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EDITORIAL

Political

Readers often ask me to deal with such-and-such a feature of the world-scene. But I usually have to explain that the event or events in question will probably be stale news weeks before my observations get into print, leave alone reach readers of whom many live far away from London.

One thing happened which should fill every Briton with justifiable pride and which provides a horoscope that may be of far-reaching importance. I refer to the starting up, by Her Majesty, of the first atomic plant for supplying electric power to industry. This historic event took place at 12.18 p.m., G.M.T., at Calder Hall in Cumberland, on October 17, 1956, and it occurred far before scheduled time, to the very great credit of the Government and all others concerned.

The map is interesting—it would be strange if it were not.

There are two "contacts of the day" (a term I find useful to denote any aspects, other than lunar, exact on the day in question) and these are Venus opposition Mars and Neptune sextile Pluto. Of these the second is manifestly the most important, since Neptune is within a degree of the M.C. It is characteristic, and, of course, benign.

I scarcely know what to say of the other—♀☍♂. Perhaps the great expense, since 2nd and 8th are involved. Perhaps the risk of accidents.

Note that the Moon is exactly on Her Majesty's Uranus.

It will be long before atomic power can supplant oil, one would imagine. But Calder Hall may nevertheless make certain Middle Eastern potentates "think again."

The Winter Ingress map for 1956, which, in my view, covers 1957, is rather favourable.

The Sun is square Jupiter but sextile Neptune and trine Pluto.

Venus conjunction Saturn is trine Mars in Aries, and Uranus in Leo makes up a grand trine.

The Moon is just above the ascendant and Pluto (by ecliptical degree) just below, but they are not afflicted.

From the point of view of the United Kingdom and our 1801 map there are two undesirable features: Mars is opposed to the ascendant of the 1801 figure, and 1801 Neptune is at the I.C. of the ingress. Thus financial problems remain, and hostilities also. But the general set-up of the horoscope should reduce the dangers.

I have no time for the map of Revolutionary Egypt, but the day is July 23, 1952, and the worst of this, from our point of view, is that Mars is in 11½ Scorpio, *exactly* opposed to its place in our 1801 chart.

Saturn is in 9 Libra and so is very closely opposed to Mars in the Winter Ingress figure, and is on the ascendant of our map.

It seems that so long as this map is valid, our relations with Egypt will be by no means happy.

On the whole, however, we hope we may safely wish our readers a Happy New Year!

Let us remember that if Britain has her troubles, so have other countries.

The spread of "Titoism" in the Soviet vassal states amply bears out what might be expected from the approach of Uranus to the U.S.S.R. Neptune and Saturn (7 and 14 Leo). Nothing less than the collapse of the Soviet Empire may be expected from this, and it is unlikely that it will be affected only in its relations with Poland, Rumania, Hungary and Bulgaria. Internal stresses will be violent indeed.

If the map for November 8, 1917, Leningrad, is to be accepted, Pluto is about to transit both Moon and Mars, but even if the date the Russians themselves celebrate (the 7th) is correct, we shall still have the transit of Pluto over Mars.

Indeed the outlook for the present rulers is an anxious one.

We shall weep few tears on their behalf.

The "new Poland" is said to have come to birth at Lublin, on July, 22 1944, and this shows Jupiter 29 Leo, Mars 6½ Virgo, Venus 6½ Leo—all significant in relation to Uranus and Pluto transits.

Eclipses

The recent ventilation of the affairs of Queen Juliana of the Netherlands throws an interesting light upon eclipses.

For at the time of the eclipse of July 11, 1953, which, it will be recalled, fell in Cancer conjunction Mars and Uranus, it was remarked that nothing seemed to befall the Dutch Royal Family, although the Netherlands are ruled by Cancer and the eclipse actually involved sensitive points in some of the maps of the Royal Family.

Now the truth is out, and it is obvious that the trouble that has now become public has been brewing a long time. This illustrates, not so much the length of time for which powerful eclipses endure, but also the larger problem, to wit, that astrologers often cannot tell what is really going on, except in the case of persons with whom they are intimately acquainted.

More than one person has told me their lives would never be the same since this unlucky obscuration.

Probably eclipses are among the very first phenomena which aroused the interest of mankind in astrological matters; and modern astrologers can amply endorse the conclusions of the ancients as to their importance.

The Weather—1956

It must be some time since there was such a disappointing summer as last, not only in Britain. Astrologers have fastened on the long-lasting emplacement of Mars in Pisces to account for this.

But weather affects most people in terms of Holidays, Harvest and Health, and Mars and Saturn in Scorpio, close to cusp 6 in the 1955 winter ingress, presaged bad meteorological conditions. Next year should be better.

Astrology and Racing

One or two correspondents have noted the discussion that took place in the Lodge on the Derby winner (see page 92). It was perhaps the first time, at any rate for many years, that the subject of horse-racing has been discussed in the Lodge.

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It is a pity that the association between racing and betting (emphasised in our youth by lurid stories of ruined homes and desperate suicides) has made some people shy of such investigations, for scientifically they have much to recommend them, *imprimis* unlimited "cases" and carefully recorded data. Moreover, the forecaster has to be definite, and when he has made his pronouncement, the result comes promptly and unmistakably—win, place, or "also ran." There is no room here for "perhaps."

A sagacious sceptic might not be very impressed by character-delineations, unless they are outstandingly good. It is too true that, in some sense and at some times, we are almost all of us almost anything, in terms of character. When a natus is pronounced to be that of a dominant personality and it turns out to be that of Mr. Meeker, it is always open to the astrologer to say that, under his outward appearance, Mr. M. is really the very devil of a fellow, and probably Mr. Meeker will blushingly agree that that is what he is and will feel very pleased about it and will be a lifelong upholder of the truth of astrology. In any case modern psychology will be ready to come forward and assert that black is white and vice versa. For his part, the astrologer can always take refuge in pleading that the birth-time must be incorrect—as it often is.

But the "birth-time" of all races are recorded to the minute.

My own interest in this topic began with a desire to test methods of house division and I became and remain convinced that, whatever may happen in the Arctic Circle, Placidus and Campanus, and possibly other systems, certainly have value at Epsom and Newmarket!

Before I leave this matter there is one other point I would like to touch upon.

Many hope to convince scientists by means of statistics. But, though he will be too polite to say as much, the scientist is aware that statistics may be, and probably have been, faked. He may put it that, as a scientist, he can accept nothing he has not checked, and that he has not the time to check what the astrologer puts before him. He has, after all, his own job to do and usually also has his own living to make and a family to support.

But a bookmaker's account showing, say, twelve consecutive entries on the "You win" side would prove mightily convincing to any one, scientist or not, who has had practical experience in this sort of thing. Whether it will ever be produced is another matter.

Obituary

I regret to have to record the death of a valued correspondent of many years' standing—Edgar Bray, B.Sc. He was born at Venice (Italy) on January 20, 1890, at 0.45 a.m., local mean time (Asc. Scorpio 0½)and he died, of a tumour on the brain, on August 19, 1956, at Wembley.

He had had a varied career and for a time was a successful professional astrologer, acting as adviser to prosperous business men. He relied greatly on the radix system, lunations and eclipses, and transits, and he believed firmly in the pre-natal epoch as a means of rectification, as also in the semi-arc system of domification.

Finding astrology unsatisfactory as a profession, he turned to accountancy and built up, I believe, a thriving practice.

He often spoke with much satisfaction of his vigorous health, but the many squares thrown by Uranus presaged a sudden death, and he was only ill for three weeks. His malady agrees well with Mars rising and it will also be noted that Neptune is in transit to his ascendant, and, by one-degree, in conjunction with his M.C. He foresaw the possibility of his own demise.

I shall much miss his letters.

He was indeed the friend of many, from the local M.P. to his window-cleaner. And that is what an astrologer should be.

Not long ago he suggested my writing a book on my "final conclusions about astrology." But does one ever reach finality in that all but infinite field?

Uranus and Atomic Energy

The following quotation is cited by *The Mining Survey*, July 1956, a publication of the Transvaal and O.F.S. Chamber of Mines:

"And all this within a single decade. South Africa's own Atomic Energy Board was created in 1949 just when our planetary friend, Uranus, was completing its second known 84-year revolution round the sun. Uranus is now on its third revolution and who dares to foretell what its patronymic, Uranium, will mean to this earthly civilisation during the period of this third and perhaps vital revolution." (Mr. C. S. McLean, a former president of the Transvaal and Orange Free State Chamber of Mines, at a joint meeting of the Chemical Metallurgical and Mining Society of South Africa and the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, April 28, 1954.)

An awe-inspiring thought indeed!

A Letter from Mr. Addey

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Surrey.
October 19, 1956.

To The Editor, *Astrology*

With the March issue of *Astrology* you very kindly circulated a letter from me, in leaflet form, asking for help with some research work, and this letter was reprinted in the June number.

Would you allow me please to thank those who offered help—both Lodge and Country Members and non-members too. The response was numerically small but very high in quality both as to the work done and the spirit in which it was performed. For this reason I was not only saved many hours of routine work but also much heartened in tackling a task which was, and still is, quite a formidable one.

The results so far are good and should if all continues to go well add some valuable knowledge to our science, and I hope that during the next twelve months, say, I shall be able to publish some details.

At present there is a good deal still to do especially as I am advised that a "control" experiment should be carried out. When I have the necessary data for this I shall probably be asking those who wrote to me for a little more assistance. In the meantime my heartfelt thanks to all who have helped.

