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EDITORIAL

The Birth-time of General de Gaulle

Readers will note observations on this matter in our correspondence pages and elsewhere.

In *Les Cahiers Astrologiques* M. Volguine, for whose judgment I have great respect, states that he received the noon-time data from an officer whose pupil de Gaulle was, at St. Cyr, and who was himself an astrologer. Further, he adds, "I confess that I always prefer indications furnished by the family or interested parties to the entries of the civil authorities."

He discusses the matter further in the July–August issue of his excellent magazine.

We shall be particularly interested in what he says about the reliability of the official entries on birth certificates. We in England are wont to envy our Continental (and Scots) brethren for having what we usually regard as unimpeachable evidence of true birth-times and to say with Sterne "they do these things better in France." Now we shall not be quite so sure.

Cyprus

In the June 1956 editorial I stated that this island undoubtedly comes under Venus, since it was a great centre for the worship of the goddess of that name. This being so, it is not strange that there should be, after a tranquil interval, further and worse outbreaks of violence, for the Venus–Uranus opposition of the 1957 winter ingress would lead one to expect just this.

What rules the Lebanon I cannot say.

We shall soon leave this unhappy opposition behind us, I hope.

Meanwhile the humorous side of astrology is illustrated by

Mr. Addey's suggestion that stationary Neptune might easily cause trouble for an island governed by Sir Hugh Foot!

About the time this number should appear, Uranus will reach Saturn in the U.S.S.R. radical map (14: 14 Leo) and interesting developments may be expected, though we may not learn about them for a while.

Certainly as things go—and have gone for several years—the U.S.S.R. proceeds from strength to strength and is certainly unlikely to jeopardize its gains by open aggression. The other sort has paid too well. The Western Powers will not attack because of what their opponents would probably stigmatise as "bourgeois moral scruples."

But the 1958 winter ingress remains extremely threatening. It is probable that Iran, said to be ruled by Taurus, will be one of the principal countries involved. That, perhaps, is apparent without much need for astrological vision.

Perhaps the Middle East will learn in time that the Anglo-Saxon handshake is better than the hug of the Russian bear.

One could learn a lot if only one could rely on the supposed birth-data of Colonel Nasser. As it is, it would be futile to waste time on such a flimsy foundation. However, if even the day is correct he too will soon have Uranus in transit over his Saturn.

The Astrological Association

This was duly inaugurated at 8.22 p.m., British Summer Time, on June 21st, at West Kensington, Jupiter being exactly on the southern meridian. There was a good attendance and much enthusiasm was evident.

For myself I know by experience that it is not easy even to keep our Lodge jogging along safely and harmoniously through the years, in war and peace, in times of prosperity and (for by far the greater time) in days of financial stringency. Hence I have never been one to promise easy success in such matters; I did not in regard to the Faculty, nor do I venture to do so now. Above all, it has never been a simple thing to organise astrologers for research. However, "try, try again" is a good motto.

It is good that the new Association is thoroughly co-operative in spirit, for what is *not* wanted is a number of small groups in mutual competition for members and prestige, resulting in a general enfeeblement.

Every true astrologer should join and support at least one reputable astrological organisation.

Certainly the Lodge needs the loyal services of all its old members, together with as many new ones as possible. The day

may come when its work for astrology will no longer be necessary, for all things are transient in this world. But that day most decidedly has not come yet. So far as I can see, it is not even approaching.

A tradition and prestige built up over forty-three years must not be permitted to wilt.

THE SEARCH FOR A SCIENTIFIC STARTING-POINT

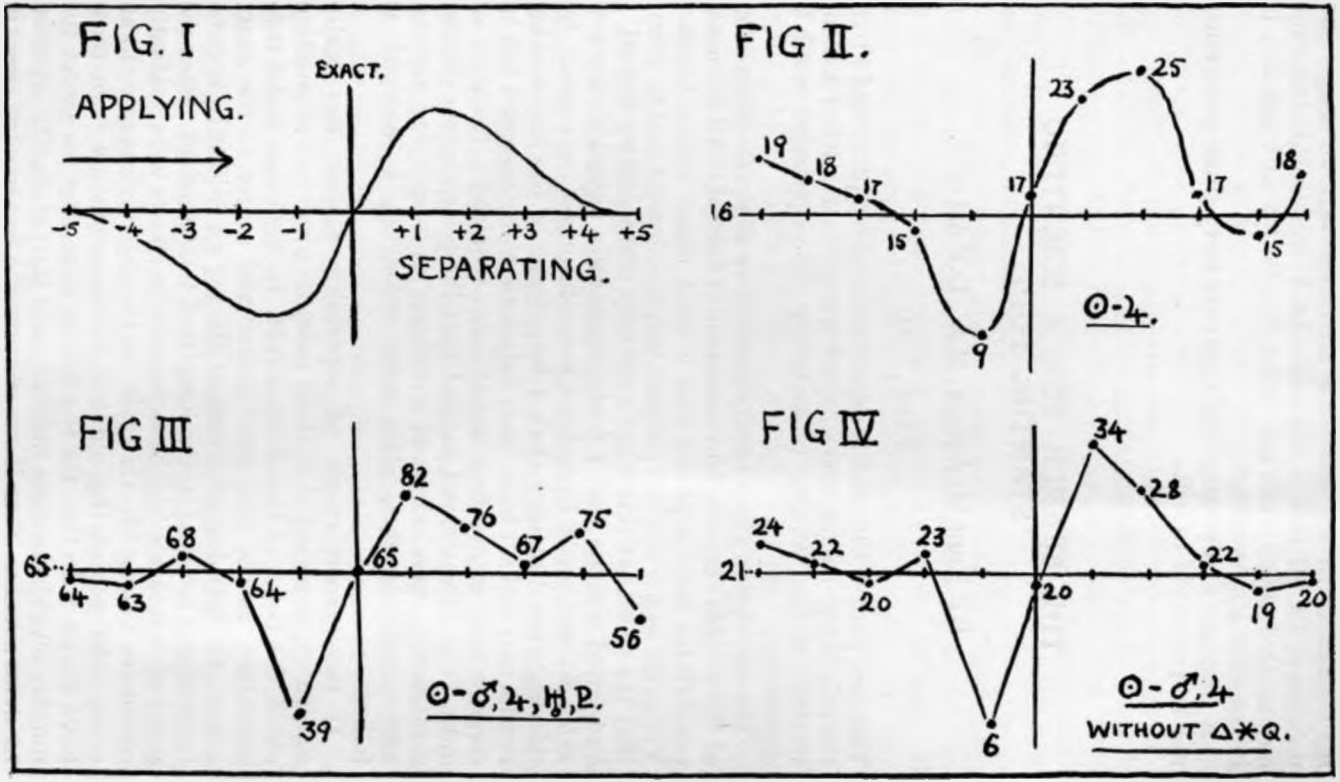
By John M. Addey, M.A., D.F.Astrol.S.

Part Two

The first part of this article described an attempt to find (from the maps of 970 nonagenarians) a dependable statistical demonstration of the working of astrology. The operative word is *dependable.*

The description given hardly conveys an adequate impression of the trouble taken to find some sort of foothold. All the usual possibilities were explored and a good many others besides. Yet so far as my original purpose was concerned I had to admit that the results at this stage were very disappointing indeed. I had found nothing that I could confidently regard as dependable. No one could have been more surprised, or pained, by this negative discovery than I was. Some of the less striking results may indeed have been better than they seemed but to confirm that supposition would have required a fresh set of data. It was then that I noticed that the solar aspects showed a marked preponderance of separating over applying aspects, and concerning this, after some reflection, I reasoned as follows.

If the preponderance of separating aspects was really significant, it meant that there must be some sort of reaction about the point of the exact aspect. In the cases under consideration, as the Sun drew nearer and nearer to the exact aspect, the astrological effects of the aspect evidently became increasingly inimical to the long-lived temperament. After the point of exactitude had been passed the effects were evidently conducive to long life. Or again, on the day or days prior to an exact solar aspect the number of nonagenarians born must have shown a decline. On the day or days after an aspect the number must have risen suddenly and then gradually returned to about average. Thus if one pictures the Sun moving along in


FIG. I
APPLYING.
EXACT.
SEPARATING.
-5 -4 -3 -2 -1 +1 +2 +3 +4 +5
FIG II.
19 18 17 15 9 17 23 25 17 15 18
16
☉-♃.
FIG III
65 64 63 68 64 39 65 82 76 67 75 56
☉-☌, ♃, ♅, ♇.
FIG IV
24 22 20 23 6 20 34 28 22 19 20
21
☉-☌, ♃
WITHOUT △✶Q.

the direction of the arrow in Fig. I, applying first by 5° then by 4°, 3°, 2°, 1° and finally reaching the exact aspect, one can picture the number of cases falling off as represented by the declining curve. As the Sun moves on to the separating aspect there is now a sudden rise in the number of cases, the curve swings upwards—returning to the horizontal line, which of course represents the average (chance) distribution of cases, as the Sun passes out of orbs.

