

In the last depth of the universe we see great gas-clouds, called nebulae, floating, their light leads the astrophysicists to suspect the existence of a certain fundamental matter. Such a nebula is in the constellation of Orion, which, like many others, shows a slow transformation by condensation—it is slowly beginning to move, to form nuclei, spirals and rings. These and the spiral nebulae in the constellation of the Dog, led to the belief that such places are the beginnings of a star, a sun, or perhaps many suns.

It is probable that the suns are created by condensation of such nebulae; it is probable, we don't know, but, with a good deal of courage we reach a point where we can add an inkling, a supposition, an inspiration, or presentiment to the probable, the probable to the discovered, and one thing after another has pieced together our conception of the great Sidereal structure, and thus we arrive at the knowledge of the physical world.

But do not believe that it ever will be finished, or that we will ever discover or reach the fundamentals of all things. As the dry leaves are blown by the morning wind to the land of uncertainty, so must we ever reject error and constantly add new-found knowledge to the proud structure .

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*BAD ASPECTS TO THE MYSTERY PLANETS*

By C. W. Stiles

A person should feel honored by having any kind of aspect to these planets, for it shows the Gods are aware of him and take an interest in his development.

Bad aspects to Neptune and Uranus are very much as if a person were a member of a family which contained one very Superior Member.

The subject in question seldom agrees with the Superior Member, generally refuses point blank to take his suggestions or listen to his advice.

The Superior Member never forces his counsel, nor insists that his advice be taken. He lets the subject go ahead, stub his toes and fall, and fall again, until he is so badly bruised he begins to wonder what is the matter. Then, just possibly, he may begin to listen.

The place where the cross currents of thought

between the subject and the Superior Member meet is marked by a bad aspect. Its special meaning can be read by the House in which it falls.

But bad aspects often bring good results. An examination of a good many horoscopes will show that the people with positive genius almost always have many bad aspects to the Mystery Planets.

People with many good aspects to the same planets have faith plus and then more faith, but they seldom show genius. Very likely the power of genius is latent, but it is not brought to expression.

It is as if the soul in fighting its way to light and peace, by the effort it makes, and the suffering it endures, lighted the spark which caused the flash of superiority which we call genius.

And it seems as if these people with the many cross aspects, especially to Neptune, cannot be helped. They have got to find their own way. As they are always unusually sensitive, and more conscious than ordinary humanity of every bruise, this makes a difficult situation for a friend who understands the case and stands ready to help. But advice will be thrown away. Give nothing but sympathy. Eventually they will work their own way to peace.

And while they are thus working and suffering, they are producing work in music and literature, which is helping all mankind. In the high moments of inspiration which come to them, they have their reward for much of the suffering they are undergoing. At such times they feel the call of the Divine, which they are inclined to deny in ordinary moments.

It will be found that many of the bad aspects in these people of genius are separating, so it is probable that in former lives they have been fighting against these same pricks. It is likely that the fires of genius were lighted in other times and other lives so they are old geniuses re-born and were ready in childhood to astonish their friends by their talents.

In time they will learn their lesson and overcome. Then they will be born with good aspects to the same planets, many of them separating, so we can see what they have had to conquer.

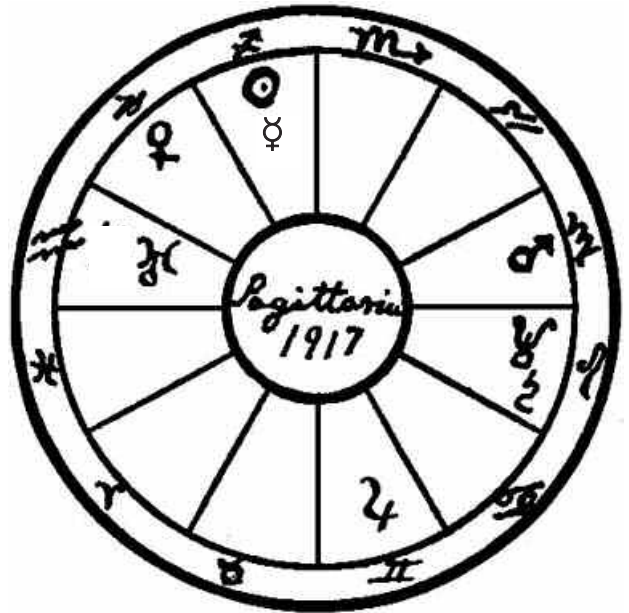
## The Children of Sagittarius--1917

November 23 to December 22

EDITOR'S NOTE—It is the custom of astrologers, 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.

Sagittarius is ruled by Jupiter, the great benefic planet, and it may be said generally that those who are born while the Sun is in the sign from November 23rd to December 22nd, are well-liked among the set in society where they move. They are of a hearty and jovial disposition, princes among men, hail-fellows-well-met, and their acquaintances are usually always glad to see them. But there are two very distinct classes born under this sign. In the Pictorial Zodiac, Sagittarius is represented as a Centaur, half horse and half man, and one class of those who come to birth under its influence are well described by the animal part thereof, for they are of a sporty nature, ready to gamble on the speed of a horse at long odds or to stake their last dollar on a game of cards. They are fond of "a good time right straight through" and their moral nature is of a low grade, aptly described by the animal part of the symbol, so that they have no scruples with respect to the indulgence of their appetites, passions, and desires. They are lacking in respect for both the law and ordinary morals; hence, they are often found among the criminal class. But those children of Sagittarius who are symbolized by the human part of the Centaur, aiming the bow of aspiration at the

stars, are as different as day is from night, for they are extremely idealistic, moral and law-abiding, noble characters who win the respect of society in general and particularly all with whom they come in contact. Therefore they become in time the pillars of society and receive positions of honor and preferment in the State or Church as judges or divines. They are very orthodox and conservative in their opinions and punctilious to a fault in their observance of all customs and traditions of the times wherein they live; but they are not progressive, for they value the opinions of their contemporaries very highly and are seldom induced to espouse any progressive ideas which might jeopardize the respect of the community enjoyed by them. They are firm believers in the necessity of red tape.