ASTROLOGY ABROAD

By A.-L. Cilliers

Diurnal progressions and the "Intrinsic Chart" in relation to inceptional maps

In Nr. 5/6 of the *Astrologische Monatshefte* Mr. Hans Genuit of Hamburg discusses one of the worst aviation accidents in history, namely that of June 20, 1956, when 74 people perished on their way to Venezuela from New York. The four-motored Super Constellation air-liner which had left Idlewild airport shortly before midnight, developed motor defects at 0.44 a.m. and crashed into the Atlantic at 1.32 a.m. near New Jersey. It went down in flames as the fuel tanks caught fire.

Although it is usual to consider first and foremost the chart for the exact starting time of the aircraft in such a case (and this is indeed illuminating enough) Hans Genuit centres his attention chiefly on a chart for the onset of the motor-trouble at 0.44 a.m. E.S.T./S. or 5.44 a.m. G.M.T., or 23.52 p.m. (on June 19th) L.M.T. It is on this chart that he bases his diurnal progressions to the key of 360° = 24 hrs. or 1 degree for every 4 min. of time.

As there is an interval of 48 mins. between the time of the onset of the motor-defect and the actual crash, he progresses all planets (directly and/or conversely) by 12° and proves by this method that the final catastrophe could have been expected to take place after an interval of 48 minutes, for the progressions give indeed some striking results.

H. Genuit does not give the chart for the actual start of the flight, nor is the exact time mentioned, but one can easily figure out that during the last 20 minutes before midnight the last few degrees of Aquarius were rising, with the Pluto and Jupiter conj. in exact opposition to the ascendant and the fateful Moon-Saturn conj. in Scorpio in square to the ascendant. At about 6 minutes to midnight the sign Pisces began to rise and we find the ruler, Neptune, in the 8th house of death, sesquiquadrate (4° orb) to the ascendant. But this just by the bye, as this chart is not really under discussion although it does not lack in signs and portents.

H. Genuit deals with three charts only:

(*a*) that for the onset of the motor trouble at 0.44 a.m. = 5.44 a.m. G.M.T.
(*b*) that of the actual crash of the aircraft (in flames) at 1.32 a.m. = 6.32 G.M.T.
(*c*) the "Wesenskern"-Horoskop or "Intrinsic Chart" as I will call it for short, which is based on chart (*a*) and is supposed to show the *fundamental nature* of the event and illuminates it yet more clearly.

Finally he also mentions the positions of some of the fixed stars in relation to this event for chart (*a*). We get Markab (violent death) and Scheat (misfortune and drowning) on either side of the Pisces asc., while Antares is in opposition to Mercury and the Dragon's Tail and in square to Mars. Lastly, Algol opposes the fateful Moon-Saturn conjunction, i.e. the midpoint between the two planets, exactly. But this is also only an aside to the main issue under discussion.

As the chart for the onset of the aircraft's difficulties is

closely linked with the "Intrinsic Chart" which is actually based on it, it might be as well perhaps to consider the outstanding factors of the crash-chart (*b*) first:

14° Aries is rising and the ruler, Mars, is in Pisces in the 12th house of tragedy and misfortune in square to Mercury, closely conjunct the Dragon's Tail in Gemini. The most fateful combinations overshadowing this whole event are, however, the close squares between the Moon-Saturn-conjunction in Scorpio and the Jupiter-Pluto conjunction in Leo. It is strange indeed that these two conjunctions are both in very close sesquiquadrate to the ascendant, being thus equidistant from the descendant, an amazingly symmetrical picture. The Moon-Saturn conjunction is in the 8th, not far from the cusp of that house, and from there also in inconjunct to the Sun in 28.51 Gemini, Saturn being the ruler of the M.C. = (8 Capricorn). Pluto, ruler of the 8th house (cusp 22 Scorpio) squares the cusp of his own house and is also in semisquare to the cusp of the 4th house of "endings."

The mainpoint is, however, that Hans Genuit maintains that this crash could have been foreseen from the diurnal progressions of chart (*a*) alone, for when the planets of this chart are all directed, either directly or conversely by 12° (corresponding to a time-lapse for 48 minutes between the onset of the trouble and the final crash), some very striking and very close aspects are obtained, which point to an imminent catastrophe at 1.32 a.m. (or 6.32 a.m. G.M.T.) or 0.40 a.m. L.M.T.

The positions for this "onset-of-trouble" chart are as follows:

Asc. = 24 Pisces, 2nd house = 5 Taurus, 3rd house = 4 Gemini. M.C. 27 Sag., 11th house, 20 Capr. (Retrogr.). 12th house = 17 Aquarius.

Mars: 8.53 Pisces; Mercury 6.19 Gemini; Cauda 7.1 Gemini; Sun = 28.49 Gemini; Venus = 2.4 Cancer; Uranus, 0.32 Leo; PL = 16.32 Leo; Jupiter 27.2 Leo; Neptune 27.45 Retrogr. Libra; Moon 24.48 Scorpio, and Saturn 27.25 Scorpio.

Now for those diurnal directions, taking the planetary positions either backwards or forwards by 12 degrees:

Moon: 24.48 Scorpio plus 12 deg. = 6.48 Sagittarius, = opposition Mercury and Cauda; 6.48 Sagittarius, = square Mars in Pisces = (8.53).

Saturn: 27.25 Scorpio plus 12 deg. = 9 deg. Sagittarius, also square to Mars in Pisces.

Mercury in 6.19 Gemini minus 12 deg. (converse) = 24.19 Taurus, = opposition Moon in 8th house.

Mars in 8.53. Pisces minus 12 deg. = 26.53 Aquarius, = square Saturn; 26.53 Aquarius, = opposition Pluto, ruler of 8th house (orb of 20′ only).

Jupiter in 27.2. Leo plus 12 deg. = 9.2 Virgo = opposition Mars (orb 9′ only).

Pluto in 26.32 Leo plus 12 deg. = 8.32. Virgo = opposition Mars (orb 21′ only).

These results speak for themselves and for the evident value of the diurnal progression in this case, at any rate.

But now Hans Genuit goes further and applies yet another ingenious way of getting at the "fundamental nature" of the event, and this is the construction of the "Intrinsic" chart or the "Wesenskern-Horoskop" as he calls it.

To find the ascendant for such a chart one takes the midpoint between the places of the Sun and Moon, but in the case of a male one reckons this *from* the Sun *to* the Moon in anticlockwise fashion, whereas one must count *from* the place of the Moon *to* the Sun to get at the "fundamental nature" of a female chart.

When however, as in this case, the "Intrinsic Chart" relates to an *event* and not to a person, it depends on whether such an event concerns a single person (or only a very few)—or whether the event concerns a whole crowd of people or the masses as such. The latter, crowds and masses are moon-ruled, therefore this horoscope would have to be constructed as for a *female* birth, i.e. one must find the ascendant by counting the distance *from* the Moon *to* the Sun and half this result.

Applying this rule to chart (*a*) for the onset of the motor-trouble, we get the new ascendant in 12° Pisces. From this we erect an "Equal houses" chart, i.e. each cusp will have the 12th degree of the respective sign on it, and into this chart we place the planets with the same degrees as before.

This throws fresh light on the tragic event, making it still more clear what could be expected to happen in the end. We find Mars close to the ascendant and square to the Midheaven, and Mars on the asc. is always a dangerous position and also implies danger from fire, whereas the Pisces–12th house position implies the watery end, the crash into the sea, in a lonely place.

Mercury, now ruler of the 4th house of endings, is in the 3rd house in square to the rising Mars and Uranus is in semi-square to the 4th cusp, also in sesquiquadrate to the M.C. Venus, ruling both the 3rd house of travel and the 8th house of

death is found in the 4th house of endings, so is the Sun, being inconjunct to Saturn in the 9th house of long journeys. Neptune the ruler of the whole chart is once again, (as he also was at the time of the very start of the journey, before midnight) in the 8th house of death, and from there in close sesquiquadrate to the ascendant. The death-sign Scorpio occupies the 9th cusp and the evil Moon-Saturn conjunction squares Jupiter and Pluto, ruler of the 9th house from there. Thus the concepts of misfortune, disaster, death and travel are all closely linked with each other in this interpretation. Pluto implies the mass-disaster on a big scale, so does the Moon, for that matter.

Finally, it must be explained that the Hamburg school of astrologers is very keen on finding the mid-point axis between two planets which is supposed to be most sensitive and by equidistance from these points or axes the planets form "planetary pictures" which are continuously referred to in interpretations by this school. In the above, "intrinsic" chart two such midpoints mentioned are:

Uranus, ruler of 12th house opposes the midpoint between M.C. and Asc. (sudden tragic event).

Asc. opposes the midpoint between Uranus and Neptune (indicating the same thing).

The whole exposition of this case is certainly an interesting and versatile one, opening up a few new trains of thought, which might be applied successfully to other cases for further proof of their validity and value.

Astrology and Theological opinion; ancient and modern

It becomes necessary for modern astrologers or "cosmo-biologists," as they now call themselves on the Continent, to soothe their outraged spirits somewhat and at the same time collect some useful ammunition to sling at their mostly ill-informed critics (scientific or theological) by looking around for signs of approval in ancient and modern literature. These signs are few and far between, but they do exist, so let us see what we can find.

It is always most useful to be able to quell criticism coming from the Catholic Church side by some irrefutable bit of approval from amongst their own, and here we might mention a little excerpt from the famous *Corpus Iuris Canonici* which states that ". . . astrology is a permissible means of explaining the will of God with the help of the human intellect *in so far as He wants to reveal it to us. . . .*" With other words

God in his wisdom usually sees to it, in some mysterious way, that no little human astrologer gets beyond himself and becomes infallible, and so not too much damage is done, and moreover the motive (as in all spiritual actions and living) is the main thing, in this case merely an attempt to explain the will of God.

