

Jupiter, the Moon's Nodes, the Part of Fortune, and Planetary Synthesis

ANY TREATISE on Astrology which deals only with planetary *effects* and makes no mention of the spiritual causes behind these effects gives the impression of fatalism. But when one looks at astrology from the standpoint of evolution, its whole aspect is changed, and one sees each individual Ego as a spark of the Divine Flame working toward a glorious unseen goal under the play of these tremendous cosmic forces, molding his destiny from moment to moment by his every thought.

It is perfectly true that we cannot escape the experiences which we have generated by the thoughts, feelings, and actions of past lives. They are like a bullet which has been shot from a gun. We ourselves chose the target, aimed the gun and pulled the trigger. But the Spirit is absolutely free to meet these self-generated experiences as it will, free to intensify every discord in the body or in the outer circumstances of the life by continuing the habits of thought which have produced it—or free to break the old habits and turn all the power of the being into the effort to attune thoughts and feelings to the glorious rhythms and harmonies of the universe. When this attunement has been made our difficulties will melt like snow before the sun.

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The making of this attunement is therefore the one important task in every life and whether we know it or not, every constructive thought is carrying us toward the solution of our problems; toward freedom from sickness and confusion, and is bringing us nearer to the moment when we shall be capable of glimpsing the divine plan and entering with joy and power into the working out of our individual part of this plan.

You will see then that it makes a tremendous difference whether we lie down under our difficulties and brood over them or whether we gird ourselves with courage and set about correcting the things which are

wrong within ourselves. We alone are to do the correcting, and when we make the effort we connect ourselves directly with the powerful forces of good which are working everywhere to right all wrong conditions. The conditions which have been built into our being for many lives cannot be undone in a day or a year, but once we have allied ourselves with the divine purpose of Good, our whole being is flooded with joy and courage, and every task is lightened.

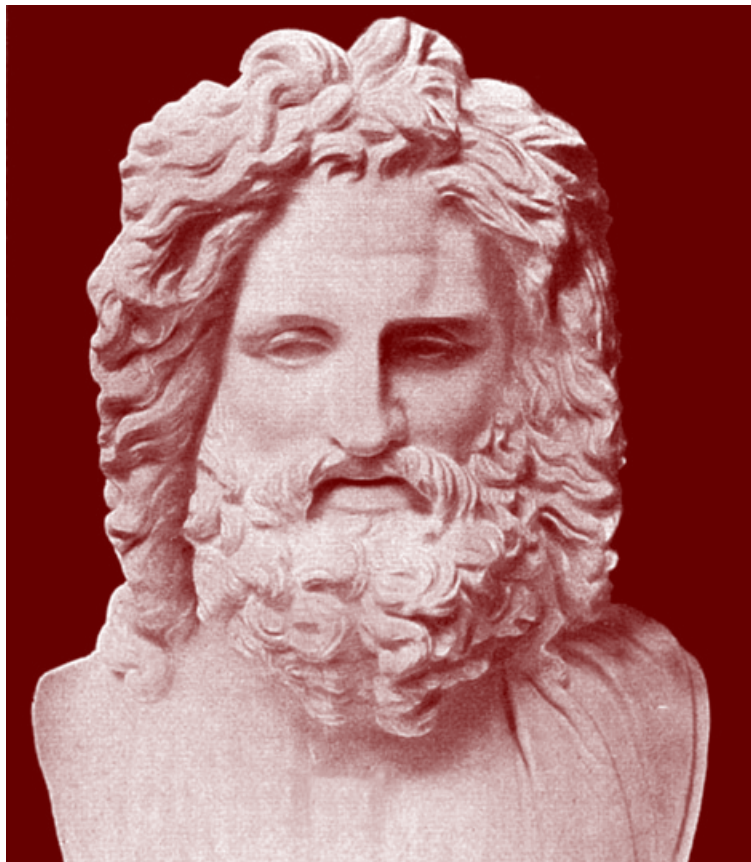
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them, and turn to the higher possibilities within ourselves. These will respond equally well if we but make the sustained effort to start them into activity.

