

Thus, because of the desire to avoid pain to itself, it exercises its ingenuity to guard its charges. We are not prepared, however, to aver that the desire to escape pain is the prime motive of the Group Spirit in guarding its charges, but the two are linked together as cause and effect.

But what about the animals slaughtered for food, and the poor creatures tortured in the vivisection hells, and how about the poor horses starved and beaten by inhuman drivers? What is the Group Spirit doing to protect them and save itself the pain incident to their condition? It can educate the wild animals of the field to save themselves by various methods, but domestic animals must present a problem of considerable difficulty to the Group Spirit. It has the power to withhold the seed-atom necessary to fertilization to preserve the purity of its tribe, and does so in the case of hybrids, but the prime purpose of existence is experience, so it is forced to admit the spirits under its guardianship to birth through their legitimate channels even though they are thereby exposed to atrocious treatment at the hands of man. Man must and

will help the animals at some future time to atone for his present wrongdoing, and he will have to help the present minerals when they have become animals. The law of Consequence is just and can be depended upon to balance the scales.

In the meantime, the Group Spirits are learning Sympathy and Compassion, the Race Spirits are learning the same thing through human suffering caused by industrial and national warfare, and eventually the day will come, when the lion will lie down with the lamb, eating grass with the ox, when the child may play unharmed with the serpent, when they shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks, when there shall be "peace on earth and goodwill among men." True, that will require great changes, mental, moral and physical, but "though the mills of the Gods grind slowly, they grind exceedingly fine." Divine power has wrought Cosmos from Chaos; we have, therefore, the reason to trust in its benevolent purpose and believe in its omnipotence to overcome all obstacles in the way of realizing what now appears utopian.

The Silver Cord

IN ORDER to give as much light as possible on the intimate connection between the Group Spirit and its wards, it is necessary to elucidate the construction and function of the Silver Cord; but in order not to wander too far afield we have elected to devote a separate article to the subject instead of including it in the answer to the foregoing question. As no question has been asked about the Silver Cord, this article ought to be placed in the Mystic Light department, but we feel it will serve its purpose best when placed where it is.

Three Periods of evolution have preceded our present Earth Period. During the Saturn Period we were mineral-like; in the Sun Period we had a constitution like the plants; and in the Moon Period we developed vehicles similar to the present animals. We say *similar*, for the constitution of the world was so different that identical construction would have been impossible. Fancy now, an immense globe circling in space as a satellite about its Sun. It is the body of a Great Spirit, Jehovah. As we have soft flesh and hard bones, so also the central part of the body of Jehovah is denser than the outside which is misty and cloud-like. And though his consciousness pervades the whole, Jehovah appears principally in the cloud, and with him are His Angels and other Creative Hierarchies. From this great firmament of cloud depend millions of cords, each with its foetal sac, hovering close to the dense central part; and as the vital stream of the

human mother circulates through the umbilical cord, carrying nourishment to the embryo during ante-natal life for the purpose of evolving a vehicle wherein the human spirit may dwell independently when the period of gestation has been completed, so the divine life of Jehovah brooded over us in the cloud and coursed through the whole human family during this embryonic stage of its evolution, and we were then as incapable of initiative as the foetus.

Since then, the Manna, (*Manas, mens, Mensch* or Man) has fallen from heaven, from the bosom of the Father, and is now tied by the Silver Cord to the concrete body during his waking hours; and even in sleep it forms the connecting link between the higher and lower vehicles, this connection being broken only at death.

The cord is not of one kind of material however, but quite complex in its construction. One end is rooted in the seed-atom in the heart; that part is made of ether. A second part, made of desire-stuff, grows from the great vortex of the desire-body located in the liver, and when these two parts of the Silver Cord join in the seed-atom of the vital body located in the solar plexus, this junction of the three seed-atoms marks the quickening of the foetus.

But there is still another part of the Silver Cord, it is made of mind-stuff, and grows from the seed-atom of the mind located at a point which may be roughly described as the frontal sinus, where the human spirit has its seat. It

passes between the pituitary body and the pineal gland, thence downwards, connecting with the thyroid and thymus glands, also with the spleen, the adrenals and finally joins the second part of the Silver Cord in the seed-atom of the desire body in the great vortex of that vehicle which is located in the liver. The path along which this part of the Silver Cord will grow is indicated in the Archetype, but it requires approximately twenty-one years to complete the junction. The union of the first and the second parts of the Silver Cord marked the *physical quickening*, which depends on the complete destruction of nucleated blood-corpuscles carrying the life of the *physical mother*, and the emancipation from her interference by gasification of the blood which is thenceforth the direct vehicle of the Ego. The junction of the second and third parts of the Silver Cord marks a mental quickening and a consequent emancipation from mother nature who has then completed the gestatory process necessary to start the foundation and framework for the temple of the Spirit who may then build as it chooses, limited only by its past actions.

