

quate effect and nothing which we see as an effect can be without a pre-existent cause. Moreover, if this is a universal law, it must apply to the conditions of birth as well as to subsequent life. Following up this idea the next question is: If our birth under a lucky or unlucky star is the effect of some prior cause, what may that be, or where and how was that cause generated? To that there can be only one answer, that we must have made the causes in some previous existence which now results in our birth under a lucky or an unlucky star. Thus, by induction, a belief in Astrology requires also a belief in a previous existence, as well as in future lives, for while we are now reaping in our horoscopes the effects of our past lives, we are also by our acts laying the foundations for a new horoscope which can only be worked out in a future life.

*How closely luck is linked to merit
Does never to the fool occur,
Had he the wise man's stone, I swear it,
The stone had no philosopher.*

said Mephisto sarcastically in *Faust*—and it is true. If we are born under a lucky star it shows that we have earned the good fortune thereby indicated, by forethought, kindness, and our other virtues expressed in previous lives, for we cannot have friends unless we are friendly ourselves. If we happen to have Saturn and Mars where Venus and Jupiter are now, near the zenith, it shows that in the past we ourselves have not been kindly and friendly or we could not now express the opposite traits.

But this is just the point where the study of Astrology should help us. It shows our limitations for the present and it points out the obvious remedies and how to build for the future. Can the leopard change its skin? No. Can the lion cease to prey? Absolutely impossible. Can the flower cease to bloom or the mineral to crystallize? Certainly not; because they are under the laws which are unchangeable as the laws of the Medes and Persians. They have neither choice nor prerogative but must obey the dictates of the group spirit which guides them along their path of evolution.

But in this respect we differ radically from those lower kingdoms, we have both choice and prerogative. We may do whatsoever we will and that is a factor which is never shown in the horoscope, a factor that may be made to play an all important role in every life. It is not enough to be born under a lucky star to have a lucky life, for the horoscope shows only the tendencies and the person who is so well endowed will without question have an abundance of opportunities to make his life fortunate in the very highest degree. But only

insofar as he exerts himself to grasp opportunity on the wing will that which is foreshown in his horoscope come to pass. And similarly with the person who is afflicted by the conjunction of two malefics in the mid-heaven or anywhere else *in* the horoscope. By his will, and the exercise of choice, which are his divine birthrights, he may rule his stars and make of the unlucky horoscope a fruitful life from a far higher standpoint than the other. The bark that has been tossed by the tempest harbors a joy when the haven of safety is reached that is not equaled on the ship that has always sailed on smiling seas.

*Who never ate his bread in sorrow,
Who never passed the midnight hours
Weeping, waiting for the morrow,
He knows ye not ye heavenly powers.*

