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EDITORIAL

Capricorn Ingress

At London, Mercury, Mars and Jupiter are setting in trine to the Queen's radical Moon. Here is an obvious astrological reference to the anticipated birth of the new royal baby and one which suggests the birth of a prince. The Queen's own Mars-Jupiter conjunction is emphasized by the opposition from the Ingress Uranus. There could well be a link with the new M1 motorway in that the setting planets are in Sagittarius. Roads and communications generally should benefit from this configuration although there is little hope that motorists will have the good sense to drive within the capacities of their vehicles or within the limits of their own skill for some time to come. This is a rather accident-prone satellitium!

The Sun on the eighth cusp is with Saturn, which is sextile Neptune and trine Pluto. Fortuna closely opposes Pluto. With Virgo and the sixth house involved we may expect to see a hardening of the government's attitude towards unofficial strikes and an attempt to curb the use of the strike weapon generally. Some control over speculation has already been promised and further legislation to increase confidence in the reputation of 'Big Business' may follow. The most striking feature of the Ingress map, and one which is common to all the variations of this chart for Western Europe, is the absence of planets in the Eastern Hemisphere. This usually means that the initiative lies outside the control of the country concerned. Yet the angular Mars, with Venus in Scorpio and the Sun on cusp eight is not a very peaceful combination. It is to be hoped that we do not allow ourselves to be pushed into some abortive adventure abroad due to circumstances beyond our control!

At Paris, the midpoint of de Gaulle's Mars-Jupiter conjunction is on the Midheaven. This factor in his horoscope has constantly been emphasized in recent Ingress figures with the result that France has consistently insisted on following a different line from the other Western powers. She has obviously been waiting until it has physically been demonstrated that she is also to be regarded as a first rate nuclear power. The Martian emphasis has further been active through the Algerian rebels and the secret

counter-measures of the French police. Squares from Ingress planets to the General's Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune and Pluto promise no easy solution to his problems in this direction.

At Berlin, Uranus is almost exactly on the fourth cusp opposing the radical position of Adenauer's Saturn. Fortuna conjoins the German Chancellor's Mars and the Moon opposes this planet. These are hardly the configurations one would expect to see to indicate an harmonious solution of the Berlin problem. There is a hint here of German intransigeance — or else of an unwelcome solution (to the West Germans) being forced upon the Chancellor.

The degree of Kruschev's radical Venus is close to the Midheaven at Moscow, which is, however, squared by the Ingress Mars-Jupiter conjunction. Fortuna is in trine to these two planets. It looks as if the way is open astrologically speaking, for Russia to take the initiative while at the same time pursuing the new 'olive branch' diplomacy. Developments elsewhere may make this extremely difficult to maintain.

At Washington, the Midheaven is squared by Uranus, but Fortuna falls on Eisenhower's Sun, in close sextile to Ingress Uranus. The Ascendant squares the President's Uranus, and Mars squares his Saturn. There is a good deal of tension indicated here and the subsequent passage of Saturn over the President's Mars gives cause for concern, especially in relation to health matters.

Mao Tse-tung is well favoured by the cross aspects from the Ingress chart to his own nativity. There are three trines, Mars to his Moon, Pluto to his Sun and Moon to his Jupiter. Ingress Jupiter is with his Mercury and Ingress Uranus opposes his Venus. At Peking, Pluto rises. An increase in Chinese military activity appears likely and the expansionist frame of mind recently in evidence at Peking will receive much encouragement from the trend of forthcoming events.

At New Dehli, Nehru's Uranus falls on the fourth cusp of the Ingress figure. His Solar Revolution shows the Sun with Mars and squared by Uranus. The Ingress Uranus falls on the Sun in the horoscope for the State of India. Ingress Venus in square to these last two bodies falls on the Indian Jupiter. If India is to avoid armed conflict, she may only do so at the expense of giving ground.

At the Lodge

Readers will notice that Miss J. Overton Fuller has now taken over responsibility for the above named feature, an arrangement which enables me to give more attention to purely editorial matters. Quite apart from this it is desirable not to have too much material in a publication of this nature originating from the same pen. Those who have read Miss Fuller's books will already be acquainted with her capabilities as a writer and will appreciate that she has a flair for presenting facts cogently and persuasively, yet without unnecessary trappings. Such a style is well suited to the reporting of Lodge Meetings.

In order to keep reasonably up to date with this feature it has

unfortunately been necessary to omit accounts of lectures given during the Summer Session. An exception to this is the lecture by Dane Rudhyar, which forms the subject of a special report. The attendance at this lecture was the largest seen at Queen Square since the Lodge returned to these quarters after the war — a fine tribute to the lecturer's reputation.

Progressing the Solar Revolution

I can heartily recommend the system of progression explained by Alexander Marr in his article on page 116. It is very similar to the system I have used for a number of years (apart from the method of progressing to Midheaven) details of which are at present reposing in manuscript form with the publisher! This subject is evidently " in the air " at the moment, for Brigadier Firebrace's booklet " An Introduction to the Sidereal Zodiac " (reviewed in this issue), also refers to a rather similar method of Midheaven progression for Solar Returns. This matter is also touched upon in the report of Brigadier Firebrace's recent lecture in " At The Lodge " (page 121).

A Matter of Opinion

By a strange coincidence our contributors J. Coward and Alexander Marr have both chosen the Queen's horoscope for their example calculations. Readers will notice, however, that they do not both favour the same rising degree. This seems a good moment to remind our readers of our disclaimer on the inside front cover of the magazine — we do not necessarily endorse all (or any!) of the opinions of our contributors.

It is usual to assume that royal births are accurately recorded although it would probably be a mistake to regard this as an infallible rule. In the present instance I must record that for some time I shared Mr Marr's doubts about the correctness of the stated time and used an ascending degree very close to the one he has chosen. Later on I had reason to revise my opinion and finally arrived at an Ascendant of 19° ♍ 45′.

These discrepancies in the selected example horoscope do not invalidate the methods demonstrated, which have obviously been used extensively on many reliable nativities but they do spotlight a possible explanation for the fact that few astrologers ever appear satisfied that they have found the " perfect " system of progression or house division. So much depends upon the exact determination of the degrees on the Midheaven and Ascendant, yet experts frequently differ in their rectification of well known horoscopes. We are faced with a very difficult problem. We cannot be absolutely certain that we have found a thoroughly reliable system until we have tested it out on correctly rectified horoscopes. Yet we cannot be certain that our rectification is correct unless we use a thoroughly reliable system! We can probably console ourselves that the attempt to escape from this dilemma is the incentive behind a very large part of astrological research.

The Queen and Napoleon III

E. H. Troinski asks me to comment on his prediction that if Britain is involved in a third world conflict in the East, nothing but disaster for this country lies ahead. He bases this warning on the fact that there is a good deal of similarity between the horoscopes of Queen Elizabeth II and Louis Napoleon III. Both have ♄ in the tenth in ♏. Both have ☽ intercepted and tenanted in the first house and both have the ☉ in the third. Napoleon III was born on April 20th*, the Queen on the day after.

Troinski draws a parallel between Louis Napoleon's participation in the Crimean War and Britain's involvement in the Korean War. Napoleon's Russian adventure was followed by his abortive Mexican expedition, in which the U.S.A. threatened to intervene. Here, the parallel is Suez, which brought about threats of intervention from the Soviet Union. Later followed Napoleon's defeat by Prussia, the storming of Paris and the end of the monarchy in France. The equivalent to this might be the defeat of Britain in a major war, atom bombs on London and the end of the monarchy in Britain.

What are we to make of this prophecy? It is a sound astrological maxim that similar configurations produce similar results, though often at different levels. It is reasonable to suppose, therefore, that similar nativities denote similar types of destiny and past experiences bears this out. That being so it behoves us to see whether these two nativities really share so much in common. If there were enough significant points of difference the likelihood of both empires sustaining a similar fate would be considerably diminished. What are the most striking differences between these royal horoscopes?

