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EDITORIAL

The Winter Ingress (1954)

For reasons both empirical and theoretical I consider this figure to be the dominant for the following twelve months, and not the spring ingress. Indeed, I should say that this is a most important hypothesis and one well worth examining. It applies to natal astrology as well as the political or so-called mundane kind.

The winter ingress for December 1954 would only rule the ensuing quarter according to tradition. We shall see. Certainly it worked promptly enough, with the threat of a general railway strike, the B.O.A.C. trouble and the strike of Standard Motors employees, as well as the tragic air disaster at Prestwick on Christmas Day and the chaotic road-conditions of mid-January, and later.

It may be said that this is just what would be expected from the cardinal afflictions, for Uranus and Neptune have affinity with railways and air and land travel, and Jupiter has a similar correlation with travel of all kinds. We may grant this but must still ask why Britain felt their impact, at this time, most acutely. The answer is that Neptune is precisely on cusp 9 (Placidus) at London, thus focussing these afflictions, for the time, on our country. Doubtless other regions will get their share of the cardinal afflictions—and indeed this has certainly already been the case, for there are other possibilities of localisation, according to the rules of mundane astrology.

But whatever the theorisers may say, practical astrology often affords ample evidence that there is something in the Placidean cusps. Note, we write "cusps," not houses. When it is a question of house-position I find the "equal" method more

reliable, at any rate in psychological studies. Even so a planet, whether radical or progressed, on a Placidean cusp needs no advertisement from me: it speaks for itself!

Saturn Once More

I believe it was in the Editorial of March 1953 that I commented upon the loquacity of many people with Saturn prominent and suggested he may be changing his nature, since the medieval astrologers certainly did not think of him as talkative. However, this trait is easily reconciled with the known ambition of Capricorn: the ambitious person must always be to the fore and hates to be overlooked.

Another point is the frequency of good looks with the children of Saturn, again in contradiction to the opinion of the ancients. I believe Miss Pagan was one of the first to draw attention to the numerous handsome Capricorns. One need not be a courtier to admire the appearance of Princess Alexandra, who has Saturn almost exactly rising in Pisces, and I have another similar case.

One does still sometimes meet the gaunt Capricorn, with protruding teeth and awkward manners; and there is the Capricorn who is distinctly reminiscent of the goat, with that peculiar habit of keeping the head steady and swivelling the eyes to the side as if they were literally stiff-necked!

Perhaps Taurus produces most good-looking people. But I should say that Capricorn, when it *is* handsome, heads the list, for there is often a really impressive dignity. However, I would say this is commoner with the Sun in the sign than the ascendant.

Grock—a Great Clown

According to *Kosmobiologie* (January 1955 issue) this famous droll was born at 9.0 a.m., January 10, 1880, near Bern. The map given in the German periodical shows Aquarius 10.48 rising, which suggests a slight rectification from local time.

The position of Venus, exactly on M.C., is characteristic of a great laughter-maker; and the conjunction of Moon and Mercury is said, in *Astrological Aspects* to produce "a certain whimsicality and eccentricity."

Grock's great successes seem to have begun when he was about thirty (asc. conj. Jupiter o-d) and he appears to have made a lot of money and also have had some severe reverses. By E.H.D., Jupiter is on cusp 2, square Venus, opposition Uranus, but also sextile Neptune and Mars.

His autobiography was entitled "Ich Lebe Gern"—"I enjoy life"— and that seems to agree well with a culminating Venus and Jupiter in dignity.

On the other hand, the ruler Saturn is weak and Grock himself says that a clown's life is no easy one.

The Eastern Point falls about Pisces 2, near to Jupiter.

DATA

☉	19½ ♑	☽ 28 ♐	☿ 29½ ♐
♀	6 ♐	♂ 16½ ♉	♃ 11 ♓
♄	9¾ ♈	♅ 8 ♍ R	♆ 9 ♉ R
PL	25½ ♉	☊ 15½ ♑	

The "Bismarck"

In the *Astrologische Monatshefte*, Nos. 11/12, 1954, the data are given for the launching and sinking of this battleship.

It was launched at Hamburg, 11.15 a.m., C.E.T., February 14, 1939.

This is not, at first sight, a very bad figure, though the close square of Mars to Jupiter is unfavourable, especially as the ascendant (12½ Gemini) is involved. Moon is exactly on cusp 8 (PL) and Saturn close to cusp 12. Gemini 12½ is a dangerous area, common in the maps of those who lose their lives in battle or otherwise by enemy action. It is observable in many horoscopes of victims of the London air raids.

When we compare this map with that of the German Empire, which I used with success throughout the war, other features emerge. Thus Moon is on G.E. Saturn; Pars is on G.E. Neptune; the two ascendants are close to one another; Neptune is square G.E. Moon.

The ship was sunk, after refusing to surrender and firing almost its last round of ammunition, in latitude 49 N., longitude 9 W., on May 27, 1941, at 10.40 a.m., C.E.T., summer time, i.e. 8.40 a.m., G.M.T.

It is curious that in *both* maps Moon is with Venus, and in the map for the sinking the conjunction falls on G.E. Jupiter!

G.E. Mars is on the I.C. of the sinking.

The G.E. Sun-Mercury to Uranus falls along the horizon.

I should not call these charts striking examples of the truth of astrology in relation to inanimate things, nor yet are they definitely "puzzle horoscopes." Perhaps, as Herr Genuit, the eminent German astrologer who wrote the article in his well-known *Monatshefte* suggests, there are other rules in such cases which are not as yet sufficiently understood. That may well be the case.

It is easy to be facetious on the subject of the Hellenic deities, in their exoteric presentations, but this is meant as a quite serious comment on Mr. Gleadow's contention.

I have more than once asked Mr. Fagan to furnish us with descriptions of the constellations, so that we can try them for ourselves. This seems a fair and reasonable request, but, be the reason what it may, I still await them.

Obituary

Older members of the Lodge will be sorry to hear of the sudden passing on January 6th last of Miss Lily E. Marsh, who was for many years an active and most helpful member of the Lodge, the bookstall being her special province.

She was born in or near London on April 7, 1869, under Libra 10½, and so had a notable grand trine, but I am not sure how this worked out.

She maintained her interest in Astrology to the last and kept up her subscription to the Quarterly.

POLAR PRENATALISTICS

(PART TWO)

By GEORGE H. BAILEY

WHEN one looks back at the cult of prenatal horoscopy as practised during the last fifty to sixty years one cannot be other than amazed at its artless acceptance by so many astrologers, despite the dubiety of its dogmas. That those dogmas must of necessity have been largely founded on supposititious principles is evident from the extreme paucity of complete case data covering the circumstances of conception as well as those of birth, both of which are necessary before any findings of a truly scientific nature can be established.

Exact birth-times are not sufficient in themselves to formulate rules by means of which the correct prenatal chart can be computed, for as already shown (in Part One of this article), such birth-times can sometimes be confirmed by several different methods even when the period of gestation has been given, while when the latter is unknown one's calculations can only be based on mere assumptions, and for that reason cannot be regarded as valid until definite rules have been established from those cases in which all the scientific requirements have been met.

Strangely enough, the full data needed to carry out proper tests of prenatal theories have been more often than not supplied by students who challenge the validity of prenatalism. This attitude inspired the competition which appeared in the quarterly for Autumn 1928 (Vol. 2, No. 3), based on an act of coition which occurred at 8 h. 45 m., p.m., G.M.T., on 19th March, 1928, in latitude 53° N. 58′, longitude 1° W. 04′. Readers were invited to forecast the sex of the child and the time of birth, but (alas for prenatalism!) all attempts fell wide of the mark. The outcome was a boy born in the same place at 10 h. 49 m. p.m., G.M.T., on 2nd December, 1928.

The last menstrual period extended from 10th to 17th March, 1928, and the nearest prenatal lunar-horizon interchange of the old-fangled kind (a "female" one) occurred on 20th March, the resulting birth-time being 15 minutes later than recorded. In the quarterly for December 1931 (Vol. 5, No. 4) the writer suggested a prenatal "Soli-Lunar Figure" for 20th March with the natal Sun on the ascendant and the Moon on the natal descendant, which confirmed the birth-time within 3 seconds. Marvellous accuracy indeed, but by a method which, despite its endorsement by another case quoted in the same article, later investigation failed to confirm. Two right answers (so far as the birth-times are concerned) from one wrong system!

Using the oblique colure as the celestial horizon in the manner described in Part One of this article, a birth-time can be found 27 seconds earlier than recorded. The prenatus occurred on 18th March, 1928, at 9 h. 50 m. 17 s. p.m., G.M.T., when the Moon was on the natal line of oblique descension and on the prenatal lower meridian, the M.C. of the prenatus coinciding with the natal O.A. The date is suggestive of a link with ovulation rather than with coition.