Now to Thomas of Aquinas, that pillar of the Catholic Church, whose word must surely count for something:

He states in his *Summa Theologiae*: ". . . One can foresee the future by the observations of the stars only in that single case where the future events arise from these heavenly bodies as their causes. The foretelling of future natural events which necessarily must arise from the positions of the planets is not forbidden, but is permissible. When somebody foretells events which the human intellect *can* foresee (i.e. a reasonable prognosis such as every medical man makes, A.C.) that is to say events which must necessarily happen or will happen in the majority of cases, then he does not act as a soothsayer, but as one who surmises and knows."

One might recall that not a few mediaeval Popes occupied themselves seriously with astrology and had their own astrologers to aid and guide them, and how could infallible heads of the great Church of Rome commit such a heinous sin if it *was* a sin, or how could they make themselves so ridiculous as highly educated men?

Now to a modern Catholic, Professor Michael Schmaus of Munich University, who writes in his book *Catholic Dogma*, Vol. II: ". . . the Fathers fight against astrological superstitions. But this does not contradict the opinion that a certain close relationship exists between the planetary motions and the fate of man. In view of the close link between man and the cosmos, this is indeed most probable. . . ."

Not only the modern Catholic but quite a few Lutheran Pastors and even a Lutheran Professor of "Systematic Theology" at the University of Tübingen, Germany, have had the courage of late to write and speak publicly in favour or defence of astrology.

At the beginning of August of this year an astrologers' conference took place in Aalen Württemberg on which the newspaper *Das Neue Zeitalter* reported recently (Nr. 34, August 17, 1956) and this is more or less the gist of what Professor A. Köberle of Tübingen said: ". . . He who wants to help and understand human nature to the fullest possible extent must have many keys to hand. It is doubtful whether the factors of sex, race, environment, climate, constitution, heredity and

education are sufficient to explain and determine human nature, it is necessary to consider further aspects to plumb the depths and the mystery of the human soul. But to do this one needs a sense of cosmic unity, such as some of our most enlightened men of genius have shown in the past, who knew about and fully understood cosmic influences. To-day science once again admits more or less graciously that some geopsychic phenomena indeed exist."

To say that man's personal free will was checked and lamed by acknowledging these cosmic influences was a futile error, for man only enjoyed conditional freedom in any case and was limited in certain respects. Astrology, or cosmobiology as it is now mostly called, only adds a few more limitations, or rather makes man realise a few more of these. But, on the other hand it was also able to show man where his strength and good points lay with which to master the vicissitudes of life. Besides these cosmic limiting factors were in no way rigidly insurmountable, but only created certain inclinations and tendencies which were in no way strictly fatalistic ones.

Professor Köberle pointed out however that the danger in astrological work arose when it got into the hands of unscrupulous money-making types of people, or when man had lost all contact with God, for then he was all the more at the complete mercy of these planetary, cosmic forces.

But there was little doubt that on the basis of an accurate planetary picture for the precise moment of birth one could draw certain conclusions as to how that person would react under certain conditions and circumstances and of what he was capable or incapable. A man who had this extra knowledge about himself to help him see clearly and who also was a Christian and had God for his guide, could swim deep rivers and scale great heights in the course of his life. It always depended entirely on the value of the personal character in how far the sidereal inclinations and possibilities could make themselves felt or could be realised. Especially in the vocational guidance field serious astrology could be of great value and even a minister might be glad of the help which astrology could give in the solving of his various pastoral problems which are invariably very human ones.

All this is certainly a very enlightened and fair viewpoint for a Lutheran Professor of Theology who has the courage to say such things in public.

And there are other voices from the same quarter.... Another Lutheran Pastor recently observed in a Trier newspaper that

the Bible evidently took astrological knowledge for granted, especially in the case of the three Wise Men from the East, who were in no way branded as fools because they observed their stellar signs and portents and acted at once on their entirely trustworthy information by starting out on a long and wearisome journey as soon as they were sure that the Messiah must have been born in Judaea. Therefore Christianity seems to have little right to condemn astrology as a game of fools and knaves, as nonsense or evil.

Another Pastor and Doctor of Divinity, Dr. Curt Hutten, wrote an article in a Württemberg newspaper on astrology, admitted forthwith that astrology had a vast influence on millions of people in Germany and he marvelled at its vitality in the face of ages of persecution or neglect. He, too, states that in as far as astrology wants to *help* man to live his life in an orderly, intelligent way, it cannot reasonably be condemned as evil. Besides, he does not consider it permissible (enlightened soul!) to condemn outright any form of symbolical interpretation of life on this earth. He goes as far as classifying astrology as a "denomination." Although he admits the often startlingly correct prognoses supposedly made by a sort of clairvoyant, prophetic power (according to his own opinion) he sinks back into the orthodox scholastic more and becomes very illogical by attributing the fulfilment of such prognoses to a sort of autosuggestion of the person concerned, who *believed* in the prognosis and therefore it came true. The dear Dr. seems to have no idea that many prognoses come true which are quite unknown to the person for whom they were made, or are indeed violently ridiculed and expressly disregarded. Still, for a Doctor of Divinity this is not a bad effort in coming to grips with astrology in public writing by acknowledging its existence and the undoubted proficiency of "serious" astrologers.

Italy is a Catholic country, yet they have an "Academia Universale del Governo Cosmico Astrosofico" in Trieste, and the President, Professor Damiani decided to have their Congress in Munich this year in collaboration with the German "Society for Cosmobiological Study and Research" there. It took place in mid-September, every continental astrologer of note was there, and some very erudite papers were read.

Time marches on, it seems, when even an astronomer rises up in defence, as Dr. Paul Rossnagel did last January when he lectured at the I.B.M. club and stated (as the newspaper *Böblinger Bote* of January 20, 1956 reports) that . . . the findings of astrology as regards the character of man, his emotional

and physical peculiarities had definite value. Other fulfilled prognoses he attributed merely to the law of averages and probabilities. From the purely scientific point of view he rejected astrology although he admitted that there might be some as yet undiscovered cosmic ray-interplay at work.

Nil Desperandum—it may yet come to pass what Professor C. G. Jung observed ponderingly once: "To-day, astrology stands once again at the gates of the Universities."

SECOND THOUGHTS ON THE TISSUE SALTS AND THE ZODIAC

By Joan Rodgers

I had been a humble student both of astrology and of healing with the Schüssler tissue salts for a long time before I came to study the correspondence between the two as given by Dr. George Carey.* And when I did so I felt very strongly that whatever the reasons for the correspondences he made, in many instances he overlooked the famous dictum of the great Dr. Hahnemann, founder of homeopathy, that "like heals like." As I firmly believe this to be a basic principle of healing I set out to make a new set of correspondences between the tissue salts and the signs of the zodiac. I do not ask anyone to accept what I say in this, unless after experiment they find it to be true, but I think it is worth considering a different arrangement —if only as an alternative to Dr. Carey's.

Undoubtedly there is some correspondence between the twelve basic astrological temperaments and the twelve salts essential to the human body chosen by Dr. Schüssler, but on occasions it seems to me that Dr. Carey (who made the correspondences) overlooked the relation of the signs to the different parts of the body as well as their traditional relationship to metals and precious stones. As we know, the signs of the zodiac are interrelated and can be grouped in different ways. The cell salts too are often complementary to each other and are taken in pairs, and this is a point to look for in matching them with the signs of the zodiac and I think the ones that are used together should be linked by oppositions, sextiles and trines. But before reaching any conclusions I thought I should study

* See Table at end of article.

the writings of Dr. Carey on the subject. In some cases I found myself in agreement with him, and in some I found his reasons tenuous to say the least. In every case, I shall quote from what he says so that you can decide what you think for yourself.

Let us start with Aries. Dr. Carey ascribes Kali Phos. (Potassium Phosphate) to Aries because he says that it works on the upper part of the brain: he goes on to say that the ruler of Aries has not yet been discovered (writing in the 1880's or so). So perhaps if he were still alive there would be an agreement between his view and those astrologers that ascribe Pluto to Aries.

Personally, I have always believed Mars to be the ruler of Aries and as we know the metal of Mars is iron—Ferrum Phos. (or Phosphate of Iron). Kali Phos.—Dr. Carey's remedy for Aries—is generally used for people suffering from nervous or mental troubles, but Aries people are not, in my opinion, particularly liable to this sort of difficulty. We all know them as headstrong and impulsive—people who act on inspiration rather than thought—for Aries is a leader and a pioneer who gets things started by the force of his enthusiasm. To me, he is a Martian if ever there was one—direct action is what he likes best and it is his method of self-expression. To me, therefore, there is only one salt that corresponds with this rash feverish temperament and that is Ferrum Phos. You use it in accidents, to which Aries is very prone, and it is the remedy for high blood pressure and fevers, as it puts oxygen into the blood. I have often heard Aries people say that they feel the blood pounding in their heads when they are not well or upset, and for this I would give Ferrum Phos. Aries is no worrier and he is too impulsive for nervous breakdowns—for one thing he lives so entirely in the present that he immediately forgets the past and he deals with the future when he comes to it. His nervous system does not trouble him much—but Kali Phos. (Dr. Carey's remedy for the sign) is the one above all others for nervous complaints! Further, if like heals like, how can it be otherwise than that iron should be a cure for the illnesses (to say nothing of the accidents) of a Mars sign?

