

ERMAN C. — Born Jan. 25, 1912, 3 a.m., Ogden, Iowa.

At the time of Erman's birth, the sign of aspiration, Sagittarius, was rising, with Jupiter, the planet of benevolence and idealism, strongly fortified by position, sign, and aspects. This will give Erman an ultra-idealistic nature and cause him to be liked by all who meet him. He has a bright mind, for Jupiter is sextile to the Sun, and his trine to the Moon and Saturn adds depth and ability to concentrate.

Erman will be able to see through and untangle "knotty" problems, for where Saturn, the planet of obstruction, is configured with Mercury and the Moon, which are swift and flighty as the mind they rule, he always acts as a brake, furthering concentration. Unfortunately, Mercury is aspecting Saturn by square, and that will give a tendency to gloom under unfavorable transits; it will also impel him to equivocate or prevaricate when he thinks he may lose the good opinion of people by telling the truth. This you see from the position of Mercury in the tenth house sign Capricorn, involving honor and reputation. This is Erman's most vulnerable point, and you should teach him that *reputation* is only what people think about us, it has no real value; but *character*, which is what we are, is the determinator of our real worth. We may deceive others when we misrepresent facts, but we cannot blind ourselves, and some day there comes a reckoning. Then

reputation crumbles unless it is backed by character.

It will probably be difficult for Erman to adhere strictly to the truth, because Uranus, the planet of imagination, is conjoined with the Sun on the cusp of Aquarius, the sign of wishes and fancies, trine to Mars in Taurus, the sign of the voice. Be charitable, there is no meanness in him. It is just that his tongue and imagination are apt to run away with his reason. He will never say anything to hurt anyone, but he sees things in a different, idealistic light; he speaks of them as he wishes they were, and as they ought to be if ideals were realities; and even if his impulsive iteration of stories of the stuff that dreams are made of bothers you, you will like them for his sake. Nevertheless, try to keep his feet on earth.

Jupiter trine Moon and Saturn and Sun conjunct Uranus in Aquarius, trine Mars in Taurus, also shows considerable inventive ability. Erman will dream of things that will aid the world's work. His inventions will have commercial value, for the second house, which rules finance shows that he will obtain a competence in life. Uranus, the planet which brings sudden and unexpected things to pass, shows that Erman's financial success will come to him overnight. Be sure that you give free scope to his desire for "making something," and "fixing things." Encourage him to work out his problems, and to be active, for with four common signs on the angles, he will be prone to dream rather than work, and then his inventions would come to naught.

With respect to health we find that Erman has

Saturn in Aries, conjunction the Moon. This is an indication that he will be subject to severe and chronic headaches, and the square of these planets to Mercury in Capricorn shows that indigestion will be at the bottom of the trouble, for Mercury rules the nerves, and operates in the sign opposite to that wherein he is placed, namely, Cancer, the sign ruling the stomach. In addition, we have the opposition of Neptune to Uranus, from Cancer and Capricorn, which also interferes with the digestive function. The conjunction of Uranus and Sun on the cusp of Aquarius, gives a tendency to irregular heart action, which is ruled by the sign opposite Aquarius, namely, Leo. Teach Erman frugality, and care in matters of diet. There is no disease more distressing than dyspepsia, for it robs life of all joy and incentive. However, care, right habits inculcated during the first seven years while his vital body is in the course of gestation, will probably save him a lifetime of trouble.

Be sure that you teach him *by example*. It is no good to preach, for he hasn't the mind to understand, but he will want to imitate what you do. You are his ideals, and his patterns; therefore, you have a great privilege in moulding the habits of this child. You have also a grave responsibility, as your brother's keeper; may you keep your trust so that you deserve the "well done" approval when your labor is finished.



JAMES P. S. — Born Oct. 25, 1914, 7:27 a.m., Washington, D. C.

Here we have a youngster with will, vim, and a vigorous determination to do and dare. That is evident at first glance, for there are four fixed signs on the angles: the belligerent, martial sign Scorpio on the ASC, with its ruler, Mars, 4 degrees below the cusp; Mercury is conjunction Mars and sextile the Moon, and the Sun is trine Saturn. Therefore James will have a bright mind and untiring energy. Naturally, that is going to make him a difficult child to raise, and you may often feel as if you were at your wits end when he gets into mischief on every hand; but be patient and rejoice, only wishy-washy boys are easy to bring up. The real workers of the world, who have unbounded dynamic energy for constructive work and the will and determination necessary to achieve, are generally thought to be destructive and stubborn in childhood. You have a jewel in James, and some day he will make his mark. You will notice that the Sun is one degree of Scorpio, and the ASC is 14. The first 13 years may, therefore, be marked with difficulties in the home, which retard the proper development, but then the progressed Sun reaches the Ascendant, bringing a change. From that time James will begin to grow like a flower.

