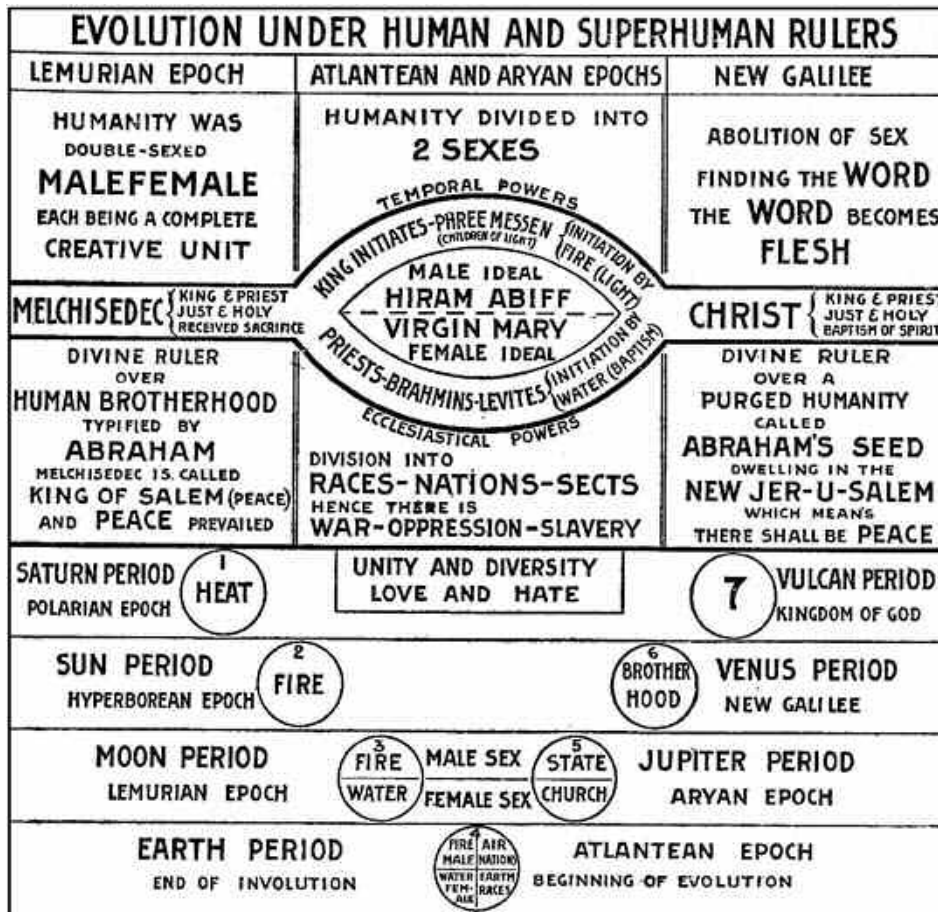


Abraham was, I am.” I do not care for the race father, but I glory in the I Am, the Ego that was long before he was. And He said: “Who does not leave father and mother cannot follow Me.” As long as you are tied to the family, the nation, the tribe, you are siding with the old blood, the old ways, and cannot amalgamate into it universal brotherhood. That can only come when you marry internationally because when you have so many nations, the way to unite them is through marriage. Let Abraham, the race and tribe rather, die; let the *I Am* live. He knew the occult effect that the mixture of blood in international marriage always kills something; if it does not kill the animal, it kills something else. If we mate a horse and a donkey the outcome is a *hybrid*, the mule; in that mule something is missing, on account of the mixture of strange blood, namely, the faculty of propagation which is lacking in all hybrids. Similarly, when we

marry internationally something else is killed and that is the pictures in the inner vision. The different pictures of different families clash. And so the clairvoyance, the touch with the spiritual world, with the memory of Nature, has waned since that practice was taken up. The Highland Scot, who marries in the clan, and the gypsies alone retain this second sight in a measure. Thus we see that the blood is now differently constituted from what it was in the earlier ages of human evolution and the body of Jesus was a pioneer vehicle of superlative purity at the time when the Christ spirit entered it, as an avenue of ingress into the center of the earth by the identical path which had previously been taken by Hiram Abiff when he jumped into the Molten Sea and was conducted along the path of Initiation to the center of the earth where Cain his ancestor dwelt.

