we shall see later that the key-note of the sharps falls on the seven tones of the Virgin key in regular order, but with this difference—instead of being spiritual impulses it will be the conscious spirit sounding its own key-notes on its three aspects and four vehicles in regular succession, lifting itself from the nadir of materiality by spiritualizing its vehicles and extracting the essence of its pilgrimage as a three-fold soul by which to enhance itself. Thus we see that the flats carry us to the nadir and the sharps lift us up from this somber depth with the brilliancy of an awakening soul, to carry us away from the suppression we have had to dwell in. Now let us build the seven Periods of manifestation into the seven and a third octaves.

At the dawn of our first period of manifestation—the Saturn Period—the Lords of Mind—humanity of the Saturn Period—the Angels, humanity of the Moon Period, and ourselves, Pisces, the newly differentiated Virgin Spirits, all have to wait until the proper conditions are made for their further development. So at the very beginning, Virgo, Libra, and Scorpio—the three Hierarchies brought over to complete their evolution will manifest first. These are followed by Sagittarius hierarchy, the Lords of Mind, who after recapitulating their previous stages, become human. Thus we start with the Virgin key of C for Virgo and sound the key-notes of Libra and Scorpio next for the Trinity of Hierarchies brought over which manifest first, and which at the present Earth Period have charge of the three aspects of our spirit. Sagittarius becoming human in this period sounds the key of F or one flat.

One point must be clearly fixed in mind before proceeding further, viz., that the Rulers of the various Periods are the fifth life wave ahead of the humanity of the corresponding Period. To illustrate: In the Earth Period the rulership is Scorpio, the Lords of Form, and they are the fifth life wave ahead of us. The Moon Period was in charge of Libra, the Lords of Individuality, five life-waves ahead of the Angels, the humanity of that Period. The same rule applies to the other Periods. To understand the logical and scientific basis for this we must remember that the triune Spirit, having four distinct phases of manifestation, requires a period to bring out each one and has the corresponding lifewaves ahead of it to give the necessary help. As the purpose of the rulership is primarily to give the necessary impacts thus affording the stimuli to lift it upward, it is apparent that the ruler should dwell in one of the Spiritual Worlds.

Thus we see why the Ruler is the fifth ahead, because the second, third, and fourth ahead have a close association of vehicles. Consequently, with the sounding of F—the key-note of the Lords of Mind, Sagittarius—we bring in one flat, B flat, which is the key-note of Leo, the Lords

of Flame, who had charge of the Saturn Period. It will be noted that we have to bring in B flat below the first octave, which note is five ahead of the F sounded for the humanity of the Saturn Period, Sagittarius. This gives us one flat for the first half of the Saturn Period, and starts our manifestation with the three life-waves brought over, giving the rulership to the lowest of the five life-waves who had passed into liberation. This was Leo, the Lords of Flame, who started us with a thought-form of a dense body.

Leaving the 4th globe of the Saturn Period, which is the globe of consciousness, we remember that the 5th, 6th, and 7th globes will be devoted to the three aspects of the Spirit, so from the key-note of F the trinity carries us to B flat. Here we have struck the key-note of the closing portion of the Saturn Period on 2 flats, Leo, the Lords of Flame, who gave the necessary Spiritual impulse to awaken within us the Divine Spirit. Now we note that B flat was the rulership of the Saturn Period and that the first key of the Saturn Period was F for the humanity, whereas now the key-note itself falls on B flat for the Spiritual impulse. So the next lifewave now becomes the Ruler, and C for Virgo, the Lords of Wisdom, is the Ruler of the Sun Period. (We must not confuse this progression of rulership by the manifesting life-waves with the Spiritual assistance given by those who had passed into liberation.) From the key of 2 flats the trinity carries us to 3 flats for the first of the Sun Period-E flat for Taurus. The Archangels, Capricorn, are the humanity of this Sun Period, whose key-note is G, and we again note that the Ruler is five ahead, viz., Virgo, the Lords of Wisdom. With the upward arc of the Sun Period the trinity carries us from 3 flats to 4 flats, which is A flat. This is the key-note of Cancer, the Cherubim, who at the sixth revolution gave the necessary Spiritual impulse to awaken the Life Spirit. The Angels are the humanity of the Moon Period, whose key-note is A for Aquarius. The rulership of the Moon Period was Libra, the Lords of Individuality, whose key-note, it will be remembered, is D, which is five ahead of this humanity. On the other hand, the trinity carries us from 4 flats at the close of the Sun Period to five for the first half of the Moon Period, whose key-note is D flat, Aries, the other Hierarchy which is in the World of God—Taurus coming in the Sun Period.