Louis Napoleon's ☉ was closely ☌ ♂ and ☍ ♅. His rising ☽ was squared by ♄. The luminaries in the Queen's nativity are without affliction except for the rather wide ☽ ☍ ♂. The Queen's ♄, although on the middle arm of a T-cross, is strongly supported by ♅ and very much better integrated with the rest of the horoscope than in the case of Napoleon, who had ♄ with Caput Draconis. Furthermore, the reflection of PL over Louis Napoleon's Ascendant places it almost in conjunction with his Midheaven. No such phenomenon occurs in the Queen's horoscope. The astrological significators of catastrophe are much more obvious in the geniture of the French monarch. It remains to be said that astrologers in this country have never considered the Queen's horoscope to be an 'easy' one and my remarks in the September editorial suggested in which directions the main problems denoted by the major configuration might lie.

We can probably discount the fact that Louis Napoleon was an adventurer who first proclaimed himself President and later manoeuvred himself into the position of Emperor of France, ruling

* (1808, 1 a.m. Paris)

as an autocrat. What is important is the way in which the nativity of each ruler impinges upon the horoscope of the country over which he or she rules. ♂, ♄ and ♆ in the 1801 map are in difficult aspect to bodies in the Queen's horoscope. The equivalent map for France is not available for comparison.

There is, however, another means of comparison we can use. Louis Napoleon was proclaimed Emperor on December 2nd, 1852, when Pluto was passing over his radical Sun-Mars conjunction. Jupiter was on his radical Neptune and Neptune was on his radical Jupiter, the two planets being in square to each other. Saturn was close to his fourth cusp and in the sky the Sun squared Neptune (and the natal Pluto), the Moon squared Saturn and Venus was opposed by Uranus, hardly indicative of a triumphantly successful reign! In contrast to this, the horoscope for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, which took place on June 2nd, 1953, at Westminster at 12.32 p.m. B.S.T. was described by Mr Carter at the time as foreshadowing "a most fortunate era for the nation with an ever-increasing measure of cultural and moral leadership." By a strange coincidence, the Sun was then in almost exact opposition to its position when Napoleon III was proclaimed Emperor.

It is idle to deny that the Queen's horoscope is one promising much success in war. In common with Prince Phillip, she has ♂ □ ♄. It may be that the most dangerous period, that when Pluto entered Virgo, has passed. On the other hand, remembering the sensitivity of 18° Gemini in relation to the horoscope of London, one cannot contemplate with a great deal of equanimity the forthcoming conjunction of Uranus and Pluto in 18° Virgo towards the end of 1965, and the beginning of 1966, especially as during this period Mars and Saturn will be joined in Pisces in exact opposition to the other two planets, notably at about the end of February, 1966. 1666 was a memorable year in the history of London. Could it be that three hundred years later the capital will once again witness a major catastrophe?

It seems fairly obvious that involvement in a nuclear war must bring relative disaster to all participants. To this extent we can agree with Mr Troinski, and we hardly need astrology to drive the point home! We may also share a measure of concern over the security of London in the middle Nineteen Sixties. But whether forthcoming events will be disastrous for this country and the monarchy remains to be seen.

Notes for Beginners

With this issue we are starting a series of articles on horary astrology for beginners by Mrs Hilda Jaffa, who is very well versed in this branch of our science. Although these articles are labelled 'for Beginners' we would recommend any student interested in the horary art to study them carefully as they contain many shrewd observations touching upon the origins of our present horary technique.

MR C. E. O. CARTER'S RETIREMENT FROM THE EDITORSHIP OF THE QUARTERLY

The Presentation

This took place at the Annual General Meeting of the Lodge on November 9th. A sum of over £60 was subscribed by Lodge members and subscribers to the Quarterly and this was used to purchase a Tape Recorder, the gift selected by Mr Carter. Thanks to the good offices of Mrs Millar we were able to purchase a really fine model.

In his introductory remarks, the President mentioned that many of the letters enclosing donations contained glowing tributes to Mr Carter's work as Editor of the Quarterly over the years and it was abundantly obvious that he had built up a tremendous amount of goodwill for the magazine, a fact which made easier his own task of following in the footsteps of such a gifted astrologer.

He then called upon Mr David Freedman, one of the founder members of the Lodge, to make the presentation.

Mr Freedman recalled his early association with Mr Carter and mentioned the part played by Alan Leo in those days in establishing a high standard of astrological journalism in the magazine, " Modern Astrology ". The Lodge Quarterly was the natural successor to " Modern Astrology " and Mr Carter had not only faithfully upheld and sustained the standards set by Alan Leo over the years but he had also enabled readers of the magazine to enjoy the fruits of his own astrological wisdom. In reply, Mr Carter's speech of thanks followed closely upon the lines of his remarks at the end of " Here, There and Everywhere " on page 105 to which readers are referred.

HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

By C. E. O. Carter

Domal Analogues

It was good to see, in the August issue of **American Astrology**, that our friend Ronald E. Storme has drawn attention to these factors. So far as I know they were discovered by a Boston student, Mrs Elsie M. Kennison, and were first made public in an early number of the Quarterly. She called them reaction-points.

Briefly, the idea is that the house position of a body is reflected in the corresponding sign, so that, for example, a planet halfway through the first house has its D.A. at 15° Aries. And, I may add, the converse is true. Thus Hitler had Uranus in 19° 30′ Libra and the analogue would be cusp. 7 + 19° 30′, or close to Mars-Venus —quite appropriate.

This calculation is only true if we employ equal house division. If we use Placidus we should have to make a reckoning in terms of semi-arcs.

If we pay attention only to close contacts, as I advise, then we need not fear that the analogues will flood the map with fresh items. They will not be very frequent.

" Truly Sensitive Points "

In Volume XII of **Astrology,** at page 158, the late C. E. Krafft advocated, under the above title, two points very easily found. These were the places of Jupiter and Saturn when in conjunction with the Sun prior to birth. Why he limited himself to two planets, I do not know.

However, the idea is that Sun conjunction at planet stamps that point in the ecliptic until the next conjunction is formed, and this seems logical enough.

Retrogressed Sun was exactly opposite the Sun-Saturn point when I was called up for military service in 1916.

If these factors should ever pass into common use they might easily be designated as S/J and S/SA.

Planetary Stations

Most of us realize how very important these are in the progressed horoscope. A station of Jupiter may bring several years of general good fortune, and one of Saturn may stamp a period with hard work, responsibility and perhaps disappointment, according to the natal indications.

It seems likely that stations prior to birth, if not too far back, create a sensitive point in the natus.

I remember being puzzled by a case of kleptomania where there seemed no clear indication of such a tendency till I saw that the prior station of Mercury had fallen exactly opposite the radical Neptune.

Stations of Mercury are, of course, common.

Winter Ingresses

As readers may know, I have come to regard these as not only important mundane figures but also as affording a fairly good notion (so far as any one map can do so) of what the succeeding year holds for the individual.

As I happen to have many friends with bodies or points in or near Gemini-Sagittarius, I watched to see how Saturn, in 28 Sagittarius in the 1958 winter ingress, would affect them.

In nearly all cases there was a very definite increase of work and responsibility, and often this work was in some way obstructed (note our Editor and the printers' strike!). There was one case of a bad fall, and two cases of tragic events, though these of course would have been otherwise denoted as well, and one death.

In one case legal trouble; but no particular emphasis on foreign countries or religion in any.

In my view there is yet more to be said about these winter ingresses in relation to the individual geniture. I believe the w.i. prior to birth should be considered in judging any nativity.

Consider the 1945 w.i. in connection with the suicide map given below: Mars conjunction r. Saturn; Venus opposition r. Uranus, both very close!

Political

At the time of writing — and of course the year has not yet ended — there hardly seems enough to justify the Dismal Jemmies of the astrological world. There have indeed been serious crises and still are, but so far as Britain is concerned we have had one of the best summers on record, for holiday-makers and farmers alike, and the level of general prosperity continues to rise.

Both benefics angular at London — this has proved a good token.

It is interesting and worthy of note that the very heavily afflicted Moon in the 1958 ingress has been followed by the satellite in question being hit by a rocket! A scientific marvel if ever there was one!

It is significant, too, that a Cancerian nation, the Chinese, is steadily coming forward as possibly a more serious problem, in the long run, than Russia.

As regards the election result, 1958 ingress Saturn on Mr. Macmillan's radical Mars does not seem incompatible with re-election and the resulting responsibilities.

