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- 2 - LEGAL RECOGNITION OF ASTROLOGY AS A PROFESSION, AND THE LICENSING ONLY OF PROPERLY QUALIFIED ASTROLOGERS. . . .
- 3 - PUBLIC AND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION THAT A RADIO STATION BROADCASTING A WELL BALANCED SERIES OF PROGRAMS IN THE INTEREST OF EDUCATION, SHOULD INCLUDE INSTRUCTIVE TALKS ON ASTROLOGY. . . . .
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## LET US KINDLE THE FIRE OF SPIRIT

At this season of the year the Sun is farthest North, giving the power of light mastery over the forces of darkness. It represents the closest approach of the Deific Spirit to earth. It is the time used immemorially to offer up prayers, and to re-kindle the fires of the spirit.

From the Mississippi Valley to Peru, and from Mexico to Ireland, to Egypt, and on into Babylonia, the Initiates built huge pyramids, temples and mounds. The pyramid, or tower, symbolized the highest phase of man's physical attainment. But of itself it was merely a heap of bricks, or earth, or material atoms. There must be the other factor, the factor coming from above, the power of the Spirit.

On the twenty-second of June, when the Sun or Spirit swings the closest to our earth, those Initiates universally built fires atop their monuments--blazing beacons to signify that the power of the Spirit had returned.

We may not be able to light a torch to guide the multitudes. But we each have an individual with whom to work. That individual is onself. We each have our own pyramid, each have our own physical temple. The great Deific Spirit swings closer to us at the solstice. The power of Spirit descends upon us. All we have to do is to make the effort to kindle our own fires at this time.

If we direct our thoughts upward, if we strive for higher things, if we use prayer and high aspiration--then shall the Spirit come to us. And when the Spirit joins the temple it kindles a fire. It creates a spark that changes the whole life pattern. Carried to its most sublime reaction, we have a life completely guided by the fire of the Spirit.

----- Will P. Benjamin

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CHURCH OF LIGHT POLICY  
By Elbert Benjamine

In the folder, NINE POINT PLAN FOR THE NEW CIVILIZATION, printed in the fall of 1940, The Church of Light summarized the nine most important teachings of The Religion of the Stars as set forth in B. of L. lessons, and indicated its determination to work diligently to get these points as widely accepted as possible, and to urge their use in the building of the New Civilization.

This folder, printed with new illustrations, was again mailed out with the March-June, 1943, Church of Light Quarterly, to keep before the minds of Stellarians, in this time of general turmoil and confusion, an easily remembered and clear-cut outline of the things for which The Church of Light is working.

We do not, of course, believe we can single-handed induce the world to accept these points. We realize that to get them accepted and widely used we must gain the cooperation of many people who, perhaps, are willing to work for only a portion of the nine points.

Our policy in this matter is to cooperate with any group that is working for any one or more of these points to the extent we believe that cooperation will further the advancement of the whole nine-point plan. This means, for instance, that, as set forth in the accompanying Crusade Talk, while The Church of Light considers the highest function of astrology is to reveal the will of God and show individual man how he can and should use his natural tendencies to benefit all mankind and further the purposes of Deity, we believe we also should cooperate with the commercial astrologers in any proper efforts they make to raise the prestige of astrology and give it the legal protection now afforded law and medicine.

We do not intend to underwrite either the policies or the behavior of any other group. We intend to cooperate with other groups only so long as we believe that cooperation is beneficial to the nine-point plan, and we intend to cease such cooperation immediately we conclude that such cooperation has become a hindrance toward realizing the nine-point plan.

To illustrate, the proposed Los Angeles ordinance (published in the June RISING STAR) is clearly designed to suppress Freedom of Worship. If enforced it, and the proposed Missouri law (given in the Questions Asked column), would suppress all but the orthodox churches. Therefore we have attempted to interview the leader of every spiritualist church, the leader of every metaphysical group, the leader of every astrological group and the leader of every theosophical group in Los Angeles. We have explained the proposed ordinance, and given them a copy. We have urged that their membership send in signed petitions, such as the one published in the June RISING STAR, to supervisors and councilmen. If they did not wish to prepare their own petition letter, we have offered to supply each group as many printed copies of the one mentioned as their members could use.

To show just what we stand for, we have left with them one of the Nine-Point Plan folders. That they might become aware of the wide significance of the proposed ordinance, we have left with them a copy of the March-June Quarterly containing the article, Is America Losing Religious Liberty? And to emphasize the necessity of action--we have found most groups in as great a state of apathy as most of the nations of Europe were before Hitler started his invasions--we have left with them a copy of, Are Religious Minorities in Los Angeles To Be Persecuted? reproduced here in the Questions Answered column.

We have also interviewed, and left copies of the mentioned literature, with The Chamber of Commerce and other public officials.

While we certainly cannot endorse all the teachings and many of the actions of some of the groups thus contacted, we believe we should make common cause with them, and cooperate fully, in so far as this will assist in preserving Freedom of Religion.

## CRUSADE TALKS ON THE RELIGION OF THE STARS

# ASTROLOGY MAKES KNOWN TO MAN THE WILL OF GOD

By Elbert Benjamine

This discussion is of proper length for a fifteen minute radio broadcast. It has no copyright, and anyone interested in disseminating The Religion of the Stars is welcome to use it for that purpose.

Astrology is an essential part of our religion because it reveals the will of God. We believe that God speaks to man through the Bible, and that He also speaks to man through the positions of the heavenly bodies. But we hold that the true meaning of the Word of God as set down by man in the Bible—over which violent controversies have raged for ages—can best be ascertained by a study of the Word of God as written by Deity Himself among the stars.

In their beliefs, Catholics do not agree in some respects with Protestants; nor do the various Protestant denominations agree with one another. Yet all believe, as do we, that the Bible is the Word of God. But in addition to speaking through the Bible, we believe that God reveals His will to man through the Laws of Nature. We hold that there is no antagonism between true science and true religion, and that in addition to the Bible mankind needs astrology to interpret the will of Deity.

Those who believe in the Bible and hold to certain other tenets call themselves Catholics. Those who believe in the Bible and hold still different tenets call themselves Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, etc. We who believe in the Bible and also hold to the Religion of the Stars call ourselves Stellarians.

No doubt those who make the interpretation of the Bible their profession are needed, and no doubt the practice of astrology may be made a valuable and equally honorable profession. But whether or not he occasionally is counseled by such professionals, we hold that everyone should become personally familiar with his Bible, and that everyone also should learn to erect and read his own chart of birth.

There is no essential reason why any good Christian, to whatever denomination he belongs, may not also be a Stellarian. In fact, many good Christians are also Stellarians. But whether he thus embraces The Religion of the Stars or not, because we believe in FREEDOM OF WORSHIP, we have no quarrel with any Christian or Jew.

God spoke to man through the ancient prophets; and through the same faculty of EXTRA\*SENSORY PERCEPTION employed by those prophets He reveals His all-pervading presence and speaks to other man of the present day. But with still greater clearness He speaks to man through the symbolical pictographs that constitute the 48 ancient constellations. Each of these carries a message relative to the Divine Will traced in the heavens with fiery characters that can never be erased, and which, because the language of universal symbolism is employed, cannot be corrupted or twisted by evil men who try to give other scriptures an interpretation that will enable them to exploit their fellowman and gain unjust power and wealth and other selfish advantages.

Each of the 48 constellations of old, whose characters were traced where all may see by the hand of Deity, sets forth its own spiritual text, from which a sermon of great enlightenment may be preached, a sermon which is based upon God's Great Evolutionary Plan, and the part He asks mankind to take in realizing it. These 48 spiritual texts urge every person to CONTRIBUTE HIS UTMOST TO UNIVERSAL WELFARE, and each reveals information designed to assist him to that end.

These constellations in which the Word of God has been set forth for all to see, also clearly indicate the true meaning of the various stories and points of controversy in other scriptures, including the Bible. Astrology does not discount the Bible as the Word of God. Instead, spiritual astrology shows just what the Word of God as set forth in the Bible truly means.

The Bible, no doubt, was amply adequate for the illiteracy and lack of scientific knowledge that marked the Piscean Age. But for the more enlightened age of Aquarius, Spiritual Astrology is sorely needed to reveal the Will of God as it applies to all mankind.

It is said by some that astrology is a business. There is no more denying this than to deny that to some people the Bible is a business. There are publishing houses that publish nothing but Bibles and literature explaining and advocating the Christian religion, whose sole interest in the Bible is to make money through these publications. To these thus engaged, who even almost never go to church, the Bible is merely a business. And such men do exist.

To some the Bible and the Christian religion are a business. But from this it would be erroneous to conclude that business is the most valuable use of the Bible and the Christian religion. And in a strictly parallel way, it may be said that while there are people who use astrology merely as a business, its most valuable function is to reveal to man the will of God.

There is no intention here to disparage the efforts of those who make the Bible and the distribution of literature relating to its teaching a business. These people are not to be condemned for their efforts. Through their energy the Bible and its teachings reach a vast number of people that otherwise would not be reached. Through their efforts, even though their interest may be solely to make money for themselves, a vast amount of good is done in the world. Purely commercial motives exercise a valuable function in the distribution of Bibles and the spread of the Christian religion.

There is a Commercial Astrology and a Religious Astrology, just as there is a Commercial Christianity and a Religious Christianity. We Stellarians believe in FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION. Consequently we have no intention of disparaging the efforts of those who make the practice of astrology or the distribution of its literature merely a business. Commercial astrologers should not be condemned for their efforts; for through the practice of astrology innumerable people are benefited. Neither should the commercial publication of periodical astrological literature and books on astrology be condemned; for through these publications great numbers of people are made aware of facts which are helpful to them. Commercial astrology exercises a valuable function. But business is not the only use, nor the highest use, of astrology. Its most valuable use is to reveal to man the Will of God.

Spiritual astrology explains in the language of symbolical pictograph that the universe is an organic whole permeated with the consciousness of God, and is not, as materialists would have us believe, just an aimless collection of material particles obeying blind physical laws. It explains that this organic whole, in response to the mental design of God, is marching endlessly toward greater and greater perfection. And it further explains that the soul of man, both on earth and in the hereafter, is not just a robot, but is called upon to employ initiative, and intelligently to assist in carrying forward the work necessary to the realization of God's Great Plan.

The nature of this Great Evolutionary Plan is clearly revealed by a study of God's Word which in the language of symbolical pictograph has been traced among the stars as the constellations.

That God takes an interest in the affairs of nations is evidenced innumerable times in the Bible. We Stellarians do not dispute the claim of Christian and Jew that God often counsels the people of a nation what steps they should take. The Bible, as the Word of God, reveals the repeated counseling of Israel. And we believe that God is still interested in the fate of nations. We believe that He continues to counsel groups of people at this day, and that thus to counsel them He employs

the language of astrology.

Astrological energies, through which God makes known His will to groups of people on earth, have affected the course of evolution at every step. Invisible streams from the planets exert pressures not only on all living things, but also upon inanimate objects. They are influencing the course of history at this moment, and they will influence it during every period of the future. Through them God guides progress toward the realization of His aims. And often only by understanding Mundane Astrology, through which God counsels groups of people and nations, can it be determined what actions are, and what actions are not, apt to bring FREEDOM FROM FEAR and apt to aid in the realization of God's Great Plan.

Instances without number are related in the Bible where God took an interest in some individual and advised him what not to do and what to do. And we believe He still speaks to individual man, and that for this purpose Natal Astrology is the Word of God.

In the parable of the talents, set forth in Matthew 25, the Bible indicates that whatever abilities man possesses God expects them to be used in the interest of the Lord. Or, as we Stellarians state it, the natural aptitudes should be developed and used, both to benefit the individual and to benefit all, and thus assist in the realization of God's Great Plan.

Each individual has some natural aptitudes more pronounced than others. The natural aptitudes which are strongest are those which directed into proper channels will enable the individual to be of greatest use to society. And the counsel of God which natal astrology affords the individual provides not only the best method of vocational selection, but when the individual has still more pronounced natural aptitudes which cannot be used in a business or a profession, it indicates how these can be, and should be, utilized to benefit society through some avocation.

c Both the Word of God in the stars and the Word of God in the Bible indicate that people should have FREEDOM FROM WANT. II Kings, 4:7 "Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest."

Every individual who fails in business, deprives society of the product of his efforts which if they had been directed into other channels would have yielded something of value. Astrology should not be used by one man to take advantage of another, but this personal counsel of God can and should be used to indicate the nature of such enterprises, when they should be undertaken, and the steps that should be taken in conducting them, to make them yield highest values both to the individual engaged in them and to the public as a whole.

Both the word of God in the stars, and the Word of God in the Bible also are quite convincing that God desires people to have good health. How else, for instance, can we interpret the various healings accomplished by Jesus? Astrology, of course, does not heal disease. But it does give God's counsel as to the type of diseases toward which the individual is most predisposed, during what periods there is slight danger the disease will develop, and during what periods there is much danger of the disease. And it gives this divine counsel far enough in advance that by heeding it and taking proper precautionary actions the individual usually can avoid the diseases that otherwise would affect him.

The Word of God in the Bible, over and over again, eulogizes peace; and the Word of God in the stars shows how through better understanding of each other, people can attain such peace. Harmony in the domestic relations, as well as harmony with people outside the home, is an advantage to the individual and the race. Through astrology God gives counsel how best to get along with another individual, either in the home or elsewhere. It enables each to understand the temperament and viewpoint of the other, and thus the more easily to reconcile their differences and take those actions which are likely to please.

The duties of children are mentioned in various places in the Bible, and Christian and Jew alike consider it essential to their religion that their offspring be



reared to reverence God, to deal justly, to be honest, and to have other virtues which shall make them valuable members of society. But both Christian and Jew also at times have great difficulty in bringing up their children in such a manner that when grown they actually possess these various virtues.

But in the Word of God which is astrology, God not only advocates these various virtues, but He offers counsel to parents as to the best manner in which to handle each child to condition it to possess the desired virtues. Through natal astrology He indicates the character, the natural aptitudes, and the broad tendencies of the child. Through the progressed aspects at a given time He reveals the nature of the stresses or stimulations which, at given periods tend to affect the child in a given way. The character of a child at birth is neither good nor bad. Instead, it embraces energies of given types and given harmonies and discords which may be channeled by environmental conditions into either beneficial or detrimental thoughts and behavior. And through natal astrology God reveals not only what these types of energy and their harmonies and discords are, with which a given child is born, but also counsels how they may be conditioned by those who have the child's training in charge to yield the desired virtues, and to yield other values which shall be of benefit both to the individual and to the public as a whole.

But cultivation of the virtues should not be confined to childhood years. Both the Bible and the Word of God in the stars keep before man the thought that he constantly should work to improve his character and become more spiritual. Spirituality depends upon character; and progress toward spirituality and the religious life depends upon character-building. For either the child or the adult astrology cannot reform the character. But it can afford a map of the various factors within the soul which form the character, and indicate the special line of effort that must be made if these are to be changed to improve the character.

Through astrology God does not compel people to become more spiritual, but through astrology He does counsel them to become more spiritual, He does show them what factors within their souls need changing for them to become more spiritual, and He does counsel them how best to apply DIRECTED THINKING and INDUCED EMOTION to recondition these factors within their souls so that they shall become more spiritual. And He does indicate through astrology how INDUCED EMOTION may be employed most effectively in the case of each particular child to divert that child's soul energies into channels which are constructive and will enable it to lead a better life.

But God's interest in the individual is not limited to reforming the individual's character. The Bible relates that God counseled Jacob, Samuel, David and various other persons relative to their personal problems. And when they have a serious personal problem God also will counsel individuals at the present day. Life is a succession of problems, of situations where the individual is called upon to decide what is the best thing to do. And in making decisions of importance God counsels the individual through Horary astrology. Through such counsel the individual can receive aid in the solution of the various perplexities with which he is faced.

The Religion of the Stars holds that God did not cease his interest in man soon after the commencement of the Christian era. The Religion of the Stars holds that, in the furtherance of His Great Progressive Plan, God still speaks to people on the earth. The Religion of the Stars holds that God counsels mankind as a whole through spiritual astrology, counsels groups and nations through mundane astrology, counsels individuals relative to their broader endeavors through natal astrology, and counsels individuals relative to special perplexities through horary astrology.

Astrology can be used for a wide variety of purposes, but its most valuable function is to reveal the Will of God, to give detailed information about the structure and potentialities of the human soul, and to instruct individual man at each step of life's journey how best he can develop his own character and most effectively assist in the realization of God's Great Plan.

THUS IS ASTROLOGY ESSENTIAL TO OUR RELIGION.

## THE WITNESS STAND

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The Missouri state legislature has joined the ranks of the witch-hunters. On May 20th the house of representatives of the Missouri legislature passed and sent to the senate House Bill No. 456, "AN ACT to suppress and making it a misdemeanor to pursue in the State of Missouri, the avocation or profession of a fortuneteller, clairvoyant, spirit medium, necromancer, seer, astrologist, palmist, prophet and like crafty or occult art," and providing that any person or persons who shall so pursue or practice within the State of Missouri said avocations or professions or any of them, "whether for a price or a gratuity or whether by offer or upon request, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor." One wonders where the legislators will stop in their attempts to suppress the people's liberties.

The Griffith Observer for April, to which reference was made in the June Witness Stand, presents in its article entitled "Astrology" most of the objections which in one form or another have been advanced against the science since its inception. The author refers to an article in the May, 1938, issue of the Reader's Digest, "That Gigantic Fraud, Astrology," of which most of the readers of THE RISING STAR have no doubt heard. Since, however, Fred C. Kelly, who wrote the article, proved conclusively that he knew nothing about Astrology, one would hardly be justified in calling him as a witness for the prosecution.

Astrology is defined as "the superstitious belief in the influence of the stars," and astronomy as "the science of the celestial bodies." However, since "science" includes the entire body of knowledge pertaining to a subject, astronomy is not the complete science, since it does not include the knowledge of the planetary vibrations and their effects upon life.

