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Dear Friend,

We are happy to have your request for our Astrology course. Our three courses in Astrology are based on the Teachings as given to humanity by the Brothers of the Rosicrucian Order through *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception* and the personal investigations of Max Heindel, their Messenger.

In order to realize the most benefit from our Astrology courses we suggest you study our Preliminary Philosophy Course consisting of twelve lessons. The Preliminary Philosophy Course must be completed by regular mail one lesson at a time. We hope that the understanding of life and its problems offered by this course will bring you much comfort and joy.

A New Age is dawning, and wonderful opportunities await those who understand and cooperate with the cosmic forces operating to break humanity's bond of materialism and usher in a new order with higher spiritual concepts. As we bring ourselves into harmony with these forces, we not only greatly hasten our own progress, but make it possible for us to aid in the great work of uplifting all humanity.

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We would love to be able to provide personal one-on-one instruction to all who are interested in our courses, but our resources do not allow this. Therefore, this study course is set up as a college-type self-study course where the student becomes his own teacher. Answers to all questions are given in the back of the booklet. Please do not send your individual lesson answers to us.

Please feel that we are your friends, and that we consider it a pleasure and a privilege to assist you in any way possible to live the higher life, which leads to true happiness and spiritual unfoldment.

We send our best wishes for your spiritual progress.

Yours in service,
The Rosicrucian Fellowship,
Education Department

Materials You Can Buy for Our Courses in Astrology

Note: The *Information for Astrology Course* booklet (AI), available online, contains all of the required course reference materials found in the books below. With the exception of the required chart calculation worksheets (HDD or HDP), it contains all of the reference materials needed for the Junior and Senior Astrology Courses.

1] *Simplified Scientific Ephemeris* for 1911, 1912, and 1932 computed for *noon* (order *Information for Astrology Course* booklet [AI] or E1911, E1912, and E1932).

2] *Simplified Scientific Tables of Houses* (TBH).

3] *Simplified Scientific Astrology* - Complete textbook on the art of erecting horoscopes, with dictionary of astrological terms (ASP). Available online.

4] *The Message of the Stars* - An esoteric exposition of Natal and Medical Astrology explaining the arts of reading and progressing the Horoscope and diagnosing diseases (MSP). Available online.

5] Horoscope Data Sheets (one pad of 50 - HDP) *noon*.

All of the above can be obtained from our Order Department.

Astrology Letter No. 10

Dear Friend,

It is wonderful to contemplate how the planetary forces balance each other so perfectly that universal equilibrium is maintained despite the disturbances of the 5000 millions which inhabit the earth alone, not to speak of other spheres. Every moment of time, our actions, individually and collectively, interfere with terrestrial equipoise, and were not this instantly restored, the earth would leave its orbit, fly off at a tangent, and be destroyed. Nor are physical disturbances most potent in disturbing or restoring balance. It is a fallacy to confound solidity and rigidity with strength (as is most thoroughly explained in our *Lecture No. 19, "The Coming Force"*). A train has no strength itself, but must be solid because it is operated upon by an invisible gas called steam. There is no force in a rigid hammer, but when driven by a column of flexible liquid, like water, backed by an elastic cushion of compressed air, the force stored in the air drives the powerful hydraulic ram irresistibly through whatever comes before it. Likewise subtle, invisible stellar rays are the factors which maintain our ponderous planet in its path and spiritual disturbances generated by mankind are naturally the most subtle force which interfere with the earth's equipoise.

Therefore each planet has its opposite, and every time we radiate the quality of one planet, we call forth a countercurrent of corresponding force, and by the action and reaction of those forces in and upon us and our environment we learn the lessons of life. If we vibrate to the love ray of Venus, instantly Mars comes to tempt, and tries to turn love to lust, but it depends upon *us* whether we remain steadfast in virtue or yield to vice. If we court the ideal of Jupiter, if we aim to elevate the standards of church or state, instantly the saturnine forces invite to self-aggrandizement and appeal to the passion for power. With *us* it lies, to remain true to the ideal and reap laurels that last through eternity, or yield to the promise of present gain of worthless gold which we repay in sorrow when Saturn turns and becomes the chastiser. Each horoscope shows the tendencies in even the humblest life, and opportunity continually knocks. May we all be prepared to meet it as spiritual astrologers should.

Yours in Fellowship,

Max Heindel

Astrology Lesson No. 10

Having learned to "*cast*" a horoscope, our next concern is to "*read*" its message. In a systematic course on reading, the first step is to familiarize oneself with the intrinsic nature of the signs, houses, planets, and the aspects. This will form the subject of the present and several future lessons. The student is expected to thoroughly *memorize* our different classifications, for when reading the horoscope there is no time to look them up, any more than we would refer to the alphabet for name and sound of a letter when reading a book. The alphabet must be memorized to such a degree of proficiency that there is no tax on the consciousness when reading, for this is the basis of the art of reading; and the nature of the signs, houses, planets, and aspects which are the alphabet of the heavens, must be mastered as fully and completely before it is possible to read the mystic message, the scroll of life, which we call the horoscope.

Destiny may be divided into three kinds. In one kind we sow and reap from day to day, or from year to year with little delay between the action and its reaction, and with the thread of fate clearly linking cause and effect. Liabilities incurred and liquidated under this "pay as you go" system of fate are particularly indicated by planets in *cardinal signs and angles*. The cardinal signs are *Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn*. These signs are called "cardinal," because when the Sun is in any one of them he is in one of the four corners of the heavens; at a turning point, where he is forced to take another direction. In Aries he is as far *east* as he can go. Cancer is the tropical point of the *north*

where he gives the most *perpendicular ray* at the summer solstice, and consequently the greatest *heat*. Libra is the extreme *western* point of his path where he turns away from the Northern Hemisphere.

In midwinter, at Christmas, he is in Capricorn at the farthest point *south*, where his *horizontal ray* leaves the people of the North in winter's icy grip. The nature of the "angles," and the effect of the 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th houses, is similar to the effect of the cardinal signs because these houses are at the east, north, west, and south points of the horoscope. The nature and effect of cardinal signs and angles may be summed up in the words "action" and "initiative," though each acts differently from the others. Planets placed in cardinal signs and angles give zest to life according to the nature of the particular planet, sign and angle. For instance, the intrinsic nature of the Sun is "life"; the cardinal sign Aries is aggressive, forceful and "*self-assertive*." Therefore, when the Sun is in Aries in the spring, nature bubbles over with life; there is such a super-abundance of vital force that all creation is impelled to procreate itself in order to use the surplus. In the human horoscope the solar life is similarly intensified when expressed through the cardinal sign Aries or when it is in the eastern angle (the first house), which corresponds to Aries. This position makes for greater vitality, so great in fact that it frequently runs amuck, overheats the blood, and sends it racing through the veins. Therefore we find people with the Sun in Aries subject to fevers, but it is also a fact, not generally known to physicians, that in the Sun-in-Aries people the temperature may rise far above the ordinary extreme danger point, remain there for hours, burn every hair of the patient's head, and yet produce no fatality, because the spark of life is too strong to be extinguished even when it has burned the body to a cinder.

While *Aries* gives "*self-esteem*," *Capricorn*, or the 10th house, (the southern angle), which corresponds to Capricorn, brings "*social honor*," that is to say, the esteem of others, and good planets in Capricorn or the 10th house will certainly bring preferment. Take, as usual, the keyword of a planet, combine it with the keyword of the sign and you have the interpretation. For instance, the keyword of the Sun is life, of Capricorn, social honor. Therefore the Sun in Capricorn or the 10th house will promote a lively social esteem for one with that configuration, and as a matter of fact, people who rise to high and responsible positions generally have the Sun so placed and well aspected, for aspects have to be taken into consideration also in judgment, but one thing at a time. The keyword of Saturn is "*obstruction*," of Capricorn "*social honor*," of Aries "*self-esteem*." If Saturn is in Aries he will tend to obstruct self-esteem, crush the spirit, and make a man timid and shrinking. If Saturn is afflicted in Capricorn or the 10th house, the man may strive to rise, but obstructions will pile mountain high to bar his way to social honor. If he persists and does attain, downfall awaits him anyway. Napoleon is said to have had this configuration.

As Capricorn or the 10th house, gives our status in the world, the human family, so the opposite cardinal sign, *Cancer*, or its correspondent, the 4th house, (the northern angle), determines our "*home life*." Take a horoscope with Venus there, another with Mars, and a third with Saturn. What is the meaning of the stellar script in each? Again the keywords afford easy reading, for Venus is "*coalition*," the force that binds and attracts and smoothes out all unpleasantness. When she is in Cancer or the 4th house, love will brighten the hearth and house. There may be a hard battle with the world, but peace will reign by the fireside. Mars is "*dynamic energy*"; he rides roughshod over everything and everybody. In Cancer or the 4th house he is a tartar, and tyrant in the home, and it is strange how dual we may be, for the man who is such a bear at home, may have Venus in the west and be an angel in public. Nor should we call him a hypocrite; it is simply that in one department of life he feels the influence of the martial ray, and the Venusian dominates another. It should excite our compassion, and show the way to overcome by knowledge, if we can reach and teach him the stellar science. The keynote of Saturn is obstruction, and it is easy to see what he would do in Cancer, or the 4th house.

Faust, though most of us think of it as written by Goethe, is not a human creation. The plot is found in one of the ancient myths and though our modern stage rendering makes it seem only the story of an ordinary seduction, the myth itself, and even Goethe's rendering brings out much of the esoteric truth. Among other pearls is Satan's description of himself. When asked by Faust, "Who art thou?" he says,

"The spirit of negation,
The power that still
Works for good
Though scheming ill."

That fits Saturn. I know that all in God's world work for ultimate *good*, and that physical resistance develops physical muscle, that spiritual obstruction is necessary to grind away the rough edges from the soul and polish it to diamond brightness.

Saturn is chief of the lapidaries. Knowing that he hurts to help, we must try to be patient. When even the stone in being ground gives sounds of seeming suffering, who shall blame us if we wail at the time when the hand of Saturn is heavy or applied in a particularly sensitive place? Although I thank him for benefits received from chastisements, and recognize the benefit of his restraining influence at times when he makes me feel like a dog on the leash, I cannot help thinking of him as a cold, clammy hand of huge proportions, ready to wet-blanket all ambition, self-assertion, and other martial characteristics. "The spirit of negation", no bit ever fretted a spirited horse as much as the curb of Saturn, which says, "*Don't, Don't, Don't.*" Saturn can fret and worry a martial spirit bubbling over with energy and ambition, and *as a planet is always most evil, so-called, in the sign where it is weakest*, Saturn in Cancer or the 4th house is particularly severe. Children whose parents have Saturn in Cancer or the 4th house may or may not be kicked and cuffed physically; that depends upon other factors. But there Saturn has them cornered; they are helpless children, they cannot run away from the parental home, no matter how they feel, and the saturnine *don't, don't, don't* will wet-blanket their spirits, quench their ambition, and make it a thousand times more difficult for them to fight the battle of life. Oh! that we could realize our wrong when we unthinkingly betray the trust of the little ones who come to us for protection and a home until they are able to fight their own battle in the world. If we could only see how the saturnine ray in the home hampers our mate, and how much better it would be for him, or her, if we would cease to restrain and throw cold water, if we would give encouragement instead of always having *don't* on the tip of the tongue.

Aries being the fountainhead of egoism (the force which aims to center everything on the individual regardless of all others), it is reasonable that the opposite sign must have the opposite qualities, and signify what we share with others or have in community with others. "*Partnership*" may therefore be said to be the keyword of *Libra*, its corresponding western angle the 7th house. As marriage is the most important partnership of life, capable of making or marring it as no other relation can, the configurations in this sign and angle are particularly vital in that respect.

The Sun is positive and masculine in its nature and signifies, therefore, the marriage partner in the horoscope of a woman, and the negative, feminine Moon indicates the partner for a man, that is generally speaking, but planets in *Libra* and the 7th house give particular testimony in this respect. The Sun thus placed gives *life*, and zest here as elsewhere, regardless of sex. Saturn obstructs successful intercourse with our fellows; Mars gives dynamic energy, makes us aggressive; we put down our rivals though we may also ruin ourselves by so doing.

You have now the method and must learn to apply it so that you may read the stellar scrip as you read a book. There is no time like the present, so I will give you a problem which you must answer without looking up in any books other than the letters and lessons furnished in this course.

The keyword of Jupiter is "*benevolence.*" Do you know the "jovial" fellow, with the big heart and the broad smile, who shakes your hand till the ligaments of your arm are almost sprained? He is "hail fellow, well met" with everybody, always ready to give anything or anybody a boost and never gets angry on his own account, but may be moved to righteous indignation by the wrongs of others. Yet even though he is terrible in his wrath, he is never cruel to the aggressor or oppressor, but shows mercy and kindness as soon as the foe is vanquished. Do you know him? He is scarcely breeding absolute purity, but is Jupiter personified.

Work for the Student:

1] Now, write what you think the effect would be of Jupiter in each of the four cardinal signs, their corresponding angle **and** house. I want four nice short paragraphs, one for each sign and house. Put as much time as you can spare in making each description as full and as consistent with brevity. The astrologer should not obscure his meaning with many words. Try to be both clear and concise.

