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EDITORIAL

Increased Size

I am pleased to announce that there should be a small increase in the number of pages in the next issue, made possible by the rise in the subscription. This is to some extent an act of faith, for about half the subscriptions fall due at this time of year and I am always a little anxious as to how many will continue their support.

A conjunction of Mars and Saturn on the 2nd day of the year, opposite my radical Moon and square radical Mercury, is perhaps not a very happy augury; but I would dearly like to maintain the 40 pp. throughout 1954. I propose to devote the extra pages to delineations of interesting nativities, not necessarily of celebrities, by representative astrologers, especially those of the rising generation.

The July Eclipse

It does not seem as if the effects of this extremely portentous phenomenon have as yet been very plain for all to see.

Trouble in Africa, yes, plenty of it. But that began long before last July.

What about New York, Holland, and Scotland, all reputedly under Cancer? I am told also by a Dutch lady that the eclipse closely affected several maps of the Dutch Royal Family.

It will be interesting to note whether the quadrature to the locus by Mars, early December, will act strongly.

Otherwise one must confess oneself disappointed as an astrologer, even if relieved as an ordinary man in the street.

Generally, Britain is feeling the benefit of a direction in the 1801 map which I have referred to on more occasions than one, hopefully: to wit, Jupiter slowly passing by secondary direction

over its radical place. One cannot have too much of that sort of thing. It goes from this conjunction to sextile r. Uranus in 1956.

Is Horary Astrology Reliable?

There has been a certain amount of doubt cast lately upon the reliability of this very ancient branch of our art.

On the face of it one might say that if the claims of those who practise it were true, the world would make tracks to their doors, for they would hold the key to fortunes. Even starting with a very small sum, one would soon build up a substantial competency if one could be sure of the veridical character of the advice given one in regard to investments.

Nevertheless there can be no question that highly proficient astrologers practise horary astrology and assert that they are as often right as any other astrologer.

One type of question I have never been able to solve satisfactorily and that is what one might call the "second party" kind, by which I mean questions that arise in one's mind about someone else. If X asks me direct, shall I get this job? I believe one would obtain a correct answer; but if, being concerned as to X's chances, one casts the figure oneself, on one's own initiative, the answer has, in my experience, seldom been clear or correct. Perhaps I should say that most often it is not clear, and in that case it is certain that the best place for the figure is the waste-paper basket; it is a great mistake to try to force a reply from a reluctant map! I believe that is where many students go wrong.

In my experience a plain answer is usually, perhaps always, correct, but often a plain answer is denied, perhaps because the question involves too intricate considerations.

For example, X asks, shall I be happy if I marry Y: well, one might get Moon conjunction Venus in the 7th or one might get Venus conjunction Uranus there, and in each case the answer would be fairly obvious. But marriage is rarely a clear-cut affair matter of happiness or misery; and the figure would often be obliged, as it were, to be ambiguous.

If there are these awkward and to my mind difficult "second party" questions, there are also the personal ones, as when one asks about one's own chances in this or that direction. These seem to me fairly reliable, though perhaps not so often as the direct sort, when someone else writes or speaks to the astrologer.

I have cast a good many figures in my time about investments suggested to me—tips, if you like. These I have always marked beforehand with a judgment and the results have been pretty correct. But I have had to learn as I went, for the

ordinary text-book interpretations have not always satisfied me. Now that no one has anything to invest I feel I can make pretty good play with this type of question; but it is a case of "Si la jeunesse savait; si la vieillesse pouvait!"

However, I am not writing an article upon the astrology of investment, fascinating though the subject is to many people with a prominent Taurus element. Let me give this one piece of advice: "*Don't forget Fortuna.*"

My view is that horary astrologers can probably produce as reliable results as other students in their several branches, provided they do not try to say too much and are ready, when faced with an obscure map, to refuse judgment, just as a doctor might refuse to give a definitive opinion upon a case which presented confused and contradictory symptoms. When the matter has come to its conclusion, it will be found why the figure was undecided.

Progressed Aspects and Transits

I am desirous of collecting data for a work on the effects of progressed aspects between the planets, to be modelled on *Astrological Aspects* and to be based on deductions from actual cases, the more the better.

Will readers send me particulars of their (or their friends') experience with all or any *major* directions?

It is only necessary to state:

The direction, e.g. Sun sextile Mars.

The nature of the same, e.g. whether post-natal or pre-natal secondary, one degree, or otherwise.

The approximate *age* when it occurred, and the *sex*.

The objective and subjective "effects" concisely stated.

Each case on a separate sheet please!

It would be advisable not to send cases wherein the aspected body is in *close* aspect with another in the natus because obviously in such instances two directions, perhaps of quite contrary values, would fall together in time and it would often be impossible to separate their correlations.

Particulars of house or sign emplacements are not needed, as it is impossible to deal with all such ramifications, which, in a sufficient number of cases, would tend to "iron out," leaving the essential value of the contact to stand forth.

It is possible that the results of this investigation will hardly run to a book; but that remains to be seen.

Readers who send cases will, I am sure, understand that it will not be possible to discuss them by correspondence. The help will nevertheless be appreciated.

Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology

Arrangements have been made with the Theosophical Publishing House to produce a fourth edition of this my first book. It should be ready early in 1954 and the price will be 12s. 6d.

Although this book is sketchy in nature and is really, as I sometimes tell myself, little more than a collection of notes, it has always been a good seller and so must be assumed to fill a need. Also it is gratifying to find that suggested local zodiacal area values have for the most part stood the test of time and often receive strong corroboration from those who study them.

Yet so far as I know this fruitful field of astrological study has been ignored on the Continent and in the United States; and even in Great Britain has been used but not enlarged by fresh investigations. Surely my amateurish researches did not find all the diamonds in that particular mine!

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NEWS FROM THE FACULTY

By M. E. H.

Invitation Evening

This yearly function took place on September 21st. As usual it was a pleasure for the Principal and Council to welcome their guests. Many remarks were made about the happy atmosphere of the occasion, this probably being due to the formation of the Club, since many representatives of the six Faculty "years" are now not strangers to each other, thanks to that development.

The Thursday Club

The Map Discussion Evening continues to attract keen astrologers, providing much-needed post-graduate work. Members bring interesting news of their own consultative activities and take their turns in leading discussions on the analyses of charts.

For the Research and Topics Evening a project has been embarked upon which will keep the members busy for many months. Its aim is that which is so well expressed on the back

cover of every issue of *Astrology*, "to study and promulgate astrological truth." To this end, the attempt is to be made to devise experiments by which statistical evidence may be collected in order to show the truth of the basic concepts of astrology. On the principle of "first things first" it was decided that the basis of all astrological belief was the theory that there is a correlation between something inherent in each planet and a certain receptivity and reaction in human beings which can be observed in the form of events and feelings of the nature expected in this connection according to traditional beliefs.

It was realised that it is difficult to investigate the performance of anything while static; that, even though a proposed method of work meant the introduction of the yet unproven theory of what is known as the day-for-a-year method of assessing tendencies in a life for any given period, it would be advisable to state that astrologers consider that *contact of any planet by the Sun is a vitalising contact*, so that a planet should show its nature particularly at such times and that there should be a correlation in the life of a person during the year when this occurred.

After an evening of intense discussion of the choice of descriptive phrases to use in relation to each planet, a second evening was spent in the scrutiny of some four hundred charts in order to pick out those in which there were planets in ecliptical degrees later than the Sun, a list being made of the years when the Sun progressed to these. Suitably worded forms were then sent to the people concerned asking whether, in fact, "Events or feelings of a type as described did indeed occur."

Naturally, there must be many difficulties in dealing with replies which depend on human testimony. Many people cannot remember in which year events occurred. Others are over-anxious to make their replies fit the questions. Results which have come in show that, in the main, *correlation is given far more than denial of correlation*. It appears that people remember *change* more vividly than anything else in life, this being shown by the answers to the questions in relation to the Moon and Uranus. Readers will be interested in some extracts from answers about the conjunction of progressed Sun to the latter planet.

(*a*) Yes, everything crashed around me and I had to make a fresh start; (*b*) Yes, disagreements at home were the forerunners of new conditions; (*c*) Emphatically yes, the disruptive effects were most acute; (*d*) Yes, on the very day of my departure to a post abroad, my chief died and the whole thing was thrown into the melting-pot; (*e*) broke off engagement.