During the daytime, when we are awake in the physical world, the threefold Silver Cord is coiled in a spiral within the dense body, principally about the solar plexus (epigastrium), but at night, when the Ego withdraws and leaves the dense and vital bodies on the bed to recuperate after the labors of the day, the Silver Cord protrudes from the skull, and the ovoid desire body floats above, or near the sleeping form, resembling a captive balloon. There, so far as the child and the undeveloped persons are concerned, the Ego remains ruminating over the occurrences of the day, until impacts from the physical world, such as the ring of an alarm clock, a call, or the like vibrates the Silver Cord and draws the attention of the Ego to its discarded vehicles and causes it to enter.

No occult development is possible until the third part of the Silver Cord has been developed, but after that event the Ego may leave its dense body and roam the wide world, either consciously after proper training and Initiation, or unconsciously, with the help of others, or accidentally, as a sleep-walker leaves his bed and returns unaware or where he went or what he did. In either case the ductility and elasticity of the third part of the Silver Cord, which is made of mind-stuff, serves as a link with the lower vehicles. The quality of the consciousness of the Ego when thus away from its dense body depends upon whether it has formed a soul-body of Light and Reflecting Ether, which is the vehicle of sense perception and memory, sufficiently stable to take along. If it has, the process of Initiation will have taught it how to proceed, and the Ego will have a complete consciousness while away from the body and a dependable memory of

what occurred on the soul-flight when it returns; if not, both consciousness and memory are bound to be lacking or faulty to a degree.

Having acquainted ourselves with the construction and function of the Silver Cord as a link between the Ego and its vehicles, we shall next study its make-up and use in connection with the animal and its Group Spirit. It has been taught in the *Cosmo*, that the habits, tastes, likes and dislikes of each species are due to the fact that they are actuated by a common Group Spirit. All squirrels hoard a store of nuts for winter use; all bears fatten themselves preparatory to the period of hibernation; all lions crave flesh, while horses without exception eat hay, but one man's meat is another's poison. If we know the habits of one animal, we know the habits of all belonging to the same family, but it would be futile to investigate the elder Edison to ascertain the source of Thomas A.'s genius. A treatise on the habits of a horse will apply to all horses, but the biography of one man differs entirely from that of every other human being because each acts under the dictates of an individual indwelling spirit, while the animals of a certain group are directed by a common intelligence, the Group Spirit, by means of the Silver Cord. Each animal has its own individual Silver Cord, so far as the two parts are concerned which connect the dense, vital and desire bodies, but the third part which is connected to the central vortex of the desire body, located in the liver, is the cord of the Group Spirit. By means of this elastic bond it governs the animals of its tribe, without regard to where in the world they may be, with equal facility. Distance is nonexistent from the viewpoint of the inner worlds, and as the animals have no mind of their own, they obey the suggestions of the Group Spirit unquestioningly.

In this respect children are an anomaly, for they also have only the two parts of the Silver Cord developed, and they have a mind from which the third part is growing. Thus the Ego has no direct communication with its vehicles, and therefore the human offspring, which has the greatest possibility, is at the same time the most helpless of all the creatures on earth, amenable principally to the authority of its physical guardians.

But though man is now individualized and emancipated from direct interference with his action by the leading string of the cord by which the Group Spirit *forces* (there is no other word which will convey the meaning) the animal to do its bidding, he is not yet fit to rule himself any more than the child, over which we hold authority till it is of age, is fit to take charge of its own affairs, and *Race Spirits* still continue to rule the nations. Each nation has its own Race Spirit which broods over the land in which its people live in the form of a

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perch up dar in de sky jus as frendly as a neibor what cums to borro sumthin, an he stand up dar and he look like he enjoyed de way Josher waxed dem wicked armies. An de moon she wait down in de low ground and pour out her lite and look jes as cam and happy as if she wuz waitin for her scort. Dey nebber budged, neither em, long as de Lord's army needed lite to carry on de battle."

"I don't read when Joshwer said, drive on, but I spose it was when de Lord told him to. Enneybody knows dat de sun didnt stay dar all de time. It stopt for biznis, and went on when it got thru. Ize showed ye now how dis part of de Lord's Word teaches dat de sun stopt, which show dat he wuz moven before dat, and dat he went on afterwurds. I've pruvud my pint, dat de Sun DO MOVE, and defy any one to say I haint."

Roses and Eggs

SOME time ago the writer read an article under the above caption in one of the great national magazine. There were some very amusing comments on the contents of the paper. Some were extravagant in their praises, others found fault with every feature. To some the editor was a voice crying in the wilderness sentiments that had carved expression in the subscribers' heart for years, to others he was simply a cheap weather-vane.

