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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*.

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Astrology Lesson No. 20

[Printed Version Lesson No. 19A]**The Aspects and Properties of Planets and Signs**

In Lesson No. 12 you completed the setting up of the horoscope for August 10, 1912, 4:00 PM, New York City. We will now consider the subject of the aspects between the planets in this horoscope.

When two planets are a certain number of degrees apart, they are said to be in aspect to each other. Planets which are in aspect are very much stronger than otherwise, and the influences of the two planets blend so that each has an effect upon the affairs ruled by the other.

Table of Aspects

Planets are in aspect to each other provided:

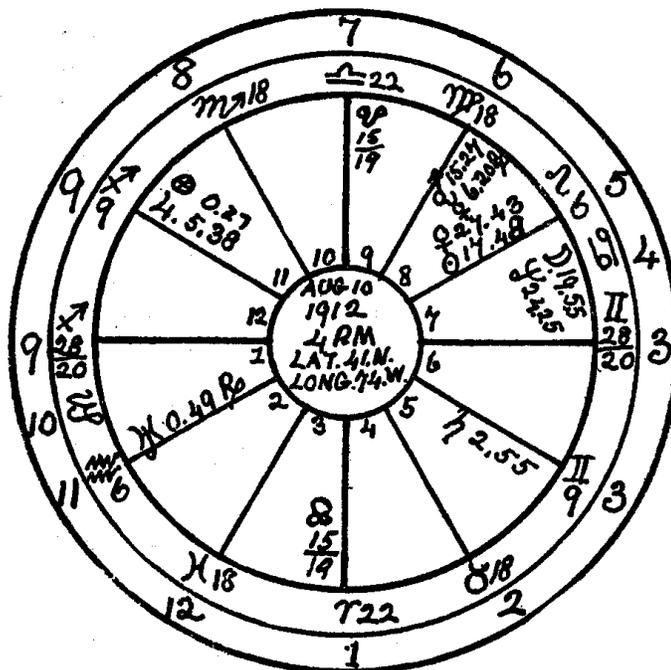
1st. That their distance apart in signs falls within any one of the classifications in the following table.

- 0 signs apart—Conjunction (♌)
- 2 or 10 signs apart—Sextile (*)
- 3 or 9 signs apart—Square (□)
- 4 or 8 signs apart—Trine (△)
- 6 signs apart—Opposition (♌)
- Same degree of declination, either North or South—Parallel (P) (||)

2nd. That they are also within orb of each other.

The nature of an orb is as follows: Each planet has invisible vehicles, which constitute an aura about it so that its influence is felt for some distance beyond its circumference. This distance is spoken of as its orb.

The size of the orb which is usually allowed in the case of the eight planets in aspects between themselves is 6 degrees. In aspects between the Sun and Moon 8 degrees are allowed, and the same for aspects between the Sun or Moon and any one of the eight planets.



Birth Chart—August 10, 1912—4:00 PM—Latitude 41 North—Longitude 74 West

Midheaven: Libra 22

Sun: Leo 17:48

Saturn: Gemini 2:55

11th House: Scorpio 18	Moon: Cancer 19:55	Uranus: Aquarius 0:49R
12th House: Sagittarius 9	Mercury: Virgo 6:20R	Neptune: Cancer 24:25
Ascendant: Sagittarius 28:20	Venus: Leo 27:43	Dragon's Head: Aries 15:19
2nd House: Aquarius 6	Mars: Virgo 15:27	Pluto: Gemini 29:37
3rd House: Pisces 18	Jupiter: Sagittarius 5:38	Part of Fortune: Sagittarius 0:27

Now to apply the above information, we will examine several of the planets in the above mentioned horoscope to find whether they are in aspect to one another or not. You will notice in the accompanying map of the horoscope that in the outer circle we have placed numbers which correspond to the numbers of the signs: that is, Aries is sign No. 1; Taurus is sign No.2; Gemini is sign No. 3, etc. In order to apply the first rule mentioned above, namely, to find whether the distance in signs between any two planets falls in one of the classifications in the Table of Aspects, we subtract the numbers of the two signs containing the two planets in question. For instance, Jupiter is in Sagittarius, the 9th sign, and Uranus is in Aquarius, the 11th sign. Subtracting 9 from 11 gives us 2, and looking at our Table of Aspects we find that two signs apart constitutes the sextile aspect. Now we still have to apply the second rule to ascertain whether these two planets are within orb in order to finally determine whether or not there is an actual sextile aspect between them. The degrees and minutes of the position of Uranus are 0-49, and those of Jupiter are 5-38. Subtracting these two sets of numbers we find the difference to be 4 degrees and 49 minutes. As this is less than the 6 degrees noted above as the permissible orb, we see that both conditions noted in the above rules have been complied with, and therefore Jupiter is sextile to Uranus.