Rather should the author have said that astronomy is the science of the celestial bodies with reference to their size, shape, position, motion, and so forth. To the astronomer, therefore, it is possible that the planets are nothing but "large chunks of rock millions of miles away," but to the astrologer they are more than that because he has observed their effects from a different point of view than the astronomer - and their effects are something more than "gravitational attraction," too. To the anatomist, no doubt, man is but a combination of calcium, iodine, sodium, iron, magnesium, and a few other chemicals, but he has to date not been able to take these elements, combine them in his laboratory, and make a man of them.

I read a little paragraph not long ago in the magazine Coronet, in which it was stated that Dr. Rahm, a professor of biology at Cornell University, in 1936 published a brochure in which he described radiations which he had detected emanating from the fingertips, nose, and eyes of living persons. He found these radiations capable of killing yeast cells and certain micro-organisms. They disappeared at the death of the individual. Now how about the anatomists? Haven't they been studying the human body for centuries, and wouldn't they have discovered these radiations if they existed? Obviously they did not discover them for the reason that they were not pursuing a line of research calculated to reveal them. And that is why the vibrations from the planets are "unknown to physicists and astronomers," as the writer in The Griffith Observer remarks.

Of course he is wrong in stating that astrologers do not attempt to explain the mechanism for the transfer of planetary influence. Their explanation is quite simple and reasonable and it is set forth in detail in course I of the lessons of The Church of Light, "Laws of Occultism." A re-reading of that valuable course will repay all of us.

Says The Griffith Observer: "The rules by which astrologers interpret their horoscopes have not been derived from any known experiments or observations." These rules, on the contrary, are derived from experiments and observations which are still being carried on. The Anu-Enlil records cover a thousand years of observations, and the Research Department of The Church of Light is still conducting the work.

The author, to be sure, knows nothing of this work, but that is no excuse. He should know if he is going to set himself up as a leader of thought and a molder of public opinion.

The "investigation" conducted by Good Housekeeping magazine was described. An astrologer was called in (qualifications not specified, but presumably a well patronized commercial practitioner), who cast the horoscopes of five persons selected by the editor, with singularly bad results. In no single instance," says the report based upon this survey, "did any astrologer, in person or by mail, cast a horoscope for any investigator that was even remotely accurate; in no single instance did the investigation uncover any person anywhere who ever at any time received from an astrologer information more reliable than that reported in this article. In no single instance was any astrologer found who could point to a client whose experience was otherwise." These are sweeping statements indeed. It may be that the astrologers consulted were not competent practitioners of their art, for it is obviously impossible that the investigators should have consulted all the astrologers in the country. It is just conceivable, of course, that the persons whose horoscopes were read, for reasons of their own did not wish to admit that the readings were accurate. Be that as it may, I feel justified in citing a personal experience. A number of years ago, before I had made any study of astrology, a friend gave me the name of a lady who was practicing the science in this community. The night before I went to see her I telephoned my birth data and that of my mother and my husband to her. The following day we called upon her, and I made shorthand notes of her readings for all three of us and transcribed them for later study. These readings occupied many typewritten pages and were most accurate. Subsequently many other friends consulted her and all were impressed with her ability. If this quiet lady, in her modest cottage, could do this, so too could other astrologers who had made a careful study of the art.

If the investigators could find no modern astrologers who had any ability to read the horoscope, they might have consulted history. Three astrologers cast horoscopes for Pico della Mirandola, a learned man of Renaissance Italy who so hated astrology that he was known as its scourge. All three predicted his death at the age of thirty-three, and at the appointed time (even on the very day and at the very hour, so it is said) Mirandola passed to his reward and strengthened the cause he had labored to destroy.

Pierre d'Ailly described the French Revolution something like four centuries before it took place.

Alessandro de' Medici, first Duke of Florence, had an astrologer-cousin. The cousin erected the Duke's horoscope, and warned him that he was in danger of being murdered by having his throat cut by his cousin, Lorenzaccio. The Duke made light of the prediction. On the night before the Duke's marriage a soldier of his guard dreamed that he saw his master assassinated by a small weak man of evil aspect. While he was relating his dream, Lorenzaccio passed by, and the soldier averred that that was the man. The Duke dismissed the soldier with a sharp reprimand. But later that day, upon the steps of the church, the murder was committed by Lorenzaccio exactly as foretold by the astrologer and the soldier.

In 1543 Cardanus published a book containing sixty-seven horoscopes of noted persons. He correctly predicted hanging for the Archbishop of St. Andrews.

Tycho Brahe, pronounced by his biographer Sir David Brewster as a practical astronomer unsurpassed as an observer of ancient or of modern times, pursued his studies in secret since his parents wished him to be a lawyer. In 1563 he described the Great Plague which took place in 1665-6.

Johann Kepler, one of the greatest astronomers of all time, was employed by Tycho Brahe as his assistant, and became a noted astrologer. He predicted that the Emperor Matthias would die in March, 1619, which prophecy was fulfilled. Without having seen the Dutchess of Friedland, Kepler erected her horoscope and so accurately described her appearance, temperament, and character, that her husband engaged him as his official astrologer. More next month.

ASTROLOGY IN HEALTH AND DISEASE  
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The mental and emotional attitude toward the events and circumstances of life is by far the most important factor of existence. This is the conditioning energy added to the soul, and of a harmonious or discordant nature as the case may be, which affects physical and spiritual well being. These attitudes constitute the reactions to environmental conditions and all objects, animate and inanimate, including visible and invisible stimuli, astrological and otherwise, as well as the personalities of immediate and distant environment. They are thus the determining factors of the destiny of the soul, and its ability to contribute much or little universal welfare. It is because of this fact that one's own thoughts and feelings receive such a preponderant consideration in the teachings of THE CHURCH OF LIGHT.

The achievement of self mastery is therefore the most important goal of existence for this enables one successfully to direct the thoughts, and to induce such emotions as are necessary, in order to enter into a continually more comprehensive function in cooperation with the eternally evolving divine plan of life.

The degree of self mastery is equivalent to the degree of ability at any given time to so cooperate. And the degree of the still remaining spontaneous (as opposed to self determined attraction of the attention is equivalent to the degree of inability to successfully direct the thoughts and feelings toward such cooperation, and consequently intelligently assist in the divine plan. It is conceivable that one might subjugate feeling of sympathy toward suffering to the extent that one becomes a cold, inhuman brute, but there is no surer way of working against self-interest than to attempt to imagine the individual self, with its purely material plans, is greater than, and supersedes the divine whole we call God, and the plans of that whole which of necessity embraces the component parts. That is, the most intelligent mental attitude embraces the relationship to, and specialized function in, the divine whole.

Maladies of the soul affect the body chiefly through the directorate of the glands of internal secretion and consequently the physical welfare, including the health. But the result is because of the mental attitudes, or patterns of reaction which lead into physical actions, dietetic and otherwise, that brings on what is called disease. In Stellar Diagnosis, not because the planets do anything except radiate their habitual key tones or frequencies, but because the various thought families of the soul are keyed to similar basic tones, they allow the planets to map the harmonies and discords (determined by aspects) existing at a given place and time, and consequently the maladies of the soul. And precisely because they do so allow the mapping of these discords and harmonies they allow such diagnosis. The physical angle results from the reaction to such factors.

Both the locating and healing of such maladies of the soul have been well covered by Mr. Benjamin in the last two Crusade Talks, published in THE RISING STAR. It is my purpose here to attempt further explanation and to point out some common errors in attempting to put Stellar Diagnosis into practice.

The present condition of the soul is the result of all the attitudes, and reactions as well as actions of the past, in the all inclusive sense. The present condition of the physical organism is the result of the experiences of the soul plus the availability of physical material of the right sort plus what has been done about any condition in medicine, surgery, food, elimination and corrective thinking.

Therefore, in attempting to determine any present condition and what to do about it, it is necessary to check back, astrologically and otherwise, to find out what the conditions of the past were, that were part of the cause of the immediate condition, the various aspects (major) that have been in operation over a number of years, so far as possible the means of treatment used, and the dietetic habits



and eliminative functions.

For instance, let us assume that a disease is present at a given time. Eight years before that time the Sun made a conjunction, square, semi-square, sesqui-square or opposition to Saturn, followed by the same aspect by Mercury two years before the given time.

The Sun aspect mapped the beginning of a thyroid-front pituitary deficiency, and a consequent lowering of vitality to resist disease. The Mercury aspect mapped the beginning of a parathyroid deficiency and an impairment of the eliminative (colon) ability, thus allowing the accumulation of toxins in the system, and a depletion of the nerve energy through a lack of ability to correctly assimilate calcium, and since this mineral is wholly alkaline, the aspect contributes to the toxic condition. These would be contributing factors to the present condition which will most likely be called some specific disease.

Of course, if one practiced Mental Alchemy, and used corrective nutrition, at the time of the occurrence of the aspect, and before, the contributing factors would not be present, and consequently the resultant condition to the combination of past and present attitudes and actions would be prevented. One would not have the disease.

The thyroid condition mapped by Sun or Venus afflictions of a severe nature will continue until corrected, just as the same discords in the soul continue until replaced by different and harmonious attitudes.

Iodine and vitamin A deficiencies, and E in the case of Venus, remain deficiencies until these elements are supplied in such amounts, and in such form, as will allow normal function to result. And the vitamin B-Complex (pituitary) and manganese deficiencies remain as such until these are supplied in amounts and forms necessary to correct such condition.

This principle of determination applies, of course, to all planets and afflictions. It is not enough to look at the constants if one desires to know what to do about it. And after all, if nothing is to be done about a condition, one might just as well remain in the dark as to what that condition is, so far as actual benefit is concerned.

The basic strengths and weaknesses as mapped in the natal chart are the first consideration. This includes the constants which mean the predisposition of the individual toward certain types of deficiencies or excesses, retention or elimination of end products of combustion, dietetic habits because of inherent tastes, consequently types of diseases and basic glandular functioning. The progressed constants show the natural outgrowth of these basic tendencies, providing corrective measures have not been taken. The intervening aspects (particularly the afflictions) mark the times when certain tendencies, mapped in the natal chart, became operative; and also mark the time contributing factors which led up to the present condition began to operate.

Thus, any discordant aspect operating some years previous to any given disease becomes exceedingly important when one desires to determine what to do.

There may be nothing in the present aspects to indicate a particular deficiency, but consulting the aspects for some years past will reveal that such and such an affliction has occurred, mapping a deficiency that is now present, because it has never been corrected. Failure to properly consider these factors is one of the more common errors.

## HANDLING YOUR VENUS ASPECTS

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Each planet transmits wave-lengths and frequencies of a particular kind according to its own nature, and each is important in the life. But it is Venus which supplies a force which has the particular property of uniting and holding together the various elements which compose any organization or form; acting as an alloy and giving strength and endurance to all the elements with which it is brought in contact.

Venus is the planet of love, and love is an attractive force which manifests throughout nature, lending a pleasing aspect to every element with which associated. It is a force especially useful in strengthening the union between the cells that compose any organism, and in human life brings friendship, mirthfulness, amiability and conjugality. It exerts itself in society to draw people into harmonious companionships; connects the individual to his domestic and civic relations, establishes marriage, and gives permanence to other associations. Love may express on different levels, yet it is the unifying bond between all members of the human family, in whatever relationship they may be placed. When love is absent the form or organization quickly disintegrates.

Venus transmits a kind of energy that is magnetic, yielding, submissive, gentle and harmonious. It rules the Social group of thought-elements, and thus inclines to affection and attraction, and to the society of others. It furnishes man with compassion, refinement and an appreciation of the artistic and beautiful, but loving ease, luxury, comfort and pleasure, yields readily to impulse and desire, and to the influence of stronger and more positive minds, usually seeking the line of least resistance, rather than taking the initiative. It attracts readily to dancing, music, art or other similar avenues by which the emotions are given expression.

Those dominated by Venus are strongly influenced through their affections and social contacts. They usually need social expression to be at their best, or employment where they can express in some of the arts. While inclining from hard work, they have aptitude for work requiring neatness and artistic appreciation.

Much depends upon the harmony or inharmony of Venus in the birth-chart, and the plane on which it expresses, as to how it will influence the life. It may express from the lowest, coarsest and most selfish, up to the highest, most refined and unselfish. While not essentially evil, being magnetic and negative, and with a tendency to seek the line of least resistance, it may be led into vice or unfavorable situations.

Venus is naturally fortunate, and when not much afflicted, brings a great deal of good fortune in the way of favors, kindnesses, gratuities and pleasurable events. The individual's love for pleasing naturally attracts kindness and consideration from others. When Venus is much afflicted, it tends to cause social discords, jealousy, unrefinement of tastes and pleasures, or other experiences through which the emotions and feelings are affected. Events are likely to be attracted into the life which cause disappointments, grief or loss, and as affecting finances, cause unwise expenditures or losses due to impulse or carelessness.

The house in the birth-chart occupied by Venus, and the houses it rules by sign, will indicate the departments of life most strongly accentuated by its influence. But the aspects it receives from other planets will indicate the harmony or inharmony to be expected and the departments of life from which it will come. When Venus is well aspected good fortune results from the persons, conditions and things they rule, and when discordant aspects are shown these things will be a source of trouble, or be accompanied by delay or disappointment, according to the extent they enter into the life.

The natural antidote for Venus when afflicted is the Safety Urges, ruled by

Saturn. Thus when the Social Urges are the cause of discord, either in the birth-chart or by progression, one should cultivate more stability, carefulness, caution, patience and persistence, and in particular in connection with the things Venus rules and the department of life Venus rules in the chart. When the Safety Urges are cultivated in association with the things ruled by Venus and a careful appraisal is taken of conditions before action is decided upon, it will give more reason and caution in directing the efforts, and in selecting those things which are best for success and advancement.

As most of the discords of Venus come through social relations, it is usually necessary to use caution in selecting friends and in all matters which are associated with social position. In affectional relationships action should be preceded by careful consideration of results. Under unfavorable aspects with Venus one is usually very sensitive to slights or opposition, and it is easy for misunderstandings to develop. At such times when the thought-cells are given added stimulation by progressed aspects, they have unusual power to attract people whose influence over the life is disappointing, or bring grief or loss. More positiveness and stability are needed at such times to guard against allurements and deception which attract harmful consequences, against unwise expenditures or too much indulgence in the so-called pleasures of life.

When Venus affects the health, while it may afflict the body elsewhere, especially the kidneys, the internal generative organs and the venous system of the body are natural correspondences. Such afflictions are often due to carelessness of habits, to undue love of ease and pleasure, and to indiscretions.

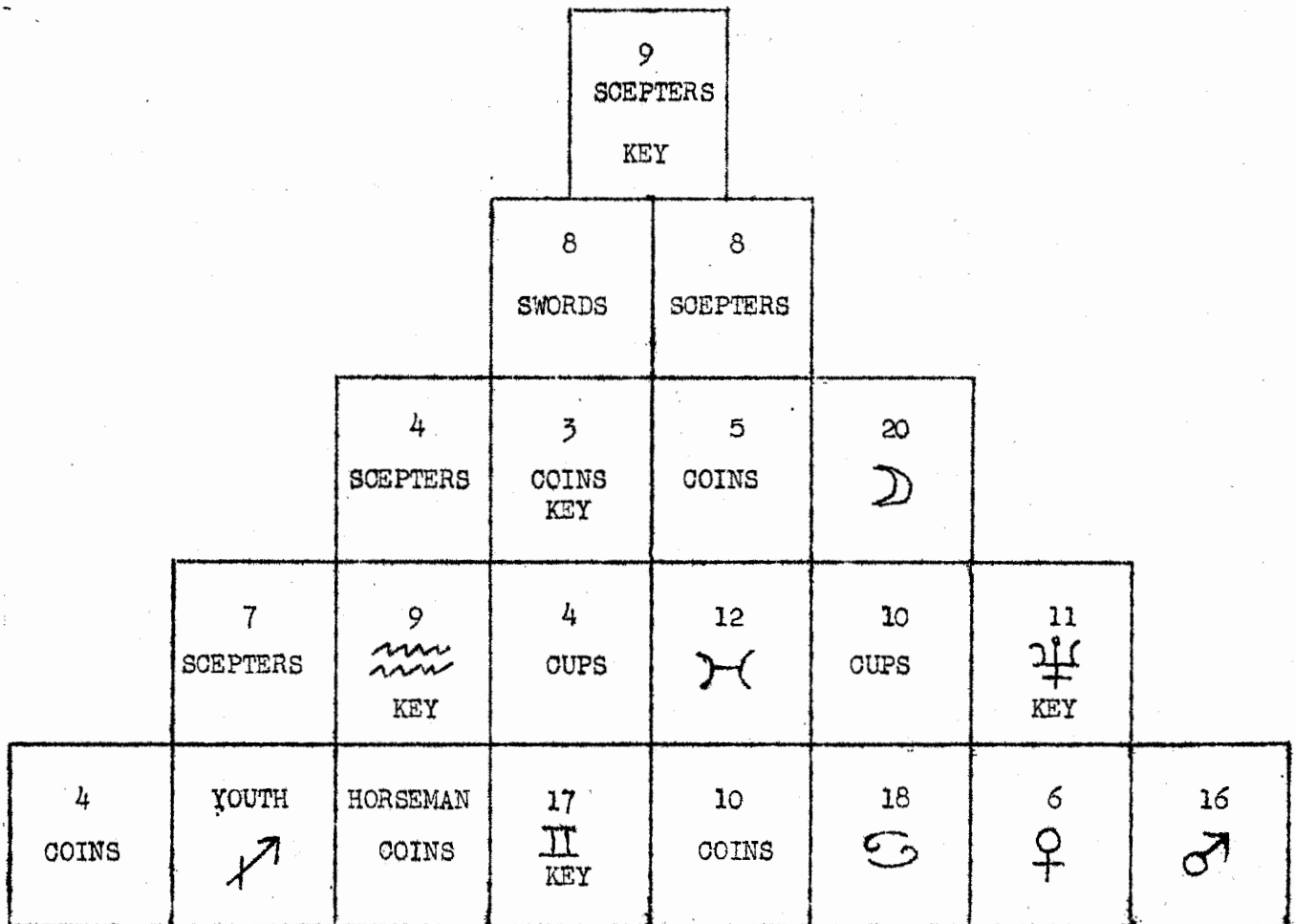
Under favorable aspects with Venus, many benefits will be attracted through social contacts and the kind offices of others. It is helpful also in all types of artistic expression, affectional matters and interests which may be forwarded through friendship. When the higher side of Venus expresses, or is deliberately cultivated, the grosser thoughts, emotions and experiences that come under its rule may be converted into lofty aspirations, and one moves into a more idealistic realm. The more refined the thoughts and feelings the more refined will be their influence over the life and the condition and events that are attracted.