On the upward arc of the Moon Period after the humanity of the Angels on A, the trinity carries us from 5 flats to six, and this being the key-note of Gemini, the Seraphim, we have the necessary Spiritual impulse given in the fifth revolution to awaken the Human Spirit. We note that the spiritual impulses for awakening the aspects of the Virgin Spirits have all fallen in regular order on the five keys which represent the five Hierarchies which are in liberation, and that now the trinity carries us to B nat-

ural, Pisces, and the three-fold Spirit, the Ego, comes into existence. The key-note for the Earth Period will consequently be 7 flats or B natural, and the Lords of Form, Scorpio, have charge of the Earth Period, whose key-note is E—five ahead of the humanity of this period as in the others. Now the key of seven flats being identical with five sharps, we have the turning point at the nadir of materiality. Here we are forcibly reminded of the significant sentence in the Cosmo: "When a world has served the purpose for which it came into being, God ceases the activity which sustains that world and its existence is terminated." We must bear in mind that we are still at the nadir, although the very lowest state was passed some two million years ago. This calls to mind another fact worth considering. The key of seven flats being identical with five sharps, we have a somber key and a brilliant key combined. The writer has done some experimenting along this line and for some time has been convinced that one playing in the key of B Natural can make it either somber or brilliant according to his own inspiration.

Leaving the Earth Period with the key of 5 sharps, the trinity carries us to 4 sharps, the key of E natural. Again referring to the Diagram we see that E is the key-note of the Human Spirit—also of Scorpio, who have charge of this aspect in the Earth Period. As the Jupiter Period, on the upward arc of the spiral, corresponds to the Moon Period, at which time we awakened the Human Spirit, this Jupiter Period becomes the period of Human Spirit—and we have the key-note of 4 sharps, E, the Human Spirit. At the close of the Jupiter Period the Human Spirit is absorbed by the Divine Spirit, and the trinity carries us to A, the key of 3 sharps.

Now let us remember that while in the chemical region of the Physical World in the Earth Period, we are extracting the Conscious Soul and in the Jupiter Period we will be building the Intellectual Soul from the Vital Body, while at that time the densest state of matter will be the Etheric region. The key of 3 sharps falling on A is the key-note of Aquarius, the Angels, who, it will be remembered, were human in the Etheric region and became most proficient with the vital body. So in the Jupiter Period, when we are extracting the Intellectual Soul, we shall sound the key-note of A natural.

Proceeding by the trinity we are carried from the key of 3 sharps at the close of the Jupiter Period to 2 sharps for the beginning of the Venus Period, which is D natural. Referring to the Diagram we see that this is the keynote of Libra, who in the Earth Period have charge of the Life Spirit. On the upward arc of the spiral the Venus Period corresponds to the Sun Period and is the period of Life Spirit. At the close of the Venus Period the Divine Spirit absorbs the Life Spirit and we note that at this peri-

od the third body is perfected, viz., the Desire Body, and then we shall be building the Emotional Soul. Now the trinity carries us from 2 sharps to 1 sharp, which is G natural, the key-note of Capricorn, the Archangels of the Sun Period, who became most proficient in working with the attenuated matter of that plane—Desire stuff. So in the corresponding period on the upward arc of the spiral we will be extracting the Emotional Soul from the Desire Body.

In this article nothing has been said of the recapitulations of each period, but the student will remember that when each period begins, the first work done is a recapitulation of all which has gone before; consequently, in each period we have farther to go before we begin the new work of that period. Thus, after the recapitulations of all previous periods, the real Vulcan work begins and it can readily be seen that this is practically at the close of manifestation, seven epochs of the seven revolutions. So in a general way we say that the Vulcan Period consists of all periods combined.

Thus the trinity carries us from G to C natural, the keynote of the Divine Spirit, which now has absorbed the other two aspects of the Spirit and the three-fold Soul and the perfected mind. We are then back to the Virgin key, sounding it as a conscious Spirit. We are then dwelling in the whole week, the white color, and all the seven octaves have been—not consumed, but *unified*.

It will be remembered that all the life-waves ahead of us were in varying degrees of evolution, prior to our scheme. The next ahead of us, the Angels, were in their first, or mineral state in the period prior to the Saturn Period and we had, as the Ruler of this period, Leo, the opposite sign to Aquarius. Then considering the differentiation of ourselves prior to this manifestation, we bring into the seven octaves the three tones below, making the seven and a third octaves, or 88 notes.

It is not the purpose of this article to give a detailed analysis of the scheme, but merely to point out the important fundamental co-relations for any who may feel inclined to carry the investigation still further. Especially may the student of astrology profit by a study of this outline, for it is through astrology that one can reach more people and serve in greater capacity than through any other science. As stated in the *Message of the Stars*, "Have faith in the stars and they will justify your faith." The same might be said of any of our investigations. If we approach the subject with reverent enthusiasm instead of selfish aggrandizement, if our purpose is to acquire more capability, more efficiency in serving humanity, undreamed-of truths will unfold to us. So upon this tonal basis a mighty structure may be reared.

In closing, let us consider the chords of the Fiery Triplicity, or trine. It is do-me-la, or la-do-me, a minor tone. The Airy triplicity is do-me-sol, or me-sol-do. The Earthy triplicity is the same as the Fiery, viz., do-me-la. The Watery is the same as the Airy, do-me-sol. The student should bear in mind that certain sextiles, squares, and trines will be formed by signs which are in liberation, others between signs of the seven manifesting lifewaves, while still others form aspects between them, causing an inter-play of influences from one to the other which makes a significant difference. Also the nature of the aspect, fire to air, earth or water, is important to note. Combining these two conditions, let us consider the various chords and aspects, remembering the dual rulership of Mercury, Venus, and Mars.