The other case of the two treated in December 1931 is that of a girl born at the carefully noted time of 1 h. 40 m. p.m., G.M.T., 13th December, 1928, 51° N. 22½′, 2° W. 07¼′. Coition took place in 53° N. 30′, 2° W. 32′, date and time unknown. Here a "Soli-Lunar Figure" for 10th March, 1928, with the natal Sun on the descendant and the Moon on the natal descendant gave a birth-time 36 seconds later than recorded, but is now unacceptable for the reason already given. A birth-time of more than 1½ minutes later can be obtained from a "male" lunar-horizon interchange on 10th March, but a much closer rectification (29 seconds later than the recorded time) can be found from a prenatus occurring on 24th February, 1928, having the same M.C. as at birth and the Moon on the line of oblique ascension. In the absence of full prenatal data,

however, this case must for the time being only be regarded as a "possible." Further details of the usual lunar-horizon interchanges can be found in the article mentioned.

Although ovulation of itself cannot result in birth, the evidence available, although meagre, points to the possibility of the prenatus coinciding with a phase of that particular physiological process, a phase which sometimes occurs prior to coition. The competition case already mentioned is one example, and another is that of a girl born in latitude 52° N. 11′, longitude 2° W. 12½′ on 6th November, 1928, at 11 h. 52 m. a.m. G.M.T. The coitus concerned took place in the same latitude and longitude on 22nd February, 1928, and the previous menstrual period commenced on the 8th of the same month. A prenatus giving a birth-time less than one minute later than recorded can be found for 19th February, 1928, at 5 h. 1 m. 8 s. p.m., G.M.T., when the sidereal time was that of the natal I.C., the Moon being on the eastern half of the natal oblique colure, and on the western half in the prenatus.

Yet another example put forward as a challenge to prenatalism is that of the "planned" baby, a girl whose arrival was announced in the quarterly for March 1948 (Vol. 22, No. 1). In this case, although some of the prenatal and birth data were given with admirable clarity, the issue was fogged by their being associated with certain assumptions reflecting no credit on the theory of the so-called "Prenatal Epoch," and consequently a number of features which would have completed the case data were not mentioned. The time of birth was given as 3 h. 57 m. p.m., D.B.S.T. (1 h. 57 m. p.m., G.M.T.), on 2nd August, 1947, 53° N. 34′, 2° W. 25′. The last menses were said to have commenced on 8th October, 1946, and as the father stated the "planned" coitus took place on October 19th, he only gave the date of one other, November 1st.

Unfortunately for the new theory, no prenatus closely confirming the time of birth can be found within these limiting dates, but on approaching the father it was learnt that the next intercourse occurred on November 15th, so indicating the possibility of a prenatus falling in the early part of November, about nine months before birth, and a month later than the last appearance of the menses. Such a prenatus can be found for November 10th, when the Moon crossed the natal semicircle of oblique descension, and when the natal I.C. was on the midheaven, resulting in a birth-time only 19 seconds later than recorded.

This prenatus would be invalid, however, if conception had really taken place in October as assumed by the father, but

on the other hand the appearance of the November catamenia may simply have been delayed.

A prenatus can be found for October 14th having the natal M.C. and the Moon on the line of oblique descension, but the corresponding birth-time is over two minutes earlier than recorded. So wide a rectification is rather discouraging, and although another prenatus may be computed for October 28th (two days after a further act of coition) with the Moon on the natal semi-circle of oblique ascension, which at that time coincided with the lower meridian, the birth-time would still be advanced by 1 m. 16 s.

Yet another prenatus may be cast for 4th November, 1946, with the Moon in oblique descension and the natal O.D. on the M.C., but as again the birth-time is advanced thereby to the extent of 1 m. 44 s. it would appear that either the prenatus for November 10th must be accepted, or the time of birth must have been inaccurately recorded—or the present theory discarded. So far as the time is concerned, the doctor who delivered the baby was asked beforehand to make a note of it to the minute. He admitted, however, that the clocks in the delivery ward were not always correct (although the amount they were wrong was known and allowed for!). Further, the birth was a laboured one and had to be assisted by drugs and forceps. In the circumstances, therefore, it would seem that the elements of doubt associated with this case render it of little prenatalistic value.

Another example which brings out the apparent link with ovulation is that of a lady born on 30th August, 1890, immediately before 10 h. 30 m. a.m., G.M.T., in latitude 51° N. 35′, longitude 2° W. 59½′. Coition was known to occur on 27th December, 1889. The relevant prenatus fell on December 19th, when the Moon crossed the midheaven with the natal O.A., giving a birth-time of 10 h. 29 m. 46 s., only 14 seconds earlier than recorded.

The date of the last menses is not known in the foregoing case, nor in that which follows, a case well known to some of the older readers of the quarterly, not only in connection with prenatalism. It is that of a lady born on 20th March, 1916, in latitude 51° N. 29′, longitude 0° W. 16′, at 6 h. 38 m. or 6 h. 40 m. a.m., G.M.T. (both times have been given). The date of the coitus was 3rd July, 1915, and the time about 11 p.m. Although a prenatus can be found for 11 h. 44 m. 12 s. p.m. on that day, having the same mundane framework as the natus with the Moon in oblique ascension, it gives a birth-time of 6 h. 34 m. 26 s. a.m., while a prenatus for the following day

with the natal O.A. and the Moon on the M.C. results in a birth-time of 6 h. 45 m. a.m., both being rather wide of the mark, considering that some care was taken in recording the time.

If, however, the usual nine months plus a fortnight between parturition and the commencement of the last menses are reckoned back from the date of birth, the birth-time yielded by a prenatus cast for that date (6th June, 1915) is found to be 6 h. 39 m. 45 s. a.m. In that prenatus the Moon is on the I.C. in the natal O.A. It so happens that the later birth-time of the two noted can be confirmed by a prenatus occurring on 18th July, 1915, with the Moon on the M.C. in the natal O.D. The time so found is 6 h. 40 m. 37 s. a.m., but as in so many other cases, the lack of full prenatal data precludes a definite conclusion being reached.

The quarterly for September 1951 (Vol. 25, No. 3) contains the birth data of twin boys delivered by a Caesarian operation on 27th December, 1947, in latitude 50° N. 50′, longitude 0° W. 09′, at 10 h. 50 m. and 10 h. 51 m. a.m., G.M.T., respectively. The birth was said to be premature and should have occurred on about 22nd January, 1948, but no information concerning the catamenia has been given. Now, although the elder of the two boys was alive and thriving in 1951, the younger died of lobar pneumonia when five weeks old (and also had right inguinal hernia). As they were both born at practically the same moment it is difficult to account for the early demise of one and the good health of the other from the same horoscope, and consequently the obvious course to follow is to look for prenatal indications of the wide difference in their destinies.

Naturally two prenati are to be expected, and one can be found for 30th April, 1947, when the Moon was in the natal O.D. and the natal I.C. on the midheaven, which gives a birth-time of 10 h. 49 m. 01 s. a.m., while another cast for 7th March, 1947, again with the Moon in the natal O.D., but on the prenatal M.C. yields a birth-time only 4 seconds earlier, namely 10 h. 48 m. 57 s. a.m. The two times are remarkably close together, and considering the nature of the delivery, might well be correct. Further, the great difference in the two periods of gestation may have precipitated the necessity for a Caesarian delivery.

The question then arises, which prenatus is that of the dead boy? Here it would seem that that unfortunate infant was the first born, for the afflicted prenatus is that for March 7th, with the Moon in Virgo on the M.C. opposing the Sun and Mercury, all being in square to Uranus in Gemini on the western half

of the oblique colure. Such malefic indications are entirely absent from the other prenatus, and this case is therefore one in which purely astrological considerations help to establish the validity of polar prenatalism, despite the usual absence of full prenatal data.

The next example owes its interest to the fact that although birth took place in Hong Kong, conception occurred in Holland. The data were supplied by Dr. A. E. Thierens in the quarterly for June 1933 (Vol. 7, No. 2). He stated that the time of birth was carefully taken by the father as 12 h. 57 m. midday on 3rd June, 1930, at Hong Kong (114° E. 10′), equivalent to 4 h. 57 m. a.m., G.M.T., and that the date of coition must have been later than 10th September, 1929, when the mother was discharged from a hospital in Holland in which she had been treated for a condition which precluded pregnancy. No information was given concerning the catamenia, but as Dr. Thierens had computed a "Luni-Solar Figure" for 18th September, 1929, 52° N. 25′ 4° E. 34′, the parents "confirmed" that that date "was very probable with regard to coition." Here again is a "carefully-noted" birth-time, but the only definite prenatal data accompanying it is that coition must have occurred after 10th September, 1929, in another part of the world.

No prenatus can be found in September for 52° N. 25′, 4° E. 34′, which confirms the birth-time in Hong Kong within two minutes, but one can be calculated for 15th October, 1929, with the Moon on the natal O.D. and the natal I.C. on the midheaven which gives a birth-time only 25 seconds later than recorded. Bearing in mind the mother's difficulty in becoming pregnant, a late conception is at least probable—but, were the parents still in Holland in October? Such are the difficulties that harass prenatalists!

The possible link between the prenatus and ovulation already mentioned can only be rigidly examined when the date of the last menses is known, and this information is only too often unobtainable. Admittedly, ovulation of itself cannot lead to pregnancy, but if it is definitely associated with the prenatus there is no reason why the latter should not antedate the coitus.