When we come to Taurus, every astrologer associates this sign with the throat. In temperament Taureans are the opposite of Aries. They are stolid and phlegmatic. They suffer from sore throats, tonsillitis, quinsies, etc., in their short thick throats, and from digestive troubles due to their love of large quantities of good food, which causes congestions in the digestive tract. The remedy among the tissue salts for congestions, swellings

and fibrous lumps is Kali Mur. (Potassium Chloride). Dr. Carey gives Nat. Sulph. (Sodium Sulphate) to Taurus which is a liver remedy and must therefore undoubtedly be good for Taurus' habit of over-eating. But he does not mention Taurus' short thick necks and delicate throats. He says that the chief office of Nat. Sulph. is to eliminate excess of water from the body—but Taurus is not a water sign, nor does it rule over the kidneys. He goes on to say that the excessive moisture comes to us through the air we breathe—but Taurus is not an air sign either! You can make a case for taking Nat. Sulph. in the early spring because of the rainy weather, but there does not seem to me to be a true correspondence between it and the character-illnesses of Taurus.

Carey says that Kali Mur. must be ascribed to Gemini because it builds the fibrin in the body which he connects with Mercury. I have taken it in its power to deal with swellings and congestions which seems to me typical of the earth signs when they are disordered, for earth needs something to clear the way, being in itself so sluggish. Speaking of Kali Mur., Dr. Carey goes on to say "The skin that covers the face contains the lines and angles that give expression, and thus differentiates one person from another; therefore the maker of fibrin has been designated as the birth salt of the Geminian native." But the skin of the face does not seem to me to be particularly connected with Gemini—and we say in our Lodge ritual that though Mecury knows the difference between good and evil, he never makes a choice. I have also looked up some of the mental symptoms of these remedies in Clark's *Homeopathic Materia Medica*, and according to Dr. Clark a patient suffering from shortage of Kali Mur. *imagines he must starve*. This seems to me exactly like Taurus with his great interest in food! According to Clark, it is the remedy for mucus, catarrh, croup, sore throats, indigestion, loss of voice—all of which come into the area of Taurus' appetite and his delicate throat.

When we come to the air signs, I think we are approaching the signs with mental troubles. After all, it is they—particularly Gemini and Libra—who have difficulty in making up their minds and worry in consequence. As we know Gemini swings constantly between alternatives and contradicts himself all day long. When this trouble is magnified to the point of illness from indecision, the remedy to seize is Kali Phos. In a little while your worries cease, and as one Geminian said to me after taking it for a few days: "I feel much more settled." For Kali Phos. acts upon the nervous system, and it is the nerves that

communicate the sensations of the body to the brain—like Mercury who is the messenger of the gods. In Clark's *Materia Medica*, he gives, among others, as symptoms for patients requiring Kali Phos., hysteria, laughing and crying, changeable moods, aversion to food. As we know, Geminians are inclined to become hysterical when they are upset, and the person with changeable moods is often described as mercurial. I think too, that Kali Phos. would be a very good remedy for Gemini's opposite number—Sagittarius, who also suffers sometimes from not being able to make up his mind.

When we come to Cancer and Leo, I am in a quandary and find I cannnot reach a true conviction. Certainly Calc. Fluor. (fluoride of Lime) is very good for Cancer people. It is said to give elasticity to the fibres and is used for such conditions as varicose veins, prolapses of the womb, etc. Dr. Carey says it is the corner-stone in the chemistry of the crab . . . a combination of fluorine and lime. For the mental symptom he says lack of it brings *fear of financial ruin*—and this seems to me to be very like the crab when she is worried. But since Calc. Fluor. is the sovereign remedy for the veins and arteries, should it not really be given to Leo, the sign of the circulation of the blood? After all, the heart is the largest artery of the body and you would give Calc. Fluor. to a person suffering from heart trouble, as it helps to clear the veins and restore their elasticity. But if we do not give Calc. Fluor. to Cancer, what should we give? I certainly think there is a connection between the water signs and calcium and particularly between Cancer and calcium, since calcium is the major ingredient in milk which comes from the breasts—Cancer—and it is a very important factor in digestive troubles, which is a weakness of the sign. So I am leaving the attribution of Calc. Fluor. to Cancer, but with the query in my mind that perhaps Calc. Phos. which builds the bones and is very good for children and young people may not be a more suitable correspondence.

Of Leo, Dr. Carey says "The impulsive traits of Leo people are symboled in the pulse, which is a reflex of heart throbs. . . . Phosphate of magnesia is the remedy for all spasmodic impulsive symptoms." But Leo is a fixed sign and not as impulsive as either of the other fire signs. Moreover it seems to me that there is a parallel between spasms and sudden events—sharp pains and the flash of lightning which is more suggestive of the planet Uranus and the sign Aquarius than Leo, the opposite sign. I have a theory that the true biochemic remedy for Leo is gold, over which the Sun has rulership in any case. It is not, of

course, one of the Schüssler salts but it has a place in the chemistry of the body. Here is Dr. Clark's description of patients needing gold—I think you will see a parallel with the Leo temperament in distress: "The patient loses his love of life, his affections are deranged. He suffers from an insanity that begins in the will (the Sun) and proceeds to the intellect (Aquarius). Fits of rage. Cardiac affections. Dropsy of the heart. Ailments from grief, disappointed love, fright, anger, contradiction and mortification. . . . Affected by the temperature . . . likes to take off his clothes." This last symptom is to me particularly like Leo—I have never known one that did not want to take off his clothes as soon as he got warm!

Anyway, as far as the Schüssler salts are concerned I have left Leo with Mag. Phos., but I have no deep conviction that it is his true remedy.

When we come to Virgo, once more I part company with Dr. Carey in his attributions. I will take Libra and Virgo together as in my opinion the correspondences are reversed—and the tissue salt for Virgo should be Nat. Phos. (Sodium Phosphate), and for Libra Kali Sulph. (Potassium Sulphate). Nat. Phos. is made from bone ash—a nice earthy ingredient to me—and it is said to neutralise the acids of the body. According to Dr. Carey sodium phosphate holds the balance between acids and the normal fluids of the body, and I think it is on the phrase "hold the balance" that he has based his attribution. He goes on to say: "Hate, envy, criticism, jealousy, competition, selfishness are largely caused by acid conditions." But, with the possible exception of competition, these are not the traits of Libra, even in affliction: the sign is more inclined to give up in adversity than be positively evil. On the other hand envy, criticism, selfishness are all traits that we attribute to the acid Virgo, while the desire to destroy through hate and jealousy is typical of the bad Scorpion. Either of these signs is more typical of the afflictions cured by Nat. Phos. than Libra. We have, of course, to remember that Libra was interposed and came into the Zodiac later than the other signs, so this may be why the signs on either side of her seem to correspond more to the remedy to which she was assigned by Dr. Carey than it does to Libra. Eric Powell in his *Biochemic Pocketbook* says of Nat. Phos., "it acts by catalysis, i.e. its *minute* particles have the power to convert and change other substances. . . ." It is the only one of the Schüssler salts whose particles he describes as minute—and that seems to me an echo of Virgo who likes very small things. But chiefly I would base the correspondence on

the acidity and the mental symptoms given by Carey himself of envy, criticism, selfishness, etc., all of which seem more in keeping with the negative Virgos than with Libra.

I think for Virgo you should consider Kali Arsen. (Potassium Arsenicum) also, as it is a biochemic salt, though not one chosen by Schüssler. In the 6X potency it is not poisonous and it is for all symptoms relieved by heat. Arsenic affects every part of the body and is in everything we eat. According to Powell people requiring Kali Arsen. have clay-coloured complexions, anxious features and dark rings round their eyes. They are lacking in patience (not typical of Virgo) and want to change remedies frequently. Clark, in his *Materia Medica* says they suffer from anxiety mixed with fear. They are sad, weary of life and suffer great anguish of mind. These symptoms seem to me rather in keeping with the character of Virgo when she is not well.

In my view Kali Sulph. (Potassium Sulphate) is the remedy for Libra. Of this remedy Dr. Carey says: "The microscope reveals the fact that when the body is in health little jets of steam are constantly escaping from the seven million pores of the skin. A deficiency of Kali Sulph. molecules causes the oil in the tissues to thicken and clog these safety valves of the human engine, thus turning heat and secretions back upon the inner organs, lungs, pleura membranes of the nasal passages, etc." . . . "When this salt falls below standard, dandruff or eruptions secreting yellowish thin oily matter or falling out of the hair is the result."

To me this does not fit in with the intellectual sign of earth, Virgo with its rulership over the colon. The lack of this salt (as I have just quoted from Carey himself) affects the skin, the lungs, the pleura and the nasal passages—all parts of the body that must surely be ruled by an air sign, and since it is the oil of the body that is affected by Kali Sulph., I would ascribe it to Libra—the airy Venus sign that soothes and comforts—indeed, do we not say pours oil on troubled waters? Further, I have often observed that Librans, when they are not well, are frequently given to bad skins, and their hair is often very thin and inclined to fall out in illness. Some astrologers put the skin under Venus, and others under Saturn (as it is a boundary); but after all, Libra is the sign of the exaltation of Saturn. Further, Kali Sulph. acts well with or in place of Ferrum Phos. which I have given to Aries the opposite sign. Powell says you can use it in place of Ferrum Phos. when this is not effective.