One wrote:

"Yes that is right, go on baiting the Jews, but for every Jew subscription you get you will lose two Gentiles. Cancel my subscription."

Another said:

"Your article byshows plainly that you are catering to the Catholics, I want no more of your Romanisms, take my name off your list."

A third saw it another way.

"Being a devoted Roman Catholic I protest against the article by I want no more of your protestant propaganda magazine."

We quote these passages from memory, so they are not exact, but they express the sense and sentiment, showing that it is impossible to please all, and we remember this article because it showed us that we at Mount Ecclesia are not the only ones who are being criticized for doing, or not doing, things according to the ideas of every one who does NOT know conditions as we do, or has any realization of the heavy load we are carrying on the shoulders of a very few. We are always cheered by the words of appreciation given by the great majority and we endeavor not to be downcast by unjust criticism. We realize that we are far from being perfect, and strive to find if we have been remiss, when criticism comes, and correct the mistake if we find criticism merited.

But when we get a letter in terms of the most reprehensible "Billingsgate," absolutely unworthy of a lady, containing threats and criminal libel, *which is a felony to send through the mail*, and charging us with gross misrepresentation, to put mildly, we protest, and in order

to make it impossible for anyone to misunderstand our position in the future, we make the following statement:

The lady seems to think that our offer to cast childrens' horoscopes is a premium offer, and that subscribers are *entitled* to this service; she does not want a vocational reading, but a full horoscope, and scores us vigorously for giving babes the preference over boys of 15.

In the first place, we have always taught that *it is absolutely wrong to cast horoscopes for money or any other material consideration*. We have printed in numerous places in our literature a request that we be not annoyed with orders for horoscopes and forced to spend valuable time writing letters of refusal, and *we have returned many hundreds of dollars to people* who thought a generous fee would make us forget our principle and prostitute a spiritual science for material gain.

If our offer to cast childrens' horoscopes were a premium offer merely made to induce subscriptions, we would consider that we were dragging the stars in the dust, we would be worse than the charlatan who hawks horoscopes for ten cents in the open market; we would merit the scorn of all honest men, and we could not even help despising ourselves.

This magazine, as has been said time and again, is not published for financial gain. If it were we would not have enlarged it when it is not paying for paper, typesetting, printing and mailing; and the prices of materials are soaring. Please understand this thoroughly, *this magazine is published solely as a matter of SERVICE* to help aspiring souls by the Rosicrucian teachings, and as we believe Astrology will be an important aid to students we aim to teach this science as one phase of our philosophy.

The childrens' horoscopes serve several important purposes.

To teach students Astrology most effectively it is necessary to have actual data from which to give examples of the import of the stellar configurations at birth. These are furnished by the childrens' figures.

It is invaluable service to parents to show them *the*

and little children, the *younger the better*, for then faults are still latent, and there is a better chance of eradicating them in the first seven years of life, while the vital body, the vehicle of habits, is still in the course of gestation. We have however, extended the age limit to 14 years; but after that period, when the desire body is born, we consider a character reading useless for it is then past the formative stage where parents can change it. The average youthful person has not then the interest and inclination to undertake this work for himself or herself, and *we cannot deal with exceptions*.

As life is still in the making for such young people we SERVE them as space permits by giving them gratis advise on the matters which lie before them, namely marriage, motherhood and vocation.

Thus, our offer of readings had a twofold purpose; to obtain the data from which to teach students, and to render an important service to parents. We stipulated that applicants must be yearly subscribers as otherwise our second object might be frustrated and advise given to one

who would not see it when printed.

There is nothing in our offer saying that ALL subscribers are *entitled* to a reading. It would require more space than there is in the entire magazine to cast the horoscopes of whole families of children besides *a staff of trained assistants which could not be had for love or money*, and if anyone has subscribed for this magazine with the MISunderstanding

That that entitles him or her to one or more horoscopes we will cheerfully refund the subscription price, for we are not SELLING readings, what we give, we give for LOVE, and as a matter of VOLUNTARY SERVICE, and we reserve the right to use our judgment about how to do this work.

It may not be out of place to mention that a number of requests have gone in the wastebasket because parents have neglected to give the place, year or other necessary data. We are too busy to write and ask for this information, so please be careful to give full facts.