In *The Imprisoned Splendour*,* a fine book recently written by R. C. Johnson, is this paragraph: "Answers which satisfy the questionings of one age prove wholly unsatisfying in the thought-climate of another. In this scientific age, we are concerned not with *beliefs* but with knowledge; we have rejected the sanctions of authority for those of understanding. It is better that we should suffer and grow through our adventures and re-discovery than remain as children in a paradise of dreams." This can well be taken to heart by astrologers. The mass of statements received provide work for many lines of enquiry. It is hoped that such "adventures and re-discoveries" as are made through it may produce what is required by an astronomer who wrote recently "only if evidence is forthcoming shall I be able to revise my opinion of astrology."

The Opening of a Research Fund

The Council of the Faculty has realised that it is too much to expect extensive work in research to be done voluntarily. It would like to offer some recompense to Club members who have shown themselves willing and capable of helping in the various projects. It has therefore decided to open a Research Fund. It was noticed that in many letters accompanying the replies to the questionnaire, writers expressed appreciation of the fact that such an organisation as the Faculty was making this special effort in modern critical factual manner and it is thought that these and others who share their feelings would like to help by sending donations. A letter signed by the Principal and Vice-Principals has been prepared, announcing the opening of this fund. Copies will be obtainable from the signatories by any astrologer who would like to send one to friends who may be interested. Donations already received, even before these letters have been sent out, amount to nearly £60.

The Theory of the Pre-natal Epoch

A few more facts have been put before Club members. A list of births at the Maternity Hospital in Tromso (lat. 69° 42′ N.) for every day in 1951 has been received and gives the same testimony as that from the Statistical Bureau of Oslo, which is that births take place on the days for which no epoch map can be erected, just as on any other days. To this hospital, a letter was sent asking whether there was any truth in the notions stated by correspondents to *Astrology*, that there was "irregu-

* *The Imprisoned Splendour*, by R. C. Johnson, M.A.(Oxon), Ph.D., D.Sc.(Lond.). Hodder and Stoughton, 1953.

larity in the gestatory period in high latitudes" and that procreation might be less possible in the winter. These ideas are *not* corroborated by those with experience on the spot. An answer has been given to one query as to the existence of any statistics which show that procreation takes place less in winter than summer in the extreme north. From the list for 1951, the month with the highest number of births is May with 66 but the next highest is October with 64. Going back nine months it will be seen that there is a difference of only two between the pregnancies which began in the previous January and August. Members were already in possession of the facts required by the letter-writer who was so "amused" by the "primitive and grossly unscientific experiment" in which no use of the theory was able to rectify slightly altered birth-times correctly when the right times were known by which to check their answers. It was pointed out that the first "lapse from scientific standards" which he instanced (lack of latitude and longitude of birthplace) must be due to careless reading of *Astrology*, Vol. 27, No. 2, p. 48, where it is stated "all births took place about ten miles north of London." His second objection was that "the dates of coition and contiguous menstrual periods should have been given." It was noted that there is, on p. 49 of the same issue of *Astrology*, a comment that a statement was signed by the doctor saying that all births were full time and normal (thus giving the deduction required from the data requested). With regard to time of conception, facts have been requested from a doctor who states that there is no extension in medical knowledge on this point; that this time is still unknown. Thus, in the case of a woman travelling, especially on a journey of several days by air, neither the time nor the latitude nor the longitude of conception could be ascertained.

AT THE LODGE

By R. C. D. AND J. M. A.

THE Summer Session opened on April 20th with a lecture by Miss D. H. Harris on "God—The Invisible Sun." The Sun was the astrological symbol of the Divine Centre in man, while each of the twelve zodiacal signs was a small proportion of the circle of perfection through which the Sun worked in order to make manifest the divine qualities of the sign. These divine qualities blossomed slowly as the result of lifetimes of effort. Minerals plants, animals, as well as human beings, were divine in essence

Gods in the making. The position of the Sun in the signs gave a clue to the lessons to be learned during the life, but gave no indication of the native's stage of attainment, for in Pisces, the sign of Fulfilment, a saint or a wastrel might come to birth.

The ruler of the native's Sun sign represented the aspect of God with which he would be most concerned. The planetary influences did not impinge on us from without; they were part of us and we part of them. By meditation and quiet reflection it was possible to gain a deeper understanding of their nature and by so doing ultimately to attain fulfilment, becoming in actuality that which we are in essence.

At 8.20 Mr. R. C. Davison led a discussion on "The Duration of Life." Various rules and aphorisms had been handed down purporting to have a bearing on this matter but unfortunately there were always exceptions which tended to undermine confidence in some of them.

The speaker produced two horoscopes of people who had died as a result of heart disease. The first was a girl, born on October 16, 1907, 35 N. 120 W., 2.00 p.m. L.M.T., and the second was a man born on October 6, 1855, 39 N. 54, 76 W., 1.00 a.m. L.M.T. Both horoscopes had a fixed sign rising, both had the Sun in Libra with Moon and Mars rising and Mars in opposition to Jupiter. The girl died at the age of fourteen but the man died at seventy, having used heart stimulants for many years. The girl's horoscope showed the greater afflictions, which centred on the sixth and eighth houses, while the Aselli and Caput Medusae opposed the ascendant and midheaven respectively. Difficult directions were encountered from the age of ten onwards. This was probably one of the factors which turned the scales against her.

Mr. Davison also cited the case of twins born on August 30, 1896, London, at 6.33 a.m. and 7.27 a.m. G.M.T., respectively. The first twin died almost immediately after birth, the second was still living although in bad health as a result of having been gassed in World War I. The elder twin had ascendant square Neptune and Part of Fortune conjunction Mars square Sun. The Pre-Natal Epoch for the earlier chart, occurring on November 12, 1895, showed Sun in Scorpio in close conjunction with Uranus, and Mars in conjunction with Saturn in the same sign. The Pre-Natal Epoch of the younger twin, occurring on December 10, 1895, escaped these afflictions.

There were two subjects for discussion at the "Lodge Forum" on April 27th. The first, "Is Neptune a Malefic?" was introduced by Mr. Davison, who said that although some astrologers had hardly a good word to say for Neptune, it was possible to find nativities where progressions involving Neptune had

signified great benefits, which often materialised as a result of the native's powers of diplomacy, manœuvrability, adaptability or compassion for those less well placed. Neptune demanded from the native complete integrity and a willingness to renounce all that he held dear. Those who held Neptune in poor esteem were probably swayed by the fact that the planet was the enemy of fixed limits, narrow minds, set ideas and stereotyped emotional reactions, and so tended to upset the comfortable feeling of security and stability.

Mr. Carruthers suggested that the extra-normal sensitivity bestowed by Neptune served to increase both enjoyment and suffering. Miss Buddicom said that Neptune gave the native the power either to soar or to wallow, while Mrs. Jaffa thought that the power of mental picturisation, one of the gifts of Neptune, often brought good results.

Mr. Winyard then introduced the subject of "Aspects to Mars." He confined himself to aspects from Venus, Saturn and Neptune. He asked his audience whether they considered that women with Mars in good aspect to Venus are too independent to marry, whether those born with the two planets in conjunction are soon calmed after anger and whether, under the square aspect, married people tend to become separated. Further points raised for discussion were, whether the conjunction between Saturn and Mars brought a liability to physical suffering, and whether good aspects between Mars and Neptune denoted a flair for detecting insincerity. A certain amount of support for each of these ideas was forthcoming. It was also emphasised that Mars-Venus contacts had a particular bearing on childhood and adverse aspects between them often denoted an unhappy early home life. Natives with Mars-Saturn contacts were often toughened by the discipline of a hard life. The Mars-Neptune contact frequently indicated a great capacity for enthusiasm.

At 8.20 Mr. M. B. Machin, making his first appearance on the Lodge platform, put forward "An Aid to the Assessment of Aspectual Strength." His system consisted of graduated scales of "points" allotted according to the nearness to exactitude of the aspect. These scales were adjusted so that any aspect, major or minor, scored full points if it was exact. In the case of conjunctions, oppositions, squares and trines, an orb of 10° was allowed; in the case of sextiles, 5°; and in the case of semi-sextiles, semi-squares, sesqui-quadrates and quincunxes 2½°. For every 6′ by which aspects in the first category fell short of exactitude 1 point was deducted. In the case of sextiles, 1 point was deducted for every 3′ by which aspects fell short of exactitude, while in the remaining category 2 points were deducted

for the same amount of arc. Thus, while it was possible for an exact minor aspect to be as powerful as a major aspect, the power of the former diminished much more rapidly as the distance from exactitude increased. This system of allocating points could be adapted to fit other orbs. Members showed much interest in the system and agreed that it might usefully be employed in cases where the main aspectual strength of a horoscope was not readily apparent.