Working on this theory I worked through the solar aspects once more classifying each aspect according to whether it was applying or separating by one, two, three, four or five degrees. It seemed to me likely that the more vigorous planets like Mars and Jupiter might produce a stronger reaction at the point of exactitude and so I took them first. The result exceeded my best hopes. Here are the results for the Solar aspects to Mars and Jupiter classified as described. (The average distribution per degree would be 16).

	Applying						*Separating*				
Degrees	−5	−4	−3	−2	−1	Exact	+1	+2	+3	+4	+5
Mars	15	15	19	18	7	13	25	17	20	18	10
Jupiter	19	18	17	15	9	17	23	25	17	15	18

One may set out the Jupiter result, for example, as in Fig. II.

It is unscientific, I understand, to join up the points as I have done here with a curved line. (This should only be done when it has been *proved* that there *is* a gradually increasing and diminishing force in operation and that the points obtained are not just haphazard results). However, the wave-form as shown enables the lay mind to understand more easily what the results imply, i.e. that this could be a true diagrammatic representation of the action of a field of power surrounding the planet.

Fig. III shows the grand total of all solar aspects to the four "vigorous" planets, Mars, Jupiter, Uranus and Pluto (5° orbs). Saturn and Neptune produced a different curve but then they are of a very different astrological nature. (Venus and Mercury were omitted because of the difficulties of their orbital motion.)

It seemed possible that the (gentle) harmonious aspects might produce a less marked reaction than the (more vigorous) afflictions and conjunctions. The trines, sextiles and quintiles were therefore eliminated from the Mars-Jupiter figures and the quite amazing result is shown in Fig. IV. Only six cases of

the Sun applying by 1° to these planets when the aspect was ☌ ⚺ ∠ □ ⚻ ☍ or ☌, but 34 cases of a 1° separation.

I doubt on theoretical grounds if my first view about the afflictions producing a stronger reaction than the harmonious aspects can be *generally* applicable. It would depend upon what kind of horoscope one was studying presumably.

The most likely hypothesis for explaining these results would run somewhat as follows. The aspects do, as all astrologers believe, bring the planets into a definite relationship with one another. As the two bodies gradually approach the point of the exact aspect a state of growing tension is set up. As the aspect is consummated there is an interchange of power, the tension is discharged and resolved into a state of harmony and balance. In the symbolism of astrology the applying aspect thus becomes one of striving, activity, tension and instability. The separating aspect becomes one of tranquillity, passivity, stability and inertia.

The symbolism of each kind of aspect is crystallised as it were in the temperament of those born under them, and on this basis it is obvious that the long-lived temperament must be predominantly of the latter type, with a majority of separating aspects.

* * * * *

The best way of testing this theory seemed to be to find a group of people in whom the qualities of the applying aspects (those of striving, activity, tension and instability) might be expected to predominate, and then see if there were in fact a larger number of applying aspects *of an appropriate type* in their horoscopes.

To take those who died before a normal life span was the obvious step, but one does not want to give the impression that astrology is merely concerned with predicting the length of life.

It so happens that I have been concerned professionally for a long time in teaching children who are in hospital with poliomyelitis. Now there are certain recognised characteristics of the polio sufferer. It is considered medically that he tends to be of an exceptionally active, even restless, physical type. It is recognised educationally that the child with polio tends outstandingly to belong to a very active mental type. A dull child is rare on a polio ward, most tend to be of better-than-average intelligence, though the "butterfly mind," chatterbox type is not uncommon.

All this suggests that those who have a hyper-active nervous system, indicating a high measure of mental and physical activity, are the ones who are most vulnerable to polio.

(Needless to say "catching" polio is not just a case of having the virus in the system. In an epidemic in Chicago 78 per cent of the population in part of the city were found to have the virus in their bodies, but only one person in 200 was getting paralytic polio).

This statement by a Dr. Dennis Geffer (quoted from the *Lancet* of October 1, 1955, p. 719) explains the matter further:

"Poliomyelitis is a mild disease with the exception of one complication. This complication is the invasion of the nervous system, the destruction of the nerve cells and the production of paralysis. . . . There seems to be some sort of barrier between the nervous system and the rest of the body which normally is sufficient to prevent the passage of the virus of poliomyelitis. Under certain circumstances the barrier is weakened and breaks down. It may be that local injury, over-fatigue, operations, injections and the like may cause the barrier to break down locally."

What a revealing statement this is to an astrologer; all the things which are mentioned as rendering the nervous system susceptible of invasion are of a Mars character—over-fatigue, operations, injections, local injury. On the other hand the protective barrier (♄) is faulty.

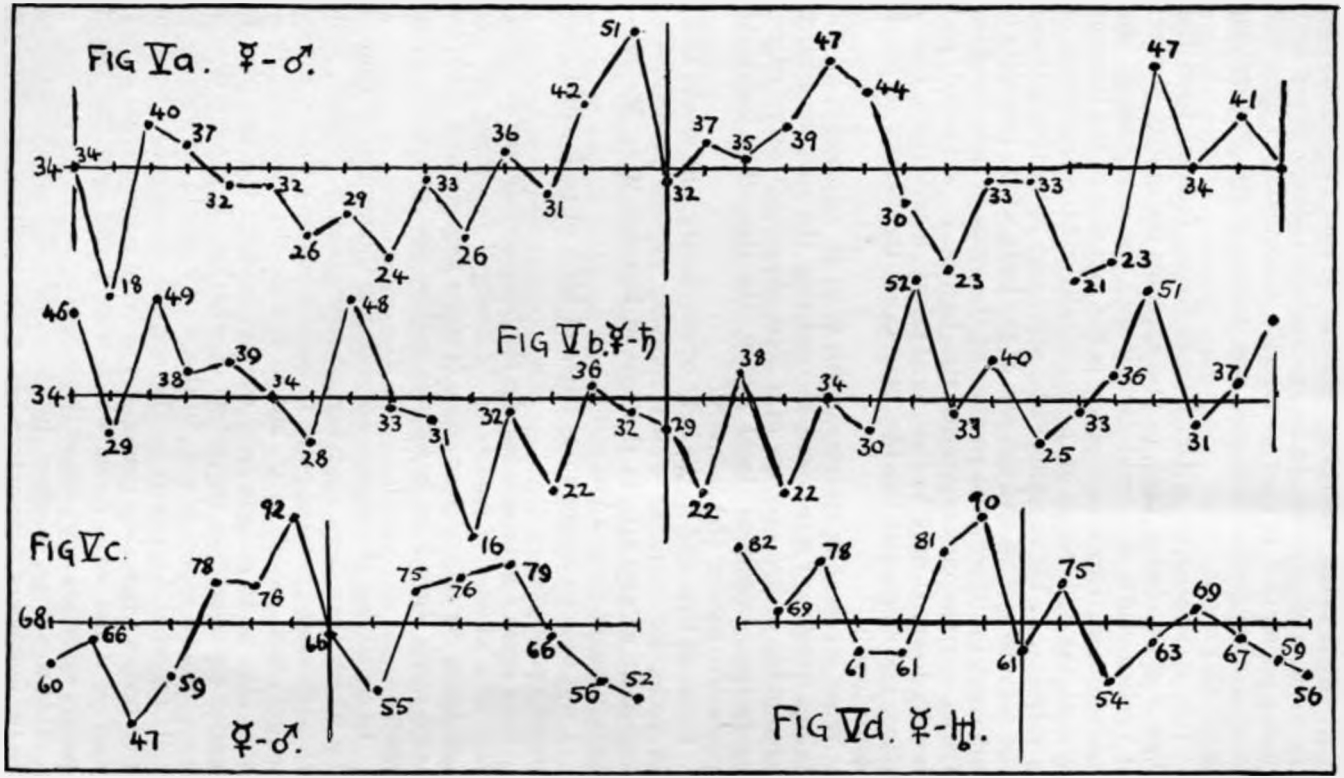
From all this, and in the light of our theory, one would look, in polio, for maps in which applying aspects predominate, especially at any rate in the case of Mercury-Mars. Mercury-Saturn might show a low result.