Withal, however, they are very charitable and benevolent, tender and sympathetic; they can always be relied upon to aid any altruistic movement, and though they are of a kindly nature and endeavor to avoid quarrels with others in their own behalf. They sometimes fight with great zeal and courage for others who have been injured and in whose behalf their sympathies have been enlisted; hence, they make admirable lawyers.

The Sagittarians are usually excellent con-

versationalists and they have a quick and bright mind. This will apply with more than ordinary force to those born in 1917, for at the present time Mercury, the planet of speech and reason, is in Sagittarius the whole month, but they are also likely to have a more than usually restless nature, for Jupiter, the ruler of Sagittarius, is in the Mercurial sign Gemini, and Mercury in Sagittarius, thus they are in *mutual reception*, and those who are born under that combined influence will certainly have the wanderlust to a superlative degree.

The well-known Sagittarius mania for walking will be well exemplified in them and parents should hold them in restraint as much as possible, for at the present time Saturn, the planet of obstruction, is in Leo, the sign ruling the heart, and in opposition to Uranus, the planet of irregularity, and that means heart trouble in later life, unless the child can learn to moderate its roving tendencies and love of athletics.

Mars, the planet of dynamic energy, in the Mercurial sign Virgo, makes the 1917 Sagittarius children fond of science and invention and gives them original ideas and may serve considerably to bring down the conservatism of Sagittarius spoken

of in the forefront of this reading. It will give them a leaning towards Medicine, Chemistry, Surgery, Healing, and Hygiene, and also incline them to the study of Dietetics. It is to be hoped that in a great number of them these studies will show them the necessity of husbanding their energies so that the tendency to heart trouble may not work itself out. The ounce of prevention is always better than the pound of cure.

Uranus in Aquarius gives these children the same stamp of originality and spiritual advancement as all others who are born in this generation preparatory to the opening of the Aquarian Age. Progress and advancement is in the air and it is very doubtful if even the conservatism and love of convention usually expressed by Sagittarius will be able to withstand it.

We mentioned in the beginning of this reading that Sagittarius is a double-bodied sign, half man and half horse, and it is like the other double-bodied signs with respect to marriage. It shows the tendency to more than one union, and one of them will have a disastrous termination. But forewarned is forearmed and by subduing the passions and letting care and foresight rule in the choice of a partner the unhappiness foreshown by Saturn in Leo

## 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.

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**P**ORTER R. D., born Nov. 6, 1913, 6 p. m., San Francisco, California.

At the time of Porter's birth we find the Mercurial sign Gemini rising and Mercury, the planet of reason, sextile to Uranus, the planet of intuition. This will give him an open, original mind of an ingenious and scientific nature, it will make him scorn to follow the beaten paths of thought and give him what many will call very eccentric ideas. He will, however, escape much

may be at least minimized.

criticism because Saturn, the planet of obstruction, on the ascendant, will make him rather timid and slow to express himself. But he will be a very deep thinker of a scientific nature and the lines of original research which he will follow will eventually give him recognition in literature or science, and his life's work is destined to meet with success. We also find Jupiter, the planet of benevolence, sextile to the Sun, which is placed in the martial

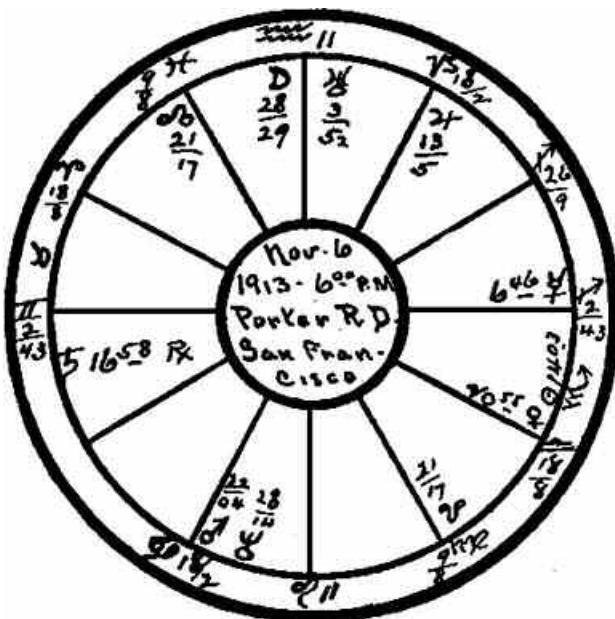
energetic sign, Scorpio. This also shows that Porter will have an energetic, enterprising nature and that with all his eccentric but advanced ideas he will not go beyond bounds, for he will be very anxious to have the esteem and respect of others and fearful of doing anything whereby he might lose it. This would breed in him diplomacy, so that he will be very successful in gaining the friendship of people with influence, who will take sufficient interest in him to help him obtain good positions, where he may work out his ideas to the best advantage. And though Saturn on the ascendant makes him rather timid and slow to express himself he will, nevertheless, seek entrance into society, because, he is fond of company and a general good sociable time, and because he feels that by so doing he can best cultivate the acquaintance of those who may be of benefit to him. But it must not be inferred that he is only seeking the society of people for what good they may do him. Saturn, the planet of sincerity, is trine to Venus in the seventh sign Libra, which indicates society, and thus it shows that he will be a very faithful friend who is also much attached to his family. A model member of any community and entirely worthy of the