Additional Keywords That May Be Used For Lesson No. 10:**Planetary Keywords:****JUPITER:**

Benevolence
Generosity
Tolerance

Sign Keywords:**ARIES:**

Enthusiastic
Pioneering
Dynamic
Aggressive

CANCER:

Feeling
Maternal
Imaginative
Protective

LIBRA:

Justice
Artistic
Eclectic
Integrated

CAPRICORN:

Responsible
Honorable
Self-control
Efficient

The Keywords give the essential nature of the Planets and Signs.

Astrology Letter No. 11

Dear Friend,

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 11 years, and aspects every planet from all angles during that time, while Saturn requires 29 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 young 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 natal chart. The ephemeris shows Jupiter's position at a glance. A look at your own chart tells what house he is traversing and gives the key to his influence. You know the nature of the cardinal signs; in the answer to your last lesson you gave a description of Jupiter's influence in these positions, and 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 4 to 8 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 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 chart.

Yours in Fellowship,
Max Heindel

Astrology Lesson No. 11

The Fixed Signs - Part I

While the nature of the Cardinal signs is such that their rays stir our latent forces into *action*, and promote change, the most prominent quality of the Fixed signs is *stability*. But the student must beware of confounding stability and inertia. The action impelled by the rays of Cardinal signs may be changed into other channels with considerable facility; all they want is expression; the direction in which they express themselves is a secondary consideration. Not so with the Fixed signs. When their rays impel to action in a certain direction it is next to impossible to stay the force or change it. On the other hand, if they deny expression in certain lines, the obstruction is almost insurmountable. When Fixed signs are on the angles (the first, fourth, seventh, and tenth houses), they exert a well nigh irresistible force, impelling the individual along a certain line. He may be slow and plodding but is sure to be *persistent* in whatever he undertakes, and whatever talent he may possess in a certain direction will be exploited to its fullest extent. Setbacks which would take the courage from a person with Cardinal signs, do not daunt the man with Fixed signs on the angles; he knows no defeat, and therefore he usually gains his goal in the end and achieves success by concentration upon one point, and persistence in following his chosen path. On the other hand such people are conservative to the last degree. They may see and desire improvements in various lines, but are exceedingly slow to adopt measures to accomplish the desired end; they never do so until thoroughly satisfied that a certain method will meet the requirements. In other words, people with Fixed signs on the angles "look

before they leap," they look a long time and very, very carefully, but on the other hand, when they have once been won over to a certain cause they are faithful unto death, and no more ardent advocates can be found; their zeal is almost fanatical. On the whole, people with Fixed signs may be said to be the *most reliable people* in the world, either for good or bad. When the rays from the Fixed signs come through so-called "good" planets and at favorable angles called "good" aspects, we have a man whose integrity is as impregnable as the Rock of Gibraltar, who could not be bribed with all the gold or power in the world to wander one single inch from what, according to his light is the path of strictest rectitude; who would consider life, or even love, as nothing compared to this rectitude. But the man whose destiny (more can be found on **destiny** in *Rosicrucian Philosophy in Questions and Answers*, Volume I, question 153 on page 305), self-made in former lives, has attracted the fixed ray through so-called "evil" planets and at angles called "evil" aspects, has walled himself in with limitations of such a nature that his entire view of life is askew; therefore he is out of harmony with his fellow beings. Shunned by them he becomes a recluse or an outcast; hatred and revenge burn in his breast. He may become what we call a criminal, because we do not understand how heavy his load is, that he is a young soul unable to bear the burden of life with fortitude equal to our own. If we could only have compassion to see and understand his limitations as revealed by the horoscope, perhaps we should be able to feel pity instead of repugnance. If every judge were an astrologer, and every court clerk were required to cast the horoscope of each prisoner arraigned so that the judge might see into the soul before judging, we should have more loving kindness shown those unfortunates, and love would soon conquer where harshness fails. Such a reform will come in a not too far-away future, and though people of the "fixed" kind we have described will be the most difficult to win over, they will never backslide once the task of conversion has been accomplished.

The last expression brings to mind the narrow, sectarian fanatic who thinks everybody is going to hell who does not share his belief, who is as zealous in his efforts to convert all with whom he comes in contact as in denouncing those who do not respond to his well-meant efforts. He is another variety of these *fixed* people. The student has now the description of the general salient characteristics imparted by the rays from the Fixed signs, and may easily detect their action in any horoscope, when focused through the various planets.

The Fixed signs are *Taurus, Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius*. In addition to the common characteristic, *stability*, each sign has its own keyword which describes its particular effect, and as the general quality, stability, is intensified when Fixed signs are on the angles, so also the individual nature and effect of each sign is more prominently observable when thus placed.

In the Cardinal sign Aries, the exaltation of the Sun fosters individual *life*, and the *dynamic energy* of the ruler, Mars, engenders *egoism*, so that the dominant forces of this sign create the individual *self*, the separate *personality*, which is prepared by the Aries forces to fight its way in life alone and unaided; but the forces of the sign Taurus tend to produce the *family*, that is to say, an aggregation of individuals bound by ties of blood and of love. Therefore the Moon is exalted in Taurus; her keyword is *fecundation*. Through her the generative forces accomplish multiplication of the individual, and Venus, the ruler of Taurus, is the vehicle of *coalition*, the force which binds parents and offspring into the integral whole which we call the family.

When mankind was in its infancy Jehovah and his angelic host from the Moon together with the Lords of Venus focused the Taurean ray upon our race and welded all into one vast harmonious family obedient to their masters' wills. The Martial Lucifer spirits first started human emancipation from superhuman rule through the side of the Arian ray which is designated "the goat" in the Bible. Later came the "true light," the Sun Spirit, Christ, Who expresses the Arian ray in so gentle a manner that He is called "the Lamb." But also He exalts the individual above the family. Thus, the rulers and exaltation rulers of these two signs have aided human evolution and the past history of man is written in the stars so plainly that the seeing eye may decipher its pages most readily and also the pages of the future now in the making, for, "coming events cast their shadows before." It is marvelous, nevertheless, how *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception* dovetails with the esoteric side of Astrology and how a knowledge of this science reveals depths of the Rosicrucian teachings not otherwise accessible.

Taurus rules the tongue; its keyword being *harmony*, and that of Venus *coalition*, it is plain that Venus in Taurus would designate the soft-spoken peacemaker, but Mars in Taurus destroys harmony by incessant talk, as an agitator or demagogue. Saturn's keyword being *obstruction*, would cause halting speech, loss of voice, or would make a pessimist. Many musicians have the Sun, Venus or Jupiter in Taurus.

From the symbolic Garden of Eden where Adam dwelt under the Taurean ray in harmony and peace, while obedient to Jehovah, he was driven into the wilderness of the world under the ray of Scorpio which is ruled by the Lucifer spirits of Mars. According to their advice he "knew" his wife. Scorpio has dominion over the sex organs, and as the 8th house is the house of death, so Scorpio, being the 8th sign has in its ray the deadly sting of the serpent; therefore, death is the lot of all who are born from sex, and pain and sorrow is their portion in life. Instead of *harmony* which prevailed under the Taurean regime, *discord* is the keyword under Scorpio; "man is of few days and full of trouble," and will thus remain till he finds the way of regeneration foreshadowed under the other signs.

When the *dynamic energy* of Mars conveys the ray of Scorpio, man becomes indifferent to the *discordant* cry of pain from his fellow beings. He can calmly cut a person to pieces in a surgical operation or slay him in battle; he can look without remorse into the eloquently pleading eyes of dumb animals which he tortures on the vivisection table. Fearless to the point of folly, indifferent to danger, he makes an excellent soldier, but a poor general.

If the ray of Scorpio, which rules generation, is focused through Venus the planet of *coalition*, we may expect *discord* through the opposite sex, due to overindulgence of the passions. Saturn would *obstruct* intercourse and accentuate the *discord* of Scorpio in that direction. In a similar manner the keyword of other planets will give the solution to their effect in each sign.

I trust you will not underestimate what has been said of the cosmic part of Astrology affecting human evolution. You may learn fortune telling without that, but we are studying the science of the soul; that was not created at birth, nor does it suffer death. To understand Astrology you must know God's plan from eternity and realize that man is ever in a state of becoming. Of the two Fixed signs we have considered, Taurus and the Jehovistic hierarchies were factors in the creation of the human family. The fallen angels under Lucifer, who rebelled against Jehovah, brought the ray of Scorpio to bear upon mankind to assist in their emancipation. We shall see in the next lesson, that the Sun being the octave of the Moon and ruler of the second Fixed sign, Leo, and Uranus, ruler of Aquarius being the octave of Venus, these signs, Leo, and Aquarius, radiate *affection* and *altruism*. Through them lies the path of salvation from sin, sorrow, and suffering.

Work for the Student:

1] In the meantime, please tell me what effect you think the Moon will have in Taurus and Scorpio, and also the effect of Jupiter in these signs. I want four short paragraphs.

Additional Keywords That May Be Used For Lesson No. 11

Planetary Keywords

Moon: Domestic, Emotions, Imagination, Sociable, Responsiveness

Taurus: Harmonious, Artistic, Security, Dependable, Conservative

Scorpio: Penetrating, Magnetic, Regeneration, Healer, Fixity

Jupiter: According to Lesson No. 10: Benevolence, Generosity, Tolerance

The Keywords give the essential nature of the Planets and Signs.

Astrology Letter No. 12

Dear Friend,

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 downwards, 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.

Yours in Fellowship,
Max Heindel

Astrology Lesson No. 12

The Fixed Signs - Part II

The word "*Love*" has been used so often to designate that which is really passion that we therefore avoid use of the term wherever possible, and shall use the keyword *Affection* to express the most salient characteristics of the sign *Leo* which is ruled by the life-giving Sun. Fraternal, filial, and parental feelings generated under the Taurean ray are cold compared to the ardent affection radiated through the fifth sign, *Leo*, the sign which has dominion over the heart.

It has been well said that "of the fullness of the heart, the mouth overfloweth," and the terrestrial counterpart of the fifth sign, the fifth house, rules the avenues through which we express the things we love. Our pleasures, avocation, courtships, and the children we bear beneath our hearts, figuratively or actually, are therefore designated by this house. Please note carefully, however, that the *ability* to write, teach, paint, or do anything else depends upon other factors, but from the fifth house, the sign which occupies it and the planets posited therein come the love and enthusiasm which impel expression along various lines according to the sign and planets found there at the time of birth. The love of a father and mother for a certain child may be equal, but if the fifth house of the father is well

fortified and thus gives him the faculty of expression, while afflictions of the fifth house of the mother deny her the ability to voice her love, the child will grow up in the belief that its mother loves it not a whit. The misunderstood mother may then grieve and break her heart in consequence. Should the child learn Astrology, it would be able to see the hidden reason for the seeming coldness of the parent; compassion in the child would draw from the mother the secret of her love, both would be richer and the child by such use of the science of Astrology would lay up much treasure in heaven. Take another suppositious case, of two young men in love with the same girl. We look to the Sun, as the significator of *mental affinity* because it is the particular expression of God in our solar system. Mars and Venus, being the planets of passion and the brand of love associated with personality (not the love of soul for soul, which is Uranian), signify *moral affinity* and the Moon and Ascendant show what physical harmony exists between people intending marriage. Let us now suppose one of these young men to be mentally and morally harmonious to the lady, but not physically attuned, and further hampered by having Saturn, the planet of obstruction in the fifth house. He would then be unable to plead his cause, no matter how deep his affection. If the other young man were physically in accord with the lady and if Venus were in his fifth house at birth, he would be an eloquent and probably successful wooer, while the denial of expression caused by Saturn in the case of his rival might break the latter's heart. Later the lack of mental and moral affinity between the successful lover and the lady is sure to manifest to the sorrow of both; had all known the science of Astrology and been guided by their knowledge, these heartaches might have been avoided.

As already said, Venus in the fifth sign or house facilitates the *expression* of love and thus makes the ardent and affectionate wooer, but when the dynamic energy of Mars is poured forth from this angle it produces the fierce, masterful lover who claims the affection of others as a right. The wandering Moon is the vehicle of fecundation; in Leo she makes the heart fickle and fond of flitting from flower to flower. From each she sucks the sweets and leaves it barren. The keyword of Mercury is Reason, and as the ways of the heart are beyond reason and incapable of intellectual elucidation or analysis, Mercury in Leo makes the libertine and cynic who plays with hearts as with marbles. Saturn in Leo or the fifth house obstructs expression of affection, no matter how deep and sincere the feeling, and thus it causes much suffering in consequence.

Sagittarius is pictured upon the vault of heaven as a centaur (half man and half horse), in the act of shooting an arrow from a drawn bow. Jupiter, the ruler, partakes of the dual nature expressed by the sign. In his highest phase he is idealistic in the extreme. He aims the bow of aspiration so high that few, if any, measure up to his standard. Therefore, when in Leo or the fifth house, he not infrequently misses the real, while vainly seeking the ideal of his affection, but if his search is successful there is an ideal union, a marriage truly "made in heaven." The lower nature of Jupiter accentuates the animalistic phase of Sagittarius, and when that is expressed through the sign Leo or the 5th house the ideals expressed by the higher phase are forgotten, the man goes to the other extreme and becomes a depraved beast. Therefore Jupiter in Leo afflicted is worse than any of the so-called malefic planets; its evil influence is perhaps most nearly approached by Venus when similarly placed, for both tend then to indulgence of the vilest nature.