Which department of astrology is most in need of improvement? This was one of several thoughtful and stimulating questions sent in to the Brains Trust held on May 4th. Most members put forward a plea for greater and more thorough research work, involving the intelligent use of statistics. Mr. Gauntlett thought that much needed to be done on the predictive side. Weather prediction by astrology was hardly more accurate than the forecasts of the meteorologists! Mr. Carter and Mr. Addey both drew attention to the wide scope for research offered by the cycles which could be traced in history.

The Brains Trust were also invited to put forward a good word for aspects of stress between the Moon and Saturn, the Sun and Uranus, and Mercury and Jupiter. The first pair often taught the native control and gave him an appreciation of the value of concentration. Such an aspect was often found in the horoscopes of highly moral persons. The Sun in adverse aspect with Uranus was sometimes the signature of genius, especially of that type which must cleave his way through life regardless of convention. Mercury in adverse aspect with Jupiter implied a clash between reason and faith, so that the native was forced to study deeply in order to resolve this conflict.

At 8.20 Mrs. J. Mullins, another newcomer to the Lodge platform, presented a short and extremely well-thought-out paper on "Interpretation—the Constructive Approach." The study of astrology was the study of life itself. In the ultimate, astrology was the macrocosm, the cosmic plan. It was significant at all levels, but each astrologer could but comprehend and interpret the cosmic message in terms of his own level of development and could only pass on that message in a form commensurate with the development of those who consulted him. Broadly speaking, there were three levels of development attained by present-day humanity. The speaker classified these as Superior, Average and Instinctive. It was easiest to predict the reactions of those who were as yet still at the Instinctive level. Those who had attained the Average level were guided to a certain extent by their rational faculties and their reactions, although modified, could be foreseen with a measure of accuracy. On the other hand, those who had reached the

Superior level had developed their rational and some of their yet higher faculties to such a degree that they were far removed from the "puppet" stage of the Instinctive class; and it was difficult to suggest with accuracy how they might react to any given planetary stimulus. The practising astrologer had always to be on his guard against projecting his own ideas and reactions into the reading he was giving.

Between the scientific teachings of Plato's day and the new concepts of modern science there exists a huge gap. The modern astrologer is probably the only person who can help to bridge this. This was the message contained in Mr. L. L. Sego's lecture on "The Cosmic Language of Astrology," given on May 11th. It was possible by means of mechanics to describe the movements of the planets. It was not possible so to describe the Sun's movement as it hurtled through space at a speed of twelve miles per second, drawing with it the whole solar system. Scientists could not make up their minds about the nature of Light, much less about the Sun's motion, which was partly spiral in character. The lecturer then demonstrated by means of an ingenious device constructed of wire some of the intricate spiral movements which take place in the planetary system. He reminded the audience that they, too, shared in the principles of the solar system and it was for this reason that the movement of the planets in the heavens could be interpreted in terms of human activities.

At 8.20 Mr. Addey led a discussion in the absence of Mr. Freedman who, unfortunately, was ill. He quoted a list drawn up by Cyril Fagan purporting to show that those born with the Sun in the *constellation* Aries but in the *sign* Taurus were more correctly described by the constellation sign. There was little support from the meeting for this idea. Mr. Addey then drew attention to the *Astrological Quarterly Review*, edited by R. Marshall Harmer, which contained much worthwhile material and was deserving of support from all serious astrologers. He concluded by reading the newly-prepared "Code of Ethics" of the Faculty of Astrological Studies. It was generally agreed that if all astrologers lived up to the standards of behaviour laid down in the Code, the dignity of the science would benefit immeasurably.

Although it is not unknown for some of the discussions at the Lodge to develop into miniature debates it is some years since a full scale debate has been held. It was largely as a result of Mr. Addey's enthusiastic sponsorship that on May 18th a lively evening was spent debating the motion "That this Lodge views with scepticism attempts to align astrology with the modern scientific outlook and considers such efforts to be

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premature." The principal speakers were Rupert Gleadow for' and Leo Topis against, the motion. Dr. Roosedale and Mrs' Hone were the respective seconders. Speakers for the motion pointed out that the rules of astrology were deeply rooted in religion and philosophy. Astrology was much more than a science, while the interpretation of astronomical facts was an art. Inspiration and intuition played a large part in interpretation. Modern Science was prone to regard Theory as Truth before it was established on a basis of proved fact.

The opposition suggested that it was the task of science to prove facts and to establish the reliability of experience. Through science came the knowledge of changes in the solar system which were of prime importance to astrologers. Intuition and a philosophical and religious background were of value only when combined with a scientific approach. If astrology were not organised scientifically it was likely ultimately to become completely taboo.

Members thought that some scientists were becoming more tolerant in their attitude to astrology. The scientific approach, although useful, was limited in application, while modern scientists were continually shifting their basis of reference. Astrology had nothing to fear from true Science which must eventually help to establish Universal Truth.

The debate took up the whole evening. The motion was lost by ten votes to seventeen, several of the audience abstaining from voting.

Seldom has a Lodge lecture achieved the topicality of Mrs. Sudbury Hurren's talk on June 1st on "The Symbolism of the Coronation." Never before had the Coronation ceremony been opened up to the subjects of the monarch to such a large extent through the medium of wireless and television, amenities of the new Aquarian age. If, as was possible, Harold was crowned at Westminster Abbey, Queen Elizabeth would be the fortieth monarch to be crowned there. The symbolism of the number forty and its connection with enlightenment was well known to students of occultism, so that Elizabeth's reign probably marked a most important period in the spiritual life of the British nation. Certain places in Britain, notably Glastonbury, Canterbury and Iona were known to be centres of magnetic influence. Another such locality was London's Parliament Square which, as the centre where laws were made, was probably under the rule of Saturn and Capricorn. The Coronation Stone, said by some to be an altar-stone from Atlantis, must also be considered as largely Saturnian. St. Stephen, also associated with Parliament Square, produced another Saturnian link as he suffered the cruel fate of being stoned to death.

Mrs. Hurren concluded a most interesting lecture by demonstrating how the Houses of Parliament were constructed on the principle of the cube and by explaining the significance of the Coronation regalia.

At 8.20 Mr. Campbell spoke on "Mid-points." The importance of these had been made abundantly clear earlier in the session by Leo Topis in his lecture on Earthquakes. Mr. Campbell gave examples of the use of mid-points in the natal map, in directions, and in the comparison of horoscopes, when they were frequently found in evidence.

When the mid-points of two pairs of planets coincided this would always be revealed as a significant point. In directional astrology, if for example, Venus came to the mid-point of Venus and Jupiter in the natus, then an event of the nature of Venus and Jupiter was indicated.

On June 8th Mr. Carter's lecture took an unusual form. He showed by means of the epidiascope seven or eight *pairs* of horoscopes each of which presented a striking contrast. They included, for example, the maps of a talkative man and a Trappist monk; of a tall, thin lady and a short, stout one; a confirmed grumbler and a very long-suffering person; a nun and a high-ranking army officer born on the same day; an extremely generous person and a rather mean one. Mr. Carter emphasised that none of these maps had been chosen to exemplify particular horoscopic features but simply by virtue of the contrast they embodied. Some were difficult, he thought; some easy.

The Lodge had an opportunity to examine the maps, two by two, and to express their views on which was which. Finally, a vote was taken on each pair and it redounds greatly to the credit of the Lodge that in every single case the distinction between the maps was correctly made—in most cases by a good majority.

At 8.20 a discussion of the forthcoming fearsome eclipse in Cancer took place. This was led by Mr. Delmar Morgan, who gave the proceedings a good start by outlining the basic astronomical and astrological factors connected with eclipses. In the ensuing discussion, which ranged over the possible and probable effects in the various Cancerian countries and in individual maps, Brigadier Firebrace said that he found it well-nigh inconceivable that the armistice in Korea (the terms of which had been settled and which was expected to be signed at any hour), should be concluded during the month prior to such a war-like configuration. The unexpected mass outbreaks of prisoners which followed a day or two later did in fact wreck the armistice.

On June 15th Miss Buddicom lectured on "Electional Astrology," giving a most comprehensive survey of the more reliable rules laid down for making elections. Miss Buddicom pointed out that the subject was full of difficulties; it was hardly possible to get a perfect election and under bad personal directions it was usually a case of trying to make the best of a bad job. It was a good idea to aim at making the election blend fortunately with one's own map, for this would augur well for the matter which was to be begun. The lecture was illustrated from Flamsteed's supposed election for the founding of Greenwich Observatory, but it was questioned if this was a serious attempt at an election, and, if it was, most members felt it was a very poor one.