I was able to secure 1,025 dates of birth of polio children—mostly paralytic.

Once again I must acknowledge the generous help and co-operation of a number of readers of "Astrology" in sorting out and tabulating the data of these cases. It was a huge job and again the work would have been impossible without this invaluable assistance.

In classifying the aspects according to the number of degrees by which they were applying or separating, I decided, with these thousand cases of polio, to include not only the recognised aspects with an orb of 5°, but to include the whole ecliptic—that is so as to include *every* contact between the two planets under consideration regardless of whether they were near a conventional aspect of not. In this way it would be possible to tell: (*a*) what happened to the angular relationship between two bodies when they tended *not* to be in conventional aspect, and (*b*) if the wave forms which were found near the aspect points extended right round the ecliptic.

This was done, in effect, by classifying the aspect according to the number of degrees by which it was applying or separating


FIG Va. ☿-♂.
FIG Vb. ☿-♄
FIG Vc.
☿-♂.
FIG Vd. ☿-♅.

from the twelve 30°-interval aspects starting from the conjunction (i.e. taking in an orb of 15° at either side of these points).

Fig. Va. shows the whole distribution of the aspects between Mars and Mercury *considered as applying or separating from these twelve aspect points*. Fig. Vc. shows what happens if the same aspects are considered as applying to or separating from the 24 aspect points at 15° intervals round the ecliptic (i.e. aspects of 15°, 30°, 45°, 60°, etc.) The second result in particular stands out clearly as a triumphant vindication of our theory—the curve obtained is exactly the reverse of the longevity curve which showed a predominance of separating aspects—here it is the aspects applying by 1° which are highest—those which are separating by 1° which are lowest, showing that the very active "polio temperament" correlates with the applying aspect.

Fig. Vb. shows the distribution of Mercury-Saturn aspects in the same way. Here the striking thing is the way in which the aspects have, as it were, been pushed out from the 30° aspects towards the intermediate 15° aspects. (In fact there are, as one can see, 313 aspects within a 5° orb of the ☌ ⚺ ⚹ □ △ ⚻ and ☍, as against 424 within the same orb of the aspects of 15°, 45°, 75°, 105°, 135°, and 165°. The likelihood of such a distribution occurring by chance is over 500 to 1 against. There is much food for thought here. It quite makes one's heart sink to realise how much more complicated than we assume the whole problem of aspects may be. Still it is better to know the worst than work in the dark.

One may assume that the 30° interval aspects starting from the ☌ are the dominant series and the lack of these aspects confirms our supposition that the Mercury-Saturn principles would prove to be badly integrated in the polio subjects, showing (*a*) lack of restraint in nervous activity and (*b*) failures in the protective barrier round the nerves.

Fig. Vd. shows the Mercury-Uranus aspects (on the same basis as Vc.). These aspects have been associated with paralysis (see *Enc. of Psychological Astrol.*—Carter) and here again there are an abundance of closely applying aspects.

It will be seen in Figs. Va. and b. that there is a *general* trend to the line as well as the lesser fluctuations from degree to degree. In the case of Mars there is a big wave in the centre and in the case of Saturn a large trough in the centre.

Mr. Peter Roberts, who very kindly helped in assessing my results, drew up a diagram of these general trends in a batch of results (not specially selected) which I had given him. This is shown in Fig. VI. (For those interested, this was obtained by making a 5° moving average of the various sets of results and

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FIG VI

SHOWING GENERAL TREND OF ASPECT DISTRIBUTION IN POLIO CASES.

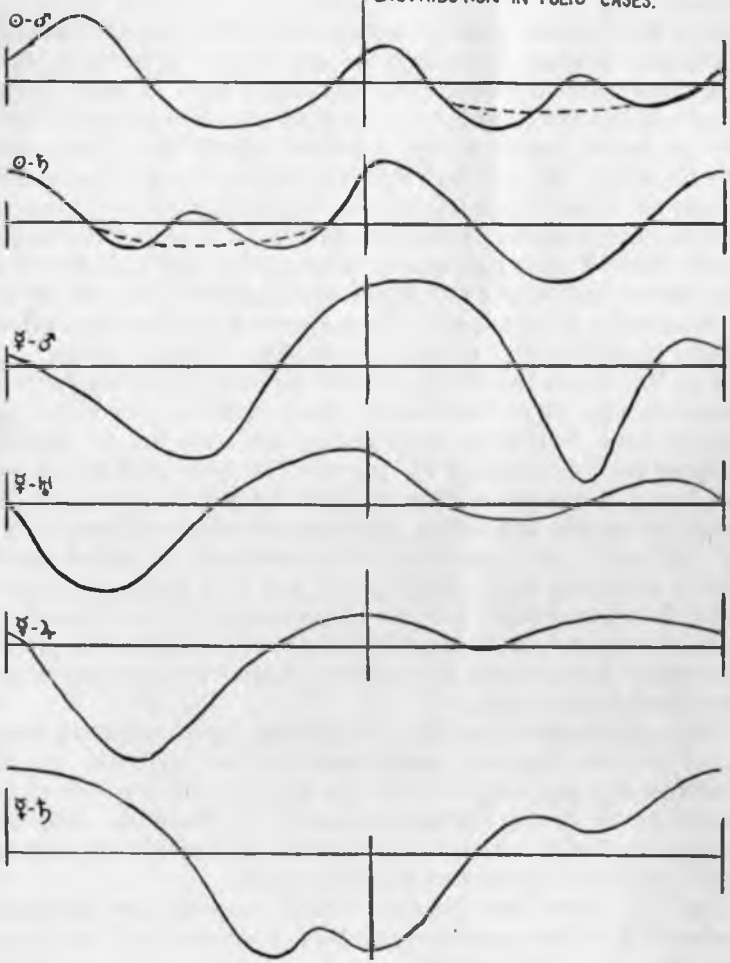
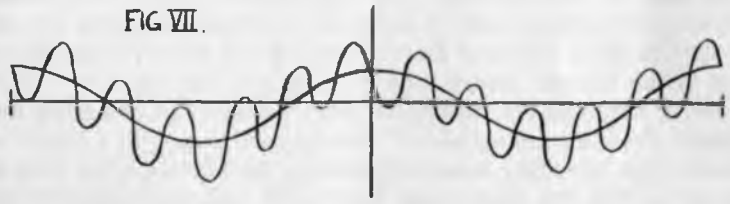


FIG VII.



then striking a line through the points obtained. The scale used emphasises the curves as against Va. and b.).

Mr. Roberts calculates that the average position of the top of the crests in these wave forms obtained empirically, coincides with the exact aspect points to within 0·1 of a degree. A striking proof (for those who need one) of the doctrine of astrological aspects. A comparison of the overall totals of the crests and troughs by the chi-square test shows that the chance of such a distribution occurring in a random selection is of the order of several hundred to one.

The interpretation of these results, I believe, depends upon a branch of mathematics called wave-form analysis, whereby, as I understand it, wave forms, if genuine, can be analysed into their component harmonics. (Would any reader proficient in this skill care to examine the full results?)

When I began this work I had no knowledge whatsoever of these matters, but it was gradually borne in upon me that the results produced could approximate to a system of superimposed wave-forms as in Fig. VII. It will be noticed, for instance, in the Mercury-Saturn line (Fig. Vb.) if one starts from the point applying by 10°, then takes the results in pairs moving to the right, the left-hand number is higher than the right-hand one for a 10° orb on each side exactitude.

This appears in other results and suggests an *alternating rhythm of positive and negative degrees.*

To sum up, here, as it seems to the writer, are some of the possible fruits of these results if they are confirmed:

To those "outside" astrology and enquiring as to the veracity of our science they demonstrate:

1. That there is a relationship, through the time of birth, between the planetary motions and individual man's bodily nature, and by implication with his temperament and destiny.

2. That because the character of the curves differs from one planet to another and because the aspect-points are shown to produce a variation of effects, two of the central tenets of astrology—the Doctrine of Planetary Natures and the Doctrine of Aspects—are true.

To those "inside" astrology and wishing to extend the knowledge of its laws they indicate a technique of determining:

1. The proper orbs to be allowed for each planet and aspect.

2. The positions, effectiveness and relative strength of the different aspects. (For example, what of the quintile and novile series?)