Another pointer to the outcome was Jupiter in transit over its progressed place in the Stock Exchange map. Mars ruling the steel industry, threatened by the Socialists with nationalization, is in sextile to its radical position in this figure.

As for the 1959 winter ingress, covering 1960, at London Mercury, Mars and Jupiter are setting, which is a restless combination to say the least. But the Sun and Saturn, in wide conjunction, are sextile Neptune and trine Pluto.

The feature I like least is Uranus in relation to Her Majesty's radix.

Mars and Jupiter angular in a fiery sign suggest another hot dry summer, so far as Great Britain is concerned.

For the Case-Book

I take the following from the **Astrologische Monatshefte**, issued in Hamburg by Herr Genuit, an eminent German astrologer.

A girl of 13 committed suicide by sitting in front of a gas oven. Her family circumstances were unhappy and her mother incurably ill. A school-friend having told her how easily her father had met his death in this way, they both resolved to follow suit. But the friend waited outside the house until, too late, the officers of the Fire Brigade arrived on the scene. Date of death: April 18, 1959.

Birth, 53° 12′ N., 14° 40′ E., August 12, 1946, 12h. 10m. C.E.T. and 1hr. summer-time. Asc.: 25½ Libra, M.C. 5 Leo.

A curious case! Had the native survived to attain the full benefits of Sun sextile Jupiter and Uranus, she might have achieved much, especially as the Sun is in Leo and the 10th house. And

Jupiter is only just above the ascendant.

Mercury is with Saturn, but has three sextiles.

It seems a good case for Placidus, since three planets are on the 12th cusp by that system, and Neptune is sesequiquadrate cusp 8.

By the time this is in print I understand that I shall have received from the readers of the Quarterly a Tape Recorder in recognition of my work as editor.

I am deeply touched by this most generous presentation; and I confess to having been taken entirely by surprise — a thing that ought never to happen if my predictive methods were as good as they should be!

It is quite likely that the instrument may serve a useful and interesting astrological purpose. At all events, I shall derive a great deal of pleasure from it, and so will my family.

My editorship has been an unalloyed joy to me and Astrology remains what it has been for just short of fifty years — an unfailing interest and consolation, in the study of which I have invariably found a refuge from the worries and distractions that must sometimes occur in the best of lives.

With all my heart, thank you very much indeed!

SPECIAL REPORT

The Lecture by Dane Rudhyar on "The Neptune-Pluto Cycle and the Pattern of Civilisation" given at the Astrological Lodge on June 8th, 1959.

(Our thanks are due to Edward A. Wagner, Editor of "Horoscope", for permission to draw upon the material contained in Dane Rudhyar's article in the November, 1954, number of that magazine, since it formed the basis for the lecture delivered at the Lodge. The following report is largely a paraphrase of that article).

It has been said that Western civilisation has reached a crisis threatening the disappearance of all those traditions and social patterns that we hold dear. This may be the crisis that precedes a rebirth. Not for the first time has European culture been faced with the threat of wholesale destruction. The year 1000 A.D. was once the appointed year of doom. This was followed by 400 years of the glorious artistic achievements of the Romanesque and Gothic eras inspired by the Medieval Catholic Order, a period of achievement which began in about 900 A.D. This was the age of chivalry, an outward expression of the highest spiritual side of man.

Five centuries after this crisis Europe was once again in a ferment and the Crusades were a symbol of the spirit of adventure

abroad at the time, the spirit of adventure that was soon to lead to the discovery of the American continent and to a surge of new ideas and new desires that were to become the first phase of the Renaissance.

Five more centuries bring us to the threshold of the present crisis. Shall we see the birth of an entirely new civilisation or the transformation of our present society?

Is there any significance in this 500 year periodicity of recent crises? We may look to the past to see if the tendency has been repeated in earlier centuries. Five centuries before 1000 A.D. bring us approximately to the time of the collapse of Roman civilisation (411-476 A.D.). Five centuries earlier, Rome had emerged as the ruler of the Mediterranean world (Battle of Actium, 31 B.C.). Five centuries before that saw the establishment of Greek culture after Solon's reforms and the impact of Pythagoras, and the destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar (586 B.C.). In India, at the same time, Gautama the Buddha was delivering the revolutionary message that was to change the face of Asia. In 1100 B.C., Greek culture was beginning to emerge and another five centuries previously coincided with the beginning of the new empire of the Pharoahs.

Is it possible to find an astrological cycle of 500 years that would account for such periodical crises of history as those outlined above? There is one such cycle: that of the successive conjunctions of the two most remote planets, Neptune and Pluto, which at present lasts 493 years. This cycle is remarkable for the striking relationship between both the periods and the orbits of the two planets. As the two most remote planets known to us, Neptune and Pluto represent the widest spheres of human relationship and social-cultural interchange that mankind can experience collectively today. Every new historical development in human society that points the way to the establishment of a broader and more universal type of social organisation, thinking and feeling may be related to the influence of Neptune and Pluto.

The spark of Uranus inspires individuals with the dynamic impetus necessary to set in motion that type of historical chain reaction which has the power to bring about such transformations. Before any actual change can take place there must be a collective readiness to accept such a change (Neptune) and a focussed release of some kind of evolutionary force or impulse (Pluto). Such a readiness or expectancy may be brought into being by a Saturnian tyranny which can no longer be endured or by a surfeit of success, comfort and prosperity encouraged by an over-expansive Jupiter. In either case a condition arises which can only be resolved by some form of basic crisis.

Under the action of Neptune the whole web of social and ideological relationships becomes disorganized and loosened in all directions. The sparks of Uranus act to complete this disorganization, while Pluto brings about new types of aggregation among the old components and a new integration gradually becomes apparent

or at least the seed forms of the new pattern of civilisation can be distinguished slowly germinating amidst the wet decay of the social, cultural and religious order of the past.

This process of metamorphosis seems to have an approximate 500 year rhythm, probably of a two-phase variety, so that we may have to deal with a 1000 year and, at a still higher level, with a 10,000 year cycle; but the Neptune-Pluto synodic period of 493 years is the most obvious astrological key to the process. We may consider this period as the 'root unit' of human history. Neptune completes its journey round the Sun in 163.74 Tropical Years. Pluto moves once round its orbit in 245.33 Tropical Years. 3 complete cycles of Neptune = 491.22 years. This is almost exactly equal to two complete cycles of Pluto (490.66 years). There is one most unusual feature which establishes a particularly strong relationship between the two planets. Owing to the great elongation of its orbit, Pluto actually moves inside the orbit of, and travels faster than, Neptune as it nears its Perihelion in 13° ♏ 10'. Pluto spends 32 years in Taurus, wherein its Aphelion is located, but only 12 years in Scorpio. The progress of Neptune is much less erratic and it spends an average of 13½ years in one sign. Neptune's Perihelion is at 14° ♉ 12'. Thus, in Taurus, Neptune is closest to, and Pluto furthest away from, the Sun. This suggests a kind of polar opposition between the planets.

As Pluto approaches Scorpio it begins to break through the boundaries of Neptune's magnetic field, that is, Neptune's orbit. (Pluto's next passage through Scorpio is from 1983 to 1995). The significance of the fact that Pluto's breakthrough occurs as it is travelling through the sign Scorpio is rarely emphasized. Pluto is not the ruler of Scorpio but while it is in that sign it impregnates the realm of Neptune (the collective unconscious, the mass mind, the sensitive imagination of dreamers) with new seed ideas.

Pluto signifies rebirth and the end of processes and conditions that make rebirth possible. Rebirth, the Resurrection celebrated in the great festival of Easter, belongs to Aries as well as does birth. Two levels are involved. Birth in Aries is connected with the emotional personal desire of Mars, while Rebirth is ruled by Pluto and its cosmic, transpersonal rhythm. The action of Pluto is focussed through Aries, just as the operations of Uranus and Neptune find their foci respectively in the preceding signs, Aquarius and Pisces.

Our present day society is dominated by Neptunian processes and the mass man triumphs. Soon, however, a new impregnation by Pluto of the vast Neptunian chaos will occur in 1982/83. Pluto should be at Perihelion in 1988, having previously been there around the year 1741.