One more case in point is that of a lady born on 29th May, 1935, in 51° N. 22½′, 2° W. 08½′, after 10 h. 45 m. p.m. but before 10 h. 50 m. p.m., B.S.T. Coition is known to have occurred at about 10 h. 30 m. p.m., B.S.T. on 8th September, 1934, in 50° N. 47½′, 1° W. 00′. Two prenati can be found, one on 5th September, 1934, with the Moon in the natal O.D. and the natal I.C. on the midheaven, giving a birth-time of 10 h.

49 m. 41 s. p.m., B.S.T., and the other on 23rd August, 1934, with the same mundane framework as at birth but with the Moon in the natal O.A.. resulting in a birth-time of 10 h. 46 m. 45 s. p.m., B.S.T. Both times fall within the known limits, but how helpful it would have been had the date of the catamenia been noted!

It should be obvious that from the meagre data available no definite rules can yet be formulated for finding the correct prenatus from nothing more than an accurately-recorded birth-timc and the parents' whereabouts at the beginning of gestation. Before progress can be made in that direction many fully-documented cases must be examined, the data required being not only the exact time, date and place of birth, but the date and place at which the last menses occurred and the date and place of coition.

The present theory was only evolved to meet the problems associated with the impossibility of the normal lunar-horizon prenatal interchanges occurring in high latitudes. The use of the oblique colure as thc celestial horizon has overcome that difficulty, but its validity can only be definitely determined by further investigations based on detailed data.

NEWS FROM THE FACULTY

By M. E. H.

Presentation of Diplomas and Certificates

On January 12th, Mr. C. E. O. Carter, Principal Emeritus of the Faculty, gave an opening speech in which he commented on the work of the Faculty both at home and in the many countries where the External Students live. The awards were presented by the Principal, Mrs. M. E. Hone, who spoke afterwards on "Tuition in Astrology."

Results of Examinations

The Diploma of the Faculty has been gained this year by:—*Mrs. Crowe (L); Mr. Grundmanis (E), U.S.A.; Mr. Jensen (E), Denmark; Mrs. Trott (E), Herts; Mr. Tuxworth (E), Australia; Miss Vincer (E), Bournemouth; Mr. Wiffen.

Those who gained the Certificate are: Mrs. Battle (E), U.S.A.; Mr. Blunsdon (T.C); Mr. Cheavin (E), New Zealand;

* L. Lodge Member; E. External Student; T.C. Member of Thursday Club.

Mr. Chesterman (E), New Zealand; Mrs. Cilliers (E), S. Africa; Miss Ferguson (L), Miss House (E), London; Miss Nfeka (E), S. Africa; Miss O'Brien, Miss Saunders, Miss Stittle.

The Carter Scholarship and the Luxinger Award

The winner of the scholarship is Miss Ferguson who became a member of the Lodge last year. The award covers the fees for her Senior year and for the second examination. It is pleasant to record that Mr. Wiffen, who was the winner last year, has now gained his Diploma.

Our thanks go again to Mrs. Mary Luxinger of San Francisco whose kindly thought for the Faculty has prompted her to send, for the third time, a copy of Llewellyn George's *A–Z Horoscope Maker and Delineator* to whichever Internal Student in the Junior Class is judged to have made the most progress in the year. On the recommendation of the Director of Studies, it has been given to Miss I. E. Stittle who, though a complete beginner in January has worked excellently during the year and gained high marks in the examination.

The Epistle to the Student in Astrology, by William Lilly, was read, as is customary, on this occasion when new students are making their first attendance. The reader this year was Mr. M. B. Machin, Acting Vice-Principal. Mr. Wiffen spoke on behalf of those now leaving, several others following with expressions of their appreciation of what they have gained through the systematic teaching at the Faculty and interchange of ideas with other astrologers. In the second part of the evening, Mr. Machin gave an analysis to Seniors of the chart set for the examination by him while Miss Buddicom spoke to new Juniors on "Basic Concepts."

External Students

Congratulations go to all these who, without the help of personal tuition, have done so well in the examinations. Since the beginning of 1954, arrangements have been made that those taking the Senior Course shall receive *Astrology* for the year, thus being kept in touch with what goes on both at the Lodge and the Faculty.

Research on Charts of Boxers

While the steady work of practice in chart interpretation continues in the Thursday Club, the research done is of more interest for publication. The last work to be completed was undertaken by Mr. S. D. Wiffen. It has shown what other researchers have found to be true, which is that preconceived

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ideas are not always those most justifiably held. In this case, the original inquiry was prompted by the desire to know whether Mars was especially prominent in the charts of boxers, its nature being customarily correlated with energy and pugnacity.

Through the kindness of the Editor of the Boxing Annual, many letters were sent to boxers, who were listed, with their birth-dates, as having won contests in 1953. To these, 59 replies were received, it being stated in 24 cases that the birth-time was known accurately so that the ascending degree could be used in the computations made for that number. It should be pointed out that the resulting charts are of young amateurs and not of top-ranking professionals such as those recently reported on by Dennis Elwell in *Astrology*, Vol. 28, No. 3.

Mr. Wiffen calculated all these charts, making a very detailed examination of them which he recorded on large-sized sheets so that results were clear to all when he gave them to members of the Club. A condensed report has been made by Mr. Peter Roberts (Research Assistant) as follows:—

Report on Charts of Boxers

"A comprehensive tabulation of all maps was made under the following headings:—

1. Sign position of Asc., Sun, Moon, ruler and faster-moving planets.
2. House position (by E. H.) of Sun, Moon, ruler and all planets.
3. Aspects of Asc., M.C., ruler, Sun, Moon and faster-moving planets.

"Nothing remarkable appears in the distribution of sign positions for Asc., Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus or Mars except that *the Sun is in the fire signs* 23 times compared with an average of 15.

"Of very much more interest is the distribution of planets among the houses. The 1st house is occupied far more often than any other; the 8th house far less. Furthermore, taking the distribution of each planet in each house, the highest frequencies are for *Mars in the 1st house* and *Mercury in the 1st house*. These results are in accordance with what one might expect. However, much more outstanding results, statistically, appear *when the Ascendant-ruler is considered. The ruler is found 8 times in the 6th house and 8 times in the 6th sign (Virgo)*. In each case the average expectation is 2.

"*The only aspects of note to the angles are those made by Saturn.*

Saturn is in trine with the Ascendant (within orb 7°) 5 times; there appears to be a definite clustering round the cusp of the 5th house since the 4th and 5th houses are tenanted by Saturn 4 and 5 times respectively, the average for trine (within 7°) and for house occupancy being 2.

"Concerning the remainder of the aspects, nothing is statistically significant."

The first point to note in the above is that while Mr. Elwell found the Sun not once in Leo, Mr. Wiffen found the outgoing principle of the fire triplicity highly emphasised. Is this perhaps due to the fact that these are the charts of young people full of enthusiasm while Mr. Elwell's were of those who had battled through to a high level remaining to keep their status by careful technique rather than by enthusiasm?

The next point is that while Mars itself was prominent only by being in its own house frequently, that house which is the natural house of Aries was definitely emphasised by occupancy not only of Mars and of Mercury but of other planets most often. Members thought this was significant of the desire of these young men to bring themselves *personally* into some sort of prominence which they would not have attained easily in mental or professional ways.

The correlation between the natures of planet, sign and house is very marked by the emphasis on Mercury combined with that on the 6th house and 6th sign through the placing of the ruler.

The final point concerns the prominence of Saturn. Thus we are brought to realise that whereas we began by expecting an astrological indication for pugnacity, we have been taught by the charts that the Mercury-Virgo-sixth combination is necessary for men whose weapon is the hand, whose great need is for swift agility both of limbs and mind and who have to give attention to health especially through dieting to keep fit for their tasks, while the Saturnian principle must be strong in those who cultivate endurance and, in a literal way, take hard knocks in life.

AT THE LODGE

By R. C. D.

Summer Session (1954)—*continued*

Mr. W. Frankland lectured on "Tuition and Intuition" on June 14th. He related for the benefit of his audience some of his experiences gathered during forty years of astrological

study. Challenges issued by sceptics and tests proposed by unbiassed critics had always been for him the greatest stimulus towards the discovery of new methods and the sharpening of old techniques. He always made it clear to inquirers that if he gave a wrong solution to their problem it was a result of his own imperfect knowledge and not a reflection upon the truth of astrology.

The discovery of ♇, ♆ and PL had coincided with a complete reorientation of men's attitude to life, consequently much of traditional astrology needed to be reviewed in the light of modern developments in the technique of living. Modern man's response to the three extra-Saturnian planets called for a special assessment of the part played by each in individual horoscopes. The 84 year cycle of ♇ formed the basis of the Point of Life, a discovery of the lecturer's with which all readers of Mr. Frankland's books will be familiar. The point begins at O° ♈ and moves through the zodiac at the rate of $4\frac{2}{7}°$ for each year of life. Aspects formed between the point and the radical planets furnish the background for the events of that period. Similar measures based on the mean motions of ♆ and PL could also be used although the rather irregular movement of the latter planet introduced certain complications.

