

attained its culmination, the exact degree at which the 1914 eclipse appeared was culminating: When the war began the same degree was setting in the progressed horoscope of the German Kaiser.

In September, 1846, Galle, a German astronomer at Berlin observatory, turned his telescope to the spot at which Leverrier, a French astronomer, had calculated that an unknown planet ought to be found. Similar calculations had been made and recorded at the Greenwich observatory by Adams, an English astronomer. In conformity to these astute calculations of a French and an English astronomer, the German astronomer discovered Neptune.

When this discovery was made Neptune was in close conjunction with Saturn and in exact opposition to the same degree of Leo, which has always been a fatally sensitive zodiacal point in the history of the Prussian dynasty and other royal and autocratic powers. And on June 1 of this year the revolutionary and iconoclastic Uranus reached and became stationary at the exact opposition to the same spot. Thus it is indicated that the stars foretell the doom of autocracy.

Presaged Russia's Defeat

It was Saturn's continuance at the same place in 1905 that presaged Russia's defeat in her war with Japan. And next December the coldly grim and chronically contracting Saturn will become stationary at the exact opposition to this same fateful spot.

When it is understood that the researches of modern astrologers have demonstrated that Neptune generates and radiates those astral vibrations that make for altruism, fraternity and democracy, or other distinctly humanitarian projects, it will be seen that the certain doom of autocratic governments was most clearly written upon the scroll of the heavens from time eternal.

An exhaustive definition of the stupendously important astrological significations of the eclipse may be stated briefly as follows:

America in Ascendency

The United States becomes, more than ever before, a major factor in world politics. This nation will also be the storm center of many of the most

fiercely contested reforms and innovations of all history. Vicious, vehement and even violent attacks will be hurled at the national and other executives and their chosen co-workers. The strangling of Prussianism in Europe will result in a scattering over the world of many of its most astute emissaries and will also infuriate and make desperate the crafty parasites who tremble at the terrific portents of the rising tide of an awakened and invigorated democracy, and they will leave no stone unturned to turn back and check the advancing hosts of progressive forces.

Gemini is one of the airy signs and belongs to the distinctively humane and intellectual group. Cosmically we are just entering the portals of Aquarius, another of the airy signs, ushering in a new era which will last about 2,600 years. Already since we have begun to respond to these new vibrations marvels have been wrought by, with, in and through the air and its stupendous potentialities. But we have as yet scarcely scratched the outer surface of that which is destined to be the dominant element in human achievements in the new age. And there will also be some terrifically destructive manifestations of the powers of the all as a direct result of the etheric vibrations generated by this eclipse. In this country in particular we anticipate unusually severe and wildly erratic wind storms in the very near future. And portions at least of the coming summer season will fall under unusually low temperatures over the eastern half of this country. Early June especially.

Signs of Education

Gemini is distinctively the sign of education. This eclipse prefigures the most radical kind of departures in all matters of education, literature, etc. It is ruled by Mercury, the "Messenger" and "Interpreter, and exerts dominion over all forms of expression, definition, translation, transmission, conveyance and delivery of messages, thoughts, ideas, information, people, merchandise, etc. Hence, schools, colleges, publishing houses, newspapers, writers and publicists, roads, highways and, express companies, telegraphs and telephones and aerial enterprises will enter upon an epoch of astounding readjustments, extensions, remodelings

and reforms The most ominous kind of menacing aspects afflict all the signifiers of religion, science and philosophy, indicating bitter and wildly excitable conflicts, contests and disputations and changes among the leaders and champions of various creeds, codes, systems and aims. Likewise the factors related to shipping and foreign trade are so extremely complex and contrary as to predicate embarrassing situations.

Mars, the "God of War," in elevation above all the other planets, shows that even without the war in Europe martial matters will largely occupy the spotlight in this country for some time to come. This applies both north and south of the equator. Extreme heat, violent electric storms, tidal waves, eruptions or explosions are the possibilities of this influence, and if the war continues, the indicated region will undoubtedly be the scene of destructive naval encounters.