The direction in which his efforts will be most successful is indicated by the Sun trine Saturn in Cancer,

and Mars, the ruler, conjunction Mercury, in Scorpio, sextile to the Moon in Capricorn.

Cancer and Scorpio are both watery signs, therefore liquids will enter into the occupation. Cancer is the fourth house sign, ruling lands, and Capricorn is also an earthy sign. Saturn in Cancer signifies mines, and Mars conjunction Mercury in Scorpio is an excellent configuration for a chemist, assayer, or surgeon. Saturn in the 7th, 8th, or 9th house also shows mechanical ability. Therefore James will find scope for his talents as an assayer, or mining and hydraulic engineer, and, as the Sun is close to the ASC, he will undoubtedly work himself up to a leading position in his profession.

The principal fault is found in Mars conjoined to Mercury in Scorpio, and it is aggravated because of the four fixed signs on the angles. Mars is a planet of dynamic energy, which may be either good or bad, according to the use made of it. Mercury governs the speech, and the conjunction with Mars makes a sharp tongue, no matter in what sign these planets are placed. Some signs — Pisces, for instance — would tone this tendency down, others accentuate it. Scorpio is the worst in that respect, for it is the sign opposite Taurus which governs the throat. Therefore James' tongue can sting like a Scorpion, and there is a strong tendency to cruelty and heartlessness. Do not let him become a surgeon, or have anything to do with blood, if you can prevent it. Take particular care to teach him kindness to animals which are altogether defenceless. He will be very "set" on account of the fixed signs on

the angles, but you have seven years before you in which to modify the undesirable traits by an example of kindness and consideration which is sure to leave its mark.

Saturn in Cancer threatens interference with health by indigestion, for Cancer rules the stomach, and Saturn is the planet of obstruction. Mars in Scorpio warns of rectal trouble, for Scorpio rules the rectum and Mars produces heat, eruptions, and loss of blood; hence there is a tendency to bleeding piles. These conditions of the stomach and rectum bring about constipation. Teach James to eat sparingly; give him the plainest food, not too many mixtures and dishes at a meal. Use whole wheat flour entirely to scour the intestines, and a suppository made of coca butter will have a healing and cooling effect on the rectum, if trouble is not entirely obviated by the use of proper food.

JOHN G. — Born November 10, 1911, 10:30 a.m., Schenectady, New York.

At the time of John's birth we find four cardinal signs on the angles, with the majority of planets in fixed or cardinal signs. This shows that his will be a life of action and accomplishment. That is itself a cause for congratulation, for whether a life be what we usually call good or bad, so long as there is action the life will be productive of soul growth, and the seeming bad is turned to as good account as that which was

regarded as best by us. Our Father in Heaven looks at all things from an infinitely larger viewpoint. To Him the roughest coating cannot hide the sparkling diamond-soul, and He gives to each of us just the experiences needed to wear away the coarse coating that hides the gem.

The foregoing paragraph does not mean, however, that a hard life and dreadful experiences are in store for John. On the contrary, the augurs at his birth were unusually splendid, and show that he has made what we would call good use of his last life to have earned such fine aspects. However, to us astrology is religion, or at least a phase of religion, and we feel it a duty as well as a privilege to preach that side of the science in season or out. Nor do we make an apology for so doing.

At John's birth Jupiter, the planet of benevolence, was conjoined with Mercury, the planet of mind, and the Sun, which is the lifegiver. These configurations occur in or close to the eleventh house which rules friends, hopes, and wishes. Is not that plain? Even if there were no other aspects to this group, we see at once that John will be of a happy, jovial, benevolent disposition. Naturally, that attitude of mind will draw to him hosts of people who will want favors and be in positions to return the compliments, so that they will help John to realize his hopes and wishes, which will bring him honor, wealth, and fame.

