

## “Letter to a Friend Whose Courage Failed”

My Dear Friend:

**Y**OUR letter just received, and I hasten to write you to raise your courage, in the name of Christ Our Savior.

A tired-faced little lady came to one of our meetings when Health and Nutrition was the subject of the lecture. She listened, questioned a little, and did not appear again for about three weeks.

When she came again, she approached me and said: “My daughter and I are very much interested in your work here, and I want to tell you what you did for us. I was very much impressed by the significance you attached to the performance of the ordinary duties of the household, in a spirit of loving service to our families and glory to God. I thought over what you said about the mental attitude while cooking for others, and how effluvia from the cook went into all the food prepared, and was a factor in the well-being of all who partook of it.

“My daughter and I are hungry for advanced thought and mental growth, but her husband is a little selfish and irritable. He refuses to go out after work, and will not let her go, There was unpleasantness and none of us were trying very hard to make the condition better. Now we are trying to make our light shine in the home, and there is such improvement that we hope for great results, and thank you.”

Such is the result of one little battle-cry against inharmony. “Let us do each thing to the Glory of God, and in a spirit of loving service.”

You will say, perhaps “I cannot do that when I fear!”

Fear is the step on the path to despair. Its effects are far-reaching. They congeal all efforts and attract gloom, which fastens on the thought-form you create until gradually your whole auric atmosphere is frozen stiff with depression.

Gloom is destroyed by joy, hope, faith. The repetition of those three words will stimulate you to another mood, if you repeat them feelingly and

convincingly.

Affirm to yourself “*God is just, but His mercy endureth forever.*” When you generate a little faith in our Heavenly Father, He becomes your friend and helper through all the agencies of love Divine.

Those who fear will not let God help them, as they surround themselves with the fear as with a shell.

Throw it off! You need to do some spring house-cleaning, my friend, in your body and mind, which form the Temple of the Living God. The Elder Brothers will not forsake you and faith in them invites their help. They will respond like lightning in the moment of need, but not till then, perhaps, will you be conscious of their sustaining strength. Before that you must fight the good fight to be worthy of help.

They helped me in the moment of my trial. All fear fell away as a garment laid aside, God bless them.

Have but a little faith, and they will come to you, sustain your fainting strength, and inspire zeal.

Words are sacred things and we lay spells upon ourselves for good or evil, failure or success, by our use of them. Do not talk or think failure, loss of power, disappointment, but think and talk victory—Victory, Power, Success.

Please hope! Affirm God! Love divine never faileth.

Repeat aloud convincingly “I am essentially divine.”

“I am an eternal spirit.”

“All joy and strength are mine, for I lay hold upon them for service to others, according to God’s will.”

Self-pity is one of the stumbling blocks to power. It is depressingly separative, and a reproach to God from you.

Self-contempt—fight it. Assert your divinity, your right to life success, happiness by the power within you, the power of the Creator. The personal

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# Question Department

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## A Short-Cut to Heaven?

**Q**UESTION—Some writers seem to teach that it is possible to go straight from the physical world to the higher spiritual world without having to pass through the lower regions of the Desire World, thus escaping all the noisome sights which are peculiar to that region. You, on the other hand, always speak as if it is necessary to pass through every realm of Nature in succession.

*Answer*—We are well aware that some people make statements as above, relative to the transition from the physical to the higher spiritual realms by way of what they learnedly call the atomic subplanes, and for guidance as to who is right we can only refer you to the Law of Analogy, “As above so below,” which is the master-key to all mysteries, spiritual or physical, for the law is one, in whatever realm of Nature we investigate. You know that it is impossible for a diver to get to the bottom of the sea without starting at the surface and descending through the intervening water; it is also evident that it is impossible for an aeroplane to ascend above the clouds without first passing through the intervening space of air between the earth and the clouds.

The soul after death also gradually ascends through the various spiritual realms to the Third Heaven and at the time of rebirth it gradually descends through the Region of Concrete Thought, the Desire World and the Ether to physical rebirth. These are facts known to many who have investigated and beyond dispute or argument to the Occult Scientist as much as it is beyond argument to the material scientist that the earth moves on its axis, and anyone who contends otherwise is simply mistaken. Nor does the writer say this solely upon the basis of his own experience, for he is acquainted with hundreds of others who

possess the ability of functioning outside the body in the various spiritual realms. He has never expressly discussed this phase of superphysical experience with any of them, but their repeated references to things which happened to different ones when passing through the lower realms of the Desire World and the Ether make him feel certain that none of his acquaintances have ever mounted to the higher realms of the Desire World or the Region of Concrete Thought without first passing through the Ether and the lower strata of the Desire World, the Purgatorial Region .