God of Mammon

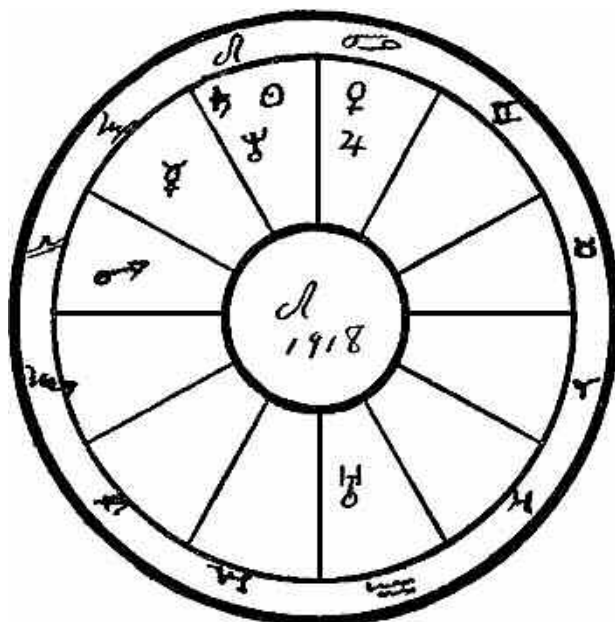
Saturn, the God of Mammon and worldly dominion, is second in elevation to Mars, but receiving an acutely afflicting aspect from the last named planet, showing that the national and state administrations will direct their forces and energies against the entrenched beneficiaries of privilege. And as Saturn is proceeding to the opposition of the revolutionary Uranus—who occupies a position of stupendous potency in his best sign and in the home, signifying the masses—we find ample warrant for confidently predicting that in the next five years there will be greater advances made in the way of establishing equality of opportunity and social justice than at any time in our history, not even excepting the revolutionary period.

THE CHILDREN OF LEO 1918

Born July 24 to August 23 inclusive

In the Pictorial Zodiac Leo is represented as a Lion, which is the king of beasts. In ancient Israel where each tribe carried a flag bearing the sign of the Zodiac to which they belonged Leo was the emblem of the House of Judah whence sprang Solomon, the most renowned of all the kings of

antiquity. He was later reborn as Jesus, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, whose body became the tabernacle of the great Sun Spirit, Christ. Therefore the Sun sign Leo is called the Royal Sign and therefore it confers upon its children qualities, characteristics and instincts of a particularly noble nature—if the horoscope is not otherwise too severely afflicted. In that case, it makes them just as thoroughly bad; there are no half way measures, for they are strong, powerful characters resembling also in that respect the Sun whose rays are most powerful when he goes through Leo in the latter third of July



and the first two-thirds of August.

Leo is one of the four fixed signs and, as their principal quality is stability, the children of Leo are quite fixed and set in their views and methods; they do not readily change or conform to new things or ideas. This characteristic strengthens the good or bad in their horoscope and makes them in a sense fated to work out whatever is shown; at the same time it also gives them a more powerful will than is possessed by the children of other signs, so that if they once determine to change their life it may be a gigantic struggle between the higher self and the personality, but in the end the higher and nobler side of their nature will conquer, even though it wreck the body; the inner nobler urge cannot be quenched or quelled once it has been awakened.

These characteristics make it extremely important that parents give these children the right training from the earliest years, for though they are not very plastic at any time, from birth to seven years of age they are at least more impressionable than at any later time and parents should particularly note that to obtain results, the children of Leo must be led; if an attempt is made to drive them they will rebel and then future efforts will be futile. They respond most readily to love and are very amply demonstrative of affection, so parents will be rewarded for whatever love they bestow on these children. It may also be said that they crave love more than the children of the other signs, and if they do not get it at home they starve and are apt to seek it elsewhere, to their sorrow and perhaps to the sorrow of those who ought to have given it.

The children of Leo are physically of an optimistic, cheerful and sunny disposition, inclined to look at the bright side of life, with an unswerving faith in others which persists, in spite even of repeated victimization. They are noble, courageous, ambitious, and persevering in their pursuits and aims, hence generally successful in life. They aspire to lead rather than follow, especially if Mars, the planet of dynamic energy, be strong in the horoscope. This also gives them a very decided and determined manner which brooks no interference. Ordinarily they are extremely kind and considerate, but if the turbulent Mars afflicts the Sun they have very quick tempers; they are not malicious however or spiteful unless Saturn afflicts the Sun; that brings out the cruel side of the leonine nature, and then at times they show a vicious side, which is entirely out of keeping with their usual behavior. They may then be as strong in their hate as they are in their love. This will apply to the 1918 crop of Leo children, for Saturn, the planet of sorrow, is now casting his gloomy shadow upon Leo and marking these children with the sign of suffering; but this is also the opportunity of the parents to shield them by added love and instruct them how to quench the spirit of spite and cultivate the spirit of forgiveness. And they will have added strength to bear their burdens, for Mars, the planet of dynamic energy, is in mundane sextile to the Sun and Saturn, giving them much

perseverance, constructive and executive ability, which will probably help to bring them safely through the crises of their life.