To those practising astrology and concerned with the interpretation of horoscopes, they suggest:

1. That it may be necessary to draw a distinction between an

applying and a separating aspect, considering an aspect between applying bodies to manifest their interaction in a manner more lively, enterprising, progressive and adaptable (or restless, aggressive, volatile and erratic) and those between separating bodies more calm, stable, persistent and conservative (or complaisant, inflexible, sluggish and inert).

2. That the *strongly* effective orb of an aspect may be very small, *both for major and minor aspects and alike for lights and planets*, the wider orb being regarded as a background influence.

3. That in terms of directional astrology it may be that the formation and separation of a progressed aspect will have to be viewed as having not one point of action, but, say, three, corresponding to the three critical points of the aspect curve—the exact point of the aspect, and the points which seem to occur about one degree before and after. This is less novel than it may seem. Consider the fact that the separating afflictions of Mars were evidently highly beneficial for long life. Is it not our common experience that a Martian crisis, say a fever, is *preceded* by a period when impurities accumulate with debilitating effect, and is *followed*, often, by a period of enhanced well-being? Other points will probably have occurred to the reader.

It may have seemed that in parts of this article I was attacking traditional astrological teachings. On the contrary I have confidence in all the main traditional beliefs. My intention has been to indicate that some may be incomplete as they stand at present, and more particularly that many of them are unsuitable for statistical work because of the thousands of cases which would be needed to reach a conclusion.

May I end by acknowledging again the work of all who have helped indirectly to produce this article and hoping that some way will be found for bringing about better organised collaboration between astrologers in the future?

(*Concluded*)

AT THE LODGE

SPRING SESSION

(*continued*)

By R. C. D.

ON March 3rd, Mr. David Freedman spoke "In Defence of Pisces." He had heard natives of the sign referred to as "unreliable," "spineless" and "evasive under questioning" and he hoped, by bringing forward examples of Pisceans who had

achieved much, to present a very different picture. The sign belonged to the water triplicity and water corresponded with the astral plane. As a mutable sign its quality was sattvic and the Piscean possessed the gift of flexibility. This flexibility, coupled with the native's natural desire to fall in with the wishes of others, often gave him the appearance of having a multiple personality. This quality of flexibility was essential to the true harmony seeker. The sign was linked with the element aether (in the sense that it was used by the alchemists) and was related to changes of consciousness. The Piscean's sensitivity to other states of awareness enabled him to formulate plans from a dreamworld of his own so that he appeared as a visionary to more earthbound mortals. Shelley, with the ☽ in ♓, might have been describing that very sign when he wrote ". . . when the dreamer seems to be weltering through eternity . . ." while the inevitable quality of the desire nature is captured in the phrase, ". . . yet longing with divided will. . . ." Soldiers, men of letters, actors, artists and scientists all figured in the long list of notable examples cited by the lecturer. The practical vision of which the Piscean is capable was shown by the achievements of Albert Einstein (☉ in ♓) and of centenarian Sir James Swinburne (born February 28, 1858) whose researches made possible the great development of the plastics industry and whose recreation was the study of sociology.

At 8.20 Mrs. Parkes introduced a discussion on "Doctors turned Authors." The profession of doctor probably provided more opportunities for collecting material about everyday people than any other. Somerset Maugham, Sir A. Conan Doyle, Francis Brett Young, H. de Vere Stacpoole, Helen Ashton and Warwick Deeping were all examples of successful writers who had at one time or another practised medicine. A. J. Cronin, born on July 19, 1896, 3.45 a.m., G.M.T. at 4 W. 34, 55 N. 57, never wanted to be a doctor. His experiences in a Welsh mining village were to furnish him with the background for one of his most successful novels. The various horoscopes scrutinised showed a notable absence of planets in ♏, but ♊ was well tenanted, especially in the case of Conan Doyle, who had four planets in that sign.

"Royal Directions and Mundane Events" were discussed by Mr. C. E. O. Carter on March 10th, when he examined ten events in the more recent history of the British Empire in the light of directions and transits in the horoscope of the monarch reigning at the time. The naval victory at Trafalgar was shown more convincingly in the horoscope of the Prince Regent than in that of George III, in spite of the fact that the monarch had not then been declared insane. Queen Victoria became Empress

of India under the appropriate direction ☉ △ ♄ (OD). India achieved independence at the time when ☉ □ ♄ was operative in the nativity of George VI. The connection between these two directions is the more striking when it is remembered that India is traditionally ruled by ♑. Directions involving the cardinal points of the zodiac, 0° ♈, ♋, ♎, ♑, appeared to have a special significance in relation to mundane events. At the time of the Boer War, ♄ p. (secondary) in Queen Victoria's horoscope had reached 0° ♈. In compiling his survey, Mr. Carter used four methods of directing—secondary, one degree, transits and ♑ Ingress positions (the positions at the Ingress preceding the event were regarded as transits in relation to the horoscope under review). In nearly all cases good results were yielded by all these sytems and it was gratifying to note that secondary and one degree directions were particularly satisfactory in this respect.

After the interval Miss J. Buddicom led a discussion on some of the aphorisms contained in the Centiloquy of Ptolemy. "A skilful person, acquainted with the nature of the stars, is enabled to avert many of their effects, and to prepare himself for those effects before they arrive" (Aphorism No. 5). Miss Buddicom cited the case of a man who had been warned by an astrologer that his daughter was threatened by serious illness and who had as a result made arrangements in advance to have a first-class surgeon available. Those interested in electional astrology were advised to ponder well the advice given in Aphorism, No. 6, "It is advantageous to make choice of days and hours at a time well constituted by the nativity. Should the time be adverse, the choice will in no respect avail, however favourable an issue it may chance to promise." In other words, however well the election horoscope looked on its own, it would not signal a successful issue to the enterprise unless the planets at that time were well configured with the planets and angles of the nativity. The discussion served to show that although several of the aphorisms are obscurely worded and difficult to understand, there is in many of the others much of value to the younger student.

Mrs. Hilda Jaffa spoke about "The Fantastic Baron Corvo" on March 17th. As befits a man with ♊ rising, Frederick William Rolfe was a man of many parts. His fitful brilliance never seemed to find a permanent vehicle for its continued expression and he combined writing and painting with a talent for living on other people. He was born on July 22, 1860, shortly after midnight (?) in London. He was the eldest of five sons, left school at sixteen, by which time a certain waywardness, unpracticality and vague discontent with life had already

been noted by those responsible for his education, and became a schoolmaster at Grantham. Later he became converted to Roman Catholicism. His nativity shows a marked emphasis on the signs ♎ and ♌, each containing three bodies. Such an accent on neighbouring signs often produces great contrasts of behaviour and Rolfe was inclined to sandwich outbursts of extravagant spending between periods of extreme asceticism. As a writer he was able to compensate in some way for his feeling of frustrated ambition (☿ ☌ ♄ ♌ ♐ ☌ ♂ ♑) and his book *Hadrian VII*, the story of a humble priest who finally became Pope, was remarkable for the way in which he was able to convey the atmosphere of the Vatican and the pomp and ceremony of the investiture, Italy (ruled by ♌) proved to be a wonderful setting for his activities and he was fortunate in finding friends there who were prepared to advance him sums of money while he lived in comparative idleness. He acquired the title of Baron Corvo while living there. When his funds were running low he threatened to publish in Paris a pornographic work bearing on the cover the names of one of his more famous literary contemporaries and his friends. This was in strange contrast to the piety of the young man who had painted church murals for a parish priest at one stage of his career. (☿ is in a degree associated with painting). Later on, his vituperative articles, sprinkled with colourful invective, would have done credit to the "angry young men" of today. Many of his troubles seem to have sprung from his lack of personal adaptability (this may, in part, have accounted for the fact that he was homosexual), a handicap which could be explained by the lack of planets in air signs.

Like Alan Leo, he was born with ♄ in the last decanate of ♌, and he died at a comparatively early age of a heart attack, on October 26, 1913. Like Alan Leo, too, he was a student of astrology.

At 8.20 Mr. Carter presented "Maps from my Mailbag" and invited members to state the circumstances of the native's death in the case of a male, an army officer, born on November 21, 1910, 16.30 G.M.T. at Lessay, La Manche, France. The ☉ in ♏ was ☍ ♆ on the second cusp; the ☽ was squared by ♂ in ♏ and ♄ in ♉. No one succeeded in guessing that the unfortunate soldier was eaten by a crocodile!