Furthermore, even if there were such a short-cut as that mentioned from the physical world to the higher spiritual realms, do you think that one of God’s helpers would even make use of it, for the sake of escaping the noisome sights seen and the suffering to be found there? Most assuredly not! The Christ never turned in disgust from a leper or anyone else in sorrow and in affliction; He always sought them out in order that He might heal and help them.

What good do you think there is, and what work do you think an Invisible Helper can do, in the First Heaven and the Region of Concrete Thought, where there is no sorrow, suffering and misery, but where all is happiness and joy? There he is not needed by any means. His work lies in the very regions which these writers profess to be able to skip, and if there were such a short-cut as mentioned, no true Invisible Helper would ever want to make use of it, but as a matter of fact there is no such byway to Heaven.

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### WHY MOST INITIATES ARE MEN

*Question*—If woman, possessing the positive vital body, reaches the point in evolution where she can have choice of body and she selects the

positive physical body, where does the negative side come in as a balance?

*Answer*—To understand the point you wish to have cleared up you must first realize that *man* and *woman* are appellations only to be applied to the physical body, for sex is not expressed in the same manner in the higher vehicles. Fix also firmly in your mind that the spirit which manifests in the bodies of the the sexes which we call male and female is itself sexless, but two of the spirit's attributes are particularly in evidence when it creates its vehicle: *will* and *imagination*, positive and negative, and they manifest as male and female respectively when the spirit reaches the Physical World and builds the body in which it will function under the divine guidance of the Creative Hierarchies,.

The spirit expresses alternately, will and imagination so that it may be evenly developed, and therefore it manifests in male and female bodies, and being imperfect the balance is struck for it by giving it a positive physical body together with a negative vital body and vice versa. But when the time comes that the spirit has evolved through eons in the School of Life and learned its lessons to such an extent that it becomes fairly self-controlled or balanced, it is no longer necessary to secure the full equilibrium by means of opposite polarity in the body; therefore the spirit can and does take to itself both a positive vital and a positive physical body. This is the case with the great majority of Initiates, except where for special reasons they find it advantageous to make use of a negative physical body. *The vital body, however, in every Initiate is always positively polarized*, as that makes it a better and more receptive instrument for the vibrations which come from the Life Spirit, whose counterpart the vital body is.

#### CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

*Question*—If we lovingly work with plants and animals to aid in their development and evolution will we have “bread to shew” in the temple, or is that only gained by service to humanity?

*Answer*—No, every kind act to another creature and every thought of love which we send out to

other beings, no matter to what kingdom they belong, reacts upon us in such a manner that it becomes a factor in our soul-growth. But it should be noted that if we bestow kindness and give our love to plants and to animals, while withholding it from from human brothers and sisters, we are making a grave mistake, for true charity always begins at home. What would we think of a man who neglected his own family and bestowed his love and care upon the family of some one else? Surely we would not lack words to characterize such conduct and the same argument may be applied to anyone who devotes his love to animals or to a garden full of flowers, but who neglects to do the same for the children in his neighborhood.

We remember a case in point: There was a very wealthy man among our Probationers a few years ago, who was always complaining of his spiritual progress being so slow. He moved in society and took part in all their functions and at the same time he was aspiring to follow the meek and lowly Christ. When we showed him his inconsistency, he excused himself with the plea that he would have to do this on account of his wife's desire; he had married her and could not break up the relationship, which would be the result if he refused to accompany her to the social functions.

We asked him what then he was doing to promote soul-growth, what interest he was taking in those not so well situated as he. Was he giving anything to charity, or better still, was he doing, something in a personal way to help those not so well placed and who needed his aid? He admitted that he was not, but then, evidently shamed at being unable to show that he was doing something for others and trying to *earn* the right to work in a larger sphere, he said apologetically: “Sometimes I see a dog that is hungry, it has happened once or twice that I have fed it, and I am very fond of my dog here and bestow quite a lot of time upon its training.” Now you will readily understand that whatever love this man may have shown toward his own dog and the expenditure of perhaps a few cents for scraps to feed a hungry dog once or twice while neglecting the opportunity to feed the hungry souls of his human brothers and sisters is not

going to give this man soul-growth and of course like so many others, when they discover that there is no royal road, that spiritual powers cannot be bought, he dropped his interest in the matter.

It will not promote soul-growth to pay for missionaries to go to China and convert the heathen there while your own immediate family is in darkness. It would not help you if you fed all the dogs and cats in your town and cared for all the gardens which are there neglected, while omitting to look after your human children. But if you have done all that you can to let your own immediate family see the light, then it is good to send missionaries to China also, if you have the means, if you have done all you can to bring love into the lives of the children in your own home, your own town, then it is also good to care for the cats and dogs and gardens. We can never do too much, but much or little, we should make sure first that we expend our efforts in the proper and legitimate sphere.