Mercury, the planet of mind, is powerful in his exaltation sign Virgo, in mundane sextile to Venus, the planet of love, and to Jupiter, the planet of opulence and benevolence, which are placed in the home-sign Cancer. This will give them a superior mentality, keen domestic instinct, so that they will be lovers at home and good providers, hospitable and philanthropic.

With respect to health, we find that Jupiter the planet of the bon vivant, and the convivial Venus are both in Cancer, the sign ruling the stomach, mundanely squared by the inflammatory Mars in Libra, the sign which governs the kidneys. These configurations show that the 1918 children of Leo will be too fond of feasting for their own good, and are liable to suffer from digestive troubles for their gourmandizing in later years. Parents of these children should therefore be particularly careful to teach them, both by precept and example, to live the simple life so that the habits formed in childhood may perhaps persist through life, in a measure at least, and save them some suffering. We also find Saturn, the planet of obstruction, in Leo the sign which rules the heart; he is in mundane opposition to the spasmodic Uranus, so we may judge that the heart of these children will be organically weak, therefore they should be taught from childhood years to avoid too strenuous exercise and too much excitement.

TELLING TIME WITH A COMPASS

It is commonly known that points of the compass can be determined by the use of a watch. By pointing the hour hand toward the sun, and bearing half way between the hour and 12 o'clock on the watch is true south. It is not generally known that the time can be told by the compass with equal facility. Take the true azimuth or bearing of the sun and subtract from it 180 degrees: multiply the remainder by the fraction 1/15, and the result will be the hours before or after 12 o'clock noon.

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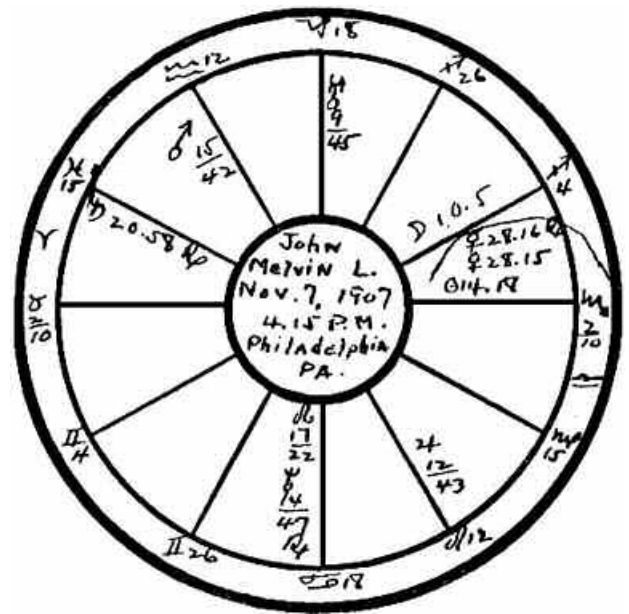
awaken the sixth sense, which will put her into touch with the invisible world. Whether she does this or not will of course depend upon herself and upon circumstances under which she lives. But there can be no doubt that she will be strongly drawn to occultism in one form or another and as already said, she has a great deal of enthusiasm and is a born leader; therefore it is not likely that she will remain on the outskirts and content herself with a smattering of the sacred science.

There is only one drawback to all this, and that hinges upon the question of health. We find that Saturn, the planet of obstruction, is in Gemini the sign which rules the lungs, and square to the life-giving Sun in the twelfth house sign Pisces, which rules hospitals and similar institutions of confinement. This show that Lillian's weak spot is in the lungs and you may also look for some affliction to the heart; but forewarned is forearmed, and if you take good care of her during childhood so that she is brought up in a hygienic manner, on a healthy nourishing diet with suitable physical exercises, also breathing exercises which will develop the lungs, there is no doubt that you can overcome this tendency, for it occurs in the common signs which are not nearly as fateful as the fixed. Otherwise this is a splendid horoscope and we may say that Lillian has indeed been born under lucky stars.