This journey of Christ is recorded in the Epistle



or Jude after He had been freed from the flesh by the violent death or Golgotha. When anyone is killed, the venous blood with its impurities clings closely to the flesh and therefore the arterial blood which flows is distinctly cleaner than it would otherwise be; it is more free from passion and desire. And being etherealized by the great Christ Spirit, *the cleansed blood of Jesus overflowed the world, purified the region of selfishness to a great extent, and gave man a better chance to draw to himself materials which will allow him to form altruistic purposes and desires.* Thus the age of altruism was there inaugurated. By faith in this blood, and by imitation of the Christ Life, the Sons or Seth are therefore provided with a means of purging from themselves the curse of selfishness, while the Sons or Cain were given the emblem of the *Rose and the Cross* to teach them to work faithfully to make the Molten Sea, the Philosopher's Stone, and to find the *New Word* which shall admit them to the kingdom, for they believe more in works than in faith.

The accompanying chart shows graphically the three Ages mentioned in this article:

(1) *The first Age*, when each human being was a

complete creative unit, male-female, double sexed, and was ruled by one hierarch, Melchisedec, who filled a dual office as King and Priest.

(2) *The second Age*, when the division of the sexes into men and women and the division of the rulership into State and Church cause war and strife.

*The State* espouses the cause of *Fatherhood and Man* and upholds the male ideal of Arts and Crafts and Industry, embodied in Hiram Abiff.

*The Church* espouses the cause of *Motherhood and woman* and holds aloft the female ideal of love, hearth, and home embodied in the Madonna and her child.

It is the conflicting interests of the man and the woman, the home and the shop, the Church and the State, which cause the economic struggle, the war and the strife with which mankind is cursed and which make all long and pray for the reign of peace.

(3) *The Third Age*, when a divine Christ, who, like Melchisedec, fills the dual office of King and Priest, shall rule over a purged and glorified humanity, which has risen from sex-love to soul-love.

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## Saturn the Benefactor

Dr. J. Casey

**A**MONG those with a knowledge of Astrology, Saturn is always blamed for our misfortunes and frowned upon for his chastisements. He seems to delight in holding up before our mind's eye formidable obstacles. He causes the most exasperating delays and frustrates our plans as though he had no consideration whatever for our welfare. When he irritates and provokes us, we can imagine he is laughing and taking delight in our discomfort. But it cannot be that he is wholly bad. You know he is one of the Planetary Spirits, and also a son of God, just as we are, so it must be that he is working for our ultimate good.

Perhaps we are like the child who cannot see why all its notions should not receive immediate attention, and who believes its punishment is out

of all proportion to the severity of its offense.

That delay he caused perhaps protected us from losing our savings. It was very provoking to have to wait week after week and month after month before we could execute our plans, but during that interval we discovered flaws which, after being eliminated, improved our plans so that our scheme terminated so successfully. Perhaps we were so ambitious and desirous of accomplishing something that we did not then realize a certain degree of maturity was necessary before our services would be valuable to the world. It was the mission of Saturn to teach us. We can hardly be blamed if we fret a little when the polishing is severe, but we may be sure Goethe was right when he called Saturn "the Spirit of Negation; the power that still works for good, though scheming ill."

# Question Department

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## The Psychological Phenomena of the Trance State

**A** CORRESPONDENT sends us a newspaper clipping in which someone asks the Editor what is really the Aquarian Age, and the question is answered by Mr. Edgar Lucien Larkin, as follows: "There is no Aquarian Age; this *fake* was started by professional *fakers* by teaching that the Solar System entered Aquarius recently. Not one tells when and they write asking me the real date, but the Solar System is going directly away from Aquarius with the speed of twelve and a half miles per second; the Solar System never has been and never can be anywhere near Aquarius, yet pamphlets and monthly magazines are constantly issuing articles saying the same old thing, that the Solar System has just entered Aquarius and great changes are coming to this human race, all of which is totally false."

