

ASTROLOGY

Astrology Makes Known to Man the Will of God

ASTROLOGY is the science of finding and utilizing the natural potentialities as indicated in the planetary chart of birth. It also is the *religion* of utilizing in a *spiritual way* the potentialities thus revealed. Religion is not merely a system of faith, or a belief in a Supreme Being, but also a code of individual conduct. Astrology becomes a religion when, in addition to revealing the natural potentialities, it shows the individual how these can, and should, be utilized for the benefit of all mankind and the furtherance of the purposes of Deity.

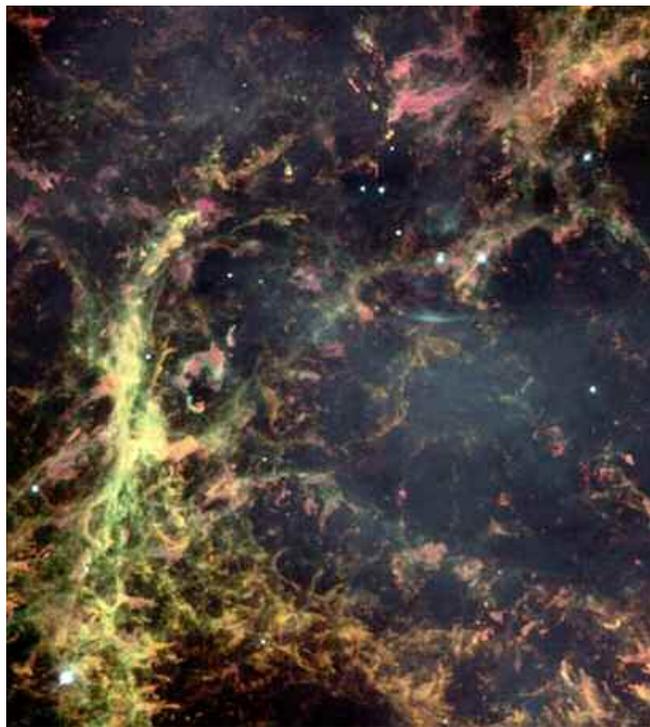
If the writer of the 19th Psalm spoke wisdom, the purposes of Deity can be learned not only from the prophets who employed ESP, but also from observing the positions and movements of the heavenly bodies:

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard."

Observation of what happens on earth and of the broad trends of evolution, as influenced by the movements of the planets in their courses, confirms the more important teachings of the prophets of all times and all lands.

These prophets taught, and the writing in the sky

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Crab (Cancer) Nebula

sets forth, that man should observe a code of conduct which will more and more elevate him above brute selfishness, will benefit his fellowmen, and will enable him to do his part toward the advancement of the human race.

Yet thus to live requires vastly more than persistent resolution; it requires also details of the knowledge of *how* to live. That is the reason so few people are satisfied with their lives. They have spiritual aspirations and material ambitions, but lacking the knowledge to realize them they fall far short.

How much better for the aspirant to a spiritual life if, instead of blindly struggling against tendencies he fails to understand, through astrology he comes to recognize within himself the source of undesirable traits of character and how to direct these energies into channels of action that will permit them constructive expression. The very energies which prompt unwise action, which impel him to conduct of which later he is ashamed, and which in manners usually unrecognized attract to him his

misfortunes, when properly directed become that much additional power working to assist him to realize his cherished aspirations. How much better it is for all those an individual contacts if through astrology he understands them, by that understanding is able to avoid sources of strife, and instead is able to assist them in their worthy undertakings, living peacefully and harmoniously with all.

How much better it is for the individual and the community in which he lives if through astrology he discerns his natural aptitudes, selects a vocation for which he is best fitted, and thus follows a calling in which he makes a success, rather than burden society with another failure. If the success is real it deprives no man of more than is given, and contributes to the welfare of the social group.

How much better it is for the individual and for the community in which he lives if through astrology he learns the diseases toward which he is predisposed, the periods of life when these predispositions will tend to develop into diseases, and through diet and thinking specifically selected for that purpose he remains well, than if he becomes a burden to himself and to others in illness.