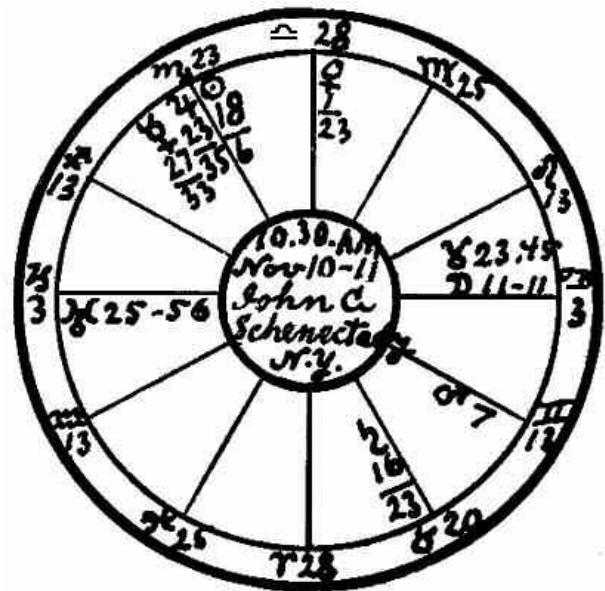
Your Child's Horoscope.

JOHN G. born November 10th, 1911, 10:30 a.m. Schenectady, N.Y.

At the time of John's birth we find four cardinal signs on the angles with the majority of planets in fixed or cardinal signs. This shows that his will be a life of action and accomplishment, and that is itself a cause for congratulations, for whether a life be what we usually call good or bad, so long as there is action the life will be productive of soul-growth, and the seeming bad is turned to as good account as that which was regarded as best by us. Our Father in Heaven looks at all things from an infinitely larger viewpoint; to Him the roughest coating cannot hide the sparkling diamond-soul, and He gives to each of us just the experiences needed to wear away the coarse coating that hides the gem.

The foregoing paragraph does not mean, however, that a hard life and dreadful experiences are in store for John. On the contrary, the augurs at his birth were unusually splendid, and show that he has made what we would call *good* use of his last life to have earned such fine aspects; but to us Astrology is religion, or at least a phase of religion, and we feel it a duty as well as a privilege to preach that side of the science in season or out. Nor do we make an apology for so doing.

At John's birth Jupiter, the planet of benevolence, was conjoined with Mercury, the planet of mind, and the Sun, which is the life giver. These configurations occur in or close to the eleventh house which rules friends, hopes



and wishes. Is not that plain? Even if there were no other aspects to this group, we see at once that John will be of a happy, jovial, benevolent disposition. Naturally that attitude of mind will draw to him hosts of people who will want favors, and be in a position to return the compliments, so that they will help John to realize his hopes and wishes and this will bring him honor, wealth and fame. Is not that fine? But as said, he is not getting this for nothing, or by divine caprice; he has earned it somewhere, somehow, in the past and is now reaping the

fruits he did not garner then. Nor should it be forgotten, that it is *his present attitude* of continued kindness and helpfulness *that will preserve* the friendships he will renew in this life. Should he change, as he may, for he is divine and has a certain amount of choice, then gradually his friends will leave him and in his next life he will have a very different horoscope. This consideration also applies in the reverse manner to others who are not so fortunate as John; there is no reason to be jealous or despond, we all have a measure of free will, we may all try to be kind, and if we do, we shall also find friends who will help and comfort us as we them. The immutable law of compensation works with unerring exactitude in all departments of life.

Venus, the planet of attraction, is also uncommonly well aspected. We find it in the ninth house which governs the mind and it is sextile to Mercury, also trine to Mars in the Mercurial sign Gemini. These are also signs of a kindly, though energetic disposition. The sextile of Mercury to Uranus, and its trine to Neptune, gives intuition, and spiritual sight will likely be developed at some time in life. Saturn, the planet of obstruction, is sextile to the Moon which also influences the mind, and has the tendency to hold it steady when that is required for concentration upon some problem. It will also give him patience and perseverance to work out whatever plans he may form.

Venus' ray makes artists no matter to what branch they devote themselves. Here Venus is in her own sign, Libra, a sign of voice, sextile to Mercury, the planet of speech, and trine to Uranus the planet of inspiration, the latter in the first house, so we may judge that John will be a highly inspirational musician and singer. Mercury in Scorpio conjoined with Jupiter will also make him successful as a doctor or chemist.

But you want to find out about his faults of course, for he is not perfect, or he would not be here, and the best help you can give him is to aid him in correcting the undesirable tendencies in his nature, so that they may give him less trouble than if he is allowed to grow up with them unchecked.