Dr. Carey gives Calc. Sulph. (Sulphate of Lime) to Scorpio,

and I am inclined to agree with him. He says when water is added to lime, plaster of Paris is made. . . . Heat is caused by the union of water and lime. (There seems to me to be a parallel there between the water of Scorpio and the heat of Mars.) Lack of this salt, says Carey, is the primal cause of all disease and it disturbs the astral fluids and the grey matter of the brain. It seems reasonable that the remedy for Scorpio should have an effect on the astral, since Scorpio is such an emotional sign. Carey regarded plaster of Paris as symbolical of the process of transformation that Scorpio has to undergo to become the White Eagle, in that it can be moulded to new forms. Eric Powell says, in speaking of Calc. Sulph., "that it destroys the red blood corpuscles, abstracting their water in the same manner as Nat. Mur. does with the leucocytes in the inter-cellular tissues; and you will see that I am ascribing Nat. Mur. to Pisces, so that these two salts would be in trine to each other. Also it is a Calcium salt which I think has a connection with water signs.

The fiery Sagittarius is the sign of the prophet and the seer. It is also that of the sportsman. He has a cheerful, happy-go-lucky nature as a rule—one which we would associate with a good liver—in both senses of the word! He bears his troubles cheerfully, but he often conceals behind this front an over-active brain and a tendency to worry. He is subject to accidents, diseases of the hips, and troubles of the liver. It is a dual sign and he frequently has difficulty in making up his mind, so that he is often looked upon as unreliable. I think Nat. Sulph. should be his constitutional tissue salt, since it is the remedy for liver troubles. His planet is Jupiter which is the largest planet in our solar system and tends to bring obesity. Nat. Sulph. (Sodium Sulphate) is not within the cells themselves but it is in the space between them, and we know that Sagittarius reaches out beyond the boundaries of the material world. It is for all complaints that are worse in damp weather (and the end of November and the beginning of December is a very damp time in this country) and in the early morning. I think Sagittarius also needs Kali Phos. which I have assigned to the opposite sign, Gemini. For his accidents he would need Ferrum Phos. and Mag. Phos. which I have given to the other two fire signs.

Dr. Carey gives Silicea to Sagittarius on the grounds that the arrowheads shot by the Archer were made of flint, and Silicea is quartz. But after all, it is not the arrow but the Archer himself with whom we are concerned, and since Silicea comes from a stone (variously described by different biochemists as quartz,

flint and granite), it seems to me to be a material that comes under Saturn and not Jupiter, since Saturn is said to rule over stone. Silicea is found, according to Carey, in hair, skin, nails, membrane covering of the bones, nerve sheaths and the bone tissue itself. Such things as the hair, skin and nails, in my view, are all outer covering of the body and therefore in a sense boundaries which would come under Saturn, as of course do the bones. To go back to Dr. Carey, he says: "Silicea promotes suppuration and is called the surgeon of the body as it brings pus to the surface." None of this seems to me particularly like Jupiter in character. Lack of Silicea, according to Clark's *Materia Medica*, brings the following symptoms: "Diseases of the bones—lack of vital heat: a cold, chilly person who hugs the fire: fixed ideas: sweat: loss of power in the legs. Pain in the knee." All of these seem to me like the symptoms of a person who comes strongly under Saturn and I am therefore inclined to ascribe Silicea either to Capricorn or to Aquarius. Silicea is the complement of Cal. Fluor. (another reason for not giving it to Sagittarius), and these two salts are often taken together. So I am going to consider the two Saturn signs together, just as I did the signs of the Sun and Moon.

Dr. Carey gives Calc. Phos. to Capricorn, and I think a very good case can be made out for it because it is the bone building tissue salt and it is another form of Calcium which must, I think, be connected with a water sign, if only by polarity. Dr. Carey says that Bright's disease is caused by lack of Calc. Phos. This is, of course, a disease of the kidneys which would come under Libra—the sign in square. He also says that bone tissue is principally composed of Phosphate of Lime (Calc. Phos.) and without it no bone can be formed. So I would give Calc. Phos, and Silicea jointly to Capricorn and Aquarius and be inclined to give either salt to either sign according to the symptoms. In one sense, I think Calc. Phos. could be considered for the sign Cancer since the formation of bone takes place in young children before and after birth.

When we come to Pisces, the attribution of Ferrum Phos. seems to me the most far-fetched of any of Dr. Carey's correspondences. To give the fiery remedy iron to the watery sign Pisces, with its affinity to the sea, seems to be the very antithesis of *Like heals Like*. To me, it seems about as effective as plunging a torch into a bucket of water! Dr. Carey ascribes Nat. Mur. to Aquarius because he says it is a salt that carries water all over the body and Aquarius is the Water Bearer. But again he has overlooked the fact that it is the man with the

watering-pot that we are trying to heal—not his mission. Nat. Mur. (Sodium Chloride) is common salt and it is used for watery or very dry conditions such as a streaming cold or the dryness at the back of your nose before you get it. It is also used for swellings and edemas, and I have never associated Aquarius with watery conditions—it seems out of character somehow.

The Silicea symptom "lack of vital heat" which I read you just now—seems to me to suggest the polarity of Aquarius to Leo, and of course the symptom "mental fixity" suggests a connection with an afflicted Aquarius since it is the sign of fixed air. Silicea is also used to clear the veins and arteries in heart cases and it is the complement of Calc. Fluor. in this. Another factor which makes me think of Silicea for Aquarius is that it is a remedy that has an entirely different kind of name from the others—Silicea; it stands apart in a way that is very Uranian.

To me there is a perfect remedy on the basis of like heals like for the Fishes, and that is Common Salt—the Salt of the Sea, Nat. Mur. One reason that Dr. Carey gives Ferrum Phos. to Pisces is that they suffer from anaemia, but I find that Nat. Mur. is also given for anaemia and there is a strong chemical affinity between sea water and the blood. Furthermore, the watery conditions that I have just described must, surely, be connected with a water sign.

When we think of the Pisces native with his large sleepy eyes that fill so readily with tears, and his equally large fleshy nose that often has a drip on the end, not to mention his figure with its tendency to run to fat, it seems to me that the watery remedy Nat. Mur. fits him very well. I have given Nat. Mur. to a Sun Pisces person for a running tear duct with very good result—she said it was more effective than the treatment she got from her doctor. One of the symptoms to look out for with a Nat. Mur. person is that they feel either much better or much worse by the sea—so there again is the connection with the Fishes in my view—possibly the difference is between salt-water fish and fresh-water fish!

Well, I have completed the circle and made several unorthodox attributions for your consideration. I know you will tell me that Dr. Carey's correspondences work quite well and I am sure it is so, because I think that all the tissue salts are good for us since they are components of the cells of the body and in these days of deficient foodstuffs I think we need them all. Particularly, of course, are they effective—that is any one or all of them—when they are taken for the first time. The need they supply is so great these days that the effect is often like magic.

Another point occurs to me and that is that perhaps in the use of the constituents of the cells of the body—the tissue salts —a single remedy is not really the right form of treatment. With homeopathic medicine the idea always is that if you get the exact remedy to suit the temperament of your patient, no other is necessary. But if the remedy is designed to supply a deficiency, and there is more than one, albeit in a trace quantity —can it not be that we all of us need all the tissue salts at different times and perhaps several of them at once in illness? If so, of course, the correspondences between individual Sun signs and tissue salts is merely a jumping-off ground for a more complex method of treatment. In my own mind, I think there is probably a basic temperamental correspondence between fire signs and purifying remedies: earth signs and remedies for congestive conditions; air signs and remedies for mental troubles; and water signs and remedies for swollen and bloated conditions or conditions of extreme emaciation.

Another thought that occurs to me is that perhaps the true correspondence is with the planets and not the signs and in treating you should look for those in affliction. Thus, Ferrum Phos. seems to me exactly like Mars; Kali Phos. like the afflictions of Mercury with the mental instability that they are inclined to bring; Nat. Mur. like Jupiter afflictions; Silicea like Saturn afflictions, and so on.

Anyway, I do ask you to consider the various points I have laid before you and make use of any that you find to be true.

Sign	*Dr. Carey's Attributions*	*Suggested Attributions*
Aries	Kali Phos.	Ferrum Phos.
Taurus	Nat. Sulph.	Kali Mur.
Gemini	Kali Mur.	Kali Phos.
Cancer	Calc. Fluor.	Calc. Fluor or Calc. Phos.
Leo	Mag. Phos.	Calc. Fluor. or Mag. Phos. (or Gold)
Virgo	Kali Sulph.	Nat. Phos.
Libra	Nat. Phos.	Kali Sulph.
Scorpio	Calc. Sulph.	Calc. Sulph.
Sagittarius	Silicea	Nat. Sulph.
Capricorn	Calc. Phos.	Calc. Phos. or Silicea
Aquarius	Nat. Mur.	Calc. Phos. or Silicea or Mag. Phos.
Pisces	Ferrum Phos.	Nat. Mur.

AT THE LODGE

By R. C. D.

In his lecture on "Astrology and Music" on June 18, Mr. M. B. Machin presented a statistical survey of planetary positions and aspects in the horoscopes of a number of musicians. As the exact birth time was not available in some of the cases studied, Ascendant positions and lunar positions and aspects were excluded from the survey. Also excluded were the sign positions of the outer planets, as only a small arc of the zodiac would be represented owing to the relatively short period of time covered by the survey. The position was further complicated by the fact that different categories of musicians were involved. Composers, instrumentalists, singers and even critics qualified for inclusion under the general description but the lecturer did not consider it a practical proposition, in view of the relatively small number of cases involved, to divide them into their various categories, although a difference of planetary emphasis might be expected in each case.