If through conversion or otherwise sufficient harmonious energy is added to the Venus terminal in the astral body, a birth-chart affliction, or a discordant progressed aspect to Venus, can be made a source of outstanding benefit, not only in refining the mind and organism and attracting favorable events, but in converting the thoughts and desires into spiritual values, resulting in spiritual power over forces and conditions.

Life depends upon love, but the quality of life depends upon the quality of love. Lust and selfishness destroy the finer energies and that fine strand of love that unites and binds into a permanent union, and leads to disintegration and self undoing.

HOW TO READ THE TAROT CARDS  
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THE PYRAMID SPREAD



The Pyramid Spread is taken this time because the querent wanted to know what he could expect over a definite period of time. I do not know of any method whereby we can tell time with the tarot cards unless the querent places the time limit on the question. With this spread the time is divided by four, as the reading is divided into four sections represented by the Key cards. When a Major Arcanum represents the key it marks an important period and the key should be thoroughly understood. The question for this spread was:

WHAT SURROUNDS ME FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS?

This spread is found on page 68 in the Sacred Tarot, by C. C. Zain. (Hereafter when a page is mentioned it will be in this, our text book.) On page 94 the explanation of the spread is found. The cards are shuffled and cut three times as we do in all our spreads and dealt from the right to the left face side down. 21 cards are used in this spread.

Beginning at the right we count five and turn the fifth card which represents the key to the question. The four preceding it represent the past, or what led up to the question. Turn the cards from the top. If the cards are right side up it is



more favorable; if upside down less fortunate.

Beginning at the card farthest to the right, or the first card and counting five, we turn it and find the key to the question which is 17 or Gemini. This being a Major Arcanum we will consider this card in relation to its various meanings. It is first read as Truth, Hope and Faith. (The description of this card is found on page 322 and from 334 to 244.) It is the Star, or the Star of Truth is implied. This person must be desiring Truth in some form and because Gemini is a dual sign we must recognize that Truth can be dual,—the appearances and reality. Because of the silver and golden cups and the fluid poured from one to the other we know it must have to do with the emotional life as well as positive and negative principles. Two forces are at work. It is right side up so there is nothing concealed and no doubt the querent is ready for something but an emotional balance must be had and where there are two a decision must be made. The mind cannot carry two thoughts at the same time. The keyword for Gemini is "I Think." In the admonition for Gemini we read that whatever happens "Do not injure the flower of hope."

Gemini in the Bible is referred to as the "Book of seven seals" which could only be opened by the Lamb, or "The lion of the tribe of Judah." The lion is Leo and the lamb is Aries, so with the use of the head and heart his question can be answered. The indication is the lack of power to make a decision. From this card we turn the one next to it and on down to the first card as the sequence of events.

The farthest in the past is Mars upside down. In times of world strife Mars could easily mean war, or at least in some war activity either in defense or in the fighting forces. Upside down is not very satisfactory. It is read as accident and catastrophe. This is followed by the major Venus or the Two Paths. Where there are two paths a decision must be made. Which path shall I take? In this, too, it is well to remember the admonition "Indecision is above all else, worse than a bad choice." I think in terms of the day and say "He who hesitates is lost." Do not stand at the junction of two roads, but make a decision. Temptation had made the decision difficult.

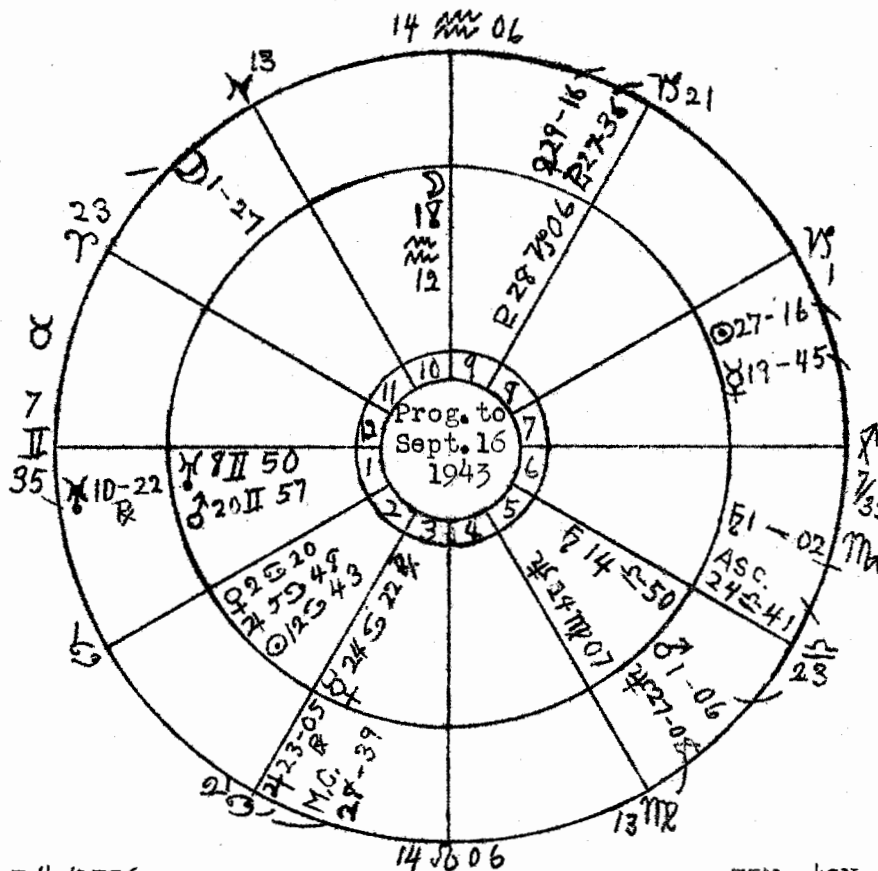
The Major Arcanum 18 or Cancer turned next is read as Deception and False Friends. Cancer is also the ruler of the home and is mediumistic. There is a foggy glamour around it, so in some way the home and friends entered into his experiences and possibly some mediumistic longing and desire for the seance room was present also.

The next card adjoins the key card and brings us nearer to the present, so if you have the wheel I gave you before you, you will see that ten is Uranus and coins the first house. This can be read as Uranus in the first house, bearing out the reading of the key card. This shows a very restless desire for a personal change, and being upside down makes it more restless and the sudden and unexpected can happen, which will not be as planned. In this state of unrest he came to me to peer into the future. In our next article the story up to this period will be given.

You might try your powers of delineation and read the spread through, for the time is past and the story is known.

WHY THE HOLIDAY--INDEPENDENCE DAY--THE CALENDAR  
PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Fourth of July is our great national holiday and is observed in every state in the Union. It is the birthday of the United States of America and celebrates the signing of the Declaration of Independence July 4, 1776. At that time the war for freedom was already in progress. The Continental Congress which was made up of delegates from the 13 original colonies had been in session for more than a year in Philadelphia which was the capital city of our country at that time.

On June 11 of this memorable year Congress had appointed five representative men to draw up a Declaration. These men were Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Roger Sherman and Robert Livingston. The first three were the moving spirits of the committee and the work is mainly credited to Thomas Jefferson.

Congress being assembled July 3, 1776, it is said that they deliberated far into the night. It was early in the morning, Thursday, July 4, when the committee reported, presenting their Declaration. It was officially accepted, the hour as near as it is known being 2:17 a.m. This is the generally accepted birth-hour of our beloved nation. Gemini 7° 35' was at that moment on the Ascendant. Subsequent events in the history of the United States are in accord with the position of the planets and mundane houses at Philadelphia at this time. (See Brotherhood of Light Lesson No. 141 for some interesting details, and EVENTS THAT SEEM PROBABLE DURING JUNE, this issue of THE RISING STAR, for the present trend.)

The Declaration of Independence may be considered as the birth certificate of the U.S.A. giving as it does the reasons why a new nation should come into being and "assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them."

Concerning this momentous event John Adams wrote to his wife: "I am apt to believe this day will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illumination from one end of this continent to the other from this time forward forevermore."

We all know how well most of this prophecy has been fulfilled. It is, however, neither a day of thanksgiving nor devotion but a day ever attended by noise and fireworks. It is a day of picnics, family reunions, outings and various celebrations,

both public and private. The day is filled with the din of exploding caps, fire-crackers and pistols, and in the evening crowds gather in parks or other suitable places to witness a grand display of spectacular Roman candles, skyrocketes, sparklers, pinwheels and what not. It is an awe-inspiring sight, fascinating and long to be remembered. Much money is spent on the Fourth and there are many accidents, so many that the "sane Fourth" is becoming more and more compulsory if not more popular.

The Fourth of July is an out and out Mars holiday. The Sun at this time is in the Scorpio, or Mars decanate of the sign Cancer which stands for the home, and this holiday celebrates the establishment of a homeland where freedom reigns.

This is a land where physical force plays an important part, a land of activity and construction, these qualities belonging to the better side of Mars. We have also felt the effect of the destructive and materialistic side of this planet of force.

Since this holiday is a birthday celebration, it will be interesting to notice a few high-lights in the horoscope. The liberty-loving planet, Uranus, in the first house conjunction the Ascendant speaks for itself in a country like this. Mars in the first somehow reminds one of the flaming sword mentioned in Gen. 3:24. The sword of Mars "turns every way" to keep the way of freedom. With the Sun, Venus and Jupiter in the second house, we need not wonder that ours is a wealthy nation. Mercury is in the third, and are we not a literary people, also commercial? Travel and communication of all kinds are much in evidence. The restricting but steadying Saturn and the idealistic Neptune appear in the fifth house, having to do with amusements, speculation, and the welfare of children. It would take a detailed delineation to figure this out as there are both good and not-so-good aspects. An Aquarius Moon rides high in the heavens near the meridian, making a grand trine with Mars and Saturn. The people rule and are in honor and dignity. Pluto was undoubtedly above the earth and probably in a public house. The United States is working out its destiny and will complete 167 years of independence July 4, this year.

#### THE CALENDAR--PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

The marking of time goes back to the first chapter of Genesis, the book of beginnings in the Bible. Seven days (or periods) marked the complete creation. In Gen. 1:14 we read, "God said, Let there be lights...to divide the day from the night and let them be for signs, and seasons, and for days and years." Our units of time have especially to do with the two "lights," the Sun and the Moon. Primitive people spoke of so many "suns" to measure the passage of a day and so many "moons" to measure another distinct period. It has been the problem of the centuries to reconcile "sun time" with "moon time," and the attempts of man to do so have been a history of mistakes, corrections and compromises.

The Chaldeans, or Early Babylonians started with a lunar year, but discovering that the real year was measured by the Sun, they divided the year into 12 parts of 30 days each, and every sixth year inserted an intercalated month to take care of the accumulated extra 30 days. The later Babylonians went further. They divided the zodiac into 12 signs, named the zodiacal constellations, foretold eclipses of the sun and moon, and invented the water-clock. They also divided the year into 12 months, the day and night into hours, the hours into minutes, and the week into seven days ending each week with a day of rest. The Egyptians actually determined the true length of the year to be 365 and 24 hundredths days. They had 30 days to the month and 12 months to the year. The months were divided into three parts of ten days each, (really an observation of decanates.) The extra five or six days at the end of the year was a holiday-time of feasting and ceremonies. It may also be said that speaking of holidays among the ancients, that festivals and observances marking the spring equinox, summer solstice, autumnal equinox and winter solstice go back to prehistoric ages, thus marking time by seasons.

As there is no holiday in August, this article will be continued next month.

## EXPERIENCES WITH ESP

By Edward Doane

Substituting for Frances A. Parslow

During the course of my research into the problem of the stellar parallax (astronomy), it became necessary to trace back its history to the beginning, and to do this, to find such books as were necessary. Each time it became necessary to procure another book in order to obtain further information, I was directed unerringly to the second hand bookstore containing it. This direction enabled the saving of a great deal of time and energy that would otherwise have been expended in the search.

In seeking to analyze and understand some particular phase of the problem which involved motions of the earth in relation to the Sun, and motions of the Sun in relationship to stars and to our universe, I would tune in on our higher brothers who helped me to the extent of my ability to receive. Each particular time I would be shown just as much of the function in the shape of a working model as was understandable to me at the particular time—and no more. Then it was necessary to illustrate it to myself in miniature to the point where it was thoroughly understood, which included finding some exact terrestrial analogy. Then I was ready for the next step.

This tuning in involved a deliberate raising of the vibratory rate of the electro-magnetic energies associated with the physical brain and the fully conscious contact with the particular individual helping me at the time, and the conscious exchange of thought, plus his projection of the working model into my immediate field of clairvoyant vision.

At no time was I given more than my ability to understand at that time. As is obvious, to attempt to do so would be a waste of his and my time and energy, resulting in no accomplishment. This I understood. And when the particular work was finished the instruction ceased, and conscious of the business of these great souls, no further effort was made on my part to contact the particular individuals who served as masters at the time.

It is entirely true that the master will appear when the student is ready. But the true masters will not spend more energy or time than is necessary in order to accomplish a desired objective. This is because efficient functioning is very much a part of the divine plan, and on an ever increasing scale.

During the course of this particular instruction much amusement was evidenced on the part of the masters because of what was to them my childlike struggles to grasp particular points. And being able to some extent to see the situation through their eyes, I could appreciate their kindly sense of humor, through perceiving a bit of the relative degrees of understanding. That is, I was much as a kindergarten child trying to grasp something of some of the higher grades through verbal instruction from a kindly teacher from one of the higher grades.

Not at any time was there any evidence of a too serious attitude, or impatience. On the contrary we got a big kick out of it on both sides. Because of the high purpose behind the desire to gain the information, it was made available to me. It is thoroughly understood that had there been a selfish purpose involved it would not have been possible to tune in on such highly evolved individuals. That is because the motivating principle behind the desire would have been so low in frequency that I could not have tuned in on realms and individuals of vastly higher frequency than can be penetrated by any selfish motive.

We are on the pathway even as the child in kindergarten is on the pathway to higher education. And in good time, we too, shall have the privilege and enjoyment of assisting struggling souls to improve their knowledge and progress.



## UPPER OCTAVE TRENDS

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2. Experiments in Telepathy by the Circle Group

The following experiments of the Montreal Circle Group are very interesting in relation to the accuracy of the pick-up of the information broadcast by the sender.

On May 31, 1942, W. P. was the sender and the concentration was rather abstract, "thoughts of kindness and good-will toward mankind." I gather that a strong mood or feeling would be engendered as well to give emotional impetus. The reception is rather novel and proves that frequently the abstract is neatly particularized by the E.S.P. faculty, and comes through very precisely along a similarity of suggested thought.

The receiver, M. M., tuned in and thoughts of the Red Cross drive, then in progress, came into her consciousness, and she FELT a strong hope that their objective would be reached.

The "strong hope" bears a resemblance to the feeling of "goodwill" which must have accompanied the image sent. The Red Cross stands for international goodwill throughout the world. Receiving this concrete symbol for the rather abstract one which was submitted seems to me to be an interesting factor. It is an addition, but falls so in line both in concept and in particular that it becomes evidential of the E.S.P. factor involved.

On the same date, E. R. sent out another message. The Dorval airport was visualized, with aircraft on the ground and in the air. Here we have a more concise picture and the result was interestingly ABSTRACT. M. M. tuned in and thought of a train, a bus, an airplane. She heard noise, she shivered as if plunging into cold water, and she received impression of smooth lawns, and finally clouds passing over the face of the Moon.

The methods of travel come in three guises, and no clear indication of which had been sent--the noise of course would be involved in all three. The shiver could be associated with air travel, for I hear it is a frequent symptom of the novice, and even the pilot would get the sensation at high altitudes due to falling temperature. Air passing rapidly by could be associated as plunging into cold water. The smooth lawns were of course the landing fields. The clouds over the Moon would be the one thing that would impress a pilot coursing his way through the skies. The earth might be out of sight, but the Moon would be the largest object to which his attention would be drawn.

In this test the impressions received are refreshingly abstract, and yet contain many factors leading to the concrete thought picture which was submitted.

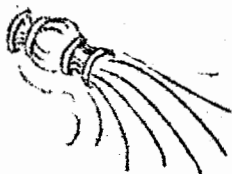
On May 17, 1942, E. R. had transmitted another test. The concentration was on a symphony orchestra playing in a large hall. This is rather a complex figure, but M. M. showed her ingenuity and E.S.P. faculty by gaining impressions numerous enough to be quite startling.

First she sensed movement, then various sounds. We all know the rustling of an orchestra settling down to the business of the evening, and also the tuning up process. Next she heard a ringing noise, something like bells or a gong, followed by a fast clicking sound like castanets. She did not actually hear MUSIC, but received clearly a sufficient number of impressions which made her sure that the image sent was a large orchestra playing.

In this test the variety of impressions created a mental image leading to a definite conclusion, the right one, which is certainly evidence of an upper octave mental ability. In these three tests difficult messages were sent out, and correct or closely affiliated impressions were received. In test number 1 intellectual E.S.P. was used, giving concept of goodwill clothed in insignificant and then in important symbol, the Red Cross. In test number 2 feeling E.S.P. gave the sensation of shivering; the rest was intellectual-E.S.P. Test Number 3 was wholly intellectual--picking up impressions which supplied correct information.

## SPILLED! From the "Little Pitcher"

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War changes many things, but even the war seems to have little effect on Eros. His business--love--continues to thrive and this year has had its traditional quota of June weddings. The time having been selected astrologically, at 9:00 p.m., P.W.T., May 31, 1943, Maria Major and Elbert Benjamine were united in marriage.

The ceremony took place in the church chapel at 620 South Virgil, with Rev. Will P. Benjamine officiating. About fifty friends and guests assembled at 7:30, and the beautifully decorated wedding cake was served before the big event. Strains of the wedding march were heard a few minutes before nine, and the principals entered the chapel. At exactly the appointed hour, the words "I now pronounce you Husband and Wife" were spoken.

