contradictory nature, of good and bad passing during the solar year.

(3) Aspects from the SR to Sun, Moon and Lord of the 1st in the radix are of some importance even if the aspecting planet had no aspect with radix Sun, Moon and Lord of the 1st. The effect would be much bigger, of course, if there was an aspect in the radix.

(4) The aspects with the ascendants must be treated in the same way as under No. 2.

(5) The radix house in which the SR-asc. falls is important for the year.

These are in a nutshell the rules I use, but it is possible to write a full-size book about the matter, like those of Volguine and Kloeckler.

I take the SR to influence 6 months before and 6 months after the birthday and in this I follow the German astrologer Vehlow, but not many share this opinion. I use—since many years—the equal house division only, and the ascendant is in the *middle* of the first house.

When writing you about the fortunate position of Jupiter in 1952 for Pr. Baudouin, I was aiming at rule 3. The prince's nativity shows a sextile between Sun and Jupiter and there is an exact trine in the SR, from which one could almost conclude that the prince will not lose his authority. The SR-square between Saturn and Uranus is alarming, on account of the square these planets make in the radix and which is also in cardinal signs. A swift calculation shows that the solar ascendant falls in the 7th radix, viz. in about 12° Cancer, so that SR Uranus falls in the first SR-house. This SR-ascendant position looks rather "creepy" to me. I regret to say that our Queen is more or less affected in the same way, but she has a slightly better horoscope than the Belgian Prince. With her, too, Jupiter mitigates. It may be, however, that Jupiter will only allow them to find a safe place somewhere in the world, which wouldn't help those who stay behind. I have been five years under German occupation and it was no joke, I assure you; I trust my karma-account has received some credit-items in those years.

From (MR.) C. A. JAMES

SOME CRITICAL NOTES

The *Astrologers' Quarterly* is certainly very interesting, especially the articles by astrologers on various factors of astrological science; these can always be tested by reason and research, so long as it be done with an unbiased mind. Then only can one honestly accept or reject any theory or fancy.

Having diligently studied astrology for a long period I still consider myself a beginner; because there appears to be so much vagueness of expression and contradictory ideas among astrologers themselves. Consequently beginners get bewildered and most give it up as a bad job. The main points of difference appear to be House division and rulerships—the Nodes—Parallels—Pars Fortunae—the Hyleg—Ruling Planet, and, lastly but not least, the "Rising Sign" and its valuation. This leads one to the conclusion that there is something wrong; for with such a divergence of opinion, it cannot be otherwise.

Some minds can accept "Rule of Thumb" astrology, without question, and much sooner than later, they are found out to be very elementary.

To avoid being a "Rule of Thumb Astrologer" caused me to ask the questions as published in your *Astrologers' Quarterly* of March 1950.

They may have seemed simple questions to those who accept rules automatically, but to me they were very important, very important indeed.

Your answer to Question I: That a planet is strong when close to an angle and loses strength rapidly when just past the angle, is acceptable.

But why is a planet said to be obscure, when in a so-called Cadent House, next to an angle; when, if it be in a Succedent House, it is

stronger? Remember, the middle of a Succedent House is farthest from an angle.

The answer to Question No. 2—that the congenial character of planet-house and sign would do much to overcome the cadency of the house; but that it would never dominate the active life as it would if on an angle, is a very vague and unsatisfactory answer. I am therefore forced to respectfully ask you—What do you mean by "Active life" and "Obscurity"?

Now some people may be very happy and contented to remain in the background, and yet dominate affairs in their particular life, as a result of mental activity, without physical effort. Where then comes Obscurity?

Such a Mercury as I mentioned, in its own House and Sign and suitably aspected, should give a good mentality; as everything would be congenial. True you write—It would do much to overcome the Cadency.

But you do not explain—*Why* the 3rd house and its opposite members are called Cadent.