As Leo and the fifth house signify the things *we love to share with others*, this also applies to knowledge, and therefore the fifth sign and the fifth house signify the ability to teach. People with Jupiter there, well fortified, have high ideals and are born teachers of law, philosophy and humanitarian principles. Knowledge of these subjects may be acquired without having Jupiter in Leo or the fifth house, but there is a difference between having the knowledge and the ability to impart it to others; this faculty is given or denied by the fifth house and the planets therein or the rulers thereof. These also indicate the nature of the subjects, if any, a person is best fitted to teach.

The keyword of Saturn being Obstruction he naturally seeks to squelch ambition to teach when in the fifth sign, Leo or the fifth house. We know people with that affliction having deep and thorough knowledge of vital interest to humanity; one shrinks from the duty and limits herself; one ensouled by a deep desire to impart his knowledge to others becomes ill at every attempt. Leo rules the spinal cord and Saturn in Leo draws this poor man's nerves into knots, as it were, thus literally choking expression. Hard as it may be for such people to overcome the limitation, there is one certainty, however, that if they do, they will be very thorough, particularly when instructing adults in deep

subjects. Mars, Mercury, or the Moon in Leo or the fifth house would make indifferent teachers, impatient and superficial.

Leo and the fifth house are also concerned with *publications*, for books, newspapers, and periodicals are media through which authors share with the public whatever knowledge they have gained along specific lines. Please observe, Leo and the fifth house do not give the ability to write or speak; that comes from Gemini, Mercury and other factors, but the fifth sign and house indicate our success in publishing our knowledge. Some people are able writers and speakers, but Saturn in Leo or the fifth house, or a sign ruled by Saturn on the fifth house obstructs access to publicity, and many splendid teachers and authors are never heard of outside their small circle of friends on account of this limiting influence. On the other hand, when Mercury, Gemini, Leo and the fifth house are well fortified there is ability to write and success in getting the ear of the world by publications. You will understand that my motive is not self-laudation when I cite my own configuration as illustration of this point. I have Venus in the mercurial sign Gemini, sextile to Mercury (in Leo), also to his higher octave, Neptune. The Sun, Moon, and Mercury are in Leo, the fifth sign, and Mercury is also trine to Jupiter in the fifth house, occupied by the idealistic sign Sagittarius. Saturn in Libra, the sign of his exaltation, is sextile to Mercury in the fifth sign and Jupiter in the fifth house. Thus all the stellar forces have combined to give me facility in writing and success in publishing. You know the phenomenal growth of *The Rosicrucian Fellowship* justifies the augur of the stars, and that they have told the truth. But this brings up another point; had anyone presumed to predict these things five years ago, even my friends and well-wishers might have doubted, for these faculties were largely dormant then; it takes many years to acquire the fundamental knowledge and experience in the school of life without which any writing sounds hollow. Necessarily my innate ability did not show on the surface during that time, yet the stars told the truth; it was latent, and at the proper time became manifest. In this fact lies one of the most important lessons to be learned by the young astrologer. It is this: *Believe in the stars*; whatever they say is absolutely reliable, no matter how much appearances may be to the contrary, no matter whether they show a fault or a faculty; if the stars say it is there you may depend that their testimony is true regardless of whether the person knows it or not, and in this very fact we have one of the greatest opportunities for the efficient and benevolent use of Astrology. In the next lesson we shall take up this study in connection with the fifth house, Leo and children.

The Moon's Nodes Dragon's Head (♁) - Dragon's Tail (♁)

The Moon's North Node: the 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 awakens to the life, love and labor of another year. Therefore the point where the lesser Light crosses into the north declination is also subject to a benign life-giving influence, such as that ascribed to the Dragon's Head. It fosters and promotes all matters within its influence.

The Dragon's Head is regarded as a benefic, its influence being analogous to that of the Sun in Aries, and Jupiterian in effect.

But in the Fall, Saturn, Satan, or the adversary, 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 position of the Dragon's Head, (♁) or Moon's Node, and the Dragon's Tail, (♁) have now to be found. The longitude of the Dragon's Head, the noon nearest to the G.M.T., is found in the ephemeris. The Dragon's Tail occupies the opposite point. These points are to be entered in the horoscope.

The Dragon's Head (Ω), and the Dragon's Tail (Υ) exert an influence in the horoscope only when in conjunction with a planet or the Ascendant. An orb of only two degrees or at most three degrees is allowed.

Rule For Calculating the Longitude of Retrograde Planets

As retrograde planets are (apparently) traveling *backward* in the zodiac, to obtain the travel in 24 hours, subtract the *coming noon position* from the *previous noon position*. The result will be the travel in 24 hours.

Find the logarithm for this travel and then add to it the permanent logarithm (or logarithm of interval). The sum of these two logarithms will give the *travel during interval*.

If the G.M.T. is AM, *add* the travel during interval to the *coming noon position of the planet*.

If the G.M.T. is PM, *subtract* the travel during interval from the *previous noon position* of the planet.

The Part of Fortune (\otimes)

This is an imaginary point calculated from the longitude of the Sun, Moon and Ascendant. The philosophy is that 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 the Ascendant at birth (or its opposite)—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 energy or what to avoid.

To Find the Part of Fortune (\otimes)

--Add to the longitude of the Ascendant: 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.

	Sign	Deg.	Min.
Longitude of the Moon:	04	19	55
Longitude of the Ascendant:	+09	28	20
Total:	13	47	75
Subtract longitude of the Sun:	-05	17	48
Longitude of the Part of Fortune:	08	30	27

The Part of Fortune in the horoscope will be Sagittarius **0° 27'** (9th Sign).

Question:

1] In Lesson No. 9 I asked you to calculate the signs on the cusps of a horoscope for 4 PM Standard Time, August 10th, 1912, at New York, NY. Please figure now the places of the planets and insert them in the horoscope.

Astrology Lesson No. 13

The Fixed Signs - Part III

In addition to the departments of life mentioned as being governed by the celestial sign Leo and its terrestrial counterpart, the fifth house, Leo also rules our children in general but particularly the first-born. The reason is readily apparent in view of what we have already said about the ardent love of Leo and the pleasures signified by the fifth house, for the very helplessness of those rays of sunlight from heaven, the children, constitutes an irresistible call upon our care, for which we are rewarded by joy unspeakable. The fixed nature of the sign gives stability to this emotion, and the ardent affection of parents for their children generally endures while life lasts.

The rays from the Cardinal sign Libra focus the master passion, the intense craving to possess another, which causes men and women to rush into wedlock imagining that heaven has descended to earth and bliss eternal is theirs. But when the Cardinal influence has spent itself, they are disillusioned, alas, too often. Then the union may be dissolved, and other attempts at happiness through possession of another may be made; but until the true marriage of soul to soul is consummated, the scales of Libra will continue alternately to swing from sunshine to sorrow.

Thus while the conjugal relationship contracted under the Cardinal ray may be transient, the relationship between parent and child generated under the fixed ray of Leo and the fifth house is indissoluble, it endures for life.

Judgment concerning the question of children, to be exact, requires study of the horoscopes of both prospective parents, as both are concerned in the matter; but so closely are we connected with one another that by turning our own horoscope upside down so that our seventh house becomes the first, it will show the principal facts concerning our mate. Held in this position our eleventh house will be his or her fifth, and signify children. Therefore when we judge the question of children, we consider both the fifth and eleventh houses, the signs on the cusps, their rulers, and planets in these houses.

It is a curious fact and seemingly an anomaly that Leo and its opposite, Aquarius, on the fifth house deny offspring unless the Moon, Venus, or Jupiter is there, for these planets are givers of children. Still, when we remember the lofty form of affection generated by the solar sign, we readily realize that it can give little or no expression to the lower passions and fosters only the feeling of friendship, of camaraderie. Cancer, on the other hand, is highly fertile, being the home of the Moon, the planet of fecundity. When the fifth house is occupied by this sign or either of the other watery signs (Scorpio and Pisces), the parental emotions are powerfully stirred, and many children result. As said, the Moon, Venus, and Jupiter in the fifth house give children; but Saturn, Mars, and Neptune deny offspring or cause their death to our sorrow, particularly if aspected by square or opposition. In ancient times when "nerves" were unknown, undeveloped women went through maternity without trouble; healthy children were born in the natural environment without doctor, nurse, or assistance from anyone. The mother did not cease her activities for more than a few hours, and yet infant mortality was insignificant compared to its proportions in modern times. At the present time doctors and nurses are called in to aid maternity at the critical phase of childbirth which requires the most delicate attention. Due to higher sensitivity, the mother is left depleted of energy for weeks after the stressful nevertheless exalted, event, and in extreme cases the side effects may leave long lasting infirmities or even endanger the mother's life.

When a tuning fork is struck, other tuning forks within radius of its vibratory waves will sing in unison if of identical pitch. When not so attuned, they remain unresponsive and mute. Each circling planet strikes a certain note in the song of the spheres, and all on Earth in accord therewith respond automatically unless their wills restrain. But when humanity was in its infancy, it could not respond to the vibratory pitch of as many planets as it can today; therefore the ancient astrologers were not concerned with several planets which are felt as factors of fate today. Saturn, the planet of obstruction and concretion, was first felt as an agent of coagulation; through his agency the discrete spirit-substance was crystallized, and concrete matter came into existence as the basis of physical form. Next, the vibratory force of the Sun made itself felt as Life to leaven the hardened earth; then the lunar

vibration made fecundation and fertilization possible. Mars and Venus next aroused the passionate nature, and material manifestation of animal human was accomplished.

The early races born under these planetary vibrations knew none of the finer feelings found in more modern times; they loved as the tiger loves, passionately, fiercely. The males fought each other for a mate as animals fight; the females fought for their young. Even in medieval times these traits were observable. The ray of Mercury commenced at an early stage to evoke reason in man. Its vibrations have increased in intensity, developing the intellect and sensitizing the nervous system. Thus the finer feelings have been developed, and man is now capable of responding in a measure to the humanitarian influences carried by the ray of Jupiter. The more advanced feel the Uranus vibrations, and a still smaller number sense the spiritual vibrations of Neptune.

But as the vibratory range of the nervous system increases and we become capable of enjoying pleasures undreamed of by our primitive ancestors, so also is our capacity for suffering intensified. A physical shock which scarcely registers upon the consciousness of previous generations may produce a complete collapse upon the part of a high-strung nervous person. In the case of maternity, were Uranus in the fifth house of the horoscope of a mother in prehistoric times, she would have hardly felt its effect at all; but in the chart of today's occidental women the event would bring a certain amount of difficulty and pain in delivery—the child may have problems in drawing its breath and other conditions might endanger its life.

Neptune would impart a nervous system too delicate for ordinary physical use, for he is the octave of Mercury, and therefore a child born under such an influence would be peculiar, sometimes altogether mentally deranged. St. Vitus dance, which is inability to coordinate movements, is due to the hypersensitiveness given by Neptune. Saturn obstructs childbirth and makes it painful; the use of forceps is frequently necessary, and the children are difficult to rear. Mars makes for operations, loss of blood, and puerperal fever. Pluto involves surgery as in Caesarean operations and its forceful nature can provoke premature birth as well as death.

Christ said, "If I be lifted up, I will lift all the world unto me." This does not mean, as is commonly supposed according to the materialistic conception, that if He were lifted upon the cross He would save people. The human, the microcosm, follows very closely the development of the macrocosm. When the earth was more dense in the ages we have just passed, when the Virgin Spirits were at the nadir of their evolutionary career, humanity was encrusted to such an extent that they could not vibrate to the high pitch of the planets which make for spirituality. But as the Christ Spirit working in the Earth leavens it with His vibrations, it is lifted out of its density and becomes more and more ethereal, more and more attuned to the great solar heart of the universe working through the sign of Leo. As this takes place, the human, the microcosm, also learns to respond to the finer forces in nature; the ardent affection of Leo gradually replaces the passionate impulses of Mars, and the warmth of the spiritual overcomes the cold obstructiveness of Saturn. Thus instead of the present method of conception in sin and suffering, by degrees there will come the immaculate conception, of which we are beginning to get a forecast in the science of eugenics.

Great measures of time must pass before we shall be able to propagate the race by a higher method than the one we have today. But as the Spirit of Christ working in the earth gains in power and potency, the fifth sign, Leo, will cease to correspond to the fifth house ruling children; the sixth house and Virgo will then indicate the method of purity and service whereby we shall perpetuate vehicles more etheric than those of the present time. Therefore, though at the present time Leo is the most important sign of the zodiac, in the future the purity of the sign Virgo will supersede it in the department of children; and the ardent affections of Leo will find a nobler outlet through the opposite sign Aquarius of which we shall speak in the next lesson.

Questions:

In the last lesson we requested you to finish setting up the horoscope on which we had been working previously. Now please state:

- 1] What you think is the prospect of children for the person described therein?

2] What pleasures would most attract him or her?

3] What is the innate love nature?

All of these things are determined by Leo its ruler, the Sun, and by the fifth house, the sign on its cusp and the planets therein.

More on Destiny

The destiny which we generate under the law of causation by our own acts may be divided into three kinds.

In the first place, there is the destiny which from the very nature of the case we cannot expiate in the present life; for instance, when a man commits murder, whether he suffers the penalty for it here or not, the prison life usually does not have the effect of making him more mellow and kind. Sometimes it does the reverse; it makes him bitter and turns his hand against all. Before nature will be satisfied, he must learn that he may not deprive a fellow being of his form; he must learn to serve. Thus the case is not satisfied until he has had the opportunity at a future time to render service of importance to his previous victim.