As an example, Mr. Frankland cited the case of a woman, born on November 26, 1904 (M.C. 20° ♒; Asc. 28° ♊), who died at the age of 47 years 9 months. The Point of Life was in exact opposition to ♂ at the time of her death.

A point 70° further on in the zodiac from any planet gave the "etheric point" of that planet. In this horoscope the etheric point of the ☽ in 28° ♍ was □ ♇ □ Asc. so that the stirring up of afflictions in ♒ was especially critical in the life. The ♂ ♆ square was therefore a most difficult affliction.

At 8.20 Mr. Carter introduced a discussion on "The Two Zodiacs." There was considerable divergence of opinion as to the exact starting point of the fixed zodiac. The users of the movable zodiac were faced with no such uncertainty.

There was a gap of roughly 19° between the starting point of the two zodiacs, so that only the last 10° of each sign could be regarded as "pure." The other 20° of each sign had as a background the stars of the preceding constellation. This blending was often not inconsistent with the characteristics of natives born in the earlier degrees of signs. General Gordon, a soldier (♈) and mystic (♓) was born with ♈ of the movable zodiac accentuated. This was backed by the constellation ♓. Swinburne, the poet of the sea, had four planets in ♈ but in the constellation ♓. He was an alcoholic. Natives of other signs

showed similar blends. The ♒ native often travelled widely (♊) and taught. The Sagittarian was often fond of sport (♏).

Mrs. Hone thought that such blends furnished no argument for the validity of the fixed zodiac. There was a strong push from the unconscious mind, represented by the 12th house and the sign on the cusp of this house (by E. H. D.) was always the preceding sign. Other members, while not prepared to support either zodiac exclusively were prepared to believe that both could exist side by side without incongruity.

Faith, Hope and Charity are the three qualities which are primarily associated with Jupiter. When the Jupiter native misuses these qualities he is apt to degenerate into a Mr. Micawber, waiting for something to turn up. Mrs. Joan Rodgers developed these ideas in her lecture on "Jupiter and his Cycle," given on June 21st. It was Jupiter who placed hope at the bottom of Pandora's box. The evolved Jupiterian was best illustrated by the Lawgiver and the Judge. At the other end of the scale, the native of Jupiter was a carefree gambler, bent on enjoying himself, and sometimes not at all scrupulous in the tactics he employed. The buoyancy of Jupiter was the great antidote to the fearfulness of Saturn, although it was Saturn who presented the bill after the party organised by Jupiter.

The return of ♃ to his own place every twelve years sometimes heralded an initiation and often marked an opportunity for material progress. The arrival of ♃ at the square of his own place often stimulated the exaggerative tendencies of the native and led him to take risks. There was an element of ego-inflation which could lead to self-undoing. The opposition of ♃ to its own place usually marked the summit of achievement possible during that cycle. The last square formed by ♃ before returning to the conjunction was often a difficult aspect to cope with. The trines of ♃ to its own place marked periods of expansion and good fortune. ♃ was well placed in ♒ and ♓. In the former sign it gave an instinctive judgment, while in the latter judgment was blended with intuition.

A discussion on "Planetary Colours," led by Mr. Carruthers followed at 8.20. The speaker mentioned several traditional methods of allocating colours to planets and then put forward the one that he found most satisfactory: Violet — ♃; Indigo — ♄; Blue — ☽; Green — ♀; Yellow — ☿ Orange — ☉; Red — ♂. Some members spoke in favour of blue being allocated to ♀, while others preferred to regard this colour as belonging primarily to ♆. The President suggested that useful evidence in support of various colour theories might be forthcoming

from a study of the colours worn by winning jockeys in comparison with the horoscope for the start of the race. It was well to bear in mind the probability that the sign in which a planet was placed to some extent modified the pure colour denoted by the planet alone.

Astrology is a technique which can give us warning of crises in the life, which can comfort us by showing us how to understand and sometimes to overcome our difficulties, and which can ultimately provide us with a key to the knowledge that will enable us to progress more surely along our evolutionary path. This was the message contained in Baroness Tausig's lecture "What is Astrology?", given on June 28th. The speaker presented a condensed version of papers prepared by her teacher, Herr Fürster of Vienna. He postulated that astrology required the hypothesis of reincarnation, for this made it easier to understand that character determines fate. Those who were unwilling to accept astrology were often motivated by an unconscious urge which sprang from the fact that they had no wish to change their characters!

At 8.20 Mr. M. B. Machin led a discussion on "The Importance of Directions in Early Years." The present high rate of juvenile delinquency was probably due to the entry of ♅ into ♋ where it would eventually pass over the radical PL of those born in the late 1930's. The square between ♅ and ♆ in the heavens probably had much to do with the recent phenomenon of "Teddyboys." The speaker then showed how aspects of stress occurring in the early years of life often served to produce such an effect on the native that the repercussions of events occurring at those times had a marked effect for years afterwards. He cited the case of a male, born on May 21, 1911, M.C. 22 ♊, Asc. 24 ♍. He was an unwanted child, neglected by his parents. He was something of a "cissy" and wore flashy, loud clothes. He had no financial morals. At the age of nine the directions ☿ p. ☌ ♄ r. and ♀ p. ☌ ♆ r. were formed in his horoscope and he fell into bad company, to the detriment of his outlook and general behaviour. At eighteen he had the direction ♀ p. ☍ ♅ r. which had a most unsettling influence. He worked for a radio firm but was dismissed.

In the subsequent discussion it was pointed out that a large proportion of aspects falling in the early years of life were those between planets that were already in orbs at birth. This at once endowed them with a greater significance. It was difficult for one of immature years to counteract the effects of strenuous aspects, since he would be unlikely to have either the wisdom or the experience which would enable an older

person to avoid some of the probable pitfalls. Miss Kurz remarked that events occurring in childhood often stirred up strong emotions which made a deep imprint upon the subconscious mind of the child.

Mr. Peter C. Roberts spoke on "Fundamental Research" on July 5th, when he put forward some very thoughtful and novel ideas in a paper which it is hoped to reproduce in a future number of the A.Q.

A Topical Evening, led by Mr. Addey, took place at 8.20. The chart for the Summer Ingress with the ☽ in 6° ♓ and ♃ in 6½° ♊ seemed to possess some satisfactory features. The speaker questioned whether due allowance should not be made for parallax when computing lunar aspects, especially when the ☽ was near the horizon. He then commented on the planetary positions at the birth of Maureen Connolly ("Little Mo") the phenomenal United States tennis player. She was born on September 17, 1934, at San Diego, California, time unknown. The ☉ in ♍ made her a good workman and denoted her ability to place the ball with precision. The ☽ in ♑ was the indicator of her intense concentration and ability for self-discipline, called by the long hours of practice needed to reach the top rank. There was some speculation as to Miss Connolly's Ascendant, most members being inclined to favour the sign Sagittarius. This would place ♃ in ♎ near the Midheaven.

Not a few students of astrology are conversant with some of the teachings of the Kabbalah, yet it is a comparatively rare thing for the Lodge to receive a lecture dealing with the Jewish teachings and the light which they throw upon astrology. On July 12th, however, this state of affairs was amply remedied by Mr. David Freedman, who gave a very able lecture upon "The Tree of Life." The mystic knowledge of the Hebrews was contained in the Kabbalah and the Hebrew words, when correctly sounded, were a source of great power. The speaker gave it as his opinion that the astrological correspondences of the various Sephiroth, or Powers, of the Tree of Life were as follows: Wisdom—The Zodiac; Understanding—☿; Love (Mercury) ♀; Power—♅; Beauty—♌ and the ☉; Victory—♂; Glory—♃; Foundation—☽; the Crown and the Kingdom, representing Emanation and Completion respectively, were extra-zodiacal in origin. These were the powers of the Universal Man and it was our ultimate task to illuminate these powers within ourselves. Astrology was one of the seven keys that could help us in our attempts to achieve this end. Although the Kabbalah was a Hebrew work and particularly suited to the needs of that race, the truths that it contained were

universal and could be apprehended by earnest and sensitive students of every race. The English mystic, William Blake, had shown an instinctive appreciation of these truths which were set forth, veiled in poetic language, in his famous poem, "Jerusalem."

Dr. Alice Marden introduced a discussion at 8.20 on "The Interpretation of Opposites." The signs of the zodiac were better understood if considered together with their polar opposites, especially if both signs were tenanted in the horoscope. She suggested that the temper attributed to ♉ might well spring from its opposite sign ♏. The business ability often manifested by Cancerians was probably a reflection of the Capricornian qualities. Several systems of cataloguing the effects of degree areas set out the zodiacal degrees according to their polarity. The speaker suggested that polarity of this nature might be regarded as "horizontal" polarity. Another kind of polarity that should be considered was "vertical" polarity or, in other words, the critical interplay between the dictates of the Higher and Lower Self. This meant that the Qualities of each sign could be manifested in two opposite ways, according to the degree of control exercised by the Higher Self. ♈, for instance, though potentially the Hero, was sometimes the Faint Heart. ♏ the Doctor, was sometimes the Murderer, while ♓, the Saint, could become the Ne'er-do-well A third polarity worth considering was that of sex. Women, the so-called weaker sex were often the stronger in adversity!