There is no denying that the bride was nervous, but she looked lovely just the same. Her dress was a two-piece ensemble of delicate blue, and she wore a corsage of white gardenias. Mr. and Mrs. Kiess acted as attendants, and Cecilia looked like a bride again herself. The groom wore a light grey suit, and we have never seen him appear more buoyant. Hearty, indeed, were the good wishes extended to the newlyweds.

May you know many, many years of happy usefulness together, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Benjamine.

The week of June 1 was devoted to intensive planning of the summer session of classes, and as we write, these are already well under way. Since we first took you on a Cook's tour of the Church Home, many improvements have been made. The barren front yard has become a beautiful lawn, the shubbery is well trimmed, and flowers bloom along the fence. In the back yard the bird bath contributed by Doris Teel at Christmas time now dominates a lovely bed of flowers. The old apple tree has been renovated, and someone has suggested that the only thing still lacking is a garden swing and some lawn chairs. The improvements indoors have kept pace with the outer premises. The Junior Stellarians now have a charming study of their own. They enjoy a set of student-chairs just like the ones downstairs, and they have their own blackboard. The room has new shades and curtains; a pleasant congoleum rug forms the floor covering. Opening from this room is one of the sleeping porches that has been converted into a most restful spot. A good cleaning, colorful curtains, and a rug were all that was needed, and Mrs. Anna Peterson supplied all three.

We have been most pleased with the steady increase in attendance at the Stellarian Services, Sunday mornings. Starting with a small group of earnest students at the Dedication, there have been two or three more faces in the audience each week. Our Rev. Will's sermons are an inspiration to us all. The Sermonette in this month's RISING STAR formed the basis for his talk last Sunday. The mental healing period is now a part of the Sunday program, too. Following the morning service, the Junior Stellarians have their hour together. Then many join in the community lunch at 1:00 p.m. Victory garden salad and some kind of a delicious hot casserole dish from Mrs. Edith Geeting comprise the mainstays. No plans for this meal are ever made, but there is always plenty, and it is always good.

On Tuesday evenings we are now studying the Tarot in connection with ESP. And I am delighted to say that two members of the class always sleep soundly through it: Miss Joyce Eva Kiess and Miss Frances Ann Pontani snuggle in their basinetts in the Junior Stellarian Study, while their proud parents attend class. Wednesday and Thursday are still full class days. W.F.B. instructs the beginners at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, and repeats the same work for the evening class at 7:45.

At 1:00 p.m. is my class in Delineating the Birth-chart, and at 2:15 Ann Pierce teaches Mental Alchemy. Let me assure you she is really teaching it as it should be taught. Will P. Benjamine has the class in Natal Astrology, Predicting, at 11:00 a.m.

Thursdays. Several of the "graduates" are repeating, but there are new students, too. At 11:30 Anna Peterson takes over with her class in the Sacred Tarot. This is an advanced group, and the students are now devoting quite a bit of time to the actual card reading. At 2:15 is the Horary Class, conducted by W.P.B. This class, with the practice in actual questions is always interesting. On Thursday evenings Mr. Elbert Benjamin holds forth with Astrology in Health and Fortune. And his ever popular Mundane Astrology class on Friday evenings concludes the busy week's program.

It has been a privilege to get acquainted with two more of our out-of-town students this past month. Mrs. F. C. Smischny of Wichita was one was one. The other was Mr. Carl Shafer here from Detroit. He was telling us of class activities there.

Congratulations and good wishes go to Don Clare Cowger of Big Sandy, Montana. Mr. Cowger has just been ordained a Missionary Teacher, and has interested several other students in forming a regular class. He sends us this interesting demonstration of prayer: "It was a clear day about four years ago, when I was burning weeds and trash around our field...Thru' my carelessness the fire got out of control. In my panic-stricken state, I seemed lifted out of myself and sent out a short, silent prayer. In about two minutes a small cloud appeared, from nowhere it seemed, and from it came a virtual downpour that thoroughly extinguished the fire. Strange as it may seem, the rain fell only on an area about a block wide and three or four blocks long."

We have a nice, chatty letter from Frances Parslow of Miami, that we want to share with you: "After the Crusade meeting yesterday (June 6) Mr. Doane married Mr. John Black of Sioux City, Iowa, to Minnie M. Leminger of the same city. They came all the way down here to be married by a Church of Light Minister, and also because Mr. Black's son, who is a chief petty officer in the navy, is stationed here. The bride looked very sweet and charming in a blue frock trimmed with white, and a blue hat that just matched the color of her eyes. Mr. Black's son acted as best man, and I made up the fourth of the group. As Mr. Black and his bride both have Aquarius rising, we had plenty of Aquarian atmosphere. (Mrs. Parslow is also Aquarian) At first the newlyweds said they were coming back every year to celebrate, but changed their minds and decided to make it every five years when they saw how hot the weather is at this time of the year...." We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Black when he visited Los Angeles a few years ago, and are happy to have this opportunity to add our good wishes for the happy couple. And we would appreciate one of those wedding pictures, Mr. Black.

Mrs. Long of Columbia has written of the extreme heat they are enjoying, too; so it must really be hot in our Southern States. California has just about made up its mind that summer is here, too, and the Sun is shining for the first full week of this year.

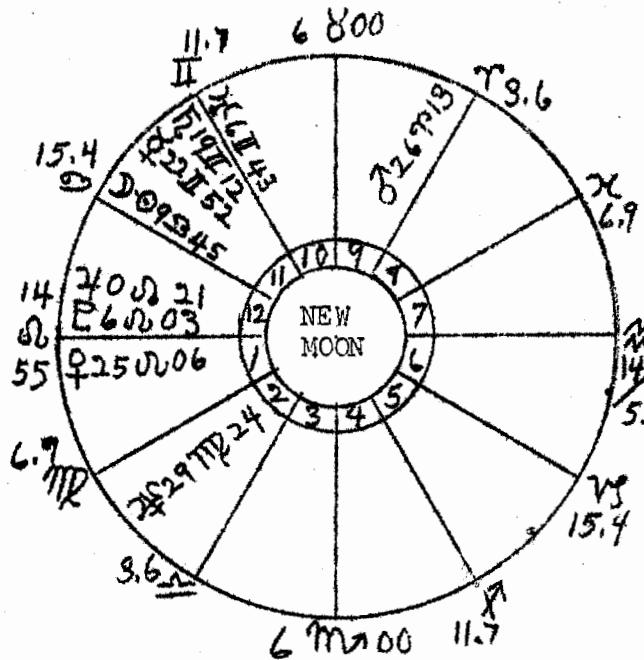
As is becoming almost customary, the Los Angeles' law-making bodies are again drafting ordinances intended to protect the public from charlatans, but as the ordinance reads, it makes illegal practically any system of philosophy not based wholly upon the evidence of the five physical senses. We feel confident that the proposed ordinance is not intended to attempt to suppress any bonafide religious group. As an educational measure, one of our members, Mr. A. G. Enslin, has sent yearly subscriptions of THE RISING STAR to the homes of each member of the Board of Supervisors. He feels, as do we, that the Church of Light and other progressive groups have nothing to fear once all misunderstanding is cleared up as to the basic differences between the the philosophy taught and practiced by such groups, and out and out fortune-telling.

From the Hollywood Citizen-News, June 28, 1943: FORTUNE TELLING BAN IS SOUGHT  
 Repeal of the Los Angeles County ordinance banning fortune telling, regarded as one of the most rigid laws of its kind, will be asked at a special hearing before the Board of Supervisors at 11 a. m. tomorrow. Petitions seeking the repeal were filed by the Elbert Benjamin Church of Light, 620 S. Virgil Ave. The church is acting as representative of various astrological and spiritualistic groups.

EVENTS THAT SEEM PROBABLE DURING JULY\*

By Maria M. Benjamins, 2337 Coral St., Los Angeles, 31, California  
Hermetician

In this column the dates of seven events that seem probable during the following month are given. Subsequently, ALL will be republished with dated newspaper headlines showing what actually occurred. Nothing will be published, however, as to probable U.S. military moves, or that might benefit the enemy.



July 2, 1943, 38:53 N.  
7:36 a.m., LMT. 77 W  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Main June Headline: AXIS EUROPE SUFFERS FROM TREMENDOUS BLOWS: Again and again the Ruhr valley industrial works and the ports of Italy were pulverized with block-buster bombs.

LARGE SCALE AND SANGUINARY ENGAGEMENTS INVOLVING U.S. TROOPS: AND MUCH CONTROVERSY IN CONGRESS NEAR JUNE 1. May 31. "Attu Japs Wiped Out; Yank Bayonets Annihilate Main Force; Defeat Told by Tokyo." June 1. "150 American Bombers Hit Naples," June 1. "Sink 7 Jap Ships; Kill 400 Attu Nips." June 1. "House OK's Pay-Go Tax Bill Providing 20% Salary Levy; Climaxing Four Months of Bitter Controversy." June 2. "Senate Passes Bill."

OUTSTANDING NEWS OF AVIATION AND JAPAN NEAR JUNE 7. June 7. "U.S. Flyers Sink Jap Destroyer; Set 2 Ships Afire; Down 15 Zeros." June 7. "L.A. Plane Crash Kills 2; 5 homes Wrecked, Woman Cremated." \*

HEAVY FIGHTING FAVORS U.S. FORCES NEAR JUNE 10. June 10. "Bombs Rock Besieged Italy Isle; U.S. Aces Blast Sea Fort." June 10. "Fortresses Smash Jap Solomon Base."

SURPRISING EVENTS IN FOREIGN LANDS NEAR JUNE 17. June 17. "Turk Envoy Quits Vichy." June 17. "Million Men Set for Invasion, Says Rome." June 17. "Yanks Shoot Down 77 Nip Planes."

SUCCESS FOR U.S. WHERE BASES OR TERRITORIES ARE CONCERNED NEAR JUNE 19. June 18. "Nazis Shut Brenner Pass; Italy's Nerves on Ragged Edge." June 19. "Gird For Big Drive in Burma." June 19. "Italy Peace Envoy in Africa, Report, Sicily Raided."

FOOD AND LABOR PROBLEMS FACE THE ADMINISTRATION NEAR JUNE 22. June 22. "Ask FDR to Enforce Coal Strike Ban." June 22. "Senator Warns of Food Riots; Famine in Meat Feared." June 22. "FDR to Ask Draft up to 65 to Halt Strikes."

THE BIG PUSH GETS UNDER WAY

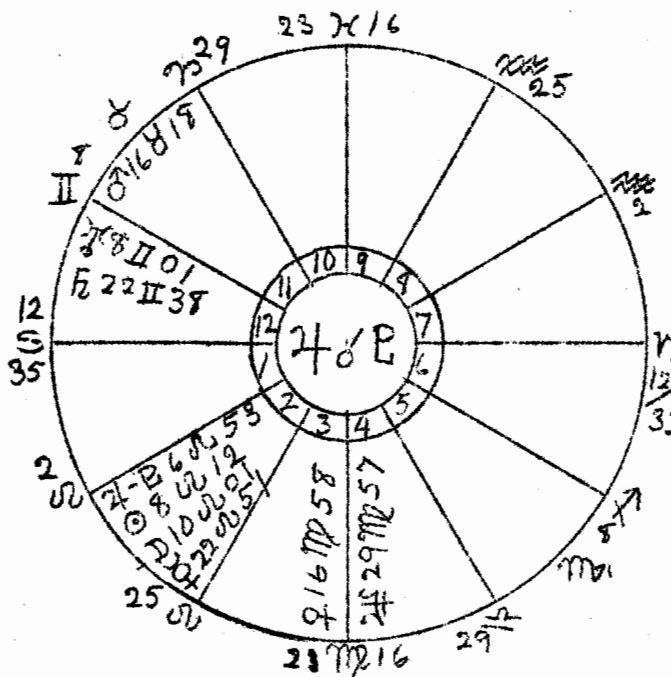
Both in the Orient and in Europe the war is moving toward a September climax. Furthermore, the indications are that social unrest in the U.S.A. will increase. On page 17 will be found the U.S. birth-chart with progressed positions around the outside for September 16, 1943. Progressed Sun is square progressed Neptune in July, indicating the social unrest this year and the powerful tendency toward inflation. The June coal strike came under progressed Moon opposition this progressed Neptune; the draft recommendation came under progressed Moon sextile Pluto, the draft planet. Progressed Moon makes the sextile with progressed Venus the last of August, indicating success in the war effort during July and August. Moon opposition progressed Mars perfect September 8, indicates the mentioned war showdown.

It is highly unfortunate that the President should have to struggle with social



unrest at home, when all his attention should be directed toward winning the war. He gave his recommendation relative to the draft under progressed Moon trine progressed Moon trine progressed Pluto, the draft planet. The progressed positions around his chart in the June issue are for July 16, 1943.

The indications are that the global plans made by him at the time of Churchill's visit, which include not merely plans for war, but plans for economic conditions after the war and large U.S. financing, will begin to get publicity around the first of August. The conjunction of Jupiter, the planet of finances and peace negotiations, with Pluto, the planet of cooperation and coercion will have an influence of a full month or more before and after perfect on August 1. And during this period efforts to get some <sup>nation</sup> now at war to agree to peace will be made, and financial matters within the U. S., and relative to world affairs, will become subjects of wide discussion. It will require drastic effort to prevent runaway inflation.



August 1, 1943  
2:59 a.m. LMT.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

38:53 N. square progressed Venus perfect August 3.  
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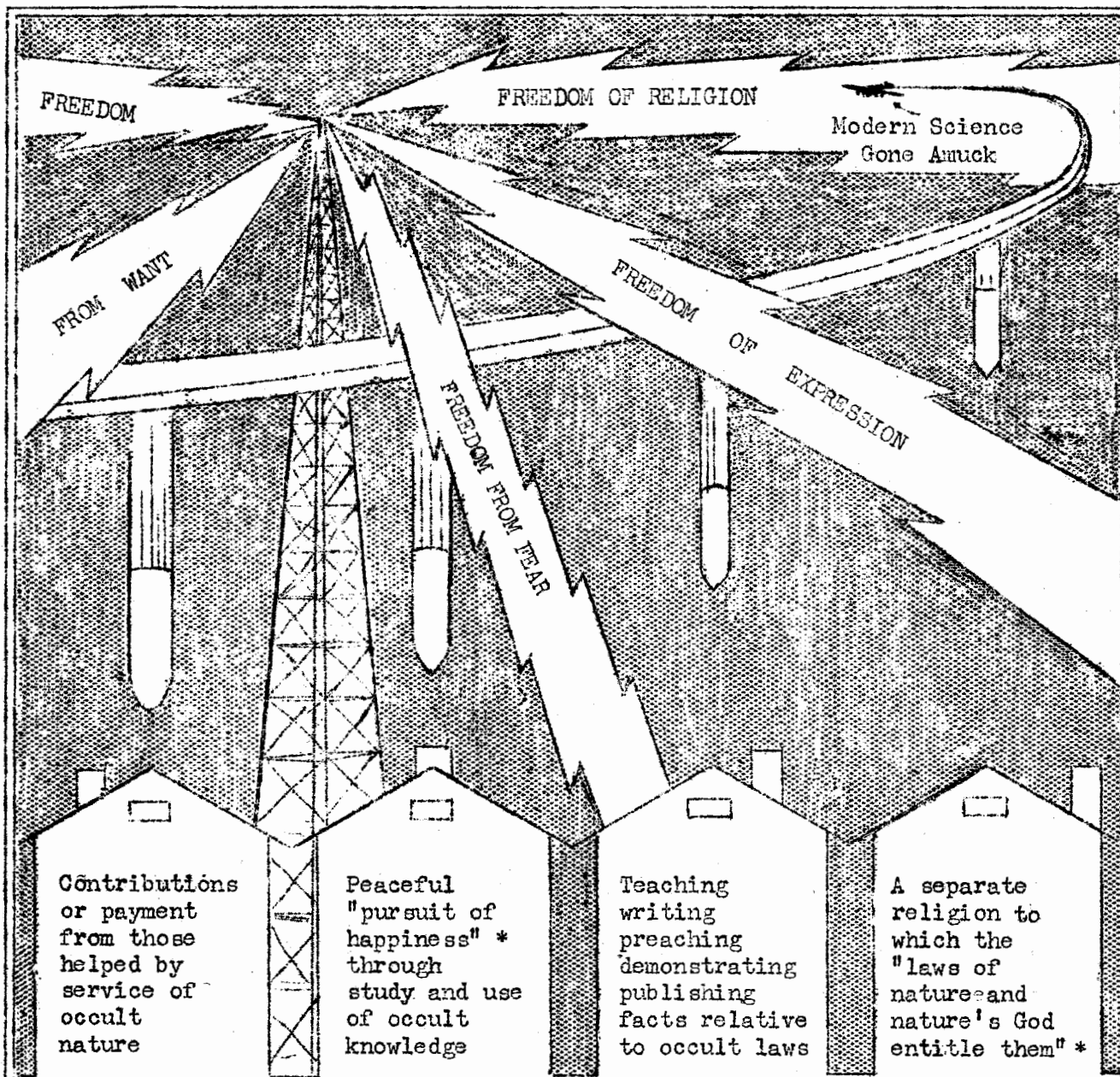
The New Moon chart, with Venus in the first shows success for the American people, and favorable news from abroad. Its trine to Mars in the house of shipping (ninth) indicates victories on the sea. Controversy over finances is shown by Neptune in the house of money (second) square Mercury in the house of congress (eleventh). The unexpected moves by the administration, and expose's relating to it, are shown by Uranus in the tenth. That these relate to the war and to foreign countries is revealed by Uranus, the ruler of the seventh, being in the house of the administration.

Note: The aspects which follow are in the respective cycle charts.