Sextile—Fire to Air—Aries to Gemini—sol-do.

Leo to Libra—do-me.

Sagittarius to Aquarius-do-me.

Sextile—Earth to Water—Taurus to Cancer—sol-do.

Virgo to Scorpio—do-me.

Capricorn to Pisces—do-me.

Trines—Fiery and Earthy—do-me-la.

Airy and Watery—do-me-sol.

Square—Fire to Water—Aries to Cancer—do-sol.

Leo to Scorpio—fa-te.

Sagittarius to Pisces-fa-te.

Square—Earth to Fire—Taurus to Leo—do-sol.

Virgo to Sagittarius—sol-do.

Capricorn to Aries—fa-te.

Square—Air to Earth—Gemini to Virgo—fa-te.

Libra to Capricorn—sol-do.

Aquarius to Taurus—fa-te.

Square—Water to Air—Cancer to Libra—fa-te.

Scorpio to Aquarius—sol-do.

Pisces to Gemini—do-sol.

Opposition—All discordant semi-tones.

Here we come again to a very significant thing. We know that the opposite signs reflect each other and that an aspect may be formed denoting certain ailments in a given sign or its opposite. Thus we have all chords formed by the oppositions, different, yet too nearly alike to be pleasing to the ear. That is at the present stage of development. The oppositions formed by the signs of the life-waves in manifestation prior to our scheme, on the upward arc of the previous scheme, are rising tones, as Aries-Libra; Taurus-Scorpio-because Libra and Scorpio were human on the upward arc of the spiral of the scheme of evolution previous to ours. On the other hand the path of evolution is downward on our scheme from the Saturn Period to the Earth Period covering the humanities from Sagittarius to Pisces. Consequently we have a lowered tone for Gemini-Sagittarius-Cancer-Capricorn—Leo-Aquarius. Virgo, being also in upward arc of the previous scheme, we having rising tone for Virgo-Pisces. For Aries-Libra we have D flat D. For Taurus-Scorpio, E flat E. For Gemini-Sagittarius F sharp F. For Cancer-Capricorn, G sharp G. For Leo-Aquarius A sharp A. For Virgo-Pisces B sharp B.

We have seen that the scheme is worked out on the 88 notes of the piano and that the Earth Period conditions are at the middle. With the addition of our last vehicle, the mind, comes the meeting of the two streams of life, the evolving bodies and the suppressed spirit. With the awakening of our consciousness we strike the 12th note of the scale, and the last region of the plunge into matter on this scheme. We have command of all keys and build our heavenly themes, looking both ways. Backward into the cataclysmic past we hear the rumbling of historymaking epochs growing less and less pronounced and of lesser impulse—forward to the brilliant and inspiring possibilities of the future unfoldment of the enhanced spirit, still less understood and appreciated. But one thing stands out pre-eminently. Whether we consider a simple melody on the piano or organ, or the masterpieces of Wagner-Liszt, requiring the full orchestra with variations and intricacies of grandeur that few ears at the present time can fully appreciate, the theme is built and carried at the central octave with slight deviations. The further we deviate from the centre the more uncertain becomes our interpretation. As the progressing spirit becomes more and more capable of receiving terrific vibrations, of working out more of the consequences of its transgressions in a shorter time, just as surely is the soul-growth enhanced and the human ear capable of interpreting themes which to the less developed appear as a conglomeration of discords, or a succussion of meaningless sounds. Thus we see how the progress of the various nations has in a measure kept step with the themes of their musical schools instituted by the masters—also how the Spirit becomes more and more skilled in interpreting these messages from Home, wedding the chaos with the cosmos in a steady climb to God.

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## Question Department

## The Effect of Capital Punishment

UESTION: Do the Rosicrucians believe in capital punishment and if so, please state the reasons why, and when a man has been executed does he come under the law of infant mortality in his next life and die as a child the same as victims of accidents?

Answer:

The Rosicrucian teachings are never in conflict with the Christian religion and we know that according to the doctrine of Christ the principle of retaliation, "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth," is absolutely wrong; besides, from the occult standpoint there are other good and sufficient reasons why capital punishment is emphatically the worst possible manner of dealing with a dangerous man. So long as such a man is in the physical body it is easy to restrain him and put him in a place where he cannot do society any harm, but when we hang or electrocute him we actually set him at liberty in the Desire World where it is possible for him to influence others to a much greater extent than here and such people who are a menace to society are not slow in finding out their possibilities and taking advantage of them. They incite others who have a grievance against the community to do their work by inciting them to wreck buildings, commit murder, and rape on a large scale, or perhaps gratify personal grievance against some enemy by taking his life, and thus one murder will effect a number of other crimes by the practice of capital punishment. On the other hand, if the murderer were imprisoned for safety to the community, it is possible that during the years of his life in such an institution he will change his views. A great many of them do repent of their crimes; then when released from the body and sent out into the Desire World at death they are no longer a menace to society and will not have an evil influence upon others. For these reasons capital punishment is really subversive of the purpose for which it is meted out. It does not act as a deterrent to others but actually fosters crime, so that, even apart from the fact that the practice of retaliation is absolutely wrong and that we have no right to take a life which we cannot give, and apart from the consideration of the fact that at times the wrong man is found guilty and executed for a crime he never committed, while the real murderer goes free, capital punishment should be

abolished to lessen crime.