Autumn Session, 1954

A fair proportion of Lodge members assembled on September 20th to celebrate the start of the Autumn Session with a Social Evening. Members were given an opportunity to display both their astrological ingenuity and their oratorical ability. The former quality was called forth by a competition cleverly devised by Mr. Addey which required participants to allot the correct sign or planet to a series of sketches. A group of medicine bottles, for instance, represented Virgo, and the London Passenger Transport sign, Gemini! Dr. Roosedale, Miss Barbara Trevor, Mrs. French and Mr. Carter submitted the highest scoring entries. A series of impromptu three-minute speeches on astrological subjects chosen at random not only demonstrated that the Lodge is fortunate in having a number of speakers who can give a good account of themselves in such circumstances, but provided the audience with material for further thought.

To what extent do modern astrologers attempt to correlate

astrology with numerology and what systems do they use? Mr. Carruthers made a valiant attempt to deal with the latter problem in his lecture, "An Experiment in Astro-Numerology," on September 27th, although he very wisely refrained from any dogmatic assertions as to the dependability in all circumstances of any one system. He suggested that it was possible for each planet to have a connection with more than one number and allocated two numbers to each planet as follows: ☉ 1 (6); ☽ 2 (4); ☿ 5 (3); ♀ 6 (7); ♂ 9 (5); ♃ 3 (5); ♄ 8 (7); ♅ 4 (1); ♆ 7 (3). In each case the figure in brackets is the "auxiliary" number and is less important than the first figure. The speaker suggested 8 as the numerical correspondence of Pluto, with 2 as the auxiliary figure. In the subsequent discussion the subject of number equivalents of names was brought forward and a fairly sharp division of opinion arose as to whether the actual letters composing the written name or the sounds of the spoken name were the true basis for the determination of a number equivalent.

At 8.20, under the title of "From My Case-book," Miss Barbara Trevor spoke on the horoscope of a man born on December 18, 1873, 12.30 p.m. L.S.T. 31 S. 00, 27 E. 00. His abilities were legion, his achievement poor. It is expected that this horoscope will be dealt with in an article by Miss Trevor to appear in our June issue.

"Vexed Questions" was the title chosen by Miss Buddicom for her lecture on October 4th. As a beginning she attempted to supply an answer to the problem—"What is Astrology?" To some it was a science, to some an art, to others a faith. Dictionary definitions of astrology rarely proved helpful to the cause as all too often they implied that astrology was a medieval superstition not to be regarded seriously in these enlightened times. Some newspaper astrology played a useful part in furthering the cause of the science, but in some cases the readings were concocted by writers who had no proper astrological knowledge. It was deplorable that some professional astrologers turned out mass-produced roneo'd sheets as part of their readings, since no genuine individual reading could ever be built up along these lines.

When the time of birth was unknown a problem arose as to the best way of dealing with the situation. Rectification by events was, at best, a risky method since it was never possible to be certain that the time of birth so selected was the true one. The speaker preferred to set up a chart with the Sun sign rising. From such a chart it was often possible to produce good results.

Under the leadership of the President a "Topical Evening" was held after the refreshment break. He first referred to the disastrous attempt of Ted May to swim the English Channel without an accompanying boat. The horoscope for the time of starting (4.45 a.m. B.S.T., September 8, 1954, Cap Gris Nez) showed PL almost exactly rising. On the following day, in Orleansville, Algeria (36 N. 14, 1 E. 20) an earthquake caused considerable loss of life. The tremors began just after 1.00 a.m. L.S.T. when the ♃ ☿ conjunction was rising, in opposition to the ☽ on the seventh cusp and in square to ♆ in the 4th house. ♃ was then the only planet above the horizon. The horoscope was a typical example of an "earthquake map."

The solar horoscope of Pierre Mendès-France, the Premier of France, formed the next topic of discussion. He was born on January 11, 1907, in Paris. In about four years' time his ☉ would have progressed to the conjunction of ♄ by secondary direction. His planetary positions did not fit in very happily with the positions in the national horoscope of France, and it remained to be seen whether his tenure of office would be productive of results favourable to France.*

Turning to lighter matters, Mr. Davison then commented upon the planetary positions in the horoscope of an Association footballer who seemed destined to win the highest honours in the game. Johnny Haynes of Fulham was born on October 17, 1934. With ☿ in close trine to ♂ and in opposition to ♃, with the ☽ in trine to ♀ and the ☉ in trine to ♄ he appeared to possess all the necessary astrological attributes for athletic skill, popularity and long term success. It was to be hoped, for the sake of England's soccer prestige that ten more footballers with equally outstanding horoscopes might be discovered in the very near future!

The public lecture on October 11th was given by Mr. J. M. Addey, who spoke on "The Choice and Descent of the Soul." It was only by manifesting in matter that the Soul could actualise its powers. It made the descent into matter of its own free will, but once it had undertaken the task it had to see the job through. When the soul's work was complete it could still return to the world of matter voluntarily in order to help others who had not been able to progress so rapidly. According to Simplicius, the soul was born into matter at a time which precisely suited its purposes. Since skilful workman used delicate tools it was possible to infer the character of the soul from the body it used. Socrates had said that the soul's choice was fixed by divine necessity and made in a manner

* See data in Editorial.

analogous to divine foresight, for the soul foresees the panorama of the whole life in one dramatic whole, as the drowning man in one flash of retrospect is made aware of the whole pattern of past events.

The foolish soul, being swayed by his desires, chose unwisely. In such a case the sovereignty of the stars was complete. A wise soul, swayed by high purpose, chose to be born at a time when the horoscope would be completely relevant. This soul would keep his bargain with fate, maintaining invariable standards of behaviour. In his case the horoscope would faithfully mirror the character and destiny. The nativity was also relevant in the case of the soul who was sometimes wise, sometimes foolish. On occasions he would fail to actualise the best in his horoscope, but generally necessity would make him keep his bargains. In all these cases the horoscope was relevant. It had sometimes been suggested that the more evolved the soul, the less relevant the horoscope. The lecturer did not agree. Indeed, the most magnificently significant horoscopes of all were those of the founders of great religions, whose work was the highest possible expression of the horoscope under which they had come to birth.

The tendencies shown in the horoscope were either moderately or immoderately expressed. In no case was the soul foredoomed to an evil expression of these tendencies. Mr. Addey's excellent discourse was much appreciated by the audience.

Brigadier Firebrace introduced "A Map of the Future" at 8.20. This was revealed as a Tertiary progression of the horoscope for the first setting up of an atomic pile in Chicago which took place on December 2, 1942, at 7.40 a.m. C.S.T. The Tertiary map, calculated for August 1, 1943, showed ♃ and PL with an eclipse of the ☉ in the 12th house. This powerful satellitium was in close sextile to the culminating ♅. The horoscope measured to 1961 and appeared to indicate a great step forward in the harnessing of atomic power. Since the actual date in 1943 coincided with the biggest bombing raid of the war and marked the start of the great Russian offensive that was to end in Berlin, the hope was expressed that any developments forthcoming at this time would be of a constructive and not a destructive nature! The tertiary chart measuring to the Hiroshima explosion was equally impressive. This was cast for January 7, 1943 (M.C. 14° ♏, Asc. 18° ♑). The first hydrogen bomb was exploded during the period when a map cast for April 14, 1943 (M.C. 24° ♒; Asc. 10° ♊), was operative. The symbol of the eclipse degree in the horoscope measuring to 1961 was, according to Charubel,

"a bomb exploding in mid-air." Dr. Roosedale commented that atomic energy was made possible by the interaction of Uranium, Neptunian and Plutonium. The rays of these planets were blended in the chart for the starting of the atomic pile and, in addition, the Sun was in aspect to all three. After the meeting members appeared to wend their way home a little more thoughtfully than usual!

On October 18th Mr. R. C. Davison gave a lecture on the 12th house. It is hoped to publish the text of this lecture in a future number of the Quarterly.

The writer was unfortunately not able to be present at 8.20 when Mr. David Freedman conducted a discussion on "Uranus and Revolution."