Astrology not only reveals the causes of the conditions in an individual's life, but it sets forth a code of conduct specifically adapted to the individual to enable him to live to his highest in all ways. No one can utilize energies he does not possess, nor make the most of the energies he has without adequate knowledge. The religion of the stars reveals to the individual the energies he possesses, how to acquire new energies, and the most effective manner of directing all to the work of attaining the highest degree possible of true success, happiness, and spirituality.

Astrology is an essential part of our religion because it reveals the will of God. We believe that God speaks to man through the Bible, and that He also speaks to man through the positions of the heavenly bodies. But we hold that the true meaning of the Word of God as set down by man in the Bible, over which violent controversies have raged for ages, can best be ascertained by a study of the Word of God as written by Deity Himself among the stars.

In their beliefs, Catholics do not agree in some

respects with Protestants; nor do the various Protestant denominations agree with one another. Yet all believe, as do we, that the Bible is the Word of God. But in addition to speaking through the Bible, we believe that God reveals His will to man through the Laws of Nature. We hold that there is no antagonism between true science and true religion, and that in addition to the Bible mankind needs astrology to interpret the will of Deity. Those who believe in the Bible and hold to certain other tenets call themselves Catholics. Those who believe in the Bible and hold still different tenets call themselves Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, etc. We who believe in the Bible and also hold to the Religion of the Stars call ourselves Stellarians. No doubt those who make the interpretation of the Bible their profession are needed, and no doubt the practice of astrology may be made a valuable and equally honorable profession. But whether or not he occasionally is counseled by such professionals, we hold that everyone should become personally familiar with his Bible, and that everyone also should learn to erect and read his own chart of birth.

There is no essential reason why any good Christian, to whatever denomination he belongs, may not also be a Stellarian. In fact, many good Christians are also Stellarians. But whether he thus embraces the religion of the stars or not, because we believe in *freedom of worship*, we have no quarrel with any Christian or Jew.

God spoke to man through the ancient prophets, and through the same faculty of extra-sensory perception employed by those prophets He reveals His all-pervading presence and speaks to other men of the present day. But with still greater clearness He speaks to man through the symbolical pictographs that constitute the 48 ancient constellations. Each of these carries a message relative to the Divine Will traced in the heavens with fiery characters that can never be erased, and which, because the language of universal symbolism is employed, cannot be corrupted or twisted by evil men who try to give other scriptures an interpretation that will enable them to exploit their fellow-man and gain unjust power and wealth and other selfish advantages.

Each of the 48 constellations of old, whose characters were traced where all may see by the hand of Deity, sets forth its own spiritual text, from which a sermon of great enlightenment may be preached, a sermon which is based upon God's Great Evolutionary Plan and the part He asks mankind to take in realizing it. These 48 spiritual texts urge every person to *contribute his utmost to universal welfare*, and each reveals information designed to assist him to that end.

These constellations in which the Word of God has been set forth for all to see, also clearly indicate the true meaning of the various stories and points of controversy in other scriptures, including the Bible. Astrology does not discount the Bible as the Word of God. Instead, spiritual astrology shows just what the Word of God as set forth in the Bible truly means.

The Bible, no doubt, was amply adequate for the illiteracy and lack of scientific knowledge that marked the Piscean Age. But for the more enlightened age of Aquarius, Spiritual Astrology is sorely needed to reveal the will of God as it applies to all mankind....

Spiritual astrology explains in the language of symbolical pictograph that the universe is an organic whole permeated with the consciousness of God, and is not, as materialists would have us believe, just an aimless collection of material particles obeying blind physical laws. It explains that this organic whole, in response to the mental design of God, is marching endlessly toward greater and greater perfection. And it further explains that the soul of man, both on earth and in the hereafter, is not just a robot, but is called upon to employ initiative and intelligently to assist in carrying forward the work necessary for the realization of God's Great Plan. The nature of this Great Evolutionary Plan is clearly revealed by a study of God's Word which in the language of

symbolical pictograph has been traced among the stars as the constellations.