A second kind of destiny we reap from day to day; it is, we might say, as a cash transaction, we pay as we go. If we overeat, we have indigestion; if we go out without sufficient clothing, we take cold, etc.

A third kind is called "ripe" or "mature" destiny. It is the result of our actions in past lives, or in our early years, which has matured into effect so far that it is embodied in the pictures shown a spirit as the panorama of its coming life when starting toward rebirth. Once the spirit has chosen a certain life with the 'ripe" destiny allotted for liquidation by the Recording Angels, it is bound by its choice. The tendencies to act in a manner conducive to adjustment of this mature destiny are inherent in the body and inscribed in the stars, for the stellar influences are the source of man's activity, and therefore this mature destiny may be seen from the horoscope at birth, standing out with exceeding clearness, so that it is very plain and patent to the spiritually minded astrologer or palmist. He can also see the other kinds of destiny and may sometimes mistake one kind for the other and hence be wrong in his view as to whether an event can be avoided or not. If it is "ripe" destiny, it will be impossible to avoid it despite all warnings.

Rosicrucian Philosophy in Questions and Answers, Volume I, question 153 on page 305.

Astrology Lesson No. 14

The Fixed Signs - Part IV

In the cosmic dawn when human physical form was in a very elementary stage, and the angels worked to make it a more complete vehicle of expression for the Virgin Spirits which had left the heavenly Father and unity, seeking concrete embodiment and separate existence, they turned the creative force from the generative organs ruled by *Scorpio* into a new center, which became the larynx and is ruled by the sign opposite Scorpio, *Taurus*. Then the purely animal instinct, which impels every creature to perpetuate its kind, was partially diverted into a higher channel; intercourse was not limited to a union of bodies, but communion of souls by the spoken word became a possibility. Thus the first step toward Atonement was taken when both arms of the fixed cross were energized.

To further bind humanity together cosmic agencies generated the ardent affection commonly called love, and focused it upon the heart through the third fixed sign, Leo, which rules that vital organ. But though the brutal, animalistic force originally focused in Scorpio has been elevated and refined by the rays of Taurus, it is still contaminated with selfish desire, nor is this eradicated in the still higher expression of affection through Leo. We love our fathers, mothers, husbands, wives, our children, and our country; we love them even if they are not all we would wish, simply because they are *our kin and our country*. But our hearts do not beat high for the relatives of other people or for the people of other countries.

Neither are we satisfied to love our kindred and unselfishly help them, but we demand a return of love from those near and dear to us; the closer they are to our hearts the more we exact from them. We do not really seek their happiness, but feel that *because we love them they are in duty bound to defer to our wishes in every respect, regardless of their own inclinations*. If they refuse to conform, we may consider it the acme of heartlessness, and feel abused to the limit of human endurance or beyond.

The generative force focused in *Scorpio* imprisons the human spirit in a body and makes it the slave of matter from the cradle to the grave. *Taurus*, the opposite pole, is the focus of forces which vitalize the larynx. Through that organ the imprisoned spirit may voice its hopes and fears, its love and its longing to be free, free as the viewless air it resembles in nature.

In *Leo* the primal passion has a higher potency and a greater power to further fetter or to free the spirit, for in Leo this force functions on a loftier level. Focused through *Scorpio* it can only bind the spirit *to a body*, and as such a vehicle lasts only a *few score years*, the binding power of the primal passion in the physical world is comparatively insignificant; but when transmuted to ardent affection in *Leo* it operates in the spiritual spheres where neither birth nor death serves to abrogate or release from its influence. There *it binds spirit to spirit*, and the tie may last *for many lives*. It often furthers progress, but also often hinders whom it binds, both here and hereafter. Therefore Christ said that unless we are ready to leave father and mother, we cannot be His disciples.

He did not mean that we must leave our relatives physically or neglect them, but the inordinate Leo affection which excludes all but our relations from our love must cease. We must learn to love unselfishly so that our love may help and not hinder those upon whom we bestow it, and that it may emancipate and not enslave. We must learn to give our love regardless of whether it is returned or not. This superlative emotion comes through the fourth of the fixed signs, *Aquarius*. This is the 11th sign of the zodiac, correlated to the 11th house, which deals with the department of friends in life, also hopes and aspirations. What wonder, then, that Christ designated friendship as the highest expression of the emotion we usually call love, when He said, "Greater love has no man than that he lay down his life for his friends."

The old folk stories which tell of the Niebelungen, or "Children of the Mist," refer to infant humanity during the stage in evolution when we lived in the dense, foggy atmosphere of ancient Atlantis. Ruled by *Jehovah*, whose forces were focused through the *Moon* and the water sign *Cancer*, humanity was guileless and easily swayed by the angels. They were also obedient to the Lords of Venus, who fostered their calm and innocent affections. Thus Luna, the heavenly body which has greatest influence on the water of our globe, and the cardinal sign of the watery triplicity, Cancer

(Scorpio and Pisces are the others), cradled our emotions, and to this day *water remains the esoteric symbol of the emotional nature*.

As we may see ourselves in the silvery surface of a lake on a calm day, so also the spirit most readily mirrors itself in the personality when we are serene and unruffled. In those ancient days infant man, pure and innocent (but not virtuous), saw the gods face to face. Later the Lucifer Spirits from Mars, working through the cardinal sign of the fiery triplicity, Aries (Leo and Sagittarius are the others), made men headstrong (Aries rules the head) and rebellious against their rulers, the angels. They also fostered the sex passion; therefore Mars and Scorpio rule the generative organs. Thus the calm of the emotional nature was fundamentally disturbed, and it has by degrees become as a seething cauldron, astir with strife and struggle. Therefore it can no longer reflect the spirit any more than a windswept sea can mirror a man or a ship afloat thereon.

Thus mankind destroyed its spiritual sight and lost touch with the gods when the turbulent emotions were generated under the ray of Scorpio. These emotions hid the beyond from us, and until we learn to subdue and control our passions and cultivate the peace of God in our breasts, we cannot penetrate the veil of the hereafter, not hear "the still small voice" which speaks in the silence after the winds, the fires, and other earthly disturbances have ceased.

The way of attainment is symbolically engraved in the pictorial zodiac. Aquarius appears as a man in the act of pouring water from an urn. By a light motion he may tip the urn a little more or a little less to regulate the flow; it is perfectly balanced. Therefore he represents the enlightened soul who has obtained control of his passions, emotions, and appetites. They are contained in his urn, hence they no longer blind, befog, or obscure his vision as in the Atlantean Epoch; hence also Aquarius is not a watery but an airy sign. Neither is it emotional like Cancer, but *intuitional*, for the true Aquarian knows without reasoning. The human sympathy, the fellow feeling, the friendship signified by the 11th sign and the 11th house are the true essence of the Christ Spirit which will eventually abrogate the primal separateness, accomplish the atonement, transform the world, and make the new heaven and the new earth a reality.

The keyword of Aquarius is therefore altruism, and this is also the keyword of Uranus, its ruler. This planet was at home from 1913 to 1920, and it is significant that though war and strife have been rampant, the effort to bring "peace on earth" is gaining strength with amazing rapidity. Advocates of amity among nations are hailed as saviors with universal acclamation. The Sun by precession is also nearing Aquarius, and will remain there about 2100 years. Thus all cosmic forces are working for altruism and a loftier expression of the Christian Religion—Universal Friendship.

The keyword of the Sun is life. While we are under the Moon and Cancer, family is first and the individual last; but the Sun in Aquarius has a tendency to exalt the self somewhat unduly. Therefore egoism is a fault to be guarded against by those who have the Sun in Aquarius.

The keyword of the Moon is fecundation. It is restless, and therefore the Moon in Aquarius or the 11th house causes a restless seeking for truth and light. People with this position should endeavor to settle down to sustained effort in the occupation nearest at hand. Sir Launfal found the Grail at his castle gate when returning from a life spent in vain search for it all over the world. Christ is formed from within; He is not found exteriorly.

As the keyword of Mercury is reason and altruism is contrary to ordinary reason, Mercury in Aquarius is critical and cynical; it sharpens the intellect, however, and gives a good flow of language.

The keyword of Venus is coalition, and in the 11th sign or the 11th house it causes friends to flock around us; it makes us loving and lovable.

The keynote of Mars is dynamic energy. It lends force and provokes action wherever placed. When in Aquarius or the 11th house it makes us rough and blunt towards friends; though we may mean well, we seem invariably to ruffle those we really like, and much suffering results.

The keywords of Jupiter are benevolence and idealism. This planet is therefore in particular agreement with Aquarius and the 11th house. Happy the soul who has earned a well aspected Jupiter in either, for he is sure to have a great influence for good in a wide circle.

The real functions of Saturn are constructive: that is, they include the qualities which constitute sound character, create success, and put the person on the constructive side of Nature through application and continued effort. These qualities are as follows:

First, mental: concentration and power of analysis when working through Mercury.

Second, business: method, system, mechanical ability, capacity for detail, patience, persistence, caution.

Third, social: justice, faithfulness, tact.

Saturn gives us the building qualities—that is, the qualities by which we can built an edifice to withstand the storms of evolution. **Saturn is pre-eminently a builder.** The other planets bring success more through inspiration, by which a person is led to do the successful thing at the proper time, but Saturn goes to work and builds success, little by little, patiently, persistently, and carefully. However, when a person works for self to the exclusion of others, Saturn's constructiveness builds a shell around him and puts obstruction in his way. This results in limitation and sorrow is the result. As humanity is still very selfish, this aspect of Saturn is to be seen on every side. Under the influence of selfishness, Saturn contracts and crystallizes the vehicles of the Ego, which automatically shuts out good. The person then encounters opposition from others because he is demonstrating that he is, at least subconsciously, an enemy of them. If we abuse Saturn, we get bad results from him, but as a matter of fact he is the initiator. He presents conditions which appear to be temptations, but when the individual has progressed to the point where he refuses to be tempted, then he has developed the power through which he may be initiated into the higher realms.

Question:

1] Please tell me what you think would be the effect of Saturn in Aquarius and the 11th house?

Our View of Astrology

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 thoughts, feelings, and actions of past lives. They are 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.

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.

We all have in us the power to rise above our difficulties if we will but cease to sound the petty, discordant, or tragic lower tones which perpetuate 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.

Astrology Lesson No. 15

The Common Signs - Part I

Gemini, Sagittarius, Virgo, and Pisces are called the common signs; their intrinsic nature is best expressed by the keyword, Flexibility.

The forces working through the *cardinal* signs impinge upon the *dense body* and stir it into action.

The influences of the *fixed* signs rouse the *desire* nature, giving stamina and persistence in action.

The power of the common signs is *mental and spiritual*; it gives purpose to action and incentive to nobility of life.

Therefore, people influenced by stellar forces focused principally through *cardinal* signs are the workers of the world; not the toilers, but *executives*, who accomplish things industrially and who bring into concrete existence great schemes, or small, of value in the world's work.

People ruled by the forces of *fixed* signs have the insight to plan improvements, also the patience and persistence to work them out in detail. They are therefore *inventors* who originate the ideas later practically applied by people of cardinal signs.

People of the fixed class lack ability to make their inventions commercially usable, a task for which the cardinal class is eminently fitted. Thus these two classes work hand in hand, and between them they have transformed the wilderness of the world to a condition of comparative comfort. Their efforts toward improvement are continually carried on, and in time the primitive desert will be made to bloom like a rose.

As material success depends on the ability to cope with material conditions, the cardinal class is particularly fortunate, for it is the chief executive factor in the world's work and reaps a ready reward thereby. The fixed class is not so prominently before the public. It labors in laboratories and works experimentally to complete the processes and perfect the models which are later used in manufacture. Therefore its members also are potent factors in life, and share the material and financial success of the cardinal class.

The common class is a sharp contrast. Forces focused through *common* signs are *mental*; therefore people ruled by them are averse to strenuous physical action which is the forte of the cardinal class. They labor only when lashed by the whip of necessity. They are also incapable of the slow, but sustained effort put forth by the fixed class and are easily discouraged by obstacles. Thus they are leaners and not lifters. *Toilers* who do the bidding of the inventive and executive classes are recruited from people ruled by *common* signs. There is one sphere, however, where they shine, according to their ability to think. Being averse to work they have created a vantage ground where they may reap the benefits of the toil of others, and of their inventive faculties and executive skill. To do this they become *promoters* who bring inventor and manufacturer together, *agents* who mediate between buyer and seller, *peddlers*, vendors and all other *middlemen* who go between producer and consumer and *live on a commission*; also *literary* men who devote their talent to purposeless *fiction* belong to the class actuated by the lower phases of the force in the common signs.

The cardinal class is active, the common is restless; the fixed class is rigid, the common is flexible. Unstable as reeds, those of the common class are swayed hither and thither; nothing appeals to them permanently; they desire nothing as much as change. No matter how well placed, they can seldom resist the lure of an opening in another city, the farther away the better. Therefore the old maxim, "A rolling stone gathers no moss," applies particularly to this class, for their roving habits usually keep them poor. They spend as fast as they earn, or faster. Thus these people drift upon the sea of life, propelled by the currents of circumstances. Outside conditions dominate them, as they lack stamina to assert their own individuality.

The foregoing is true of the great majority who are under the rule and influence of common signs. They respond to the *lower phase* simply because the higher side is too high for all but a very few at our present stage of development. Those who make a success in the world because prodded by the cardinal and fixed influences often sneer at these unfortunates, call them indolent and good-for-nothing; but were they bereft of the cardinal or fixed energy which goads them to action and placed

under the common ray, they would soon realize its lack of power and learn compassion for those who must so live all their lives. What, then, is the lesson these people have to learn?