Our correspondent wants our ideas of the matter, as we believe in and advocate the view that the Aquarian Age is at hand. We are therefore also among the class of publishers denounced by Mr. Larkin as "fakers," but have no hesitation in complying with the request of our correspondent to shed more light on the subject of the Aquarian Age on that score, for we are not disturbed by the attack when we consider the source. It should always be remembered that the value of a statement depends upon the knowledge of the person who makes it, and Mr. Larkin has absolutely no professional standing among Astronomers; he has had no scientific training whatever, and has never been connected with any great Observatories. He is, in fact, an amateur. When the Pacific Electric Railway built its scenic route to Mount Lowe, it also erected a little toy observatory on Echo Mountain, in the foothills below Mt. Lowe, as a drawing card to advertise its trolley trip. Mr.

Larkin was then hired to entertain the tourists, which is an easy task, as they are not usually qualified to discriminate concerning the statements he makes and accept his rant as gospel. Some Editors print his pseudo-scientific effusions because they know that the vastness of the subject of Astronomy appeals to the public.

So far, so good; we have no quarrel with Mr. Larkin for his desire to pose as the head of a great Observatory to those who do not know him and therefore believe that he is a great authority, but it is bad policy for the pot to call the kettle black, and he should not be so quick to cry "faker" at all who believe in the Aquarian Age. Perhaps he does not really mean it, for he is constantly mingling with people of liberal thoughts who hold these ideas and *he knows what they really mean*, so it is probable that he only answered the question the way he did because that seems to be the attitude of the real bona fide scientific Astronomers whom he likes to imitate.

The question is one which depends upon the point of view, in one of its phases. It is true, what he says, that the Solar System has never been in Aquarius and never will be; that it is in fact moving away from the constellation of Aquarius. But it is also true that the Sun has never "risen," and never will "rise," yet we do not denounce the man who makes use of that expression as a faker; we understand that from the point of view of an observer on the earth *it appears* as if the Sun rises, and the Occultist means something similar when he says that we are going into Aquarius by the precession of the equinox. We do not stop to say that by the rotation of the earth on its axis the Sun came in view at seven o'clock, we say simply the Sun rose at seven o'clock, and for similar reasons we do not say that because of the precession of the

equinox it now appears as if the Sun, when viewed from the earth, is nearing the constellation Aquarius at the time when it crosses the Equator at the vernal equinox. If we did, all Astronomers would agree with us concerning the phenomenon seen in the heavens, though they would disagree with us in our contention that this has an influence upon the affairs of humanity. But instead of using this long explanation, we simply say that the "Sun is going into Aquarius," and people will just have to keep on criticizing until they have learned to understand what we mean by this expression, just the same as they understand what is meant when we say the Sun rises.

In the meantime students of the Occult philosophies ought to familiarize themselves with the Astronomical facts so that they may be able to intelligently give a reason for their beliefs, for it cannot be denied that when students who have studied the higher philosophy and thereby acquired a knowledge of superphysical facts are found wanting in their knowledge of the facts that are closely at hand, such as given by Astronomy and Physiology, it does not impress the hearers very well.

When we speak so learnedly about man's finer vehicles, we ought also to know at least the main facts concerning the dense body which everyone sees, and when we speak about the influences of the stars, we ought also to know something of the facts concerning the mechanical motions of the heavens as understood and known by Astronomers. In order, therefore, that students who have not familiarized themselves with these things may gain an insight into the matter we will elucidate briefly. For a more thorough explanation, the student is referred to our *Simplified Scientific Astrology*." The subject is there dealt with in the Philosophic Encyclopedia under the heading "*The Intellectual Zodiac*," and elsewhere.

When the earth moves in its annual orbit around the Sun, it seems, when viewed from the earth, that the Sun travels through the heavens in a narrow belt consisting of twelve constellations or groups of stars which have been given certain names: Aries, Taurus, Gemini, etc., and if the axis of the earth were as stationary as the axle of a

wheel, the Sun would always be found at the same place in the constellation where it was on the same day the year before. But the axis of the earth has a wobbling motion somewhat resembling that of a spinning top, whose momentum is about spent, and this changes the apparent position of the Sun as viewed from the earth in such a manner that it appears to reach any given position a little too early; *it precedes*, and therefore Astronomers speak of the "Precession of the Equinox." That is to say that the Sun appears to cross the Equator at the vernal equinox each year a short distance *before* it reaches the point where it crossed the preceding year. Thus, if one year it crossed in the first degree of Aries, the next year it would cross slightly within the limits of the constellation Pisces, the following year it would be still further away in Pisces from the first point of Aries, and so on. This backward notion, however, is so slow that it takes nearly twenty-six thousand years to go backward through the twelve signs, or twenty-one hundred years to go through one sign, or seventy years to move through one degree.