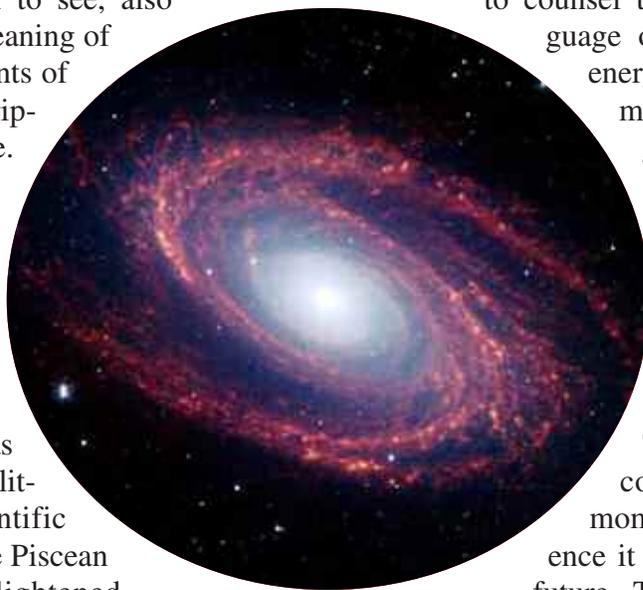
That God takes an interest in the affairs of nations is evidenced innumerable times in the Bible. We do not dispute the claim of Christian and Jew that God often counseled the people of a nation what steps they should take. The Bible, as the Word of God, reveals the repeated counseling of Israel. We believe that God is still interested in the fate of nations. We believe that He continues to counsel groups of people at this day, and that thus

to counsel them He employs the language of astrology. Astrological energies, through which God makes known His will to groups of people on earth, have affected the course of evolution at every step. Invisible streams from the planets exert pressures not only on all living things, but also upon inanimate objects. They are influencing the course of history at this moment, and they will influence it during every period of the future. Through them God guides progress toward the realization of

His aims. And often only by understanding *Mundane Astrology*, through which God counsels groups of people and nations, can it be determined what actions are, and what actions are not, apt to bring *freedom from fear* and apt to aid in the realization of God's great Plan.

Instances without number are related in the Bible where God took an interest in some individual and advised him what not to do and what to do. And we believe He still speaks to individual man, and that for this purpose *Natal Astrology* is the Word of God.

In the parable of the talents, set forth in Matthew 25, the Bible indicates that whatever abilities man possesses, God expects them to be used in the interest of the Lord. Or, as we Stellarians state it, the natural aptitudes should be developed and used, both to benefit the individual and to benefit all, and



Spiral Galaxy in Ursa Major

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thus assist in the realization of God's great Plan.

Each individual has some natural aptitudes more pronounced than others. The natural aptitudes which are strongest are those which directed into proper channels will enable the individual to be of greatest use to society. And the counsel of God which natal astrology affords the individual provides not only the best method of vocational selection, but when the individual has still more pronounced natural aptitudes which cannot be used in a business or a profession, it indicates how these can be, and should be, utilized to benefit society through some avocation.

Both the Word of God in the stars and the Word of God in the Bible indicate that people should have *freedom from want*: "Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest."—2 Kings 4:7

Every individual who fails in business deprives society of the product of his efforts which, if they had been directed into other channels, would have yielded something of value. Astrology should not be used by one man to take advantage of another, but this personal counsel of God can and should be used to indicate the nature of such enterprises, when they should be undertaken, and the steps that should be taken in conducting them, to make them yield highest values both to the individual engaged in them and to the public as a whole.

Both the Word of God in the stars, and the Word of God in the Bible also are quite convincing that God desires people to have good health. How else, for instance, can we interpret the various healings accomplished by Jesus? Astrology, of course, does not heal disease. But it does give God's counsel as to the type of diseases toward which the individual is most predisposed, during what periods there is

slight danger the disease will develop, and during what periods there is much danger of the disease. And it gives this divine counsel far enough in advance that by heeding it and taking proper precautionary actions the individual usually can avoid the diseases that otherwise would afflict him.