#### *THE FRUIT OF EVOLUTION*

*Question*—What is it we bring back after our evolutionary journey? If Spirit is perfect in the beginning, what can we add?

*Answer*—We are taught that in the beginning of manifestation God, the Great Spirit, differentiates *within* Himself (not from Himself, but within Himself), a number of Spirits which are as sparks from a flame, partakers of the divine nature; yet no one will contend that a spark is as good and as illuminating as the flame, though of the same substance. Before the differentiation, these Spirits

possessed and partook of the divine all-consciousness, omniscience and other attributes. These divine faculties are latent in them and the pilgrimage through matter, the evolutionary journey, is designed for the purpose of fanning these sparks into flames and unfolding the attributes which are in latency to potency, so that they may become dynamic powers, ready for use by each individual Spirit.

But there is something more attained. When the wind blows over a new-mown hay field it absorbs and carries with itself the fragrance of the myriad of flowers, it is laden with the incense peculiar to that field. In another place, where the wind blows through a garden of roses or of orange blossoms, it gathers a different scent. Similarly with the evolving Spirits: each one during the fanning process in the evolutionary field, gathers the aroma of its individual experience and at the end of evolution when, as Prodigal Sons, we return to the bosom of the Father, each one of us will carry with him or her the aroma of his particular and individual experience upon the evolutionary journey.

This composite essence, then, will be amalgamated with the great divine Spirit of the Father. We shall then all be partakers of one another's experience, and the Father will be partaker of all of our experience. Thus there will be a distinct gain to all concerned, for besides having evolved our own individuality, we shall learn and partake of the knowledge and experience gathered by all the other Spirits in our life wave.

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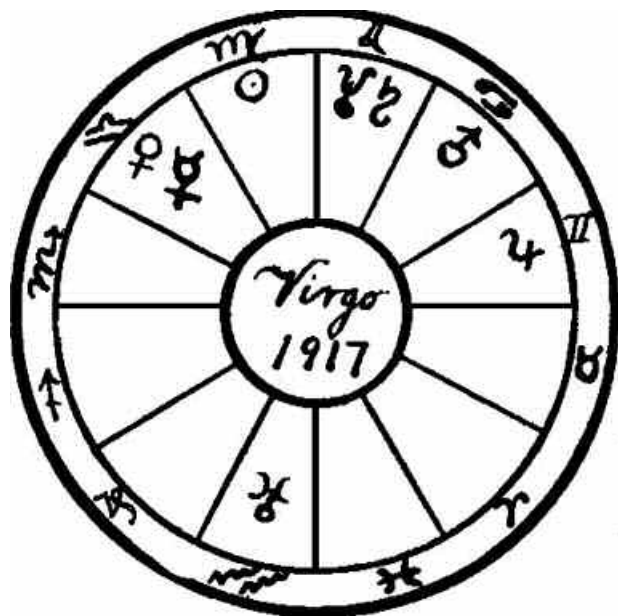
# The Astral Ray

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## The Children of Virgo---1917

Born from August 24th to September 23rd

EDITOR'S NOTE—It is the custom of astrologer, when giving a reading requiring as data only the month in which the person is born, to confine his remarks to the characteristics given by the sign the Sun is in at the time. Obviously, however, this is a most elementary reading and does not really convey any adequate idea of what these people are like, for if those were their sole characteristics there would only be twelve kinds of people in the world. We are going to improve upon this method by giving monthly readings that will fit the children born in the given month of that particular year, and take into consideration the characteristics conferred by the other planets according to the sign wherein they are during that month. That should give a much more accurate idea of the nature and possibilities of these children and will, we hope, be of some use to the many parents who are not fortunate enough to have their children's horoscopes cast and read individually. We keep these magazines in stock so that parents may get such a reading for children born in any month after June, 1917. The price of back numbers is 25¢ each



**V**IRGO, the Sixth Sign of the Zodiac, is ruled by Mercury, the planet of Reason and Expression and Dexterity. It is said, and with considerable truth, that love is blind, for were one to see faults in the beloved one, the master passion never could find expression. Therefore the children who are governed so much by the intellect are not sympathetic but inclined to be cynical, critical, and skeptical of anything that is not scientifically demonstrable to the senses. They are very quick mentally, though only too often inclined to strain at a gnat and get into a rut where they become narrow and bigoted.

They are not very active themselves, but fond of taking things easy, though they like to drive others and can be very masterful with subordinates. Usually they are also very even-tempered, but when once they are provoked or roused it is hard for them to get over their anger and forgive. They are very fond of the study of diet and hygiene and many among them become extreme food faddists. As Virgo is the Sixth Sign, these people take on Sixth House characteristics and are very sensitive to suggestions of ill health, and if they ever become enmeshed in the tentacles of disease, they lack the necessary will-power to extricate themselves, with the result that they then usually



become chronic invalids or perhaps, rather, they think themselves so. For it may be said that these people seem to resent any effort to cheer them up or to get them out of the clutches of their particular illness, real or fancied. They seem, in fact, to *enjoy* bad health and they are always looking for sympathy, though, as we noted in the beginning of this reading, they are very slow to grant the same to others.