John Melvin L., born November 7, 1907, 4 :15 P. M., Philadelphia, Pa.

At the time of John's birth we find the Moon sextile Mars, the planet of dynamic energy, courage, construction, etc., which gives John an ambitious, energetic nature, strong and resourceful in emergencies. He will be very enterprising and constructive, always on the lookout for opportunities to better himself and to rise in life: firm, courageous and self-reliant; thus he will be able to lead and inspire others with the courage and enthusiasm he himself feels. These qualities alone are bound to insure success in life, but in addition, we also find that the Moon is trine to Jupiter, the planet of benevolence, opulence and joviality. This will increase his resourcefulness, judgment and efficiency. It will inspire him with hopefulness and optimism and make him jovial, genial, kindly,

humanitarian and benevolent; hence it will give him considerable popularity. It will make money and friends for him and contribute materially to his success in life, assuring him also of general esteem and respect in the community. A happy marriage is also indicated for him.



Mercury, the planet of mind, expression and manual dexterity, is in conjunction with Venus, the planet of love, beauty and music. This configuration in the generative sign Scorpio will give John a keen, sharp and shrewd mentality. It will make him very witty, quick in repartee, and always ready with an answer on the tip of his tongue. At the same time he will be soft-spoken, suave, able to express himself with beauty and eloquence. He will be fond of music and art, very dainty and dexterous, able to turn his hand to anything. These characteristics will make him a general favorite, especially with the opposite sex. But this is dangerous in a sense, because the configuration occurs in the generative sign Scorpio and if it works itself out legitimately, it will bring a large family; but if passion is not kept in bonds it may result in clandestine relationships which will then bring sorrow and trouble. Therefore he should be very carefully instructed at the earliest possible moment in life in the sacredness of the fount of life, the sanctity of marriage, and a clean, upright behavior.

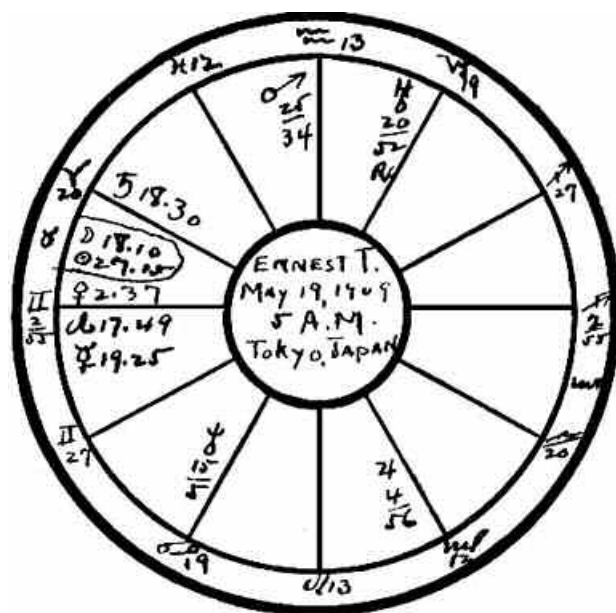
Saturn the planet of forethought, system and

method has a weak configuration with the life-giving Sun and Neptune which may help him slightly, and the two last named planets are also configurated by trines from the psychic signs Cancer and Scorpio. This indicates that the sixth sense, which all humanity is gradually and slowly evolving, has been brought to a point of perfection in John, where it is nearly ready for active manifestation and may be cultivated so as to open up the spiritual worlds for him in this life. But this, of course, is a two-edged sword, and it should be handled very carefully. Be sure that he is guided into the right channels in this respect.

But everything is not good in John's horoscope any more than in other figures. Where there is a strong light there is also a deep shadow and here we find that the life-giving Sun is square to the turbulent Mars and the bombastic Jupiter. This will at times bring out his evil nature and make him quick-tempered, irritable, arrogant, egotistical and suspicious. Under these configurations he may lose in a moment the respect and confidence of people which it has taken years to cultivate. He is also apt to rush into things and matters rashly and foolhardily. This may cause either financial loss or accidents, according to the configurations prevailing at the time. Hence the parents should carefully strive to repress this phase in his character, for it will save him much sorrow and suffering if he can learn to restrain himself under trying conditions.