Zodiac means "a circle of animals." The symbols of three of the cardinal signs are animalistic: *Aries*, the Ram; *Cancer*, the Crab; and *Capricorn*, the Goat. The fourth represents the ideal towards which this class must strive, namely *Libra*, the Scales. None need poise so much as those under the impulsive influence of the cardinal ray; therefore the *Balance* was set in heaven to direct their aspirations.

Three symbols of the fixed signs are also bestial, violent, and virulent: *Taurus*, the Bull; *Leo*, the Lion, and *Scorpio*, the Scorpion. The human figure of Aquarius, the Waterbearer, shows us the ideal towards which this class must strive. Instead of fighting, preying upon, or poisoning others in the struggle for existence, they must learn to become *humane*, to be friends to all instead of foes.

In contradistinction to the cardinal or fixed signs, *the common signs are all double*. Two of them are human: *Gemini*, the Twins, and *Virgo*, the Virgin; the third, *Sagittarius*, the Centaur, is partly human; and only the fourth symbol, *Pisces*, the Fishes, is taken from the lower kingdom. None are violent, however, but intensely moral, intellectual, and spiritual symbols.

Sagittarius, the *Centaur*, shows us man rising above the animal stage, audaciously aiming at the stars, and the opposite symbol of the heavenly Twins tells its story of universal brotherhood.

The band between the Fishes shows us the unity of life in even the lowest species; and the celestial Virgin, clasping the immaculately conceived babe to her breast is a type of purity, love, and service equaled nowhere else.

The principle fault of the common signs is *restlessness*. The double nature revealed in their symbols impels them hither and thither; therefore the third and ninth signs, Gemini and Sagittarius, are correlated to that most unstable and restless element of the human constitution, the mind, which also wants to travel. The symbol of the twelfth sign, the Fishes, is likewise an apt type of aimless wandering, and as this is contrary to the law of life, it brings the penalty of sorrow and suffering ascribed in the twelfth house.

The ideal towards which the class ruled by the common ray must strive is, therefore, expressed by the sixth sign, *Divine Parenthood*, and the sixth house, Service. "Greater love hath no man than that he lay down his life for his friends," said Christ. He also felt that yearning, parental love when He stretched out His arms over Jerusalem and said, "Oh, how oft would I have gathered you to my bosom as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings!" Love grows by voluntary service, and the more we aim to serve others, the more readily we shall cultivate the highest of all human qualities.

Upon observation it will be found that there are two distinct subclasses ruled by the common ray. One, composed of younger souls, has not yet found its bearing in the world; they drift about upon the sea of life without energy or ambition, and are buffeted by the waves of adversity for the purpose of awakening them to a sense of responsibility and forcing them to take part in the world's work. In time they will graduate into the cardinal and fixed classes, driven by inner ambition instead of by outside coercion.

The other subclass has graduated from the industrial school of material life, and is preparing itself for spiritual work. It is thus in a transition stage, out of tune with the finite and not yet in tune with the Infinite. We may realize their plight in a measure when we observe youth in the years between boyhood and manhood; awkward, a laughing stock for boys and men alike, every word he utters provokes a sneer or a patronizing smile because of the changing voice. His ideas are too great for the acceptance of younger companions, too visionary for older heads; he is an anomaly, and his nature becomes hypersensitive on account of the attitude of those around him. Likewise the child-man who is about to graduate from the material world to work in the spiritual realms is out of place under the policy of our common life. He aims the bow of Sagittarius at the stars, but is weighed down to earth by the animal nature. The might of mind is great if we use it practically. Edison earned a crown of spiritual glory by lighting our streets and thus preventing crime. Morse and Marconi and Bell have soothed the sorrowing souls of thousands suffering thousands of miles away. Once they dreamed of these things, but they did not stop at dreaming; they worked to realize their dreams.

The class ruled by the common signs is too prone to talk of "luck"; but as Lucifer says to 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!"

Astrology ought to impress the older subclass with the fact that merit is the basis of success in any line, material or spiritual; that study and dreams alone condition; but that when by service we lift others, we also elevate our own status in life and evolution.

Questions:

- 1]** What do the forces working through the fixed signs accomplish? Through the cardinal signs? Through the common signs?
- 2]** What are the vocations most suitable for the common sign natives?
- 3]** What do you think are the individual keywords of the common signs?

Astrology Lesson No. 16

The Common Signs - Gemini and the Third House

Gemini, the third sign, is the sign of the Twins, brothers. The third house is similarly concerned with our brothers and sisters. According to the position of Mercury, the ruler of Gemini, the aspects he receives, the house occupied by Gemini, the planets in that sign, and the planets in the third house, will be our attitude toward our brothers and sisters and their attitude toward us. Thus, if Mars is in the third house, he will give a tendency to quarrel with sisters and brothers, but if in the same horoscope Gemini occupies the 11th house, signifying friendship, and Venus is there, the effect of Mars in the third house would be counterbalanced, and friendship would prevail. Please bear this in mind that whatever department of a horoscope you may be studying, no single testimony will give a safe basis for judgment. To be sure of our ground it is absolutely necessary to examine all factors and see if the first configuration noted is corroborated or contradicted. Conflicting testimonies must then be balanced against each other. Thus only can we form a correct judgment which will be sustained by events.

If Saturn is in the third house, we would judge that the person involved is unpopular with his brothers or sisters. He may be a chronic scold whom all will shun, that is, if an aggressive sign like Aries, Scorpio, or Capricorn is on the cusp of the third house at the same time. If a negative sign like Pisces or even Libra or Cancer is on the third house, Saturn will signify that the person is the butt and scapegoat for his brothers and sisters. The Sun or Jupiter in Gemini and elevated would modify either of these augurs. The subduing influence of Saturn would then be exercised in a benevolent manner for the good of all involved. But if the Sun or Jupiter is in the third house with Saturn elevated in Gemini, let the brothers and sisters beware, for Saturn's influence is sinister.

Gemini rising gives a tall, slender body with long arms and fingers. The Sun and Jupiter make the figure more portly if they are on the Ascendant; Uranus and Mercury make it taller. The Moon and Venus shorten and also add plumpness. Mars rising in Gemini makes one muscular without adding flesh. This position, therefore, makes a certain athletic type, such as that of sprinters for short distances, but they cannot endure the strain long, as Gemini is a common and airy sign.

Mercury was chosen messenger of the gods because of his winged feet, which made him swift as thought. Gemini, one of the two signs he rules, is therefore the focus of the mind as we express it through the brain. We well know the instability of the lower mind, and as that is an expression of Gemini, the third house also expresses this characteristic.

In the Saturn Period those exalted beings whom we know as Lords of Mind were human. The world globe on which they lived was formed of mind stuff, and they learned to shape it and build thought forms of that subtle material as we are now learning to build houses, bridges, machinery, and a multitude of other objects with the solid physical matter of which our earth is composed. Thus they became experts in handling the subtle mind stuff. As Saturn among our present day planets expresses in a measure the characteristics of that ancient period which we speak of as the Saturn Period, his ray is conducive to one-pointedness and control of mind when he is posited in Gemini or the third house, both of which focus the lower mind; also when he is in Sagittarius or the ninth house, for these deal with the higher mind. We shall study them in another lesson. In the third house, Saturn makes the mind methodical and orderly, because he *obstructs its flightiness*, but it will of course depend upon the nature of his aspects whether this faculty is exercised for a beneficent purpose or the reverse. A trine or sextile to Mercury will give a splendid mind which may be used to good purpose in the world's work; but if these planets are in square or opposition, we may have a schemer of the dangerous type, one whom it is well to watch. This applies no matter where in the horoscope Saturn and Mercury are found, but if one or the other is in Gemini or the third house, the potency of the aspect for good or ill is much intensified. In fact, as Mercury rules Gemini, his aspects to any planet affect the mind most potently, according to the inherent nature of that planet as expressed in its keyword. Mars for instance, is dynamic energy; therefore he will lend force to the mind if aspecting Mercury, and the direction in which this is used depends on the aspect. A good configuration will make a keen, penetrative mind, quick and correct in its conclusions. An adverse aspect will make a

man impulsively jump to conclusions, foolhardy, headstrong, and not amenable to reason. Venus or Jupiter in good aspect to Mercury makes people philanthropic, benevolent, and therefore beloved of all who are fortunate enough to come in contact with them. The adverse aspects make them self-indulgent to a high degree; they use a winning, ingratiating way to gain their despicable ends, but they are treacherous and ready to sell out their benefactors for a favor from another. They have no scruples whatever, and are always ready to cast aside, "the old love for the new" whenever it suits their convenience.

Mercury is never so far removed from the Sun as seen from our planet that it can form an aspect of importance with this Great Light. Also, its aspects with the Moon are of no significance, for our satellite has no basic nature of its own, but, as signified by its keyword "fecundation," it only fertilizes that with which it is configurated so that that may be brought into manifestation. As said before when speaking of Saturn's aspects to Mercury, if Mercury or the planet it aspects is in Gemini or the third house, the effect on the mind is much intensified.

The keyword of Gemini is "changeability," and Mercury, its ruler, the fleet-footed messenger of the gods, is the patron of travelers (who are changing their environment), also of merchants (who are professional exchangers of goods or money, and who were wont to travel from place to place in ancient times). Therefore Gemini and the third house denote traveling salesmen, agents, messengers, letters and writings. Again, the planets aspecting Mercury and the planets in Gemini and the third house tell if a person has ability to write, if he is fitted to be an agent or salesman, and whether he will meet with pleasant experiences or be liable to accidents while on short journeys (the ninth house deals with extended or long distance travel).

Saturn in aspect to Mercury, or in Gemini or the third house, does not favor writing, but if the aspect is good, it may nevertheless produce a philosophical writer of great depth and penetration or a most exact and painstaking scientific investigator. The writings of such a person will never be many, nor will his investigations cover a wide range. He will, however, be very thorough in covering a limited field; but though by dint of the hardest and most painstaking work such people may be able to express themselves lucidly on paper, they will have difficulty in public speaking.

The Sun, Venus, or Jupiter in good aspect to Mercury, or in Gemini or the third house, facilitate vocal expression, writing, art and music. The philosophical discourses engendered by the ray of Jupiter can never compare with those of saturnine origin in depth and erudition, but they are sure to take the soul to lofty heights of sublimity altogether undreamed of by those under the sinister Saturn. The oratory of the Jupiterian is the voice of the soul speaking directly to the soul. It carries conviction and rouses its hearers as the cold, clear argument of a saturnine speaker never can. The unfavorable Mars-Mercury aspects may inspire an agitator to incite to rebellion, bloodshed, and destruction of homes in what he considers a righteous cause; but the Mercurial air modulated in the Venus voice may breathe the sentiment of "Home, Sweet Home," with the effect of touching the heartstrings, drawing a person close to the hearth and promoting "On earth peace, good will toward men."

In respect to travel, Saturn delays and hinders when aspected to Mercury and when he is in Gemini or the third house, for it is his nature to obstruct wherever he is; but the Moon and Mercury in aspect or in Gemini or the third house has the reverse effect, for they are of a restless and changeable nature, and will cause a person in whose horoscope they are posited as above to wander from place to place all through life. Saturn in Gemini or the third house and adversely aspected gives liability to accidents while the person is traveling. So do Mars and Uranus, but there is a difference in the nature of the hurt sustained. Saturn causes bruises and crushing. Mars causes cuts, burns, and scaldings, and lays the person liable to attacks from robbers or to be taken prisoner by the military authorities if in a country where there is war. Under such conditions Saturn in Gemini or the third house would make the person a secret agent, a spy, and adverse aspects would cause capture or even death by hanging. Jupiter or Venus in the third house or Gemini would of course make travel pleasant for the person fortunate enough to have them well-aspected, but if afflicted it would be best for the person not to travel.

Gemini is an airy sign. It rules the lungs, which to a great extent supply the body with the important element air. Mercury, the ruler of Gemini, governs the air which passes through the trachea and bronchial tubes. The ebblike and floodlike inflation and deflation of the lungs are another example

of the duality and *changeability* of Gemini. Saturn hardens and encrusts, and when he has evil aspects and is in Gemini, he is one of the causes of tuberculosis. Mars in Gemini gives a tendency to hemorrhages of the lungs, and Uranus, being spasmodic in its action, produces the involuntary movements of the lungs which we call cough.

It should be constantly remembered by pupils, however, that though the horoscope at birth shows the lines of least resistance, and though we find it easy to drift along those lines, we as spirits are in life's school to assert our own individuality and thereby overcome obstacles placed in our path. Every time we conquer an aspect we have lived up to our divine nature. As the Good Book says, "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

Question:

1] Please answer the following question: What effect would Saturn in Gemini on the Ascendant, square the Moon in Virgo, have on the health of a person?

Astrology Lesson No. 17

The Common Signs - Sagittarius and the Ninth House

Sagittarius is the ninth sign and it embodies what we might call the ninth house influences. Sagittarius is depicted as an archer, a centaur; and when man reaches the stage pictured in this symbol, he may be conceived of as coming out of the lower nature and aiming his bow of aspiration at the stars. Therefore, Sagittarius is the sign of the idealist, the sign of our noblest impulses. But as the Sagittarian aims so high, it is no wonder that he falls short of the ideal which he sets for himself. Nevertheless, in spite of failure he should realize that there is no failure except in ceasing to aspire, and he should endeavor to do better.