The 1917 crop of Virgo children has the planets placed as shown in the accompanying figure—if they are born before September 15th; Saturn and Neptune in Leo, the sign which governs the heart and the affections, further stifles the sympathetic nature and makes it still colder than the usual Virgo child. Jupiter, the planet of Benevolence and Optimism, in the Mercurial sign Gemini, will make these children extremely fond of traveling and they will reap both benefit and pleasure by following this bent of their character. He will also increase their dexterity and make them more valuable members of society than otherwise. He is in mundane trine to Uranus, the planet of Intuition, which is placed in his own intellectual sign, Aquarius, and we may therefore judge that these children will be usually quick, original, and intuitive. He is also in mundane trine to Venus and Mercury, Venus being strong in her own sign Libra, thus giving to these children an unusual sense of beauty and an uncommon dexterity when under normal conditions. But the mundane square of Venus and Mercury to Mars, the planet of Dynamic Energy, shows that they will possess a violent temper when roused.

On the 15th of September Mercury, the planet of Reason, enters Virgo, and Mars, the planet of Dynamic Energy, enters Leo; thus the general Virgo characteristics mentioned in the beginning of this reading are intensified in the case of children born in the latter part of the month of September, and Venus enters Scorpio on September 17th. With respect to health, the placement of Neptune, Saturn, and Mars in the sign Leo, which rules the heart, is not a good omen, for it has a tendency to disturb the rhythm of the heart action; therefore parents of children born during

this whole month, and particularly parents of children born after September 12th, should be careful to see that their little ones are not subjected to too severe exercise during the years of childhood until that organ has had time to become firmly established. Venus in Scorpio and in mundane square to both Saturn and Mars, is a warning of impending trouble with respect to the menses of the girls. Be sure that you educate them to a proper understanding of this function so that they may not be unduly frightened when the period comes. Normal exercise and strengthening food will help much at the time of puberty.

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#### *NEPTUNE THE OCTAVE OF MERCURY*

Occasionally Students ask why we call Neptune the octave of Mercury, and the following explanation may serve to elucidate:

Mercury is usually associated with reason and intelligence; to him is ascribed rule over the nervous system, which is the medium of transmission between the embodied spirit and the world without. Thus, as Neptune signifies the sub- and super-human intelligences who live and move in the spiritual realms of the universe, but who work with and upon us, so Mercury indicates the human intelligence focused upon the terrestrial physical world wherein we live from birth to death. Therefore it may be said that Neptune is the octave of Mercury, but there is a deeper sense.

Reference to a textbook of anatomy or physiology will show that lengthwise fissures in the spinal cord divide it into three parts, which enclose a hollow tube. Each of these columns is ruled by one of the Hierarchies in closest touch with us; the lunar, martial, and mercurial; one or the other predominating, according to the stage in evolution of the individual. In the spinal canal the rays of Neptune kindle the spinal spirit fire whereby the human spirit is enabled to pierce the veil of flesh and contact the worlds beyond; this vision is colored according to the column of the cord most actively excited. In the childhood days of mankind the creative force which is now turned outward to build ships, houses, railways, telephones, etc., was used inwardly to build the organs of our body, and

as the surrounding physical world is photographed upon the table of a camera obscura, so the spiritual world was reflected in the spinal canal. There man beheld first the lunar God, Jehovah, whose Angels were then his tutors. Later Angels who had fallen behind the standard of their compeers, and whose evolutionary requirements were therefore different, forced entrance to the spinal cord of man. The spiritual inner vision of mankind faded when "their eyes were opened and they saw they were naked." Then they lost touch with the higher self, they saw only the person, and the docile creature of Jehovah was soon transformed to a savage and a brute under the impulses of the Lucifer Spirits, the hierarchy of Mars. But by their promptings man has also learned to conquer material obstacles, to build outwardly and become architect of the world. To counteract the unmitigated selfishness bred by the Martial Angels, and to make mankind humane, our Elder Brothers from Mercury, human like ourselves, whose high

state of evolution required the high vibration generated and prevailing in close proximity to the sun, were required to invest the spinal cord of mankind also, and through their labors civilization has taken on a different form. Mankind is again beginning to look inward and when the mercurial ray meets the ray of Neptune in the spinal canal, man finds again his Higher Self; the Christ is born within.