- THE DRIVE AGAINST THE AXIS WILL GAIN MOMENTUM NEAR JULY 6. Pluto semi-square Uranus; Mars semi-sextile Moon in seventh.
- INTENSE FIGHTING FOR BASES AND TERRITORIES NEAR JULY 8. Saturn square Neptune; Mars semi-square Saturn; Moon square Saturn.
- FINANCIAL MATTERS ASSUME IMPORTANCE NEAR JULY 14. Jupiter conjunction Pluto July 13; Moon opposition Uranus in tenth.
- GOOD NEWS FROM THE FIGHTING FRONT NEAR JULY 15. Mars square Pluto; Mars semi-square Uranus in seventh; Moon trine Venus.
- FURTHER RESTRICTIONS NEAR JULY 23. Saturn square Venus; Sun square Venus in first; Moon conjunction Mars and trine Venus.
- TERRIFIC ASSAULT AGAINST THE AXIS NEAR JULY 30. Mars semi-sextile Saturn; Sun conjunction Pluto July 29.
- MUCH CONTROVERSY OVER WORLD ECONOMIC PLANS NEAR AUGUST 1. Jupiter conjunction Pluto in in sky; Jupiter trine Mars July 31.

\* Also, June 7. "Yanks in 6-Minute Smash Ring Italy Battleships. (Omitted, last page)

CLASS ROOM SECTION



\* Words quoted from the Declaration of Independence as written by the astrologer, Thomas Jefferson, in association with the astrologer, Benjamin Franklin, also on the committee.



ASTROLOGY IS THE SCIENCE OF FINDING AND UTILIZING THE NATURAL POTENTIALITIES AS INDICATED IN THE PLANETARY CHART OF BIRTH. IT BECOMES A RELIGION WHEN IT SHOWS THE INDIVIDUAL HOW THESE NATURAL TENDENCIES CAN AND SHOULD BE UTILIZED FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL MANKIND AND THE FURTHERANCE OF THE PURPOSES OF DEITY. . . . .



What is the position of the individual member of the Church of Light in furthering the plan of universal progression?

The attitude of some individuals is that while the opportunity offers the sole act of justifiable patriotism, when not in the armed forces, is to get an industrial war job and a slice of the payroll sufficiently ample to ease oneself off for the remainder of mortal life after the war, during which time they hope to spend leisure hours in the perusal of B. of L. lessons and in the application of the teachings found therein. A happy thought, did not Neptune have a realistic reaction.

We must win the war, to be sure, but pursuit of the lessons and use made of the instruction they offer will not only make a better war worker, but the continued interest in, and support of the work now will go a long way toward insuring that there shall be Brotherhood of Light lessons and THE RIGHT TO STUDY THEM after the shooting war stops. As you know, the legislative shadows are gathering. We must get those lessons printed and distributed soon or perhaps never! Time is passing! Keep the presses running by making sure that Response Day pledges for the lesson printing fund are paid when due. Make sure that every pledge made last year is paid well before December 12, so as to be ready to join the HONOR GUARD for 1944. Pause and reflect how few people really know what this gigantic struggle is all about, and I am sure you will realize that the proper construction of The New Civilization is infinitely more important than the destruction of the old, and how extremely important it is to the ultimate success of the world campaign that these \$25 pledges be made and paid promptly. Money to secure the better things of life must come from those who are aware of what the term implies.

Mr. Benjamine has taken the initiative in so organizing the contemporary religious groups, churches and other occult societies in his vicinity that it is hoped religious freedom, including The Religion of the Stars, may go on. But without exercise of such initiative there is very small probability that any religions except the most orthodox could persist under laws impending in Los Angeles, in the state of Missouri, probably in Ohio, and there are plans that similar laws shall be invoked in every state if they are successfully passed in California. In which case there would be no more classes, no more personal assistance either with or without payment of any kind.

Initiative alone will not finish the job, and in addition to seeing that the lessons are ready as needed for distribution, those pledges must be underwritten by the emotion-powered thought that right and light will ultimately prevail, and there is no member or friend of this work so situated that he can afford not to make that pledge. Your thoughts have power; direct them carefully.

The Legions of Light cannot accomplish their earthly mission without the help of you and me. Neither can the Brethren of the Shadow accomplish their unholy ends without human agency. Because of the difference in the methods of approach of these two orders of intelligence, so far as numbers are concerned, the latter predominates many times over. They coerce with lies, propaganda, false promises, threats, slavery, poor health, ignorance, strife, and with their deadliest of weapons, destructive thought, to gain control of everything that makes life worth the living.

I believe the Legions of Light do make use of all available talent voluntarily offered, that they place test opportunities before us daily as much to prove our integrity and usefulness as to train us for more important work. But they do not coerce, control or compel action. In so far as Stellarians develop honest habits of thinking they can freely recognize the coercive tactics of those who seek to curtail freedom by legislative action, as well as those who seem to offer an alternative to those oppressed through regimentation in the ranks of those who presume to exercise dictatorial power, but who, there is no reason to think, would be a protection against subversive legislation born of ignorance and intolerance. By their methods of approach various interests often may be placed in their proper category.

In these times we need firm conviction of opinion as well as clear thinking as

to the place where we stand, and while opportunity is passing, we must attract the masses to our views for only in recognition of the things not subject to test by the five physical senses can the freedom and abundance of the better things of life be realized and enjoyed by all. This we must do, not by coercion, but by the example of our lives, by statements we can prove by both the spoken and the printed word from actual experimental cases and experiences, with constructive and directed thinking in the study and application of the teachings of THE RELIGION OF THE STARS, by genial loyalty to the Headquarters organization and the teaching staff of every city, and to members everywhere. We must know our members and value their friendship, and make every possible effort to so introduce these ideas to new friends that they will seem attractive. We must make the effort to show new people that somewhere in the work is the answer to their problem. They must be made to realize that THE RELIGION OF THE STARS is not another system of mental gymnastics and attitudes, but that it does explain causes of difficulties, the way to overcome them, and is altogether a practical and satisfactory way of life, because it is the natural way, God's way.

Remember this: Discord and destructive propaganda are weapons only borrowed by the Axis. Their rightful owners are the Brethren of the Shadow.

Though our numbers are comparatively few--still, armed with such weapons as truth which is the eternal principle of right, and harmony which is the just adaptation of one part to another, and energy which is power effectively and forcefully exerted, we will make progress through a chaotic world.

We are told that we go eventually to the plane of our basic vibration, where we mingle only with our own type of intelligences. Since that is true, and since group activity in physical life for the most part is accomplished through coercive methods, it is seen that such activity is not an aid to universal progression. Each soul must work out its own destiny and move across the planes as its own progress requires. The Church of Light attracts certain types of intelligences to its membership, but none are compelled to remain on the roll. As there are no dues, there are no penalties for non-payment. But since much more can be accomplished by a strong group working in harmony and freedom than by individuals working alone, or in groups working under compulsion, we believe the activities of The Church of Light are an aid to universal progression. Through this organization the individual is given instruction as to methods for such conditioning as will fit him for the life of greatest service to all about him on whatever plane he exists.

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#### CANADIAN CANTERS

By H. S. D. Starnaman

Canada appears to be in the doldrums so far as news items are concerned. The reason? Well, vacation has something to do with it, for with classes closed there are not many items to chat about.

The last week in May wound up with four meetings at 720 Woodbine. Two manuscript groups, Mrs. Robinson's mathematics class, as well as the regular Friday group made up the list. We all seemed reluctant to quit, but when the thermometer registered 87 in an empty class room the first Friday in June, we knew we had been wise.

Each Friday since then, a few kindred spirits have convened for a chat and a friendly cup of cheer. The class room is now a summer studio for writing, but we frankly admit the portable typewriter follows the shade around the house, when the mercury climbs as it has done the past week.

Crusades have been a point of dissatisfaction with me for some time. The attendance was fairly good, but our new plan seems to be more in tune with Canadian necessities.

Just another Sunday meeting in Toronto, doesn't attract much attention. Many of our members wanted to come Friday and so couldn't manage Sunday. We knew a

compromise of some sort was necessary. So the FIRST FRIDAY in each month, starting on September 10, there will be a crusade meeting. From 8 to 9 we will give Mundane predictions. From 9 to 10 the Crusade subject will be thoroughly covered. Something tells me this will work out to greater satisfaction all around.

A cross section of members approached at random on the subject endorse it heartily. It saves duplication of effort, permits us to have a public night on a night when people are more meeting-minded than they seem to be on Sunday, and it saves yours truly from writing 9 additional lectures each season.

Until we have five or six teachers capable and willing to share responsibilities branching out too rapidly would throw too much work on those involved.

Members will meet three times a month in the fall, for the manuscript discussion is bearing good fruit. Mrs. Robinson may, if the demands warrant it, undertake a beginner's class in delineation. We expect a full season, and are both busily engaged in preparing for it in advance.

We regret to announce that Mr. Walter Williamson, one of our helpful members, has lost his father to the higher life. After a useful life of 86 years we can only wish him God's speed and swift adjustment to his new endeavor.

Mrs. Fraser reports that in spite of being very busy she still conducts classes in Vancouver and her group are studying the Courses in proper rotation. That sort of activity really builds a firm foundation.

The Canadian summer has dried up a bit, the victory gardens are blooming, and the beneficence of nature is still stronger than the inharmony of man.

Till August, HSS

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METROPOLITAN CHATTERBOX  
By Nell E. Castle Kinghorn

The requirements for classes in New York seem to be about the same in summer as in winter, so, by popular demand, there will be no vacation again this year. Isn't that about the best proof of interest?

Among the many other advantages the open Center confers is the opportunity for new contacts, and the greater income, two very important considerations.

My Church of Light neighbor, Mrs. Hall, is a new student of occultism. Last week she related to me a series of experiences and asked my opinion of their significance. I'll pass them on to you because they are interesting.

Early in 1943 her husband's mother gave her a green square glass butter dish which she had had for about ten years. Shortly after receiving it, she heard a sharp crack and looking, discovered the dish to be broken in half, in a clean cut. Her son repaired it with cement. Some two days later she was in his room. She heard another loud crack, and, looking on top of the dresser where the dish was standing, found it broken in half in the opposite direction.

A month or so later she heard another crack followed immediately by a smash. Hastening to the kitchen, she found the new 75 watt bulb which her mother-in-law had given them, and which had been installed only two days previously, broken off clean at the neck and protruding through the white ceiling globe that housed it.

Last week she was wearing a new dress she had trimmed with a set of large shell shaped glass buttons her husband's mother had given her. While sitting reading, she felt a sharp snap, and, looking down, saw one of the buttons hanging in two pieces.

I asked Mrs. Hall if these broken glass episodes had been accompanied by any unusual or specific experiences. She replied, "No." They all, however, made her feel very uncomfortable. I expressed the opinion the breaking of these glass articles, all given by her husband's mother were under the influence of occult law. I wonder whether this is a manifestation of poltergeist phenomena. Have any of the readers of this column an opinion?

It would seem that New York has been vying with Southern California for unusual



weather conditions, but whatever else it did, it produced an abundance of the finest roses. I wish everyone could enjoy the gorgeous glory of the roses I look out upon from the window beside my desk.

I know Mrs. Hamel will not feel I am intruding on her column if I refer to the fine spirit manifested at the Newark convention. Most people have so many irons in the fire just at present, that they take time out only for those things most important to them. It seems almost too hot to think, so I'll just say good-bye till August. -----N.E.C.K.

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THE NEWARK CENTER  
By Gertrude Hamel

The Crusade Meeting of June 6 was a splendid success with a total of ten persons present. Our president, John Capone', on May 30, gave an address at the Spiritualist Temple of Light, and two new students of astrology have been added thereby. The new Wednesday evening class for beginners is starting off with ten students, which is a very good number. On Monday, June 7, Mr. Capone' appointed Mr. James E. Bloom as Secretary of The Church of Light in New Jersey.

In these controversial times, when there is so much criticism of astrology, it is wise to be prepared with a concise and logical answer to those seeking information so they may have a clear understanding of the science, which helps us spiritually to make the most progress with the least effort. One cannot do better than to quote the words of our national president, Mr. Elbert Benjamine, written in a Quarterly letter of July 1, 1930, as follows:

1 "As a student of occultism you should take up the study of astrology, because there is no other terminology than the astrological by which to designate the various astral forces which are the chief subjects of study in the occult sciences. The language of the stars is the only language we possess today by which we can converse intelligently of occult matters

"As a vocational guide there is nothing that can compare with astrology. Astrology not only indicates the abilities, but also in what environment, and with associations, these abilities may be used to attract the greatest harmony and consequent success.

"Astrology reveals the natural harmony or natural discord between people, and is the best guide in choosing friends, business associates, and the marriage partner. It indicates the kind of investments that will prove the most fortunate and the times when ventures of various sorts should, and the times when they should not, be undertaken. It also designates the periods when the health should be specially guarded and just the kind of environment, the kind of thoughts, that should be cultivated to annul threatened illness.

"Best of all, because it reveals the sphere of utmost usefulness to society, and because it reveals the periods most favorable for special effort in this direction, astrology is the best guide to spiritual progress. Furthermore, without in any sense reflecting on the sincerity and ability of those who read horoscopes for others, I feel confident you will find it much more satisfactory to study the science and by experiment demonstrate its truths in your life for yourself."

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TULSA CHURCH OF LIGHT CENTER  
222 Atco Building  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

The Tulsa Church of Light Center is continuing its regular weekly meetings right on through the summer, but there is a probability that near the last of June the meetings will be changed from Monday to Wednesday evenings. All members are working, and it has been generally conceded that Monday is usually the hardest day of the

week, as there are two days' work to take care of instead of one.

The class has just finished the course on "Character Analysis" and are going to begin "Spiritual Alchemy" next week, with Mrs. C. E. Griffith giving the first lesson. We have had this course before, but feel that it is a course that can stand plenty of repetition.

Mrs. Pearl Manning, one of our best students, is moving to Oakland, California, this month, and plans to contact the Center there. She has been with us about a year, and has passed several of the Courses. She is sincerely religious, and her conscientious pursuance of the Church of Light courses has made us justly proud of her. We are, indeed, sorry to lose her.

Our Center has been keeping itself informed as to the current trend against astrology, and we are deeply interested in the stand The Church is taking on the West Coast, for we feel that whatever takes place there may have a bearing on the future of all our Churches and Centers.

Since Tulsa is very active in a number of industries that are drawing people from all over the nation, we want to extend an invitation to any occult students who might come here, to contact us. Mr. M. E. Turner, 309 So. Frisco, Phone 2-6932, evenings only, is the minister in charge at the Center.

Vena Naughton, Program Director

2,000 postcards with the following announcement were mailed in Los Angeles.

<p>Freedom of Religion RALLY!          Independence Day, July 4, 3:00 p.m.</p>	
<p>Special Guest Speaker—Rt. Rev. Charles Hampton          Subject—COUNTY ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT FREEDOM OF RELIGION          IN LOS ANGELES.          Plans for making this a national issue!          also</p>	
<p>Elbert Benjamine—The September Crisis in Europe          South Hall, Embassy Bldg., 517 W. 9th St.          Los Angeles. ALL WELCOME.</p>	
<p>-----          Services each Sunday, including July 4th, at 11:00 a.m.          620 South Virgil Avenue          The Church of Light Rev. Will P. Benjamine.</p>	

The BEGINNER'S HOROSCOPE READER is now ready. This is the latest of the series of books on astrology written by Elbert Benjamine and published by the Aries Press of Chicago, to be finished and placed on sale for the popular trade, for use of the casual student of astrology. It is of course a thoroughly reliable compilation of the same time-tested verities to be found in the regular lessons but arranged in a form for quick reference by those who have not yet gone into the depths of the study.

It is designed to interest new students but will not have to be "unlearned" the moment the student begins serious study. In fact it combines serious study with the simplicity so necessary for beginners. Introduce your new friends to astrology with a copy at \$1.05, paper bound, or \$1.55, bound in cloth, postpaid. Address, The Church of Light, Box 1525, Los Angeles, California

ASTROLOGY ATTACKS is the title of a small booklet by Mrs. Alma Elizabeth Morrow, 1040-34th Ave., Oakland, California. In as much as the criticisms against astrology are so stereotyped and conventional, it is equally possible to publish the answers to practically all those who show their stripes by thus expressing criticism without investigation. Mrs. Morrow has answered these attacks ably by statistical and historical references, in the form of an open letter to Mr. C. H. Clemenshaw, Ph.D., Editor "The Griffith Observer," Los Angeles, Cal.

For right and ready answers it would pay students who like to argue to keep on hand a number of these booklets to give to current critics of astrology. Price, 25¢ I am indebted to Lenora Conwell for sending me a copy. (\$2.04 per dozen)

#### SPARKS FROM THE ANVIL OF HEALTH

By Rachel E. Hartwell Long

(Continued from last month)

To help the mother to realize the value of thoughtfully selected and carefully prepared foods we had a re-check. This re-check showed that in three weeks of proper eating the heart had become normal, the lungs and a few other organs had gained a point, and the nerves, liver and spleen had each gained three points. Also streptococcus had dropped to 8, staphylococcus had dropped to 7, neurasthenia to 6, diabetes to 5, acidosis to 8, colisepsis to 8, tuberculosis to 7, anemia to 6, pus to 7, etc.

Now, while the mother desired us to continue caring for the child, we insisted that she take the boy and feed him according to directions. The best way to learn is to practice doing, and this child aided his recovery by insisting upon having every thing we had prescribed for him to eat, and also upon having it taste "like Mrs. Long's."

At the end of the next three weeks a second re-check was made. This re-check, indicated on chart by circles, showed some gain and also a few back-tracks. On the whole it was encouraging. T.B. was down to 5, and the lungs lacked one of being normal. Now started a long, hard pull, with effort to feed the child the food he thrives upon and to keep him clean inside and out.

The irrefragable testimony of her complete success is the fine, big, healthy, husky twelve year old boy who, today, wears a sixteen year's clothing from top to toe.

The mother is very outspoken on the value of foods, which to her are divided into two groups: 1. Those which helped her boy to recover and 2. those which hindered or made him sick. And many heed her advice.

In the beginning this boy had only one point normal, the pituitary gland, yet without commercial vitamins or nostrums, the power within him was able to restore him to normal health with the aid of such fruits and vegetables as grow in any garden, plus citrus fruits and prunes, and combined in the way signified in the last four lessons of Course XXI. Time, patience, perseverance, self-control and faith are also required.

Thus is established the fact that health rests upon the foundation of normally active, well nourished organs, nerves and glands which can carry on the various functions and processes of the body.

#### VICTORY GARDENING

By A. Harvey Gregory

Editor's note: In order to take advantage of the gardening season, Mr. Gregory submits these suggestions. His work on the Four Inner Plane Facts will be continued later.