In the examples studied, the sign most often containing the ☉ was ♌, followed by ♓, ♋ and ♒. Least tenanted by the ☉ were ♑, ♈ and ♎. The distribution of ☿ and ♀ in the signs closely followed this pattern, owing to their proximity to the ☉, except that ♀ showed a marked liking for ♉. ♂ was often in ♌, rarely in ♒, ♉ and ♑. ♃ occurred frequently in ♒ and ♏ and was found least in ♊ and ♍. ♓ was the sign most often containing ♄, followed by ♈ and ♑, with ♊ last of all.

The ☉ appeared to have a special liking for the 29th degree, irrespective of sign. Of the solar aspects, that with ♆ occurred with the greatest frequency, outnumbering any of the interplanetary aspects. ♂ ♃ aspects were next most frequent, followed by ♂ ♆ and ♂ ♅ contacts. Aspects between the ☉ and ♄ were the least numerous among all the aspects tabulated. For the major aspects only 3° of orb were allowed. A ☿ ♂ contact was often found, indicative of the high degree of digital dexterity so necessary to the top class musician.

An interesting point which emerged from this survey was that the Venus sign ♎ was only weakly represented in the horoscopes of musicians, a possibility which had been suggested by earlier researchers. Neptunian contacts with the other planets and the luminaries were often by square aspect, probably because this nebulous and diffusive influence needed the

extra stimulus and sharper focus of the most strenuous aspect. Mr. Carter commented that any aspect from ♆ was probably favourable for Neptunian activities, although productive of difficulties in most other respects. Mr. Carruthers mentioned that in a large number of cases he had investigated the Ascendant was often in ♋ and the ☽ in ♒.

After the interval Mrs. Doris Watts introduced a discussion on "The Chart of Douglas Bader," the legless war hero whose life story has recently been filmed under the title *Reach for the Sky*. He was born on February 21, 1910, at 10.30 a.m. (London?). Almost as soon as he was born his parents removed to the Isle of Man, whose unique coat-of-arms bears the well-known three-legged device and the motto which might well have been Bader's own: "Whichever way you throw me I will stand." When he was two his parents took him to India, where they stayed for some years. ♂ □ ♅ is sometimes the significator of the accident-prone type and at the early age of five he became impaled upon some railings while engaged upon some youthful escapade. His career as a rugby footballer of international standard was cruelly terminated on December 14, 1931, by the flying accident which resulted in the loss of both legs. Dared by his brother officers in the R.A.F. to "beat up" the aerodrome where he was stationed, he reluctantly allowed himself to be persuaded into giving the daring display of aeronautics that was to end so disastrously. Mrs. Watts suggested that the birth might have occurred earlier than stated, as Bader's appearance was more Taurean than Geminian. Although this theory gained some support from members, others were quick to point out that ♊ rising, with the ruler, ☿, in conjunction with the Midheaven in ♒, was typical of a flyer who had captured the popular imagination. ♊, moreover, produced a wide variety of physical types, according to the condition of ☿ in the horoscope, and also belonged to the mutable quadruplicity, ruling the limbs. It was said that Bader always gave a rude answer to silly questions! This seemed to some a strong point in favour of the ♊ Ascendant.

"Second Thoughts on the Tissue Salts" was the title of a well-reasoned and informative lecture by Mrs. Joan Rodgers on June 25. It is some time since the Twelve Biochemic Cell Salts discovered by Dr. Schüssler formed the subject of a Lodge lecture and special interest was added by the lecturer's departure, in many cases, from the sign allocations proposed by Dr. Carey. The text of the lecture appears in this issue of the Quarterly. The discussion following the lecture showed that

there was some support for a re-allocation of several of the remedies, and especially of Ferrum Phos., which could well be regarded as an Arian cell salt. On the other hand, a few spoke in support of Dr. Carey's arrangement and claimed that long experience in the use of these salts had tended to confirm his ideas.

The novel title of "Moonstruck" was chosen by Mr. C. A. Winyard to cover the unusual cases which he presented for discussion at 8.20. They were taken from the French publication, *Les Cahiers Astrologiques* and illustrated a theory of M. Volguine's that in horoscopes where the ☽ is applying to a conjunction of the ☉ and there is no other body or the Part of Fortune between them, there is often some marked peculiarity in the life or an involvement in events of a fantastically strange nature. The first case was that of a woman who was wrongly certified dead and rescued from her coffin after bystanders had heard strange noises issuing from it. She was born on June 30, 1878 (M.C. 13° ♐; Asc. 12° ♋; ☽ 4° ♋). The close ☌ ♃ opposition involving the 8th house shows carelessness affecting matters related to death.

The second case concerned a woman who had married a judge at nineteen. Later he embarked upon a series of affairs with other women but not until the score had reached thirteen did she attempt to emulate her partner! She finally met a Hindu hypnotist and left her home in a semi-trance state. She was born on May 7, 1891 (M.C. 15° ♍; Asc. 27° ♏; ☽ 12° ♉). The 7th house satellitium in ♊ tells its own story about the marriage conditions.

The third case was that of a man born on July 4, 1883, at Varna, Bulgaria, 1.07 p.m. local time (M.C. 27° ♋; Asc. 23° ♎). While travelling to Odessa on January 27, 1907, he accidentally shot and killed his best friend. ♂ and PL in the 8th house appeared to have a strong bearing on this tragedy. Mr. Davison remarked that, in addition to the conjunction of the luminaries in each case, a further common factor appeared to be the presence of an angle or planet in about 25°–27° ♉ ♏, close to Caput Medusae. On the basis of these three examples alone, therefore, it was not possible to attribute exclusively to the lunar position the blame for all the extraordinary events that had occurred. Mr. Winyard suggested that, as one side of the ☽ was permanently turned away from the earth and the reflected light from this "better" side was cut off at the time of the new moon, this might account for the apparently baleful influence of the ☽ in the examples under discussion.

On July 2, a Brains Trust consisting of Mrs. Rodgers, Mrs. Jaffa, Mr. Carruthers and Mr. Winyard, answered questions submitted by members of the audience. A brief selection of the various topics discussed follows:—

"What is the effect of a stationary or retrograde ☿?"

This is a powerful position especially when ☿ is about to turn direct. If ☿ is about to turn retrograde some inhibitions are likely to result unless ☿ is very well aspected. The position is helpful in a very mutable type of nativity, strengthening the powers of concentration. Mr. Addey, when the question was thrown open to members of the audience for their comments, said that this position often slowed down the native's reactions and tended to indicate a sluggish nervous system.

"Can an event happen to the native without an appropriate direction?"

No. The life and the horoscope are one. But it is possible that the full significance of a direction might not be realised until after the event and also that our knowledge of directional systems might still fall some way short of perfection.

"Does astrology make people more or less happy than ordinary folk or does it make no difference?"

While it is not possible to know what astrologers would have been like had they not come into contact with astrology, the chances are that the deeper understanding of people made possible by astrological knowledge and the most absorbing nature of the study itself, tilted the scales decisively in favour of a more happy existence. The basic nature of a person could not be radically changed, however, and a naturally pessimistic person would tend to regard adverse directions with certain misgivings. Astrology could give such people the opportunity to look ahead and note those periods when the river of life would flow more smoothly.

"Is there any difference in effect between the Secondary Direction ☉ p. ☌ ♄ r. and ♄ p. ☌ ☉ r.?"

In theory there ought to be. In the first case the radical ♄ should be illuminated by the solar rays; in the second, the radical ☉ should be restrained by the Saturnian ray. In practice it is often difficult to make any distinction between the two, except that the latter direction generally extends over a greater period of time and, owing to the slow motion of ♄, would often be within orbs at birth, so that the exact completion of the aspect by direction would indicate a most important period, marking the culmination of a particular phase of the

life's experience. While the former direction would normally operate over a period of about two years, its effects might be extended if the ☉ were then passing to a conjunction of the progressed or converse ♄.

Unfortunately Mrs. Carruthers was not able to be present at 8.20 to lead the discussion group. Mr. Carruthers kindly deputised. He produced the nativity of film starlet Kim Novak, born February 13, 1933, at 3.30 a.m. (Chicago?). The main features of the horoscope were the opposition of ♅ and the square of PL to the M.C., not a very promising configuration for the end of life! ♀ was close to the conjunction of ♄ in ♒. ♂, ♃ and the ☽ were elevated in ♍. While these positions suggested a certain lack of warmth in the character, Miss Novak had, according to one authority, evidenced a considerable love of animals, desiring at an early age to establish a home for the cure of sick birds and other animals. Before appearing in films she had worked as a model (a ♍ occupation). An interesting peculiarity was that she never sunbathed, possibly because of the combination of the ☉ in detriment and the ☽ in ♍.

At the last meeting of the session on July 9, Mr. J. M. Addey threw "New Light on Aspects," using the epidiascope to illustrate his remarks with a number of tabulated statistics and graphs. An analysis of the ☉'s aspects in the horoscopes of a large number of nonagenarians had failed to produce any significant variation between the number of aspects to each planet. The expectation, for instance, that ☉ ♄ aspects would predominate, was not fulfilled. It was not until later that Mr. Addey detected a trend of some significance when he noticed that, taking the solar aspects as a whole, there appeared to be considerably more separating than applying aspects. If it were true that applying aspects to the ☉ were less frequent in the maps of long-lived people, then it might be expected that the number of applying solar aspects would diminish proportionately as they approached exactitude and that a correspondingly high proportion of separating aspects would be registered within a degree of exactitude, the number tailing off as the outermost limits of the 5° orb allowed were reached. Carrying this line of reasoning a little further, it might also be expected that where planets of a highly excitable nature were involved, the number of applying aspects would tail off in a much more noticeable fashion just before the zero point and that the separating aspects would show a very marked preference for the area immediately following the zero point, subsequently falling away fairly sharply. Investigations along these lines

showed that the general theory was correct and a series of graphs, mostly shaped like an "S" on its side, enabled the audience to see for themselves the almost regular variations in aspect frequency.