Astronomers usually speak of "degrees of right ascension" by which they divide the circle of the heavens into the usual number of three hundred and sixty degrees, starting with the point where the Sun crosses the Equator at the next preceding vernal equinox. But they also call the first thirty degrees from that point Aries, the second thirty degrees Taurus, etc., the same as the Astrologers, and thus there is *the natural zodiac*, composed of the twelve constellations or actual groups of stars in the heavens, which change so little that it is imperceptible in the lifetime or even in several hundred years, and *the intellectual zodiac*, which starts from the point of the vernal equinox for any given year.

Seeing that the Sun by precession travels *backwards* among the signs of the Zodiac, it will be understood that there must come a time when the vernal equinox occurs in the first point of Aries; and thus during that year the intellectual and natural zodiacs agree. This occurred the last time about the year 500 A. D., and as the Sun has been traveling backwards at its accustomed rate of one

degree in about seventy years, it is evident that at the present time the vernal equinox occurs in about ten degrees of Pisces, and that *it will be about A. D. 2600, or seven hundred years, before it actually enters the constellation Aquarius.* Or, to be in line with scientific facts, let us say, before it *appears* from the earth as if the Sun crosses the Equator in the constellation Aquarius, and during the twenty-one hundred years from that time it will appear as if the Sun were in the constellation Aquarius every year at the time when it crosses the vernal equinox. And thus it may be said that the Aquarian Age comprises the twenty-one hundred years counting from about A. D. 2600, during which the Sun by precession appears to be in the constellation Aquarius at the time when it crosses the Equator at the vernal equinox.

Has the reader ever sat quietly absorbed in a book or perhaps in writing or some other task, and then suddenly become aware that someone was standing behind his or her back, the approach of whom had been undetected because of absorption in the book or other matters? If so, though the person did not speak or move, the presence was felt more and more keenly until it made you turn. Surely this experience is so common that everyone is personally aware of the fact, but what is the explanation? It is simply this: That besides the physical body which we all see, man has certain vehicles which are invisible to the ordinary vision; and *these subtle sheaths extend beyond the physical body*, so that when we stand close to another person the ethereal bodies intermingle and at a time when we are very quiet and passive these subtle influences are more readily felt than at other times, though they exist and are powerful factors in our lives at all times.

“As above, so below” and vice versa; this is the law of analogy, the master-key to all mysteries. Man is the microcosm and the stars are the macrocosm; therefore we may conclude that these great stars which move in the heavens and are the bodies of spirits have subtle vehicles similar to the auric atmosphere of our earth. Hence the proximity of the Sun to the constellation Aquarius at the time of the vernal equinox transmits these influ-

ences to the earth along with the solar rays and as the spring is the particular time when everything on earth is impregnated with life we may also judge that the Aquarian Ray thus transmitted will make itself felt among the people of the earth, no matter whether they believe it or not. So if we can find out what is the influence of Aquarius we shall be able to answer the question, “What is the Aquarian Age” from another point of view, and Astrology gives us this information based on experience and observation. Aquarius has an intellectual influence, which is original, inventive, mystic, scientific, altruistic, and religious. Thus if we apply the Biblical standard, “By their fruits ye shall know them,” to this problem, we would expect to see that the Aquarian Age would be ushered in by original endeavors along all lines connected with Science, Religion, Mysticism, and Altruism, and we can now look back upon a period of about seventy years in which the Sun by precession has traveled one degree in the orb toward Aquarius. During that time we find that there has been very marked change in all lines of thought and endeavor from that which history records throughout the past two millennia.