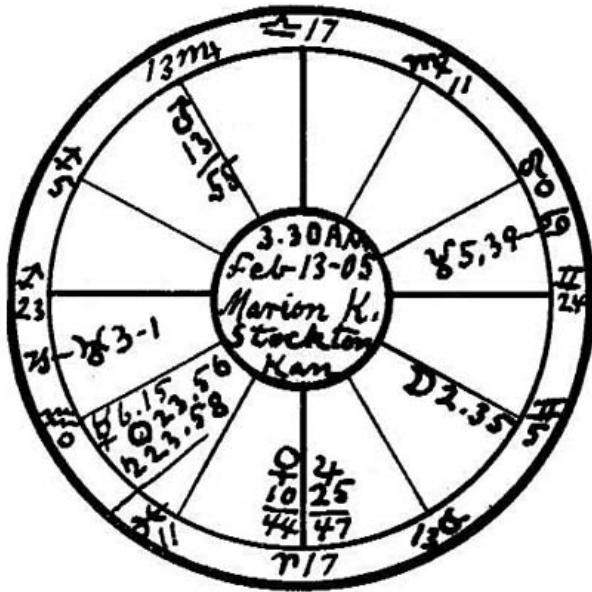
The first and most serious incipient fault is shown by Venus, the planet of love trine to its octave Uranus, the planet of Altruism. Now you would say, why! that seems good; altruistic, all-embracing love! So it does, if we could only live up to it. The Venus-love is essentially selfish; by it we love those who *belong* to us—*my* husband, *my* wife and *my* child—but Venus gives us no affection for those not related to us by such close ties. The Uranian ray will bear no restrictions, it embraces all the world in a pure, unselfish love, an ideal which is as yet unattainable to all but a few Great Souls, and *there-*

fore the aspect of Uranus to Venus gives trouble whether the aspect be good or bad. We feel drawn to all by the universal Uranian ray, but can only give expression to the Venusian love which aims to possess the object, and this leads to numerous illicit amours, which inevitably bring trouble in their train. The Sun gives life and vitality, but Saturn saps vitality. These two planets are in opposition from Taurus, which rules the throat, and Scorpio which rules the genitals. Be careful to guard John against forming a secret habit, and teach him the sanctity of the generative function, also the dreadful consequences visited upon the transgressors. Saturn in the sign of the throat shows that this is a weak point in the system anyway, if he takes up the vocal art that will need special care, and any abuse of the sex will react upon the larynx of one who has Saturn in Taurus.

As the Moon is the signification of the marriage partner of a man, we may judge that its placement in the seventh house, which rules marriage, sextile Saturn, the planet of obstruction, thrift and economy, will bring John a wife who will steady him and take care of him in a practical way which we trust will save him from the tendency shown. The Sun conjunction with Jupiter gives splendid health and recuperative power, but it is weakened by the opposition of Saturn, and there is on that account a tendency to apoplexy in later years. Teach him to be frugal in his diet.

Marion K. born February 13th, 1905 at 3:30 a.m. Stockton, Kansas.

At Marion's birth we find the common sign Saggittarius rising with Capricorn intercepted in the first house, and Uranus is there. The constellation Sagittarius is pictured as the Centaur, half horse and half man. It always gives a restless nature, the child born under its influence feels an inner urge, an ambition or aspiration, and as most of us are very undeveloped, we think to find heartease by seeking *without* in the wide world instead of looking *within*. So these people roam from place to place if not prevented by other influences, as Marion is, for in her horoscope the Saturnine sign Capricorn is intercepted, and in it is Uranus, the planet of liberty and independence. Marion is a difficult child, but were Uranus free in the rising sign she would be absolutely ungovernable; but the influence of a planet in intercepted signs is comparatively latent until by progression it frees itself from the sign which holds it in leash. And as the rate of progression for Uranus is very slow, Marion will never feel the full effect of his goading influence in a life of normal length. There is no question however, that she will always chafe at the slightest restraint, she will want to get away to somewhere, and that is not a happy condition. It



will take much joy out of her life unless you can appeal to her reason and show that contentment must come from within herself, not without. We feel that you may reach her in that way, for the Moon which signifies mind, is in Gemini, a Mercurial sign, and trine to Mercury, the other significator of mind, which is placed in the intellectual sign Aquarius. This gives her a logical mind of high calibre, and exceptional reasoning powers. It is to be hoped that this configuration will aid her to cultivate the philosophical mind, so that she may compose herself in comparative contentment by the realization that what cannot be cured must be endured.

Marion will always prefer the company of older people, because the Sun is in conjunction with Saturn, and she will find among them influential friends who will be of much benefit to her, because Jupiter, the planet of benevolence, is sextile to the Sun and Saturn which are located in Aquarius, the eleventh house-sign which also rules friendships. Saturn in the intellectual sign Aquarius makes her a deep and profound thinker, Mercury and the Moon also in airy intellectual signs gives her a love of literature, science, music and art, with considerable ability as a linguist and an elocutionist. She will be able to speak with great force and profundity so that her words will carry the weight of authority and impress her ideas upon the minds of her hearers. She will be a power in any cause which she may espouse, for she is very intense in whatever she undertakes on account of Mars position in Scorpio, where he is essentially dignified and will exert a strong influence though he is not aspected. This influence is augmented because he is the most elevated planet in the horoscope.

Saturn in the second house is very bad for the finances.