The astrologer must, through the very nature of his studies, possess a keen interest in psychology and he is able readily to identify the influences of the planets with the "urges" of modern psychology. Every horoscope shows the problems encountered by the native in successfully pursuing the art of living and in his lecture, "Some Psychological Observations,"

given on March 24th, Mr. David Newham suggested how the natives of the twelve signs could find a significant outlet for their energies in order to feel that they were living a worthwhile life. In cases where an afflicted horoscope shows that frustrating circumstances and emotional repressions have combined to produce a "disturbed person," the astrologer should be able to point out the way in which that person can find again confidence and self-esteem. ♈ must have scope for self-assertion and action; he needs something to fight about. ♉ needs above all to assure himself of economic security. ♊ must be allowed to talk endlessly in order to cover up his own sense of deficiency. ♋ not only needs someone to look after him but he himself needs someone to mother. ♌ needs plenty of limelight and adulation. ♍ also needs approval but shrinks from the limelight and is content to work until he drops in order to convince himself of his own usefulness. ♎ needs to be surrounded by those with whom he can work in harmony. ♏ sees himself as the Don Juan of the zodiac and gains confidence from contemplating his sexual prowess. ♐ has a basic need for expansion and the exercise of a broadminded approach to life. ♑ has a constant need to feed his ambitions; ♒ a desire to run after everything new in the thought that he is being progressive. ♓ must have the opportunity to sacrifice himself, to undertake missionary work and to live for a while in the world of his own illusions.

The horoscope of Olive Kriek, a Dutch girl murdered on January 5, 1958, was brought forward for discussion by Mrs. Doris Watts at 8.20. The girl had been warned by an astrologer that if she went over the water she would not return. She was born on May 31, 1939, when ♄, ♂ and PL were joined in a T-square and the ☽ in ♏ was opposed by ♅. As the time of birth was not given there was considerable speculation as to the true Ascendant. Mr. Davison suggested that violent death would probably mean that the angles of the horoscope were involved by progression with the radical ♂ ♄PL affliction. An Ascendant in the middle degrees of ♋ would place ♂ on the radical 8th cusp. If, as a working hypothesis, 15° ♓ was regarded as the Midheaven, the progressed Midheaven at the time of death would be about 4° ♈ and the progressed Ascendant 1° ♌, in opposition to the radical ♂ and just leaving the conjunction of PL r. A ♋ Ascendant would place greater emphasis on the danger of the radical ☽☌♅ affliction. No one present was prepared to suggest why the Dutch astrologer had warned the girl against going overseas. (Those who are interested in the La Volasfera degree symbols may like to look at the symbol given for 17° ♏, which would be the ☽'s position if the

above hypothesis were correct and which would go a long way towards explaining the astrologer's prediction!)

The final meeting of the Spring Session took place on March 31st, when Mrs. A. Sudbury Hurren related "Some Ancient Stories of the Equinox." At the time of the Winter Solstice the ☉ was at its lowest declination, after which it began to rise again. At this time of the year at midnight the constellation Virgo would be on the Eastern horizon, giving rise to the idea of a Saviour born of the Virgin. A period of 40 days had special significance in linking the various festivals of the year. Forty days after Christmas came the festival of Candlemass in celebration of the growing light. Lent lasted for 40 days and Ascension day followed 40 days after Easter, which was always celebrated after the first Full Moon in Aries. Much of the subsequent discussion centred around the significance of the number 40 and the audience were reminded of the 40 years spent by Moses in the Wilderness and the fact that in the polar regions beyond 68° North and 68° South Latitude there were 40 days of complete darkness every year. The number 40 was divisible into the 360° of the zodiac exactly 9 times and was therefore a significant number. Hindu astrologers recognised a 40° aspect. Whenever the period was mentioned in the Bible it appeared to have a special connection with changes of consciousness.

The Lodge Ritual was celebrated with appropriate solemnity after the interval.

Summer Session

The first lecture of the Summer Session was given by the President, who spoke on "The Six Principles in Nature." Astrologers were constantly referring to the six sign polarities in such a way as to suggest that there was a common principle attaching to these polarities, and that one sign represented the positive and the other the negative expression of that principle, yet it was very difficult to come by any statement setting forth these six principles. The lecturer suggested that a clue might be found in Rodney Collin's *Theory of Celestial Influence* in a chapter in which the title of the present lecture was given as a sub-heading. The alchemists distinguished six cosmic processes: Coagulation, Dissolution, Sublimation, Putrefaction, Separation and Transmutation. Collin expanded the description of the various processes in such a way as to make more easy the task of identifying these with the six sign polarities. Coagulation, representing Incarnation, Growth, Multiplication and Elaboration, appeared to be linked with ♊ ♐, suggesting

diversity of form. Dissolution was further defined as Decay Disintegration, Destruction and Elimination. Here the ♉ ♏ pairing seemed appropriate. Sublimation, with its additional ideas of Self-Conquest and Digestion of Experience, appeared to belong to the sphere of ♎ ♑. Putrefaction, working especially through the process of Disease, could be linked with the ♍ ♓ polarity, while Separation, together with the ideas of Adaptation, Renewal and Healing fell naturally under ♈ and ♎. Transmutation, Regeneration and Recreation, the ultimate goal of the alchemists, who sought to turn base metals into "gold" naturally suggested the ♌ ♒ polarity.

The six processes naturally include some which appear purely destructive and so it is that two at least of the sign polarities must inevitably be linked with them. It is necessary to consider the broader implications of each process when attempting to make a sign correlation. To link ♉ with decay and Disintegration appears at first to be well wide of the mark, yet under the process of death, connected with the opposite sign, ♏, the life force leaves the body with the inevitable physical result. Form without the presence of the life force cannot remain in being. ♉ is the matrix, awaiting the imprint of the life force, lacking which it cannot be moulded into form or be invested with separate identity.

At 8.20, Mr. H. J. Barker contributed "Some Thoughts on Difficult Aspects." According to the teachings of Ouspensky, by far the greater part of humanity was inclined to give way to "negative emotions," worrying about things that were never likely to happen, imagining things that were not possible, endlessly considering their problems and seeking to justify their actions. Such tendencies were likely to be indicated by afflictions in the nativity and an understanding of the astrological factors involved could assist the native in fighting against such misuse of his psychic functions. Members suggested that most of the faults mentioned were those usually associated with the introvert type and therefore appeared to be linked with the negative signs. Mr. Freedman stressed the need for mental honesty in approaching such problems of self-improvement. A ☿ ♄ affliction in the nativity would make such an approach difficult. Other members suggested that wrongly directed powers of imagination would most likely be indicated by afflictions in ♓ and ♎; self-justifying, implying a lack of self-confidence, was probably linked with ♑ and adverse aspects between the ☽ and ♄. Man's most important task was to use his creative faculties aright. A properly directed imagination, indicated by a well aspected ♆ and a balance of originality and self-reliance, deriving from well supported planets in ♌ and

♒, were the principal requirements for overcoming wrong emotional states and mis-directed mental activity.

On April 21st the principal feature of the evening was a "Brains Trust" which still apparently continues to be a popular diversion. In answer to the question, "Which sign produces the best dressed natives and which the worst dressed?" the Brains Trust gave it as their opinion that ♌, ♎ and ♍ natives were likely to score most marks for sartorial elegance, provided the ruler of the ascendant and ♀ were not greatly afflicted. The general effect was sometimes spoilt by tendencies to exhibitionism in the case of ♌, by too many fripperies in the case of ♎ and by being too pernickety in the case of ♍. ♒, ♑, and ♐ were regarded as poor dressers: ♒ was likely to be too untidy and unconventional; ♐ too slapdash and casual, while ♑ was inclined to lack flair and practise too much economy. On the other hand, the ambitious ♑, with an eye on convention and good form, was occasionally among the smartest of dressers.

Another question which occupied a good deal of attention was as to the value of Horary Astrology. There was a good deal of support for this branch of the science, especially as it enabled the practitioner to arrive at a speedy answer to a definite question. Particularly striking results were often obtained in questions involving lost property. Not only should the horary map itself be considered, but also the relationship of the horary planets and angles to the planets and angles of the nativity.

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Lodge was held at 8.20 in order to consider a proposal to increase the amount of the Annual Subscription by 10s. A substantial increase in the amount of rent payable to the Art-Workers' Guild had made such a course necessary and although some members suggested that an increased subscription might cause some falling off in membership, the proposal was carried without opposition because it was realised that the present income of the Lodge would be insufficient to meet the increased running costs.