JUPITER

Now, in concluding our summary study of the nature of the seven inner planets, a word about Jupiter. Jupiter (♃) focuses the most benevolent rays through which the more lasting joys and achievements of our lives come. He travels around the sun in about eleven years, and aspects every planet from all angles during that time, while Saturn (♄) requires twenty-nine years to obstruct us from similar positions. Thus what we call “good” predominates overwhelmingly over the so-called “evil,” and the realization of this fact should be ever with us to inculcate and cultivate an optimistic frame of mind. Present trouble is not so hard to bear when we can see “the turn of the lane,” and as the student of astrology has a sure foundation for his hope of better things, he should be the most contented person in the world, even when in the midst of a period of trouble. An aspect of Jupiter is always about to form, and whatever department of life he is in (shown by the house) will be the avenue through which opportunity will come to you.

One of the easiest methods a student may use to predict events is by these *transits*, as we call the ephemeral passage of planets in the heavens. All that is required is an ephemeris for the current year and your own figure. The ephemeris shows Jupiter’s position at a glance. A look at your own figure tells what house he is traversing and gives the key to his influence. You know the nature of the cardinal signs. If you are not fortunate enough to have him thus well placed, maybe you wished such good fortune had been yours. But cheer up, though you may not have the life-lasting benefit of a well placed Jupiter, he traverses the cardinal signs and the angles four to eight times in an average human life. Each time he comes to one of the important places in your horoscope, opportunity knocks at your door and offers you preferment and the realization of the dreams of your life in one



The Zeus of Otricoli is perhaps the best existing example of the face of the “father of gods and men” as conceived by Greek sculptors. Both he and his Roman counterpart, Jupiter, were believed to be possessed of every form of power, endued with wisdom, partial to justice, and with no limit to their goodness and love.

direction or another. Be on the watch, however, for you must do your share and grasp the proffered hand of Dame Fortune or she will pass on. But even if you miss some of your chances, keep cheerful, attune yourself to the Jupiter ray, try to spread sunshine in other lives, and some day you will learn to live yourself into all the aspects of his benevolence. Some life you will be born with Jupiter as the most prominent planet in your figure.

THE PART OF FORTUNE

The Part of Fortune (☿) is a point in the horoscope which opposes or favors the financial fortunes according to the aspects it receives from the planets. The philosophy of it is: The human body is produced by the lunar forces. At the time of conception the moon may be mathematically demonstrated to have been in the degree which is ascendant (ASC) at birth—at birth it has a different

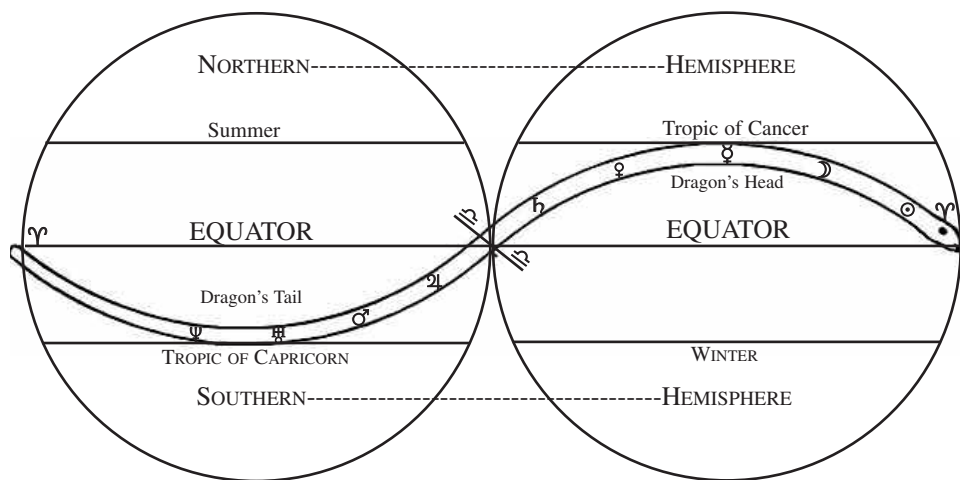
longitude. In one of these positions the Moon may be said to have magnetized the positive pole, in the other the negative pole of the seed atom which as a magnet draws to itself the chemical substance that builds the dense body. The solar forces vitalize the body and, as it is constantly decaying, a pabulum is necessary to repair waste. That nutriment and all material possessions are, therefore, astrologically speaking, derived through

the combined influences of the Sun and the before-mentioned two positions of the Moon.