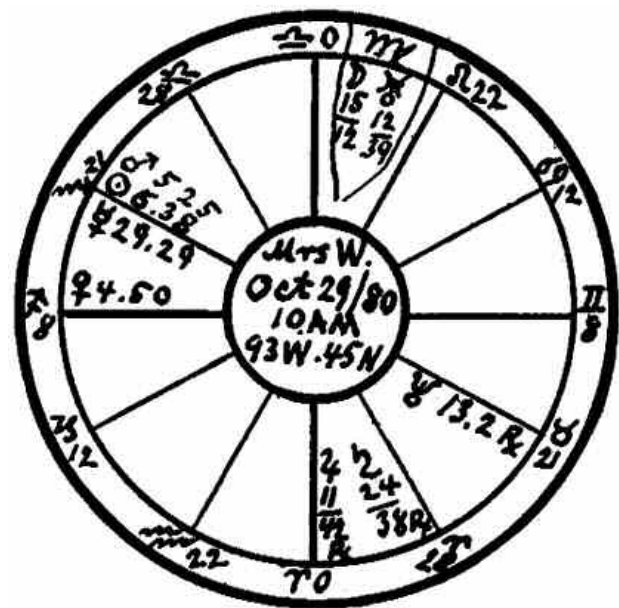
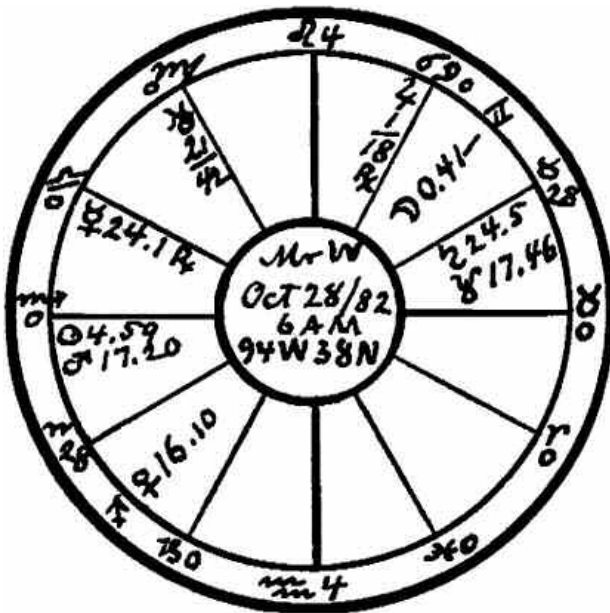
From the higher standpoint those who are living in the lap of luxury are to be pitied when their lucky stars give them all the good things of this world and cause them to forget that they are stewards and that the day is coming when their souls shall be required of them with an account of their stewardship. They shall then be forced to confess that they have failed to use the substance entrusted to them in a proper manner; while others who, under the strain and stress of life, expressed by the horoscopical squares and oppositions, have wrung from their unlucky stars a measure of victory. What wonder then if the king's messengers, the circling stars, take from the unfaithful steward that which he had and give to the other, changing their adversity to prosperity in later lives. Thus the pendulum of luck and loss, success and failure, change through many lives till we learn to make our own "luck" by ruling our stars.

*A god can love without cessation,
But under laws of alternation
We mortals need in changing measure
Our share of pain as well as pleasure.*

And it is this necessity for change that is ministered unto us by the circling stars which form configurations that we call good or evil, though they are neither from a higher standpoint, for no matter how good the horoscope, by progression of the stars evil configurations are sure to come and no matter how evil, there are always new opportunities for good given by configurations of the Sun, Venus, and Jupiter to our planets at birth. All that we have to do is to grasp the opportunity, help our stars, that our stars may help us.

The Rosicrucian Motto: A Sane Mind, A Soft Heart, A Sound Body.

The Tie That Binds



We give herewith the horoscope of a man and wife to show how they blend and to indicate the causes of marital infelicity which exists between them. Students should remember, however, that these people have generated the unfortunate conditions and tendencies shown in the past, and this brought them together to be each other's demon; also, that knowledge, coupled with sufficient will power, would have helped them to rule their stars and live in at least comparative happiness, instead of hating each other and bearing each a burden of misery. There are times of adverse aspects in every life, and students of the stellar science have a greater duty to bear with others under such conditions; to whom much is given of him much is required, and the great knowledge gained from a study of the horoscope ought to bear fruit in life, for rightly read the horoscope should be the key to compassion towards the' shortcomings of others.

The wife is short, plump, good looking, and active, and she is thus described in her own horoscope by Venus in Sagittarius conjunction to Mercury on the ascendant, for Venus makes for plumpness, Sagittarius and Mercury give activity, and the Sun conjoined to Mars in Scorpio give an energy and fire shown physically by a reddish tint of the hair. In the husband's horoscope she is similarly described by Neptune in Taurus, which is the sign of Venus, for we look to the planet nearest the cusp of the seventh house as the significator of marriage.

The husband has 0 degrees of Scorpio rising with the Sun and Mercury near the ascendant. Mars is in the first house, thus this man partakes of both Libra and Scorpio characteristics. Mars and Mercury make him taller than

a purer Scorpio would be, and Mercury darkens the complexion. The opposition of Mars to Neptune makes his flesh flabby. In the wife's horoscope we see no planet in the seventh house to describe the husband, for the seventh house is the house of marriage, and therefore we look to the Sun, which is the general significator of the husband in a woman's horoscope (the Moon signifies the wife in a male nativity). The Sun is in Scorpio 6.38 and when we move him forward in the Zodiac the first complete aspect which he makes is a sextile to Uranus in Virgo 12.39. Uranus in Virgo also describes a person who is tall and dark; that is to say, Uranus makes him tall and the Mercurial sign Virgo darkens the complexion.