Like the other common signs, Sagittarius is dual. Gemini, the Twins, represents two; Virgo, has the mother and the babe; the sign of the fishes, Pisces, has two figures; and Sagittarius has both man and animal. The chief characteristic of these common signs is vacillation, of which Sagittarius has less than any of the others, for it is a fiery sign. It is endued with a certain unquenchable ardor. Aided by good aspects the Sagittarian shows considerable zeal for the uplift of humanity, but when afflicted the other side of the picture is seen. Then he is apt to indulge the lower nature, the animal side, to an almost unbelievable degree. This is particularly true, strange as it may seem, if the affliction comes from Venus.

As Sagittarius is the ninth sign, the sign of the dreamer and the idealist, so the ninth house is the house of dreams and idealism according to the planets which are posited in this house. The Moon in conjunction with Neptune in the ninth house is the particular signature of a fruitful and visionary imagination. The horse, which forms part of Sagittarius, is a beast of travel, and the ninth house is also the house of travel (long distance). The configuration of Neptune conjunction Moon will make a person very restless, not only in mind but in body, always imagining things are better somewhere else, always searching for something which is never found. The Sagittarian must learn to realize his ideals *within* instead of seeking them *without*. We are in this school of experience for the purpose of overcoming, and it is not by running from one place to another that we gain experience. By staying in one place, by doing our very best to attain our ideals where we are, we make our dreams come true.

Saturn in the ninth house, particularly if in Sagittarius and well aspected, is in about the best place possible to have him, for Saturn lends depth and penetration to the mind, reduces the roving tendency, and helps one most wonderfully. There can be no more favorable augur for the attainment of the higher life, even if Sagittarius is not in the ninth house. The ideal configuration for a philanthropist or a high spiritual teacher would be Saturn in the ninth house in Sagittarius with a trine from Jupiter, the planet of idealism, in Leo. That would overcome all the lower tendencies of Sagittarius and give a wonderful zest and persistence to the will of the man thus fortunately endowed. It would give him the insight to use his means to the very best advantage. He would never be led by false sentimentality, but would have the necessary foresight to know where his charities would be best placed. He would also have the necessary fortitude of mind to deny application from the unworthy, for we should always realize that not infrequently we do people a great deal of harm by giving alms.

Jupiter in the ninth house makes the mind cheerful and optimistic; it inclines a person to benevolence if well aspected. On the contrary, if there happens to be a square to Saturn, that will throw away all the good qualities and render the evil qualities more apparent, for Saturn obstructs, and will give a gloomier view of life than any other planet. Then we may have a person who will be a scoffer at religion, and who will use his oratorical powers (for such the Jupiterian has) for the purpose of turning people against religion. Ingersoll was a good example of the malefic influence of Saturn. Although he was by nature a kind and well meaning man, the very thought of religion turned him into a sarcastic destructionist for the time being.

The Sun in Sagittarius or in the ninth house makes the mind lively and active, and gives a brightness and a sunny temperament which are uplifting to those with whom the person comes in contact. This is particularly the case if Mercury, which is usually very close to the sun, goes *before* the Heavenly Light. Such persons are versatile in the extreme, and readily obtain a superficial knowledge of everything. They seem to grasp a point the moment it is presented.

Mars in Sagittarius or in the ninth house is really the most dangerous of all the planets in these positions. There is perhaps no place where he may do as much harm as in this house, particularly, of course, if he has an evil aspect, for the dynamic energy of Mars seeks expression in whatever sphere he is located. He is impulsive, and as Sagittarius is also fiery, they agree in this aspect of their nature. Mars in Sagittarius, therefore, adds fire to fire, and should there be a bad aspect, this energy will be used in a manner very destructive. From such a configuration we might expect a labor agitator, an anarchist—anyone who would seek to right a wrong by committing violence, anyone who would avenge fancied or real wrongs to himself or his fellow creatures by using dynamite or other violent agencies upon those whom he believes have perpetrated an outrage. Mars square Mercury from Sagittarius or the ninth house would be particularly dangerous in this respect. The man would undoubtedly be a criminal, although, of course we must always remember that one aspect like this may be offset by another aspect which modifies it.

Venus in Sagittarius or the ninth house would render a person devotional in nature, if well aspected. The aspects of Jupiter in Sagittarius or the ninth house would make one inclined to follow along philosophical and intellectual lines rather than along the purely devotional. In this respect Venus differs, for the person with Venus there might have very little intellect as that is conceived of today, but would have that lovely devotional phase of character which we find in the very noblest souls. On the other hand, if Venus were in Sagittarius or the ninth house and square to Mars, then we should have a person who would be anything but moral, provided, of course, that there were no redeeming aspects to offset this.

Uranus or Neptune in Sagittarius or the ninth house renders the mind what is usually called progressive and unique. A person with either of these positions, if well aspected, will take up some work along the line of the Mysteries. He will probably study astrology, psychology, and kindred subjects.

In accordance with the symbology of the sign, Sagittarians are very fond of animals, particularly horses and dogs, and a good aspect of Jupiter in Sagittarius to Mars will usually make a horse racing man or one fond of following games of chance or gambling of any nature.

Thus from varied configurations with the different planets, good or bad, in Sagittarius or the ninth house, we obtain all the varied shades of mind imaginable. In this matter the aspects and configurations of planets in Gemini, which governs what is called the lower mind, have a great significance. But as planets in the ninth house are elevated, they are naturally much more powerful in this respect than the planets under the earth in the third house. The aspirations of the soul, the ideals which make man man, which are bringing him onward on the path to the superhuman stage, are found in this house and sign.

The Moon in Sagittarius, no matter whether that sign is on the ninth house or not, has the same effect as if it were there, for it brings a restlessness into the nature which always causes a person to wander. He often becomes what we may call a globetrotter. Saturn, on the other hand, prevents and delays traveling, for it is his nature to obstruct, no matter where in the figure he is placed. Jupiter and Venus have the effect of making travel pleasant when placed in Sagittarius or the ninth house.

Mars, conversely, renders one liable to all sorts of inconveniences when traveling, and may cause accidents which result in wounds. Saturn evilly configured causes bruises. Sagittarius rules the thighs, and therefore, naturally, adverse configurations in this sign may cause accidents to the thighs. It is a notable fact that Sagittarians are very liable to broken bones under circumstances where people with other signs seldom meet injury.

In the ninth degree of Sagittarius we have the fixed star *Antares*, which has a very evil effect upon the sight. Two other nebulous spots in the zodiac have a similar influence. One is the *Ascelli* in Leo 7 and 8, the other the *Pleiades* in Gemini 0 (as of 2001—fixed stars move forward in the zodiac about 1 degree per 72 years). The Sun or Moon in one of these places and adversely configured with one of the malefics—Saturn, Mars, Uranus, or Neptune—gives trouble with the eyes according to the nature of the aspect. Vice versa, if Saturn, Mars, Uranus or Neptune is in one of these nebulous spots adversely configured with the Sun or Moon, a similar trouble will be experienced. Should a planet like one of the last named be in *retrograde* motion, the aspect is much worse, for when the planet has ceased to retrograde and goes *direct* in the zodiac again, it will pass over the nebulous spot which it is

close to a second time, and thereby cause added damage. There may be, however, a compensating side to this aspect, for it sometimes happens that while an evil configuration with one of these nebulous spots (*Antares is the worst*) deprives a person of his sight, a benevolent configuration develops in him a second sight which will compensate for the loss to a degree which only those who have that sight can appreciate.

The keyword of Sagittarius may be conceived of as *aspiration*.

Question:

1] What will be the influence of Uranus in Sagittarius square to the Moon in the sixth house and trine to the Sun in the first house?

Astrology Lesson No. 18

The Common Signs - Virgo and the Sixth House

Virgo is one of the Mercurial signs. Mercury was the messenger of the gods, and it is therefore little wonder that Virgo is the House of Service. It is also Mercury's exaltation sign where his influence is most pronounced.

On the longest and darkest night of the year, at the winter solstice, the Celestial Virgin stands upon the eastern horizon at midnight. At that time the Sun commences its new circuit and begins to mount upwards towards the vernal equinox, giving its life for the purpose of saving humanity from the hunger, darkness, and cold that would inevitably ensue were it to stay in southern latitude all the time. The Sun is said to be born of the Celestial Virgin, and the sign Virgo stands as the most sublime symbol of service as well as of divine motherhood, for *the greatest service* that can be rendered to humanity is the giving of birth to a new Sun each year to be the savior of the world.

Mercury in Virgo or in the sixth house well aspected always shows one who is faithful unto the end. No matter what responsibility may be put upon him he will always acquit himself well. And even when Mercury is in the sixth house and unaspected, there is always a desire to serve, to help somebody.

You will remember that the Christ said, "He that would be the greatest among you, let him be the servant of all." Therefore Mercury in Virgo or the sixth house is really one of the most beneficial positions that anyone can have; not perhaps so far as earthly treasure is concerned, but for those who love to lay up treasure in heaven where moth and rust do not corrupt, this is a splendid position. Jupiter and Venus in the sixth house or Virgo also have the benevolent tendency to serve others regardless of self. The Sun stimulates growth and it is fortunate for the growth of the character and the soul if he is in Virgo or the sixth house, always provided of course that he is well aspected, for in the final analysis there is no greater luck or better fortune that could happen to anyone in the world than to be a *real servant*. Compared with this privilege, riches or even comfort are dross.

Saturn is the planet of obstruction, and naturally he has the tendency in Virgo or the sixth house, as elsewhere, to obstruct in whatever line he works. Therefore when in these positions he suppresses all the energy that otherwise might be expressed in service; he makes the person selfish in the very highest degree. Mercury in his exaltation sign, Virgo, expresses service. This is the only place in the zodiac where an unaspected Mercury signifies something definite. The cold hand of Saturn by conjunction or square is the only power that can squelch it here. Saturn's influence is particularly pronounced of course if Mercury is otherwise evilly aspected.

The keyword of Mars is *dynamic energy*. Therefore when he is posited in Virgo or the sixth house he will naturally make the native *do* something. Virgo people are rather active in youth, but there comes with age a tendency to take things easy. This of course would be effectually counteracted by the presence of a well aspected Mars in Virgo or in the sixth house. The unaspected influence of Jupiter or Venus in Virgo or the sixth house might result in the native only dreaming about what he wanted to do to serve humanity if conditions were favorable, or what he intended to do at some later day. But Mars would always bring *action*—he never dreams; he *does*. If he is evilly aspected in these positions, of course, it may not be service that will be rendered for the good of others, but it may result in evil agitation as demagoguery, visionary gossip, talebearing, or stirring up strife.

It is a well known fact that a machine wears out and gradually deteriorates by use and service. How soon it does this depends upon how well it was built in the first place, and how much service or *abuse* it has had during the time it has been in use. The body is like a machine, and naturally when it has been in service for a number of years or for a certain time, the defects in it show forth. Therefore the house of service, the sixth house, is also the house of health or ill health. And as the Sun of Life passes the meridian and begins to throw its shadows towards the east, we find in the Virgo people a tendency toward corpulence of body, particularly of that part ruled by Virgo, namely, the abdomen. They neglect to take exercise, and naturally on this account a sluggish condition of the intestines may set in which retains the poisons in the body, robs life of its joys, and makes them indifferent. In this fact lies the greatest danger to the Virgo people. Once they get into the rut of sickness they actually

enjoy poor health; they love to talk over their symptoms with other people, and they resent any thought or suggestion given to them that they are not sick or that they can get well.

The presence of Saturn in Virgo or the sixth house accentuates this tendency in the very highest degree, and therefore it is an almost infallible sign that the native will have or be subject to illness, the nature of the disease being denoted by the aspect and the afflicting planets.

The Sun brings light and life wherever it is except in the sixth house and to some extent in the twelfth. The sixth house seems to rob the Sun of every ray of light and to make the native subject to disease with a resistlessness that is almost like the effect of Saturn, unless other configurations in the horoscope enable the native to shake off this influence. When this is the case, the Sun in Virgo or the sixth house gives great ability in chemistry and the preparation of health foods, and makes the person a capable nurse or healer.

Mars in Virgo or the sixth house renders the person liable to operations where sharp instruments are used; also to fevers. As the Moon is an indicator of health for a woman, it is worse in a female nativity to have the Moon in the sixth house than the Sun. Conversely, in a male nativity, it is worse to have the Sun there than the Moon.

In order to deal successfully with Virgo people when they have once become subject to disease and to get them out of it at all, it is necessary to be firm almost to the verge of cruelty. But though one may seem cruel in enforcing upon them the regime that is necessary to bring them away from themselves, this is really the greatest kindness that can be shown, for once these people are in the grip of sickness, they stubbornly refuse to let go; they will resort to the most cunning, even childish schemes to excite sympathy, particularly from strangers, and they will resent any effort to show them that they are not helpless invalids. At the very slightest suggestion of a hopeful nature they sometimes lose their temper in the most unwarranted manner. But when at last they are given the deaf ear by everybody, when people who are in their immediate environment can be persuaded to show them no sympathy, then they may come to themselves. They need a shock to bring them out and away from their condition; and until they get that they never can be cured.

Virgo people who have the mental balance to resist the tendency towards being sick and enjoying being sick make the most excellent nurses one can imagine. They are also splendid housekeepers, although they are rather peculiar in their tastes.