Referring to your question as to whether. a murderer who has been executed will have to die as a child in the next life, we may answer yes. For according to the law of infant mortality anyone who dies under horrible circumstances so that he does not attend to the panorama of his life, which is reviewed just after death, does not reap the fruits of his past life. When a person is executed, the shock, the anger, and resentment he feels and the horrors of the whole proceeding deprive him of the peace and quiet necessary to the post mortem work, so that he will not obtain a record of the life just ended. Therefore this lack will have to be supplied by educational work done after he has died as a child in the next life, exactly on the lines we have shown in other places in our literature where the law of infant mortality is explained.

Question:

Do the people in the Desire World or Etheric Region see the Sun we see and do not these regions go round with the world as its atmosphere? If so why would it not make darkness and day there also?

Answer:

The reason why we have day and night, light and darkness is that the earth is opaque to our physical sight. Therefore, when the Sun is on the opposite side of the earth we cannot look through this physical globe and see the light nor can we perceive the light-rays which penetrate through it, by our physical sight, though there is such an invisible light by which psychometers and clairvoyants see just as well in that which we call darkness as in that which we call light. It is true that the atmosphere of the earth revolves with it and so does the desire stuff which constitutes the Desire World of our planet, but those who have shed the mortal coil and are in the Desire World see through the earth just as easily as we do through a pane of glass. Furthermore, the greater part of them are usually so far outside the physical earth that even the direct rays of the Sun would not be obstructed by the mineral globe upon which we live in our physical bodies. For those reasons there is neither day nor night there, neither are there seasons, which depend in a measure upon what we call day, but there is everlasting day and everlasting light in those worlds.



# The Astral Ray

## Solar Soul-Growth

A scientific address of occult significance.

HAT is the age of the earth? An answer to this question, which has baffled human intellect since the beginning of thought, was attempted in a lecture given recently before the Paris Astronomical Society by M. Jean Bosler, one of the most distinguished scientists of Europe. After running over the older methods of attacking the problem, based on the deposit of sediment in river beds and the saltiness of the sea, and showing that the results of these dated the origin of the globe not less than one hundred million years ago, M. Bosler made statements of the greatest scientific importance based on the evidence of radio-activity in rocks.

He pointed out that if uranium, for instance, gives out helium at a speed which can be determined, the presence of these two elements in the same rock gives the latter's age as soon as the relative quantity of each is measured. Investigating along these lines, it has been calculated that a specimen of primary igneous rock examined in the Paris laboratories originated as far back as 710,000,000 years ago.

Another series of investigations which has been utilized in attacking the problem is connected with the microscopic colored circles found imbedded in primitive granites and other rocks. These, which have for a long while received no explanation, prove to be the efflorescence of the "alpha" rays from minute specks of zirconium, and it is certain that millions of centuries have elapsed while the rays have been penetrating the surrounding rock. Altogether, the lecturer declared, we should be wrong in regarding the world as less than a thousand million years old.

In conclusion, M. Bosler dwelt on the light which these facts threw on the origin of the sun. If the solar heat

is only due, as has been thought for the last twenty years, to the concentration of its mass, the sun cannot be more than twenty million years old. But since this would make it an infant compared with the earth, its energy must have some other origin. But what? Whether radium, or the interior force of atoms, or some other source now undreamed of, remains, said the lecturer, one of the great mysteries of science which it may be reserved for our descendants to unveil. The address has caused considerable discussion in scientific circles.

According to the foregoing, Science is "getting warm" in its speculations concerning the age of the earth. As we have said often, it is a million years since the Atlantean Epoch, and the further we go back in the world's history, the longer the spans of time required for the various developments which were to be accomplished from the beginning of a certain Age to its end, because the spirits undergoing evolution were more or less asleep and therefore unable to co-operate with the divine Hierarchs in charge. As consciousness increased, development was accelerated and time lessened. Future periods and epochs will be of much shorter duration than the Earth Period, on account of the intelligent co-operation and initiative which will be yielded in increasing measure by an enlightened humanity. There will, of course, always be stragglers, but even their number will be materially decreased as we progress, for with this higher development we shall also feel more keenly than we do now that we are indeed our brother's keeper, and that anything which checks his growth has a retarding influence on our own advancement. Appreciation of this fact will prompt us to take measures to help the backward ones so that in the later stages there will probably be no lost sheep; nay more, many of those who have been left behind, even at the present time may catch up. Naturally, this work will slightly delay humanity as a whole, but it is certain that the concrete earth, crystallized by us from the substance of the Sun, will be dissolved in a fraction of the proportionate time which by past standards would be required to cover the two remaining epochs. Nevertheless, in spite of the increasing intelligence of humanity, and the cooperation with the divine plan which must eventually result, it is safe to say that millions of years will pass before we have learned all the lessons which this earth has in store for us. The address shows that the scientists are gradually adopting the longer time measures of occultism. It is also significant that their speculations point to "Radium" as the source of the Sun's luminosity, and we would refer the student to our articles on "The Christian Mystic Initiation" where the analogy is drawn between the luminous radium extracted by often repeated filtration and distillation from the densest and blackest of all the chemical elements, 'pitchblende,' and the luminous vesture, the soul-body, extracted from the opaque physical body, which becomes transparent and radiant. It is then the philosopher's stone, the elixir vitae, and the healing balm all in one, thus expressing the characteristics of the Sun.