Mrs. A. Parkes was to have spoken on "Uranus in Leo" on October 25th but was unable to do so through illness. Readers will be glad to learn that Mrs. Parkes has now recovered and that the lecture is now included in the Spring Syllabus. In its place Mr. Davison and Mr. Carter gave a short astrological survey of "current events." Mr. Davison dealt with the dock strikes and the London bus strike which had just taken place. He remarked that the most significant horoscope occurring before these events was that cast for the lunation which fell on September 27th at 0.50 a.m., London. ☿, the planet of communications, was angular and in ☌ ♆. These two planets received the square of ♃ and ♅, which were conjoined in the 12th house. When ♂ by transit completed a T-square with ☿ and its afflictors the threatened strike became a reality. It was interesting to note that it was also the horoscope for the New Moon immediately preceding the General Strike which gave the most typical indications of that most unfortunate manifestation of industrial unrest. This, of course, had been a strike of far greater magnitude, but there were interesting points of resemblance between the lunations preceding each event. In the lunation of April 12, 1926 (London, 0.57 p.m.) the New Moon fell in the 9th house. The luminaries in the 1954 horoscope were in the 3rd house. Both houses were connected with communications and transport. In both charts Neptune, the planet of "inactivity," was angular, especially so in the 1926 horoscope, where it was joined to the Ascendant, opposed by ♃ and squared by ♄. In both, the inflammatory ♂ was in the 6th house, the house of organised labour. In both, ♂ completed its square to ♃ at the time the strike started. On both occasions ♄ was in ♏ and the Moon's nodes fell across the 6th and 12th houses. The 1926 horoscope contained closer and more drastic afflictions to the angles so that it was

not surprising that the strike of that year was in every way more widespread, more prolonged and more bitter.

Mr. Carter then took the opportunity to review some of the outstanding trends of the year in relation to the ♑ Ingress of 1953, which, he believed, gave a truer picture of the following twelve months than the more generally accepted ♈ Ingress. The keynote of the period had undoubtedly been the flooding over large areas of the world. The ☽ in ♒ was in conjunction with ♅ and squared by the watery ♆. ♅ had a connection with wind and high winds and gales had played a considerable part in bringing about the various inundations. At London the Ingress figure (cast for December 22nd, 3.32 a.m.) showed ☽ □ ♅ in the 9th house, which could very well indicate the possibility of strikes affecting public transport.

At 8.20 Miss Matthews produced two interesting horoscopes for discussion. The first was that of Prince Aly Khan, June 13, 1911, Turin, 11.17 a.m. (M.C. 5° ♊; Asc. 8½° ♍), a noteworthy feature of which was the conjunction between the ☉ and PL in ♊ in the Midheaven. The ruler, ☿, was well supported. The second horoscope was a complete contrast, being that of a girl, Betty Jones, who was born in poor circumstances on July 5, 1926, at Neath. She had recently completed a jail sentence for her part in a murder committed in 1944, having originally been sentenced to death. Miss Matthews suggested an Ascendant of 10° ♌. Betty Jones was married at 16 and a widow before her eighteenth birthday. She celebrated her twenty-first birthday in jail.

The technicalities of house division are a constant source of trouble to some astrologers. These in particular must have been particularly grateful to Mr. Colin Evans who, in a lecture entitled "A New View of the Houses" given on November 1st, gave a most lucid summary of the main features of the principal systems of house division. In the Equal House systems, either the Ascendant or the Midheaven was the one factor which determined the other house cusps and the method was purely a zodiacal one. All other systems of house division were based on a division of the quadrants marked off by the M.C.—I.C. and Asc.—Desc. axes, with the exception of the systems of Morinus and Zariel who both substituted the Eastern Point for the Ascendant. The system of Porphyry divided each quadrant into three equal parts. This system did not commend itself on logical grounds as the two pairs of quadrants were themselves unequal except at the Equator. The systems of Regiomontanus, Campanus and Placidus each trisected the quadrants according to different methods, but by all these

methods the houses tended to become wildly unequal when certain signs were rising and at high latitudes. The "Natural Graduation" system invented and used by the leçturer divided the quadrants proportionately in terms of the zodiac so that exaggerated differences in the area covered by adjacent houses were avoided.

The forthcoming series of test matches against Australia focussed attention on the birth data of Len Hutton, captain of the M.C.C. team. Mr. Addey, conducting a "Topical Evening" at 8.20 produced a speculative map for the great Yorkshire batsman, who was born on June 23, 1916, at Pudsey, suggested M.C. 9° ♏; Asc. 0° ♑. A certain austerity of manner, imperturbability and reserve allied to fine powers of concentration, all qualities vouched for by independent observers were not inconsistent with a ♑ Ascendant. ☿ was squared by ♂ in ♍. Here was an indication of the press criticism to which he had often been subjected. Mr. Campbell pointed out that Hutton's left arm was two inches shorter than his right, a physical handicap which accorded with the affliction to ☿. There were two close conjunctions between ☉ and PL and between ♀ and ♄. The effects of the latter conjunction were probably seen in the fact that M.C.C. tours and county matches often meant enforced separations from his wife and family.

The first modern style cricket match ever played took place on March 15, 1877. ♃ was then in 1¾ ♑ close to the Ascending degree suggested for Len Hutton.

There was also a short discussion on the planetary positions on April 14, 1889, the day when Professor Toynbee, the historian, was born.

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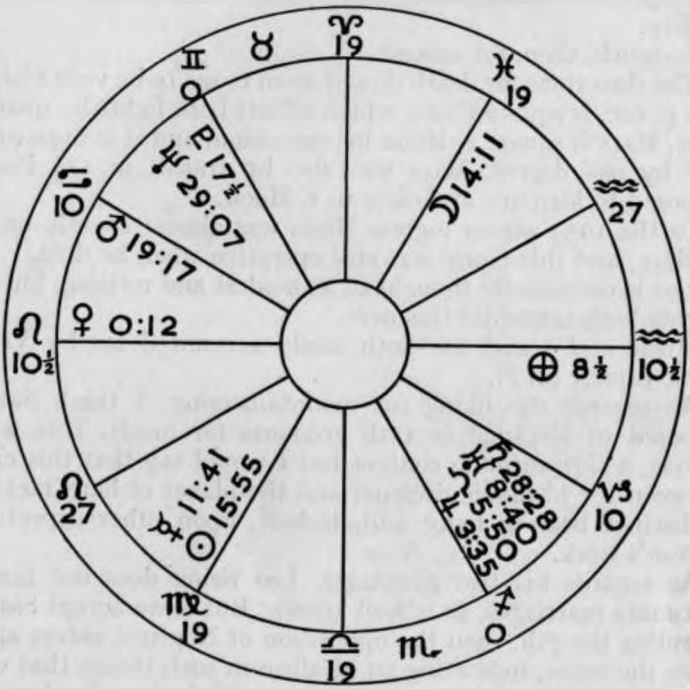
BY THE EDITOR

JAMES HILTON was well known for his novels, many of which were filmed. Amongst them are *Lost Horizon*, *Good-bye Mr. Chipps*, *Mrs. Miniver* and *Random Harvest*.

He died on December 20, 1954, in California, and the cause is said to have been cancer of the liver. *The Times* obituary mentions him as a "modest and retiring man, for all his success; he was a keen mountaineer, and enjoyed music and travel. He was twice married" and both these alliances, we may add, ended in divorce. We may also say that he was a shrewd business man.

It may be profitable to discuss these points, but first of all one would wish to account for his success.

The method of equal house division makes Venus ruler of the 3rd, and she has the trines of Jupiter in its own sign, of



The Natus of James Hilton, novelist, born at Leigh, Lancs., on September 9, 1900, at 2.10 a.m., G.M.T. Time given by native.

Uranus and of Caput. But Venus is in 12th and that may account for the early "hard struggle," for this house, when favourable, indicates self-won success.

The 3rd cusp Placidus is 19 Virgo and has the sextile of a weak Mars, but the ruler Mercury has little to recommend it save that it is in dignity.

Venus also rules 10th by E.H.D., but Mars by the quadrant systems, and, again, Mars is weak by sign and house though well aspected by the Lights. However, it is conjoined with the first magnitude star Castor in the constellation Gemini.

This is a figure that speaks up for Pars, which is in exact sextile to Uranus. In my view this is the main indication of great success.

The polarity Virgo-Pisces, which holds Sun-Mercury-Moon, is said in *Foundations of Astrology* to be "artistic and colourful" and we can see both Shangri-La and the gentle old schoolmaster in the lunar sign-position.

Virgo 16 is said in one of my books to be an area of business ability.

So much, then, for success.

The directions for death do not seem to me to be very violent, but p. asc. is square Pluto, which afflicts both lights by quadrature, Mars is square r. Moon by regression, and it is opposed to her by one degree. Mars was also by transit in 11½ Pisces, opposed to Mercury and close to r. Moon.

In the 1953 winter ingress Moon was almost exactly on his r. Mars; and this figure was still operative when he died.

Leo is not usually thought of as modest and retiring, but the Lights both introduce this note.

Music and travel are both easily accounted for by Venus trine Jupiter (in ♐).

As regards the liking for mountaineering, I think Saturn opposed to Neptune in 11th accounts for much. This is, of course, a slow-forming contact but I would say that this clash between the idealistic dreamer and the planet of hard fact has a distinct bearing here; and, indeed, upon other aspects of Hilton's work.

As regards his two marriages, Leo rising does not favour fortunate marriages, as is well known. But if we accept Saturn as ruling the 7th, then the opposition of Neptune enters again upon the scene, indicating an idealism in such things that does not always make sufficient allowance for human weaknesses. In a word, Neptune, in marriage, expects too much of human nature.