We will also examine Saturn and Uranus in the above horoscope to find out whether they are in aspect to each other. Saturn is in Gemini, the 3rd sign, and Uranus is in Aquarius, the 11th sign. Subtracting 3 from 11 we obtain 8 as the distance in signs between these two planets. Looking at our Table of Aspects we note that this corresponds to the trine. Subtracting 0-49, the number of the degrees and minutes of the position of Uranus, from 2-55, that of Saturn, we obtain 2 degrees and 6 minutes as the difference between the two. As this is less than 6 degrees, these two planets are within orb, and therefore Saturn is trine to Uranus.

To make sure that the principle of aspecting is understood, we will take another example, namely, that of the Moon and Mars. The Moon is in Cancer, the 4th sign, and Mars is in Virgo, the 6th sign. Subtracting 4 from 6 gives us two signs apart, and by referring to the Table of Aspects we see that this is a sextile aspect provided that these two planets are within orb. The degrees and minutes of Mars are 15-27, and those of the Moon are 19-55. Subtracting these gives us 4-28, which being less than 8 degrees, the allowable orb of the Moon, shows that Mars and the Moon are within orb and therefore sextile to each other.

In determining the aspects between planets it will be noted that the houses have nothing to do with the matter whatever. Neither does it make any difference whether one or both of the two planets is in an intercepted sign, such as Cancer and Capricorn in the above horoscope. All we have to do is to subtract the sign numbers and then determine whether the planets are within orb.

If we should wish to ascertain whether Neptune is in aspect to Jupiter, we subtract 4, the number of Cancer in which Neptune is placed, from 9, the number of Sagittarius in which Jupiter is located, and obtain 5 as a result. Looking in our Table of Aspects we find that 5 signs apart do not constitute an aspect. Therefore there is no aspect between Neptune and Jupiter.

Following the above method we find the following aspects in addition to the ones noted above: Mercury square Jupiter; Mercury square Saturn.

The square is an aspect of 90 degrees, but as we allow an orb of 6 degrees (8 degrees for Sun or Moon) on either side of the 90 degrees, planets could be in square aspect to each other anywhere from 84 degrees to 96 degrees apart (82 to 98 for the Sun or Moon). In a like manner, the sextile could occur anywhere from 54 degrees to 66 degrees apart (52 to 68 for the Sun or Moon); or likewise, the trine aspect from 114 degrees to 126 degrees apart (112 to 128 for the Sun or Moon).

In addition, planets in the last 6 degrees of any sign must be compared with all planets in the first 6 degrees of other signs, because they may be in aspect to each other without coming directly under

the preceding rules. For instance, consider Venus and Saturn in the above horoscope. Venus is in the last 6 degrees of Leo, and Saturn is in the first 6 degrees of Gemini. The method is as follows: Add 6 degrees to the position of the planet which is in the last 6 degrees of its sign. Adding 6 degrees to 27:43 Leo, the position of Venus, gives us 3:43 Virgo. Now if the resulting degrees and minutes of Venus equal or exceed those of Saturn and also if the number of signs between Gemini and the new position of Venus, viz. Virgo, falls within one of the classifications in the Table of Aspects, the two planets are in aspect to each other. Applying these tests we find that Venus is square to Saturn. We find also that Uranus is nearly in opposition to Neptune (6 degrees 24 minutes). When one of the planets under consideration is the Sun or Moon, use 8 degrees instead of 6 wherever 6 occurs above, on account of the orb of the Sun and Moon being 8 degrees. Other examples (not in this horoscope) of cases like the above are as follows: Mars in 24:30 Aries is in conjunction with Venus in 0:30 Taurus; Mercury in 26:00 Taurus is sextile Jupiter in 2:00 Leo; Saturn in 27:00 Gemini is square the Moon in 5:00 Libra; Neptune in 28:00 Cancer is trine the Sun in 6:00 Sagittarius; Venus in 28:30 Leo is in opposition to Mercury in 4:30 Pisces.

There yet remain the Parallels. Two planets are parallel to each other when they are in the same degree of declination, either north or south; that is, they may both be north declination, both south declination, or one north and one south. The orb of a parallel is 1-1/2 degrees. The method of obtaining the parallels will be given farther on in this lesson.