The Word of God in the Bible, over and over again, eulogizes peace, and the Word of God in the stars shows how through better understanding of each other, people can attain such peace. Harmony in the domestic relations, as well as harmony with people outside the home, is an advantage to the individual and the race. Through astrology God gives counsel how best to get along with another individual, either in the home or elsewhere. It enables each to understand the temperament and viewpoint of the other, and thus the more easily to reconcile their differences and take those actions which are likely to please.

The duties of children are mentioned in various places in the Bible, and Christian and Jew alike consider it essential to their religion that their offspring should be reared to reverence God, to deal justly, to be honest, and to cultivate other virtues which shall make of them valuable members of society. But both Christian and Jew also at times have great difficulty in bringing up their children in such a manner that when grown they actually possess these various virtues.

But in the Word of God which is astrology, God not only identifies these various virtues, but He offers counsel to parents on how best to handle each child so that it may develop the desired virtues. Through natal astrology He indicates the character, the natural aptitudes, and the broad tendencies of the child. Through the progressed aspects He reveals the nature of the stresses or stimulation's which at given periods tend to affect



Pleiades Star Cluster

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the child in a given way. The character of a child at birth is neither good nor bad. Instead, it embraces energies of given types and given harmonies and discords which may be channeled by environmental conditions into either beneficial or detrimental thoughts and behavior. And through natal astrology God reveals not only the types of energy, and their harmonies and discords, with which a given child is born, but also counsels how they may be conditioned by those who are charged with the child's training to obtain the desired virtues, and to inculcate other values which shall be of benefit both to the individual and to the public as a whole.

But cultivation of virtue should not be confined to childhood years. Both the Bible and the Word of God in the stars keep before man the thought that he constantly should work to improve his character and become more spiritual. Spirituality depends upon character, and progress toward spirituality and the religious life depends upon character-building. Astrology can neither form the character of the child nor reform the character of the adult. But it can provide a map of the various factors within the soul that go into making the character, and indicate the understanding and actions necessary for its improvement.

Through astrology God shows people what factors within their souls need changing if they are to become more spiritual and He counsels them how best to apply *directed thinking* and *induced emotion* to recondition these factors within their souls so that they shall become more spiritual. Also, through astrology He indicates how induced emotion may be most effectively employed in the case of the particular child to divert its soul energies into channels which are constructive and will enable it to lead a better life.

But God's interest in the individual is not limited to reforming the individual's character. The Bible relates that God counseled Jacob, Samuel, David, and various other persons concerning their personal problems. And when they have a serious personal problem God also will counsel individuals in the present day. Life is a succession of problems, of situations where the individual is called upon to decide what is the best thing to do. And in making decisions of importance God counsels the

THE NATAL CHART

The Houses are workshops of mortals;
The Cusp Signs relate to the Soul.
But planets are spirit in action
As onward the Life cycles roll.

Squares indicate yesterday's failures
Obstructions and losses we earned
By over-indulgence in pleasure,
Or lessons despised and unlearned.

The Sextiles and Trines reveal credits
For work we have faithfully done,
For services lovingly rendered,
For honors unselfishly won.

Equipment for all our endeavor
By Elements and Qualities shown,
May help or retard our progression;
The choice remains always our own.

—Isabel Ambler Gilman

individual through *Horary astrology*. Through such counsel the individual can receive aid in the solution of the various perplexities with which he is faced. The Religion of the Stars holds that God did not cease His interest in man soon after the commencement of the Christian era. The Religion of the Stars holds that, in the furtherance of His Great Progressive Plan, God still speaks to people on the earth.

The Religion of the Stars holds that God counsels mankind as a whole through spiritual astrology, counsels groups and nations through mundane astrology, counsels individuals relative to their broader endeavors through natal astrology, and counsels individuals relative to special perplexities through horary astrology. Astrology can be used for a wide variety of purposes, but its most valuable function is to reveal the Will of God, to give detailed information about the structure and potentialities of the human soul, and to instruct individual man at each step of life's journey how best he can develop his own character and most effectively assist in the realization of God's Great Plan. □