business ability and these traits, coupled with the assistance which he is bound to receive from influential friends, will make it possible for him to accumulate a comfortable competence and place him in easy financial circumstances all through life.

With respect to health we find that Jupiter, the great magnetic planet, is sextile to the Sun, the life giver. This is one of the best signs of radiant health which can be found in any horoscope and it will enable him to throw off almost any inimical influence and maintain health throughout life. There are, nevertheless, slight indications of possible trouble with two weak points, which we deem it best to mention in order that you may apply the ounce of prevention to make it doubly sure that there will be no need of the pound of cure. Saturn, the planet of obstruction, is placed on the ascendant in the sign Gemini, which rules the lungs, This shows a tendency toward trouble with these organs and it would be well to instruct him in deep breathing during childhood so that he may overcome. Mars, the planet of fire, in conjunction with the watery Neptune in Cancer, the sign which rules the stomach, shows the tendency towards trouble with that organ also; a tendency to indiscretion in diet, and you should therefore be careful to teach Porter simplicity of diet and frugality.

Willard H., born Nov. 11, 1912, at 8:30 a. m., Vancouver, B. C.

When Willard was born the four common signs were on the angles, Sagittarius rising, and this at the first glance would give us the impression that he is of a vacillating, flexible nature, lacking in energy and ambition. But fortunately the life-giving Sun and Mars, the planet of dynamic energy, are conjoined in the martial sign Scorpio. And although this configuration occurs in the Twelfth House, it will give him a great fund of vitality and enterprise. Moreover, the restless Moon is in the First House, conjoined with Jupiter, the great benefic, and Venus, so that there is no fear that he will be a shirker or a dreamer. He will take hold in due time and do his part of the world's work. It is somewhat of a disappointment to see Mercury, the planet of reason, unaspected, though well placed



respect of his fellows which he seeks and values. This configuration of Saturn and Venus will also make him economical, conservative, and shrewd in his investments. It will give him a first-class

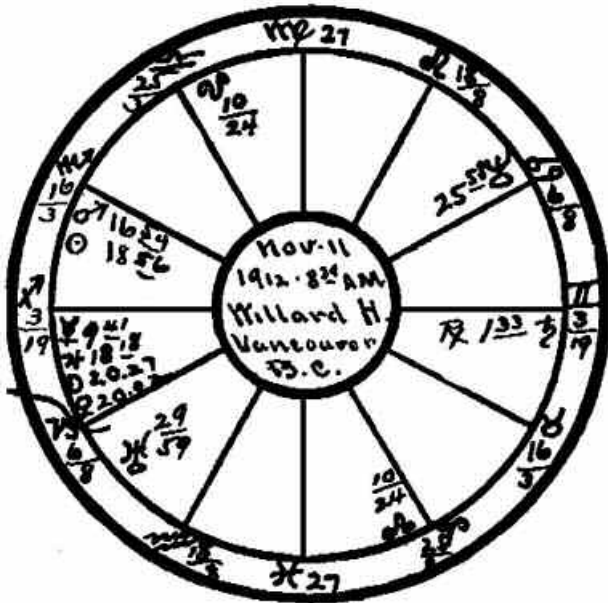
in the mental sign Sagittarius, but the Moon, the planet of imagination, is well aspected by Jupiter and Venus, showing a cheerful, gentle and affectionate disposition; generous, honest and benevolent and Willard will gain a great deal in life on account of the confidence which will be placed in him because of these sterling qualities. It is not to be imagined, either, that he will be a fool because of his lack of reasoning power. Saturn in the mercurial sign Gemini with Uranus, which is just on the cusp of the intellectual sign Aquarius, and sextile with Neptune in the psychic sign Cancer, will give him an intuitional ability, a spiritual insight that will solve his problems beyond all that could ever be accomplished by reason. And it is this faculty which will give him the ability to advise others and in such a manner that the outcome will almost always justify the confidence placed in him.

inclined to quarrel with others. The splendid First House conditions which we have already noticed, will probably push this other side of his nature into the background so that it will only very seldom come to the front, and perhaps not at all if he learns how to control himself under trying circumstances. But it is always well for parents to know the faults which are latent so that they may be able to take steps to counteract them in the years of childhood when the nature is still plastic and before these tendencies have come to an expression. Therefore you should be careful to foster the good side of his nature and frown very hard on the evil and you will probably be able to eradicate this tendency entirely.