The nature and condition of the home is shown in the fourth house, and as the husband usually provides the wherewithal to make and keep the home, we will first examine his financial condition.

Scorpio 28 is on the cusp of his second house; thus only two degrees of that sign are involved in our judgment of this question, but we have the whole of the sign Sagittarius in the second house, so Jupiter is the ruler. We find him trine to the Sun. Venus is also in the second house and that constitutes one of the most fortunate financial aspects in the whole gamut. We may therefore judge that whatever troubles occur in this home, the underlying cause is not the lack of money as so often is the case. Let us now see what sort of a home the wife will make with the money received. This is described in her fourth house. There we find the martial sign Aries on the cusp and we find Jupiter and Saturn there both

of them retrograde and unaspected, save that Saturn is further afflicted by a parallel to Uranus. Thus it will be seen that the home is anything but "sweet." The wife also has the Sun conjunction Mars in Scorpio. It is therefore evident that she has a bad temper which she constantly vents on her husband for, as said, the Sun is general significator of the husband in a woman's horoscope. Similar signs of marital infelicity are shown in his horoscope by Venus square Uranus, the former planet being ruler of his seventh house as Taurus is on the cusp. Saturn and Neptune are there, the latter opposed by Mars.

The profession of the husband is indicated by Scorpio, the rising sign, with Sun and Mars there. Mars is also ruler of the sixth house which indicates the form of employment and the Sun rules Leo the sign on the tenth house which signifies his social standing. He is a medical man, a surgeon. But it seems strange that a man could take up such a learned profession with both significators of the mind, that is to say, the Moon and Mercury, unaspected. There must be something wrong mentally, and there is. The trine of the Sun to Jupiter helps the mind, for Jupiter is the ninth house ruler in the radical horoscope, and by the radical horoscope we mean a figure in which Aries is on the first house, Taurus the second, and Sagittarius the ninth house, which rules the mind. In such a horoscope the number of the sign corresponds to the number of the house, and as the ninth house stands for the mind and Sagittarius is the ninth sign, Jupiter the ruler of Sagittarius also has an influence in making the mind benevolent and kindly where he is well aspected, as in this case. The trine of Uranus and Neptune also helps the mind of this man, but Uranus is in the mercurial sign Virgo, which is the sixth sign and therefore indicates disease. This shows that the mind runs in that direction. Besides, the square of Uranus to Venus shows that he is of a super-nervous nature and Neptune in Taurus, the sign of the throat, shows that he is liable to take his own medicine. The opposition of Neptune to Mars shows him to be exceedingly impulsive and lacking in discrimination where his personal sickness is concerned, and we may therefore expect that he will prescribe for himself; something which all medical men know is superlatively dangerous. As a matter of fact, he has become a morphine fiend. He has been confined in hospitals a number of times. He is insane on that account and has thus responded to the condition shown by the unaspected Mercury and Moon, for a sound, balanced and reasoning mind would have known the utter folly of the course he has pursued. Thus he has had his share in

wrecking home conditions, shown in the wife's horoscope and she has been forced to support herself and child at different times. While her scolding may have induced lapses into the morphine habit, fear of that dreadful drug may also have caused her to scold, so we see that as usual it is not one's fault when two quarrel.

Sometimes the question is asked when cases like this are presented, could such a marriage have been prevented by astrology, and would not greater happiness result if people were mated by astrology. To this question we may answer "yes" and "no." If the horoscopes of intending marriage partners were cast by a competent astrologer, unhappy marriages would certainly be prevented and happy unions result if the parties involved could be induced to abide by his decision, but it is the writer's belief that marriage is among the ripe fate which we must meet in each life, for while he has found that in cases where he advised marriage the consulting parties were always eager to rush off and be made happy right away by the legal ceremony, but where serious temperamental differences were observed which showed that the marriage must bring misery to both, his verdict has only been accepted in one case. The rest all went and married, and some of them hated him from that day on, though unfortunately his predictions have proved true. Even the advice to prospective brides that marriage and motherhood would endanger their lives, so that there was scarcely a chance of survival, has proved no deterrent. The call of the mate selected in former lives seems to overrule all for good or ill. It is the tie that binds, and each soul must loose the knot ere it is free to seek other companionship.