People with that configuration usually have a hard time all their lives. The Sun in the second house is also bad, for though it makes people capable of getting money, it also gives them the faculty of getting rid of it with equal facility. But when the Sun and Saturn are there in conjunction the result is good, for though the earning capacities of the Sun are somewhat obstructed by Saturn, so are his spending proclivities, and thus, people with that configuration usually acquire a competence by thrift and careful investment. Marion has Jupiter, the planet of opulence, sextile to Saturn and the Sun, so she will make for herself a lucrative business in some line that has to do with the fifth house which rules educational endeavors, public entertainments and publications. The Moon there, trine to Mercury in the second house, together with the fact that the artistic sign Libra is on the tenth house, which rules the social standing, leads us to believe that she will find her vocation in the publishing business, writing and editing books or journals of artistic and scientific nature.

Neptune in Cancer, the sign which rules the stomach, square to Venus, shows a fickle stomach, and Mars in Scorpio, which rules the rectum, tells you to beware of bleeding piles. Teach Marion to be careful in her diet and refrain from the use of condiments which irritate the intestinal tract. Saturn in Aquarius, conjoined with the Sun, finds reflex action in the opposite sign Leo, which rules the heart, resulting in a tendency to heart trouble. This is no cause for alarm however, strong hearts are weakened by overstraining, and weak hearts may be strengthened by care. If Marion is taught to avoid violent exercise she may never know that she has a heart so far as being troubled by its action is concerned.

Norman P. born April 7th, 1912, 9:5 a.m. Boston, Mass.

Here we have a youngster born under a lucky star, for the Sun is in its exaltation sign Aries, trine to the great benefic, Jupiter, which is essentially dignified in its own sign Sagittarius. This is a very strong combination which makes for general success in life, and it shows that we have here a strong soul capable of attaining and maintaining a place of vantage in the world. Mercury, the ruler of the Ascendant, is posited in the eleventh house, which denotes friends, hopes and wishes, so is the Sun, and taking the fact that Mercury is well aspected by a trine to the Moon and sextile to Mars, the giver of enterprise and energy, together with the trine of the Sun to Jupiter, we may well judge that Norman will have good and influential friends who will stand by him all through life and help him realize his hopes and aspirations.

This sounds all very nice, and it may cause some to



feel jealous because they, or their children, have not such a horoscope, but we must all realize that there is neither chance, caprice or luck in this world; as Mephisto says in "Faust":

*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.*

We all are where we are by our own acts, if not in this life, then in a previous existence; this must be realized by all students of Astrology, for if we live only once, then there is no justice in the world, and the horoscope of a poor person who has Saturn square to the Moon at birth, for instance, may show nothing but the most unaccountable trials and setbacks all his life because Saturn by transit moves at the same rate as the Moon progresses, so *Saturn keeps hunting the Moon*, and every time there is a good aspect of other planets that might bring a little joy into the life, there comes Saturn square the Moon and frustrates it; but if there is an evil aspect, Saturn square Moon makes it still worse. That does not give such a person a chance compared to Norman, but if we hold the theory that both have lived before, and that Norman was friendly and helpful to whoever he came in contact with, while the other was selfish and did all he could to obstruct others, then we can realize the justice in the present birth when he is placed under the whip of Saturn, the planet of obstruction, while Norman is being helped by Jupiter, the planet of benevolence.

But it is also necessary to realize that Norman must continue in this life to be friendly, in order to keep the friends he has made, and the other poor person will probably learn the value of friends by the lack. He will then

strive to make friends who will sympathize with his sorrows. If he does, he also may ameliorate his lot and gain peace, for as we say continually, God and His ministers, the Seven Spirits before the Throne, *do not aim to punish or get even with anyone*. These Great Star-Spirits only try to teach us the lessons we need to learn in order to become nobler, better men and women; they seek to bring out the divine spark within ourselves, and the moment we turn from our wrong actions and begin to do right, we will feel less of the Saturnine obstruction and more of the Jupiterian benevolence. The horoscope shows only tendencies, we are the determinators as to whether we will drift with the tide or stem the current; as Tennyson says:

*Turn, Fortune, turn thy wheel and lower the proud;
Turn thy wild wheel through sunshine, storm and cloud;
Thy wheel we neither love nor hate.
Turn Fortune, turn thy wheel with smile or frown;
With that wild wheel we go not up or down;
Our hoard is little, but our hearts are great.
Smile, and we smile, the lords' of our own hands;
For man is man, and master of his fate.*

Norman, then has all chances, made by himself, for a successful life, but he must exert himself to keep it so, for Saturn is in the twelfth house, which shows sorrow, trouble and self-undoing, and although Saturn is not afflicted, his position shows that underhanded attempts of secret enemies will not be wanting to frustrate his designs, and the cause will probably come from Mercury, the planet of speech. You may take it, that Mars in the mercurial signs, Gemini and Virgo, or Mercury in the martial signs, Aries and Scorpio, or Mercury and Mars in any configuration, have a tendency to make the person quick, blunt, abrupt and emphatic in speech, while if Mercury is in the saturnine signs, Capricorn and Aquarius or Saturn is in the mercurial signs, Gemini and Virgo, or Saturn and Mercury are configured, it gives the person caution, tact and diplomacy in their speech.