At 8.20 Mr. Carter spoke about the Map for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II which took place at Westminster at 12.32 p.m. B.S.T., on June 2, 1953. The map was an exceptionally fine one in which Jupiter was exactly culminating in Gemini and the Lights were in close trine in air, the Sun also being elevated.

Assuming the map to be valid for the period of the coming reign, it foreshadowed a most fortunate era for the nation with an ever-increasing measure of cultural and moral leadership. This seemed to be the main strength of the map and it was a moot point how far the trine from Mercury conjunct Mars could offset the dubious value of Saturn conjunct Neptune as a second house influence—that is, in the sphere of our economic life.

In the discussion Mr. Addey drew attention to some particularly strong links between this map, the Queen's natus, and the traditional map for the City of London. The conquest of Everest, announced on the eve of the Coronation, was deemed to link up well with the culminating Jupiter.

TERTIARY DIRECTIONS

By Brigadier R. C. Firebrace, C.B.E.

For a long time we astrologers have used the Primary and Secondary systems of directing, although in this country Primary Directions have largely gone out of fashion. Dr. Troinski, of West Berlin, has now given us Tertiary Directions, which he has expounded in his book *Das Weltschicksalsjahr 1959* (1959—The Year of Fate), which, besides dealing with

Mundane Astrology according to this system, is also a textbook for Tertiary Directions.

Primary Directions are based on the rotation of the earth and the measure used is 1° to 1 year, aspects being formed *in coelo* within 2 to 3 hours after birth. Secondary Directions are based on the revolution of the earth, the measure being 1 day after birth is equivalent to 1 year.

Tertiary Directions are based on the formula "One Tropical Lunar Month after birth equals one day after birth." A Tropical Lunar Month is the time taken for the Moon to return to its own position. One day is therefore added on to the birth-day every time the Moon returns to its own position in the birth map. This may be calculated from an ephemeris, but with greater ease from the excellent tables given in Dr. Troinski's book, which unfortunately is so far only available in German. The time of the rotation and equally that of the revolution of the Moon being approximately 27 days 7 hours 43 minutes, there are about 13 lunar months in the solar year, and thus 13 days will be added to the birth-day for every year of life. This approximation is only given to show the general working of this system, and is not sufficiently accurate for the calculation of the Tertiary Directions. The resultant map is always calculated for the birth-place and the birth-time.

Let us give an example to try to make the principle clearer in practice. At the age of 30 years the Moon will have completed 401 revolutions. If a Tertiary Map is desired for the 30th birthday, add 401 days to the birth-date and calculate, using birth-time and place for the day so arrived at. The tables save all trouble in counting lunar revolutions and in the forward reckoning of the day. If it is wished to calculate a Tertiary Map for any day of life which actually falls between lunar revolutions, the position of the Moon must be interpolated, and that of the faster-moving planets may be interpolated if greater accuracy is required.

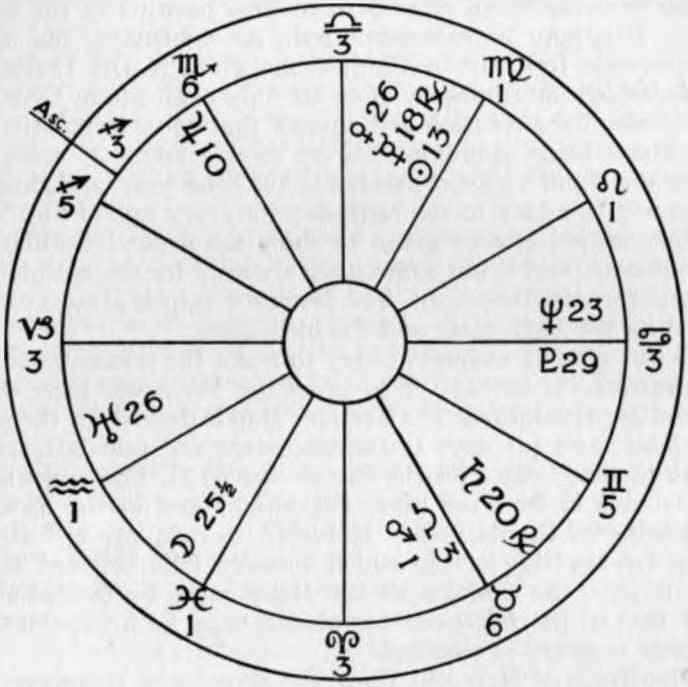
The Tertiary Map will show the progressed to progressed positions of the planets. This map in itself is often striking, but these progressed positions should also be related to the radix. Dr. Troinski considers that these Tertiary Maps themselves are often more striking when the Moon is strongly placed in the radix. Particularly in mundane maps are they effective, for here the Moon (representing the people) is always of importance. He considers, however, that important events will be marked by some striking configuration in the Tertiary Map, which has itself a strong relationship to the radix. These directions are not intended to replace the Primary or Secondary, in which Dr. Troinski has full belief, but, supplementing these,

often give a very clear picture of the event. In the opinion of the writer, who has made a lengthy independent investigation of these directions, the claims put forward by Dr. Troinski in his book are fully justified. Tertiary Directions are of great importance to the student of the art of prognostication and, above all, to the student of Mundane Astrology. In this latter

FATAL ACCIDENT

Case 2, Symbolic Directions (Carter)

(*House Division, Equal in R.A. from M.C.*)



realm the numerous maps given in Dr. Troinski's book are most impressive.

As the title of the book shows, Tertiary Directions foreshadow serious world conditions for the period about 1959. From 1958 to 1960 adverse directions appear in the maps of most countries and also in those of their rulers. There is often a strong Mars-Saturn aspect in these maps which Troinski shows has in the past often been present during warlike periods. A few examples are given below, all for this period.

United Kingdom.—March 1959: ♂ ☌ Asc. ☉ ☿ ♄ on I.C., ♂ ad ♄ r.
October 1959: ♂ ☌ Asc. ad ♄r, ☉ ♄ ☌ I.C.

U.S.S.R.—March 1959: ☉♂ ☽ (Eclipse) ☌ ♂ □ ♄ ☿♂♂ r ♂ ALGOL, ♄ ☌ Asc. ☌ ☽ r.
1960: Total Solar Eclipse ☌ ♂.

United States.—March 1959: ☽ ☌ ☉ r♂♂ ♄ on Asc. Desc. for ♎ Asc.

Queen Elizabeth II.—1960: ☽♂♂ □ ♄, M.C. ☌ ♃♂♂ ♆ r.

King Baudouin.—1960: Solar Eclipse in 8th♂♂ e □ ♄ e □ PL.

Belgium.—1960: Solar Eclipse♂ ☿ ☌ REGULUS.

A striking example is given in the map for the U.S.S.R. for which Troinski takes 8 a.m. G.M.T. 7th November, 1917, Leningrad, as the radix data. The Tertiary Map gives ♄ ☌ M.C. ☌ ☽ r ♂ ☽ ☿ □♂. The conjunction of ♄ with the M.C. is in itself some confirmation of the correctness of the time, but even if this is not accepted the aspects are impressive. At the end of the war in 1945 there is in the Tertiary Map ☉ ☌♀☌ ☉ r △ ♃ with M.C. △ ☿ r.

In 1959 the Tertiary Map shows a similar formation to that of 1941—namely ♄ ☌ ☽ r □♂ □ ☉ ☽ (eclipse).

In 1933 in the 1871 map for Germany the tertiary ☉ conjoined ♂ in ♌ with heavy afflictions from ♄. Exactly the same formation appears in the U.S.S.R. Tertiary for 1959!

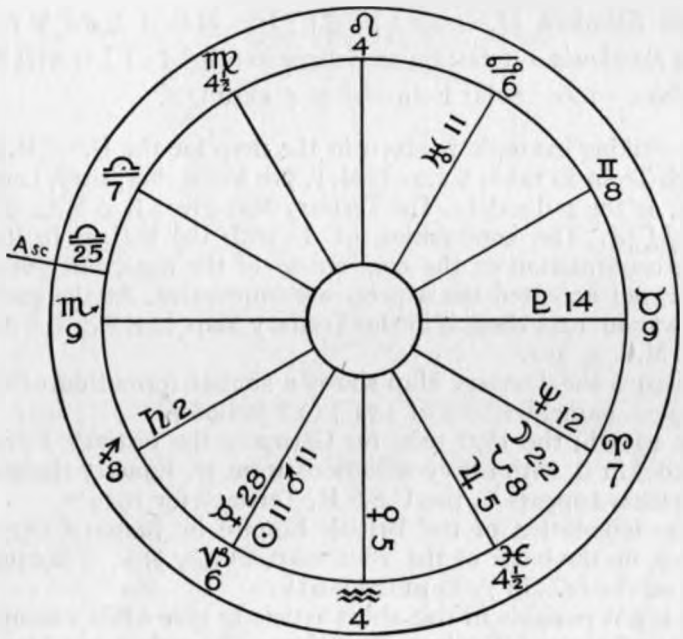
The foundation of the British Empire in January 1877 is shown, on the basis of the 1801 map, by ☉, ☽, ♀, ♃ conjunction on the I.C., in △ to the radical ♀.