Now your answer to my question No. 5 is not logical. The main point of question No. 5 was—That the delineations referred to therein must have had some origin. To me the origin was based on the constellations, which you agree are "Existences."

You write, however, that these existences must not be supposed to be really groups.

Then you refer to Castor and Pollux; pointing out that one is millions of miles behind the other and not in the same line of vision.

This statement has very great importance, for to reason that way would deny any value to a conjunction of the Moon and Pluto, say, as pointed out to me by one of your readers.

I would go further and say it also denies aspectual values, in the same way that you also deny "Groups."

Regarding the "Groups." If you were far out at sea, approaching a thickly-populated coast on a clear night, you will often see in the sky "illumination" from the various townships, and varying in intensity of luminosity, near and far.

This is the resultant effect of the "Groups" of lights throughout the various towns.

They all have a focal point, which is no doubt where the Groups of lights are most numerous or powerful, or both. Now it may not be very easy to define the outer limits of one town's lights, from that of the other, and they do not run in regular sequence. But the focal point of the various townships' Groups of lights, is fairly easy to determine.

Likewise with the "Constellations," the outer boundaries may be difficult to define.

But it is the resultant effect of all the stars of which each constellation is composed, that is the fundamental factor of astrological science.

Although some stars are millions of miles behind others, it does not affect their resultant value: for astrology and its study cover the

greatest space known to man, "The Universe," wherein a million or so miles is a comparatively short distance.

The ancient astrologers studied astrology from practical observations, and discovered the effects of the Constellations and Planets on man's physical and psychic make-up, which are the roots of modern astrology. But so-called Modern Astrology has become so congested with un-natural ideas and additions since the days of the ancients, that the simple and true values of astrology are lost sight of.

Take the Signs of the Zodiac, starting from the point we call "The First Point of Aries," which you write are assuredly valid; yet you say that the Zodiac of the Constellations are valid up to a point.

This is like saying if we shift the centre line of a football field to suit a certain section of the crowd, I can still make rules to suit the altered position of the centre line.

But I would reply.—Why make new Rules? For all you have to do is shift the goal posts as well.

True, even so, the centre line will not be in the same place, but the shifting of the goal posts keeps the game in perspective for both players and spectators and everything will retain its original meaning in positions and effects.

During the past twelvemonth I have obtained sufficient evidence that people who have the last few degrees of a sign rising under the Placidus system, and hence the first few degrees of the same sign under the Sidereal Zodiac, show very strongly the characteristics of their rising sign; otherwise the characteristics are variable and confused between the two signs.

This favours the "Zodiac of the Constellations,"* and is a base for research on focal points, or points of maximum effects of the various Constellations. It will be interesting to know what beginners think of my statements, as well.

* It seems to favour the hypothesis that both Zodiacs have value. Readers are invited to comment on this interesting letter.

From (Miss) T. K. Bateson, B.A.

HISTORICAL ASTROLOGY

I enjoyed the letter you published from a German student, but I would like to comment on his remarks about the use of the fixed zodiac, and the evidence he adduces of its error based on the entry of Pluto into the signs. *First*, if all charts are converted into the sidereal zodiac, surely the Sun and ascendant signs of many countries would change too? *Second*: Traditional values cannot be said to have been destroyed more especially in 1914 than at any other time, for history shows a constant flux and shift in human viewpoints. If a real change in Western Christian standards is sought, then it will be found at the time of the Renaissance and Reformation. *Third*, revolutionary ideas which are Marxist in origin, date back to 1848, the year of the Communist Manifesto, but are only part of the general revolutionary movements of the nineteenth century, which

are Uranian surely—if they *can* be laid at the door of any one planet! *Fourth*: The origins of capitalism precede 1853, when Pluto entered the tropical sign Taurus, by very many centuries. It had begun in Europe before the Reformation, was firmly established in England before the revolution in machinery, and even the organisation of business upon a factory basis by employers possessing accumulated stocks of wealth had been in existence long enough for Marx to publish bitter denunciations of it in 1848.