It may be set down also as a general rule that the Mars-Mercury person is open and above board, what he is, he is to your face, he cannot stand before you with a smile on his face and a knife ready to use when you have turned your back, and therefore he often incurs the hatred and enmity of people who then seek to undermine his position, honor and integrity. This the Saturn-Mercury person escapes by tact, but personally we do not admire the method, although we see certain reasons for its moderate use.

Norman has Mars configured with Mercury by sextile, and Mercury is in Aries, a martial sign, so you see that he is anything but twofaced, and he will have great

difficulty to hide his feelings from people; therefore, the people he dislikes will hate him and endeavor to harm him. This will bring him much unhappiness, and you may save him a lot of trouble if you can teach him to hide his feelings and simply keep away as much as possible from people who do not appeal to him. He does not need to become a hypocrite, but *it is not necessary to tell people unpleasant things.*

From the way we have spoken it might be inferred that Norman has only 'good' aspects, and that that would make the life barren of soul growth, which comes from the trials of life supplied under the influence of squares and oppositions, but we rejoice that that is not so. There are several squares which will bring out his mettle.

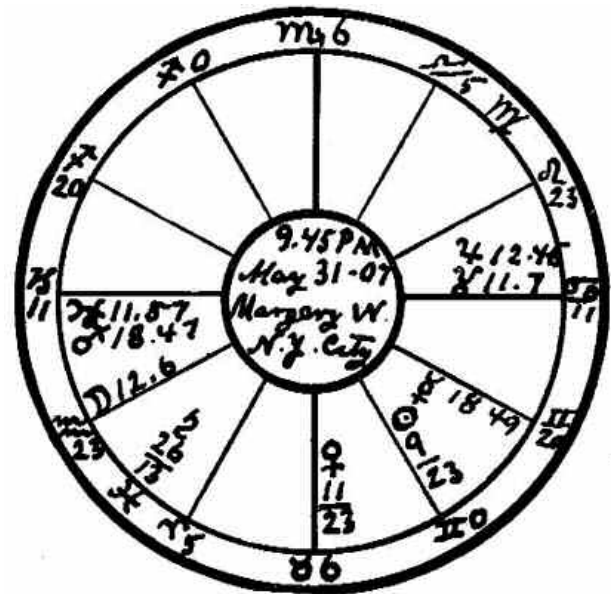
Uranus is the planet of idealism, and it is placed in its own sign, the intellectual Aquarius, in the ninth house, which governs the mind, and it is square to Mercury, the planet of reason. That gives us the key and the combination to Norman's mind. He is an idealist, a reformer, and very radical in his ideas. Without such people there would be no progress, the world would simply stand still, for oh! how it dislikes to move, *the old rut is so good and easy to travel*, but it hurts to make the effort to get into anything new. And can you see old Saturn there in the twelfth house, representing the conservative element that fights the reformer to the finish. But he will best them, for he has the help of many friends represented by Sun trine Jupiter.

He has occult powers nearly developed, but of a negative mediumistic character, for Neptune is in the psychic sign Cancer, square the Sun; the Moon is square Venus in the twelfth-house-sign Pisces; and Mercury is square Uranus, the planet of intuition, in the ninth house of visions and dreams. Be careful that he is taught to be positive and keep him away from mediumistic negative people or he may be caught to his sorrow.

See that his throat is hardened against cold, for Saturn is in Taurus, which rules that part of the body, and that makes him sensitive. Otherwise he will be very healthy.

Margery W. born May 31st, 1907, 9:45 p. m. New York City, N. Y.

Here is a combination for you: Uranus and Mars rising in the saturnine sign Capricorn. Original to the finger tips, and she is not going to do things the way anybody else wants, for she has a better way of her own, and she knows it. This may be very trying to her parents and her associates, but her way will be a good way in most cases, and it will be well to let her follow her own inclination. Venus, the planet of love, sextile to Jupiter, the planet of benevolence, makes her exceedingly kind and sympathetic. Sometimes the Mars-Uranus combination,



in opposition to Jupiter and Neptune, may lead her into rash impulsive acts of charity and may cause her financial loss, but in the long run she will be the gainer in experience and golden treasure in heaven and that is worth a whole lot more than the dross you have to leave behind when you shuffle off the mortal coil.