Thus there is a connection between the Moon, Mercury, and Neptune. Those who come in touch with Neptune through the Moon become irresponsible mediums, victims of obsession, etc., but where Mercury is the gate, reason and understanding guide the aspiring spirit. An afflicted Mercury may sometimes tempt seekers to enter by the wrong door, and mental trouble may result; if aware of the danger, however, continual care and persistence usually unlock the door of the temple, for the good forces are in ascendancy now and grow stronger as time passes.

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“THE PALACE OF KNOWING”

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He has run the gamut of all tones, all colors, all numbers—has expressed all thoughts and all actions, hence vibrates to all keynotes from the lowest to the highest. From his spiritual “center” radiates the pure white light—a synthesis of the echo of every note in the “world’s great chorus—every color of the rainbow.”

This is the Palace of the knowledge, that knows it knows—where the Seeking Soul becomes One with the “Divine Magnet” that has drawn it since Creation’s morn. Realizing this Union, when attained, he consciously trusts in His Wisdom and Power—he “takes no thought of how or what he shall speak,” *knowing* that “it shall be given him in that same hour he shall speak”—caring not for its effects upon others or himself, resting all responsibility on Him.

Here one ceases to “see through a glass darkly” and “beholds his Father face to face.” The illusions of the world vanish as the sparkling snow-

bank under the warm rays of the sun and one is able to know *Truth*, for this Temple is build WITHIN and its interior is illuminated by the “Invisible Fire.” Abiding here, one acquires a conscious power of radiating upon others, an influence so filled with life, sunshine, and love that they involuntarily seek for its cause, for that invisible “something” which they *feel*. It creates within them a desire to know the *secret*, it inspires them with a longing to attain. Through this new Power, one is enabled to look beyond the weaknesses and shortcomings of every soul and see it in its Divine beauty, goodness, and truth.

Hence it is the work of these illuminated ones to open the door of the sickened and saddened hearts, and of those besmirched by sin and shame, and let the Great Healing Power of Light and Love, the only true balm, shine in. But only those who have sounded the deepest depths and soared to the loftiest heights can constitute an adequate channel for the expression of the “Spirit of the Divine,” only they become High Priests speaking God’s message.

## Your Child's Horoscope

If the readings given in this department were to be paid for they would be very expensive. for besides typewriting, typesetting, plating of the figure, etc., the calculation and reading of each horoscope requires at least one half day of the editor's time. **Please note that we do not promise anyone a reading to get them to subscribe.** We give these readings to help parents in training their children, to help young people find their place in the world, and to help students of the stellar science with practical lessons. If your child's horoscope appears, be thankful for your luck. If it does not, you have no cause for anger at us.

### We Do Not Cast Horoscopes.

Despite all we can say, many people write enclosing money for horoscopes, forcing us to spend valuable time writing letters of refusal and giving us the trouble of returning their money. Please do not thus annoy us: It will avail you nothing.

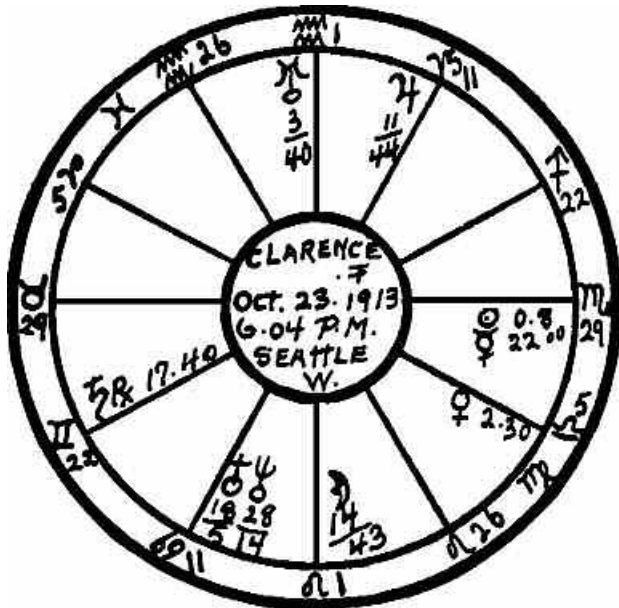
Clarence W. F., born October 23, 1913, at 6:04 p. m., Seattle, Wash.

Here we have a little youngster who is about as smart as they may be found, for we find Mars, the planet of Dynamic Energy, trine to Mercury, the planet of Reason, in the sign Scorpio. This will make him very quick mentally and give him a splendid and ready flow of language so that he will never be at a loss for an answer, no matter what the conditions that face him. Furthermore, Saturn, the planet of Obstruction, is in the Mercurial sign Gemini and sextile to the Moon,

octave, the planet of Intuition, which is placed in the intellectual sign Aquarius, and highly elevated in the Midheaven. This gives the crowning touch to make Clarence's mentality very unusual in every respect. There is, however, one flaw, that Uranus is square to the Sun, and while it helps to sharpen all the mental faculties, that also has the tendency of making him more subtle, so that if you wish to make a really splendid character out of him, you must endeavor to combat this in the earliest childhood's years. Teach him to always be straight-forward in every thing, and he will be a wonderful man.