The study of Pluto's Perihelion passages (approximately calculated) reveal some very interesting historical changes:—

1741 Establisment of Freemasonry in America. Jefferson born, 1743.

1494 America discovered. End of Moorish culture in Spain.

End of Mongol power in Russia. Luther born, 1483.
1246 End of Crusades. Great Spiritual ferment. Alchemy.
998 Great crisis of year 1000 A.D. Mohammedans conquer India.
751 - 503 - 255 - then about 7-8 A.D. The exact time of the life of Jesus as historically recorded.
251 B.C. The Greek Leagues. Asoka's Buddhist kingdom in India.
494 B.C. Greco-Persian Wars (Marathon 490). Aeschylus.

The starting point of the cycle is the conjunction. The faster moving planet acts to draw something out of the slower one. Whatever may have happened at the time of the conjunction in an interior, non-objective sense later precipitates itself in the form of objective, concrete activity after the 45° phase of the moving relationship is passed. Then a new type of energy influence is let loose, the effect of which, in the case of long term cycles, is only gradually discernible and usually does not definitely become visible until the sextile phase is reached.

(To be continued)

TERTIARIES AND TROPICAL PERIODS — (PART II)

By J. Coward

LUNAR DIRECTIONS BASED ON THE TROPICAL MONTH

H.M. the Queen was born 51° 32′ N, 37″ W at 1.40 a.m. G.M.T., April 21st, 1926.

Geocentric latitude	51° 20′ 42″
Obliquity	23° 26′ 57″
S.T.	15h 33m 28s
M.C.	25° ♏ 42′
Asc., reduced from the sphere to the spheroid	21° ♍ 48′

Prince Charles was born at 9.14 p.m., 14 Nov., 1948
Princess Anne was born at 10.50 a.m., 15 Aug., 1950

Constants

Obliquity	23° 26′ 57″	cos 9.962 615
Latitude	51° 20′ 42″	cos 9.903 015
Tropical Year	365.2422d	log 2.562 5809
Tropical Month	27.321582	log 1.436 5058
3m 56.56s written as 3.9426m ...		log .595 7827

Minus log of tropical year plus remaining two logs gives the constant combined log of minus .530 2924 which deduct from log of days elapsed to give progressed arc in minutes of S.T.

Formula 1. For every 27.321582 M.S.D. elapsed add 3m 56.56s to the S.T. of birth and pro rata for broken periods.

Prince Charles born 1948, Nov 14, 9.14 pm,

Julian Day	243 2870	21h 14m

Queen Elizabeth II born 1926, April 21, 1.40 am, Julian Day 242 4627 1 40m

Days elapsed 8243 19 34
Write as 8243.815d
Days elapsed ..... 8243.815 log 3.916 1274
Divide by ..... 27.321582 log 1.436 5058

2.479 6216 log tabular days
Multiply by ..... 3.9426m .595 7827

1189.61m 3.075 4043 log minutes S.T.
1189.61m equals ... 19h 46m 37s which add to
S.T. birth of Queen Elizabeth II 15 33 28

11 20 5 gives progressed S.T. or
R.A.M.C. p 170° 1′ 15″
M.C. p. 19° ♏ 9′
Asc. 26° ♏ 19′
☌ M.C. r. 25° ♏ 42′

Princess Anne born 1950 Aug 15, 10.50 am
Julian day 243 3509 10h 50m
Queen Elizabeth II born 1926 Apr 21, 1.40 am
Julian day 242 4627 1 40

Days Elapsed 8882 9 10
Write as ..... 8882.3818 MSD
Days elapsed ..... 8882.3818 log 3.948 5294
Divide by ..... 27.321582 log 1.436 5058

2.512 0236 log tabular days
Multiply by ..... 3.9426m .595 7827

1281.759m. 3.107 8063 log minutes
1281.759m ..... 21h 21m 46s to be added to
S.T. birth of Queen Elizabeth II 15 33 28

12 55 14 equals progressed S.T. or
R.A.M.C. p. 193° 48′ 14″
M.C. p. 15° ♑ 00′
Asc. p. 12° ♐ 52′
△ ☽ r. 12° ♌ 7′.

Formula 2. For every tropical year elapsed and parts thereof add one tropical month and parts thereof.

Prince Charles

Days elapsed (from previous computation)				8243.815	log	3.916 1274
Deduct combined log (see above)						.530 2924
				2431.28m		3.385 8350
2431.28m equals	40h	31m	17s	which add to		
S.T. birth of Queen Elizabeth II	15	33	28			
	8	4	45	gives progressed S.T. or		

R.A.M.C. p. 121° 11′ 15″
M.C. p. 29° ♋ 30′
Asc. p. 21° ♎ 59′
△ ♃ r. 22° ♒ 31′
⚹ ♆ r. 22° ♌ 02′

Princess Anne

Days elapsed				8882.3818	log	3.948 5294
Deduct combined log						.530 2924
Gives in minutes				2619.61		3.418 2370
2619.61m equals ...	43h	39m	37s	to be added to		
S.T. birth of Queen Elizabeth II	15	33	28			
	11	13	5	gives progressed S.T. or		

R.A.M.C. 168° 16′ 15″
M.C. p. 17° ♍ 15′
Asc. p. 25° ♏ 4′
☌ M.C. r. 25° ♏ 42′

Summary

1st Formula

Birth of Prince Charles.
The Queen's Asc. p. 26° ♏ 19′ ☌ M.C. r. 25° ♏ 42′
Birth of Princess Anne.
The Queen's Asc. p. 12° ♐ 52′ △ ☽ r. 12° Leo 7′

2nd Formula

Birth of Prince Charles.
The Queen's Asc. p. 21° ♎ 59½′ △ ♃ r. 22° ♒ 31′
Birth of Princess Anne.
The Queen's Asc. p. 25° ♏ 4′ ☌ M.C. r. 25° ♏ 42′

It is curious to note that it is always the Asc. p. which is involved.

The first formula is a bit too fast and the second too slow. The differences or residuals are:

+ 37′ +45′ − 31½′ − 38′

They are progressive with the flow of time: probably due to some small error of computation (accumulative).

LIBRA — PART II.

By Charles E. O. Carter

Whilst Libra rising will do its utmost to make marriage a success and usually succeeds, Sun-in-Libra is rarely fortunate in this respect. Sometimes separation is through death or some other outward circumstance; sometimes it is through disagreement. Sun-in-Libra usually survives its mate. Whether the mate can escape premature decease by divorce or by running away, I do not know.

We cannot escape these positions of detriment and fall, any more than we can miss the benefits of exaltation and other dignities. All one can say is that the severity of affliction and the extent of benefit do depend a lot on aspects and also on our commonsense. Dr. Besant was of course an extreme case, because of the Uranus oppositions. However brilliant she was, her Saturn was weak in Pisces in the 12th and therefore her hold on "hard fact" was but a slippery one.

We are all apt to make excuses for those whom we admire but either astrology is true and reliable or it is not, and we cannot use one system of interpretation for those we like and another for those we don't.

Of course that is not to say that we should not pay regard to the *general type* of person whose map we study, their background, and so forth. You cannot apply the same rules to a Hottentot nativity as to an Englishman's. At least it would be better to say: you cannot apply the rules in the same way.

The same applies of course to directions. It would be absurd to tell a man who is serving a life sentence to beware of rash speculation, or advise him to emigrate!

The stars can but express themselves through the media presented to them.

By the way, we said that 17° Libra seems to be a "strong" area, and Dr. Besant, who was generally acclaimed as a great orator, had her Mercury there, and the exact opposition to Uranus did not seem in any way to diminish her gift.

Theosophists usually forget her early and very close association with Charles Bradlaugh, another "bonny fechter" if ever there was one. He had Sun, Mercury, Mars and Saturn in Libra!

There seems a strong affinity between Libra and religious interests.