PLANTING. All spring gardens in the northern hemisphere are now planted and many are being harvested, but a statement of the rules of planting always has an educational value. Plants that produce increase above the surface of the ground

should be planted when the Moon is increasing in light and transiting a fruitful sign. Plants that produce their increase below the surface of the ground should be planted when the Moon is decreasing in light and transiting a fruitful sign. The fruitful signs for planting are: Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces, Taurus and Libra. Capricorn is considered good for planting shrubs and slow growing nursery stock but not good for vegetables and flowers.

SPACING AND THINNING. Quality can be greatly increased by giving careful attention to overcrowding. Sufficient space should be allowed between rows to afford proper cultivation and harvesting. Tomatoes, melons, cucumbers, squash, pumpkins, etc. need more space than is usually given them. Beets, turnips, onions, carrots, etc., need to be thinned so that each plant has sufficient room to grow to maturity without crowding. Potatoes may be spaced about 36 inches each way to give sufficient soil to cover the growing tubers. Corn, beans, peas, etc., should be given from six to eight inches between each hill in the row. Careful consideration in planning a garden pays dividends.

CULTIVATION. The object of cultivation is to conserve moisture and aerate the soil. This is accomplished by the destruction of weeds and all unnecessary growth; and the forming of a fine layer of soil on the surface which prevents excessive evaporation and assists Nature in preparing the right food elements for the planets. The best days for cultivation are the days when the Moon is passing through the dry, barren signs, especially during her period of decrease in light. Frequent cultivation hastens growth and increases quality and quantity. We usually think of weeds as pests but often they are a blessing in disguise for their presence compels one to cultivate to rid the soil of this growth. One must use judgment in the method of cultivation so as not to injure the roots of the plants one is growing. When the plants have become well established and have sent out feeder roots in all directions, one must be careful not to disturb these small roots near the plants, therefore, a shallow cultivation near the plants is imperative.

IRRIGATION: A large majority of the small, home Victory gardens are located within reach of a water system so that they may be irrigated. The following simple rules will assist one in obtaining the best results from irrigation. Choose the days when the Moon is transiting some one of the Watery Signs; (Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces). Never irrigate during the middle of the day if the day is clear and the Sun is shining hot. Early in the morning and toward evening are the best times during the day to irrigate. The night hours are always good. When Nature irrigates she shuts out the Sun's rays with clouds in the sky.

Cultivate as soon as possible after irrigating so as to form a layer of fine soil on the surface to prevent evaporation. Be sure that the soil being irrigated is wet thoroughly to a depth of at least five or six inches. The quality of your garden produce will be greatly enhanced by careful attention to water and cultivation.

HARVESTING FOR IMMEDIATE USE, fruit and vegetables may be harvested any time after they have sufficiently matured.

WHEN HARVESTING FOR STORING, canning or preserving, the following rules should be observed: Always select a time when the Moon is in a dry sign and much the better if the Moon is decreasing in light, which means the time that the Moon is passing from the Full Moon change to the New Moon change. The Dry Signs are Aries, Leo, Sagittarius, Gemini, Virgo and Aquarius. Never harvest root crops for storing while the Moon is increasing in light and passing through a wet sign. If harvested at such a time they will be soft and watery, rot easily and sprout early.

#### PLANTING DATES:

When increase in above ground plant July 9-10-11-12. August 5-6-7-8-9.

When increase is below ground plant July 20-21-24-25-29-30. August 16-17-20-21-25-26.

HARVESTING DATES for July, 1943. 17-18-19-22-23-26-27-28.

HARVESTING DATES for August, 1943. 15-18-19. (Storing, canning dates the same.)

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS MOST OFTEN ASKED AT HEADQUARTERS  
NEWS OF THE STRUGGLE TO MAINTAIN FREEDOM OF RELIGION

It will not have surprised any reader of THE RISING STAR that a wave of religious intolerance is now gathering momentum throughout the nation. Repeatedly it has been emphasized that as soon as the forces of darkness were convinced they could not enslave the minds of the world through the military might of the Axis, they would immediately try to use intolerant groups within the various nations to gain the power over individuals, and the suppression of their liberties, they had failed to gain through war.

Details of the attack starting in Ohio are lacking as yet. An injunction against the ordinance will probably soon be brought in Los Angeles. Below is the text of the still more drastic, and religion suppressing, House Bill 456, which in Missouri has already passed the House by a large majority, and now goes to the Senate. But before giving it, let us get the significance of the explanatory sheet which, with the proposed ordinance, we have left with all leaders interviewed in the Los Angeles area.

ARE RELIGIOUS MINORITIES IN LOS ANGELES TO BE PERSECUTED?

CALLING ALL TRUE AMERICANS TO THE DEFENSE OF FREEDOM OF RELIGION!

Issued by The Church of Light, 620 So. Virgil Ave. Phone FI-8723

The proposed ordinance attached, while designed as a measure to prohibit fortune telling, actually can be used to close every church in Los Angeles except orthodox churches; and if enforced will close all but the orthodox churches.

The special iniquity of the proposed ordinance is that it prohibits expounding any but orthodox religions. This it does through a clause (last half of Sec. 1) which would make it a misdemeanor to teach or give instruction or give an exhibition of certain arts, sciences and progressive ideas.

In 1925 indignation ran high throughout much of the nation when at the Scopes trial it was held to be illegal to teach evolution in the public schools of Tennessee. But this ordinance is vastly more intolerant, and will arouse national indignation to a much higher pitch; for it decides what adults shall, and shall not, be permitted to study in the city of Los Angeles.

And steps already have been taken, should this ordinance suppressing all but orthodox churches in Los Angeles become law, to make it a national issue. Los Angeles will be compelled to bear the onus, through articles appearing in many magazines (some of which already have been contacted), of being the city where the persecution of religious minorities in America started.

Under this proposed ordinance, no spiritualist church can survive. A spiritualist church must permit its minister to teach mediumship, and to demonstrate mediumship. Under this proposed ordinance, no Theosophical group can survive. Theosophists will be prohibited from teaching oriental mysteries. Under this proposed ordinance, no group holding to The Religion of the Stars can survive, as astrology is an essential part of this religion.

Whether they go by the name of a church or not, non-profit religious institutions cannot survive if they are prohibited from receiving donations. To issue their literature, to pay rent or taxes on their buildings, and to meet incidental expenses, funds are necessary. The prohibition against receiving donations is supposed to control undesirable citizens, but can be used as stated in this ordinance to close the doors of every church and non-profit institution that does not hew to the line of thought preferred by the law-enforcing personnel.

If its full sinful import is brought home to them we feel sure the city council will not pass such an un-American ordinance. While intended for something else, it actually will prohibit the work of groups whose sole interest is in the betterment of their community.



In May, 1943, the U.S. Supreme Court found it unconstitutional to force any sect's tract-distributors to pay a license, as the size of the license could be used to deprive them of religious freedom. But the proposed Los Angeles ordinance is far more intolerant than merely licensing those who become a nuisance through handing out tracts on the street and from door to door. It prohibits the teaching of religions held by minorities in churches owned by those minorities.

The council must be made to realize that if this ordinance were enforced, the only recourse on the part of sincere followers of religious minorities would be to go to jail. Many of these individuals are devout and determined, and if necessary would suffer torture for their religious convictions. They would be willing to become martyrs, that the whole nation might become aware of the suppression of knowledge and freedom in Los Angeles.

With their husbands, brothers and sons now sacrificing their lives for the Religious Freedom of others, they feel they should be willing to do no less to maintain Religious Freedom in America.

#### AN ACT

To suppress and making it a misdemeanor to pursue in the State of Missouri, the avocation or profession of a fortuneteller, clairvoyant, spirit medium, necromancer, seer, astrologist, palmist, prophet and like crafty or occult art prescribing a penalty.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

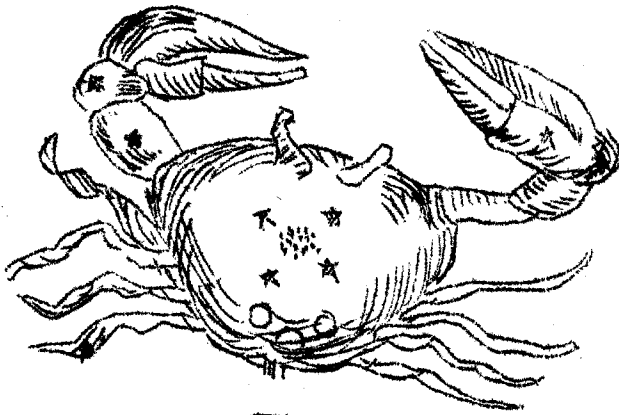
Section 1. No person or persons shall pursue or practice  
 2 within the State of Missouri the avocation, profession or art  
 3 of a fortune teller, clairvoyant, spirit medium, necromancer,  
 4 seer, astrologist, palmist, prophet, or other like crafty or  
 5 occult art or art of divination or pretended art of telling past  
 6 events of another's life or others' lives or affairs; of fore-  
 7 telling knowledge of future events of another's life or others'  
 8 lives or affairs; or in any wise revealing things in the past,  
 9 the future of a secret or hidden nature; of giving advice or  
 10 assistance in matters of business or affairs of any other kind  
 11 or nature by means of such art; or of purporting so to tell,  
 12 foretell, reveal, or give advice or assistance by means of  
 13 such art and any person or persons who shall so pursue or  
 14 practice within the State of Missouri said avocations or  
 15 professions or any of them, whether for a price or a gratuity  
 16 or whether by offer or upon request, shall be deemed guilty  
 17 of misdemeanor.

Section 2. The maintenance, display, posting or advertisement  
 2 or the causing to be maintained, displayed, posted  
 3 or advertised, of any sign, card, bill or announcement of  
 4 any kind whatever, indicating the pursuit or practice of any  
 5 avocation, profession or art aforesaid, or indicating an  
 6 offer to tender service in such pursuit or practice, shall,  
 7 upon proof thereof, be sufficient evidence against the person  
 8 or persons so maintaining, displaying, posting or advertis-  
 9 ing, or so causing the same to be done and so charged, of a  
 10 violation by and for the conviction of said person or persons  
 11 under this Act.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DECANATE—CANCER

By Charlotte Rakers Timmons

CANIS MINOR--HYDRA--ARGO



CANCER ♋ I Feel

inspiration and hope. They also typified the passing of a soul into the astral plane (angels ascending) and returning again to take up a more complex physical form (angels descending). The ladder represents the soul's evolution, each rung constituting one plane.

Cancer marks the highest declination of the Sun when that orb enters the sign and also signifies parenthood as the gate of heaven. Parenthood presents the opportunity for the progress of evolution, for every cell, plant or animal is dependent upon parents for existence.

Because the crab moves with a backward, sidewise motion, corresponding somewhat to the backward motion of the Sun, it was selected by the ancients as the symbol of Cancer.

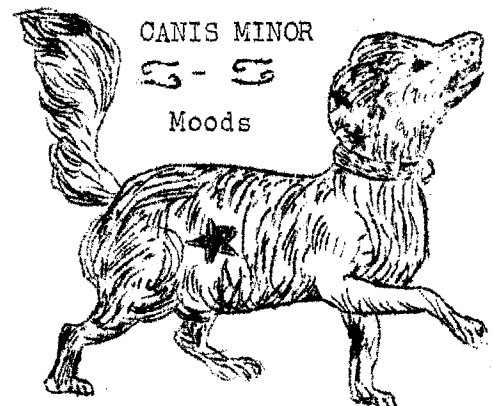
Any person born strongly in Cancer is notable for his tenacity of purpose. Cancer parents cling to their children through any difficulty and often cannot bear to give them up even though it means the happiness of the children to do so. As the crab clings, often to something that is of no use to him, so, often does the Cancer person tenaciously cling to a desperate hope, refusing to give it up, despite evidence that it is unworthy.

Canis Minor, a little yapping cur, without courage or loyalty, was chosen to depict the first decanate of Cancer. This is the most emotional decanate of the sign. Often those born in this decanate and with strong adverse aspects are confronted by domestic intrigue. However, with this tendency overcome, they become faithful and dependable. This decanate often produces poets and dramatics. Nell Gwynn, actress and unconventional favorite of a king, was born with mentality (Moon) ruled by this decanate, where the Sun is placed from June 22 to July 2. It is the decanate of MOODS.

The second or Scorpio decanate of Cancer is pictured in the sky by Hydra, the Water Serpent. Those born under its influence are Cancerians indeed, but there is also evident a sub-influence of Scorpio. They are closely associated with the inner planes, for Scorpio rules death and the impressionistic Cancer native with a sub-influence of Scorpio can often communicate with those who have passed to higher planes of life. Scorpio is also the sign of creative energy and those born under this decanate have a constant struggle which when conquered brings them to sublime heights.

The first of the signs belonging to the watery triplicity is Cancer, the domestic as well as an emotional sign. The Sun is found in this part of the zodiac from June 22 to July 24.

When the Sun enters Cancer it is at its highest point. The degrees of the zodiac correspond to the rungs of a ladder, the ladder described in Jacob's dream, as related in Genesis. The ladder reached from earth to heaven and the angels were ascending and descending upon it. And in so doing, these angels probably signified the disembodied intelligencies, bringing to the earth



The serpent symbolizes creative energy and in mythological lore, it is told of the struggle of Hercules with the monstrous serpent, representing the struggle with desire as well as the struggle to overcome the limitations imposed by death. This decanate (10 to 20 degrees) is the decanate of mediumship, which if used constructively and objectively can bring great revelations. W. T. Stead, the greatest spiritualist, was born with the Sun in this portion of the sky. It is the decanate of REVELATION. The Sun occupies this portion of the zodiac from July 2 to July 12.

From July 11 to July 24 the Sun occupies the third or Piscean decanate of Cancer. In the sky was traced a ship, "Argo" to depict this decanate. This is the stormy section of the sky, for the influence upon those born there is of restlessness and discontent. Like the other two decanates, domesticity is paramount, but this decanate also bestows an eagerness to learn about the unknown. They court experiences, too, that are new. The Ark of Noah "Argo" gave to him an opportunity never before experienced by man. This is the decanate of research. Bulwer Lytton, who delved into the occult and wrote most understandingly about it, was born with his personality ruled by this decanate.



Like its ruler, the Moon, the Cancer person is changeable. Not always can Cancer be depended upon, for its moods vary as do the phases of the lovely Lady of the Night. It is an interesting fact that many natives of Cancer love the night and avoid the glare of the Sun. Often too, the artists produced by Cancer perform their best work at night. The phases of the Moon are of meaning to them also, for in stance at the full of the Moon many Cancer natives are unable to sleep. However, at that time, they receive impressions that enable them to do their best work especially in a creative way. Those born under the Scorpio decanate often have psychic dreams which reveal much to them of the inner planes.

HYDRA ♄ - Revelation

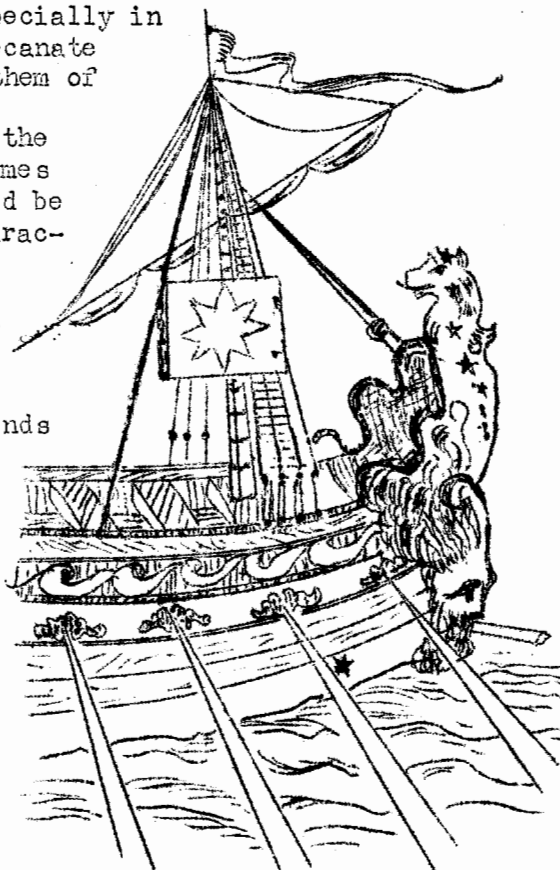
The antidote of the Moon is Mars, ruler of the aggressive urges. As Cancer is negative, sometimes inclined to laziness, the aggressive urges should be cultivated to promote positive and energetic characteristics. In human anatomy, Cancer rules the breast and stomach.

The gem of Cancer is the emerald, the color green, the metal silver. The Moon rules Monday. Often the Cancer person is too sensitive, especially the one of the first decanate. He finds his greatest happiness in the home surrounded by his loved ones. Natives of the third decanate of Cancer are happiest when delving into research work. They make good social service workers as well.

Cancer is curious and subject to ever changing moods. His best quality is adaptability, his worst, inconstancy. He fears ridicule, but can be a true friend when he knows he is loved.

POISE IS THE ONE SAFE HAVEN OF THE SOUL. THEREFORE "UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES KEEP AN EVEN MIND." --Spiritual Astrology, page 160.

ARGO ♄ - Research



ARGO ♄ - Research

EXERCISES IN HORARY ASTROLOGY

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Questions relating to friends or hopes and wishes belong to the eleventh house.