May I put in a plea for historical accuracy on the part of astrologers when they use the past to support their theories?

From (Mrs.) J. L. Gee

MARRIAGE MAP COMPARISON

I am glad to see that Miss Bateson agrees with my findings on several points. But Claudius Ptolemy is wrong: It is not the Man's Moon that should trine the Woman's Sun, but the other way about. The Man's Sun should trine the Woman's Moon—this is the very best augury for an harmonious marriage.

Statistics are not good enough for astrological methods. It is not the quantity or number needed to defend or define an astrological supposition. Obviously no one person can ever examine enough comparison charts to determine aspects with exactitude.

It is the quality of the marriage that matters, and that can only be known by personal observation. This is an important and even essential point. Yet scientific astrologers hasten to give me percentages, when I ask for definitions.

I have found all Mars questions very touchy among the prudish English. Mars is the activity of sex—Venus the passivity. Even in England, it is now realised that the woman must be as active as the man, sexually. And that Mars-Mars contacts give a passionate love affair, especially in trine, when the aspect appears irresistible. I cannot argue from Miss Bateson's cases regarding children, as the full data is not given. But from my own knowledge and observation, I find Sun-Mars in the same triplicity essential. Even if the woman has a fertile map, she will not alone produce children, she needs the assistance of the male. In my case the woman with eight children, chose her husband, though she was very social, and the man she married was practically a stranger.

Queen Victoria-Prince Albert were special cases because of their position, which is in no manner typical of marriages. They had their personal devotion, but his position of Consort, certainly irked him, and is rumoured to have been the cause of quarrels. He is known to have attempted to interfere with his wife's rulership. This would be shown by the antagonistic planetary aspects. Surely this is clear enough. Miss Bateson makes the common error of not seeing marriage as a whole—and a Way of Life into which two people enter. No one map can give the relationship of two people. One map may indicate one person's reactions to situations.

But my main question is still unanswered. It is all very well giving me statistics or percentages of aspects, but, what I wish to know, and what has by no means been answered or even discussed, is:—

Given two maps of people fond of one another, what aspects shall I look for, to see if they are well matched, and can be happy together?

From my own observations, I have noted that

(1) Male Sun trine Female Moon, is benefic, marriage stable and lasting.
(2) Mars-Sun in same triplicity, marriage is fertile.
(3) Mars-Mars in same triplicity, a passionate love affair, which may or may not end in marriage.
(4) Saturn conj. Venus or Mars, stable relationship and much mutual sharing of responsibility. (No shirking!)

Once again, I stress—it is the quality of the marriage that counts. And it must be astrologically determinable, what quality of happiness or frustration is inherent in any comparison data. If human relations can be so dynamic, fluctuating, or wayward as to elude the astrological chart—what then is the use of astrology?

I can assure Miss Bateson, and others, that though Spirit is free, yet mind and body is strictly limited and causal. This world is governed by Law, and even human Love acts through definite and definable rules. If we, as interpreters fail, let us place the failure upon us, on our limited understanding, and not upon astrology which in its cryptic symbolic way, gives the key to the Universe, if we but knew how to read it.

I would welcome correspondence on this subject (27a Goldhurst Terr., London, N.W.6).

From (Mde) N. Baudot

RULERSHIP OF BRIGHTON

A very interesting study in astrology is to endeavour to discover not only the ruling sign of a town, but also the particular degree of the sign. This is only possible through noting especial events over a considerable period of time.

For many years I have observed that Brighton, known to be under the rulership of Aquarius and Uranus, has been troubled by some distressing or untoward event when 19° Aquarius is afflicted by a malefic, either directly on that especial degree, or from the opposing one in Leo. The event can take the form of a serious fire, a local crisis, or a particularly devastating storm which damages property on the seven miles of sea front.