In the subsequent discussion it was recalled that Major C. G. M. Adam, in his book on "Occult Astrology" had advanced the theory that separating aspects, even if inharmonious, denoted qualities acquired by the native in previous existences, and his response in terms of character to the two planets concerned would be favourable, although the inharmonious aspects might signify difficult surroundings and unfortunate events. On the other hand, even favourable applying aspects showed that the native was attempting to build into his character the special qualities denoted by that particular planetary combination. It was possible that there was a connection between these ideas and the findings of Mr. Addey in relation to longevity. A similar kind of result was also obtained when Mr. Addey tabulated ☉ ♂ aspects occurring in a number of cases of poliomyelitis. He said that a great deal of work remained to be done along these lines and thanked those who had helped him in the tabulation of various statistics. At a later stage it might be possible to publish the findings of further researches. The meeting appreciated the significance of Mr. Addey's discoveries and the President congratulated him, on their behalf, on a most valuable piece of astrological research.

After the interval Mrs. A. Parkes presented a "Topical Evening" making special reference to the Cancer Ingress horoscope cast for London, June 21, 10.24 a.m. G.M.T. ♂ in ♓ setting was in square to the ☽ ☿ opposition lying across the fourth and tenth angles. Labour troubles, difficulties abroad (☽ in ♐) and a fall in government prestige (10th house) were suggested as some of the effects of this configuration, both present and future. The New Moon of July 8 fell when ♂ was in 17° ♓ squaring the Ascendant of London. Mr. Davison suggested that the passage of ♂ through ♓ was the main astrological reason for the flare-up of gang warfare in the capital. The forthcoming stations of ♂ in August and October were likely to mark key periods in the war against vice. In addition, the August station of ♂ was close to the Midheaven of the Capricorn Ingress figure cast for several of the Near East capitals, a factor which threatened even more tension in these areas. Mr. Addey mentioned the recent rising in Poland, pointing out that the 1953 riots in Eastern Germany had occurred when the Lunation was squared by ♂ in about 17° ♍. At the

time of the Polish insurrection ♂ was on the opposite degree and in trine to the lunation.

Mrs. Parkes then turned to a consideration of the planetary positions on February 10, 1894, the birthday of Mr. Harold Macmillan, Chancellor of the Exchequer. There was little time remaining to make a detailed analysis of the planetary positions and aspects. The radical ☉ was in square to ♃ and in trine to ♄. The progressed ☉ was applying to the opposition of ♄ r. Some members read into this a setback for the Chancellor when the aspect became exact, others thought that it could be regarded favourably, showing an increase of responsibility.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From JEAN HIEROZ (PARIS)

SCHREIWEIS' THEORY

I was completely stupefied by the "Note on the Distance-System of Johannes Schreiweis" published in your issue of September 1956.

First: Five books ephemeride are not at all necessary to know the distance-value of a planet. A simple glance on the chart is sufficient. When a planet is in conjunction with the Sun, the distance planet-earth is maximum (apogeum); when a planet is opposite the Sun, the distance is minimum (perigeum); when the planet is square the Sun, the distance is close the medium (or is at maximum elongation for ♀ or ☿). If you wish for precision, a little table of 18 figures by planet (less than a page of *Astrology* for all the Solar system) is largely sufficient to be precise within 5 %.

Secondly: The theory of near-to-earth planets producing particularly strong effects is completely wrong. When planets are close-to-earth they are always retrograde and every astrologer knows that retrogradation reduces and warps the effects.

In M. Cilliers's paper I read: "It appears that successful people almost invariably have ♃ close to earth and ♄ is distant." Then I took "The 1001 nativities" d'Allan Leo and "the famous nativities" of Wemyss; I took at random the relative positions of ♃, ☉ and ♄ of several successful people: Sir Winston Churchill, Henry IV of France, Cardinal Richelieu, Elizabeth I, etc., anyone confirmed the theory. But for Marshal Foch ♃ was in apogeum and ♄ close perigeum, exactly the opposite of the theory!

So I think M. Johannes Schreiweis has lost his time and his money with the five books of special ephemerides.

From SVEN FR. SVENSSON (COPENHAGEN)

A THOUSAND AND ONE HOROSCOPES OF WORLD-POLITICS

In the issue for June 1956 Mr. W. J. Tucker, D.Sc., Ph.D., has delivered an attack on the well-known German astrologer, Mr. E. H. Troinski and his above-mentioned work—an attack whose form and contents are without parallel in the current discussion of astrological problems in the Quarterly.

I do not think that astrologers who know—and understand—Mr. Troinski's works will pay any great attention to Dr. Tucker's outpourings, but the proverb says that silence gives consent, and people who have not yet become acquainted with the savage criticised work—in the following letter called "1001" for short—would perhaps be induced into the belief that it is "not worth a nickel," and this is the only reason why I ask for attention.

With his scientific background Dr. Tucker tells us that 1001 "consist of a mere *unchecked* tabulation of Mr. Troinski's personal calculations of the positions of all the planets for the times of the entry of the Sun into each of the twelve signs, of the times of new moons and eclipses, from the year 753 B.C. up to the year A.D. 2080. Against such data are set events which have *no earthly connection in any shape or form* with the astronomical phenomena above-mentioned."

Dr. Tucker takes up a quite puzzled attitude to three different horoscopes, recorded in 1001 as "Cæsar murdered." He finds out that Cæsar was murdered at the Ides of March, namely March 15th, 44 B.C. of the old Roman calendar (as mentioned in 1001), and exclaims, "What, may I ask, had the event of Cæsar's death to do with the entry of the Sun in Pisces on February 20th, 44 B.C. calculated to an *unique and ideal Troinskian calendar*? . . ." "What is the connection between Cæsar's assassination and Hindenburg's death, and what are the resemblances?"

He puts several questions like this, brings confusion in the terms "Zenith" and "Medium Coeli," and finishes with the following parting salute, "I venture to suggest that the *purely naïve phenomena of eclipses*, new moons, and solar re-entries in the zodiacal signs are *completely ineffective* in their influences on world political events. And this is something which I can very conclusively demonstrate and prove.

Mr. Troinski's book does indeed reveal that he possesses the talents of industry, enthusiasm, ingenuity and showmanship, in addition to the art of the *exhibitionist*. But I venture to suggest that, judged as a serious contribution to astrology, *it is hardly worth a nickel*."

I hope that the account given above will be considered as a convenient extract of Dr. Tucker's questions and suggestions, but readers who want full information must be referred to the mentioned issue of *Astrology*.

Well, only the book itself can give an appropriate answer to Dr. Tucker's attack, but nevertheless I shall try to replace things, so far as it is possible in a letter to the Editor.

Concerning the calculations Mr. Troinski has given detailed information about the employed astronomical tables (v. 1001, pp. 7–15).

It is not impossible that you can find out miscalculations among the 1001 horoscopes. *Errare humanum est*, and Mr. Troinski is a human being without an "electronic brain" at his disposal, but many tests have proved that he is a very careful calculator, who has checked and re-checked his results. If Dr. Tucker is able to prove that the mentioned horoscopes erected for March, 44 B.C. are wrong, it would be scientifically correct to show and demonstrate this, but the scientific method cannot get on with unproved claims and insinuations.

Mr. Troinski is not a novice in astrology. He has studied the matter since 1927, and his archive contains more than 20,000 horoscopes! He has taken a vivid interest in the mundane branch of astrology, particularly political astrology, and in 1001 he presents the results of many years' study on the subject.

It goes without saying that Mr. Troinski has employed the common methods in political astrology, but examining his great material he became alive to the value of the *comparing method* in political astrology. He has given several striking examples of mundane twin-horoscopes (similar, marked horoscopes following each other close in time), and mundane parallels (similar, marked horoscopes falling wide apart in time).

An example of the latter, mentioned in the book (Horoscopes No. 119 and 411, see list of errata), would perhaps have a special interest to British readers:

Charlemagne, the Frankish Emperor, died on January 28, 814; on January 22, 1901, Queen Victoria, Empress of India, departed this life.

The positions in the respective winter horoscopes, which I ask the readers to copy out, are the following:

	X	XI	XII	I	II	III
119	24 ♎	18 ♏	5 ♐	21 ♐	2 ♒	20 ♓
411	11 ♎	7 ♏	26 ♏	11 ♑	20 ♑	4 ♓

	☉	☽	☿	♀	♂	♃
119	0 ♑	16 ♍	8 ♐	10 ♐	19 ♍	15 ♈
411	0 ♑	3 ♑	13 ♐	28 ♏	9 ♍	23 ♐

	♄	♅	♆
119	21 ♑	21 ♐	8 ♏
411	6 ♑	13 ♐	27 ♊

No. 119 is erected for Aachen, December 17, 813, 7 h. 30′ a.m., and No. 411 is erected for London, December 22, 1900, 6 h. 41′ a.m.

Please note the striking points of resemblance: The same rising and culminating sign. The Sun is in the same sign and house, Mars and Saturn likewise, Uranus in the same sign, and exactly on the ascendant, Venus in the same house, Jupiter in the 1st house, and in the 1st sign respectively, and Moon in conjunction with Mars and Saturn respectively.