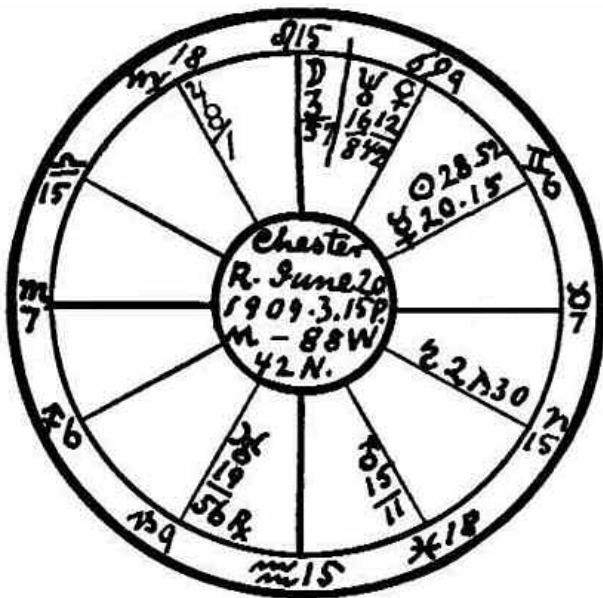
But while this is the case, surely there is no need of drifting entirely with the tide and allowing oneself to be carried into the maelstrom of unhappiness, each making life a misery for the other. What cannot be cured must be endured, and 'kicking against the pricks' only makes the wound deeper and more painful. These uncongenial relationships are intended, among other things, to teach us self-control, patience, and forbearance. If you cannot be happy you can at least try to be as happy as you can.

*It is easy enough to be pleasant
When life flows along like a song,
But the man who's worth while is the man who will
smile,
When everything goes wrong.
For the test of the heart is trouble,
And it comes with the passing years,
And the smile that is worth all the praise of the earth
Is the smile that comes through tears.*

Your Child's Horoscope

CHESTER R. Born June 20, 1909, at 3: 15 p. m., Chicago.

In this horoscope we find four fixed signs on the angles and Saturn is sextile to Mercury. This makes Chester very determined by nature and no matter what may be the obstruction in his path he will persist in



order to gain his point, but Mars is also square to Mercury, the significator of mind. This configuration sharpens the mind but it gives him at times a certain impulsiveness and makes his argumentative and sarcastic, also very quick to resent insults, real or fancied.

The nature balances between these two points: Saturn sextile Mercury, which gives tact, diplomacy, caution, and persistence, and Mars square Mercury, which shows a tendency in the exactly opposite direction—at times he will show one side and at others the reverse. The Moon, the other significator of mind, is unaspected; therefore he will have very little imagination, but as Mercury is in his own sign Gemini, he will be a good reasoner, quick to learn, and the dynamic energy infused by Mars will help him to put into practice the things which he has learned.

There is, however, another side to his nature which may endanger his welfare if he follows it. This is indicated by Saturn square to Uranus, Venus and Neptune. The Moon, Venus and Neptune are in the ninth house and Venus and Neptune are in the psychic sign of

Cancer, while Saturn is in Aries, the sign of the head. The ninth house position found in this horoscope makes the person a great dreamer, both by night and by day. He sees visions and is very sensitive to psychic conditions about him. The affliction of Saturn from the sign of the head makes this faculty dangerous if it should ever gain the upper hand, for Neptune signifies the beings in the unseen world, and should Chester ever leave the path of reason indicated by Saturn sextile Mercury and respond to this condition shown by Saturn square to Neptune, he will become hopelessly entangled in the maze of mediumship, and the consequences to him from a mental standpoint might be quite serious. Therefore you should be very careful never to allow him to enter any place where phenomena are being produced, such as spiritualistic seances and circles. The path of logic and reason is the only one that will carry him safely through. He needs a strong hand especially in childhood to keep his feet on earth.

Neptune conjunction Venus will give him musical talent and ability and as Venus is also sextile to Jupiter and Jupiter rules the second house, music may be his vocation; at any rate you may rest assured that his financial fortunes will be very good. Saturn in Aries rules particularly the pneumogastric nerve which supplies the heart and digestive tract. Its function is to inhibit or retard the action of the heart and Saturn in Aries is particularly obstructive to that nerve; therefore the heart action is not very good. This testimony is further strengthened by the fact that the Sun which rules Leo, the sign of the heart, is not aspected.