In astrology there can be no disharmonious aspects. The relationship between the arc of the circle occupied by the aspect and the complementary arc is the determining factor in deciding the precise nature of the aspect. This establishes the ration between the two arcs as all important and any ratio which cannot be found in music should not be permissible as a ratio in astrology. This was a dictum of Kepler and it was re-stressed by Mr. W. Friedjung in his lecture on "The Theory of the Aspects," given on April 28th. The opposition aspect divided the zodiac into two equal parts and the appropriate ratio was therefore 1 : 1. The trine of 120° measured against the complementary arc of 240° produced a ratio of 1 : 2. The

square was represented by an arc of 1 : 3; the quintile by a ratio of 1 : 4; the bi-quintile by a ratio of 2 : 3, and so on. The quintile series of aspects were therefore shown to be an integral part of an orderly system. Divisions of the circle based on the number 2 : 180°, 90°, 45°, produced "hard" aspects, while divisions of the circle based on the numbers 3 and 5 : 120°, 60°, 30°, 36°, 72° and 144°, produced "soft" aspects. All were harmonious but more power was generated under the "hard" aspects. The quintile series, based on a fifth division of the zodiacal circle, was linked with idea of free-will. These aspects promised nothing in themselves but showed possibilities of self-development through the exercise of free-will.

The meaning of complicated aspect groups could often be better understood if the opposition point of each body were considered in relation to the total configuration. The ☉ was the index of the conscious will. The point opposite the ☉ would therefore represent the unconscious will. ☿ represented intellect, its opposition point intuition. ♂ stood for action, its opposition point for the reactions prompted by others. The interpretation of planetary complexes could be greatly facilitated by considering the effect of these opposition points in the total configuration. A simple square between the Sun and Saturn gained in significance when it was realised that ♄ squared both the ☉ and its opposition point, related to the unconscious will, standing as the mid-point between them.

At 8.20 there was an auction of books kindly donated by Lodge members and a sum of over £5 was raised as a result.

On May 5th, the lecture was given by the President Emeritus, Mr. C. E. O. Carter, who spoke on "The Winter Ingress." Mr. Carter's advocacy of the ♑ Ingress as the most important of the four Ingress horoscopes is now well known and he demonstrated with aid of the epidiascope that transits from the Winter Ingress map over planets in nativities were of particular significance in relation to the events of the year that followed. In a number of cases he showed how the Ingress ♀ was close to the radical Ascendant of natives who had married during the year. Other types of event were also examined and in each case typical and characteristic transits were observed to be operative. One or two cases where the native had to undergo an operation during the year showed an angular ♅ as one of the principal transitting planets.

The main feature of the Winter Ingress for 1957, governing the present year, was ♅ ☍ ♀ falling across the M.C.-I.C. axis of the figure. ♀ was probably related to Cyprus and therefore no easy solution of the problem appeared likely.

Miss Vivienne Pocock gave a biographical lecture on "Charles

Dickens" on May 12th. Dickens was born in Portsmouth on February 7, 1812, with M.C. 14° ♌, Asc. 3° ♏. The planetary positions were as follows:—☉ 18° ♒, ☽ 14° ♐, ☿ 22° ♑, ♀ 16° ♓, ♂ 7° ♈, ♃ 26° ♊ ℞, ♄ 4° ♑, ♅ 23° ♏, ♆ 13° ♐, PL 17° ♓. As a boy, Dickens was sickly and suffered from internal cramps. His father, of whom he was very fond, was imprisoned for debt and young Dickens gravitated from the post of office boy, at 15, to become a reporter of House of Commons debates for several newspapers from 1832 to 1836, in which year he married the beautiful Katherine Hogarth. The fruitfulness traditionally associated with ♀ in ♓ was amply borne out by the fact that in due course he was to have a family of 11 children. On the other hand, such a position, especially when assailed by PL in ♓, was not conducive to the smooth passage of his love life, especially for one born with ♅ rising afflicted by □ ♂. Inevitably, there was a separation from his wife and the history of subsequent partnerships was not particularly happy. Like many other ♏ natives, Dickens suffered through his oversensitive emotions and his likes and dislikes were absolute. His ability to re-create old emotional atmospheres, his thoroughgoing approach and his early experience as a reporter served him in good stead as a novelist. When he described a scene or built up a character, nothing was left out and his special genius for caricature in words was speedily recognised. Miss Pocock illustrated her lecture by reading several appropriate passages from the works of the master.

"Astrology and Second Sight" was the rather intriguing title of Professor Thorburn's lecture on May 19th. The spirit of prophecy was linked with ♐ more than with any other sign and the true prophet would most likely be found to have the ☉ in ♐. The ☽ in ♐ would facilitate the accurate transmission of inspiration. The astrologer, pondering upon the problems of horoscope interpretation, was often able to develop a faculty something akin to second sight. Various symbolic interpretations of degree influences seemed to be the result of this particular ability. The Sabian symbols of Mark Edmund Jones were particularly interesting in this respect. The lecturer cited the case of a friend who was decribed by a mutual acquaintance as "holding himself like a bear." An examination of his horoscope showed that the Sabian symbol for the rising degree was "a big bear"! Similarly, the horoscope of a woman with strongly developed mediumistic tendencies was found to have 7° ♑ rising for which the symbol was "a veiled prophetess of power." Not only did the lecturer have in his mind's eye a picture of a veiled profile while meditating upon the horoscope but it was afterwards found that the lady was frequently in the habit of

wearing a veil. In the discussion that followed it appeared that the audience were prepared to accept that the earnest student of astrology might quite easily develop some kind of extra-sensory perception to aid him in his work, although it did not follow as a matter of course. Some might never develop the faculty, while others might misapply it or be mislead by it. The most successful astrologers were probably those who were able to link a sound technical knowledge of astrology with a special kind of prophetic inspiration.

After the interval the President, Mr. R. C. Davison, conducted a "Topical Evening." The eclipse of the ☽, falling on May 3rd, the day before the bus strike, showed PL exactly rising in opposition to ♂. On the basis of the ♂ PL square in the preceding ♈ Ingress, the speaker had predicted bitter struggles over wages and working conditions during the year. The appearance of these two planets on the angles of the eclipse figure appeared to denote that the time was now ripe for the trouble to come to a head. In addition, the luminaries were both squared by ☿ in the 12th house, the house of strikes. The bus strike, which started at midnight, B.S.T. 4–5th May, 1958, began when ♄ was exactly rising in ♐. Nothing could be more typical! The ☽ had reached the square of ♂ in the eclipse map, suggesting an element of desperation about the whole enterprise. Transits to and progressions of the strike map did not encourage too much optimism about the speedy termination of the dispute although certain more helpful configurations were forming in the course of the next few days (it turned out that these coincided with the first series of abortive peace moves). Now that the smoke of battle has been dispersed it seems that one of the principal effects of the rising ♄ in ♐ in the strike map has been to produce some of the lengthiest exploratory discussions in all strike history!

Events in France led to a renewal of interest in the horoscope of General de Gaulle, born at Lille, November 22, 1890, with a Midheaven of 3° ♌ 49′ and an Ascendant of 25° ♎ 46′. His progressed ☉ had reached the mid-point of the radical ♂ ♃ conjunction, while the converse ☉ of the 4th Republic horoscope had reached 24° ♎. ♃ in the ♈ Ingress was within a degree of the General's Ascendant and ♀, opposed by ☿ in the Ingress, fell on his ♂. Such striking configurations appeared to confirm that the General was destined to play a leading role in the unravelling of the Algerian problem. Some doubt was cast on the authenticity of the horoscope presented by Mr. Davison and it was stated that a version with ♒ rising is in existence. Subsequent enquiries have elicited the fact that the French magazine *Les Astres* sponsors a horoscope with a ♎ Ascendant

and in view of the rather striking transits and directions involving the last decanate of ♎ it would indeed be a pity to have to abandon that horoscope as being incorrect.

The lecture on June 2nd was given by Mr. Colin Evans, who spoke on "Localising the Zodiac." He regarded the zodiac as being a way of defining twelve alternating phases of relationship between the Sun and the Earth, diverging from the oneness of the Vernal Equinox until the Summer Solstice was reached and then reconverging again towards the Autumnal Equinox. This cycle of relationship represented the interplay between Spirit and Matter and the way in which the individual attempted to live his spiritual life in the environment in which he was physically situated. The three modes, Cardinal, Fixed and Mutable, were recognisable as three special types of relationship. The Sun, moving away from the Equinoctial Points and Solstices was initiating a new phase of relationship. The Cardinal signs represented this initiatory phase. The Fixed signs, following on, showed that a definite momentum had been established and the Mutable signs, occurring immediately before the Equinoxes and Solstices, denoted preparation for a major change of relationship. The Equinoxes and Solstices were the dividing points of the four major phases, each of which was subdivided into three parts.