She will never be a Hetty Green, for Saturn is in the second house ruling riches, and he always obstructs, but she will always have abundant means to satisfy her needs, for the luminaries, the Sun and Moon, are in trine, and Venus, the planet of attraction, is sextile to Jupiter, the planet of opulence. These aspects give her the money, and the last named also gives her the taste for spending it by fostering a love of the beautiful in dress and surroundings.

And where will her money come from? From her own efforts and ability, as shown by the planets in the first house which gives her an unusual originality. This she will use in an educational work, as shown by the presence of the Sun and Mercury in the fifth house, trine to the Moon in the first. The first house signifies her own personal self in the most intimate sense, and the Moon is the planet of fecundation; as it moves around the zodiac it fructifies everything in all departments of life as denoted by the houses, and makes the opportunities grow and flower. It is trine to the Sun which stands for those in authority: employers, or heads of business enterprises; also to Mercury, which is the planet of mind, speech and writing. This configuration of the Sun, Moon and Mercury occurs from Aquarius and Gemini, two intellectual scientific signs. And Gemini, where the Sun and Mercury are, is in the fifth house in this horoscope. The fifth house deals with public places of pleasure and

amusement, also with literary publications and educational institutions. The nature of the configuration of the planets we are considering excludes the possibility of Margery being connected with anything of a frivolous nature, and points to the educational aspect of the fifth house as her sphere of work. She will originate and carry to a successful accomplishment an educational work of some magnitude despite all opposition, notwithstanding that she will be stigmatized as a fool and a freak, as shown by the opposition of Uranus to Jupiter and Neptune in the seventh house which denotes the public. She will also have a hard time getting a start, for though Saturn is intercepted and cannot therefore make his obstructive influence fully felt in the second house, which governs finances, and although he is unsuspected, there is always a cold hand over the department of life indicated by the house he is in; but as said, the other influences for financial support are too strong to be more than temporarily checked by him.

We have said that the disposition of Margery is basically kind, loving and affectionate, as shown by Venus in her home sign Taurus, and sextile to Jupiter in his exaltation sign Cancer, but at times the impulsiveness and irritability of Uranus and Mars in Capricorn may change her entirely for the time being. There is a bad temper and the difficulty of getting over it, a tendency to hold spite which should be dealt with in the early years. Would that

we had had the chance to cast this horoscope at birth, and instruct you regarding this trait of character, for it is already well settled, but you still have a chance to work on her to eradicate it, and if you can, it will save her many an hour of brooding over what she has said and done when in one of those moods. It is so difficult for a character like this to admit being in the wrong and to make up, so the best way is to avoid being irritable and impulsive. Self-control is learned in the earlier years of life to an extent not apprehended by educators, and if taught then saves much sorrow in later life. Be sure to see that if she has had a quarrel with anyone, she makes up as soon as possible, and that she must forgive and forget with her whole heart.

Jupiter, the planet of opulence, benevolence and munificence, in Cancer, the sign which rules the stomach, always makes the person generous to himself where food is concerned; in other words, there is a strong tendency to overeat, and when we consider this indication with the opposition of Uranus and the conjunction of Neptune, it is plain that Margery must not be allowed to satisfy her appetite for food, or she will become dyspeptic and her life will be frugal; and be sure that you teach her by example, and not by precept, for it cannot be expected that she will learn to like plain food and be satisfied with it if she sees you indulge in the delights of the table.

Vocational Readings for Young Men and Women

Vocational indications of the horoscope are outlined for the benefit of young men and women between 14 and 25. Conditions and directions how to obtain same are given in the back of this magazine.

JOHN W. M. born May 26th, 1902, at 8:55 a. m., New York City, N. Y.

The father of this young man is a devout Catholic, and would like to know if his son has the material in him to make a priest. He (the father), has studied Astrology to some extent, and has himself set up the horoscope of his son which we use in judging the matter.

But before we give the desired judgment, we want to state our idea of what constitutes priesthood, and to emphasize very strongly, that while it may be eminently desirable for a young student to attend a school and study under really true and holy men who by their own devotion and spiritual attainments are qualified to call out similar qualities in their pupils *if they are latent within*, no amount of study, of books or rituals, or the art of oratory, can make a true priest, for the call to that high and holy calling comes from within, and who God calls He also gives the ability to serve Him, regardless of all

coaching to make him fit or impediments to unfit him. Do you remember the word of the Lord to Jeremiah, who was chosen despite an impediment in speech? The Lord said to him:

“Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee to be a prophet unto the nations.”

“Then said I Oh Lord God, behold I cannot speak for I am a child; for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee and *whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.*”

“Then the Lord put forth his hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said unto me, behold I have put my words in thy mouth.”

That call of God to the soul within is the only valid call and no ordination by any church or body can make one a priest of God, or compensate for the lack of that call. On the other hand, who has been called of God