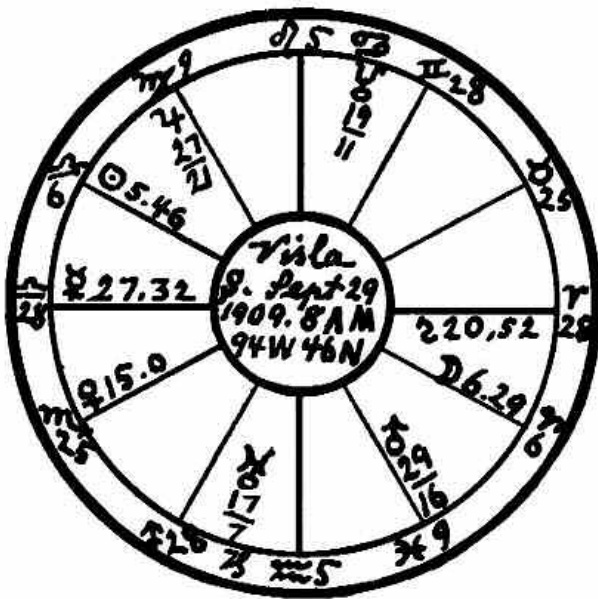
But the trouble is not really due to a defective heart, the real cause will be overeating, for Jupiter is in Virgo, the sign ruling the intestines, sex tile to Venus in the sign Cancer, ruling the stomach. This configuration will make Chester very fond of good food and plenty of it; but Saturn square to Venus in Cancer and Venus conjunction to Neptune is a sure indication of digestive trouble, provided these tendencies are cultivated.

But as repeated many times previously, the horoscope shows only the tendencies; whether we follow them or not lies with us, and parents have a very strong influence over their children during the first seven years. The habits then formed usually remain through life, and this is your opportunity to help your child. Apply the ounce of prevention so that he may not have to take the pound of cure. Be sure that you give him

only the very simplest food and be certain that you do not give him too much. Remember during those first seven years the law of the child's life is imitation. He cannot help imitating any more than water can help running down hill and it is no good to preach to him and to tell him what he ought to do and why he ought to do it, because he has no mind wherewith to reason. At that time, if you eat rich food and deny him, he will form the secret wish to have what he is denied now, and at some time in the future he will gratify his appetite to his hurt. Cold in the head, and a catarrhal condition should also be guarded against.

Viola S. Born Sept. 29, 1909, 8 a. m. Minnesota.

Viola is a musical name, and there is every indication in this horoscope that the name fits the person splendidly, for Libra, a sign of music and of voice, is rising with Mercury, the planet which governs speech, right on the Ascendant and Venus, the ruler of Libra, is trine



to Neptune in the watery, emotional and psychic sign Cancer. This will give Viola unusual ability for music, particularly on stringed instruments; a good voice is also indicated.

Venus is in Scorpio near the cusp of the second house therefore we may infer that Viola will make her living through her vocal and musical ability and that she will derive a good income therefrom. There are no indications of riches, however, for Venus in Scorpio always gives the tendency to spend money as fast as it comes because persons of this nature love the beautiful things of life and these things cost money.

Like most musicians and people with the artistic temperament, Viola will not be a very good reasoner, but Neptune in the psychic sign Cancer in the ninth house governs the mind and Uranus in the house of the concrete mind shows that she will get things inspirationally. She will be apt to float among the clouds and care little or nothing for the daily tasks which fill the concrete existence of the ordinary woman.

Saturn is square to Neptune and Uranus in the house of mind. This is an affliction which shows that Viola will not always be reliable in her conclusions, therefore she should be taught as much as possible to keep her feet on earth and not allow herself to float away in dreamland or jump at conclusions for which she can give no reason. The opposition of Uranus to Neptune in the sign Cancer squared by Saturn from Aries the sign which rules the head, is an indication of mediumship, which by all means ought to be checked.

Never allow Viola to enter into a seance or circle nor to associate with people who have spiritualistic tendencies, for people with the above-mentioned configuration are a very easy prey to spirit controls and once these entitles get a power over anyone it is more than difficult to shake them off. The ounce of prevention is worth many pounds of cure.