It is not possible in this short article to give other examples of the efficacy of Tertiary Directions. The writer has himself calculated upwards of 150 maps and has formed the definite opinion that they are extremely valuable, in many cases showing with great clarity the type of event which occurred. It is clear that in the judgment of these maps house position plays a great part. Here it must be made clear that Troinski is a follower of Placidus. The writer is not in that position and has calculated his maps on the basis of an equal division from the M.C. in Right Ascension. The cusp of the 1st house will therefore be what Mr. Carter has called the Eastern Point. Whether this system of House Division is accepted or not, there seems little doubt that this Eastern Point is of great value. Aspects have often been found to be much closer when calculated in R.A., and the attention of researchers is directed to these two points.

Dr. Troinski now makes use of another measure which falls

earlier in the life. This is "one lunar revolution equals one earth revolution, or one lunar month equals one year." It is believed that this measure has already been put forward by the Church of Light, U.S.A. Using these two measures, the same aspects in coelo will be formed at different dates in the

TERTIARY MAP FOR DEATH OF KING GEORGE V
(*House Division, Equal in R.A. from M.C.*)



☉ ☌ ☍ ☌ ♅ □ Ψ ☽ (exact in R.A.). ♀ on I.C. ☌ ☍ r.
Afflictions to ☍ ruler radix and ruler 8 H r.

life. Dr. Troinski believes that the event which took place at the earlier date will in substance be repeated at the later date, thus facilitating the interpretation of the Tertiary Map. One example which he gives is the wounding of Hitler in October 1916 being shown by exactly the same aspects in the more rapid measure, as was his death in April 1945 by the Tertiary Map. Here is a further point for study.

If sufficient astrologers are interested, the writer will try to make available the tables which facilitate the calculation of these Tertiary maps.

BASIC ASTROLOGICAL POINTS OF VIEW

By the EDITOR

A lecture given at the Astrological Lodge, September 28, 1953.

In the Syllabus of the Lodge this series of papers was entitled "Basic Laws of Astrology." But my desire was not so much to propound or suggest "laws" in the usual sense of this word, as to enunciate certain points of view which seem to me to be probably (in some sense at any rate) true and which, properly understood, might correct our approach to some of our problems.

Proposition One—Anthropo-Cosmic Relationship.

The life of man, in terms of both character and circumstance, is intimately related to the motions of the Cosmos.

Proposition Two—Coincidence of Similars.

By a movement, which can only be described as cryptic, similar natures and conditions are drawn together in time and space.

In modern thought man is commonly regarded as part of Nature and of the Cosmos. In Eastern philosophic thought the same conception seems general because of the great stress laid upon the unity of all life in those forms of thought. But in the Trismegistic writings man is regarded as a distinct Head, the other two being the Divine and the Cosmic; and Christian thought has also always taken the view that man is essentially different from other creatures.

It hardly concerns us to discuss this theoretical question, however important it may be from other points of view. Astrology is founded upon the knowledge (for we need not in this matter talk apologetically of "belief") that human life is intimately connected and interwoven with the motions of the Cosmos.

Astrology as such is not bound to any religious standpoint. An astrologer may be an agnostic, a Buddhist, a Christian, a Jew or an Islamite. But he is bound to accept certain postulates. He must regard the Cosmos as intelligible, for as an astrologer he is constantly seeking to understand it and to translate its language into human speech. If it is intelligible then it must be ordered, as in fact the word Cosmos denotes, and this fact is evinced by the validity of natural laws.

To some it would appear a necessary inference that an ordered universe must emanate from a unitary source, and that, since it is intelligible, it must have proceeded from Intelligence. However, these inferences lie outside the bounds of astrology as usually understood. They can be drawn by

persons quite ignorant of astrology; and on the other hand, a very good astrologer need not bother about them. That is to say, a very good astrologer in a technical sense.

Jung has written that "whatever is born or done in this moment of time has the qualities of this moment of time". As applied to the nativity, this implies that each moment of time has an occult quality which is akin to the ego that enters terrestrial life as a separate being at that moment. I do not say that this dictum *explains* anything, but it is a true statement of *fact*, as the astrologer sees it. Since time and space are intimately connected, both are involved, and the nativity is a diagrammatic portrayal of certain cosmic factors at the moment of birth. These factors are those which the astrologer finds by experience to be most significant for his work, some using factors that others ignore, such as Cauda and Caput Draconis, Pars Fortunae, and the other Points and Parts.

All, I think, agree that nothing is more important for the individual than the precise ecliptical degree (perhaps one should write, the precise degree, minute and second of arc) that is intersected by the horizon at the instant of birth.

But the quality is indeed "occult" and most of us can scarcely even speculate why this particular link exists.

Even more difficult is to answer the question why a particular ego comes to birth at that precise moment under that precise constellation. To say that it happens fortuitously would be to deny the essential order of the Cosmos. To say that all egos are, prior to the moment of birth, alike, and that the stellar configurations imprint themselves upon them at the moment of birth and so make them what they are, would be absurd and patently at variance with facts. For example, children born with Mars in exact aspect to the ascendant tend, in racial groups that are liable to red hair, to be born with that signature. But the fact that a child will have red hair is determined long before the moment of birth.

To the writer the most plausible and helpful view is that like is drawn to like by a principle that I have called the Coincidence of Similars (Proposition 2 above). This, like Jung's *qualitas occulta*, is highly "occult" in the sense that it postulates a point of view quite foreign to orthodox thought, so far as I am aware. But it would seem that the infant is drawn to birth at a moment when the cosmic conditions agree with its own nature *and its own destiny*—which is still more "occult". The pattern extends into time and space, and the child whose father will die when he is thirty years of age will be born with Saturn 30° east of his midheaven—or with some similar indication. So too will the child's brothers and sisters. The sceptic

may well cry "Absurd!"; the astrologer can but rejoin "But true".

We are plainly dealing with facts that modern science could test if it wishes, but which cannot as yet be assimilated to any world-view known to me. Even professed occultists and esotericists seem unable to throw any clear light upon our astrological findings, so it would seem best, for the present, not to try to align ourselves with any school of thought, but to maintain and cultivate our own ground. It is in its distinctive point of view, its uniqueness, that the intellectual value of astrology abides. It does not merely add another brick to a well-established wall; it begins an altogether fresh construction.

To some it will be a matter of irritation that we seem forced to use words such as "cryptic" and "occult", as if we rejoiced in the mysterious. The reverse is the case, but we seem compelled to employ such language because the phenomena of astrology are not merely a mystery in the sense that this may be said of electricity, but that they appear to belong to an altogether different order from that of physical Nature.

Of course we know that man's life is closely related to that of Nature. His actions certainly affect Nature and Nature certainly affects him. For example, climatic conditions favour his health or are detrimental to it. But the astrological relationship is something far different from this, and, as we have seen, seems a matter of synchronization rather than cause and effect, at least in many of its forms.

It may be possible to believe that a transit of Saturn over my ascendant causes a cold by some sort of radiation from the planet, though of course "my ascendant" no longer has any physical substance, if indeed it can be said ever to have had any. Directions are not so easily explained. They will be considered under our discussion of Unitary Equivalence; but that will state facts, not explain them.

Supposing, Mars being appropriately placed when a race begins, this event is won by an animal called, let us say, Gladiator, or Bellator, or Pugnacious: do we really imagine that some mysterious ray comes down from the planet and endues the Martianly named horse with supernal power and energy? That would indeed be superstitious; and yet the fact is that this sort of "coincidence" does often happen. We can but suppose that, by Coincidence of Similars, when a planet occupies a certain place, things that have some link—we must say, cryptic link, for it cannot be explained by any known physical law—with that planet come to the fore.

Not long ago Jupiter was in transit over my Neptune in the 8th, a planetary position that has nearly always, in my case,

had a medical connotation. Jupiter was ruler of the 3rd (books, postal communication) and this body is well known to have relation with foreign countries.

On the day of the transit I received an unexpected gift from America, a book entitled *Medical Biographies: The Ailments of Thirty-three Famous Persons.** Now this had been posted before the transit was anywhere near exactitude, and this kind of thing is too common occurrence in astrological experience for any murmurs of "Coincidence" to be acceptable. Life, it seems, is concerned only with bringing about certain states of consciousness in the individual under an appropriate "coelum" and that is what actually happens.