Almost all the inventions which make our life today what it is have been made during that time. The telegraph, the telephone, the use of electricity, the conquest of the air and steam, the gas engine, which is superceding steam, and inventions too numerous to mention are making the Aquarian progress in the physical world. We also note the rapid rate at which all the movements of liberal thought in religious matters are superceding the old creed-bound conditions and the increased number of those who have developed the spiritual sight and are investigating the trend of evolution into the higher planes.

Note the rapidity with which the Science of Astrology is gaining ground, and in this respect we may mention that one firm which deals in Astrological Ephemerides, which can only be used for Astrological calculations, is reported to sell about half a million a year. All these things show, or give an inkling of, what may be expected to happen during the Aquarian Age. For when so

great strides have been made during seventy years while the Sun is just beginning to transmit the influence from the outskirts of Aquarius, what then may be expected when it enters the sign itself. Both the possibilities and the probabilities are far beyond the range of the wildest imagination, and this applies both to the physical and the psychical side of life. It is the opinion of the writer that at least the etheric sight will then be developed in the greatest majority of mankind, if not by all, so that the sting of death will be removed, at least partly, by the companionship that will exist after our friends and relatives have passed out of the body, for we shall then continue to see them a while and have time to get used to the fact that they are going to higher realms.

The little children who die and retain their vital body, we shall not grieve for at all, for they will probably remain with their parents until it is time for them to take a new embodiment. This often occurs in the same family, so in those cases there would be absolutely no sense of loss. When this point in evolution is reached mankind will also be so much more enlightened that it will avoid many of the pitfalls which cause trouble today and it therefore favors a much happier existence than has been the rule up to the present stage. The added intellect will help us solve the social problems in such a manner that it will be equitable to all and the use of continually improving machinery will emancipate mankind from the physical toil to a great extent and leave more room for intellectual and spiritual improvement.

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*THE NECESSITY OF RE-BIRTH*

*Question*—To those brought up in the teachings of Spiritualism and Swedenborgianism it is easy enough to accept the fact of life hereafter and of incidental purgatorial experience therein, but it is not easy for them to understand why it is not entirely feasible for the individual to obtain all the subsequent conditions of existence necessary to progression in the spiritual world itself without returning to the physical plane for re-birth in new lives. If there be an imperative reason for such return to the flesh as Rosicrucianism sees it, will

you not state this briefly but explicitly in the magazine?

*Answer*—The necessity for re-birth has two phases, one physical and one spiritual; if the mineral components of our bodies did not crystallize, so that it were possible for us to keep them young and pliable for millions of years, it would not be necessary to take re-birth; we could learn the lessons of life through the unbroken stretch of ages, but on account of our ignorance and abuse of this body it does not last for more than three score and ten years, as the saying is, and probably not one-half that time as an average. Hence, if we live here only one short life of thirty or forty years, we would be unable to learn the lessons which are to be taught us in this environment, and that would be a waste of energy.

We, as human beings, would not think of building an elaborate school and furnishing all the requirements for teaching the pupils and then graduate the students after one day's attendance, and that would be exactly analogous to a cosmic system which would require the attendance of pupils at the school of life during only one life-day. But when the first school day is over we send the pupil home to assimilate this lesson and to prepare for the next day's schooling, and so on through many days and years. Similarly the divine Hierarchies who guide our evolution send us to school on earth each life-day and at the close thereof we are called to our heavenly home to rest up and prepare for the schooling of the next life-day. It would be an absolute impossibility for our school masters to cram all the wisdom to be learned in the school into the head of any pupil, be he ever so precocious, if the time were limited to one day. But given many successive days, which in the end amount to years, they are able gradually to impart their knowledge to him; similarly also in life's school.

Cosmic wisdom and cosmic love cannot be taught in a short time. It takes ages, for the divine qualities are not mushroom growths which can be attained over night. They resemble rather the sturdy oak which requires a century to develop, but has as a compensation a sturdiness and strength

which is not approached by the mushroom. Furthermore the constitution of, and the conditions in, the spiritual worlds render them unsuitable to the phase of progression which it is necessary man must learn from the physical world. At the present time, mankind is developing the mind by the use of *right thought*, which has to be turned into *right action*, and this can best be done in a realm where conditions are firm and rigid. When an inventor imagines a machine or contrivance, he visualizes it and it may seem to work splendidly *in his mind*, but the wheels which revolve so nicely in the world where interpenetration is the law are often found to rub against each other and to be in each other's way when the model is made in physical material.