With respect to health we find that the vital sign Taurus is rising and the life-giving Sun is in the martial sign Scorpio. This is good, but as already said the Sun square Mars predisposes to accidents, also to fevers and inflammatory diseases and the Sun square to Jupiter, the planet which governs the arterial circulation, will generate added heat and is apt to clog the heart with blood. These are other reasons why an equable temper is particularly desirable in John's case. Nevertheless, the sextile of the life-giving Sun to Uranus, the most elevated planet in the horoscope, is a promise of a long life and fair health, so there is no need for any particular apprehension.

Ernest T., born May 19, 1909, 5 A. M., Tokyo, Japan.



At the time of Ernest's birth we find the mercurial sign Gemini rising with its lord, Mercury, the planet of expression, mind and manual dexterity in the first house sextile to Saturn, the planet of forethought, memory, system and order. This will give Ernest a keen, clear, sharp and shrewd mind, the ability to think deeply and concentrate on the problems which confront him, so that he may act with forethought, caution, tact and diplomacy, in a practical manner which is sure to bring success in life. This will enable him to take up some scientific study and give him the patience and perseverance necessary to carry his work to a successful conclusion. It will bring success in literature or in positions of trust and responsibility. Mercury is also trine to Mars, the planet of dynamic energy, ambition and construction, which is highly elevated in the intellectual sign Aquarius. This will add to the keenness of his mind and practical nature. It will make him resourceful, ingenious, skillful and dexterous, besides giving him a witty, humorous and jolly disposition which will help him to get results, even under the most trying circumstances, by stirring up in others the enterprise and enthusiasm he feels himself. It will also make him clever as a draftsman or mechanical engineer, or aid him in almost any profession he may select.

The Moon is sextile to Neptune, the higher octave of Mercury, and trine to Uranus, the planet of intuition and originality. This will add inspira-

tion and intuition to the qualities already mentioned and make Ernest's success more sure because of original, independent methods. It will give an inventive turn to the mind amounting almost to genius. But the Moon is a psychic planet, so are Uranus and Neptune; the Moon is in an occult house, (the 12th), Neptune is in a psychic sign, (Cancer), and Uranus is in a mental house, (the 9th). All these testimonies show a strong spiritual strain in Ernest and it seems as if his efforts and research work will be most successful along occult lines, if so be that he feels an inclination towards this kind of work.

Having studied his good points and pointed out the lines of success, let us now take a look also at the dark side of Ernest's horoscope, so that we may know what to help him overcome and avoid. This we find indicated by Venus, the planet of sloth and wastefulness, square to Jupiter, the planet of judgment, self-indulgence and dissipation. This will give him a desire for outward show and display but it hinders the acquisition of money to satisfy the craving for luxury. Hence he is liable, under unfavorable aspects, to throw all caution to the winds and forget all his better instincts, to indulge in speculation, stock gambling, or similar ruinous get-rich-quick methods, with the result that he may meet financial and social disaster. It should therefore be impressed upon him from the earliest days of childhood that honesty is the best and only safe policy in the long run, and that a clean life counts for more than dress and outward show. If you see him take up any of the games of chance often played by boys, be sure that you show him the danger and in your house avoid card playing or any other games of gambling. Never take him to see a horse race or any other games of speculation, for if you do you will contribute to his downfall instead of helping him to overcome.

With respect to health, we find the Sun and Moon in the vital sign Taurus, and Mercury, the Lord of the Ascendent, well fortified. These are very good testimonies for health, although the indications show that Ernest is a very high-strung and nervous nature who should beware of overdoing so that the mental strain may not prove too much for the system. Mars in Aquarius, well

aspected with Mercury, works in the opposite sign Leo, which governs the heart and gives energy to the circulation. But this is somewhat impeded by the square of Jupiter and Venus. Saturn, the planet of obstruction, in Aries the sign which governs the head, shows that there is a tendency to headache. We judge that this comes from the stomach because Neptune is square to Saturn and the Sun.