"Life", in this sense, appears to be above ordinary time and space. It would seem as if astrology is on the borders of two worlds, working in one to produce conditions in the other. This might be said of other things, such as spiritistic materializations. But whereas these are themselves strange, eerie, and other-worldly, the events and conditions with which the astrologer is concerned, however mysterious may be their astrological aspect, are themselves entirely ordinary and usual matters of everyday life. He studies why X got married at that particular time, why Y dislikes A and is attracted to B, why Z failed in his examination, or C broke his arm.

Astro-meteorology conforms best to the pattern of the causative idea. It is (at least in Great Britain) a difficult branch of our art, and play is made by critics of the different kinds of weather that occur at the same time in quite close localities. But the same critic will accept psychological astrology, although a person may be "half laughing and half weeping" at the same moment! Given a knowledge of local conditions, an astrologer can, with experience, do pretty well even with British weather. There are aspects that are nearly always true to type and therefore can be to a large extent relied upon, and there are others that are not so dependable. The same is true in natal astrology and other branches.

It seems we must await a point of view that combines the causational and synchronistic in a common conception. Astrology, we might say, demands this.

Proposition Three—Cosmic Significance.

By virtue of the fact of anthropo-cosmic relationship, every cosmic existence must possess a special significance for man.

This implies that the cosmic existences used by the astrologer are not by any means necessarily the only objects that

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have an intimate relationship with Man. There is, however, something unique about the planets and this struck the imagination of man many centuries ago, and still does.

Diodorus tells us: "The Chaldeans have collected observations of the stars through long ages and teach how every event in the heavens has its meaning, as part of the eternal plan of Divine Forethought. In particular the seven Wanderers (planets) are called by them the Interpreters . . . their work is to interpret beforehand the thought that is in the minds of the Gods." We know, however, that other nations sought to do precisely the same thing by noting the flight of birds and other occurrences in Nature that would seem to us utterly fortuitous and meaningless. Then there was prediction by the inspection of entrails, and even of how sacred animals, e.g. fowl, partook of their food.

Presumably all these methods have sunk into oblivion except as matters of interest to the student of anthropology; but the Science of the Stars has survived.

Certainly we know that the Sun, Moon and Planets have real significance for man, as also the Twelve Signs, and the Aspects, the cardinal points of the ecliptic and the two great circles that divide the mundane sphere.

Why is this? The ancients of course thought of the planets as gods. Diodorus goes on to tell us that the twelve signs have twelve "Masters."

The seven and the twelve occur and recur in medieval thought.

We have in Catholic theology the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit and the Seven Deadly Sins, the Twelve Fruits of the Spirit. The psychology embodied in these is crude enough and they represent what is to most of us an archaic point of view; but insofar as they are based on the astrological factors they are fundamentally sound. Only the language is obsolete.

Some modern astrologers have used the word "Daimones" to denominate the "spirits" of the heavenly bodies, or again they might be called "intelligences."

But we have to admit that the ascendant, the midheaven, the first point of Aries, the cusps of the houses, are all of them as significant, in their way, as the planets; and can even the most theologically minded ascribe intelligences or daemons to these?

Once again the mind seems baffled. We have to reject the easy animism of old times and modes of thought but we can put nothing else into its place. We know these things have significances, but how these really work, what they really are rooted in, we cannot put into words.

Are they objective or subjective? That is, have they these

Neptune have no particular appearance, even when viewed with powerful telescopes.

When the astrologer claims that Neptune really has to do with the sea, the sceptic finds food for laughter. For, he would say, this name was given without any reference to astrology and in a more or less arbitrary way. One might as well call a dog Rover and then expect him to become a stray!

Actually Uranus seems a fairly appropriate name for this planet. Neptune probably is as good as any mythological title for this body, though we find much in its significance that does not seem to have any special reference to the god.

I do not know, for example, that the elusiveness of Neptune has any mythological justification, and in this aspect it might be called Proteus. As for Pluto, the planet might better be styled Janus, as I have proposed elsewhere in my writings. Its basic meaning seems to be, not death, but the openings and closings of chapters in our lives, of which death is but one example, marriage being equally another. The acquisition of a new home is a quite typical Plutonian event, and so also the taking up of a fresh occupation.

Thus it seems that there is a collective human instinct which, up to a point, guides man in the selection of new names for the planets. But, as is usually the case with instinct as compared with reason, the result is not always exactly appropriate and cannot be entirely relied upon.

Such a name as Pluto may well be taken as a jumping-off point for investigation, but the astrologer must not be bound too tightly to it; he must make his own examination of data and draw his own conclusions.

Astronomical peculiarities appear often to be relevant, as for example the particular features of the Uranian planetary system and the eccentricity of temperament that occurs in many natives of the planet.

(*To be continued.*)

DATA FOR THE STUDENT'S RECORDS

We are indebted for the following to Ronald E. Storme, of Baltimore, Md.

Alan Villiers, author of many books of sea-voyages, "I think I was born about 1.30 a.m., Melbourne time, September 23, 1903. No objection to listing the data."

Peter Fleming, "I was born in London at, as far as I can remember, 23.50 hours. I have not the slightest objection to

your publishing the data" (May 31, 1907, London). Author of many delightful books of travel.

F. D. Ommanney, "I was born about 6 a.m., April 22, 1903, Strawberry Hill, Middlesex". Doctor of zoology; author of many scientific and travel books.

Olivia de Havilland, "the foremost actress in motion pictures at the present time and twice winner of the Academy prize". July 1, 1916, about 8.30 a.m., according to mother, who is however not too certain.

Jane Wyman, Academy award winner in 1948, prominent actress. January 4, 1914, 1.04 a.m., C.S.T., 40 N., 95 W.

COMPARISON ASTROLOGY

FURTHER NOTES

By Judith L. Gee

Comparison Astrology is inexhaustible, and one person cannot hope to know more than a slight portion. I was disappointed that my earlier slight study did not bring more correspondence, but only a few people seem at all interested in this. Marriage maps are interesting, as of a partnership, and can be predictive, but they in no way invalidate the comparing of the natal horoscopes. Comparing of husband-wife maps should be compulsory before marriage, when the nature of the relationship can be clearly seen. But I must make the important reservation, that people marry for different reasons, and ingredients considered essential in some relations are of lesser importance in others.

I have found, too, that children's maps, where of recent birth, can be very accurate, and can help to establish the often doubtful degree of a parent's Ascendant. For instance, I have the maps of both parents and two children. Both children have Venus 5 Virgo, and as the father has the early degrees of Virgo Ascendant, I think that 5 Virgo can be safely assumed to be the correct degree. It is interesting that the mother's Neptune is in conjunction with one child's Jupiter and the other child's Mercury. There are, of course, other aspects, but to speculate what the mother's Neptune will mean to her children is beyond me. Perhaps some more proficient astrologer can inform me, either from actual knowledge or intuition.

The importance of Neptune's position as conjunction with other maps is quite surprisingly frequent, and not usually benefic. It seems to indicate some adverse sentiment, on the part of the Neptune owner, towards the other person.

For instance, I have found mother-in-law's Neptune close to daughter-in-law's Moon, and the advent of the latter was not welcomed. I have noted the position of Neptune conjunct a nephew by marriage, and there too there was not too much liking. The conjunction here seems to act more in the sense of unease, than active or belligerent dislike. I have, too, husband's Neptune conjunct his wife's Moon, and he separated from her after ten weeks of marriage. This in spite of the fact that his Venus was within 4° of conjunction with her Sun—noted by all astrologers as being a sign of love. From this I must dissent; it has never assumed any importance in comparison maps I have seen, and in this case did not keep the pair together.

This pair are interesting, as they demonstrate my contention for a happy marriage by negating my Rule of Three! I postulate as important for a happy and fruitful marriage: (1) His Sun trine or at least sextile her Moon, (2) Their Mars trine or at least sextile and as close as possible by degree aspect, and/or (3) Their Sun and Mars trine or sextile. Sun-Moon position is important to establish the marriage on the correct base of male and female. Mars in good aspect is excellent for happy sex relations, often of a magnetic character and much satisfaction. Sun and Mars in good aspect I have often found among couples who have had children, though they are not always happily married in other respects. Sun and Mars in same sign, or Mars in same sign, has also been suggested to me, but in the cases I have known there has not been very much sex relationship, and the marriage was more negatively happy than actively so.