As a matter of fact, the scientists are therefore "getting warm" in their speculations. We have stated in the *Cosmo* that the reason planets were detached from the central source, the Sun, was that groups of spirits who originally inhabited that sphere were unable to keep up the required rate of vibration so they crystallized part of the Sun and were thrown off by centrifugal force. Each successive group took with it much of the coarser elements and very little of the finer, so that by a refining process on a cosmic scale the Sun is now composed principally of the finest and most radiant elements which are kept in a state of intense vibration by the Archangels.

Thus the Sun is a *source* of Light like radium while the planets are dark, or comparatively so, like the refuse from which that precious element is extracted, and it has become luminous by a process of elimination of its coarser constituents, analogous to the method now required in human advancement and even in the refinement of mineral, showing the universality of law as expressed in the Hermetic Axiom: "As above, so below."

### STARS AS POINTERS

Nostradamus, who in his prophecies of this Great War mentions the "fighting in the air," takes his radix from the year 4960 B.C., when Canopus was coincident with the Vernal Equinox. He uses the great stars as pointers. In this connection it has been pointed out that the Flood, followed by the Great Dispersal in the days of Peleg, "in whose days the world was divided," coincides with the

equinoctial position of the star Eta Tauri. In the year 1555 Nostradamus said: "Now we are in the seventh millenary and coming near the eighth, and some shall be gathered in Aquarius for many years and others in Cancer also for many years, so that all being told, the world draws near to an anaregonic revolution." And thereupon he predicted the French Revolution. Now if to the year B. C. 4960 we add 1555 A. D., we obtain 6515 years since the beginning of the cycle, which is "in the seventh millenary," and coming near the eighth. Calculation shows that at the beginning of the cycle a great cross was lifted up in the heavens, B Crucis, a star of the first magnitude, being at the head of the cross at the summer solstice, Canopus on the right hand at the vernal equinox, and Vega on the left hand at the autumn equinox.—British Journal of Astrology

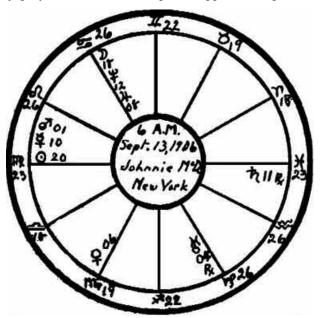
#### **PSYCHIC SIGNS**

It has long been recognized by students of astrology that there are certain signs of the zodiac, called flexed or mutable signs, which lend themselves especially to the development of the psychic faculties These are the signs Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, and Pisces, and they are known as the "sympathetic" signs, because those in whose horoscopes the majority of the planets are therein located are found to have flexible and versatile natures, wide sympathies, multifarious interests, and sensitive minds, much influenced by their environment, and apt to simulate the characters of those with whom they associate. Prominent among these signs is Pisces, which, by its association with the 12th division of the heavens, is held to be paramount in the production of occult and psychic faculties. A singular illustration of this fact came under my notice when staying in Cornwall, where I came into contact with Mrs. Ashton, a magnetic healer and "dowser" or water finder. She lives at Hawke's Point, near Carbis Bay, where she owns a pretty cottage on the cliff side. Near to the cottage there is a metal lode hidden beneath the soil. Having cut a new hazel fork shaped like the letter Y, in which two twigs converged on a common stem, she took the two twigs in her hands, her palms being upward, and the fingers firmly grasping the hazel, while the stem of the fork was pointing upward, away from the ground. With elbows firmly pressed to her sides, she slowly traversed the indicated path, while I and another held her hands, at the same time using our disengaged hands to securely hold the projecting ends of the twigs. Now, although there was no perceptible tremor or movement of the hands of the "dowser," nor any the least turn of the twigs in our grasp, the stem suddenly swung round toward the ground and at the exact point where the metal was hidden it was pointing perpendicularly downward, having traversed an angle of 180 degs. in the course of a few paces. The "dowser" had scarcely passed the point of this disturbance when the rod sprang back again as if released from a spring. Experiments showed that three out of about ten people present had a similar faculty in less degree. Mrs. Ashton has been a subject of study by Professor Barrett, whose book on the subject is doubtless the best statement of the facts we yet possess. The astrology of the case is this: Mrs. Ashton was born on March 1st, 1849, at Aylesbury, and a figure of the heavens for midnight—that being the hour of her birth—shows the Sun, Neptune, and Saturn all in the sign Pisces on the lower angle of the heavens, while the Moon was

in the flexed sign Gemini. Another psychic of even greater fame was the late D. D. Home, who was born on March 20th, 1833, the Sun and Moon being in Pisces in sextile to Neptune, Saturn being in opposition in Virgo, and Mars in Gemini, so that we find four of the significators in flexed signs. In a note on this point Mr. David Gow remarks: "I have been struck with the number of psychics who were born with the Sun or Moon in Pisces." This falls quite into line with the association of the signs with the various Houses, the 12th house and Sign being allied and having obvious connection withthe development of psychic faculty.