Saturn and the Moon are in Aries and the sixth house, which governs health. This shows an impeded blood circulation and consequent headaches, which may be avoided by plenty of exercise and attention to elimination of waste particularly by the urinary system governed by Libra. As the father is a doctor, he will know how to look after this matter and prevent any tendencies from manifesting and becoming aggravated for want of proper attention.

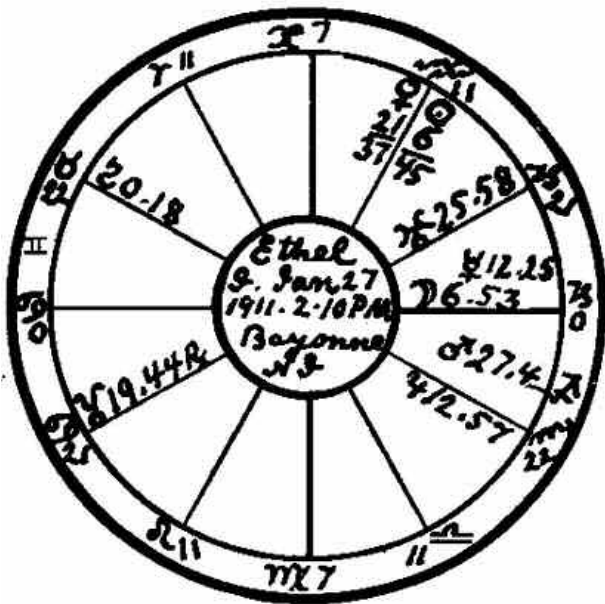
There are two oppositions in this horoscope: Mars opposition Jupiter and Moon opposition Mars. Both Jupiter and the Sun are in the eleventh house, which signifies friends, hopes, and aspirations. No configuration could be more fortunate than this for it shows that Viola will attract good faithful and influential friends who will be able to benefit her greatly and make her life very happy. But besides the characteristics which will draw these friends to her there is another side to her nature indicated by Mars in Pisces and the Moon in Aries.

The Moon in Aries will make her vacillating and restless, chafing at restraint, impulsive, aggressive and sometimes supercilious of others. This will bring to her an enmity and jealousy shown by Mars in Pisces. Secret enemies will endeavor to slanderer and undermine her position causing considerable annoyance. If

she can be shown this early in life and taught to respond to Saturn in Aries rather than the Moon in the Aries the diplomatic side of her nature will be cultivated and save her much trouble and annoyance. But taken as a whole this should be more than an ordinarily fortunate life for there is not only soul growth and experience but there is also a considerable slice of happiness indicated in this figure.

Ethel J. Jan. 27, 1911, 2:10 p. m. Bayonne, N. J.

This horoscope was sent in and aspects calculated by the parents, but we note that they make use of semi-sex-tiles, semi-squares and allow an orb of influence of seven or more degrees in some cases. This will not do. The proof of the pudding is in the eating, and in actual practice we find that there is absolutely no flavor to these fancy aspects or long orbs. Six degrees ought to be taken as a maximum both for the Sun and the planets, and there are just six aspects that work, viz: Opposition, Conjunction, Square, Trine, Sextile and Parallel. The other so-called aspects only complicate and befog the subject.



The Moon and Mercury, the signifiers of the mind, are in an angle, in the cardinal sign, Capricorn, and in sextile to Jupiter. A sign and its ruler are naturally of the same nature, that is what constitutes the harmony between them, therefore the sign Capricorn is Saturnine in its influence and when Mercury and the Moon, these wandering orbs which signify the restless mind, are found therein they are truly benefited by the influence of Saturn or a Saturnine sign. This position

will therefore make Ethel diplomatic, serious, thoughtful, and practical. Her habits will be orderly and thrifty in general but if she ever indulges in any speculation she is sure to lose, for Neptune is on the second cusp in opposition to Uranus in the eighth house, showing that her financial fortunes will be subject to adverse circumstances.

People with the Sun in Aquarius are very strong in their likes and dislikes and as the Sun is close to the ninth house this aspect will govern her mentality to a considerable extent, so that in religion, for instance, she will be very narrow and set on account of Sun square to Saturn. This aspect will also give her much trouble through false pride. Be sure to do your very utmost to correct these two tendencies for there is nothing that hampers the soul so much as religious intolerance and false pride.