On account of the First House conditions, already mentioned, Willard will be very fond of a good, sociable time. He will have an open eye for all that is beautiful and gain by his dealings with women, who will be very much attracted to him. That would be a danger for most people, but fortunately the conjunction of the Moon and Jupiter will make Willard value the opinion of the community very much and he is not likely to do anything that may bring him into disgrace. He will succeed very well in any business connection with ladies wear or kindred lines. The Moon conjunction Jupiter and Venus will bring him prosperity and happiness through marriage to a woman of a very sweet disposition. This configuration also gives him wonderful fund of health and vitality, though it is possible, because of the Twelfth House conjunction of the Sun and Mars, that he may meet accidents, fever, and danger from fire.

Alice E., born Jan. 15, 1913, at 2 pm., Puerto Rico.

The first aspect which we note in this figure is that the Moon is placed in the Twelfth House of sorrow, trouble, and self-undoing, square to the life-giving Sun. This is the one note which is entirely out of keeping with the rest of the horoscope, for it indicates a vacillating mind, disappointment, financial difficulties, and general misfortune in life, mostly because of an egotistical, forbidding personality. As the aspect comes from



But beneath this gentle exterior which is so good and noble that will make him much sought after by all who come in contact with him, there is another nature indicated by the Sun conjunction Mars in Scorpio and in the Twelfth House, which is the department of sorrow, trouble, and self-undoing. He will have some splendid qualities and faculties from that aspect; it will give him courage and energy as already said, but in addition it will make him headstrong, overbearing, egotistical and

the Twelfth House it is, however, something that is latent and which may be overcome by proper training in childhood, so that it may scarcely show itself in the life. And you, as parents, ought to watch carefully and try to eradicate those traits whenever they show themselves. And as the good side in this horoscope is so much stronger than the evil tendency mentioned, there is no doubt that you will be able to help to overcome.

This is, otherwise, a very strong and fine horoscope. Four fixed signs are on the angles, indicating a strong will and determination. And this is also a figure where Saturn plays a particularly fine part and shows all his good qualities. For he is on the ascendant and trine to the Sun and Uranus, sextile to Neptune. This will give Alice a methodical, orderly disposition. It will make her modest, tactful, diplomatic; also very thrifty and a good

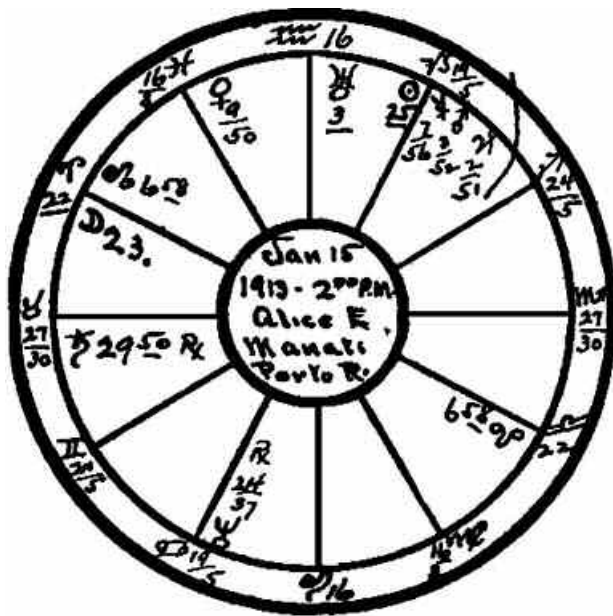
where others will look up to her. The other aspects in the figure contribute to this end and point in the same direction. Mars, the planet of dynamic energy, is in conjunction with Mercury, the planet of reason and dexterity. Also with Jupiter, the planet of noble, good fellowship and all other desirable qualities. This shows that Alice will have a practical, mechanical turn of mind, constructive and enterprising, a very magnetic personality, enthusiastic and full of energy, whereby she will draw others to herself. It will make her frank, open, honest, and self-reliant. Always ready to help others who are in need of it, and therefore she will gain numerous friends.

But it would be well for her to seek her friends mostly among men, for on account of the configuration already mentioned—Moon square Sun, the Moon being placed in the Twelfth House of sorrow, trouble, and self-undoing and secret enmity—women will prove deceitful and treacherous to her despite all her efforts to help them. Saturn on the ascendant has the tendency to make people timid so that they shun company of other people, but in Alice's horoscope we find that Mars and Mercury are sextile to Venus, the ruler of the ascendant. This will make Alice fond of music, society, and pleasure so that she will enjoy life thoroughly, and the Eighth House indications show that in addition to what money she will make herself, she is likely to obtain a legacy; hence, she will always be in good financial circumstances.

With respect to health, however, we find that Alice is not as fortunately placed as in other circumstances of life, for even though Saturn is well aspected, its position on the ascendant weakens the constitution to a certain extent and the Moon, which is the significator of health for a woman, square to the life-giving Sun in the Twelfth House, is also an indication that circumspection is necessary. Be careful of colds during childhood and do not let her overtax her strength.

May M. D., born March 17, 1909, at 7:30 a. m.,  
Kenneth California.