As said, though, he is not getting this for nothing, or by divine caprice; he has earned it somewhere, some-

how, in the past and is now reaping the fruits he did not garner then. Nor should it be forgotten that it is his present attitude of continued kindness and helpfulness that will preserve the friendships he will renew in this life. Should he change, as he may, for he is divine and has a certain amount of choice, then gradually his friends will leave him and in his next life he will have a very different horoscope. This consideration also applies in the reverse manner to others who are not so fortunate as John. There is no reason to be jealous or despondent, we all have a measure of free will; we may all try to be kind, and if we do, we shall also find friends who will help and comfort us as we them. The immutable law of compensation works with unerring exactitude in all departments of life.

Venus, the planet of attraction, is also uncommonly well aspected. We find it in the ninth house, which governs the higher mind, and it is sextile to Mercury, and trine to Mars in the mercurial sign Gemini. These are also signs of a kindly, though energetic, disposition. The sextile of Mercury to Uranus, and its trine to Neptune, gives intuition, and spiritual sight will likely be developed at some time in life. Saturn, the planet of obstruction, is sextile to the Moon, which also influences the mind, and has the tendency to hold it steady when that is required for concentration upon some problem. It will also give him patience and perseverance to work out whatever plans he may form.

Venus' ray makes artists, no matter to what branch they devote themselves. Here Venus is in her own sign,



Libra, a sign of voice, sextile to Mercury, the planet of speech, and trine to Uranus, the planet of inspiration, the latter in the first house. Thus we may judge that John will be a highly inspirational musician and singer.

Mercury in Scorpio conjoined with Jupiter also indicates success as a doctor or chemist.

But you want to find out about his faults, of course, for he is not perfect, or he would not be here. The best help you can give him is to aid him in correcting the undesirable tendencies in his nature, so that they may give him less trouble than if he is allowed to grow up with them unchecked.

The first and most serious incipient fault is shown by Venus, the planet of love, trine to its octave Uranus, the planet of altruism. Now you would say, "Why! that seems good — altruistic, all-embracing love!" So it does, if we could only live up to it. The Venus-love is essentially selfish; by it we love those who belong to us: *my* husband, *my* wife, and *my* child; but Venus gives us no affection for those not related to us by such close ties. The Uranian ray will bear no restrictions, it embraces all the world in a pure, unselfish love, an ideal which is as yet unattainable to all but a few. Therefore the aspect of Uranus to Venus gives trouble, whether the aspect be good or bad. We feel drawn to all by the universal uranian ray, but can give expression only to the venusian love which aims to possess the object. This leads to numerous illicit amours, which inevitably bring trouble in their train. The Sun gives life and vitality, but Saturn saps vitality. These two

planets are in opposition from Taurus, which rules the throat, and Scorpio, which rules the genitals. Be careful to guard John against forming a secret habit, and teach him the sanctity of the generative function, also the dreadful consequences visited upon the transgressors. Saturn in the sign of the throat shows that this is a weak point in the system, anyway; if he takes up the vocal art that will need special care, and any abuse of the sex will react upon the larynx of one who has Saturn in Taurus.

As the Moon is the significator of the marriage partner of a man, we may judge that its placement in the seventh house, which rules marriage, sextile Saturn, the planet of obstruction, thrift, and economy, will bring John a wife who will steady him and take care of him in a practical way which we trust will save him from the tendency shown. The Sun conjunction with Jupiter gives splendid health and recuperative power, but it is weakened by the opposition of Saturn, and there is on that account a tendency to apoplexy in later years. Teach him to be frugal in his diet.

MARION K. — Born Feb. 13, 1905, 3:30 a.m., Stockton, Kansas.

At Marion's birth we find the common sign Sagittarius rising, with Capricorn intercepted in the first house, and Uranus is there. The constellation Sagittarius is pictured as the Centaur, half horse and half

man. It always gives a restless nature, and a child born under its influence feels an inner urge, an ambition or aspiration, and as most of us are very undeveloped, we think to find heartease by seeking *without* in the wide world instead of looking *within*. So these people roam from place to place, if not prevented by other influences, as Marion is, for in her horoscope the saturnine sign Capricorn is intercepted, and in it is Uranus, the planet of liberty and independence. Marion is a difficult child, but were Uranus free in the rising sign she would be absolutely ungovernable. However, the influence of a planet in intercepted signs is comparatively latent until by progression it frees itself from the sign which holds it in leash, and as the rate of progression for Uranus is very slow, Marion will never feel the full effect of his goading influence in a life of normal length. There is no question, however, that she will always chafe at the slightest restraint; she will want to get away to somewhere, and that is not a happy condition. It will take much joy out of her life unless you can appeal to her reason and show that contentment must come from within herself, not without. We feel that you may reach her in that way, for the Moon, a significator of mind, is in Gemini, a mercurial sign, and trine to Mercury, the other significator of mind, which is placed in the intellectual sign Aquarius. This gives her a logical mind of high caliber and exceptional reasoning powers. It is to be hoped that this configuration will cause her to cultivate the philosophical attitude, so that she may compose herself in comparative

contentment by the realization that what cannot be cured must be endured.