There is no doubt that she is going to be a smart woman. Mars, the great fountain of dynamic energy, trine to Saturn the persistent and practical planet, the Moon conjunction Mercury and sextile Jupiter, the great benevolent, philanthropic, and humane planet, are all testimonies that she will have a vast fund of energy, mental, rather than physical, which she will expend for the good and welfare of others.

Everybody will look up to her and look to her in their trials and troubles. They will always find a sympathetic ear and helpful advice. She will make the fortunes of other people and, as said, be very popular on that account, but she will feel in her own heart the great value of all she will do and this will, from the religious point of view, detract from her soul growth. If she can be taught in the earliest year to minimize her estimation of what she does, everybody will like her all the better.

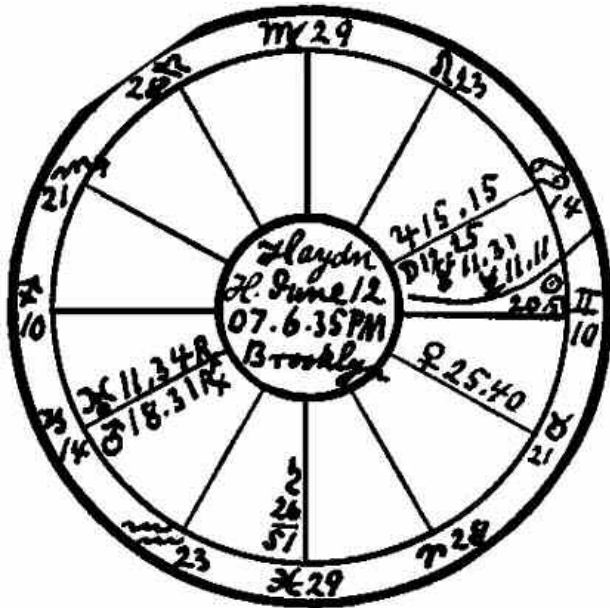
The Sun is signifier of marriage for a woman. It is square to Jupiter in the fifth house, and Jupiter is in conjunction with the Saturnine Dragon's Tail. This is bad for courtship. It obstructs and frustrates. The young men will feel her superiority in such a manner that they will not readily take courage to approach her with offers of marriage, and as Scorpio is in the sixth house, there will be a tendency to over-indulgence of the passions when marriage has been accomplished. Be sure that you instruct her regarding this matter for the Sun is square to Saturn showing that there is none too much vitality and she cannot afford to waste it in undue indulgence of the lower nature.

Regarding the health, we find that Mars is in Sagittarius in the sixth house. This predisposes to accidents and broken bones. More people are hurt during

childhood in reckless play that at any other time of life, therefore do your best to keep an eye on Ethel in this respect. The Sun rules Leo, and therefore the heart, consequently its square to Saturn and Jupiter is an indication that care is needed. Do not allow Ethel to run too much and overexert herself in that way. If children could only be kept from the thoughtless expenditure of energy during early life there would not be so much trouble and weakness in later years. But "forewarned is forearmed," and you may save her a great deal of trouble by timely precaution. Saturn is in the sign of Taurus, which governs the throat and therefore she is also liable to colds and sore throat; you should either strive to harden her in that respect, or see that she is not exposed.

Haydn H. Born June 12, 1907, 6.35 p. m. Brooklyn, N. Y.

This is what people usually call a very unlucky horoscope. Four common signs are on the angles and Uranus and Saturn are opposing all the planets in Cancer. Saturn is square the Sun, and we find just one



half good aspect, viz., Saturn sextile to Venus. But as we have often said, and as we bring out again in the article "Are you born under a lucky star?" found in this issue, the horoscope only shows tendencies, it cannot compel obedience.

If you take balls of equal size and group them around one you will find that twelve balls will completely hide a thirteenth, which will be unseen; nevertheless, it is there, as a central sphere which the other twelve cover.

So there is a thirteenth factor, an unseen mystic star which is much more important than all the twelve signs of the Zodiac and the planets in the makeup of human destiny. **That unseen factor is the human will.** Whenever we summon sufficient force, all other agencies must give way and the horoscope is valuable beyond words in that it shows where the opposing forces within ourselves are entrenched so that we may fortify ourselves in those particular places and make them impregnable strongholds of virtue invulnerable to the onslaughts of temptation and vice.