The zodiac normally used by astrologers was geocentric. The consciousness of the individual, however, was egocentric, which meant that he established his own personal relationship with the zodiac at the place of his birth. The horoscope of birth therefore depended upon the horizon of the birthplace and its position relative to the equator and the ecliptic. On the correct establishment of this last relationship hung all the problems of house division. Most of the orthodox systems of house division were open to criticism on one score or another and there was much to be said for a system based on the Zenith and Nadir, determined by the point where the middle line of the zodiac crossed the local skies, and the East and West Points, the zodiacal longitude of the East Point being determined by measuring off 90° of Right Ascension from the point where the Ecliptic crossed the Meridian.

On June 9th, Mr. J. M. Addey spoke "In praise of the Ten Planets," attempting to convey, as he put it, something of the flavour of the planetary principles by reading suitable quotations from various works of English literature and occasionally throwing in for good measure one or two sonnets of his own composition which were in no way inferior to much of the other excellent material used. The ☉, he regarded as symbolising the spirit of worship; ☿ attempted to make sense of

things and was related to introspection and memory. The Mercurial person adapted things to himself, whereas the Venusian adapted himself to things. The flowing beauty of the landscape and joyous beauty of all kinds were representative of the Venusian principle. The signature of ♂ was Courage, together with the idea of Self-Reliance and one of the great Martian virtues was the ability to dispense with non-essentials. Temperance was the virtue of ♃, whose natives delighted in thought. ♄ was another essentially reflective planet. It was also the greatest benefic, giving the soul what it needed most. ♅ was related to the way of the occultist, who sought to extend his knowledge of the inner laws of nature; ♆ was the planet of those who sought the path of perfection as a way to Divine Union. PL was the planet of Initiation and Power. The ☽, the Great Mother, represented Eternal Wisdom and Divine Providence and was the Queen of Sciences.

Mr. C. E. O. Carter led a discussion on "Rising Moon" after the interval. A study of representative examples of this position had led him to the conclusion that it was not a favourable one. A high degree of sensitivity made it difficult to achieve success in a world where robust competition flourished. Sometimes the constitution was delicate and mental troubles were occasionally found with this position. A whimsical sense of humour (Lewis Carroll with the ☽ rising in ♐ was a notable example) and a good memory were two of the gifts often bestowed by a rising ☽. Mr. Davison said that the position seemed to give a desire to be noticed, a tendency to appear before or to deal with the public and an underlying desire for change and travel. Several members drew attention to the frequency of a rising ☽ in the horoscopes of writers. Mr. Freedman suggested that the ☽ in the Ascendant gave a tendency to hysteria.

The writer regrets that he was not able to be present at a number of the 8.20 discussions during the bus strike, owing to the necessity of making an early start for home. Although the Lodge attendances were somewhat diminished during the period of the strike, many members continued to make light of the inconvenience, and thanks are due to both lecturers and audience alike for the way in which they helped in carrying out the full programme arranged for the session.

NOTES FOR BEGINNERS

By The Editor

Intelligence

One of the most difficult things to judge (at least by the usual text-book rules) is the general intelligence of the native of a map.

The old astrologers looked to the Moon and Mercury, but, though Mercury is usually alert and wide-awake, it would be an error to suppose that a well-aspected Mercury always gives a good brain. I have before me the horoscope of a lady with this planet at the end of Taurus leaving the sextiles of Neptune and Mars and the trine of Uranus and approaching the trine of Jupiter and sextile of the Moon. She is very active physically and is observant and has a good memory, but her reading is confined to the simplest forms of "literature" and, strangely, she has an aversion to any kind of written communication. Thus, one cannot judge such things from Mercury alone. He does not, of himself, make a good scholar or a deep thinker.

For myself, I should say many bodies in common (mutable) signs is the best indication of "brains."

Such people are rarely stupid.

But the converse is not true; one can have intelligent persons without heavily tenanted mutables or the corresponding houses.

Airy signs incline to intellectual interests, but, again, this is not always so, or the interest may be of a very insipid kind.

In fact, so far as our present knowledge goes (perhaps it would be better to say, so far as *my* present knowledge goes), one has to fall back on what theosophists call the "evolutionary status" of the ego, which is not shown in the nativity, so far as we know.

The natus is something like a set of tools laid out on a bench: the ego seems to have the power to decide what use to make of them. Sometimes they are even left to rust!

. . . and Morality

Somewhere or other in his writings Alan Leo says that Mercury is a thermometer of the moral nature, or words to that effect.

But once more, I cannot accept this.

I have known people with "good" Mercuries who appear to have used this asset for nefarious purposes. In particular, Mercury trine Jupiter seems apt to indicate one who seeks easy money.

Criminals usually have badly afflicted maps but I should say that the Moon, more often than anything else, bears the brunt. However, criminality is a big subject and this condition may take many forms and arise from many different kinds of inner distortions.

Of course many people who live satisfactory lives do so not from any special love of virtue, but because they are too timid to risk doing wrong, or are so placed that they do not suffer much temptation, and so forth.

Thus there seems no short cut to judgment on moral status. It certainly would be unwise to trust anyone merely on the strength of a good Mercury or to condemn them because they had badly afflicted planets. There *are* configurations that one should treat with caution, whether they are one's own or appear in the charts of one's associates. The reverse is also true. Venus–Taurus is rarely dishonest or Venus–Libra cruel, for example.

In sum, even an experienced astrologer will need to tread warily in passing judgment on others' moral fibre.

Parallels of Declination

As I recently had occasion to remark in the Lodge, there seems a tendency nowadays to neglect these, both in the natus and in directions.

But they are part of the old tradition and because they stand apart, as it were, from the usual aspects, it does not mean that it is wise to forget them. They are, after all, easily seen in the ephemeris and should then be noted at the side of the map diagram.

The simplest way to treat them directionally is by means of a graph drawn on squared paper. To anyone apt at that sort of work, it will be easy to tabulate all the parallels of a life time at one sitting. None can be missed, and as they come up from time to time in the life, their exact time of incidence can be calculated by ordinary arithmetic.

In the Lodge I instanced August Strindberg as a case where a very close parallel of Venus and Uranus was outstandingly significant.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From R. M. TROTTER (LONDON)

ARCTIC HOROSCOPES

The problem of erecting horoscopes for the Arctic regions is no longer a purely academic one.

It would be interesting to hear from astrologers as to how it should be tackled. And in the specific case of Mr. Pratt, who was *exactly* on the South Pole on his 33rd birthday, where all directions are due north and time has strictly no meaning, how would one erect his solar return "for the locality where the native is at the time"?

I don't know the precise date of Mr. Pratt's birthday but let us use January 1, 1958, as the day for the purpose of calculation.

From J. W. CHAPMAN-TAYLOR (WELLINGTON, N.Z.)

THE MAP OF NEW ZEALAND

I have endeavoured to obtain the data from which to get the Map of the Dominion of N.Z. It took quite a bit of time and hunting, but the following is authentic as coming from the famous Turnbull Library, from the *Evening Post* newspaper, and finally from the Parliamentary Library itself, each contributing something.

New Zealand Constitution Act passed (in Britain) on June 30, 1852. The proclamation of this was issued by Sir George Grey, Governor-in-Chief, at Government House, Wellington, on January 17, 1853. The Parliament provided for in this Act opened its first session on the Queen's birthday, May 24, 1854, at Noon at Auckland. This made New Zealand an independent self-governing Colony no longer linked with Australian Government for all matters within New Zealand.

Statute of Westminster.—This was passed by King and Parliament in Great Britain in 1931, and was adopted by the New Zealand Parliament and became law on November 25, 1947, when it was signed by the Governor-General (Lord Freyberg), probably between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. It was received in the House at 2.30 p.m. at Wellington.

But it is enacted in the laws of New Zealand that it became law at 0 h. 0 m. 0 s. on the 25th—a.m. November 1947—midnight.

New Zealand standard time back in 1852 was probably 11 h. 30 m. fast on Greenwich. The Longitude of Auckland is 174–43 E. and the latitude is 36–54 S.