### A Little Boy Healer

HAT is bred in the bone will out in the flesh" says an old proverb and it is true in a much deeper sense than the popular one that "heredity" will find expression. We have received a clipping from *The New York Tribune* regarding a boy of ten who by prayer heals numerous poor cripples. The power is



within himself, and he simply cannot help expressing it any more than a stove filled with fuel in combustion can help radiating heat. The account speaks for itself:

"John McDonnell, of 337 East 123rd Street, is only nine years old, but his gift of prayer is mighty. Small and thin and yellow-haired is Johnnie, and his intellect, as men measure it, has only advanced as far as the 3B grade in Public School 63. But his power as a mental healer is such that more than a hundred persons have been restored to health by his prayers.

"The McDonnells themselves admit this, Johnnie con

firms it, and the file of lame and halt and blind that streams through the door of the apartment during the lad's time away from school attests the fact. These unfortunates give their names to the little boy and describe to him the exact nature of their afflictions. Then he dismisses them, and before he goes to bed he prays for them all. Just how he heals them Johnnie professes not to know himself.

"When I pray I feel light,' he said yesterday. 'I feel as though I am flying.'

"'We have many callers,' said Mrs. McDonnell yesterday. 'It gets us tired answering the doorbell. Sometimes I wish we wouldn't get so many.'

"Johnnie's father is a waiter, at present out of work. The McDonnell home is barely furnished and the family is sometimes hard put to provide for household expenses. The boy healer has offered to sell papers, but his father will not consider the suggestion.

"'We have different plans for the boy,' said Mc-Donnell. 'We want to make him a priest.'

"When they were living in Connecticut four years ago Johnnie got his father a job by praying for it.

"'It is my belief that Johnnie is an instrument of God,' said his father. 'His power is a blessing God has bestowed upon him. Of course, he can't cure every case.'

"'The only trouble,' spoke up Mrs. McDonnell, a spare, tired-eyed woman, 'is that we have been threatened with excommunication by the Catholic Church. We don't know whether it's what people call auto-suggestion or not, but our boy has cured people. We shouldn't, however, want to be expelled from the faith we've been brought up in.'

"Johnnie's school report card for the period just before the Easter vacation showed nothing but As."

Our correspondent took pains to ascertain the boy's data and sent us the horoscope cast for 6 a. m.,

September 13th, New York, which we herewith reproduce for the benefit of students to show the stellar influences which indicate Johnnie's "gift" earned by himself in previous existences by sympathetic helpfulness to suffering fellow beings, for we feel certain that under the immutable law of cause and effect, neither he nor anyone else can have anything not acquired by our own efforts, any more than we possess the faculty of writing without the now forgotten effort expended in childhood's days.

We find four common signs on the angles showing that Johnnie is not of an aggressive nature in physical matters, but the spiritual tendencies are so much the more prominent as shown by the presence of Neptune, Moon, and Jupiter elevated in the psychic sign Cancer. Neptune is the most prominent and best aspected planet in the horoscope. its conjunction with the essentially dignified Moon and the noble and philanthropic Jupiter shows a very close touch with the psychic forces which will be used for benevolent purposes. There is also a close trine between Neptune and Saturn who is in the occult twelfthhouse-sign Pisces. Pisces signifies the department of life devoted to sorrow, trouble, obstacles, prisons, et cetera, and would thus indicate the sympathetic fellow feeling

inherent in this soul. We also find Neptune sextile to its lower octave Mercury who is exalted in Virgo in the twelfth house. A synthetic reading of these influences points in the same direction as the foregoing testimony, to a benevolent care of the sick through occult means, but the power itself comes from the Sun on the Ascendant in Virgo. For be it noted that without the physical magnetism as an avenue of expression, the desire would not be able to manifest as potently as it does in this case. The Sun is the life-giver, the vehicle of the Godhead from whom come all blessings, including the great boon of health. The Ascendant is occupied by Virgo the sixthhouse-sign governing health and disease. It is therefore a notable fact that the people who express Virgo strongly, when they are not the victims of disease, become great apostles of health, nurses and healers. The Sun and the Moon are sextile focussed through the psychic sign Cancer and the healing sign Virgo. It is this which gives force of expression to the prayers of Johnnie, and his parents are following the right track by encouraging him to become a priest. He is absolutely unfit for a commercial or industrial career, but the mystic and profoundly devout nature shown by this horoscope are infallible indications that his mission is the ministry

## Your Child's Horoscope

If the readings given in this department were to be paid for they would be very expensive. for besides typewriting. typesetting, plating of the figure, etc., the calculation and reading of each horoscope requires at least one half day of the editor's time. **Please note that we do not promise anyone a reading to get them to subscribe.** We give these readings to help parents in training their children, to help young people find their place in the world, and to help students of the stellar science with practical lessons. If your child's horoscope appears, be thankful for your luck. If it does not, you have no cause for anger at us.