Marion will always prefer the company of older people, because the Sun is in conjunction with Saturn, and she will find among them influential friends who will be of much benefit to her. Jupiter, the planet of benevolence, is sextile to the Sun and Saturn, which are located in Aquarius, the eleventh-house sign, which also rules friendships. Saturn in the intellectual sign Aquarius makes her a deep and profound thinker. Mercury and the Moon, also in airy, intellectual signs, give her a love for literature, science, music, and art, with considerable ability as a linguist and an elocutionist. She will be able to speak with great force and profundity so that her words will carry the weight of authority and impress her ideas upon the minds of her hearers. She will be a power in any cause which she may espouse, for she is very intense in whatever she undertakes on account of Mars' position in Scorpio, where he is essentially dignified and will exert a strong influence, though he is not aspected. This influence is augmented because he is the most elevated planet in the horoscope.

Saturn in the second house is unfavorable for the finances. People with that configuration usually have a hard time all their lives. The Sun in the second house is also unfavorable, for though it makes people capable of getting money, it also gives them the faculty of getting rid of it with equal facility. However, when the Sun and Saturn are there in conjunction, the result

is good, for though the earning capacities of the Sun are somewhat obstructed by Saturn, so are his spending proclivities, and thus, people with that configuration usually acquire a competence by thrift and careful investment. Marion has Jupiter, the planet of opulence, sextile to Saturn and the Sun, so she will make for herself a lucrative business in some line that has to do with the fifth house, which rules educational endeavors, public entertainments, and publications. The Moon there, trine to Mercury in the second house, together with the fact that the artistic sign Libra is on the tenth house, which rules social standing, leads us to believe that she will find her vocation in the publishing business, writing and editing books or journals of artistic and scientific nature.

Neptune in Cancer, the sign which rules the stomach, square to Venus, shows a fickle stomach, and Mars in Scorpio, which rules the rectum, tells you to beware of bleeding piles. Teach Marion to be careful in her diet and refrain from the use of condiments which irritate the intestinal tract. Saturn in Aquarius, conjoined with the Sun, finds reflex action in the opposite sign, Leo, which rules the heart, resulting in a tendency to heart trouble. This is no cause for alarm, however; strong hearts are weakened by overstraining, and weak hearts may be strengthened by care. If Marion is taught to avoid violent exercise, she may never know that she has a heart so far as being troubled by its action is concerned.

NORMAN P. — Born April 7, 1912, 9:05 a.m., Boston, Mass.

Here we have a youngster born under a lucky star, for the Sun is in its exaltation sign Aries, trine to the great benefic, Jupiter, which is essentially dignified in its own sign, Sagittarius. This is a very strong combination which makes for general success in life, and shows that we have here a strong soul capable of attaining and maintaining a place of vantage in the world. Mercury, the ruler of the ASC, is posited in the eleventh house, which denotes friends, hopes, and wishes. So is the Sun, and taking the fact that Mercury is well aspected by trine to the Moon and sextile to Mars, the giver of enterprise and energy, together with the trine of the Sun to Jupiter, we may well judge that Norman will have good and influential friends who will stand by him all through life and help him realize his hopes and aspirations.

This all sounds very nice, and it may cause some to feel jealous because they, or their children, have not such a horoscope, but we must realize that there is neither chance, caprice, or luck in this world. As Mephisto says in "Faust":

"How closely 'luck' is linked to 'merit',  
Does never to the fool occur,  
Had he the wise man's stone, I swear it,  
The stone had no philosopher."

We all are where we are by our own acts, if not in this life, then in a previous existence. This must be realized

by all students of astrology, for if we live only once, then there is no justice in the world. The horoscope of a poor person who has Saturn square the Moon at birth, for instance, may show nothing but the most unaccountable trials and setbacks all his life because Saturn by transit moves at the same rate as the Moon progresses, so Saturn keeps hunting the Moon, and every time there is a good aspect of other planets that might bring a little joy into the life, there comes Saturn square Moon and frustrates it. If there is an evil aspect, Saturn square Moon makes it still worse. That does not give such a person a chance compared to Norman, but if we hold the theory that both have lived before, and that Norman was friendly and helpful to whomever he contacted, while the other was selfish and did all he could to obstruct others, then we can realize the justice in the present birth when the latter is placed under the whip of Saturn, the planet of obstruction, while Norman is being helped by Jupiter, the planet of benevolence.