Taurus, the sign of Venus, is rising and Venus, the planet of Beauty, is in her other sign, Libra, trine to Uranus highly elevated in Aquarius. On this account he will have an extremely attractive personality and draw a great many friends to himself, particularly from the opposite sex. But there is a great danger connected with this which is shown in the horoscope as a tendency, namely, scandal. Uranus, the planet of clandestine and illicit unions, is highly elevated in the Midheaven, and square to the Sun in the sign Scorpio, which governs the generative organs.

From all the signs in this horoscope, Venus trine Uranus, Mercury trine Mars, etc., it is evident that Clarence will sometime go on the stage and take up the career of an artist, with all that implies with respect to Bohemian life, and it should therefore be your duty to warn him of the tendencies that are foreshown in the horoscope so that he may guard himself the more against such possibilities. With respect to health, we find that Clarence has a very exceptional vitality and a strong constitution, but Saturn is placed in Gemini, the sign which rules the lungs, and though he is not afflicted but well aspected with the Moon, this nevertheless shows



which also has a significance in the matter of mind. A good aspect of Saturn is always extremely beneficial to the mind, for he curbs its flightiness and confers the ability to concentrate upon any problem in hand, especially when, as here, he is placed in a Mercurial sign. Therefore we may judge that Clarence will also have the ability of concentration and forethought.

Finally, Venus is trine to Uranus, her higher



that there is a weak link in the chain of live and it will be well to look out for it in respect of these organs.

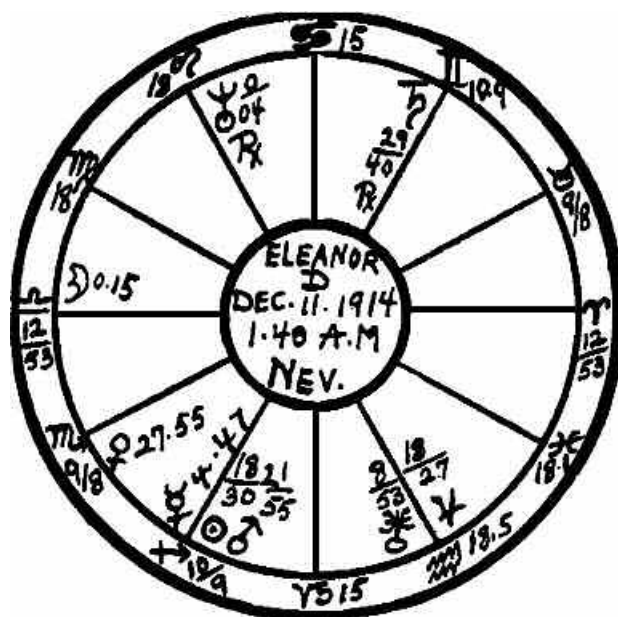
Eleanor D., born December 11, 1914, at 1:40 a. m., Nevada.

Here we have another bright and versatile little youngster, for we find that Mercury, the planet of Reason, is sextile to the Moon, the planet of Imagination, and Uranus, the planet of Intuition, also is in conjunction with Venus, the planet of Love and Beauty. This shows that Eleanor will have a very quick and intuitive mind; it will be exceptionally so, and besides that, she will have the ability to express herself in beautiful language conferred by the conjunction of Venus and Mercury. Thus she will attract a host of friends and be much sought after by all who know herr, particularly by those of the opposite sex. And we find that in that respect she is also indeed born under a lucky star, for Jupiter, the planet of Benevolence, "Cordiality, and Joviality, is in the Fifth House, which governs courtships, and he is sextile to the Sun and Mars, which are the signifiers of marriage for a woman.

Mars rules the Seventh House, governing marriage, and the Second House, governing finances, and by his conjunction with the vitalizing Sun and their Sextile to Jupiter, the planet of Benevolence and Opulence, it is certainly very evident that Eleanor will benefit greatly by marriage, both as regards happiness and in financial circumstances. Thus her's would seem to be a life singularly full of the good things, and blessed by an absence of the evil things, but there is one sinister point that merits your attention, namely, the Moon square Saturn.