VOCATIONAL READINGS

Martha, V., born November 10, 1904, 11:15 A.M., Saratoga Springs, New York

At the time of your birth we find the timid sign Capricorn rising with Saturn, the planet of melancholy and gloom, in the first house. This shows that you are too timid when seeking a place in the world and are therefore apt to meet with failure which will cause gloom and despondency. You must cultivate a different attitude and push yourself forward, for only in that way can you succeed. We also find the life-giving Sun in the 10th house, which governs the social standing, and Mercury the ruler of the sixth house, which determines the nature of the service for which you are best fitted. The saturnine qualities given you by your Ascendent and first house, as already mentioned, are tact, diplomacy, judgment and caution, which will fit you well to serve in the capacity of a confidential stenographer or secretary, as shown by the mercurial sixth house, and having the Sun so highly elevated, you will find favor with those who are above you in the social scale, particularly if you seek employment in a large corporation or in a municipal or government office; and as Jupiter, the planet of opulence, which is lord of the second house governing finances, is well aspected and placed in a cardinal, martial sign, we may judge that you will secure ample remuneration for your services, and have comfortable financial circumstances throughout life, particularly as it is shown that your nature is very thrifty and economical.

With respect to health, we find that Saturn in Aquarius works in the opposite sign Leo, which governs the heart. Therefore you should be careful not to take too strenuous exercise, and Neptune in Cancer, the sign which governs the stomach,

shows the necessity for attention to the diet, which should be simple and plain in order to avoid digestive trouble in later life.

Marie D., born October 28, 1901, 10 :30 P. M., Denver, Colo.

At the time of your birth the fifth house sign Leo was rising and there are five planets in your fifth house, including the rulers of the second house, which governs finances, and the 10th house which governs social standing. Thus it is plain that all your activities and vocation in life will lie along fifth house lines, which include educational occupations and newspapers, public amusements and all other activities which cater to the pleasure of the public in general. The Sun is your ruling planet and as he is sextile to Jupiter, the planet of opulence, we may judge that you will have fairly comfortable financial circumstances throughout life and you will meet with success in any of the lines mentioned.

With respect to health, we find that Saturn, the planet of obstruction, is in conjunction with Jupiter, the ruler of the arterial circulation. They are placed in Capricorn and therefore their effect will be principally felt in Cancer, the opposite sign, which governs the stomach. This indicates that you should be careful of your diet, as otherwise you may be subjected to digestive disorders in later life. But by knowing your weak points you may overcome this tendency and rule your stars.

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But although our reason may reach into the mysteries of life, there is still a higher stage—*actual first-hand knowledge*—and as a matter of fact the foregoing propositions are capable of verification by each one, for we all have a *sixth sense* latent in our being, which will enable us to view the spiritual World with the same distinctness as we see the temporal. This sixth sense will be developed by all in the course of evolution and there are certain means whereby it may be developed now by all who care to take the necessary time and trouble to do so. Some have done this, and they have told us of their travels in the land of the soul; so also we say that *we know* that the dead live, and that

whether dead or alive, in the body, or out of it, we are all enfolded in the love of our Father in Heaven, without whose will not the smallest sparrow falleth to the ground. He cares for all and orders our steps in harmony with His plans to develop our spiritual powers to the highest possible potentiality.

Eye has not seen nor ear heard the glories that are yet in store for us, but a poetical mind has expressed a little of what we may look forward to, in the following lines:

“Build thee more stately mansions Oh my soul!
As the swift seasons roll.
Leave thy low vaulted past.
Let each new Temple, nobler than the last,
Shut thee from Heaven with a dome more vast:
Till thou at last art free,
Leaving thine outgrown shell
By life’s unresting sea.”

So because of the logical, soul-satisfying philosophy of life given by the Rosicrucians, we follow their teachings in preference to other systems, and invite others who wish to share the blessings thereof to investigate.

*MARRIAGE, MOTHERHOOD AND
VOCATIONAL ADVICE GIVEN TO YOUNG
MEN AND WOMEN*

We are giving short readings for children under fourteen years of age, to help parents suppress faults and foster talents while the character is plastic. Life is still in the making for the young man or woman between fourteen and twenty-five years. They may also benefit by knowing what talents are latent, and what life work to select. We have therefore decided to give this advice so far as space permits. Each must wait his turn.

To obtain a vocational reading the parents, guardians or applicants must be *yearly* subscribers. Only one request from each subscriber will be entertained, and unless it contains the following data it will be thrown out, for without this a horoscope cannot be cast.

- (1) Birth-year, month, date, and hour (as near as possible).
- (2) Birth-place-city, state or country.