I hope that even Mr. Tucker is able to see what Charlemagne has to do with Queen Victoria.

In 1943 Mr. Troinski noticed that besides the Sun's ingresses into the cardinal signs, the Sun's ingresses in the remaining signs (Sonnennebenhoroskope), the Moon's ingresses into the cardinal signs (Mondquartalshoroskope), and the other signs (Mondnebenhoroskope) under certain circumstances could be of great value.

In 1001 he has put forward the following rules:

1. The strength of "Sonnennebenhoroskope" equals the strength of the Sun's ingresses in the cardinal signs, when two of the first mentioned are similar and follow each other.
2. "Mondquartalshoroskope" are able to release the power of the horoscopes of the Sun's ingresses in the cardinal signs.
3. "Mondnebenhoroskope" can do the same, when several similar horoscopes of this sort follow each other.

Further, he has divided up the different house-positions of the planets into principal groups containing the most effective constellations with references to the tabulated horoscopes, of which a large part is demonstrated in figures.

Last, but not least, he pays great attention to new moons and eclipses. Is it too much to say that Dr. Tucker's remarks about these phenomena puts him in a rather isolated place among astrologers with some experience?

As Dr. Tucker reports, Mr. Troinski has pointed out that a major event occurs, when Saturn is in the 10th house, the Sun in the 1st, and Mars in the 12th (Examples: The destruction of the invincible Spanish Armada—The notorious 30th June 1934—The death of Dollfuss—Hindenburg's death followed by Hitler's supreme command of the Reichswehr, etc.).

The mundane twins, Horoscope No. 69 (New Moon, March 20th, 44 B.C. 5 h. 36′ a.m. Rome) and No. 70 (Spring Horoscope, March 23rd 44 B.C. 6 h. 10′ a.m. Rome) contain the mentioned constellation and must be considered as a unity. (In No. 70 Saturn is certainly only in orbs with M.C., but here it must be remembered that the uncertainty of the time for the Sun's ingresses in the cardinal signs runs to about half an hour for those ancient times.) But Cæsar was assassinated on March 15th! The previous winter horoscope of December 23, 45 B.C. (No. 767) does not indicate the event. The horoscope of the entry of the Sun in Pisces (No. 68), calculated for Rome 16 h. 56′, February 20th, 44 B.C., however, shows the Sun in

the 7th house, Mars in the 6th, and Saturn in the 4th. This combination is not the same as the above-mentioned, but the reflected image of it, the three planets being in the opposite houses. As in Natal Astrology the opposite houses in Mundane Astrology have not the same, but a similar significance and effect, owing to the polarity. The "Sonnennebenhoroskop" of February 20th 44 B.C. has in other words been able to release the power in the horoscopes of the New Moon at March 20th, 44 B.C., and the Sun's ingresses into Aries at March 23rd, 44 B.C.

If Dr. Tucker is not satisfied with this explanation, I shall gladly admit that more striking twin-horoscopes can be found in 1001, but the coherence between the mentioned horoscopes is a matter of fact, and the event of Cæsar's death falls within the interval February 20th, and March 23rd, 44 B.C.

I am not a lover of drastic words—as Dr. Tucker seems to be—but when he maintains that the events mentioned by Mr. Troinski in 1001 have no earthly connection in any shape or form with the given data and constellations, I am obliged to declare that this claim is pure nonsense!

The events mentioned in 1001 are with regard to the Sun's ingresses in the cardinal signs falling within the following three months, with regard to the "Sonnennebenhoroskope" within the following four weeks, and with regard to the eclipses within the following weeks or months. Under certain circumstances, as in the recorded case, the event can be precipitated or it anticipates the directing constellations.

On the other hand, Dr. Tucker tries with his questions to put Mr. Troinski in the position of one who argues that uniform horoscopes lead to uniform events. I am sure that Mr. Troinski is aware that no horoscopes are exactly uniform, and that similar horoscopes only are able to release similar political and historical events.

The descriptive part of 1001 is finished with a very interesting recapitulation and interpretation of the most important mundane horoscopes of the coming 10 years.

I am sorry to say that Mr. Troinski's outlook is dark, but his prognoses are detailed and exactly fixed in time. These years are, besides, thoroughly dealt with in his works: *Das Weltschicksalsjahr 1959* (1959—The Year of Fate), 104 pages, price DM 6. (Review by Dr. Roosedale in *Astrology*, Vol. 27, No. 3); *Der Grosskampf um den Besitz der Erde 1959–1965* (The Great Fight for the Possession of the Earth 1959–1965.) 172 pages, price DM 8,50; *Das Horoskop des Atom-Zeitalters* (The Horoscope of the Atomic Age). 169 pages, price DM 9,90. The price of 1001 is DM 19,75. Baumgartner Verlag, 20A, Warpke-Billerbeck, Hannover, Germany.

Even if you are not a master of the German language, the mentioned works will be of great value to any astrologer, replete with diagrams as they are.

The two first mentioned works serve at the same time as text-books in the tertiary directions, discovered by Mr. Troinski, which directions go from strength to strength on the Continent and elsewhere.

Brigadier Firebrace has already pointed out the great validity of those directions for the benefit of British astrological circles (*Astrology*, Vol. 27, No. 4), but in a later issue I should like to emphasise the strength of the tertiary directions in Natal Astrology, illustrated with some examples from my own case-book.

Let the coming time judge between Dr. Tucker and Mr. Troinski. Until now we have, however, not seen very much of Dr. Tucker's scientific system of directing in political astrology. His works in this special field have at least not reached Denmark, but the explanation is perhaps that those works do not exist. However that may be, it seems to me, Dr. Tucker ought for his own sake be less eager to demonstrate his special knowledge to Mr. Troinski, who must be considered as a first-rate man in the mundane branch of astrology. In the meantime you can confidently trust the Editor of *Astrology* when he says (Vol. 29, No. 4), "This is a most important and valuable work of some 280 pages. It may be described, indeed, as the finest work of its kind that the astrological world has ever seen, and a perfect mine of study for the mundane astrologer. Its title hardly does it justice, for there is far more here than a compilation of data, valuable as these would be. Herr Troinski, as the discoverer of Tertiary Directions, needs no introduction to us; this work will raise him to the topmost rank among astrologers of this century. Would that an English translation might be made available!"

[*Both sides having stated their views, this correspondence is now closed. I may add that I have received other letters setting a high value on Herr Troinski's work and with this view I wholeheartedly agree.*—EDITOR.]

From JOHN P. WATT (GLASGOW)

A far as I am aware I have never written a letter to you before. Just allow me to express an isolated amateur student's appreciation of your excellent journal. I am thinking of economising by ceasing subscriptions to other astrological publications but I simply must keep on *Astrology*. The others teach me nothing at all.

Might I venture to make a few suggestions? They are rather selfish ones I'm afraid, but I feel that I speak for many dabblers in astrology who like myself may feel that they are lone searchers for the truth.

The more practical articles there are the better am I satisfied. Could we possibly learn more of the methods of Cyril Fagan and those who use the Sidereal Zodiac? That is, as to how they go about the *judgment* of a birth-chart erected by their methods with, of course, their methods of prediction? There seems to be rather a

conspiracy of silence on the part of the majority who do not favour Fagan's methods.* I simply cannot find the necessary details with which to experiment.

After reading his book, *Zodiacs Old and New* (which I must admit, made a great impression on my mind), I wrote to Mr. Fagan asking for further references. He advised me to obtain his series of articles in *American Astrology*, July 1953–August 1954. These I have been unable to obtain. If you know of anyone in the Astrological Lodge who has these and would be willing to sell or lend them I should be deeply grateful.

Please pardon the seeming presumption of this letter, but (like other students in Glasgow) I am very, very curious about the practical value of such methods.

A NOTE ON THE U.N.O. HOROSCOPE

This was given in our issue of March, 1946, being erected for 4.45 p.m., E.S.T., October 24, 1945, Washington, D.C.

The M.C. is 11 Capricorn, and the ascendant is 20 Aries.

My comments were far from favourable and, although we dislike the "I told you so" attitude, we might, if so inclined, bring forward these remarks, printed ten years ago, as good evidence of the truth of Mundane Astrology.

It will be observed that the Sun is in 1 Scorpio, and so is now experiencing the transit of Neptune. And the radical Sun is square Mars and Saturn, and sesquiquadrate Uranus!

A map with a ruler in close conjunction with Saturn, both out of dignity and with not a single good aspect, stands condemned outright.

"Bitter national prejudices and selfishness seem entrenched here," was written with this position in mind.

I quote again, with my thoughts turning to 1959/60, "Midheaven opposition Mars–Saturn, in some thirteen or fourteen years, should throw a heavy strain on the vitality of this figure and most probably will bring to an end one further attempt to induce human beings to live rationally.

At the same time the ascendant will be directed to the square of Pluto in the zodiac and a progressed Venus will be square a stationary-to-direct Saturn."

SIR ANTHONY EDEN'S DIRECTIONS

These are: Jupiter square Pluto, separating; Mars from square Neptune radical to square Neptune progressed to square radical Sun, exact about 1958 (assuming a Leo ascendant or thereabouts).

* There is certainly no "conspiracy of silence" so far as the Quarterly is concerned. We have printed letters from Mr. Fagan, for whom we have a high personal regard, and we have invited him once or twice to allow us to print brief descriptions of the constellations, as distinct from the signs, so that inquirers may have a basis for testing their value. We hope that some day he will comply, but we know him to be a very busy man.—EDITOR.