The Moon is the planet of fecundation; she, so to say, fructifies the seeds of events which are sown in our lives and brings them to pass, and Saturn is the planet of Obstruction, who always hold back whatever he comes in contact with. Thus the square aspect makes for disappointments in life; the things that we naturally have a reason to expect would come true seem to be frustrated by circumstances beyond our control. And the

Moon is placed in the House of sorrow, trouble, and self-undoing, the Twelfth, showing that from this cause will come the sorrows of Eleanor. There is, however, so much in the horoscope that it is doubtful if this will have the full effect the same as in a horoscope where there are many other squares and oppositions. But there is no doubt that as the Sun and Mars in conjunction give her a great deal of energy, vitality, and impulsive ambition, so this aspect between Saturn and the Moon has been set as a sort of a balance-wheel to curb her impatience and teach her to her patient. We also find Neptune, the planet of Inspiration, in Leo, the sign of the heart and feeling, and Venus is just about entering



Sagittarius, and is in conjunction with Mercury. This makes a trine with Neptune, and will give Eleanor a talent which will express itself in inspirational music, with an unusual ability to perform. This talent should be cultivated from the earliest years, for it will be a source of great pleasure to both Eleanor and all with whom she comes in contact.

With respect to the health, we find that there is a great deal of fire in the nature given by the sun and Mars, but Saturn is about to enter the sign Cancer, which rules the stomach, and he is square to the Moon. This will undoubtedly cause trouble with the digestion unless Eleanor is taught to be careful in her habits of eating. The Moon is Libra,

in square to Saturn, the planet of obstruction, will also give a tendency to obstruction of the urine, for Libra, the sign where the Moon is placed, governs the kidneys. Thus there is a tendency to cold in the stomach and in the kidneys, which should have your careful attention, that it may be avoided while the child is growing, and the constitution strengthened.

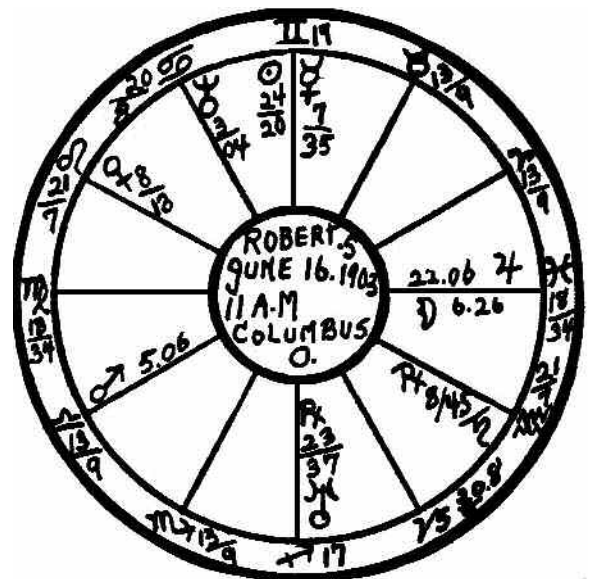
Robert Schwartz, born June 16, 1903, 11:00 a. m., Columbus, Ohio

At the first sight, this would appear to be a weak horoscope, because there are four common signs on the angles; Virgo is rising. But upon closer inspection it becomes clear that Robert has an extra fine mind. Mercury, the planet of Reason, is in his own sign, Gemini, highly elevated in the Midheaven. He is trine to Saturn, the planet of Forethought and Concentration, which is placed in the intellectual sign, Aquarius, and also to Mars, the planet of Dynamic Energy, which is the cardinal sign Libra, in the Second House. Thus Robert has both the necessary energy to make a success in life and the ability of exercising reason and forethought with regard to the problems which confront one in everyday life, so that he is bound to make a success in whatever vocation he may choose.

But one thing you ought to warn him about is that no matter what he undertakes, he should do it alone and never under any circumstances entertain the idea of partnership with someone else, for we find that Jupiter, the planet of Benevolence, opulence, and general Good Fellowship, is placed in the Seventh House, which rules Partnerships, but square with the Sun and the treacherous Uranus. This means that so long as Robert operates on his own account he is likely to be fairly successful, but the moment he takes someone in with him, the treachery and unaccountable duplicity of that person will bring him into trouble. Unfortunately, this position is also a bad indication of a successful marriage, and we find that Venus, the planet of Love, is opposite Saturn, the planet of Obstruction, placed in the Fifth House, governing courtships, so that it will be difficult if not impos-

sible for Robert to find a life partner, and should he succeed in that, against all unlikely signs, when the marriage has been consummated he will find himself worse off, and the union will probably be dissolved in the divorce court, indicated by the square of Jupiter to Uranus.

The life-giving Sun and Mercury, the planet of Dexterity, are highly elevated in Gemini, the sign which governs the hands. This insures Robert a rise in life by the favor of those in authority. The sextile of Venus, the planet of Beauty, to Mercury will, in addition to the dexterity, give him a pleasing mode of expression and address, and will win much favor for him, and also give him financial comforts, for Venus is also Ruler of Libra, the sign



on the second cusp, which governs the financial affairs.