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The Rosicrucian Catechism

Alfred Adams

The Visible And Invisible Worlds

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- Q. What is the student's first step in occultism?
- A. The study of the invisible worlds.
- Q. Why do we call them invisible worlds?
- A. Because they are invisible to the majority of people, on account of the dormancy of the finer and higher senses whereby they may be perceived the same as the physical world about us.
- Q. Can you give an illustration of this condition?
- A. To the man who is born blind, most things that we see in the physical world are non-existent, because he lacks the sense of sight. For instance, light and color are beyond his ken. So it is with the greater part of humanity; they feel and hear matters pertaining to the physical world, but conditions in the invisible worlds are as foreign to them as light and color are to the blind man.
- Q. Because the blind man cannot see light and color or the deaf man hear sounds, does it constitute a valid argument that they do not exist?
- A. It does not.
- Q. Then, is it a logical argument to say that because most people cannot see the super-physical worlds, they do not exist, and if not, why?
- A. It is not, because if the blind man obtains his sight he will see light and color. In like manner, if the higher senses of the super-physical blind are awakened, they also will be able to behold the things that are now hidden from them.
- Q. When one has developed the sense of clairvoyance and is able to "see" in the super-physical realms, is it reasonable to assert that he "knows all about" these highest worlds?
- A. It is not, because such a condition is impossible in every day life. The blind man having had his sight restored would not at once "know all about" the physical world, and in all probability never would.
- Q. What is the Hermetic aphorism?
- A. "As above, so below."
- Q. Are the facilities for acquiring knowledge in the super-physical worlds greater or less than in the physical world?
- A. They are much greater. But much more care is needed there than here, as has been observed by those qualified to know.
- Q. Why are the observations of trained clairvoyants of more value than the untrained ~
- A. Because they realize how little the single investigator can grasp of the multitudinous details, and are, therefore, more modest in telling about them, and are ever ready to defer to the versions of others.

- Q. What general argument do superficial people use against the existence of higher worlds?
- A. They contend that if these worlds exist, investigators must necessarily bring back identical descriptions.
- Q. What illustration from everyday life proves the fallacy of this contention?
- A. Suppose a newspaper should send out twenty trained reporters and observers to report on a certain city, rebuilt after a fire; it is quite certain that, out of the twenty reporters, no two would be exactly alike. They might treat the leading features with some similarity, but there would be a wide difference at to *detail*, quantity, and quality of the matter submitted.
- Q. Would you consider it an argument against the existence of the city that the reports differed in various essentials?
- A. No. Because each saw the city from his own particular point of view, and a perusal of all reports would give a fuller and better understanding of the city. Each report would round out and complete the others, and the same is true regarding accounts made by investigators of the higher worlds.
- Q. Why investigate these super-physical worlds? The Bible says "sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof;" then why should we go beyond, this world?
- A. The time comes to everyone, sooner or later, when he or she must leave this world and be placed in new and strange conditions beyond, and would it not be to our advantage to know something about these new conditions and environments just the same as if we were planning a journey to some foreign country? Such knowledge would have a very satisfying and composing effect, for we would know what to expect.
- Q. At what time would such knowledge likely be of the most benefit?
- A. At the time of death, when we are about to pass into the beyond and new conditions.
- Q. What other name is sometimes given to the super-physical world?
- A. The world of causes.
- Q. And what name is sometimes given to the physical world?
- A. The world of effects.
- Q. Is it necessary to understand the cause before we can comprehend the effect?
- A. It is. And it is also necessary to understand the super-physical world before we can thoroughly know the physical world.
- A. Can you give an illustration of this law of cause and effect?
- Q. We see street cars in motion and hear telegraph instruments clicking. These are effects, but the mysterious force which causes the phenomena remains invisible to us. To thoroughly understand the effects, it is necessary to know something about the causes.
- Q. What can you say as to the reality of the higher worlds as compared to the physical world?
- A. Strange as it may seem, the higher worlds are much more real and indestructible than the objects in the physical world.
- Q. Can you give an illustration of this condition?
- A. An architect "thinks the house out" before procuring the material and starting to build. It first takes form in his mind.
- Q. Is the thought-form of the house visible to anyone but the architect?
- A. Not until he makes it objective on paper. Then the workmen may construct the house to correspond to the thought-form.
- Q. Which then is the more substantial and lasting, the house or the image in the architect's mind, and why?
- A. The image. Because it will exist as long as the architect lives, but the house may be destroyed in many ways, by fire, hurricane or decay.
- Q. But supposing the architect is destroyed or dies, will this not also destroy the thought-form, the image in the architect's mind?
- A. Not even the architect or anything that may happen to him can destroy it, because it can be recovered by those who are able to read