Thus it shows that his thought was wrong and he is then forced to go to work and correct the mistake or abandon his project. Thus the physical condition acts as a corrective and by showing him his mistake makes it possible for him to gradually learn to evolve the right thought and embody it in a machine that will work. Similarly, if a man undertakes a business project, he thinks out in detail how it should work, but subsequent developments often teach him that he has miscalculated, and thus he also, by his mistakes, is shown where his thought was wrong, and thus given the opportunity to correct it. These things cannot be learned in the Spiritual World, where one goes out of a window just as easily as through a door, or up the chimney, because everything is fluidic and plastic.

Being divine, we have infinite possibilities latent in us, and we are Gods in the making. Thought is the creative power and unless we learn how to use that in the right manner, it would prove a curse instead of a blessing, both to ourselves and the creatures who are to be helped by us in future ages. For we would be unable to help them in the creation of suitable vehicles, as we have been helped and are being helped by others higher than us in the scale of evolution. Thus we would create monstrosities and therefore the school of earth is an absolute necessity to teach us to *think right*, and thereby *create right* in both the denser and finer

material of the cosmic substances with which we have to work.

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### THE TESTS OF INITIATION

*Question*—What are the tests of initiation, which it is said the candidate must pass before he is initiated?

*Answer*—The candidate for initiation very often does not know that he is a candidate; usually he is simply living the spiritual life of service to his fellowmen because that is the only life that appeals to him, and he has no ulterior thought or object in so doing. But nevertheless he is being tested and tried all the time unconsciously to himself, for that is part of the process. No candidate is ever taken into an initiation chamber and tried or tested; the tests come in the daily life and in the small things which are seemingly very unimportant but really of prime significance, for if a man cannot be faithful in little things how could he ever be expected to be faithful in the great! Furthermore, the Elder Brothers of Humanity, who have charge of this work with respect to their younger brothers, are always sure to pick out his most vulnerable point, because if he is tried, tempted, and falls, this serves to call his attention to the weakness in his character, and thus he has an opportunity of correcting it, which he would not have if temptation were not placed before him. So the tests are not wholly made for the purpose of seeing whether he would keep the trust, but also for the purpose of giving him the chance to strengthen his weak points, and the tests are therefore never the same in the case of any two candidates, for what would be a temptation to one would pass the other absolutely without making any impression upon him whatever. By the life of unselfish service, and through the strength gained by passing the various tests, the candidate weaves the golden garment of the Soul Body, which prepares him to enter the Invisible Worlds, and the process of initiation consists then in simply showing him how to make use of the power which he has accumulated within himself by his own work. But no one can initiate anyone else unless he has the power within, any more than an empty shell can be exploded.



# The Astral Ray

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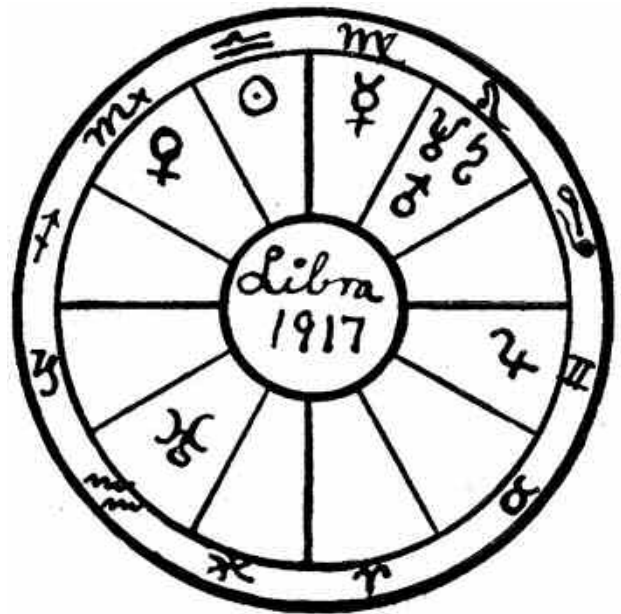
## The Children of Libra---1917

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 25c each.

pursue that with an equal energy and absorbing interest. This is in fact one of their principal faults, as they find it very difficult to settle down to anything definite, and continue in it with patient persistence until they have achieved success.