The recent outbreak of smallpox commenced when Pluto was in or near Leo 19° and it is still continuing, since the planet will remain on that degree for some weeks, on account of retrogression on January 20th.

I believe that the malady comes largely under Pluto, and astrologically, the opposition of the planet to Aquarius 19, has caused the trouble. Mars has also been transiting the Waterbearer during the entire period of the outbreak, intensifying the incidence in this town.

It has also been noted that when the degree mentioned has the help of a benefic, some favourable event or improvement comes about.

It would be of considerable interest if astrological students would study and commit to paper any outstanding event in their own town, with particular attention to the positions of the planets at the time.

From R. C. DAVISON

DR. EINSTEIN'S NATUS

I should like to comment on the chart of Albert Einstein published in the December Quarterly.

For some time I have been making a number of very careful directional investigations based on the horoscopes of famous people. One of the charts used was that of Albert Einstein. Unfortunately, I was perplexed at the outset by the fact that two different versions of Einstein's birth time exist, the one 11.30 a.m., the other 11.30 p.m., both published by normally reliable authorities. After some deliberation I settled upon the later time as being the correct one and in support of this I should like to make the following observations.

The morning horoscope shows only one strong aspect involving the angles of the chart, the trine between the Moon and the Midheaven. The evening map, on the other hand, shows four bodies connected with the ascendant by aspect as well as a very close quincunx between the Midheaven and Venus. Furthermore the Moon, the ruler of the ascendant of the morning horoscope is supported only by a trine from Venus, a wide square from the Sun and a weak semi-square from Mars. The ruler of the ascendant of the evening chart, however, whether it be Mars or Pluto, is closely knit into a complex of four bodies including both the Sun and Jupiter. In addition the square between the Sun and Moon is now within two degrees of completion and the conjunction between Mercury and Saturn almost exact.

There are even stronger indications in the later chart to show Einstein's eminence as a thinker. Jupiter in the 3rd house is in almost exact square to the ascendant while the Part of Fortune is within a few minutes of the exact position of Jupiter. The Moon now rises in Sagittarius, the sign of a versatile, alert, searching mind.

I feel, however, that the greatest strength of the later map lies in the planetary positioning and distribution. The majority of planets are now below the earth, showing the great inner activity of the man, while Uranus is a singleton by hemisphere in the 9th house, the house of advanced learning.

Pluto in Taurus on the seventh angle symbolises the revolution in popular ideas wrought by the teachings of Einstein. It should also be noted that Einstein has survived two wives.

Most significant of all is the presence of the Sun in Pisces in the 4th house. The 4th house shows the root of the character, the instinctive and unconscious reactions of the native. Einstein has an instinctive awareness of the underlying one-ness of the Universe. It was this awareness which was the driving force behind his framing of the theory of relativity. The sextile between the Sun and Pluto shows how he is able to illuminate the group mind from the storehouse of his own instinctive consciousness.

Albert Einstein is a Plutonian. He is the last great thinker of the Piscean age, standing at the threshold of the age of Aquarius, probing the secrets of the Universe with a grasp and penetration which open up new vistas and pave the way for a new chapter in our understanding of the Cosmos.

I have purposely avoided reference to directions involving the angles of the figure—although I regard this kind of evidence as far more convincing—because I feel that readers might find such a catalogue tiresome and because it seems to me in this instance that a convincing case can be argued from the nativity as it stands without having recourse to directions.

REVIEWS

Market Forecasting, by F. C. Dutt, published by the Chirological Society, 68 Amherst Row, Calcutta. Price not stated.

This book is not only a very exhaustive study of the subject indicated by the title but also contains much that should interest any student of mundane astrology.

Mr. Dutt does not minimise the intricacy of the problems of astrological investment or pretend to set forth any simple road to success in this field; but the methods explained are sound and are presented with great lucidity.