We will now examine the nature of the various aspects. The sextile and the trine are regarded as benefic or favorable aspects. They represent faculties which we have built up in past lives, and which enable us to do things easily in this life. Therefore they bring us a certain measure of success. They also represent destiny of a favorable character which has been created by us in past lives and which is now ready for our reaping. The square and the opposition represent lessons which we have not learned in previous lives for some reason or other, and faculties which are still in a partially developed state. Therefore the chief lessons which we have to learn in the present life come through the square and the opposition. These aspects also represent destiny of an adverse character which we have created for ourselves in past lives by ill-advised or destructive action of some sort, and therefore this destiny is ready for our reaping in the present life. The conjunction sometimes falls in one class and sometimes in the other, depending upon the nature of the planets which are in conjunction. If the natures of the two planets harmonize with each other, the conjunction is benefic, but if the natures of the two planets do not harmonize, the conjunction is adverse in character. However, the detrimental effects of an adverse conjunction are much mitigated and may be very largely removed provided good aspects are brought to it from other planets in the chart.

Conjunctions in the "variable" column are sometimes benefic and sometimes adverse. For further information regarding them see *Simplified Scientific Astrology*, pages 98-99.

**TABLE OF CONJUNCTIONS
AND THEIR NATURES**

Benefic	Adverse	Variable
☉ ☿ ♃, ♀	☉ ☿ ♁, ♀, ♄, ♅	☉ ☿ ♁, ♁, ♅
☿ ☿ ♁, ♁, ♅	☿ ☿ ♁	☿ ☿ ♁, ♀, ♄, ♅
♃ ☿ ♁, ♁, ♅	♃ ☿ ♁	♃ ☿ ♁, ♁, ♅
♁ ☿ ♁, ♅	♁ ☿ ♀, ♄, ♅	♁ ☿ ♁, ♁, ♅
	♁ ☿ ♀, ♄, ♅	♁ ☿ ♁, ♁, ♅
		♁ ☿ ♁, ♁, ♅
		♁ ☿ ♁, ♁, ♅
		♁ ☿ ♁, ♁, ♅

Benefic: Sun conjunct Venus, Jupiter; Venus conjunct Mercury, Moon, Jupiter; Mercury conjunct Moon, Jupiter, Neptune; Moon conjunct Jupiter, Neptune.

Adverse: Sun conjunct Saturn, Uranus, Neptune; Venus conjunct Saturn; Saturn conjunct Mars; Mars conjunct Uranus, Neptune.

Variable: Sun conjunct Mercury, Moon, Mars; Venus conjunct Mars, Uranus, Neptune; Mercury conjunct Saturn, Mars, Uranus; Moon conjunct Saturn, Mars, Uranus; Saturn conjunct Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune; Jupiter conjunct Mars, Uranus, Neptune; Uranus conjunct Neptune.

The parallels do not have so pronounced an effect as the other aspects except in the matter of health, upon which they have considerable influence. In some cases the parallel is considered to have the same effect as the conjunction, in others the same as the opposition, and in still others the same as the trine.

It should be carefully noted at this point that there is no evil in any planetary vibrations. The only bad effects that can come from them are the result of our misuse of them or our inability to control them. Any planet emits the same vibrations at all times. The square and the opposition between two planets, however, tend to incite to excess in the use of their vibrations, and therefore to carry activities that come under their influence to such an extreme that they become evil. When one resists this tendency, however, he rules his stars and therefore avoids the evil effects. The planets do nothing at all except to energize that which we have within our own auras. The planets of themselves bring us neither good fortune or bad fortune. They merely stimulate us to create for ourselves good or bad fortune in accordance with the character which we have created for ourselves in the past. Adverse aspects bring temptations which will persist until we have learned to overcome them. Adverse aspects, however, bring us a great deal of valuable experience and enable us to develop spiritual muscle. A horoscope which contains only benefic aspects makes the life insipid because everything comes so easily that one is deprived of incentive to action and therefore fails to get zest out of life. A most hopeful factor in the situation is that adverse aspects may be transmuted into good ones by overcoming the evil tendencies which they produce. If we succeed in doing this, we will have a better horoscope in our next life because we have earned it. Thus do we progress in Evolution.

Dignities, Exaltations and Angles

Planets are said to be "dignified" in or to "rule" certain signs where the nature of the planet and that of the sign agree. When placed in the opposite sign, however, they are in their "detriment", because somewhat out of harmony with their surroundings and therefore weaker than in other signs.