But it is also necessary to realize that Norman must continue in this life to be friendly, in order to keep the friends he has made, and the other poor person will probably learn the value of friends by the lack. He will then strive to make friends who will sympathize with his sorrows. If he does, he also may ameliorate his lot and gain peace, for as we say continually, God and His ministers, the Seven Spirits before the Throne, do not aim to punish or get even with anyone. These Great Star Spirits only try to teach us the lessons we

need to learn, in order to become nobler, better men and women. They seek to bring out the divine spark within ourselves, and the moment we turn from our wrong actions and begin to do right, we will feel less of the saturnine obstruction and more of the jupiterian benevolence. The horoscope shows only tendencies; we are the determinators as to whether we will drift with the tide or stem the current. As Tennyson says:

“Turn, Fortune, turn thy wheel and lower the proud;  
Turn thy wild wheel through sunshine, storm and cloud;  
Thy wheel we neither love nor hate.  
Turn, Fortune, turn thy wheel with smile or frown;  
With that wild wheel we go not up or down;  
Our hoard is little, but our hearts are great.  
Smile, and we smile, the lords of many lands;  
Frown, and we smile, the lords of our own hands;  
For man is man, and master of his fate.”

Norman, then, has all chances, made by himself, for a successful life, but he must exert himself to keep it so, for Saturn is in the twelfth house, which shows sorrow, trouble, and self-undoing, and although Saturn is not afflicted, his position shows that underhanded attempts of secret enemies will not be wanting to frustrate his designs. The cause will probably come from Mercury, the planet of speech. You may take it that Mars in the mercurial signs Gemini and Virgo, or Mercury in the martial signs Aries and Scorpio, or Mercury and Mars in any configuration, have a tendency to make the person quick, blunt, abrupt, and



emphatic in speech, while if Mercury is in the saturnine signs Capricorn and Aquarius, or Saturn is in the mercurial signs Gemini and Virgo, or Saturn and Mercury are configured, it gives the person caution, tact, and diplomacy in speech.

It may be set down also as a general rule that the Mars-Mercury person is open and above board; what he is, he is to your face. He cannot stand before you with a smile on his face and a knife ready to use when you have turned your back; therefore he often incurs the hatred and enmity of people who then seek to undermine his position, honor, and integrity. This the Saturn-Mercury person escapes by tact, but personally we do not admire the method, although we see certain reasons for its moderate use.

Norman has Mars configured with Mercury by sextile, and Mercury is in Aries, a martial sign, so you see that he is anything but two-faced. He will have great difficulty in hiding his feelings from people; therefore, the people he dislikes will hate him and endeavor to harm him. This will bring him much unhappiness, and you may save him a lot of trouble if you can teach him to hide his feelings and simply keep away as much as possible from people who do not appeal to him. He does not need to become a hypocrite, but it is not necessary to tell people unpleasant things.

From the way we have spoken it might be inferred that Norman has only "good" aspects, and that that would make the life barren of soul growth, which comes

from the trials of life supplied under the influence of squares and oppositions, but we rejoice that this is not so. There are several squares which will bring out his mettle.

Uranus is the planet of idealism, and it is placed in its own sign, the intellectual Aquarius, in the ninth house, which governs the higher mind, and it is square to Mercury, the planet of reason. That gives us the key and the combination to Norman's mind. He is an idealist, a reformer, and very radical in his ideas. Without such people there would be no progress; the world would simply stand still, for oh! how it dislikes to move! The old rut is so good and easy to travel, but it hurts to make the effort to get into anything new. Can you see Saturn there in the twelfth house, representing the conservatives who fight the reformer to the finish? But Norman will best them, having the help of many friends represented by Sun trine Jupiter.

He has occult powers nearly developed, but a negative mediumistic character, for Neptune is in the psychic sign Cancer, square the Sun. The Moon is square Venus in the twelfth house sign Pisces, and Mercury is square Uranus, the planet of intuition, in the ninth house of vision and dreams. Be careful that he is taught to be positive, and keep him away from mediumistic people or he may become influenced.

See that his throat is hardened against cold, for Saturn is in Taurus, which rules that part of the body, and that makes him sensitive. Otherwise he will be very healthy.