With respect to health, we find that Venus, the Ruler of the venous circulation, is in Leo, the sign which governs the heart, and in opposition to Saturn, the planet of Obstruction. We may therefore judge that Robert is liable to some heart trouble, unless it is made plain to him that it is necessary to conserve his energy and not subject his body to too violent exercise. If that is done, there is all probability that the difficulty will not be so great. We also find Mars, the planet of fever and excessive heat, in Libra, the sign which rules the kidneys, and square to Neptune, which is in Cancer, the sign ruling the stomach. This shows that there

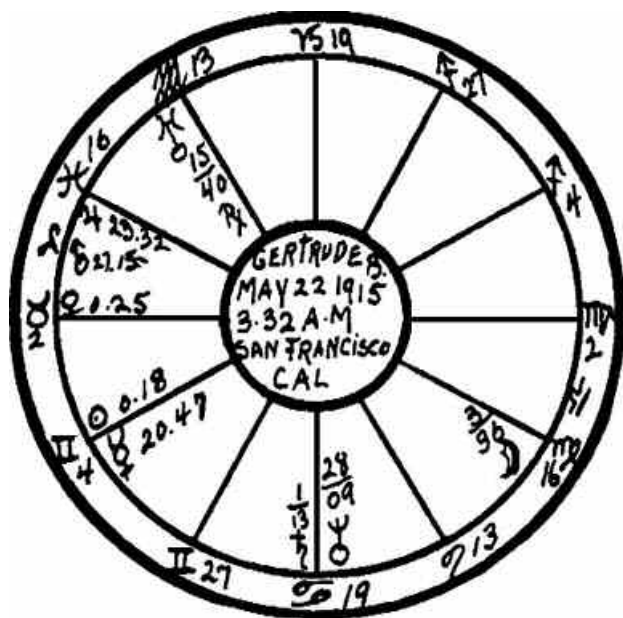
is a tendency to stomach trouble and urinary trouble; but here also a stitch in time or an ounce of prevention will prove worth many pounds of cure. By taking proper care of him and teaching him to eat non-stimulating foods, these tendencies may be minimized, if not entirely overcome.

Gertrude B., born May 22, 1915, 3:32 a. m., San Francisco, California.

Here is another little lady with an unusual mentality, for we find that Uranus, the planet of Intuition, is placed in its own intellectual sign, Aquarius, and trine to Mercury, the planet of Reason, which is also essentially dignified in its own sign, Gemini. This will make her very original in thought, speech, and action, besides giving her an unusual faculty for expression. We also find Saturn, the planet of Obstruction, sextile to the Moon, the planet of Imagination, so that Gertrude will have a splendid imagination, but it will be

affords. She will also have a very attractive and interesting personality, for Venus, the planet of Beauty, is rising in her own sign, Taurus, sextile to Saturn and trine to the Moon. This will make her much sought, but particularly by people older than herself. There is, however, a side to her nature which is not very desirable; it is indicted by Mars, the planet of Impulse and Ill-temper, in conjunction with Venus and square to Neptune, also by the Sun squaring the Moon. The Sun in the Individuality and the Moon the Personality. Plainly there is going to be a struggle between the higher and the lower nature, and she will have a bad temper if allowed to go on without restrictions. This will bring her much trouble, as indicated by Mars in the Twelfth House of Sorrow and Self-Undoing. It should therefore be your duty to carefully guide her during the years of childhood and never allow a show of temper to pass without a fitting rebuke, not necessarily in the form of punishment always, but in such a manner that she will gain self-control and mental poise.

With respect to health, we find that Mars, the planet of Dynamic Energy, is essentially dignified in its own sign, Aries, and in close conjunction with the planet Venus on the cusp of the Ascendant. Taurus, which rises, is a sign of great vitality, and Venus and Mars are most splendidly fortified by a trine to the Moon, which is the particular significator of health in a woman's horoscope. We may therefore judge that Gertrude will have splendid health all through life, but the square of Mars from Aries, which governs the head, to Neptune, gives her a liability to headache. And Saturn in Cancer may bring stomach trouble unless looked after. Teach her to eat to live and avoid gourmandizing and gluttony.



always held within bounds, and she will never become visionary. Finally, we find Jupiter, the planet of Altruism, Benevolence, and Cordiality, in trine with Neptune, the higher octave of Mercury. Jupiter is well placed in his own sign, Pisces, and Neptune is in the psychic sign Cancer, which will bring Gertrude in touch with the Occult World at some time and give a wider scope for her mentality than this present sphere of action

Vocational Readings

CATHERINE T., born August 24, 1893, at 6:00 p. m., Spokane, Washington.

The three Houses in your horoscope which determine the service you are to render in the world, the financial recompense you receive therefor, and the social standing this will give you, are the Sixth, Tenth, and the Second Houses. We find