Planets are said to be "exalted" in certain signs because they are powerful there. When occupying the opposite signs, however, they are in their "fall," hence not as strong.

Students should not get the idea from the above that the detriments and falls of the planets invalidate or destroy their influence. A planet is a driving force no matter in what sign it is located, and that force will operate regardless of all other considerations. Planets that are in the signs of their detriment and fall are a little handicapped in their activities, and therefore cannot get quite as good results as in more favorable signs, but they will always assert themselves to some degree wherever they are placed. The following table shows the rulerships, exaltations, detriments, and falls of all the planets.

Table of Planetary Powers

Planet	Rules	Detriment	Exaltation	Fall
Sun	Leo	Aquarius	Aries	Libra
Venus	Taurus, Libra	Scorpio, Aries	Pisces	Virgo
Mercury	Gemini, Virgo	Sagittarius, Pisces	Virgo	Pisces
Moon	Cancer	Capricorn	Taurus	Scorpio
Saturn	Capricorn, Aquarius	Cancer, Leo	Libra	Aries
Jupiter	Pisces, Sagittarius	Virgo, Gemini	Cancer	Capricorn
Mars	Aries, Scorpio	Libra, Taurus	Capricorn	Cancer
Uranus	Aquarius	Leo	Scorpio	Taurus
Neptune	Pisces	Virgo	Cancer	Capricorn

Angles

Planets in the angles of the horoscope, namely, the 1st, 4th, 7th, and 10th houses, are said to be angular, and there exert a greater influence for either good or ill than when located in the other houses. The 1st house and the 10th are the most powerful. Planets in the 1st house, particularly if they are in the sign on the Ascendant, have a very strong influence upon the personality and therefore a corresponding effect upon the activities and destiny of the life. A planet in the Midheaven, that is, the 10th house, has a strong influence upon one's position in life and general standing in the community. This is also true if it is in the 9th house rather close to the cusp of the 10th.

Rulers and Sign Classifications

Ruler of the Horoscope: The nominal ruler of the horoscope as a whole is the ruler of the sign on the Ascendant. In the present horoscope Sagittarius is on the Ascendant, and therefore Jupiter is the nominal ruler. In cases where the ruler of the Ascendant is weak by position and aspect, some other planet which is strong in these respects may be the real ruler and exert a greater influence than the nominal ruler.

House Rulers: The ruler of the house is the planet which rules the sign on its cusp. When a house contains one or more planets, the affairs of that house are largely judged by those planets, and the ruler of the house has only a secondary influence. When a house has no planets in it, its affairs are judged by the ruler of the house together with its positions and aspects.

Quadruplicities and Triplicities: The signs are divided into two general groups, namely, the quadruplicities and the triplicities. The general qualities of the signs in these groups are as follows:

Quadruplicities: Cardinal Signs: Aries, Cancer, Libra, Capricorn—Initiative, activity; Fixed Signs: Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, Aquarius—Stability, persistence; Common Signs: Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, Pisces—Flexibility, adaptability.

Triplicities: Fiery Signs: Aries, Leo, Sagittarius—Impulse, spiritual power; Earthy Signs: Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn—Materialism, practicality; Airy Signs: Gemini, Libra, Aquarius—Intellectuality; Watery Signs: Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces—Emotion, psychic qualities.

Planets in Cardinal Signs form the following aspects: conjunction, when in same sign; square, when 90 degrees (3 signs) apart; opposition, when 180 degrees (6 signs) apart. Likewise, planets in the remaining *Quadruplicities* (Fixed and Common) form similar aspects when within orb.

Planets in *Triplicities* (fire, earth, air and water signs) form trine aspects when within the orbs allowed. Sextile aspects are formed when planets are in alternate signs (60 degrees or two signs apart) and within orb.

Planets in the first 6 or last 6 degrees of any signs must always be considered separately as well as by classifications.

Minor Elements Dragon's Head and Dragon's Tail

The Dragon's Head has an influence similar to that of the Sun in Aries, and is Jupiterian in effect. The Dragon's Tail has an influence similar to that of Saturn though weaker. The only aspect which is considered in the case of the Dragon's Head and Tail is the conjunction, and an orb of only 3 degrees is allowed. The position of the Dragon's Head is copied from the Ephemeris without calculation, the Dragon's Tail being directly opposite.

Interception

Planets in intercepted signs (such as Cancer or Capricorn in our horoscope) do not exert their full influence in the early part of life as a rule. Their possibilities are latent. But when by progression they have moved out of the intercepted area their influence becomes fully active.