At the time of May's birth four cardinal signs were on the angles, indicating that her life will be



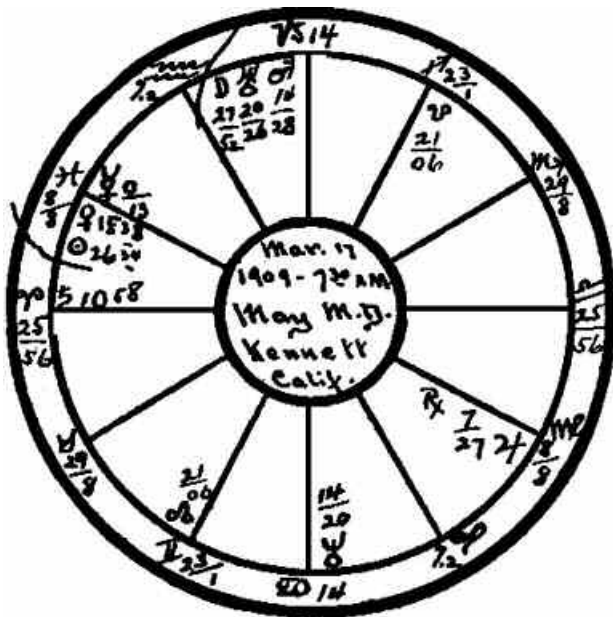
manager of any business. She will be well fitted to take responsibility, for it endows her with a very deep, penetrating intuition, so that she is sure to make a success of whatever she undertakes. Therefore she will certainly rise in life. The Moon square to the Sun will probably cause considerable jealousy on the part of those who are above her in the beginning, but the trine of Saturn and Uranus will give her the persistence, perseverance, and all other qualities which are necessary to rise in spite of any opposition and get to the top of the ladder

an active one, and we also find the Sun, which is the life-giver, and brings action into our existence, sextile to the Moon and Uranus, the planet of originality and intuition. This gives Mayan original, intuitive but rather independent and unconventional nature. She will want to do her own thinking and shape her own course in life unhampered by the advice of interference of others. That is very good for there are only too many people in the world with a wishbone instead of a backbone who never get off the spot. There is, of course, the danger that people of May's temperament may go to extremes, but if they can only keep on the right course they are a benefit to themselves and others

attraction, sextile to Mars, the planet of dynamic energy. This shows that May can depend on comfortable financial circumstances. She will have splendid earning power, but also a tendency to spend her substance as fast as it comes. She is likely to be an excellent exemplification of the old adage that "What comes easy goes easy." And it also works in another direction by making her somewhat dangerously attractive to the opposite sex. We say "dangerously" because Mars highly elevated in the Tenth House of a woman's horoscope always lays her liable to slander and scandal. Besides, we find Saturn, the planet of obstruction, square to Mars and Mercury, the planet of mentality in opposition to Jupiter, the planet of self-indulgence, in the Fifth House, governing courtship and kindred conditions. Therefore you should teach May to be very circumspect in her actions and to avoid even the appearance of evil so that she may escape the sorrow and trouble which is always incident to indiscretion, whether the actual censure is merited or not.

We spoke in the beginning of this reading of May's intuition, but there is another aspect which modifies this, provided she will allow it. That is Mercury in opposition to Jupiter which is in the Mercurial sign Virgo. This adds to her mentality and makes it more alert, but it will also make her vacillating and fearful of trusting to her intuition. Therefore she will be too apt to miss opportunities and let them slip by or make unfortunate decisions or changes. If you can teach her always to rely on her first impression regardless of anything she may afterwards think or feel, you will help her to overcome this trouble. She also has the fault of a very hasty temper and she will brood over her supposed wrongs. That is a very unfortunate condition and when you see her in that mood try to get her to shake herself free from it and show her the danger as soon as she is old enough.

With respect to health, we find that Saturn in Aries, the sign which governs the head, square to Mars, will make her liable to headaches and colds in the head. The reason may be found in the fact that Saturn, the planet of obstruction, is also square Neptune in the sign Cancer, which governs



with whom they come in contact. Now that you know of this tendency, you will also probably be able to help her during the years of childhood to form her ideas and ideals in such a manner that she will not become an extremist. This configuration also gives May a distinct leaning toward the occult side of Nature, so that she will have a good chance of developing her intuitional ability, and in that way she will know, beyond a doubt or question, what is the right line of action for her. This is a splendid aspect for success in life and popularity, it infuses the personality with an energy and magnetism which will not fail to attract others and so she will reap benefit from it.

We also find Venus, the planet of love and

the stomach. Attention to the diet is required from the earliest childhood and if she is brought up on a very simple selection of food, with as much exercise in the open air as possible, it will probably prevent this tendency from working itself out.

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*Vocational Reading*

Carl F., born March 28, 1901, 10:45 a. m., San Francisco, California.

At the time of your birth we find Cancer rising. This is a sign of weak vitality and gives rather an indolent nature. Therefore, in order to assure success in life, you must try to overcome this fault. You have an excellent mentality because we find Mercury, the planet of reason, trine to Uranus, the planet of intuition, sextile to Saturn, the planet of forethought and deep concentration, and also sextile to Jupiter, the planet of aspiration and idealism. This will enable you to plan your life and plan it right. You cannot help but make a success if you will only carry out your plans and not simply let them lie idle in your brain, because you dread the expenditure of energy it will involve to work them out.