He asserts that there is a 19-year cycle of trade activity based on the motion of the North Node. When it is in Leo we get a maximum and when in Aquarius a minimum. But, of course, there are secondary factors. He gives a graph from 1933 (☊ in Pisces-Aquarius) to 1942 (☊ in Virgo-Leo). This is founded on the index number of wholesale prices in Calcutta.

He directs ingress figures at the rate of 1° of R.A. to the day.

For corporation maps he seems to employ only the one-degree measure, plus transits and similar current considerations.

The only criticism we have to make is that he refers to the M.C. as the "zenith point" which is not correct.

Happiness in Marriage is by the same author and from the same publishers, price Re. 1/8, 3s., $0.75.

As one would suppose, it treats of the astrology of sex, the predetermination of the sex of children and similar problems.

It is noteworthy that Mr. Dutt, though a Hindu, employs the zodiac of the signs.

URANIDES.

Zodiacs, Old and New, by Cyril Fagan, F.A.F.A., President of the Irish Astrological Society. Published by the Lewellyn Foundation for Astrological Research, Los Angeles, California. Price 2 dollars. English edition (still printing), by Robert Anscombe, 291 Gray's Inn Road, London, W.C.1.

"To stop short in any research that bids fair to widen the gates of knowledge, to recoil from fear of difficulty or adverse criticism, is to bring reproach upon science."—Sir William Crooks.

With this prefix to his book before his mind, Mr. Fagan has surely approached the whole problem of the historical origins of the fixed and tropical zodiacs, both as an archaeologist, and as an astrologer. Any twentieth-century astrologer, who proudly claims the rulership of Uranus for his science but refuses to investigate thoroughly and fairly the claims of the sidereal zodiac because it shocks his customary beliefs beyond bearing, is unworthy of his calling. "To the Assyrians," says Mr. Fagan, "Nabu, 'the proclaimer,' was *par excellence* the god of astrology and prophecy, as well as being the genius of wisdom, mathematics, reading, writing, teaching and schools." He was identified with the planet Mercury. We should welcome "Zodiacs," then, as true worshippers at the shrine of wisdom, as an addition to astrological knowledge, since it explains the foundations of our science. Mr. Fagan competently discusses, clearly on the basis of careful and painstaking archaeological research, the claims of the Egyptians to have influenced Babylonian astronomy, rather than the reverse, the accepted view. It seems clear that a country which devised a calendar, based on the heliacal rising of Sirius, before the beginning of the fourth millenium B.C., according to J. H. Breasted, that great Egyptologist, must already have been practised in stellar observation. Mr. Fagan's greatest discovery is the origin of the exaltations, which have puzzled astrologers for so long. This does not, of course, mean that Mr. Fagan's conclusions are to be accepted without rigorous testing and ruthless criticism. One (apparently satisfactory) test has already appeared in Donald Bradley's *Profession and Birthdate*. But if the exaltations are to be accepted in the sidereal zodiac, then they must be proved to exist in the majority of the maps of the great, as tradition claims they should. We must beware of accepting the dicta of the past merely because the Chaldeans or Egyptians believed them. Truth is not discovered in this way. If the sidereal zodiac is to be adopted, then it must prove itself more accurate than the tropical, which is by no means infallible. Mr. Fagan includes in "Zodiacs" a most interesting account of the naming of the constellations by the Egyptians and their origin, and shows the great importance of the Moon in ancient astrology:

"in ancient times a Taurean and an Aquarian were those who had the natal Moon in these constellations." He explains the origins of the tropical zodiac, and proves that the Babylonians were aware of the precession of the vernal Point. He appends tables for the calculation of any chart in the Hypsomatic Zodiac, which he asserts began with the marking star Spica in 29° Virgo. The book also contains charts and a most interesting diagram of the Egyptian heavens of B.C. 2700. This is, I think, to be larger in the English edition, which has several other variations. This is research of the high quality to be expected from Mr. Fagan. It is a book every student should possess, as a basis for further investigation of the whole problem of the two zodiacs.

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