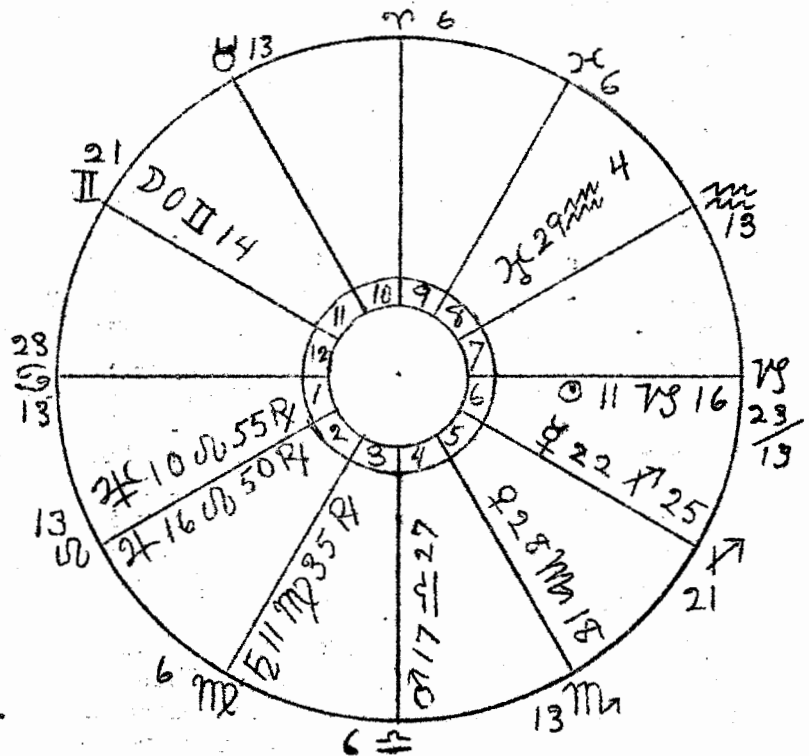
Very often a client dislikes to reveal to the astrologer the nature of the question and will ask if his hopes will be realized. In this case we must look to the eleventh house as the ruler of the question, and to find the nature of the question, just look to the house occupied by the planet which rules the cusp of the eleventh house.

In the example chart we have the Moon located in the eleventh house and Venus, ruler of the eleventh house cusp, is located in the fifth house. Thus we know the question must have something to do with love affairs or children, or both of these.

In all questions, when the querent asks if a certain thing will happen, you always look to see what aspects there may be between the ruler of the Querent and the ruler of the question. You will note that the Moon is ruler of the first house cusp, the Querent, and it has just passed the opposition of Venus which is the ruler of the question.

Applying our keywords we would say the querent has recently separated or broken some love affair. The keyword for an opposition aspect is, "Separation." Our text book tells us the opposition aspect sometimes brings an event to pass, though more often not. If it does come to pass it will prove unfortunate and cause the querent much difficulty.

You will also note that both the Moon and Venus are square Uranus. This would



"Will my hopes be realized?"

Jan. 2, 1920

5:32 p.m.

New York City

Querent—Moon and Venus				
Querent—Moon and Neptune				
Co-significator—This is always the Moon and other planets located in the first house.				
Power	Angular 2	Succedent 4	Cadent 3	
Quality	Movable 2	Fixed 4	Mutable 3	
Triplicity	Fire 3	Earth 2	Air 3	Water 2
Trinity	Life 2	Wealth 3	Ass'n 2	Psychic 2
Society	Personal 3	Companionship 4		Public 2
Step six—Note the house actually occupied by the planet ruling the sign on the cusp of each of the twelve houses				
Step seven—Note the aspects and their nature as received by each of the planets				
In previous articles, rules for finding the various distributions as given above can be found, or turn to Lesson 88, "Seven Steps in Judging."				

indicate the separation was something sudden. Uranus acts with the speed of lightning, but you can always depend upon Uranus to give more than it takes.

The Moon, ruler of the querent and in the house of the question would indicate the querent thinks more of the friend or question than the friend thinks of him.

To find out something about what the separation was about, look to the aspects to the planets which rule the querent and the quesited, which is Uranus squaring both these, and located in the eighth house, The eighth has rule over the partner's money or other people's money, which may be legacies, insurance, etc. From this we know the separation or quarrel was over money matters.

The end of the question is always indicated by the fourth house, which is here shown as Mars. The keyword for Mars is "Strife." This would indicate some strife in the matter before it is finished.

To further analyze this chart, let us turn to our distribution of planets as to power, etc. You will note there are four of the ten planets located in succedant houses. This makes this chart a moderately powerful one. That is, only moderately powerful to accomplish the task at hand. This does not mean the querent is only moderately powerful in his everyday affairs. This would have to be determined by the person's own personal horoscope. The Horary question chart only describes the personality of the querent insofar as the question is concerned.

Four of the planets are located in fixed signs, indicating the querent is very determined and set in his ideas concerning the matter at hand.

With three planets in each, fire and air, we can expect the querent to express much zeal and enthusiasm, but at the same time use his own good reasoning ability regarding the question.

The four trinities are evenly occupied with the exception of the trinity of wealth, which has three planets. This would show that more thought is given to wealth and money than to the other departments.

Looking at the three societies, we find four planets located in the houses ruling companionship. This would determine that a great deal of thought is given to companionship.

From the above, I would say this person should give up the idea of this love affair and seek the companionship of someone else. In fact, there really is no choice in the matter, for what Uranus takes away, he replaces by something better, but it is never through the same people. This is a lesson hard to understand until Uranus slaps us down a few times, then when we look back we can always see that it is just as it should have been and we would not trade the new for the old again, for anything in the world. Uranus strikes suddenly and we do not know what has happened until we look around and everything in our environment has changed. It is very unpredictable and I believe would be very hard on persons with many fixed signs in their personal charts, but those with many planets in mutable signs can adjust themselves rapidly to the new environment and really thrive on the excitement Uranus offers.

Another thought comes to mind regarding our hopes and wishes. Personally I have always received a great deal of help from my lessons on Mental Alchemy and am satisfied that if there is anything we really hope for, we may have same if it is best for us. Here is the rule for obtaining your hopes and wishes. REALIZE THE TRUTH WITHIN AND THE WITHOUT WILL TAKE CARE OF ITSELF. (See text book, Just How to Attain Realization.) We are balanced organisms and can not have all the good things unless we build thought cells of like nature. Thoughts go out and attract all things of like vibration and return them to us. We do not need to worry about the pay we may get for our good deeds for we cannot avoid receiving good for good, neither can we help receiving evil when we think evil thoughts.



## Series 3, Section 1, INTRODUCTION TO ASTROLOGY

By Mildred Schuler

## Part VI., LOVE AND MARRIAGE, and HOW TO DELINEATE A HOROSCOPE

Note: This series of lessons, planned to continue for six months, started with the February 4, 1943, issue of THE RISING STAR, copies of which still are available.

In judging a horoscope chart from the standpoint of marriage, the first question which arises is to know what benefits the individual expects to realize from such a step. There are four factors most commonly considered, and in the following order of importance:

1. Partnership is indicated by the stellar cells and stellar structures of the seventh house. In the chart of Charles Fillmore, Uranus is the chief ruler of the seventh. If we turn back to the lesson on Temperament and Ability we find Uranus to represent a person who is at her best when swaying the multitude with magnetic oratory, or when engaged in some unusual pursuit, is abrupt and tends to take extreme views. The best quality is originality. The worst quality is eccentricity. She is always enthusiastic about reformation of some kind. More than anything else these people should learn that conventional action and moderate views will go a long way toward impressing others with the sanity of necessary reforms. This is the individualistic urge.



Myrtle Page Fillmore  
of Pagetown, Ohio

In the lesson on vocational selection we see that the Uranus person rules not only the mechanical devices and inventions but also orators and interest in the occult. This person can influence others through her magnetism and must have an outlet for her unusual ingenuity.

The book, Unity's Fifty Golden Years, is filled with accounts of the manner in which Myrtle Fillmore, cofounder with Charles Fillmore of the Unity movement, has thus worked out these ideas. Her's were the original ideas, demonstrations, and applications of natural laws which they termed Divine Law, but in reality are all the same thing.

The fact that Uranus is in the tenth house indicates that the wife will in some manner be associated with honors and business, a fact which needs no further explanation to those who know anything about the Unity organization.

The aspects of Uranus indicate the lines of energy exchange between the partner and the different departments of life. Rather close aspects are formed to Jupiter, the religious urge, in the house of sickness and work; to Neptune in the house of the public's money, indicating that the wife's magnetic influence attracted much of the public's money; to the Moon and Ascendant in the Reformation decanate of Leo, indicating the wife's influence over the personality.

There are many references to the results of the healing power with which Mrs. Fillmore dealt. Other less powerful aspects of Uranus show the influence of the wife in different departments of life.

Attention should be called to the last paragraph on page 200 of the lesson on LOVE AND MARRIAGE, where the influence of Uranus and Neptune over the seventh house is discussed. While they are usually credited with disruption in marriage if in the house, the mere rulership of the cusp of the house is not so drastic. Furthermore there are unusual cases in which these planets are well aspected, that bring the finest type of marriage relations, and this seems to be one of those cases.

2. The Opposite Sex influences the life through astral and etheric forces radiated by all who come close enough for conversation or a hand shake. In a man's chart the kind of energy received and the influence of women in general upon the life are to be judged by the harmony or discord in the astral body which is indicated in the birth-chart by the Moon.



Myrtle Page Fillmore  
who was divinely healed

In this chart the Moon is very prominent and has some good aspects, but it does receive a square aspect from Uranus in the tenth house. In spite of all the good that marriage has brought in this man's life, there is also an obstacle complex in evidence, where business and honors are concerned, perhaps due to business rivalry.

3. The Affections are to be judged from the planet Venus. In this chart Venus is in the house of sorrows, the twelfth, in T-square aspect with Pluto and Mars. It is to be expected that there exists a secret sorrow or disappointment where things of the tenth or third houses are concerned. We may presume that although Unity has made great progress, that the ambition to reach and help many more people still, through the printed word, can never be fully satisfied.

4. Love Affairs which result in marriage and those which do not, are to be judged from the fifth house. No planet is in the fifth in this chart but Jupiter rules the house and forms good aspects to Neptune, the planet of idealism, and to Uranus, the planet in this chart represent-

ing the wife. From this we can conclude the love interest has been well satisfied.

Opportunities to Marry are indicated in a man's chart by the aspects to which the Moon applies before leaving the sign. The first planet to which the Moon applies in this chart by close aspect is Saturn; the second is Neptune; the third is Uranus; the fourth is Jupiter, and the fifth is the Sun. These planets are descriptive of the possible marriage partners in the order in which they come prominently into the life. Thus being able to determine the individual indicated by any planet to which the significator of the opposite sex applies, shows what fortune may be expected from association with each such individual, and the benefit or difficulties to be expected are shown by the power and type of aspects of such planets.

The seriousness of Saturn (coruler of the seventh house) seems to indicate the description we have of Myrtle Fillmore and her work. There has been a second marriage but we are not prepared to say whether the lady is, or is not of the Neptunian type. Neither are we prepared to say whether other possible opportunities for marriage have been passed over. That is for the individual himself to know. But the important thing for an individual to know is the possible effect such persons might have on his own life, so that he may make the proper selection of a companion.

In deciding Whom to Marry, there are three chief factors to consider, as follows:

1. Physical Harmony is to be judged by noting whether the Sun, Moon and Ascendant of the respective charts are predominately in positive signs or negative signs. This shows whether the etheric energies in each individual are positive or negative, and how they may be expected to blend with one another. Positive signs blend best with positive signs, and negative signs with negative signs. Each sign has its own polarity, Aries is positive; Taurus is negative; Gemini is positive; Cancer is negative, and so on, around the chart. Our present example shows all three indicators, Sun, Moon and Ascendant in the positive sign Leo. Those who have met Charles Fillmore personally have been quick to note the positive, electric, etheric energy which so strongly characterizes his personality. It would be unfortunate for him to be married to a decidedly negative woman. He would harmonize best with one whose Sun, Moon and Ascendant are in fiery signs, but it is not essential that Sun signs should be of the same triplicity so long as they are not of contradictory opposites. Also some significance is attached to the condition where a planet in one chart is found on the same degree of a planet in the other's chart.

2. Mental Harmony is also to be considered if marriage is to be successful. There should be similar interests but not intellectual rivalry between the two.

3. Spiritual Harmony also requires that there should not be marked contrast between the characters of the two people and there should be a similar philosophy of life.

When to Marry is indicated by progressed aspects other than of the Moon, to the ruler of the seventh house. This has been determined by the statistical analysis of 215 different marriages. If marriage is successful not only the ruler of the seventh house but also the ruler of the opposite sex and Venus should receive favorable aspects at the time of the marriage. Progressed aspects from the Sun, Moon or Venus to Uranus or Neptune bring romantic affairs which do not last.

A time should be selected for the ceremony which gives a chart as favorable a seventh house as possible. Discussion of the progressed aspects of the example chart are found in Section 2 of this series.

Children affect the life of an individual in a manner indicated by the fifth house of a natal chart. Harmony between parents attracts a child with a harmonious chart of birth, and discord between parents causes the reverse. The harmonious thought cells of benefic Jupiter rule the fifth house of this chart and the record shows that the three sons of this man could well be a source of honest pride to their father.

The Home is judged from the fourth house, here ruled by discordant Mars. In early life the home was inharmonious.

Servants and Those Employed are judged from the sixth house, ruled by Jupiter.

The Father and Mother are represented by the fourth and third houses, respectively, as statistical research has proved. In discussing this chart the references which have been made to Mars and the fourth house apply also to the father, and references to the tenth house and its rulers apply to the mother.

Inheritance from the Dead and also other bequests are judged from the eighth house. It also indicates the good will or otherwise of those who have passed on, and communication with them. In this case Neptune in Pisces with good aspects and aspects leading to the personality makes this reference one of the most important in the chart since we are told that much time is spent in thus receiving communications from the inner planes.

Collecting Debts is also an eighth house interest. The fact that the whole Unity institution has been built upon the free will offering plan is indicative that Charles Fillmore has been very successful in collecting debts of gratitude from those whom he has helped.

Legal Matters are governed by the seventh house as representing the other party and the ninth house as representing the court.

The End of Life is judged from the fourth house. With Mars as ruler and as the chief benefit that Mars represents in this chart is that of increasing the vitality through its favorable approaching aspect to the Sun, we are justified in thinking he will go on to the end as he has lived with increasing vitality and improved physical health and strength which he uses in the continued working out of the destiny indicated by the chart as a whole.

So detailed a study of this life and its astrological chart of birth has been interesting in the extreme but it has been next to monotonous in view of the precision with which he has for nearly ninety years responded to the natural urges for



Myrtle Fillmore, cofounder of Unity

universal progression so clearly defined in the Brotherhood of Light lessons of the Hermetic system of astrology.

It is said that he takes time to make decisions, and in that time he apparently senses naturally what is the predominant urge of his astral brain, which can be determined mathematically from the chart, and when once the decision is made instructions are given and the Jupiterian helpers cooperate to the best of their ability.

We are grateful to Mr. Fillmore for what we have learned from the study of his life and his chart, and I might add that he is becoming interested in astrology because of this work. We are glad to know more about Unity.

The fact that astrology must face persecution without fair trial is no excuse for laxity on the part of astrologers who still have a right to practice. There may come a day when the ears of some court will not be closed to fair testimony. Since almost any astrologer may be placed on trial if impending laws are passed, it is imperative that each should be prepared to give a good account of himself because court cases set precedents which are hard to break.

It is therefore obligatory on every person who presumes to follow the profession or avocation of astrology, with or without the religious association, to so perfect his skill in the craft that he would not become confused upon cross-questioning, and so that he can make a convincing demonstration of the proper use of astrology, and show wherein it is not fortune-telling but a valuable service to humanity.

For that purpose there could be no better "code of ethics" to follow than Brotherhood of Light Lesson No. 110, HOW TO DELINEATE A HOROSCOPE. It bears a 1934 copyright. It was sound teaching then and it is sound teaching in 1943.

Astrologers are going to have to get away from generalities and adopt some such workable method of practice wherein they can justify their existence by furnishing a service so valuable that the public will demand it. Restrictions on freedom of expression will not do it. Efficiency in education will do more than anything else to make astrological practice worth while. The workable code must come from within the ranks of those who know best what astrology can do, because of experience, and cannot be left to poorly informed politicians, journalists, or selfishly motivated and discordant groups to jeopardize.

It is not within the bounds of reason to hope that any law will be passed or any code adopted by organized astrologers which will in any way equal the principles laid down in this lesson, No. 110. But if the individual student makes this lesson his personal goal and book of law he will know he is following sound practice and is doing that which is right and good in spite of subversive legislation to the contrary, and can meet requirements stipulated by any group which has the welfare of humanity as its objective. It would be desecration and serve no good end to so abbreviate an outline of this lesson, No. 110, as to crowd it in the small space possible in these pages. Those who practice, and all who are interested in astrological legislation should have copies of the original text and the complete information it affords.

In this lesson on HOW TO DELINEATE THE HOROSCOPE is included the sound practical advice which, if followed, will save an astrologer from unnecessary errors of judgment and the resulting incriminating criticism. It includes an explanation of the seven most practical steps in judging a horoscope. It explains the detailed delineation of a birth-chart. It outlines the three methods of planetary energy control, Rallying Forces, Mental Antidotes and Conversion.

It is these last three items which are, in the final analysis, the ultimate justification of all the other study, practice and argument relative to astrology. In this matter of showing how to instruct an individual client what he can do, and which is applicable to his case only, in order to turn failure into success and thus advance the universal plan of eternal progression, lies our claim that astrology is an essential part of our religion. Thus do we assist in God's work.

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In August we begin the study of the chart of a trained nurse.

Series 3, Section 2, JUDGING AND CALCULATING PROGRESSED ASPECTS  
By Elbert Benjamin  
Part VI.

In the February RISING STAR the Limiting Date for Charles Fillmore's chart was calculated to be September 17, 1854. To find what day in the ephemeris shows the positions of the planets as they are by major progression on September 17, 1924, we first must find how many years after the Limiting Date have passed to 1924 thus:

1924y	9mo	17d	year for which progressed positions are desired
1854y	9mo	17d	subtract Limiting Date
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70y	0mo	00d	

Then we count ahead from the day of birth in the ephemeris 70 days to represent major progression time equivalent to 70 calendar years thus:

1954y	8mo	22d	Date of Birth
		70d	add progression interval
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1854y	8mo	92d	
		31d	subtract days in Aug. to get Sept. days
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1854y	9mo	61d	
		30d	subtract days in September to get October days
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1854	10mo	31	Map.D. 1924 is October 31, 1854.

Looking in the ephemeris for October 31, 1854, we find Mars 15 Sagittarius 02, and as a consequence making the square of birth-chart Neptune, and the opposition of progressed Saturn, which the ephemeris shows to be 14 Gemini 55R.