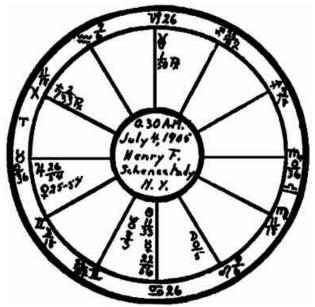
#### We Do Not Cast Horoscopes.

Despite all we can say, many people write enclosing money for horoscopes, forcing us to spend valuable time writing letters of refusal and giving us the trouble of returning their money. Please do not thus annoy us: It will avail you nothing.

HENRY F., born July 4th, 1905, 0:30 a. m., Schenectady, N Y.

Here we have a youngster coming into the world amid the rejoicing incidental to the nation's birthday, with Taurus on the Ascendant and the gentle Venus and Jupiter rising sextile to the Moon and Mercury which are the significators of mind, thus giving him a benevolent, optimistic disposition for a birthday present. Although this is somewhat toned down by the square of Saturn, the planet of obstruction, to Jupiter, the planet of benevolence, it will, nevertheless, have the tendency to turn the corners of Henry's mouth upward and give him a feeling of optimism, even under trying circumstances. Thus he will become very popular among his associates, for such people are always well received and much sought after. There is no truer saying than "Laugh and the world laughs with you, weep and you weep alone." Mercury is ruler of the second house, which governs finances and the

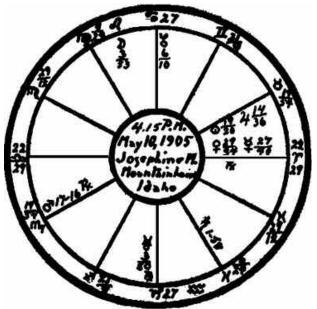
Moon always brings into action any planet wherewith she is in aspect. We may therefore judge that the aspects of the Moon and Mercury to Jupiter, the planet of opulence, will give Henry an ample income, but the eleventh house position of Saturn in the twelfth-house sign Pisces, and square to Jupiter, shows that Henry's friends, particularly people who are older than himself, will cause him financial trouble unless he can learn in time to keep out of their clutches. He should be taught to discriminate between friends who only seek him for their own self-interest and to his detriment and those who really seek him for himself. The conjunction of Neptune with the Sun in the psychic sign Cancer shows Henry to be mystically inclined, and the sextile of Mercury and the Moon to Jupiter and Venus will further accentuate the religious tendencies. Moreover, Henry is not by any means a negative character and he will therefore profit considerably from these configurations without danger to himself.



The indications regarding Henry's health are exceedingly favorable. Venus and Jupiter rising in the rugged sign Taurus give him a strong robust body, and the Sun, which is the giver of life, trine to Mars, the planet of dynamic energy, shows that he will have an abundance of vital energy all through life. There is only one adverse testimony, Saturn, the planet of obstruction, square to Jupiter, the planet which governs the arterial circulation. This, we believe, is more than offset by the trine of Sun and Mars, though it may give Henry a poor circulation in the feet, which are governed by the sign Pisces, where Saturn is found. The sextile of Jupiter and Venus placed in the Ascendant in Taurus, sextile to Mercury and the Moon, will give Henry musical talent which should be cultivated. Probably that is the best vocation for him in life for we find Virgo and Libra in the sixth house, indicating that his service to the world should come from Venus and Mercury.

Josephine M., born May 10th, 1905, 4:15 p. m., Mountain Home, Idaho.

Here we have a young lady with an exceedingly well-fortified seventh house. There we find the Sun, which for a woman is the significator of the marriage partner, Jupiter, the planet of benevolence, Venus, the planet of love and coalition, and Mercury, the principal significator of the mind. There can therefore be no question that Josephine's sphere in life is in the home. There are all the elements of success for her in this life. The Sun and Jupiter, the planet of opulence, on the cusp of the eighth house, which indicates the finances of the marriage partner, show that he will be well-to-do and generous, but there is also an element of trouble immanent in this figure which will come from Josephine herself, and unless it is checked it will mar her happiness, for we find that



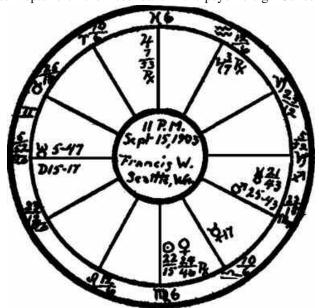
Mars, the planet of dynamic energy, is in Scorpio in opposition to the Sun and Jupiter. This will give her a very violent temper, and the marriage partner will be the particular victim thereof. We find the Moon, which is one of the significators of mind, in the sign of the heart, Leo, and square to Mercury and Venus in Aries, the sign of the head, showing that Josephine will develop an exceedingly jealous nature which may eventually cause a rupture in the marriage relation. On account of these indications it is the first duty of the parents to strive from the very earliest childhood to teach her control of temper. She is now at an age where these things can be explained to her by the object lessons, which unfortunately are only too frequently occurrences in our social life. She also has a strong tendency toward reckless extravagance, on account of the influence of Mars in the second house, which governs finances. This ought to be checked as much as possible.