This is the line that Haydn must learn to pursue, to conquer his stars, and there is one great point in his favor, viz: that the angles are occupied by common signs. Where fixed signs are on the angles, the spirit born has an indomitable will, courage, and persistence which never recognizes defeat; but the fate foreshown by the planets in that case seems to be equally fixed and stubborn. It is almost as when "Greek meets Greek."

When common Signs are on the angles the influence is more mutable and easy to modify; but unfortunately an entity entering existence in our sublunary sphere under such conditions is also of a vacillating nature or he could not come to birth under the common Sign vibration. And this lack of stamina under the stern conditions of life renders these people liable to the jolts and jars signified by the bad aspects of planets. These afflictions are indeed sent them for the purpose of rousing them from their lethargy and causing them to do and dare.

This, then, is what the parents must do for him. **They must teach him self-reliance**, first, last and all the time. Start right now to make him do for himself. Let him learn to take care of his own person, to dress, wash, comb his hair, to get up and down from chairs without help. Teach him to serve you, and foster his will and belief in himself every day of his life. You have still three of those precious first seven years to instill the habit of helpfulness in him.

He is a child who will need an unusual amount of patience and forbearance, for he will be exceedingly sensitive and his imagination will run riot on account of the conjunction of Moon, Mercury, Neptune, and Jupiter in the psychic sign Cancer. If you did not know Astrology, you would probably soon come to the conclusion that he is a born prevaricator, but with this key of compassion you must realize that children fresh from the heaven world **where fairies are facts**, cannot for many years adjust themselves to our physical views. Their imagination made things in heaven, and thus they

were true. Here it is the reverse, **here things are true** and our thoughts must conform to them. Do not blame him for lying, but have patience and teach him the standards of the world. Uranus and Mars in Capricorn predispose to a grave breach with parents, so be gentle or you may have yourselves to blame if he leaves home early and fulfills an evil destiny. For it will be very difficult for him to subordinate himself and bear the strain. This we all have to learn, and he especially, but it can be taught now by kindness.

Having Mercury and the Moon, which are significant factors of mind, in the psychic, watery sign Cancer, he will be easily led and do almost anything for kindness and approbation. Encourage him to work for praise and reward, that will help. These configurations also give him considerable talent for imitation and acting, they also make him very sensitive to his surroundings. The Saturnine sign Capricorn is on the cusp of the second

house, which rules finances, and the Venus signs, Taurus and Libra, are on the sixth and eleventh houses ruling service and friends.

Saturn is sextile to Venus, therefore the financial success of Haydn will come through people older than himself. He will like them, gain their friendship, and through them he will be advanced in position and prosperity. Mars and Uranus in the second give a strong tendency to squander his resources in the things signified by the afflicted planets Jupiter, Moon, and Neptune in Cancer. This also gives liability to loss through corporation bubbles and gambling. He should be taught to shun speculation and gambling. Cards for pleasure have led many a man to the poorhouse from necessity.

Saturn square to the Sun and Mars opposition to the Moon and Jupiter are signs of poor vitality. Teach him to keep his feet warm and eat very sparingly.

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The Threefold Soul

By Kittie Skidmore Cowen

IN THE beginning God differentiated within Himself a host of spirits as sparks from a fire. They were not fires, for though endowed with all-consciousness they lacked self-consciousness. They had all the possibilities of being, but were not actually omnipotent as God, because they lacked the dynamic power available for use at any moment according to their will. In order that they might evolve these qualities they began their pilgrimage through matter.

In the former articles written on the *Cosmo* we learned that man is a threefold spirit, divine, life and human, possessing a mind by means of which he

governs a threefold body, dense, vital and desire, which he emanated from himself for the purpose of gathering experience. And now we shall learn how he will transmute this threefold body into a threefold soul upon which he may nourish himself from impotence to omnipotence.

During involution the threefold spirit progressed by building a threefold body, and gained control over this body through the focus of the mind. The mind is the fulcrum upon which involution turns to evolution, and the threefold spirit, which has now entered its vehicles (the threefold body), begins to evolve the threefold soul—the conscious soul, the intellectual soul and the