When the planetary aspects to this Part of Fortune are favorable, material success and prosperity follow. When adverse influences center upon it, reverses are met. The nature of the aspecting planet, the sign and house it is in, tell the sources whence we may expect one or the other, and thus show us where to direct our energies or what to avoid. To find the Part of Fortune: add to the longitude of the ASC, sign, degree and minute, the longitude of the Moon, sign, degree and minute. From that sum subtract the longitude of the Sun, sign, degree and minute. The remainder is the longitude, sign, degree and minute, of the Part of Fortune.

THE MOON'S NODES

The Moon's Nodes are points in the orbit of a planet where it crosses the ecliptic, or Sun's path. The one where it crosses from south to north is called its ascending or North Node (♁); the other point where it crosses from north to south is called its descending or South Node (♁). When the Sun is in the East and crosses the celestial equator from the south to the north, it enters its martial exaltation sign Aries as a conquering king at the vernal equinox, and all nature wakens to the life, love and labor of another year. Therefore, the point where the Moon crosses into the north declination is also subject to a benign life-giving influence, such as that ascribed to the Dragon's Head. It is jupiterian



The serpentine path of Sun, Moon, and planets is a corridor of movement that includes the ecliptic, or Sun's path. Each planet's point of intersection with the equator is its node.

in effect, fostering and promoting all matters within its influence. In the autumn, Saturn, or the adversary, Satan, stands in his exaltation sign Libra ready to vanquish with his cold clammy hand the life-giving Sun and usher it across its descending node, leaving the Northern Hemisphere to mourn and die. Therefore, the Moon's South Node, called the Dragon's Tail, is deemed to be saturnine in its effect and obstructs all things wherewith it is connected. The Nodes exert an influence in the horoscope only when in conjunction with a planet or the ASC. An orb of only two degrees, or at the most three degrees, is allowed.

PLANETARY SYNTHESIS

Finally, it may be well to take up the subject of synthesis at the very start of our study of the meaning of the stellar script, for lack of this knowledge often causes much confusion to young students. Contradiction is a fact which early impresses itself upon the minds of young astrologers, and the brighter the mind the keener the feeling of distress and helplessness arising from this source. Sometimes beginners become cynical and skeptical because they are unable to reconcile one influence tabulated in a horoscope with another of a diametrically-opposite import.

Suppose, for instance, that we find the Sun conjunct Venus in Leo and Saturn in the fifth house. According to the configuration of the Sun and Venus the person would have an ardent love nature and

attract the affections of the opposite sex, but according to the placement of Saturn in the fifth house he would meet disappointment in courtship. At first sight this seems a bald contradiction. When Venus, fortified by a trine from Uranus, designates a person as an angel of purity, it is disconcerting to find that a square from Mars brands him as sensual to a degree. But philosophy shows us the reason of these contradictory omens and the art of synthesis teaches us how to balance them and extract the kernel of truth from horoscopic symbolism.

In the first place, if it were possible to find a horoscope without contradictory testimonies, that would mean that the person born under such stellar influences would pursue a certain course through life either wholly good or thoroughly bad. It would be absolutely impossible for him to swerve. If his stars pointed towards the path of rectitude, his integrity would be so impregnable that never for a moment could temptation to wrongdoing find harborage in his consciousness; were his face set

downward, no ray of aspiration in the direction of higher things could ever enter his dark soul. Truly, the horrors of the dreadful theory of election and predestination pale by comparison with such a condition. Were this condition a fact, soul growth would be an impossibility, for the man who cannot be tempted to do wrong acquires no merit by goodness, any more than the man irresistibly impelled to evil deserves censure.

Choice is the prime essential in soul growth and that comes from the contradictory influences registered in the horoscope. Thanks to that puzzling factor and the *will*, which is above the horoscope, there is hope in even the most afflicted chart. The good is always there to grapple with the bad. And temptations overcome give added merit to the good. Thus the square of Venus to Mars impels to wrongdoing, but the trine of Uranus to Venus gives power to overcome passion and acquire purity. May we use the squares we dread to rise to the trines we prize. □

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