New Zealand time in 1947 was and still is 12 hours fast on Greenwich. Wellington is Latitude 41–12 S. London 174–45 E.

I imagine either of these dates would give a valid Map for the country. I do not know what TIME should be chosen, but I think the map should give an M.C. which harmonised with that of Great Britain. Otherwise the map would not represent the spirit of this country.

You mention that Capricorn is said to rule New Zealand. I would think Aquarius much more appropriate. The true New Zealander as I have known him ever since my childhood (I was born in London and brought here at age two, 77 years ago) is decidedly individualistic but also fraternally socialistic, and "scientific altruism" is certainly in his blood, and in much of his legislation.

These "true New Zealanders" were the first generation from the British stock who came here in the spirit of adventure, not as assisted immigrants. Their socialism consisted of a willingness to give something to help a brother man. The "trades union socialism" that has been taking its place these many years now, slowly usurping the old spirit especially in the larger towns, is quite a different thing. Mr. Holland was one of the old school, but Mr. Nash is not a New Zealander and does not think like one. I have not got his birth-time, but he looks like Aquarius.

From MAURICE WEMYSS (EDINBURGH)

In *A.Q.*32.2 several items have attracted my attention.

(1) On pages 37–38 reference is made to Princess Margaret's birth-time. This was given in *Modern Astrology*, 1930, page 343 as 9.22 p.m. Summer Time at Glamis on August 21, 1930 and a horoscope delineation by Leslie Keene was given on pages 362 to 364. The position of the hypothetical Pluto-Wemyss, ruler of Cancer, is important because Neptune, ruler of Libra and the 7th house (according to the system adopted in *The Wheel of Life*) is in conjunction with Pluto-Wemyss, thus bringing out the effect of Cancer 25 in which the Moon is placed and showing hindrance and disappointment in 7th house affairs. If Pluto-Wemyss is omitted from the horoscope there is no such indication.*

(2) On page 42 reference is made to major planetary cycles. The Babylonians reckoned their cycles by reference to the return of the date of a heliacal rising of a planet or star to approximately the same date in their soli-lunar calendar and gave the periods as: Mercury 6 years, Venus 8 years, Mars 47 years, Jupiter 12 years, Saturn 59 years, Fixed Stars 27 years. The Egyptians on the other hand had (alongside other calendars) a calendar of 365 days (with no leap year). In this the periods are Mercury 20 years (though they conventionally adopted 10 years, half its period), Venus 8 years, Sun 19 years, Mars 15 years, Jupiter 12 years. These were related to the Ages of Man, see *Wheel of Life*, V. 85.

(3) On page 67 of *A.Q.* reference is made to General de Gaulle's birth-time. His horoscope was computed in *Les Cahiers Astrologiques* for 11.54 a.m., G.M.T., but later Rupert Gleadow reported that the official register of birth showed that he was born in Rue Princesse, Lille, on November 22, 1890, at 4 a.m. This would put Libra on Ascendant. In any event he has one of the pairs of statesman's degrees, Aquarius–Leo 8–9, well aspected by Mars Aquarius 11½, Jupiter Aquarius 7, Neptune (ruler of Libra) in Gemini 5½, Lowell-Pluto in Gemini 7 (see *Wheel of Life*, III, pp. 88–98).

* I cannot agree. Venus in 7th opposed to Uranus would account for almost anything disruptive.—EDITOR.

From ALEXANDER MARR (DUBLIN)

NATUS OF GENERAL DE GAULLE

My analysis on "General de Gaulle" seems to consolidate the opinion of Mr. Troinski that the right and also official birth-time of General de Gaulle is 4 a.m.

The direct and converse Solar- and Tertiary-directions are quite evident. (Calculated for June 1, 1958).

After having got correction-datas from our University library I will make a proper correction with the Sun-Asc. in R.A. and secondary-directions.

Instead of Mars on the Midheaven (page 67) you certainly mean the Sun.*

My calculations:—Data: General de Gaulle, November 22, 1890, 4 a.m. G.T.

Lille 50° 39′ N. Lat. 00 h. 12 m. 15s. East Long.

☽ = 4° 24′ ♈ ♄ = 16° 03′ ♍
☿ = 2° 41′ ♐ ♂ = 29° 03 ♎
♀ = 18° 13′ ♐ ♆ = 05° 34′ ♊
♂ = 11° 29′ ♒ ◯ = 06° 50′ ♊ approx.
♃ = 06° 53′ ♒ ☊ = 12° 13′ ♊

☉ = 29° 50′ 21″ ♏
M.C. = 1° 50′ ♌ } approx.
Asc. = 24° ♐ ♎ }
☌ Spica?

June 1, '58 ♃ tr. ☌ Asc.?

My statements about the conv. directions, transits, house cusp, System Campanus, etc., are working now as they should.

* No, I meant M.C. conj. Mars by o-d direction.

From WALTER FRIEDJUNG (LONDON)

THE GOLDEN MEAN

In connection with a discussion at the Lodge where the Golden Mean was mentioned, (called by Kepler the "Divine Section"), as referred to in the last issue of *Astrology*, I may, perhaps, be allowed to explain that it represents a proportion or division by which, quite remarkably, the ratio between the smaller portion or section and the larger one equals exactly the ratio between the larger section and the sum-total of both! The Golden Mean—or close approximations to it—can be found again and again in nature, as well as in art, and embodies extremely interesting and diverse mathematical laws and implications. However, without getting into all that on this occasion, may I suggest that more attention than hitherto should be paid to the Divine Section by astrologers?

This means that in all maps, as well as in relation to the various types of directions and transits, etc., either of the two points dividing the distance between two planets or other focal points of the map according to the Golden Mean, will have some significance. If (to give a practical example) ☿ in the radical map is, say, situated in 15° 39′ ♑ and ♄ in 1° 40′ ♓, the distance between those planets will amount to 46° 01′; when divided according to the Golden Mean, the larger section will amount to appr. 28° 27′, and the smaller section to appr. 17° 24′. If, say, we add the smaller section to Mercury's position, which is the same as to deduct the larger section from the position of ♄ respectively, and *vice-versa*, we arrive at the points 3° 13′ ♒ and 14° 06′ ♒, and if any of those points are reached by direction or progression, etc., or, more significant still, if at any of them a planet, or even the radical ☉, is situated (whereby an orb of a few minutes may be permitted), that will have a great bearing to be taken into acount. If, on the other hand (or, maybe, in addition to the configuration just mentioned), the distance of 28° 27′ (constituting the distance obtained through dividing the total distance between ☿ and ♄ according to the Golden Mean) were added to Saturn's position, thus arriving at 00° 07′ ♈, and this point were reached by direction, that would not be without significance either, but still more so if another planet or—let us say—this time—the I.C. (or the Ascendant, etc.) were situated there. (If the Sun were really situated in 3° 13′ ♒, this would mean ♄ to occupy the midpoint between ☉ and I.C., which, at the same time, shows us how the Golden Mean could be connected or combined with midpoints.) Of course, another good example, in this context, is the one mentioned in the June issue of *Astrology*, page 50.

If the whole circle of 360° is divided according to the Golden Mean, the larger section will amount to appr. 222° 30′, and the smaller section to 137° 30′ (and not 221½° and 138½°, as was printed in error). In the case of the semi-circle it will be 111° 15′ and 68° 45′ respectively. Should the distance between planets and other focal-points, in a map, really amount to any of those angles, it will have a bearing upon the interpretation, comparable to that of the traditional aspects; equally, if—by direction—a planet or axis reaches such a point in relation to a radical position. Beyond that, if those distances or angles of 137½°, and of 111¼°and 68¾° respectively are further sub-divided according to the Golden Mean into smaller and smaller angles, they will always together with their supplementary angles—if occurring in practice—through the relationship between two planets or focal-points—be of corresponding significance, as the writer has found. All those angles may be named "Golden Mean-Aspects."

REVIEWS

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At 0 hr. 0 m. G.M.T. on that day the Moon was about to leave Aries and meet Uranus in 2 Taurus, the Sun being, of course, in the same sign. This last was in close trine to Neptune!

At death tertiary Sun had reached radical Saturn.

Transit Neptune was opposed to radical Uranus.

A Correction

Dr. Chiamuya writes that on page 54 of June *Astrology* he was described as a North African whereas he is in fact a native of Northern Nigeria. "Such mistakes" he writes, "are always very embarrassing". We, of course, copied from the F.A.S. report submitted to us, but regret Dr. Chiamuya's embarrassment.

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