Saturn, the planet of thrift, economy, and acquisitiveness, in conjunction with Jupiter, the planet of opulence and sextile to the mental planet Mercury, will also make you acquisitive, thrifty and economical. This will give you an advantage over many who have good earning power, but spend their money as quickly as they earn it, and sometimes a great deal faster. It will give you success in agriculture, should you wish to take up that vocation. But if not, there is another way equally sure which is indicated by the life-giving Sun in conjunction to Venus, the planet of pleasure, both in the Tenth House, indicating the social standing, and both of them trine to the Moon, placed in the Second House, which governs finance. This House is held by Cancer, the sign which rules the stomach and food, showing that catering to the appetites of the public, particularly in foods and drinks which tickle the palate, will be another good vocation for you. In which ever vocation you take up you will find that you will have trouble while you are working for others, for Uranus, the

planet of originality and independence, is in the Sixth House, which governs employment, and this always brings a clash between the ideas of workers and employers. But you should strive to overcome any feelings of that kind during the time when you are learning so that you may be well equipped to take up the work for yourself when you have thoroughly familiarized yourself with the business.

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Francis W., born March 24, 1901, at 1:42 p. m., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

It is curious to note that you were born a few days before Carl F., who has been given the other vocational reading in this month's magazine. On that account, your horoscope and his are very much alike except as regards the ascendent and the Moon's place. The weak sign Cancer is on his ascendent, while your rising sign is the fiery, energetic solar sign Leo. Your ruler, the Sun, is trine to the ascendent, and Mars, the planet of dynamic energy is there, giving you a great fund of vitality. There is also the mixture of cardinal and fixed signs on your horoscope, which will give you vim and persistence to help you through the battle of life. And even though the planets are in the same zodiacal position, yours are differently placed in the houses from his. For Mercury, the mental planet, is ruler of the Second House, which governs finance, and it is sextile to Saturn, the planet of patience and persistence, which is the ruler of your Sixth House, indicating service. It is conjoined to Jupiter, the planet of opulence, showing that you will have no difficulty in obtaining positions of trust at a good salary.

You will be best off while working in an executive capacity for others, for we find that Venus, the ruler of Taurus, which occupies the Tenth House, is square to Neptune, the planet denoting fraud and deception. Should you attempt business for yourself you will be almost certain to meet disaster, and we would, therefore, advise you to take up such work as will fit you for an executive position in a manufacturing concern. Make your employer's interests your own, and work with a view of rising to the top in that way.



*THE SUN PERIOD*

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not shine through the mist, there was light during the second creative day, or the Sun Period of the Earth, a light produced by the Earth itself, which was then a sun, in more or less nebulous condition.

Science now holds that in the evolution of nebulous matter, there is first a dark heat, corresponding to the Saturn state, when, as the Bible states it, "darkness was upon the face of the deep." This condition is followed by a luminous nebulous condition, which was the light that manifested on the second, or Sun Period of the Earth. On the upper portion of the Sun Round, it was the light of the Life Spirit; on the lowest portion, it densified into the desire world state, much more rarified than the chemical light that now radiates from the Sun, the center of our solar system.

Hot, luminous, and rarified as was the Earth at that time, elements and conditions that did not manifest to the sentient nature, the Earth was nevertheless inhabited by "Life Spirits" with three

sheaths or bodies, the innermost being the vehicle of Abstract Thought, the one next outward being the sheath of Concrete Thought, and the most outward, or densest, being the sheath of Desire. So rarified were the bodies of Earth's inhabitants at that time that they were not affected by either heat or cold, and so were salamanders, or fiery beings. They were not objective beings, not even when densified to the plane of desire, but lived wholly within themselves.

Desire with them was for the highest spiritual of which they were capable, that of the Life Spirit state. So highly attenuated were they that they were radiant beings, possessing a glory far beyond that of our Sun today. Truly this was the "Golden Era" of our world's history, the period of infantile innocence and blessedness, when, as the Christ tells us, referring to the state of infantile innocence, "In heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven." It was the state of the highest heavens earth has to do with, and of the highest angelic beings, nay, of the Logos, or Sun of God, on the descending scale.

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*"NO MAN'S LAND"*

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they have not yet learned what is necessary in order to stay here." Then the Dreamer began to feel herself drawn down towards her own body, though it was against her will. She said, "Tell me, mother, what must I do to stay here; I don't want to leave.", The mother answered, "You must go back and do your daily duty, it is not yet time for you to stay here, but take the Christ down with

you and live in and for Him, then you will always have free access to this glorious sphere where all is love and peace and calm."

As the Dreamer descended into her body, her mother gave her a radiant parting smile, and passed on into that glorious region. But the Dreamer, on opening her eyes to this world, knew it was no dream, but the great privilege had been given her of seeing beyond the veil and bringing back the remembrance with her.

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# Question Department

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## Spirit Materialization

Puerto Rico, Sept. 7, 1917

Dear Editor:

**D**O you remember I wrote you a letter some months ago about a friend who died in the hospital in San Juan Jan. 1, 1916. You published that letter in the June number of the *Rays*. Well, I have just returned from a visit to his home, and, if anything were needed to make me believe in the continuance of life after death, this friend's doings, would certainly make a believer of me.

He is seen constantly around his plantation. Not by one or two, but by many. I counted five of the most reliable workmen who had each seen him from two to five times. These people are all psychic and do not seem to be afraid of "spirits," as the ignorant classes in the North are. They all agree that he always appears dressed in white, which was his custom in life. They unite in saying that he looks exactly as he always did except that he seems lighter on his feet.

Some weeks ago his wife and children came to see me one afternoon. She was trying out a new chauffeur, and while she was here, my son went in to the village with the new chauffeur to have some slight repairs made. After Mrs. P. had started home, my son told me she ought not to trust that man, for he considered him both ignorant and unreliable. I felt uneasy because there are some very dangerous curves on the road she had to pass.