With regard to her health, Mars in Scorpio, opposition the Sun, shows a tendency toward copious menses, for Scorpio governs the genitals, and it would therefore be well for the parents to instruct her carefully in advance of the occurrence so that she may know how to take care of herself and not become unduly frightened. Saturn in Pisces, the sign which governs the feet, shows a tendency to cold in these extremities, and for one with the aforementioned tendency that may cause serious consequences which you would do well to guard her against in the severe northern climate where you are living. The Moon square Venus and Mercury also indicates disturbances to the health, particularly through over-indulgence in pleasure and worry. There is a tendency to be very sarcastic and quick-spoken which it would be well for you to endeavor to curb by reasoning with her, for such an attitude of mind is what causes unpopularity and

the worry that follows then has a reflex action upon the health. Fortunately, however, it is possible for a person who has the will to modify the influences indicated in the horoscope and thus change the undesirable tendencies to something better.

Frances W., born September 15th, 1903, 11 p. m., Seattle, Wash.

Here we have a young lady of unusual ability in the occult direction. Uranus in the mental sign Sagittarius, sextile to Mercury, the significator of mind, shows her to be a very ingenious, independent, and original thinker, and Jupiter, the planet of religion, is in the zenith position, essentially dignified in the mystic sign Pisces, trine to Neptune on the Ascendant in the psychic sign Cancer,



shows in another way an extreme occult ability. Furthermore, as the tenth house shows the social position and prestige, we judge from Jupiter's presence there that she may in time attain a national or perhaps an international reputation. The aspects being from watery signs show a great deal of travel in connection therewith, though it should not be forgotten that these testimonies are somewhat minimized by the fact that Jupiter is retrograde. However, it is certain that she has an unusual ability to delve into the occult. Her inspiration and intuition are far above the normal and the Sun conjunction Venus in the mercurial sign Virgo shows her to be of a kindhearted and sympathetic nature, though the Moon square Mercury indicates that she may be very quick-spoken and impatient of others who do not grasp things as quickly as she, when that mood strikes her. This tendency should be checked for it will make her unpopular if indulged and allowed to grow. From this aspect she also gets a tendency to worry over things which never come to pass, but perhaps that is natural for sensitives, they are very much exposed to the conditions of others and it is difficult to differentiate between what really affects one-self and what comes from other people. At least it takes an effort to make the distinction and this, one is not always prepared to make, nor is one always conscious that such an effort is necessary.

The Sun and Venus sextile to Mars will make Frances very popular and attractive to the opposite sex which is both proper and legitimate. There is also a square of Sun and Venus to Uranus, the planet which loves liberty and hates conventionality. This means that unless she is very circumspect she is liable to be taken advantage of and become the subject of a scandal. You will, therefore, do well to instruct her in regard to these matters and look after her very carefully until she has finally settled down. But you need have no fear regarding the ultimate outcome. The Sun conjunction Venus in the Fourth house is one of the best testimonies of a home life filled with love and happiness, especially in the latter part of life, for it makes the fortunate person who has it so loving and companionable that all about her feel her charm. This aspect is also a good indication of comfortable financial circumstances so that though there may be some trouble in life it may be said that on the whole Frances has a most fortunate life before her.

With respect to health, we find that the Moon is rising in Cancer and square to Mercury in Libra. This shows a somewhat delicate constitution with the stomach and the kidneys as the weaker points from which trouble may be expected. The constitution, however, is considerably strengthened by Mars, the planet of dynamic energy, sextile to the life-giving Sun. Saturn is fortunately unaspected and retrograde but, nevertheless, he always makes some trouble wherever he is placed or from the opposite point. As he is in Aquarius and the opposite sign is Leo, which governs the heart, we may judge that it will have a slight obstructive effect upon the circulation and this will most probably be felt in the ankles which are governed by Aquarius. More damage is done to the heart during careless, impatient, impulsive youth than in after years and as the constitution of Frances is none too strong, every slightest strain counts. We would therefore advise you to acquaint her with these facts so that she may learn to husband her energy from the earliest possible time. This will probably save some trouble in the later years.

Henry B. W., born November 6th, 1914, 9:20 a. m., Luling, Texas.

Here is a youngster with a well-developed wanderlust indicated by an essentially dignified Mars in the watery sign Scorpio on the Ascendant, trine to Neptune in the ninth house which governs travel. The wandering Moon is posited in the mercurial sign Gemini to further accen-