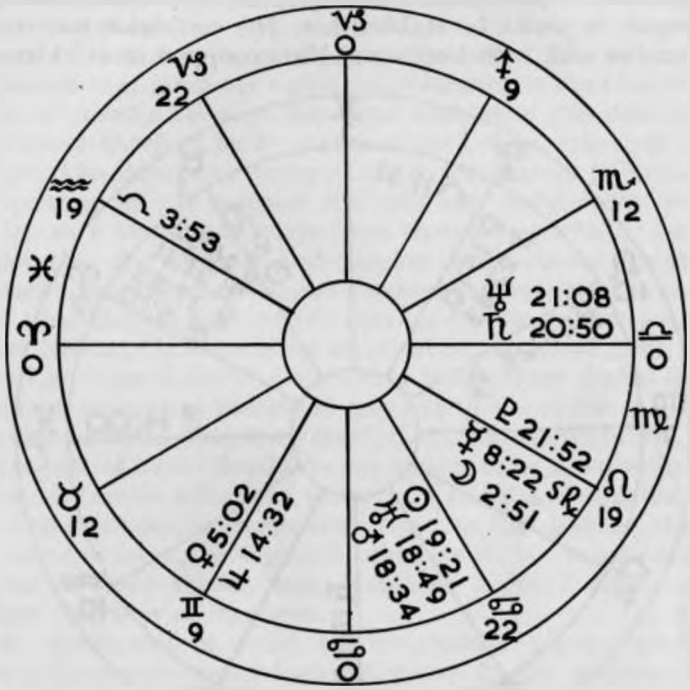
One of his wives was a Russian lady, which tallies with Aquarius on the 7th, though that is not to say that all Leos have to marry Russians, for Aquarius has other values!

ZODIACAL ANALYSIS OF A MURDER FETISHISM—THE GRAND TRINE

By Ronald E. Storme

About twenty hours after a notably violent solar eclipse, a terrible murder was committed in Salt Lake City. There was no moon and the street lights flickered. Three screams were heard and a pretty, 21-year-old Dutch immigrant housemaid

named Reik Slierendregt was found by her employer lying in a pool of blood at the rear door; she had been stabbed in the back as she returned home. The unfortunate girl died without making a statement to indentify her attacker.



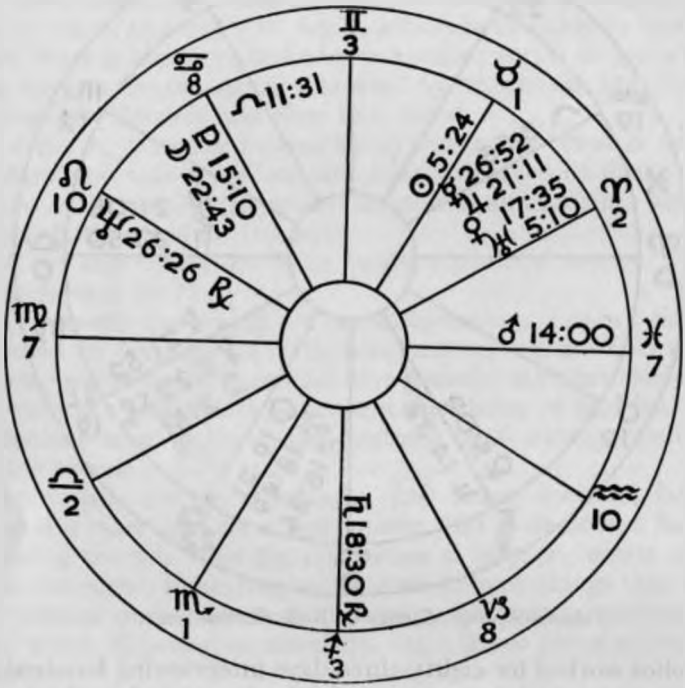
Horoscope of Murder of Reik Slierendregt.

Police worked for eighty-three days interviewing hundreds of persons who had known the girl in her church, school and recreational life. She had been above reproach and no clue developed.

Months later, a few blocks away, several male residents of an apartment house set a trap for a thief who had been stealing women's undergarments from a clothes line in the neighbourhood. After watching several nights, they captured the thief as he was removing feminine lingerie from a clothes line. They ascertained his name and address and permitted him to go free. They called police who picked up Leon Morris Livingston and confiscated many articles of women's clothing in his apartment. His captors suggested to the police that they question the man about the mysterious murder of the Dutch girl.

Under intense police questioning Livingston confessed that

he had several times followed the attractive girl, having in mind obtaining her underclothing. Asked why he had carried a knife he replied: "To kill the girl if I didn't get what I wanted." It appears that the peculiar demand was never proposed: she was startled to find a man suddenly spring from the bushes and screamed. In panic, he stabbed her. The confession was made on October 2nd, with Venus and Mars conjunct in 11° Virgo.



Horoscope of Leon Morris Livingston.

April 25, 1928
2.20 p.m., M.S.T. (as recorded)
Salt Lake City, Utah
Progressed positions, July 11, 1953
Sun, 29° 46′ Taurus
Moon, 21° 35′ Gemini
Mercury, 18° 21′ Gemini
Venus, 18° 31′ Taurus
Mars, 3° 11′ Aries
Jupiter, 26° 59′ Aries
Saturn, 17° 3′ R Sagittarius
Uranus, 6° 19′ Aries
Neptune, 26° 26′ Leo
Pluto, 15° 31′ Cancer
Dragon's Head, 9° 56′ Gemini
Ascendant, 0° 10′ Libra
Midheaven, 0° 14′ Cancer
8th cusp, 26° 8′ Aries.

Leon Livingston's dominant planets, the only angular planets, are Mars and Saturn, which are in square. This aspect, which has the reputation of being the most brutal and violent of all, was repeated in the sky, in the same houses, when the climactic act of this life was performed.

The ruling planet Mercury could hardly be more favourably placed by aspect: it conjoins the two benefics and is trined by two other planets. The danger to Mercury comes not from affliction, but from the fact that it is in a grand trine. Mr. Carter has reminded us that the ancients regarded this with suspicion,* but I have often seen modern attempts to defend the configuration. Against the grand trine it can be advanced that far fewer nativities possessing it than lacking it have achieved success or fame and that when this does occur it is more likely to be by virtue of luck than either effort or talent. The American Federation of Astrologers published a compilation of 311 cases of stillbirth and early death, which so far as I know, has never been analysed—probably for the reason that the labour of just copying the charts is a staggering obstacle. Having made several hundred charts from this study, it is clear that at least 75 per cent. of the cases have a grand trine! Neptune is more often involved in the grand trine than not. The other distinctive feature of these infant deaths is the frequent absence of planets in any one of the elements—as in the case of Mr. Livingston's chart there is no factor in Air. The horoscopes of infant deaths do not appear to be usually characterised by severe afflictions, which is, I think, a traditional and more or less natural assumption. It seems that instead of supporting and strengthening each other, as planets commonly do in simple good aspect, each planet in a grand trine seems robbed somehow of its power.

Mr. Livingston is ruled by the mental planet Mercury. X-ray films were entered as testimony in the murder trial, demonstrating that Livingston's brain had been damaged at birth. He was judged by a psychiatrist to be "mentally ill." Two others judged him sane but said he had "personality defects" (heavily afflicted Moon), and characterised him as "below average intelligence."†

Livingston was unable to walk until he was two years of age, had a speech impediment after he reached grade school, got poor grades and never could learn to spell and had shown, in examination by a physician, definite abnormal reflexes. He testified that he had read many books, which would be appropriate to his Ascendant and Midheaven, but could remember the names of none of them!

Mercury has, as its single affliction, a square from the Moon. It is to be hoped that no one will hold this square accountable for Mr. Livingston's deficient and disordered mind. Mr. Carter

* *The Principles of Astrology*, by C. E. O. Carter, p. 32.
† *Salt Lake Tribune, Deseret News*, February 1954.

states (of inharmonious aspects of Moon and Mercury): "This contact seems as a rule to signify a more acute intellect than the harmonious aspects . . ."* I think it is clear that this Mercury suffers specifically from the effect associated with its trine to Neptune in the 12th house (chaos, debility and suffering) rather than from the "stimulation" afforded by its single affliction. Peculiarly enough, Jupiter has just progressed across the radical position of Mercury—how can we reconcile this to the fact that he pleaded "not guilty by reason of insanity," except that Mercury closely trines Neptune!

Mercury was stationary at the time of the killing. It is the important planet in this case, being the ruler of the Ascendant, as well as the Midheaven which is important in considering one's worldly accomplishments. Mercury had progressed at the date of the slaying, to the opposition of Saturn, a circumstance regarded by Alan Leo as destined "to bring some treachery or unforeseen difficulty." With this Saturn in square to the ruler of the 8th house, which of course is the radical place of Mercury itself, murder is not an unexpected development.

Fetishism is a natural outgrowth of passive frustration (Neptune in the 12th; Mars afflicted in Pisces; Sun, Moon and Ascendant in negative signs) and specifically *women's undergarments* are the domain of Virgo. Mr. Livingston admitted various incidents of indecent exposure and "peeping Tom" cases. Moon in the night sign is typical of people who are busy at night. I have made the charts of a number of people having important bodies in Cancer who worked on the night shift; nocturnal activity does not imply misbehaviour.