In viewing progressed aspects, the characteristics of the planets and houses involved always must be considered relative to both past conditioning and present environment. In this instance, we know that Mr. Fillmore was absorbed in the work of Unity, work which embraced a silent healing service, a correspondence school, and the issue of various publications. As Saturn is ruler of the sixth, it might be expected that both the healing service, and those who worked for Unity would be in some manner affected. The house influence of Neptune would relate to the gifts received (eighth house). And the house influence of Mars would relate to real property (fourth) and more particularly to the correspondence school (third) and the publications (ninth) because these were at the time two of the most active phases of the work. Now let us consider what progressed aspects to each of the three planets involved commonly signify:

Any progressed aspect of Mars brings strife, haste and increased expenditure of energy.

Any progressed aspect of Saturn brings work, responsibility, and economy or loss.

Any progressed aspect of Neptune increases the imagination, increases the sensitivity, and attracts schemes.

The various difficulties that undoubtedly were encountered under the influence of these aspects are not recorded. But we are able to observe from that which has been recorded in the book, UNITY'S FIFTY GOLDEN YEARS, some of the characteristics of all three planets and the three houses that relate to the correspondence school (third), the publications (ninth), and the employees (sixth).

At this time Frank B. Whitney had charge of the Correspondence school. The school, as well as the publications, had been emphasizing the beneficial results to be attained from the regular use of positive, constructive thoughts. Mars in its better expression is positive and constructive. And for some time the conception had been growing that there should be a publication of pocket booklet size, that people might carry around with them, devoted to such daily meditations with instructions for using them.

Frank B. Whitney became enthused with publishing (ninth house) such a



periodical, and thus a new Unity venture (increased expenditure of exergy) was launched, Unity Daily Word, which, starting with July 1, 1924, devoted a full page to each day to such meditation and its practical application, with relevant passages from the Bible.

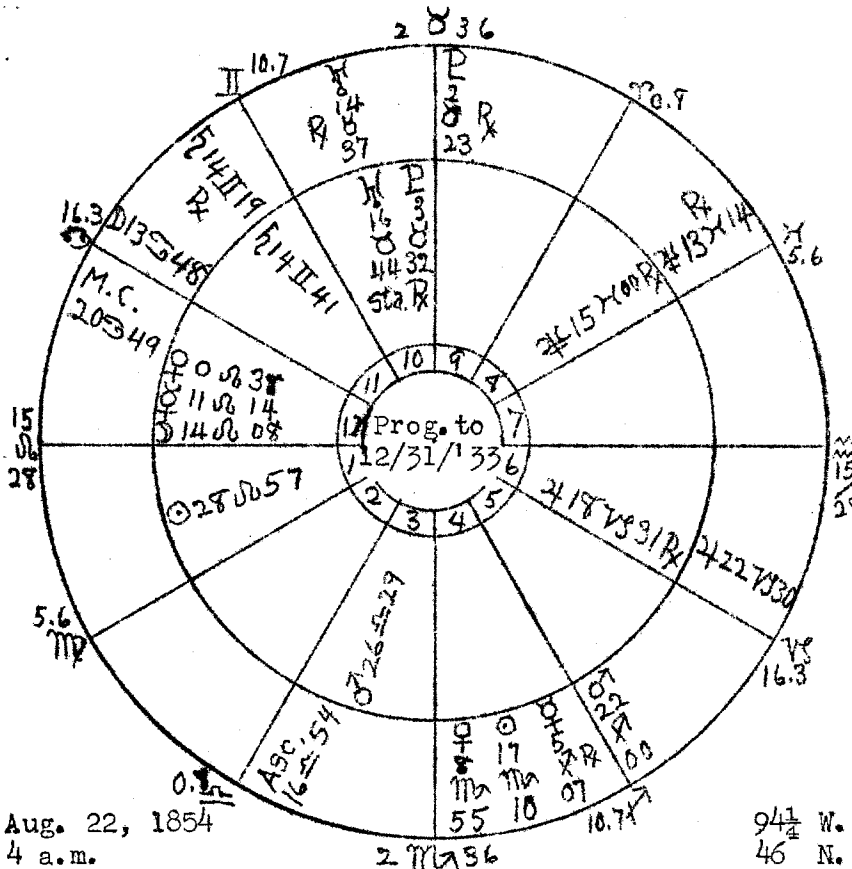
This brought the loss (Saturn) of the head of the Correspondence school, who now became editor of the new (Neptune scheme) publication. This in turn made necessary a change in the status of employees (sixth), as Celia C. Ayers now took charge of the Correspondence (third House) school. Also the new publication was designed to give the healing (sixth house) service a wider personal application.

For three years from 1924 to 1927, we count ahead three days in the ephemeris, which brings us to November 3, 1854, which is Map.D. for calendar year 1927. Here we find Mercury, the general planet of education in 3 Sagittarius 27, and therefore semi-square birth-chart Jupiter, ruler of the house of children (fifth). And we find Mars 17 Sagittarius 16 in the house of children (fifth) and moving within orb of the growth (semi-sextile) aspect with Jupiter before the year is out.

Any progressed aspect of Mercury affects the mental interests, the facility or accuracy of expression, and increases the cerebral activity.

Any progressed aspect of Mars brings strife, haste and increased expenditure of energy (which a new enterprise is certain to bring).

Any progressed aspect of



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Jupiter affects the individual through abundance, increased optimism, and joviality.

While Mars rules the fourth, third and ninth, it now is in the fifth. Jupiter rules the sixth (employees and healing) and the fifth (children). Mercury rules the eleventh, twelfth and second houses, and is in the fourth.

As had progressed aspects previously experienced, the healing was affected, and publications. But it also influenced a new enterprise, one chiefly affecting children—the education (Mercury) of children (fifth house) in healing themselves. It also affected employees (sixth); for Edith Kinley was made director of the new department. This department had to train its own teachers, and to send forth (ninth house) for use in other Unity centers such ideas as were found to be practical.

For years progressed Uranus had been square birth-chart Moon, semi-sextile birth-chart Saturn, and sextile birth-chart Neptune. These long-time progressed aspects had a direct bearing upon the teachings of Unity, which stressed what we call the inner-plane factors and how to change them by devotion and the use of proper thoughts. And these conceptions now were to be applied to children under the progressed aspect to the ruler of the religious thought-cells (Jupiter), ruling the house of children.

To quote: "Next it must help to establish what was at that time (in 1927) a comparatively new objective in religious teaching; that of training the child to seek God within himself rather than looking for Him in the without."

To move ahead to 1931, we simply move ahead in the ephemeris 4 days to November 7, 1854, which is the Map.D. for calendar year 1931.

In the ephemeris on November 7, 1854, we find Sun 14 Scorpio 47 in opposition to progressed Uranus in 14 Taurus 43R, inconjunct birth-chart Saturn, square birth-chart Moon, and trine birth-chart Neptune.

We have already indicated the significance of progressed aspects to Neptune and Saturn; and in addition to increased responsibility and work, as these aspects are heavy discords we would expect not merely economy, but loss.

Any progressed aspect of the Moon affects the mental attitude, the domestic life and the everyday affairs. And as the Moon is in the house of sorrows (twelfth) and the aspect is a square, we would expect the matters affecting the domestic life and everyday affairs to bring sorrow.

Any progressed aspect of the Sun affects the vitality, the significance, and the authority.

Any progressed aspect of Uranus affects through something sudden, through a human agency, and brings change into the life. And as the aspect to Uranus was the separation (opposition), it might be expected there would be separation.

Myrtle Fillmore was not merely cofounder of Unity, she had been the initiator of many steps in its progress, and carried many of its responsibilities. When, in 1931, under progressed Sun opposition progressed Uranus, ruler of the wife (seventh), and progressed Sun inconjunct Neptune in the house of death (eighth), Myrtle Fillmore passed to the next plane, it certainly brought a great change into Mr. Fillmore's life. It not only affected domestic matters, but it affected his authority, and brought him greater responsibility, as well as affecting him through sorrow. And it made new plans (Neptune) necessary.

As has been mentioned before in these pages, the second aspect between the same two planets often—though not invariably—brings a further development of the same event attracted by the first aspect. Progressed Sun made the opposition with progressed Uranus in 1931, bringing the loss of his wife, and a big change. In 1933—Map.D. November 9, 1854—progressed Sun is 16 Scorpio 48, and therefore opposition birth-chart Uranus.

Now Uranus rules not merely the seventh house (partners), but also the vocation (tenth); and the first aspect between Sun and Uranus affected both these departments of life. Thus also were both departments of life affected by the second aspect; for from 1906 to 1933 he had occupied the pulpit in Kansas City. But when on December 31, 1933, he married Cora G. Dedrick, he also gave up his pulpit to devote his energies to further metaphysical research and to travel and lecture in the field.

The major progressed positions of the planets are placed around the accompanying chart for December 31, 1933. It will be noticed that accessory energy is added to Uranus, ruler of tenth and seventh, through progressed Moon being sextile progressed Uranus.

If we also desire to know what minor progressed aspects were adding accessory energy on December 31, 1933, we first must find the Mip.D. thus:

As in 1933 he was 79 years old,  $79 \times 27.3$  gives 2157 days after birth. 2157 divided by 365 (days in year) gives 5 years, with 332 days left over. 332 divided by 30 (days in month) gives 11 months and 2 days.

1854y	8mo	22d	Date of birth
5y	11mo	2d	add minor time interval
1860y	7mo	24d	approximate Mip.D.

As on July, 24, 1860, we find the Moon in Libra (leap year advances Moon in calculations over so long a period of time), we simply move back a few days

to July 19, 1860, as the Mip.D., 1933, as the Moon is there shown as 9 Leo 14.

In the May RISING STAR we found the L.C. to be plus 3mo. 8d.

12mo	31d	day and month of marriage
3mo	8d	subtract L.C. to find position of Moon
9	23	Moon by minor progression is 23 Sagittarius, after its position in 9 Leo. This brings us to July 29, 1860, where the Moon is shown to be 29 Sagittarius in the ephemeris, and the Sun is shown to be 6 Leo 31. As the Moon moves 13° while the Sun moves 58', the Sun will move 27' while the Moon moves 6°. Therefore, when the Moon was 23 Sagittarius, the Sun was 6 Leo 04'. Minor progressed Sun was thus trine progressed Mercury, and sesqui-square progressed Mars in the fifth house.

The heavy minor progression accessory energy, however, came from Neptune, which July 29, 1860, shows was 29 Pisces 13R, and therefore semi-square progressed Uranus, ruler of the chief events.

By inspection alone, however, we can not ascertain all the minor progressed positions. To get minor progressed M.C., and minor progressed Asc. we proceed as follows:

5S	28°	57'	birth-chart Sun
5S	6°	04'	subtract minor progressed Sun as above found
0S	22°	53'	difference
2S	2°	36'	birth-chart M.C.
	22°	53'	subtract difference above found
1S	10°	43'	minor progressed M.C. is 10 Aries 43.

Now if we look in a table of houses for 46°N. latitude (latitude of birth) we find that when 10 Aries 43 is on the M.C., 0 Leo 01 is on the Asc. Therefore (and we usually look for Venus to be active at the time of marriage) not only was minor progressed Venus in 20 Cancer, conjunction Major progressed M.C.; but minor progressed Asc. was conjunction major progressed Venus.

If we wish to know exactly when minor progressed Venus made the perfect conjunction with major progressed M.C., we note that while the Moon moves 12° 54' by minor progression, Venus moves 33'R. July 29, 1860, in the ephemeris, Venus is 20 Cancer 42, and therefore has moved only 7' beyond the progressed M.C. as it was on December 31.

Now as it takes 6 days for major progressed M.C. to move 1', we may here consider its position in 20 Cancer 49 as stationary.

Log.	(b)	2.3133	0°	07'	Venus is past aspect
Log.	(a)	1.6398	0°	33'	subtract daily motion of Venus
Log.	(d)	.6735	5h	05m	minus EGMT Interval.

Log.	(a)	.2696	12°	54'	daily motion of Moon
Log.	(d)	.6741	5h	05m	add EGMT Interval
Log.	(b)	.9437	2°	44'	distance Moon travels.

9S	29	20'	Moon in ephemeris July 29, 1860
	2	44'	subtract travel of Moon
9	26	36	place of Moon when Venus is 20 Cancer 49
3mo	8d		add L.C.
12mo	35d		Minor Venus was conjunction major progressed M.C. January 5, 1934.

In concluding this series of lessons I would like to add a few words of commendation for the great work that Charles Fillmore has done. It seems to me he has done more than anyone to get people to use inner-plane activity; and as his chart indicates potentially, he undoubtedly uses inner-plane soul activity to great advantage, and with great force, to the benefit of all. -----Elbert Benjamin

## KEEPING SPIRITUALLY FIT WITH PERSONAL ALCHEMY

By Phyllis Stanick

"TRUTH---yet truth is not an object floating about in space waiting to be grasped. Truth is merely some phase of the cosmos which in past, present or future, performs in a given way. TRUTH is a relation between some mind and something in nature. If the mind conceives some section of nature correctly, we say that is truth. If the mind conceives some section of nature incorrectly, that is error. TRUTH is a correct mental relation to some energy, law, or condition in nature. It is, therefore, impossible to tune in on truth in the abstract; for truth is a relation between some mind and some thing which the mind considers. But it is entirely possible to tune in on some phase of nature. And if this tuning in reveals correct information to the mind, that is truth."

Eliphaz Levi, the great mystic, tells us that in order to manifest Truth, GOD permitted the possibility of doubt. And it is this possibility of doubt that makes many of us wonder how so many and varied are the ways of Truth.

Each religion has its own conception of TRUTH. And each in its separate way is correct. But the trouble usually is that they have just taken a partial truth and tried to make a whole of it. One cannot isolate certain fundamentals and expect to make a complete whole. It is necessary to gather all the fundamentals into one; then the whole can be made complete.

Manifold are the signs along the highway of life, that point to truth. And each sign post has its own special advocates. All of them are not wholly in error, but all of them are not wholly correct either. So as one makes his life revolve around this everlasting search for truth, one must learn to discern for one's self the correctness of the teachings of truth.

We must remember that we cannot possibly accept everything that is said and done in the name of truth, for although we may be seeking truth in the same school, each and every one has a tendency to understand it just a little differently than his fellow student.

But one must also avoid getting too smug and self-satisfied with the truth teachings that we are interested in, for others are able to find truth in other teachings, and to them it is as real as our truth is to us.

This is why so many schools of truth flourish; all individuals cannot grasp truth in the same way. Just as all of us do not make good nurses, musicians or mechanics.

Truth is a pathway to complete illumination, a pathway to complete clearness, the clearness of spirituality.

In order to comprehend this clearness it is necessary for us to understand and fully control both our physical and spiritual senses. For it is through these senses that we are able to identify ourselves with truth. It is mainly through the spiritual senses that we are able to gain illumination.

But here again the neophyte must be warned that when using the psychic senses to gain knowledge of truth, he must be positive that the things he gains are accurate. For one should keep an accurate account of the development of these psychic senses in order to know to what extent reliance may be placed upon them.

These psychic senses need proper cultivation just as do our physical senses.

If one will study the new born babe, he will see how it finally learns it has five senses and then learns to use and control them. So it is with us who are seeking to use our psychic senses, to aid us along the path of illumination.

We must learn much as the baby does to see; we must learn first to focus our spiritual eyes. When we are cultivating our psychic sense of feeling, we must learn how all things feel, and just like the baby, our fingers may get burned, but through this burn, we remember that which needs special handling. So our spiritual ears must learn to discern between sounds that are worldly and sounds that are not audible to human ears. We must gradually learn to distinguish the difference in spiritual aromas. Then we must also learn that thought is the spiritual language.

As we start along this path of illumination, we are as babes in our spiritual knowledge. Then as we proceed we grow, much as the infant. Then it is time for our schooling to begin. We must systematically study these lines of spiritual illumination, and find the truth or the error in our progress. If we keep a record of these things, as we go along, then every once in a while we can check this record for its percentage of accuracy. For it is from this percentage that we are able to judge our true progress.

While development of the psychic senses will aid one along the path of illumination, they in themselves are not complete illumination. The intuition must also be very well and dependably developed. For intuition, when trained along proper channels can lead us through all manner of earthly experiences. It can become our beacon light in good times as well as in times of trouble. For it is through the intuition that we are guided, but our intuition must be correct.

So we should heed our hunches, the inner voice, our premonitions, or what ever we term this intuition. We should watch them closely and see if by following them we are guided aright or are misguided. Then we should make every effort to get to the bottom of the matter if our intuition is incorrect. Thus it needs reconditioning, in order to make it dependable.

But we must also remember that even when the psychic senses are fully developed, and the intuition most reliable, this does not bring complete illumination. For in order to have this illumination we must live a truly spiritual life, and try to build up a spiritual body. We must ever keep before us the thought that whatever we do, say or think has some reaction upon us. It is this reaction that builds up or tears down the spiritual vehicle.

As we follow the teachings of The Church of Light we strive to keep its precepts, to do all that we can, in as many ways as we can, as long as we can, and to Contribute Our Utmost to Universal Welfare. For unless we are really doing all we can, we allow ourselves to fall into idleness. This is just the opportunity that the Forces of the Shadow need, for just one little shady thought needs to register and many months or sometimes even years of spiritual work is undermined.

We know that the Christ teachings are truth teachings, just as we know that the teachings of Buddha, Confucious, Mahomet, the Lamas, Moses and many other wise men, were also teachings of truth. Each according to his understanding of TRUTH, and in keeping with the day and age in which he lived. Truth is ageless, and changeless, it is just humanity that changes in its attitude toward truth and its teachings.

So let us learn diligently of this Truth, that through this knowledge we can gain the courage that is so necessary to the neophyte on the path of right knowledge. It is the courage of his right convictions.

These are but a few abstract thoughts from a most wonderful lesson. This lesson is number 219 in our Course No. 21 on Personal Alchemy. Be sure to read it through this month and quietly meditate upon the marvelous truths written therein. If studied seriously there are many hours of thought-provoking meditation in its nine pages. Why not read it for your own satisfaction? I am sure you will find it answers many of the questions upon which we often ponder.