It is really wonderful how the symbology of the signs is brought out in the different kinds of people born under them. Take for instance the sign Leo. The people who are born under this sign always want to be noted; they are aggressive and want to attract attention everywhere they go. They aim to be leaders, never followers. Virgo, on the other hand, has the very opposite character; for while the lion is naturally bold and masterful, the virgin is naturally timid and shrinking. Similarly, the people who are born under Virgo are always afraid to be noticed; they shrink from the public eye; they are timid and afraid. But the lion is bloodthirsty and cruel, and there are no more cruel people than the Leos. On the other hand a maiden is tender and sympathetic. So are the people who are born under Virgo. That is why they make such splendid nurses, if they can keep from taking on the conditions of the patient. The Virgo people never can bear to see bloodshed or to touch dead things. They feel bodily injury to others more than harm done to themselves, and are in fact well described by the word "chicken-hearted."

Question:

1] If the Moon and Neptune were in Virgo square to Mercury, what do you think would be the result?

Astrology Lesson No. 19

The Common Signs - Pisces and the Twelfth House

Pisces is the last of the twelve signs, and the twelfth house is correspondent with it in the horoscope. The twelfth house is the house of sorrow and self-undoing, also the house denoting prisons, asylums, hospitals or other places where man may be confined either in the course of his ordinary vocation in life or else against his will.

When the Ascendant of a person is in doubt and the place in the zodiac which seems to fit nearest brings the Sun into the twelfth house, the writer has often found that the exact Ascendant may be ascertained by asking the person if his childhood's life was clouded by poverty of the parents and consequent limitation for a number of years just after birth. This in all cases where it has been found that all other events fitted in the horoscope, proved a successful method of determining the true Ascendant, so that the number of degrees from the Ascendant to the Sun, the latter located in the twelfth house, would indicate the years of poverty, for the twelfth house makes for limitation in that respect, especially when the Sun is there at birth. When the Sun by progression has passed through the twelfth house and comes into the Ascendant, things begin to brighten up for the person involved, and when in time it passes through the second house he will have a period of financial success; but as stated, the Sun in the twelfth house, just above the Ascendant, usually makes a very poor home for the child during the early days of life. If Pisces is on the twelfth house and the Moon is there at birth, this will also give a liability on the part of the parents to drink, and thus neglect their children; but it will not make for success in later life as the Sun does. This position also indicates a love of introspection and a need for occasional retreat from the confusion and bustle of the world.

When many planets are in Pisces, the person will have a hard life, because he will not want to take up his life's burden, but will love to dream. Such become recluses; they seek to master the hidden arts, occultism and mysticism; they are not guided by reason, but rather by their likes and dislikes, and unless they can find an occupation in a hospital or some institution that is otherwise isolated from the ordinary business and trend of life they will feel out of place. They are prone to incur the enmity of people with whom they come in contact intimately; nobody seems to get along with them, and everybody, whether they show it or not, will take a dislike to them.

Pisces is a watery sign, and people who have that sign invested with many planets, particularly if Pisces is also in the twelfth house and on the Ascendant, may be found unstable because the sensitivity of the water signs is so great and their vulnerability to hurt so pronounced that if the emotional reactions are uncontrolled and channeled improperly it can lead to a state of emotional instability. Even the hardest knocks of life, the fact that they are shunned by everybody and have no friends will seldom make them see that they are to blame and that they should try to mend their ways.

This delineation, of course, supposes that the planets in Pisces or the twelfth house are unaspected or afflicted. If they are well aspected, and especially if the beneficent aspect comes from the Midheaven or ninth house, the person will gain success in the line of work indicated by the twelfth house—prisons, hospitals, asylums, and other institutions where those who are unfortunate are dealt with. But he will be then in authority over them or as a worker for humanity on a large scale, one who is actuated by philanthropy rather than a desire for gain. Capricorn, the sign of the subtle Saturn, on the twelfth house, when that is invested by a number of planets gives unusual abilities as a detective or in secret diplomatic work.

The symbol of the sign Pisces, the two fishes, points to the Great Deep, that place of mystery. The sign Pisces as well as its replica in the horoscope, the twelfth house, are therefore houses and signs of mystery, and any number of planets there, in either the twelfth house or in Pisces, will invariably give a love of mystery as already stated; but whether that love of mystery expresses itself on the higher or lower plane depends entirely upon the aspect. Neptune and Uranus in the twelfth house are particularly favorable to those who want to study or come into contact with the invisible world; but the square aspect naturally has the tendency to attract undesirable entities and to lead the native into dangerous channels. If Neptune and Uranus are square, or in Pisces or the twelfth house squared by Saturn or Mars, we have at once a condition which is extremely favorable to mediumship.

We should remember, however, that spirits are not good merely because they have passed out of this world into a realm where they cannot be seen by physical eyes. There they have so much greater scope for deception than here, if such be their inclination, and they certainly dupe their victims in a most outrageous manner, sometimes ruining the victim's whole life. Therefore, any person having the square aspect of these planets should be more than ordinarily careful, bearing in mind that when it comes to Pisces or the twelfth house this danger is particularly strong and should be very carefully guarded against. Such a one should never go to seances or come into private circles where people play with fire, for he will certainly be burned and perhaps beyond recovery for many lives.

If Jupiter or Venus is found in the twelfth house, it also will give a love of occult investigation, and so will the Sun; but they will have a beneficent effect, particularly if they are well aspected, and there will not be as much danger with a well aspected Jupiter, Venus or Sun in the twelfth house as with Uranus or Neptune, Saturn or Mars there. Venus in the twelfth house gives a tendency to secret love affairs and if in conjunction with Neptune or Saturn, there is a great tendency to go wrong on the part of that person. However, this aspect makes the native almost immune from discovery. Uranus and Mars in the twelfth house bring injury and persecution. That of course will be because he will provoke such action from others, for Mars is not an angel by any means. Saturn in the twelfth house makes secret enemies, who strike from ambush and are difficult if not impossible to reach. Those who have the latter degrees of Capricorn rising or the first degrees of Aquarius—which brings Capricorn in the twelfth house—even though there is no planet in Capricorn or in the twelfth house will also find themselves subject to this malicious slander, and find it difficult to get at the source, for Capricorn is a saturnine sign and Saturn never gives his victims a chance to refute. Saturn in the twelfth house or in Pisces makes people worry and fear something that never happens. So do Uranus and Neptune—they are even more weird in their imaginings and drive a person into insanity. The hallucinations they produce when afflicted very often lead to that aspect of insanity where the subjects imagine themselves being pursued by certain inimical forces, visible or invisible according to the aspect. Even in their greatest joys they always harbor a fear that something unforeseen may happen, that some evil force is pursuing.

When Mercury is in the twelfth house or in Pisces, especially if well aspected, the person then born will know without having need of study; he will be versatile in the extreme, always having a fund of information on whatever subject may be brought up. This is especially the case if Mercury is between the Sun and Midheaven: that is to say, *when he goes before the Sun*, rises earlier than this luminary, for then all the light that is in the spirit seems to shine out and the person is intellectually bright. Under favorable aspects, as said, this will help to make him valuable in many lines of work; he is liable to be at the head of some research work, for he will be ingenious. Chemists of great ability have been produced under this aspect, for such persons have a faculty for going into the most minute details and things which are microscopic and unimportant to others. Mercury in Pisces or the twelfth house hampered by bad aspects, particularly from Saturn and from Mars, also when combust in the twelfth house and behind the Sun (that is to say when it rises after the Sun), will cloud the mind and may result in insanity. This affliction of the mind will differ, of course, according to the way Mercury is aspected. If it is by Mars or Uranus the native will be violent in the extreme; if by Saturn it will be more a melancholia or some such form of dementia. It is certain that whatever the nature, some form of limitation will hamper the spirit, for the twelfth house is the house of limitation, of confinement, and so is Pisces also. Deafness is also the result of these configurations—of Mercury specially, combust, in Pisces, in the twelfth house and afflicted by Saturn, for by deafness the spirit is in a great measure confined and hampered in its communication with the outside world, hence the affinity of deafness with twelfth house conditions.

It is very noteworthy that the Common signs, Gemini, Sagittarius, Virgo, and Pisces are particularly the channels through which mankind is afflicted by insanity, for as said in previous lessons, the keyword of the Common signs is *Flexibility*; the Cardinal signs have so much more virility, they give such an infusion of life that the native who is born normal does not easily become subject to dementia. The Fixed signs also have a tenacious hold upon all the faculties to the very last, but those who have Common signs, invested with many planets, also when the common signs are on the Angles, are vacillating and prone to be capsized by the gales upon the ocean of life.

There is, however, a higher side to Pisces. The person who finds himself with Pisces on the Ascendant is at the end of one cycle of progress and at the beginning of a new. He stands as it were upon the threshold of something higher. Therefore, he is usually not able to live up to the possibilities of this sign which requires self-sacrifice and nonresistance in absolutely Christ-like fashion. The tendency is therefore to drift upon the sea of life and dream dreams of future greatness. This tendency must be counteracted by every effort of the will, for otherwise life will be a failure, and later the stern whip of necessity will be applied to goad him into action.

Question:

1] If Neptune is in Pisces in the twelfth house and trine to the Sun in the ninth, what will be the effect?

Declination

In terms of Astronomy declination means swerving, deviating from a direct path. Astronomy teaches that declination is due to the inclination of the Earth's axis, which is at an angle of about 23-1/2 degrees North or South from the Celestial Equator. Therefore, declination is the angular distance a planet is North or South of the Celestial Equator.

The Earth's Equator is an imaginary line in a plane at right angles to the axis of the Earth, midway between the two hemispheres, the Northern and Southern. If a pole many million miles in length were to be thrust through the Earth from the Equator to the center of the Earth, the outer end would inscribe a line on the firmament, when the Earth turns on its axis, and this imaginary line is called the Celestial Equator or Equinoctial. It is called Equinoctial because when the Sun is at the points where the Ecliptic, or path of the Sun, crosses the Celestial Equator, we have the Equinoxes, the times when day and night are of equal duration—March 21st and September 21st.

The highest North declination of the Sun is 23 degrees and 27 minutes which it attains at the Summer Solstice, June 21st. At the Winter Solstice, December 21st, it reaches the farthest South declination, 23 degrees and 27 minutes. Mars, Mercury and the Moon often reach a declination of 27 degrees, and on rare occasions Venus attains 28 degrees, but the other planets, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune have approximately the same declination as the Sun.

How to Erect a Chart for South Latitude

To erect a chart for south latitude simply add 12 hours to the Sidereal Time at birth. First, proceed according to the instructions given on page 32 of *Simplified Scientific Astrology* and Lessons 1 to 5 of the Junior Astrology Course. Then to the calculated Sidereal Time add 12 hours; if the sum is more than 24, subtract 24 hours and the remainder will be the Sidereal Time at birth, for a birth occurring in south latitude. At the bottom of the page in the *Tables of Houses* you will see the word *Houses* followed by 4-5-6-7-8-9; these are the houses you use, that is, you start with the 4th house instead of the 10th as usual. For example, if Cancer is on the 10th house, then in a chart for south latitude it will be on the 4th and Capricorn will be on the 10th house.

The reason for adding 12 hours to the Sidereal Time and starting with the 4th house cusp in the *Tables of Houses*, is that houses in the Southern Hemisphere are rotated and inverted in their relationship to the ecliptic from their counterparts in the Northern hemisphere. This procedure makes it possible to use the same Tables for both north and south latitudes.

Dear Friend,

We congratulate you for having completed The Rosicrucian Fellowship Junior Astrology Course, lessons 10 - 19. We invite you to continue your studies with lessons 20 - 26 in our Junior Astrology Course. But before you may begin the next booklet, please answer the below questions and send those answers to us.

1. What can you say about our responsibility concerning terrestrial equipoise?
2. What is the result of the rays from fixed signs coming through the so-called "good" planets and at favorable angles called "good" aspects?
3. Through which signs lie the path of salvation from sin, sorrow, and suffering?
4. What is the significator of the *will* in a horoscope, if any?
5. What is so good about Jupiter?
6. What way is symbolically engraved in the pictorial zodiac?
7. Give the strengths and weaknesses of the Common signs.

We trust that you have studied well and know the answers to these important questions. If not, please restudy the material here given. Unless you develop a sound foundation of learning and understanding, you will not be able to help others to your highest potential.

In order to receive the next booklet in the Course, lessons 20 - 26, please send us your answers to the questions above and continue with your calculations for the horoscope for October 25, 1911 at 7:54 AM Standard Time, at 93 West longitude and 38 North latitude that you did at the end of lessons 1 - 9 in the first part of this Course. Calculate the rest of the planets' positions along with the Moon's Nodes AND the Part of Fortune. Use a horoscope blank to record ALL your work.

Also, in the horoscope above, please tell us what you think the influence is of Mars in Gemini opposite the Moon in Sagittarius. Include in your answer the possible effects on the affairs ruled by the houses these planets are in (and please tell us which houses these two planets are in - we want to know if you know).

What house is the Part of Fortune in?

What house is the Moon's South Node in?

Send your complete answers to us and if correct, we will send you the last booklet in the Course. Good luck.

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ANSWERS

Answers to Lesson No. 10

Jupiter in Aries, First House, Eastern Angle: Reinforcement of self-esteem (Aries) through the expression of generosity and benevolence (Jupiter) in a forceful, courageous, and optimistic manner (Aries) through the personality (First House).