Livingston was a fry cook in a restaurant (Virgo, Cancer) and unmarried. It seems the fate of Saturn in the 4th house to suffer from a childhood saddened by a broken home; Mr. Livingston's parents separated during his early life.†

The murderer is described by character witnesses as peaceful and quiet (negative signs). Sun in Taurus and Mercury in Aries are, however, outstandingly frequent positions among violent criminals.‡ A rather peculiar detail is that neither the radical nor the progressed Sun makes any aspect (there is the radical semi-sextile to Uranus, though I cannot say what value this has).

Aside from the grand trine there is another mathematically harmonious combination, Mars trine Pluto, for which it is hard

* *The Astrological Aspects*, by C. E. O. Carter, p. 54.

† See also "Saturn at Nadir: Victim of Murder," by Ronald E. Storme, *American Federation of Astrologers Bulletin*, May 31, 1954.

‡ *Principles of Horoscopic Delineation*, by C. E. O. Carter, p. 92.

to trace any useful effect—probably certain planets *ought not* to be in aspect. This trine may show nothing but ill-directed violence: it appears on the natus of Senator Joseph McCarthy, while his victims, right or wrong, seem to have these planets in affliction.* This aspect seems not to have benefited Livingston in regard to one matter presumably under the rule of these planets: he was discharged from the Navy after forty days as "unable to adjust."

The decanate readings, as ascendants, given by Sepharial,† I have found eminently useful and applicable. For the first decan of Virgo Sepharial states: "A patient nature, likely to suffer affliction and privation, and sometimes restraint or imprisonment; it confers a long life. . . . The nature is secretive, and the subject of this decan often lives a very retired life." (The promised seclusion seems to be guaranteed by the prison sentence.)

Mr. Livingston had signed a complete confession on October 2nd. But at the trial he charged that the confession was false and had been obtained by force and threats and his attorney pointed out that there was no "physical evidence" to support the state's case. We have, however, the astrological evidence of progressed Mars conjunct Uranus in the house of death on Livingston's nativity, which sector was rising at the time of the murder, on a night which had Mars conjoined to Uranus, in square to Saturn and Neptune.

On February 11, 1954, transit Moon conjunct Jupiter in his 10th house, Livingston was found guilty of first-degree murder. The jury recommended he be sentenced to "life imprisonment at hard labour," rather than that he face the firing squad. Clearly, everyone felt sorry for the pitiful figure.

He was sentenced on February 20th (Mercury stationary retrograde again) to life imprisonment. He will have to spend fifteen years in prison before becoming eligible for parole.

It may be surprising to find Venus and Jupiter conjoined on the natus of a man who murdered a girl, with the same conjunction in the sky over his Midheaven at the time of the killing, but notice that Venus had progressed to exact quincunx to Saturn, while this supposedly happy conjunction is part of the perilous grand trine. Saturn and Neptune, two of the arms of the grand trine, were conjunct in the sky for the first time since the subject's birth; the conjunction falling unhappily opposite the Aries conjunction.

* "Scorpion in U.S.A. Senate," by Ronald E. Storme, *Astrology Quarterly*, September 1954.

† *Manual of Astrology*, by Sepharial, pp. 20–29.

With Sun and Venus closely conjunct Ascendant—19° Gemini—and Saturn and Uranus widely conjunct it, he is very much a Geminian.

There is no planet in Cancer, and I see no basic Cancerian traits in him, except a (at present, childish) strong and shrewd sense of money-values which I attribute to Cancer being on the 2nd cusp (Moon is closely conjunct M.C. in Aquarius). At the present time there is much love of mother and home, which I attribute partly to the fact that at his tender age this is only natural, particularly since his home conditions are good, and the family a happy one, and partly to the fact that Moon progressed is in Cancer.

His inherent disposition is very much what one would expect from Sun, Venus and Uranus conjunct Ascendant, all Gemini, all trine Moon in Aquarius—i.e. he is friendly and hospitable in a coolly detached way, serious and responsible (Saturn also conjunct Ascendant), intelligent, popular, out of the ordinary, highly-strung, and likes to acquire all possible general knowledge. What is more, he enjoys a joke against himself, as Cancer certainly does not.

My own view is that though it appeared for a time that he had forged for this life the Sun-Cancer qualities, yet in actuality he had developed in his previous incarnation such strong Geminian characteristics that, with little or nothing of Cancer to deny them prominence, they prevailed, and were powerful enough to ensure the Geminian birth.

From (Mrs.) Hilda Jaffa

PISCES AND FEET

My experience of Mars in Pisces (9th degree) is not so happy as Martin Harvey's. True, my Mars is in pretty close square with the conjunction of Neptune, Jupiter and Pluto in Gemini, supported (if that is the word) by a sextile to Uranus.

My feet have been frostbitten, chilblained, scalded and burnt. Sibeboards have fallen on them. They have been violently trodden on and kicked, presumably by persons with Mars in Aries. One of them has suffered from phlebitis, the other displays an impacted joint through having been run over by a *butcher's* cart when there were such things. While reading Mr. Harvey's experiences, I was even then contemplating the latest havoc, a very severe burn on the ankle, scarcely an inch from the scar of a previous one. The transits for this were Mars square natal Sun squaring T Mercury opposing natal Sun and natal Mercury in turn.

True, I think, to the nature of Mars, I have always, like Mr. Harvey, been able to walk long distances, between times. Thirty miles is the longest, but last "summer" (by chance, I must confess) I walked ten miles of a sandy beach without any particular fatigue.

Only American manufacturers have ever heard of feet like mine, and consequently my shoes cost the earth, when I can find any that fit. Sun square Mars = extravagance!

REVIEWS

The Wilder Shores of Love. By Lesley Blanch. Publishers John Murray. Price 15s.

Readers will probably be as surprised at this title appearing in *Astrology*, as I was when I opened the packet containing the book. But the explanation is not far to seek.

It comprises sections on four women, of unusual temperaments (to put it mildly), who were irresistibly drawn to the Middle East. One, Aimeé Dubucq de Rivery, came thither by way of a corsair's galley, to become favourite of a Turkish sultan and mother of his successor. The other three were natural Arabophiles—Isabel Lady Burton, Jane Digby and Isabelle Eberhardt.

Sir Richard Burton's horoscope is in *Notable Nativities*; his wife's was cast when she was a girl by a gipsy, who strangely foretold that she would become "one of her tribe"—this screed was signed "Hagar Burton"! One questions whether this could really have been a case of astrological prediction, whatever else it was.

It is recorded that Lady Burton was born at 8.50 a.m. on March 20, 1831, in London, but the gipsy told her that "the morning star" was her planet.

A most interesting horoscope of an extraordinary woman. Jupiter conjunction Uranus almost precise on the M.C. It is noteworthy that she has Saturn in an astrological area and she was sufficiently interested in the subject to record her birth-time "for those who like horoscopes." Her ruler is exactly conjoined with her husband's.

Data

M.C. 7 ♒, Asc. 12 ♊, ☉ 29 ♓, ☽ 22 ♊, ☿ 13½ ♓, ♂ 2½ ♉, ♃ 13 ♒, ♄ 26 r ℞, ♅ 13 ♒, ♆ 24½ ♑, PL 9 ♈, ☊ 29½ ♌.

Aimeé consulted a clairvoyante negress, together with her cousin Josephine, the future empress. The result was sufficiently startling if indeed tradition has accurately recorded it.

But the main astrological interest of the book is a delineation of Eberhardt's map,* done for the authoress by Mrs. Hone, and here reproduced. It is a striking piece of work, though one could not expect Mrs. Hone, or anyone else, to do full justice to this native's truly deplorable disposition and habits. Few if any of us can deal with such psychological monstrosities. At any rate the authoress dubs the delineation as "curiously impressive."

C. E. O. C.

From the *Centre International d'Astrologie* we have received *L'Astrologie, étude historique et critique*, described by its name. The author is J. Monterey and it contains enough material to occupy a reviewer for a week.

* Born at Geneva, 6.0 p.m. (Bernese Time), February 17, 1877.

M. Monterey appears to be a disciple of the late Krafft and to have little interest in any sort of astrology that does not conform to the lead given by the master. It is interesting to observe that he writes that the use of the word "influence" in astrology has been a veritable disaster: we concur. It is, however, a fatally easy term to employ. U.

A NOTE ON THE HOROSCOPE OF MARGARET ROSE SPEVICK

Directions

It has been pointed out to me by an old and valued correspondent, Mr. Mabean of Canada, that there is a strange lack of directional indications for death in the above case, given in our last issue (page 150).

It seems to me a case that amply demonstrates the inadvisability of ignoring Placidian cusps in directional work, for these certainly fill the gap effectively: Moon–Pluto squares radical cusp 8 (Placidus) by one degree, and in the progressed map the conjunction Uranus–Saturn comes to the opposition of cusp 8 by axial rotation, than which no one could desire plainer signs of danger. This without altering the recorded time of birth.

Brigadier Firebrace also finds clear indications by the tertiary system introduced by Herr E. H. Troinski, of Berlin.

C. E. O. C.

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