To revert to my pair. His Sun squares her Moon. His Mars opposes her Mars by opposition, though not by degree. His Sun is likewise square her Mars by sign, but not degree. Her Sun is widely sextile his Mars. Which I find the only aspect that allowed of any sex relations at all. His Mars was trine her Venus. This again has been given by all astrologers as a sure aspect for marriage happiness, but is certainly not the case here. It may bring affection, but seems to have little binding quality. For those who believe in the importance of Mercury and Jupiter, I must note that his Sun is conjunct her Mercury-Jupiter conjunction. I myself should have thought this to mean a large measure of mental agreement, an ability to see t'other's viewpoint, but this has certainly not happened. I must add that with these two people, both mothers were

inimical from the start, and to confound the issue, both have Moon in same triplicity!

Their marriage map is more fortunate than their marriage. It has Sun close trine to Moon conj. Mars. But the unfortunate termination seems to be shown in the fact that rulers of both 1st and 7th are in conjunction in 8th house, closely opposed by Saturn and Neptune in 2nd house. I still don't see why this should have separated them, as the conjunction of both rulers would suggest that they stand together against their mothers. But the very reverse happened and both mothers grabbed their children and destroyed their happiness.

I have dwelt on this case at some length, as points commonly accepted by astrologers as being important for comparison astrology have not been borne out in fact, while certain points I have noted have been confirmed by their very absence.

The importance of Neptune conjunction is further illustrated by another set of maps. His Neptune is exactly conjunct her Mars, and he seduced her before marriage, but they were married in time for the child's birth. The marriage has been one of much unease on her part, but she has never been able to break the bond, though she has assured me she does not like him sexually. Their child has her Saturn conj. Mercury in trine to her parents' Neptune conj. Mars, and she has been a very uniting factor. The three maps show many cross conjunctions. His Mars conjunct her Mercury, and his Uranus conjunct her Sun, while the child's Jupiter is conjunct his Moon, and the child's Moon conj. the mother's moon. The father's Sun conjunct the child's Venus shows much affection, while the child's own Neptune is close to the father's Jupiter. There would seem an inescapable binding of forces here, and if re-incarnation is true, and we do choose our own parents, then it would seem that the child had much to do with her parents' association. For, seen together, the parents have little in common. Yet astrology shows an inescapable linking.

I have the maps of a couple who are now divorced. Neptune (his) is close conjunction to her Mercury-Venus conjunction, while her Uranus is close conjunction to his Uranus-Mars conjunction. His Saturn is close to her Moon, while her Jupiter is close to his Mercury. Jupiter, again, is no preserver, and seems largely unimportant in emotional happiness. His Mars is close opposition to her Sun, and both Venus are in close square. Her Saturn opposes his Moon conj. Jupiter. So there would seem some inability here to come to terms and keep harmony. I do not know what effect Uranus conj. Mars is alleged to have, but her charge against her husband was that of impotency.

I have a mother and child map, in which the mother did not bring up her child. The mother's Moon is in exact conjunction with the daughter's Neptune. I think there is now enough evidence to show that the conjunction across maps of Neptune and Moon is evidence of some trouble in the relations. It may be the point of a karmic link. It certainly needs more study and evidence.

I have two marriage maps in which Moon squares Mars; in both cases there are no children, and I have two maps of marriage in which Sun squares Mars conj. Saturn, in which there are children. This would bear out the old astrological contention that Moon is important for childbearing, and that adverse aspects to Mars from Moon either denies children, or gives difficulty in bearing them. Adverse aspects between Sun and Mars would seem to have no effect at all on this point.

I have read recently a book on Tibet, in which the author stated that only certain days and hours were recognised as benefic for interviews between government officials and visitors, and that visits were kept rigidly to those auspicious astrological hours. It may well be that a future government, interested in the population trends, will decree that days when Moon squares Mars are illegal for marriages. I recommend the idea to future Aquarian administrators, as planning and interference of choice is so obviously the prerogative of Aquarius in government.

No one map by itself can foretell the life of any person. It is the various combination and aspects with other maps that really makes our life here on earth. For a truly exhaustive study, the map should be set among the maps of parents and other siblings, then later with the school, the various teachers and fellow pupils. Vocation should be studied, and here location comes into importance. Maps of towns and countries should harmonise with the individual. This field alone is so vast, and so little work has been done on it, that it is completely new territory for anyone's exploration.

I have just seen another marriage map, some two weeks after that of the unhappy pair who separated ten weeks after they were married. This map was much the same time of day, with similar asc. and 7th house and rulers, in the same house, with same evil opposition. But in this map, Sun squares Moon, and Moon has grand trine to Mars and Venus. The marriage is very happy, and as far as can be seen, quite stable. In comparing the maps, his Moon is close to her Sun (usually given as benefic by astrology), but her Neptune is conj. his Moon, exactly. His Sun is in same triplicity, but squares her Moon. Their Mars is in close conjunction in the same sign. Marriage

maps seem to be more legal fiction than actual documents of the emotional upheaval of marriage. Maps taken of the first sexual contact might be more valid—but, I should think, quite impossible to secure in England. But the fact that a Sun square Moon, marriage map, is so far more stable than a Sun trine Moon, tends to show that much more research is needed in this vital question.

ASTROLOGY AND THE HIGHWAY

By The Editor

The following suggestions are made:

If you have afflictions to the

Sun

Beware of the big limousines and the opulent road hog who wants the whole road to himself.

Moon

Take care of the female jay-walkers and drivers.

Mercury

Look out for errand-boys, school-children and cyclists generally.

In my experience Mercury seems to rule tyre valves, so take some spares with you.

Venus

Don't, if you are still young and flighty, take a pretty young lady out for a run and think more of her than of the road and your steering-wheel. Beware of young women generally, including those who drive other vehicles.

Mars

Don't drive at all if you can possibly help it, especially if Uranus is also active. If you must go out, use every precaution for your own sake and everyone else's.

Jupiter

Seems to be very liable to make one careless and lose the way. But if so, you will probably quite enjoy the extra miles and if anything goes wrong under Jupiter, help is always at hand.

Saturn

He rules all heavy vehicles and those of a commercial character. He is the planet of crushing, so don't get pinned between

two of these monsters, or pushed against the curb by one of them. Beware of the aged and decrepit.

Uranus

Not much good trying to forestall this planet, but its usual action is to do with the electrical elements and some spare lamp-bulbs might save a difficult situation.

Skids are probably under Uranus.

So are the Police.

Neptune

Most sorts of objectionable weather conditions, such as snow, ice, fog and rain.

Accidents due to absent-mindedness and day-dreaming.

Oil trouble.

Running out of petrol.

BEGINNERS' FORUM—ORBS

A STUDENT writes: "I see you favour a much smaller orb than does Mr. Lyndoe: I should be grateful if you could find time and space to discuss this in Beginners' Forum."

There was something about this in my Editorial for September.

It seems obvious that if very wide orbs are allowed, then one can read almost anything in any map, unless in revenge one uses very few aspects.

But one cannot drastically curtail the number of aspects. It is quite clear that the so-called "minor" contacts do work. They may not inflict lasting injury—indeed I have a theory that the troubles they cause are usually temporary and clear up of their own accord, more or less—but they may be quite irritating whilst they last. I am under Moon sesq. Neptune at the time of writing and have had a good deal of trouble, characteristically enough, with my immersion heater!

If then one decides that all the traditional and Keplerian contacts are valid, one must cut down the orbs to reasonable proportions.

A possible point of view, however, may be put forward, viz. that aspects may be counted in two ways—in terms of degrees, which is the conventional way in the West, and in terms of the signs as in the East.

Thus any body in Libra is in trine to any body in Aquarius

in terms of the signs; but in terms of the degrees they may be in trine, in sesquiquadrate, in biquintile, or in no aspect at all.

The aspects in terms of degrees would, in my view, be by far the more powerful if fairly close; but the aspects in terms of the signs might introduce a modifying value.