My paternal grandfather had Sun, Venus and Mercury in Libra. He became a very prosperous builder but decided that this occupation could not be carried on both profitably and honestly. There is some truth in this, because few people know good work from bad, and so the jerry-builder undercuts the good workman and gets away with it. He then acquired a pottery, but when it became known that, in pursuance of Biblical precept, he would not sue his debtors, he soon got into trouble. He then tried itinerant preaching, but was wise enough to realise that he had no gifts

of that sort. So he retired on a comfortable competence and lived to be over ninety, cared for by a daughter and other females, doing no work at all, unless studying the Bible may be so called. A very Libran sort of life!

Perhaps the interest in religion derives from the Libran love of intellectual tidiness—a universe that just happens and then tumbles and stumbles on anyhow doesn't appeal to it. Not that other signs are likely to find this doctrine particularly attractive, either! Then, again, the Libran conception of Justice calls for some explanation of the gross inequalities of life. Do these really just happen or is there a law behind them? And so on.

Indian mystics tell us that if we meditate sufficiently it will be apparent to us that there is and must be a law of retribution.

It seems to me that all motion is circular, whether it is literal motion or metaphysical. And so indeed

" By this the slayer's knife did stab himself;
The unjust judge hath lost his own defender."

But how this can explain the shocking cruelties perpetrated by man upon animals, who are incapable of sin, or any form of deliberate wrong-doing, I cannot say. One can but hope their sufferings are more apparent than actual.

Let us now turn to *Sun-in-Libra*, beginning with the first decanate, and taking them by degrees:—

6° General French.

7° Necker, the pre-Revolution financier who tried to save the monarch.

8° Hindenberg, Mrs. Besant's " twin ".

9° Marshal Foch and Mahatma Gandhi.

10° J. H. Thomas, Labour leader.

It must be admitted in none of these cases do the traditional Libran failings of indolence and indifference appear. On the contrary, they were all fighters.

One feature that seems common with Sun-Libra is that they do not " stay the course " and often appear to end their days as comparative failures. But not always.

Coming to the second decanate, we find:

11° Dolfuss, the Austrian Chancellor.

16° Philips, the Dutch industrialist and manufacturer of well-known radio apparatus.

17° Lord Nelson.

19° Virgil.

19° Ramsay Macdonald—another example of " fading out " in late life.

These five seem to me to cover Libran activities pretty completely. We have politics, war, industry and art. It may be said that religion is not represented, but Virgil is believed to have been an initiate.

The last decanate yields

21° Katherine Mansfield representing literature.

22° Nietzsche, literature, philosophy and a good (or bad) repre-

sentative of the bellicose side of our sign. A compensation, I believe, for an inner sense of weakness and dependence.

22° Austen Chamberlain—politics again.

24° Nevil Maskelyne, astronomer royal—science.

25° Thomas Love Peacock—literature. He was also a capable and successful man of affairs.

It was suggested, in the discussion that followed the reading of this paper, that Sun-Libra is not without an element of vanity; hence its love of the platform, especially if it can be sure of a large and appreciative audience! I have noticed several people with this position have affected or "cultivated" voices and other mannerisms.

Libra rising combines with other signs to form types that are readily recognisable.

The following are tentative:

Libra rising with a strong Scorpio value. This suggests capacity for psycho-analysis and the study of sexual aberrations. Sympathetic, but discerning. General scientific aptitude.

With Sagittarius. A very pleasant and often gifted condition. Literary and possibly poetic.

With Capricorn. Typical of the diplomatist or man of affairs. Quiet, tactful, persistent.

With Aquarius. Scientific and literary.

With Pisces. Kindly, but pretty useless! Might consider himself "inspired" but is probably merely immersed in fantasies.

With Aries. Something of the iron hand in the velvet glove. Or sometimes the feeble hand in the iron gauntlet!

With Taurus. The danger is laziness due to the over-accentuation of Venus. Possibly a dreamer.

With Gemini. Active, clever and charming but much will depend upon the power to concentrate and persist: otherwise there will be little to show.

With Cancer. Danger of neurotic propensities but potentially a good business man, or politician. Probable inhibitions through shyness but frequently a good deal of ability.

With Leo. A good combination, much better than the Leo rising, bodies in Libra formation.

I suppose the best example, in one sense, was the Emperor Franz Joseph of Austria, who had Libra rising and Mars exactly setting, with Sun, Moon and Saturn closely conjoined in Leo. This powerful Saturn and maleficent Mars really governed the life of this unfortunate monarch, who lost all his wars, whilst his wife was assassinated and his son committed suicide. He was respected rather than loved and seems to have been a hard-working pedantic sort of a man whose life was a constant ritual: not at all typical of Libra-Leo, which should indicate a happy, pleasant nature.

It is quite likely that the Queen-Mother, who certainly has Sun and Venus in Leo, also has Libra rising, and she has all the appearance of being happy and pleasant; whilst Princess Anne, with Libra rising and Sun in Leo, is a bright and sunny child,

though what the future holds for one with the Moon besieged between Mars and Saturn is another matter.

We come lastly to Libra with a strong Virgo backing.

This produces, I think, an agreeable type with little inner conflict, for, as we have said, the two signs have a good deal in common. Such a person should be a social success, witty but not malicious and with some "accomplishments," as they used to be called. On the more intellectual plane, a "scholar and a gentleman." But there would be little force of character and one would not expect much in the way of achievement; they would prefer tranquillity and comfort to "laborious days."

So much, briefly, for Libra with the other signs strongly indicated.

A note on health.

Venus and Libra have a good deal to do with this. For Venus rules adaptation and adjustment and good health is largely a matter of adjusting the body to changing conditions, as of weather, and adjusting the mind and general disposition to other external circumstances. Hence I question whether one would find many cases of longevity in which Venus or Libra is severely afflicted, though it is true that persons with bad maps (in respect of health) do reach a considerable age if they are in a position to safeguard themselves and elect to live a more or less vegetable existence.

Libra, as an ascendant, is classed as a fairly good sign, less liable to overtax its vitality than the fire signs, stronger than Cancer and Pisces, not so open to infections as Scorpio, careful as regards accidents, not self-indulgent as Taurus frequently is.

Some people are never ill, some never well. Some are usually hale and hearty but experience one or two very severe illnesses, others—and this is Libra—often have minor ailments but avoid serious ones.

Generally I would say the fire signs are the strongest; then I would place Aquarius, and then Gemini and Libra bracketed together.

I used to think that Sun-Libra was a position that favoured a long life, but I do not think statistics lend any colour to this opinion.

As a Venus sign, one would expect Libra to be artistic; but is it?

In matters of taste, it likes simplicity. Perhaps there is something symbolic in the fact that of all the Grecian goddesses, Venus alone is always nude. Of course the nymphs don't count—they were creatures of nature and could no more be depicted in clothes than a lion or a dog. Over-ornamentation is certainly repugnant to Librans; they like simple lines and curves, elegance not the voluptuous. In fact the classic style appeals to them.

As for music and poetry, I think you will usually find they "like" them, but that is about as far as they get.*

* In the subsequent discussion it was suggested that Libra is artistic, but not creatively so.

I should say that of all arts it is Architecture which is most likely to appeal to this sign.

But Libra rising seldom produces "great" personalities. Only gracious and pleasant ones.

Is it as good-looking as some books declare?

Once again I should plump for the middle way and say that Libra on ascendant is seldom—in fact hardly ever—positively repulsive. But is not often strikingly handsome unless Venus is prominent, in which case I should ascribe the beauty to the planet rather than the sign.

I do not keep a file of pretty girls or good-looking men, though I daresay such a collection would afford excellent proof of astrology.

But three exceptionally attractive girls known to me have, respectively,

1. Sagittarius rising, Venus in 1st in Capricorn, Moon in Libra.
2. Capricorn rising, Venus in Libra.
3. Scorpio rising, Venus in midheaven.

Scorpio, Sagittarius and Capricorn certainly often produce good-lookers.

In *The Zodiac and the Soul* I have written that Libra "is the principle of reciprocity or mutuality, by which all things have mutual relationships and reciprocal rights and obligations. This produces the virtues of fairness, co-operativeness and helpfulness."