Jupiter in Cancer, Fourth House, Northern Angle: Protective (Cancer) expression of generosity and benevolence (Jupiter) in a sympathetic, nurturing and creative (Cancer) manner through the home life (Fourth House).

Jupiter in Libra, Seventh House, Western Angle: Harmonious and aesthetic (Libra) expression of generosity and benevolence in a congenial, artistic, and just manner (Libra) through partnerships and interpersonal relationships (Seventh House).

Jupiter in Capricorn, Tenth House, Southern Angle: Organized (Capricorn) expression of generosity and benevolence (Jupiter) in a prudent, conscientious, and traditional manner (Capricorn) through the attainment of professional and social honors (Tenth House).

Answers to Lesson No. 11

Moon in Taurus: The Moon is emotional and changeable, but when posited in a fixed sign, these tendencies would be modified. The Venus nature of the sign would make the native courteous and gentle, yet determined. He would also be sociable and hospitable in family relations.

Moon in Scorpio: Scorpio is a sign that imparts intensity to the nature, and the Moon is an emotional, introspective planet; thus, the Moon in Scorpio will give intense inner feelings, which if misused or uncontrolled will lead to a great deal of discord. However, this intensity may also be applied to constructive efforts, such as healing, resulting in the regeneration of the personality. Intensity of feeling leads to determination causing discord or accomplishment, depending on how this force is directed.

Jupiter in Taurus: The Jupiter ray is always kind, lovable and sympathetic but particularly so in this sign, where he gives a deep seated feeling in the relationships of the family. Taurus, being the second house sign, also takes in the influence of the 2nd house affairs, giving firm financial prosperity and a generosity modified by the fixity of the sign.

Jupiter in Scorpio: If the benevolence of Jupiter is added to the Scorpio intensity, the nature will be zealous and dedicated, with a strong interest in occult research, and a desire to contribute this knowledge to projects the native considers worthwhile. This position, if well aspected, would indicate the emancipator, or an interest in various assistance programs for the less fortunate. A resourceful mind and self-reliant nature is indicated also.

Answers to Lesson No. 12

ANSWER LESSON # 12

Place **NEW YORK**

Lat. **41° N**

Long. **74° W**

Birth date } Month... **AUGUST**

 } Day... **10**

 } Year... **1912**

Hr. **4** .Min. **00** .P.M. (Std. Time)

Std. Time Eastern Mountain

 Central Pacific

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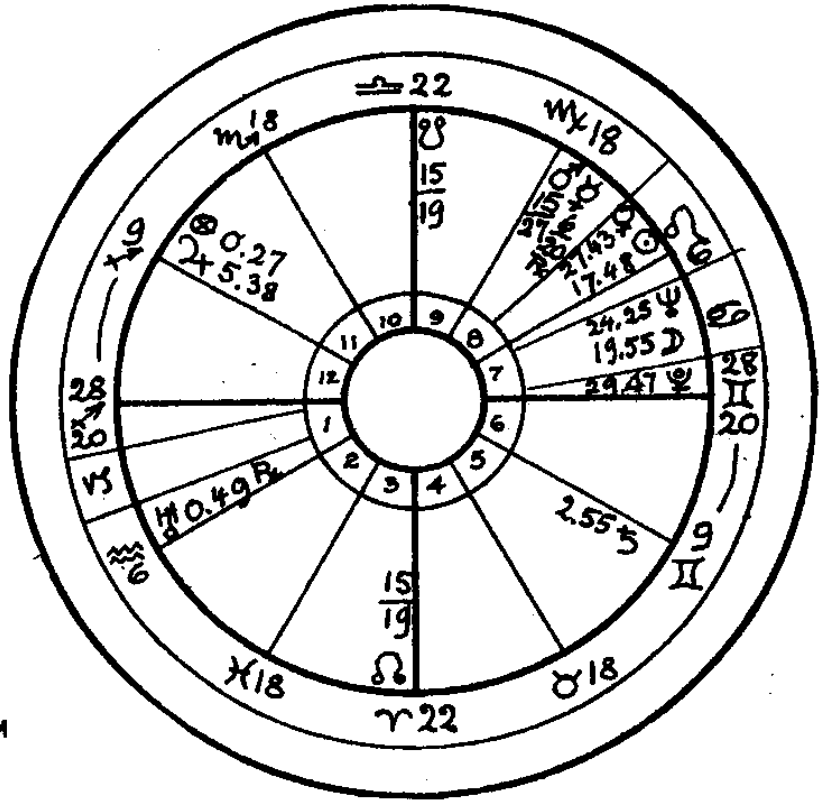
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Calc. Sid. Time. **13-19-30**

Nearest Sid. Time. **13-21-20**

Greenwich Mean Time... **9-00-00** .PM

Adj. Calc. Date



Birth Date AUGUST 10, 1992 Hour 4:00 A.M.
P.M.
 Birthplace NEW YORK Lat. 41° N Long. 74° W

TRUE LOCAL TIME

Birth Hour according to Standard Time H M S
 (If Daylight Saving Time in effect, subtract one hour) 4 00 00 PM
 Degrees birthplace is East or West of Standard Time Meridian in use at birth 1° E
 Multiply this number of degrees by 4 minutes, equals 1 x 4 = 4
 (Add if birthplace is East of this Meridian
 Subtract if birthplace is West of this Meridian) +
 Gives True Local Time (T.L.T.) of Birth 4 04 00 PM

SIDEREAL TIME

Sidereal Time (S.T.) at Greenwich for noon previous to T.L.T. of birth ... AUG. 10 9 14 00
 Correction of 10 seconds for each 15 degrees of Longitude (10/15 or 2/3 x Long.)
 (Add if West Longitude. Deduct if East Longitude) + 49
 Interval between previous noon and true local time of birth + 4 04 00
 Add correction of 10 seconds per hour of interval 41
 Gives Sidereal Time (S.T.) at birthplace at birth hour 13 19 30
 Nearest S.T. in Tables of Houses 13 21 20

GREENWICH MEAN TIME

True Local Time of Birth 4 04 00 PM
 Degrees East or West of Greenwich 74° W
 Multiply this number of degrees by 4 minutes, equals 74x4=296 = 4:56 + 4 56 00
 (Add, if West Longitude. Deduct if East Longitude)
 Gives Greenwich Mean Time (G.M.T.) 9 00 00 PM
 Interval to nearest noon 9 00 00
 Logarithm for this interval (Permanent Logarithm) 0 4260

POSITIONS OF THE PLANETS

	☉ SUN	♀ VENUS	☿ MERCURY	♁ MOON	♂ MARS	
Sign	♌	♌	♊ ^R	♋	♊	SATURN ♄ 2:55 ♀
Coming Noon Position (after G.M.T.) <u>AUG 11</u>	18:24	28:29	06:12	29:22	15:50	JUPITER ♃ 5:38 ♂
Previous Noon Position (before G.M.T.) <u>AUG 10</u>	17:27	27:15	06:25	14:15	15:13	URANUS ♅ 0:49 ♃ ^R
Travel in 24 hours	00:57	01:14	00:13	15:07	00:37	NEPTUNE ♆ 24:25 ♆
Logarithm of Travel	1 4025	1 2891	2 0444	0 2008	1 5902	PLUTO ♇ 29:37 ♇
Permanent Logarithm	4260	4260	4260	4260	4260	DRAGON'S HEAD ♁ 15:19 ♁
Sum of Logarithms	1 8285	1 7151	2 4704	0 6268	2 0162	0:27 ♂
Travel During Interval (Direct planets; add to previous noon position if G. M. T. is P. M.; deduct from coming noon position if G. M. T. is A. M. Retrograde Planets, reverse this rule.)	0:21	0:28	0:05	5:40	0:14	
Positions of planets	17:48	27:43	06:20 ^R	19:55	15:27	

Answers to Lesson No. 13

Saturn in the 5th house opposition to Jupiter in the 11th house indicates the prospect for children is limited. Taurus, the sign on the cusp of the 5th house, is a fertile sign, but its ruler, Venus, is in the barren sign Leo, as is also the Sun. The 11th house appears more promising with the presence of Jupiter, but it cannot become effective until the lessons of responsibility indicated by 5th house Saturn have been fulfilled. Another aspect the student may not be familiar with in this chart is Venus square to Saturn further lessening the possibilities of children, and again indicating needed lessons to be learned through 5th house affairs.

The earth sign Taurus on the 5th house cusp indicates an appreciation of beauty and harmony in the surroundings. Venus as ruler of Taurus could indicate pleasure in the study or pursuit of art and music, but 5th house Saturn could hinder the ability to fully enjoy or accomplish these things. Saturn's presence also indicates a serious and persistent approach to pleasures rather than a superficial or frivolous one.

Sun and Venus in Leo give a warm and affectionate love nature, but Saturn in the 5th house indicates he must cultivate an honest and open expression of his affections.

Answers to Lesson No. 14

Saturn in Aquarius when well aspected gives a humane outlook upon life, a sympathetic and friendly disposition, very distinct and deliberate speech and a seriousness in all affairs of life. Therefore, these people make friends among the aged, the wealthy and the intellectual who are able to help them rise in life. But when Saturn is afflicted in Aquarius, it makes the disposition shrewd, cunning and alert to prey upon others by gaining their confidence and friendship and such people therefore sink to the lower levels of society. This position also carries with it a tendency to heart trouble and varicose veins.

Answers to Lesson No. 15

The forces working through the Cardinal signs impinge upon the vital forces that stir the physical body into action.

The forces working through the Fixed signs arouse the desire nature giving stamina and persistence in action.

The forces working through the Mutable or Common signs relate to the mental and spiritual nature giving purpose to action and incentive to nobility of life.

The vocation most suitable to common signs are agents, promoters, peddlers, middlemen who go between the producer and the consumer, literary and clerical workers, lecturers and similar occupations in which the mind is a principal factor.

The key words of the Mutable signs are:

Gemini: Versatile, Reasonable, Inquisitive, Literary.

Virgo: Analytical, Hygienic, Thrifty, Serving, Health-Minded.

Sagittarius: Aspiring, Philosophical, Optimistic, Philanthropic.

Pisces: Mystical, Self-Sacrificing, Compassionate, Inspired.

Answers to Lesson No. 16

Saturn in Gemini on the Ascendant square Moon in Virgo, would give a tendency toward lung trouble, pneumonia, bronchitis, asthma, rheumatism, inflammation of the pericardium, and by reflex action in Sagittarius, sciatica and hip disease. Here should be a liability to accidents, falls, bruises, etc. and manifesting through the Virgo region, there would also be a tendency toward constipation, bowel disorders, appendicitis, malnutrition, etc.

In women, this configuration would be obstructive of the female functions. In men, it would tend to deny marriage or indicate the death of the marriage partner.

This would be a very difficult configuration to handle, and the native should early be taught to guard his health by correct eating, plenty of open air exercise, and constructive thinking. He should free himself from prejudices of all kinds, as Saturn tends to crystallization and in this case (Saturn in Gemini square Moon) the crystallized mental attitudes would result in physical debility.

Answers to Lesson No. 17

Uranus in Sagittarius: Attraction to the occult, intuitive.

Sun in 1st house: Cheerful, courageous, authoritative, physically strong.

Moon in 6th house: Changes in work, success in subordinate position rather than as employer.

Uranus square Moon: Conceited, intolerant, trouble with women.

Uranus trine Sun: Idealistic, original, inventive, progressive.

Uranus in Sagittarius would give an aspiring, original and active mind, with a vivid imagination expressed along individual and original lines. The square to the Moon in the 6th house would have a tendency to make the person overbearing and intolerant of others, and it would also indicate a clandestine attachment either on the part of the native or the marriage partner. The trine to the life-giving Sun in the 1st house would greatly offset this aspect by giving a cheerful and optimistic disposition, as well as great courage and energy. The native might become a leader along some original line of thought in the field of religion, education, occultism, etc.

Answers to Lesson No. 18

Keywords of the Moon: Imagination, instinctive feelings, desire for personal growth, sympathies and antipathies.

Keywords of Neptune: Awareness of higher levels of reality, spiritual ideals and sights, inspiration.

Keywords of Virgo: Analytical, discriminating, objective and thorough. An inclination to be of service.

Keywords of Mercury: Concepts, ideas, intellectual understanding, logic.

The combination of Moon and Neptune in Virgo square to Mercury indicates the native must work earnestly to balance the faculties of reason with sympathetic feelings and spiritual sensitivity. He must learn to cultivate consistency in his responses and patiently make efforts to use sound judgment, otherwise he can be swept away in a world of confusion, disorganization, and deception. He must use means to improve his memory for he is prone to forgetfulness and inaccuracy. The native is apt to be easily influenced by both seen and unseen forces so he must make a serious effort to use the Will Power toward practical and reasonable goals.

Answers to Lesson No. 19

This is an ideal configuration for idealism and spirituality. The Sun (will, vitality, chief ambition) in the 9th house (idealism, higher mind, aspiration) trining Neptune (inspiration, devotion, music) in Pisces (unity, spirituality, renunciation) in the 12th house (mysticism, institutions for unfortunates, debts of destiny) indicates some of the noblest traits of character—compassion, understanding, humility, spiritual aspiration, a sense of the unity of all life, and the spirit of sacrifice. A secret, soul-satisfying or clandestine but honorable relationship, probably with someone in the spirit world, which will bring benefit to both is indicated. Ability in the fields of poetry, religion, philosophy, science, music and the occult arts is indicated, but whatever the work, it will very probably be done quietly and apart from the public, without thought of the plaudits of the world.

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