When she reached home, there was a strange woman on the porch waiting for her. The woman was strange in the neighborhood, knew nobody, and nobody knew her. As the car entered the drive this woman, who turned out to be a medium, began to shiver and asked a servant standing near if anybody had died in that house lately. The servant said "no," nobody had for over a year. "That

is strange," said the woman, "for I feel exactly as I always do when some one who has passed over is near me." Presently, she continued, "Who is that man running after the automobile? He seems greatly excited and is worried about something." The servant asked what the man looked like, and the woman said, "He is a tall man, with a heavy mop of gray hair." Then the servant said: "That must be Mr. P." By this time the party in the car had alighted and the woman said: "The man is now satisfied and calm. He is going away by the back door."

One of the peons who saw him in the grove one evening said he went up to a tree and lifted a grape fruit in his hand. He seems only to have spoken once, and then to one of the most reliable of his men. He stood under a tree as usual and when this man looked at him he said: "Luciano, I want you to tell Mrs P. that she must not walk over this plantation straining her ankle all the time. Tell her to get a horse and go about on that." "Very well," said the man, "I will tell her. But I don't think she has ever sprained her ankle but once." "Oh, yes she has," was the answer, "she has done it several times." And the fact was as stated. She had sprained her ankle four or five times in a few months. As was to be supposed, these visits are getting scarcer and farther between. The oldest child (aged eight) declares she frequently hears him calling out in front of the house. He calls them separately and sometimes all together by a pet name he was accustomed to use for them. It does not seem to be a call for them to come, but simply a sort of "hail." He is very much "there" still to everybody on that plantation.

Now I know all this sounds simply impossible, and I do not know how to account for such appearances, but the evidence seems incontrovertible.

Can you explain it?

I found upon inquiry that Mr. P. never performed the evening exercise. He always fell asleep the minute his head touched the pillow. He tried and found he could not do it. This probably accounts for the fact that he has continued to appear for so long. But during the last six months he has only been seen twice, and those appearances were some time back.

The man to whom he spoke looks like an anemic subject, but he is very intelligent, so much so that he is used exclusively for a tree doctor.

*How* could my friend have materialized so frequently. He always stood in the twilight under the trees. But none of the peons to whom he has appeared are known as mediums. I am puzzled.

Very sincerely yours,

C.W.S.

*Answer*—From what we know of Mr. Parker's study during life, it is evident that he was familiar with the laws governing spirit materialization, for they have been very thoroughly elucidated in our literature, and being taken out in the prime of life when his interest was thoroughly centered in his family and plantations, he was like the unripe seed which clings to the flesh of the fruit with all its might. It is therefore no wonder that he has stayed around his plantation as long as he has. You say that none of the peons who have spoken to him are known to be mediumistic, but they are, to some extent, with a very few exceptions, and you will also note that *Mr. Parker usually appeared in the twilight*. That is for the same reason that the spy, in our story, "Facing the Firing Squad," which appeared in our November magazine, saw the Rosicrucian in a dusky corner of the room where he was waiting, and for the same reason later, when he was a freed spirit, the Rosicrucian directed him to go into a darkened corner of the room where his sister was sitting so that she might there see him. It is for the same reason also that mediums insist upon having the rooms wherein they perform materializations darkened; namely, that light sets the ether into violent vibrations much higher than those which a materializing spirit is generally capable of imparting to the ether where-

in it materializes, and whereby it is seen. For that reason twilight, dusk, or even pale moonlight are ideal conditions for spirit materialization, and Mr. Parker wisely followed the line of least resistance when he wanted to show himself to people around his plantation. Naturally, however, the work in the other world which lies before every spirit is gradually drawing him away so that the appearances are becoming less frequent.

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#### THE KEYS OF HEAVEN AND HELL

*Question*—Did Christ really give Peter the keys of Heaven and Hell, or what does that passage mean?

*Answer*—Undoubtedly Christ gave them to Peter, and to others as well, but they were not keys such as we use to unlock doors; yet no man can enter either place unless he has these keys. They are musical "keys" or incantations, such as are used in all Occult orders and for all Occult purposes. The modern Masons have something similar, for they furnish the lodge differently for each degree; they use different passwords and different grips, so that a Mason, though he may be initiated in some degrees, is as effectually barred from all others as a stranger, because he has not the "keys" that unlock the doors. In the Occult orders, like the Rosicrucians, the keynote of the incantation intoned at each degree is of a different vibratory measure from the keynote of all the other degrees, and one who has not the key, and is able to attune himself to it, is halted as it were by an invisible wall of vibration which surrounds the Temple. There is a different vibration in the ether of the lower desire world, surrounding the earth, which constitutes Hell, from that which prevails in the part of our atmosphere which constitutes the upper desire world and the region of concrete thought. This rate of vibration again differs from the pitch of these states of matter which is inside the earth, in each of the nine subterranean strata; therefore each of these divisions of the invisible world also requires a different keynote, which is gradually taught Initiates as they progress upon the path towards Adeptship. It was the "key"-note to one or more of these various realms that was given to

Peter and others by Christ, who was the Initiator in their case. The same “keys” are now given to His followers by His successors, who initiate worthy ones into the mysteries, that they may serve their fellow men better in a larger sphere of endeavor. Thus music has a greater mission than simply to provide enjoyment for us; in fact, the harmony of the spheres is the basis of all evolution. Without that, there could be no progress, and when once our ears have become attuned to that, we have the “key” to all advancement.