As I have often said, I think the general tendency in future will be to restrict orbs rather than enlarge them.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From DENNIS ELWELL (STOURBRIDGE)

MINOR ASPECTS

In your last Editorial you mentioned the effects of minor aspects in directing. Research with the solar chart has led me to place as much confidence in the quincunx and semi-sextile as in the traditionally more "powerful" contacts. My usual practice is to refer all solar directions to this important chart, which is virtually a sunrise map by E.H.D. Planets progressing to 30° contacts of the radical Sun are interpreted as affecting the house on the cusp of which they stand. The o-d and duodenary measures seem particularly useful here. Thus in the Duke of Windsor's chart the duodenary progression of Saturn to the 8th cusp coincided exactly with the death of George V. The o-d Uranus progression to Hitler's 8th brought the suicide of Geli Raubal, whom he loved. True, Uranus was 47′ from the cusp, but the transit Uranus opposed this planet's radical place. In the case of the Sun forming directions with radical bodies, I construct a solar chart for his progressed position. Angerstein's map is a good example: the Sun's o-d movement put Saturn on the 8th cusp, which seems to have been the indicator of both his killings and financial difficulties. With this method, I ignore the alleged "good" or "bad" nature of the aspect, taking into account only the character of the aspecting planet and its natal condition. If the direction is by opposition or quadrature it seems strong enough to filter through the horoscope, and horoscopic house positions often provide additional information. But trines and sextiles, and in particular the "minor" aspects, are best restricted to the solar chart.

Data

Gordon Pirie, the runner, tells me he was born February 10, 1931, 00.15 hours, Leeds. Called "the thinnest man since Gandhi," he has Saturn sesquare the Placidus 8th. Another map recently to hand is that of Ronald Searle, the artist, who was born March 3, 1920, 1.45 p.m., Cambridge.

From RONALD E. STORME (BALTIMORE)

PARICUTIN VOLCANO

In regard to Paricutin Volcano: In August, 1952, I took an interest in this and went to the library to find out if any reference book or magazine article gave the exact time of its "birth."

Only one reference gave the time, and I quote from "Birth of Paricutin," by Jenaro Gonzaiez, "Smithsonian Institute Report, 1946."

"After two weeks of local earth tremors and subterranean noises which increased day by day in strength and frequency, on February 20, 1943, about 4 p.m. a small fissure about 25 meters long opened on the farm Cuiyuzin near Paricutin Village. About 4.20 p.m. a sudden explosion opened a small vent about half a meter across at a spot near the west end of this fissure, and a small eruptive column of fine gray ash and small bombs arose from the orifice."

Thus, Mr. Gleadow is mistaken not only in the time, but also in the date.

The true data are 4 p.m., February 20, 1943. Mexico is on Central Time; Paricutin is approximately 19° N. and 104° W. I worked this chart over last year and got 5° Leo rising with Pluto on ascendant and Mercury setting. Pluto rising is most appropriate for a volcano, of course—Scorpio has always been related by astrologers to volcanos. Uranus is in the 10th. The M.C. I got was 3° 9′ Taurus.

The report of the Smithsonian Institute must be counted the most reliable report available. I have a newspaper clipping from the *Baltimore Sun* of August 23, 1952 (which prompted my investigation) which refers to February 20, 1943, as the birth date.

The natus of Paricutin is of singular interest since it not only represents the only nativity of a volcano that is available to us, but it is also the only nativity of a volcano to occur since the dawn of time. All other volcanos were ancient when man emerged from lesser forms of life and history records no such phenomenon in the past.

A retraction should certainly be made; other astrologers may be as interested as I was myself and they are going to be seriously misled if they use Mr. Gleadow's erroneous data.

BERNARR MACFADDEN

The new issue of *Astrology* just came and I was pleased to see Bernarr Macfadden and myself mentioned.

However, the wording of the article is not precisely correct: "Mr. Storme had previously suggested a birth-date. . . ."

The birth-*date* was never in question, being available to all in *Who's Who* and other reference books. My feat was in speculating accurately on the *time*.

Note that my letter to Bernarr Macfadden begins: "Would you please take the trouble to verify the enclosed speculative horoscope, if it agrees with information that you may have regarding the *Time* of your birth?"

The difference is important, as none but the wildest fool would make such a speculation as "according to my calculations you were born about August 1868!" But speculating with reasonable accuracy on the time of a birth is evidence of the actual functioning of astrological laws, and also of my proficiency—as I wrote in my letter to you of August 8th.

I should like to see this matter clarified as the truth acknowledges a very considerable accomplishment. All astrological literature is full of speculative birth-times and most of them based on imagination. I based my speculative angles of Bernarr Macfadden's chart on transits and progressions to the birth-date according to a careful study of his biographies, relating them to certain house positions which seemed clear to me. How many times, to your knowledge, since the days of Ptolemy, has any astrologer anywhere made a speculative chart and had it verified? I know of no other such case.

It is certainly to be hoped that this mistake in the Quarterly represents a typographical error and not a misunderstanding on your part—though the latter is inconceivable.

[I am happy to print the above and apologise to Mr. Storme for having misstated his achievement. I certainly did not misunderstand it. Similar cases of rectifications that have subsequently been verified have come to my notice, but (in the nature of the case) they cannot be frequent.—EDITOR.]

From (MISS) N. McL. WARD (HARPENDEN)

MENTAL DEFICIENCY

With reference to the case of twins cited by Dr. Marden in her lecture on Mental Disorders, reported on p. 16 of the March number of this journal, the following particulars in respect of a similar pair of children, born to a friend of mine, may be of interest.

Birth was at Luton, Beds., February 25, 1918, at S.T. 0.36.45 and 0.58.57 respectively, the ascendants being 3 ♌ 39 and 7 ♌ 12. The planetary positions were: ♆ 4 ♌ 55 R; ♄ 9 ♌ 11 R; ♂ 0 ♎ 3 R; ♀ 13 ♒ 16 R; ☿ 23 ♒ 41; ♅ 24 ♒ 25; ☉ 6 ♓ 12; ♃ 2 ♊ 57; PL 3 ♍ 25 R; ☽ 3 ♏ 0 and 3 ♏ 03. The first twin, a girl, is a serious case of "Mongolianism"; the second, a boy, is not only normal but above average in intelligence.

Where the proper development of some part or organ of the body has been inhibited, Saturnian action seems indicated. Here the closer Saturn conjunction is with the ascendant of the normally developed child. However, the conjunctions are so close that both ascendants are equally afflicted, and indeed, where two births are so near in time there can be no effective difference in the two maps, and both children should be equally affected. But are we, in fact, justified in expecting the birth map always to give indications of an abnormality which came into being prior to birth? A child, as born, is an *end* product: a birth map relates primarily to a *beginning*, not to the result of something initiated earlier. The horoscope, there-

fore, presumably accepts the material with which it is presented just as it is, and starts from there, showing not so much the actual state of the organism at that moment as the development possible having regard to the limits of that particular organism. If so, then we could not expect to find indications of *congenital* abnormality in a birth map, except in so far as the map may be something in the nature of a reflection by progression of a planetary pattern in force when the abnormality arose.

Much has been said against the pre-natal epoch, but I agree with Mr. R. C. Davison's remarks on p. 31 of the same issue as to its validity and importance. If it is indeed the point from which the subsequent child develops, then the epochs of these two children should show marked divergences in the factors influencing either the brain or the mind, whichever is stunted, and for those interested I give the figures:

Boy: Epoch 26.5.1917, S.T. 3.25.42. Asc. 3 ♍ 03; ♂ 16 ♉ 20, ☿ 20 ♉ 51, ♃ 22 ♉ 17; ☉ 4 ♊ 39, ♀ 12 ♊ 39; PL 3 ♌ 16, ♄ 26 ♌ 51; ♆ 2 ♑ 36, ☽ 7 ♑ 12; ♅ 23 ♒ 43.

Girl: Epoch 8.6.1917, S.T. 17.14.10. Asc. 3 ♓; ☿ 24 ♉ 45, ♃ 25 ♉ 24, ♂ 25 ♉ 38; ☉ 18 ♊ 31, ♀ 29 ♊ 14; PL 3 ♌ 28, ♄ 28 ♌ 13; ♆ 2 ♑ 54; ☽ 3 ♒ 39, ♅ 23 ♒ 40.

As is usual in such cases, the first born child proves to have the later epoch—in fact one shorter than normal, dating back only to nine revolutions plus of the moon instead of ten plus as in the case of the boy, indicating that the girl was a premature birth, pushed into the world before she was ready, to make way for the birth of the full-time child. The differences in the aspects to the Moon, the significator of the brain, are illuminating. In the boy's case, it is in Leo, close sextile sun, sextile Venus, though conjunct Neptune. In the girl's, it is in Aquarius, close opposition Saturn and Neptune, the expected Saturnian influence being unmistakably there. Marked differences in the development of the brain in these two children therefore could have been anticipated. Mercury appears not to be involved, since it is afflicted in both epochs. In the boy's case these afflictions are working themselves out in worry and unrest due to unfortunate events and not in impaired faculties. The girl is too backward to show much appreciation of circumstances, and it may be that since the brain itself is handicapped, the Mercury aspects are largely inactivated.

It would be interesting to have the epoch figures in respect of the twins mentioned by Dr. Marden for comparison.

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