Born between September 24th and October 23rd inclusive.

**L**IBRA is the seventh sign of the Zodiac and the children which are born under that sign are ruled by the planet of love, Venus. The symbol of Libra, in the pictorial Zodiac, is a pair of scales, and this instrument describes graphically their principal characteristic. The children of Libra are very ardent in anything they do. They take up vocation or an avocation with a zeal and an enthusiasm which for the time being excludes all other things from their consideration, but after a while they may drop it just as suddenly, take up something else as a trade, a fad, or a hobby, and



Libra is the sign where the Sun changes from the northern to the southern hemisphere; it crosses the equator there. And consequently the Sun is very weak at that point. It is the great life-giver going down into the dark winter months, and therefore Saturn, the planet of darkness, is exalted in Libra. Thus we find two natures very markedly expressed in the children that are born under this sign: one is that of the Sun, which is cheerful and



optimistic, the other is that of Saturn, which is morose and melancholy. And this expresses itself in the changeable nature of the Libra children; sometimes they are up in the seventh heaven, optimistic and enthusiastic, cheerful and happy; then as suddenly and without any seeming cause the scale swings and they seem to be down in the dumps of worry and melancholy, just as if they had not a friend in the world. And as a matter of fact, they make many friends, for they have a basically kind disposition engendered by the Lady of Libra, Venus, but they also have a quick temper, though fortunately they do not hold spite. They are exceedingly fond of pleasures in general and particularly lean towards art and music.

This year's Libra children will be specially quick and intuitive, for Jupiter, the planet of optimism and benevolence, is trine to Uranus, the planet of intuition, and Mercury, the planet of reason, is in its sign of exaltation, Virgo. But there is considerable danger with respect to their morals, for Venus, the planet of love, is in Scorpio, the sign which rules the generative organs, and she is in mundane square to the malefics Saturn, Mars, and Neptune in the sign of the heart, Leo. This will make them unduly amorous and parents ought to be careful that they do not form secret practices which may affect their health. The menses of the girls are apt to be extremely copious and the parents should take care to inform them before they

reach that period of their life so that they may not be unduly frightened by this manifestation. Saturn, the planet of obstruction, and Mars, the planet of dynamic energy in the sign Leo, which governs the heart, and square to Venus, is also an indication that the heart of these children will not be strong, and therefore it is the part of wisdom to conserve the energy, particularly during the growing years. On that account parents should carefully guard their children from athletic games and exercises which put a heavy strain upon the heart; by applying the ounce of prevention during the years of childhood, the pound of cure in later manhood or womanhood will probably be unnecessary. Jupiter, the planet of joviality and good fellowship, in the third sign Gemini, shows that these children will have an inclination for travel and will benefit thereby. And we may also note that Jupiter and the Sun are in mundane trine. Jupiter is the planet of opulence and the Sun is the giver of all good things, therefore this benefic aspect between these two lights bespeaks comfortable financial circumstances for these children. They will have plenty of this world's goods and the disposition to enjoy it to the full. This wonderful aspect will also give them a recuperative power and minimize any indication to ill health which might otherwise disturb the balance. We may therefore say that this year's Libra children are indeed born under lucky stars.

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## Your Child's Horoscope

If the readings given in this department were to be paid for they would be very expensive. 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.