I stand by this, but I would add that Libra is one of the very sympathetic signs, thanks no doubt to this sense of relationship. It has a particularly warm heart for animals. Miss Lind-af-Hageby, a noble opponent of the disgusting practice of vivisection, had Libra rising, with the Sun in close conjunction with Mars in Virgo. Another with similar views was Dr. Anna Kingsford, who always declared she was a Libra rising native, though apparently the ephemeris, with a callous disregard for her wishes, made her the end of Virgo, with Sun and three planets in that sign. Dr. Nunn, also an anti-vivsectionist, had Libra rising with Sun, Moon, Mercury in Aquarius.

Perhaps this "quality of mercy" is not greatly to the credit of Libra, because it actually *feels* the suffering of others, not as a mere sentiment but as actual pain.

In the same book it is stated that the vice of Libra is parasitism, or the belief that it is natural for some, i.e. the Librans, to attach themselves to others and be dependent upon them. A good example of this is Aemilia in *Vanity Fair* which some of you may have seen recently on television.

But this, again, is only true of Libra rising; Sun in Libra is usually far from dependent in the parasitic sense. But in the sense that its life is much involved in those of others, yes.

It is appropriate that the second half of the zodiacal circle should begin with an affirmation that "no man liveth or dieth unto himself alone."

We partake of a common life and a common destiny.

A quotation from Alan Watts' little book *The Spirit of Zen* is apposite here:

"Man suffers because of his craving to possess and keep for ever things which are essentially impermanent. Chief among these things is his own person, for this is his means of isolating himself from the rest of life, his castle, into which he can retreat and from which he can assert himself against change . . . the Buddha taught that all things, including this castle are essentially impermanent and that as soon as man tries to possess them, they slip away."

The lesson of Libra does not go the whole way but it does stress the impossibility of achieving this isolation. It is not merely bad; it is impracticable.

The contrary tendency is that of sympathy for others, for life in all its forms, and this comes readily to Libra, as we have said.

Does this universal sympathy lead to happiness, to liberation, to Nirvana?

Not of itself. The very sympathetic person is often one who suffers much, as Gotama himself suffered.

Liberation lies further ahead, appropriately in the signs of Jupiter.

But the sympathy of Libra is a beginning.

THE SOLAR-REVOLUTION TRANSIT SYSTEM

By Alexander Marr

The reason why Transits are not always in evidence by aspect to the Radix, even for important events like marriage, severe illness, or death, is one of the principal problems to be faced by a practical astrologer.

I think that I stumbled on the answer about two years ago when I was actually experimenting with directions from the Solar Revolution, using the solar arc in Right Ascension and advancing and regressing the M.C. daily by the Zodiacal equivalent of that arc, the equation being one day equals one day of life.

By chance I found that on the occasion of Queen Elizabeth's Coronation, the Sun, by converse direction from her current Solar Revolution, coincided in date with a couple of significant Transits showing aspects to the Radix in accordance with the event.

I then made careful research into Solar Revolutions computed from properly rectified horoscopes, using aspects made by the converse Transits **to the Radix map only.** More than one hundred events were considered, and I was left with no doubt that converse Transits were equally valid with ordinary Transits.

I published the result of my researches in the German monthly "Zenit" for May, 1958, in which I said that analagous to the

normal progressed and converse Secondary Directions (one day equals one year of life) were progressed and converse Transits **to** the Radix, the equation being the normal Transit equation (one day equals one day of life).

I am satisfied that progressed and converse Transits are mutually complementary. An event not coincident with Transit aspects, or coincident with only few aspects by transit to the Radix, will be found to coincide with significant converse Transits.

I must stress that there is nothing mysterious or esoteric about converse positions in any system of direction. It is wrong, for instance, to suppose that the converses show only psychological conditions: **the progressions and regressions are exactly equal in significance.**

As I have said, the particular progressed and converse Transits on which I have been working are drawn not **from** the Radix, but **from** the current Solar Revolution but, to diminish the number of aspects to be considered, I have related them only **to** the Radix. I did this only in order to get clear results. The aspects of the converse Transits **to** the Solar Revolution and **to** converse Secondaries are in fact just as effective.

As already explained, these direct and converse Transits are simply Directions **from the yearly Solar Revolution charts.**

How These Transits Are Calculated

The principle is identical with that of progressed and converse Secondary Direction: the measure is one day equals one day of life.

The progressed planetary Directions, whether **to** the Solar Revolution or **to** the Radix, are none other than common Transits.

The converse planetary Directions, or converse Transits from the Solar Revolution, are found by subtracting the time elapsed between the Solar Return in question and the event, in days, hours and minutes, the subtraction being made from the Revolution date.

In cases where the precise hour of an event cannot be obtained, an approximate calculation to get the converse Transits may be made. In this case, the number of days between the Solar Revolution and the event are subtracted from the date of the Solar Return.

I invite readers to test this method on Radix horoscopes: a large number of events may be examined in a comparatively short time. To avoid coincidences, Transits should be regarded **to** Radix factors only, and principally the slow planets should be used.

The following example shows the exact calculation of converse Transits over the horoscope of Queen Elizabeth II: Official birth-time: 2h. 40 m. a.m. B.S.T. April 21st, 1926. My rectification (Secondary system) with the Solar arc in Right Ascension and the domification system of Campanus: 2h. 24m. a.m. B.S.T. April 21st. R.A.M.C. 229° 23′. Place of birth: London, W.1.

Planets are therefore to be calculated for 1h. 24m. a.m. G.M.T.

The calculation of the Moon, taking into account the Parallaxis to the birthplace, places her at 11° 25′ Leo.

The Campanian cusps are: M.C. 21° 48′ Scorpio; XI 2° 03′ Sagittarius; XII 15° 11′ Sagittarius; Asc. 16° 45′ Capricorn; II 4° 01′ Aries; III 8° 11′ Taurus.

Rectification Directions:

Marriage: November 27th, 1947. M.C. p. trine Moon rad.
[R.A.M.C. 229° 27′]*

Birth of Prince Charles: November 14th, 1948. Cusp V p. trine Mars rad.
[R.A.M.C. 229° 12′]*

Birth of Princess Anne: August 15th, 1950. Cusp V p. trine Jupiter rad.
[R.A.M.C. 229° 26′]*

Death of Father: February 6th, 1952. Asc. p. square Saturn rad.
[R.A.M.C. 229° 24′]*

Coronation: June 2nd, 1953. Desc. con. trine Jupiter rad.
[R.A.M.C. 229° 23′]*

(N.B. I have here given the Descendant as a trine instead of the Ascendant as a sextile, because my experience suggests that the Seventh House is more appropriate for a Coronation and the trine is the more powerful aspect).

My rectification in the German journal "Aspekte" for May, 1958 has proved its value in the event of the Queen's recent voyage to Canada and the U.S.A. The direction is M.C. p. trine Neptune rad.

For the expected birth, the indication is M.C. p. sextile Jupiter rad. Some minor affliction indicating health trouble for the first half of 1960 should not affect a happy birth in any way.

Example of the Exact Calculation of Converse Transits, Given Correct Time of Event

Event: **Queen Elizabeth's Coronation**
June 2nd, 1953. 11 a.m. B.S.T.

Corresponding Solar Return: April 20th, 1953 2h. 14m. p.m. G.M.T.

(Tables suitable for the computation of various directions, converse and progressed, are to be found in several text-books, including "The Technique of Prediction" by R. C. Davison).

	Days	Time	
Coronation	153	10h.	00m.
Solar Return	110	14	14
Difference between S.R. and Event	42	19	46

* The R.A.M.C. indications in brackets denote the positions of exactness of the aspects, the differences between these and the true R.A.M.C. being the directional orbs. The orbs **in eclipto** may be found by reference to a table for conversion of Zodiacal degrees and Right Ascension.

Solar Return	110	14	14
Deduct above difference	42	19	46
	67	18	28

which indicates Converse Transits for the Queen's Coronation as March 8th, 1953 at 6h. 28m. p.m. G.M.T.

These transits include:

Jupiter 16° 57′ Taurus trine Asc. rad. (orb 12′). See above for analagous rectification in Secondary Directions for Coronation.

Mars 21° 32′ Aries sextile Jupiter rad. trine Neptune rad.

Uranus 14° 31′ Cancer trine Venus rad.

Pluto 21° 24′ Leo (in VII rad.) opposition Mars rad. and Jupiter rad.

