

THE RATIONAL BASIS OF ASTROLOGY

A correspondent writes to ask for *proof* of the truth of Astrology. Why does Saturn govern the knees and Jupiter the feet? He has had an argument with someone and wishes to learn what may be said on this subject.

The mere denial of the truth of Astrology by someone, because it does not appeal to him, cannot affect the truth or falsity of Astrology or any other science. Let us bear this in mind, that to be entitled to consideration, an opinion on any subject must be the result of study and investigation. We may say further that no one deserves to be convinced who is not willing to investigate to some extent the subject, which he presumes to criticise.

Personally, the writer has always made it a practice never to speak unbidden upon these subjects among strangers, though always willing to present evidence when the opportunity offered; for it has always been found that "a man convinced against his will is of the same opinion still."

There is, however, plenty of proof of the truth and basis of Astrology. A homely old proverb says that "the proof of the pudding is in the eating thereof," and there can certainly be no better proof of the truth of Astrology than that it works out in daily life. It has often been the privilege of the writer to see the sneering sceptic turn ardent advocate when a test or two had proven to him the truth of Astrology. He would then be just as impatient with those who ridiculed this science or denied its rational basis, as he had previously been with those who advocated the accuracy of the sacred science.

If you want to satisfy a sneering cynic, take up his own horoscope, or some matter intimately connected with him, and apply Astrology. You will then find that no matter how thick his skull, Astrology will pound its way through; yes, even if his skull or skin is so thick that it requires a railway train to ram it home. Even that will be supplied, as shown by the case mentioned in the *Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception*, where the writer told a man to stay indoors on two certain days; that he must particularly avoid street cars and other vehicles of locomotion, no matter what nature; that otherwise he would meet with an accident to certain specified parts of the body. When he had carelessly disregarded this advice, had been injured in a railway accident as a consequence and had been subjected to three months' severe suffering before he was able to write an explanation.

He said in the letter, which we still have, "This accident has deepened my respect for Astrology." Yes, and no wonder; he ate the pudding, and the pudding proved to be true. Therefore he is now an ardent advocate of Astrology and lectures upon that subject among others. Some predictions may come true if made a little while before the event is due to happen, because the suggestion of the Astrologer acted as a factor in bringing about the fulfilment of his prophecy. But surely, no one can explain the case here quoted on that or any kindred hypothesis. Railroad collisions are not usually brought about by suggestions, nor is a certain person sent to such a scene to receive injuries of a serious nature to certain definitely described parts of body, mentioned in the prediction.

Therefore we verily believe that even the champion co-incidentalist, Prof. Proctor, of Pyramid fame, could not have furnished an explanation that would successfully account for all the different phases in this prophecy and its fulfilment.

The above prediction was based on the astrological dictum that Gemini rules the shoulders, Taurus the neck and cerebellum, and Cancer the breast; for these parts were

injured by the accident. Similar observations carried on by Astrologers show that Capricorn, ruled by Saturn, governs the knees, and Jupiter rules Pisces, the sign of the feet.

ANOTHER RAILROAD STORY

While the accident related in our article on “The Rationale of Astrology” was predicted only three months before it happened, we predicted another railway accident about the same time, that is to say, in the summer of 1906. But that accident was not due to happen until about August 1909. The subject of this accident we will call Mr. X. We saw that in August 1909 he would take a railway journey for pleasure and that he would meet with an accident there, but would escape unharmed. We also saw that in September 1909, a month later, he would take a long journey in connection with an important literary undertaking; but we did not dream then how closely we ourselves should be associated with the fulfilment of that matter.

In the meantime the writer went to Germany, where he was given the instructions that have resulted in the spread of the Rosicrucian teachings in the Western world. And after writing the *Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception* and the Twenty [Rosicrucian Christianity] Lectures, he went west again, to Seattle, during the Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition in 1909. There he again met Mr. X., and in August, when his lectures had been concluded, that gentleman invited him to take a run up to Yellowstone Park. After taking this pleasure trip and a rest, he proposed that we go to Chicago, to have the *Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception* published.

The writer was too much occupied with the literary work in hand, however, to accept the invitation to Yellowstone National Park, so Mr. X. went alone. Between Gardner Junction and the Park his train was derailed; all the passengers were considerably shaken, but no one was hurt. Upon his return, we both went to Chicago, where the *Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception* was published, and thus the prediction, made three years before, was fulfilled. It must be stated, however, that both of us had forgotten the prediction until later, when Mr. X. brought out the horoscope containing the prediction, which he found while looking through some papers.

This surely is another case that will successfully defy the explanation that suggestion caused its fulfilment. What human being could arrange a railroad accident three years before it happened and provide for the safety of the passengers as well? The writer knew very little about the Rosicrucians at that time and did not dream then of the good fortune in store for him as their messenger. He had had only one personal experience of the soul-power latent within him, neither had he developed, or thought of developing, the faculty of writing. He had no dream whatever of becoming an author, and therefore could not have put in the suggestion of an important literary undertaking which would take Mr. X. East in September 1909. There is only one explanation possible: ***The stars told the tale, and it was true.***