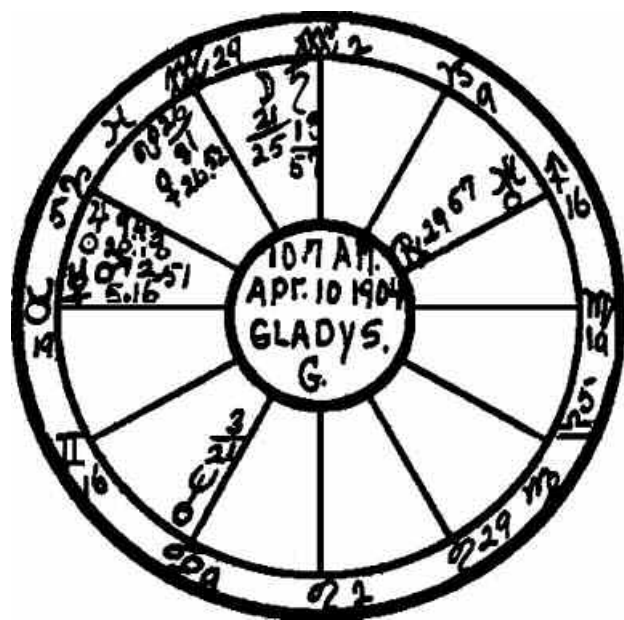
Despite all we can say, many people write enclosing money for horoscopes, forcing us to spend valuable time writing letters of refusal and giving us the trouble of returning their money. Please do not thus annoy us: It will avail you nothing.

**G**LADYS G., born April 10, 1904, at 7:10 a. m., Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Here we have a young lady with four fixed signs on the angles of her horoscope; this indicates that she is quite set in her ideas, and once she has formed a conclusion she is not very easily

turned from it. That is good so far, because most people are too changeable and flexible and the only people who ever really accomplish anything are people with a strong will. So if Gladys will take care that she leaves herself open to reason and does not become stubborn, it is an excellent char-

acteristic, to know one's own mind, to stick to one's ideas. We see from the horoscope that Gladys has an excellent gift of expression, for Mars, the planet of dynamic energy, is in conjunction with Mercury, the planet of expression, is in the sign Taurus, which governs the throat. Thus it is evident that she is never at a loss for an answer or lacking an argument to defend her side of whatever idea she may espouse. But unfortunately this conjunction occurs in the Twelfth House, which is the House of sorrow, trouble, and self-undoing. Therefore Gladys should be careful not to be too radical in her expressions, or she may find that they will cause her a great deal of trouble throughout life. On the other hand, if this gift is used judiciously with good common sense, it will be one of



her chief assets and help her to advance to a good position, both socially and economically. She is well-fitted to have and to hold such a position, the mind being bright and quick, as indicated by this 'same conjunction of Mars and Mercury. But neither is it lacking in depth for we find the Moon, which other signifier of mind, in conjunction with Saturn, the planet of obstruction. This obstructive hand of Saturn always has a very beneficial influence when it is exercised upon the signifiers of mind, for then it gives depth and concentration, thereby arresting the flighty mind and enabling the person to hold it down to one point,

so that he can thoroughly concentrate and study out whatever problem has engaged his attention. Moreover, both Saturn and the Moon are in the intellectual sign Aquarius and sextile to the Sun, which is very powerful in its exaltation sign, Aries. All these things go to show that Gladys has mentality of no common caliber and that she will succeed by means thereof, if she can only hold herself in check concerning the matters which have already been spoken of. The conjunction of the Moon and Saturn also shows that she is no chatterbox, but can keep a secret and can hold her own council. This is a very valuable aspect in life. Just one thing Gladys should beware of and that is friends. For we find that Venus, the planet of love, is in the Eleventh House, governing friends, and in conjunction with the Saturnine Dragon's Tail, also square to Uranus. She may therefore expect treachery and deceit on the part of her friends and that they will throw her over very suddenly and for no cause that can be ascertained. This applies particularly to young people. She will find better success if she picks her friends from among those who are older than herself.

With respect to health we find Saturn to be unafflicted and even beneficently aspected by a sextile of the Sun, the giver of life. It may therefore be said that Gladys will enjoy fairly good health all through life, but the weakest point in her system will be found to be the heart, because Saturn is in Aquarius and works by opposition in the sign Leo, which governs that organ. He will also, on account of placement in Aquarius, give her some trouble from cold in the lower limbs; hence it would be the part of policy to take care not to overexert the heart too much by such violent exercises as running jumping or the like.

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Herbert W., born January 13, 1908, 7:30 p. m., Bellingham, Wash.

Here we have a young man born under a lucky star. For at the time of his birth the royal sign Leo was rising with the great benefic planet Jupiter somewhat above the horizon. This will give him a sunny, jovial disposition that is bound to make many friends for him throughout life. We find also