### *GHOSTS OF THE LIVING*

*Question*—I was in our talking shop a few days ago when the granting of a lapsed scholarship was being urged by our most radical member to a poor boy who had won one when legally too young to receive it, and who, being sick at this particular examination, was beaten by another boy. Still, he was pronounced by the examiners in England as morally entitled to this scholarship.

While listening to the debate, some one sitting by my side touched me and said, “Look, Mr. Mac F!” I looked in the direction pointed out to me and there was one of the College Masters, Mr. Mac, standing behind the Government Secretary, listening intently to the debate. I told the person that Mr. Mac and I were schoolmates and that I had not seen him for years, yet he did not seem to grow old.

After the Government Secretary had spoken, Mr. Mac went out. I remarked that perhaps the youngster was one of his favorites, which caused him to leave his college duties to come and hear the debate.

A few days later I went to see a friend a little out of town and in the course of our conversation I told her of the debate. Judge of my surprise then, when she said that Mr. Mac was dying at the moment when I thought that I had seen him. I told her she must be misinformed because some one pointed him out to me and I knew him too well to be deceived. “Well,” she said, “go into the next chamber and you will see him.” I went. There on the bed lay my school-fellow, Mr. Mac, nothing but skin and bones, waiting for the end. He had heard my conversation and was interested, but I

did not consider him in a fit state to gratify his desire for a repetition. This was on a Saturday afternoon. I promised to go next day, Sunday, and tell him what happened, but was prevented. He died on Monday.

How could such an emaciated person appear as being in the full vigor of manhood? Can one see ghosts of the living?

*Answer*—Yes, indeed, there are a considerable number of cases of phantasms of the living. All that is required is that the body should be in a very deep state of sleep or unconsciousness, such as usually occurs when the person is near the door of death. It may be in the act of drowning or when induced by the fall from a horse, automobile, or similar conditions, or after receiving a blow on the head, or on the sickbed, when the physical body is very emaciated and frail and close to dissolution, as in the case mentioned by our correspondent. Then most of the ether constituting the vital body may be drawn out of the physical vehicle, which is left in a trance-like condition that may last only a few minutes. But as space is no barrier in the invisible worlds, the desire of the person thus momentarily liberated may carry him to the ends of the world and cause him to appear to some loved one many thousand miles from the place where his body is lying. And it is much easier for such a spirit to materialize than for those who have left the body at death, because with these phantasms of the living the silver cord is still intact; connection with the seed atom in the heart has not been broken. Thus, it is quite possible that the youngster whose scholarship was under discussion was a favorite of Mr. Mac F., as supposed by our correspondent, and when he felt himself liberated by a *sinking spell* on that afternoon, his desire to be well and about his work in the college took him to his familiar haunts and made him listen to the debate concerning the boy’s title to receive the benefit.

With regard to the question how a man who is so emaciated could appear in full vigor, we may state that it is a law in the Desire World that as a man thinketh, so is he, literally and without qualification. Should he think of himself as aged, worn

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# Studies in The Rosicrucian Cosmo Conception

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## The Sun Period, or Second Creative Day

Part IX

As has been previously stated, this has nothing to do with the Sun, the center of our solar system, but refers exclusively to the Earth, the planet on which we abide. It refers to the "Sun Period of the Earth," as the Saturn Period, already presented, referred to the "Saturn Period of the Earth." It simply states a stage of evolution of our planet, a period when it was a Sun, corresponding, in every particular, to that of the Sun except that of size. It was called the Sun Period because of this correspondence. These stages are not named after the planets, but after the days of the week, which itself indicates a progression. The only reference allowable to the planets is that of sameness of condition, the Saturn Period referring to the condition of the Earth when it was as Saturn now is; the Sun Period referring to the condition of the Earth when in the unfoldment, it was as the Sun now is—But in a much more rarified state than either.

As the microcosm is an exact correspondence to the macrocosm, referring to man in the former instance and to the Earth in the latter, and as man has had his Saturn Period, his Sun Period, his Moon Period, and now is passing through his Earth Period, each of these periods indicating a definite stage in the process of his involution and evolution; so the Earth has had its periods corresponding, and is, at the present time, in its fourth

period, or rather the second half of the Earth, called the Mercurial Period. In this paper we are treating of the second, called the Sun Period, or the Sun's day of the Earth. We have seen that the Saturn Period introduced Time, the beginning of the dual process of involution and evolution; and as Saturn is the "God of this world," he is the god that projected the Earth, as, in the broader sense, he projected Time. And being the projector of Time and of this world, he will be the ruling spirit of both, so long as time continues; that is, until the angel referred to in Revelation shall proclaim that "Time shall be no more." We have seen also that the Saturn Period of the Earth, as of everything else, was and is the germinal period, the period during which the sheath dies in order that the germ may sprout and bring forth. Following up this beginning of life, we enter the second stage, the Sun Period, indicating the gestative period, during which chaos, in every sphere is being, transformed into cosmos.

By referring to the diagram on page 197 of the *Cosmo-Conception*, we will see that the Saturn Period extended through the World of Divine Spirit, the World of Life Spirit, the Region of Abstract Thought and the Region of Concrete Thought. It began with the first and highest of these spheres, and as it involved it took on the various other spheres referred to as sheaths, so that