For forecasting the date of the anticipated birth, I recommend consideration of the Transits and converses from January 4th to February 12th, 1960. (Converses August 5th to June 27th, 1958).

A careful anlysis of these indicates that the most significant Transits and converses to the Radix and Secondary progressed and converse positions are on January 19th, 1960 within 24 hours. (Converses July 21st, 1958).

Secondly, there are also significant transit aspects around February 9th at noon. (Converses June 30th, 1958) and on January 9th, 1960 (Converses July 31st, 1958). I have not analysed this last date for the birth seemed to be expected somewhat later, and there are no aspects of Transits to the progressed and converse Secondary positions.

NOTES FOR BEGINNERS

Introduction to Horary Astrology

by Hilda Jaffa

Horary Astrology is a means, not so much of predicting the future, as of discovering symbolically all the data relevant to a particular issue or context under consideration. It could be described practically as the attempt to prepare such adjustments (externally or internally) as are possible, to some forthcoming event or set of conditions.

A horary chart does not differ from any other astrological chart of the heavens, in its preparation. It is a map erected for a specific time at a specific place. And of course, strictly speaking, it is not the chart of a particular question. It is the diagram of the heavens at the time a particular question was asked. The diagram would have been the same whether a question was asked at the time and place, or not. All astrological charts are erected for the coming into manifestation of something, whether that something be a human being, a lunation or a question. Coming into manifestation is another term for birth in the case of a human being, or in the case of a Horary Chart, it is equivalent to a

question taking formulated shape in words, and expressed in planetary symbols thus becoming manifest to some other person . . . in this case, the astrologer . . . than the one who conceived it.

In the case of a human birth, the time when the new individual becomes visible to his fellows is symbolically represented by the degree of the Zodiac immediately arising above the horizon . . . that is, passing from darkness into light. Similarly the map for a horary question is erected for the moment when the astrologer becomes aware for the first time, and fully understands, the question put to him, either in speech or writing and it is erected for the place where the astrologer is. Not the place where the querent is.

It may be as well at this stage to discuss the differences between natal and horary astrology. Natal astrology is an interpretation of the whole life pattern of an individual from birth to death. No aspect in the map can be omitted from consideration and each planetary placing must be related to every other . . . in fact, astrology has been defined as "the relation of everything to everything else". In Horary work, a very selective interpretation is necessary, and for the preliminary examination at any rate, only those houses and configurations relevant to the matter in hand are considered. Certain traditional rules come into force here and should be followed very closely by the beginner. In Horary Astrology above all it is necessary to know all the rules before you can break any of them successfully. Again, in natal astrology, whatever the pattern of the heavens when a child was born, it can be interpreted. Not so with Horary astrology. The first step is to examine whether a map is "radical" . . . that is, fit to be judged, the second step is to select the houses and planets germane to the matter. Thereafter interpretation may proceed and an answer be given to the querent according to the astrologer's skill and experience.

Horary astrology is the Cinderella of the family, at present. It is not widely practised nor widely discussed. No doubt one reason for this is its insusceptibility for newspaper publicity. With all the modern attempts to "prove" astrology, and to bring it, by hook or crook, into the scientific fold, it might be supposed that the Horary branch offered the best field for research, since its findings can be checked for accuracy in a short space of time as a rule. Natal astrology is creeping into the scientific fold by the psychological door, and puts in a modest appearance in all sorts of places where it would have been anathema 50 years ago. In natal delineation we can give a worth-while account of general trends, we can point out so-called "good" or "bad" periods in the life, and the tastes and abilities of the native. We can enlarge on the psychological ramifications and complexities of our client's character to the full extent of our vocabulary. In horary work such a conception constitutes a major error. We have to be specific. We must say "Yes" or "No". Like Rosa Dartle, our questioner only wants to know, but he wants to know now. Thus the tech-

niques of these two branches of the art of astrological interpretation differ almost entirely. Indeed it could be said that the chief difficulty of horary astrology is natal astrology, since most of us learn that more complicated branch first, and thereafter carry unconsciously into our horary work all those meanings we have learned about the birth map. As has already been noted, the first thing to do in horary work is to find the relevant significators and exclude from your mind everything else until the fundamental query is answered. After that some of the remaining factors of the chart may be considered if they bear any relation to further extension of the enquiry. Many horary questions do not admit of such extension. Beginners are advised to concentrate on questions answerable as Yes or No, carefully writing down their judgments and comparing them subsequently with the event or condition that transpires.

(To be continued)

AT THE LODGE

By Jean Overton Fuller

AUTUMN SESSION

On September 21st the session opened as usual with a social evening and a competition, this time to sort 18 adjectives into 3 groups and say which signs these qualified; the first three correct solutions were received from Mr Carruthers, Miss Fuller and Mrs Parkes. After the interval Mr Davison gave an informal talk on the horoscope of Weston-super-Mare, a town with which he had strong ties. He traced its interconnections with his own horoscope and with those of his parents, who were married there. The first meeting of the Borough Council took place at noon on November 9th, 1937, and the horoscope cast for this time was a valid chart for the town.

On September 28th Mr Davison spoke on "Some Astrological Controversies." He dealt first with the two zodiacs, Sidereal and Tropical. The starting point of the Tropical Zodiac was the intersection of two planes, Equator and Ecliptic. The starting point of the Nodal or Draconic Zodiac was the point of intersection of the Moon's and the Earth's orbits. The intersection of two planes appeared to be the significant principle determining the starting point of any zodiac and it seemed probable that the true starting point of the Sidereal Zodiac would eventually be found to correspond with the point at which the Ecliptic plane cut the plane of the larger system in which our solar system was a very small unit. Paradoxically, although siderealists claimed that the Tropical Zodiac only came into being as a result of a misapprehension, it was the principle discovered by the inventors of the Tropical Zodiac that gave real value and meaning to the concept of any

zodiacal circle. Any zodiac was simply a circle of relationship beginning from a predetermined point. At the point where two planes intersected there was always the idea of the possibility of a change of consciousness from the state represented by the lesser to that represented by the greater. Such a change of consciousness could only be induced by the types of experience brought about by the twelve forces playing through the lesser zodiac. Our own personal zodiac started from the Ascendant. Lewis Carroll was probably a metaphysician and in "Alice in Wonderland" the conversation between Alice and the caterpillar appeared pertinent; Alice, perplexed how to establish which were the sides of the circumference of the mushroom, finally took her starting point from where she herself stood and stretched out her arms as far as they would go around the giant stalk, taking the end of her reach as the definitive point.

He dealt next with house division: the problem was to reconcile the circle of the equator with the distorted circle due to the obliquity of the ecliptic. Equal house division, dividing the ecliptic equally, evaded the issues arising from the fact one was born at a certain place. Regiomontanus and Campanus divided the equator and prime vertical, respectively, into 12 equal parts; Placidus divided the time taken for a body to pass from one angle of the chart to the next. In other words, Regiomontanus and Campanus used a twelvefold spacial division, Campanus a twelvefold time division. It was difficult to devise tests which would conclusively establish the superiority of any one system.

He mentioned, in connection with the Pre-natal Epoch, that Charles Jayne Jnr. in his new Primer (see p. 125) proposed a scheme involving some seventeen pre-natal charts. The whole subject was extremely controversial yet the fact that Miss Fuller had recently and quite independently drawn attention to a number of possibly significant pre-natal interchanges prior to the usual epoch period showed that there was some ground for a serious investigation of the position.

The 8.20 discussion group was led by a newcomer to the platform, Mr F. Rubin, his subject being the disease Cancer. Mr Rubin had made a special study of this subject while working in hospitals in Hungary, where mortality from Cancer was very high. The sign of the same name had no special relation to the disease, except in that it showed the part of the body most likely to be attacked, the breast; similarly, afflictions to bodies in Scorpio and Virgo were found when the disease attacked the organs of the body ruled by those signs; likewise, the end of Taurus and beginning of Gemini often denoted Cancer in the throat. The bodies most frequently involved were Venus and the Moon, attacked by Mars, Pluto, Uranus or Saturn, and especially Venus opposed, squared or conjoined with either of these four. Venus or Uranus in 6th or 8th house was significant. Neptune was involved in cases where presence of the disease had been overlooked until it was too late to operate.

The cancerous cells in fact generated a poison and the victim died of the toxic condition. The water signs generally were not helpful, and it had been noticed that people living in houses over underground streams were prone to the disease. Another speaker said it had been found that in areas where there was Uranium in the ground there was a high Cancer incidence. Mr Beecroft suggested that a toxic condition might make one suspect faulty elimination.

On October 5th Brig. Firebrace gave a lecture with epidiascope on Sidereal Solar Returns; he drew all maps with equal house division from the M.C. and progressed the angles of the Solar Return chart, not the planets. The coming of an angle to a planet in the Solar Return or in the nativity seemed to coincide with an event in the material world. He would not allow an orb of more than two degrees. A transit over an angle might sometimes pull an event forward, however. The first method was to take the difference in time between two successive Solar Returns (average 30h. 9m.) and divide by the mean length of the Sidereal year which gave an average result of 4m. 57secs. a day in Sidereal terms, and then progress the M.C. by that rate. He had made tables to facilitate this calculation, which could be used either in connection with personal or mundane maps in which case he applied it to the Aries and Libra ingresses. The most marked effects occurred when progression brought one planet to the M.C. and another to the Asc. simultaneously. Not all progressions would produce an event; if a personal map showed four aspects to Venus in a year one would not expect the person to be married four times in the year! One must use common sense; nevertheless an aspect usually produced an event of the right type, if only a minor one. When his own M.C. came to Neptune he took two wrong turnings on a road he knew well. The second method, which is applied only to Capricorn and Cancer ingresses, was to take the R.A. of the mean Sun for the day of the event, its difference from the Sun at ingress, and add the same to the S.T. of Solar Return. In the maps which he showed, concerning chiefly the inceptions and endings of the last two world wars, he also took into account the Vertex or Western point where the Prime Vertical cuts the ecliptic. Mars and Saturn were important at beginnings of wars; conjunctions of Venus with Uranus characterised significantly both the beginnings and endings of conflict, denoting abrupt changes in international relationships. Mr Carter drew attention to the strange fact that the sidereal positions of the planets in important ingresses and solar returns frequently duplicated the tropical positions in the 1801 map for Great Britain.

The writer was unable to be present at 8.20, when Mr Frank Selbourne led the discussion.

" Pisces " was the subject of a lecture by the President Emeritus, given on October 12th. This will appear as an article in a future number of the Quarterly.

On October 12th at 8.20, Mr Carruthers spoke on " The Problem of Dual Marriages ". It was usual to classify nativities as

showing a fortunate or unfortunate marriage but how could one account astrologically for those cases where the native had married twice, the first time unhappily and the second happily? As an example he put up a horoscope in which the positions were as follows:— M.C. 17° ♍; Asc. 10° ♉; ☉ 1½° ♏; ☽ 15° ♒; ☿ 20° ♏; ♀ 11° ♐; ♂ 27° ♏; ♃ 11° ♒; ♄ 9° ♓; ♅ 5° ♍; ♆ 13° ♑; ♇ 23° ♎; Caput 7° Leo. He was inclined to think that the clue might lie in the mixed aspects involving ♂, ruler of the seventh house (□ PL ✳ ☿). Miss Fuller asked how much he attributed to the evolution of the progressed horoscope and how much to the cross-aspects to the horoscopes of the two men she married. Mr Carruthers thought both factors significant. The planets in the first husband's map formed notably adverse aspects to those in the native's (the union was most disastrous) whereas the nativity of her second husband blended very harmoniously with hers. Mr Davison suggested that the experience gained through an early unhappy marriage might pave the way to a more happy union in later life. Aspects to the Part of Marriage were highly significant and the successive applications of the luminaries (the ☽ in a man's nativity and the ☉ in a woman's) were often very indicative of the varying fortunes of successive marriages. In all cases, however, cross-aspects formed between the maps of the parties concerned were the most significant.

REVIEWS

Calendrier Planetaire — Ephemerides 1960-1963 inclusive. Editions Dangles, 38 Rue de Moscou, Paris 8s. 1200 Fr.

These daily tables of planets' places are useful for most kinds of astrological work where absolute precision is not required. Lunar positions, for instance, are only given to the nearest minute. Sidereal Times and Solar positions are given to the nearest ten seconds. Latitudes and declinations are omitted. The positions of Pluto and the Moon's North Node are given daily.

An Introduction to the Sidereal Zodiac by Brigadier R. C. Firebrace. 2/9d.

A brief exposition of the method of translating Tropical into Sidereal longitude and of the casting of Solar and Lunar Returns in the Sidereal Zodiac, together with the calculation of quotidians based on these returns. Some hints on interpretation are also given. This is a well written booklet with a foreword in typical vein by Cyril Fagan and is recommended to those who have not yet investigated for themselves the possibilities of the Sidereal Zodiac.

Wars in the Sidereal by Brigadier R. C. Firebrace. 2/9d.

This booklet will appeal mainly to the student who is interested in practical research. It contains details of 38 Sidereal Solar and Lunar Returns, Ingresses and Progressions having a bearing on

the important phases in the two World Wars, together with brief comments on the appropriateness of the indications in each horoscope. There is therefore ample opportunity for the reader to draw his own conclusions as to the efficacy of charts drawn in the Sidereal Zodiac as a means to prediction. There is also a brief foreword by Rupert Gleadow and a short introductory chapter.

Tables of Houses for Northern Latitudes 46° - 57° according to the System of Campanus, by Alexander Marr. 7/6d.

These Tables, sponsored by the Astrological Association, now make it possible for every student to test for himself the virtues and the shortcomings (if such there be!) of the Campanian System. For this reason alone their appearance is most welcome. In addition, they are well set out in such a way as to show, in one group, the varying ascendants and intermediate house cusps according to latitude that correspond to each Midheaven degree. This enables a rough estimate to be made of the positions of intermediate house cusps that fall slightly outside the range of latitudes covered. Intermediate house cusps are given to the nearest minute, a refinement that will be appreciated by the precisionist.

A Primer of Pre-Natal and Post-Natal Charts, by Charles A. Jayne Jr. Research Bulletin No. 1 of the Astrological Research Associates.

The author sets forth a scheme of 49 horoscopes, all of which are said to have a bearing on the life of an individual. Of these, seventeen occur at various intervals before birth, one is the natus itself and the remainder occur at intervals after birth. Those who find it difficult to accept the possibility of a Pre-Natal Epoch will presumably find even more difficulty in giving serious attention to a scheme which postulates the existence of a whole group of Pre-Natal horoscopes.

Most of the forty-nine horoscopes are each placed under the rulership of one particular planet, according to a well-defined plan. Because this plan requires the inclusion of no fewer than six hypothetical planets, three of which we are told do not at present possess dense physical vehicles, those who find themselves unable to accept the validity of hypothetical planets will also be inclined to discount the theories of the author.

Mr Jayne realises that his revolutionary hypothesis will necessarily be received with a certain amount of scepticism in some quarters but those who are prepared to set aside for a moment their reservations about Pre-Natal horoscopes and hypothetical planets will yet find much of interest in this primer.

Theosophists will appreciate the suggested link between the forty-nine root-races and the scheme of forty-nine horoscopes, especially as the seventeen Pre-Natal ones purport to give a picture of the descent of the Monad through the various planes and stages of consciousness on its way into incarnation. They and others may find it a little more difficult to see how precise rules for the defini-

tion and nature of each of the Epochs could be so confidently stated when it is admitted that so many variations in timing are possible in practice. Members of the Lodge will recall that Miss Jean Overton Fuller led a discussion during the Summer Session in which the possibility of there being a whole series of pre-natal interchanges was mooted. As she then had no knowledge of Mr Jayne's researches, it must be conceded that there is a certain amount of evidence upon which to build up a scheme such as our author proposes.

The whole concept may best be described as a mixture compounded from the ideas of Sepharial, Alice Bailey and Edward Johndro. It will depend entirely upon the individual approach of the reader as to whether he considers that this primer opens up exciting new possibilities of charting the human journey through time or merely provides the opportunity for endless and fruitless journeys down innumerable blind alleys of astrological research.

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