Retrogradation

Retrograde planets, that is, planets which are apparently moving backward in the signs (this movement is only apparent, not real) are not as clear-cut in their action as planets which are direct, that is, those which are moving forward in the signs.

Aspects to Ascendant and Midheaven

Aspects to the Ascendant, which represents the body, have an influence upon the health. Aspects to the Midheaven (MC) indicate the nature of one's opportunities for spiritual advancement. But since the exact time of birth is rarely known, and since a small error in this makes several degrees difference in the Ascendant or Midheaven, predictions made from aspects to these points are likely to be unreliable.

Table of Critical Degrees:

Cardinal Signs: Aries, Cancer, Libra, Capricorn; 1st, 13th and 26th degrees.

Fixed Signs: Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, Aquarius; 9th and 21st degrees.

Common Signs: Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, Pisces; 4th and 17th degrees.

When a planet is within an orb of 3 degrees of any of these points, it will be found to exercise a much stronger influence in the life than otherwise. (See pages 81 and 101 in *Simplified Scientific Astrology*.)

Note: The Minor Elements described above are all of secondary importance.

Index

All the information which we have worked out above regarding the aspects, dignities, exaltations, angles, triplicities, quadruplicities, and rulerships is now to be collected and placed in a diagram or index. On the next page is a picture which shows this index made out for the horoscope under consideration. From it we see that Neptune and the Moon are in cardinal signs; the Sun, Venus and Uranus are in fixed signs; Saturn, Mars, Mercury, and Jupiter are in common signs. Also, the Sun, Venus, and Jupiter are in fiery signs; Mars and Mercury are in earthy signs; Saturn and Uranus are in airy signs; Neptune and the Moon are in watery signs.

We also note that Jupiter, Uranus, the Moon, the Sun, and Mercury are dignified; Neptune and Mercury are exalted; Uranus, Neptune, and the Moon are angular; and Jupiter is the ruler of the horoscope.

It now remains to determine the parallels and insert them in the index.

In order to do this, we take our Ephemeris for Aug. 10, 1912, and copy the declinations for the noon positions placing them in the column marked "Decl.," as shown in the Index (see Chapter VII, *Simplified Scientific Astrology*). No calculation is required for the planets except in the case of the fast-moving Moon (see hereafter).

INDEX			
Elements		Decl.	Aspects
Cardinal	♃ ♄ ♅ ♆ MC.	♃ 15.37	
Fixed	♈ ♉ ♊ ♋	♀ 13.47	♁ ♃
Common	♌ ♍ ♎ ♏ ASC.	♄ 5.17	♁ ♃ ♁ ♃ P ♄
Fiery	♌ ♍ ♎ ♏ ASC.	♃ 26.45	♁ ♃ * ♄
Earthy	♈ ♉ ♊ ♋	♃ 18.46	♁ ♃ ♁ ♃ ♁ ♃ ♃ ♃
Airy	♈ ♉ ♊ MC.	♃ 20.42	* ♃ ♃ ♃ ♁ ♃ ♃ ♃ ♃ P ♃ ♃
Watery	♊ ♋ ♌ ♍	♄ 6.40	* ♃
Dignified	♌ ♍ ♎ ♏ ♃	♃ 20.34	♁ ♃ * ♃ P ♃ ♃
Exalted	♈ ♉	♃ 20.45	♁ ♃ P ♃ ♃
Angular	♈ ♉ ♊	♃	
Critical	♃	♃	
Degree	♌ ♍ ♎ ♏ ♃	ASC. 23.26	♁ ♃
Ruler	♃	MC. 8.29	* ♃ ♃ ♁ ♃ ♃
		♃ 20.20	♁ ♃ * ♃ ♁ ♃ ♃

The declination of the planets should be copied directly from the Ephemeris for the day having noon nearest G.M.T. with the exception of the fast-moving Moon. Its declination should be calculated by the logarithmic method as follows:

Moon's Declination at noon August 10:	27 degrees 45 minutes
Moon's Declination at noon August 11:	-25 degrees 05 minutes
Moon's travel on G.M.T. Day:	02 degrees 40 minutes
Logarithm of travel:	0.9542
Permanent Logarithm:	+0.4260
Sum of logarithms:	1.3802
Equivalent of logarithm:	01 degree 00 minutes
Moon's Declination at noon August 10:	27 degrees 45 minutes
Equivalent of logarithm:	-01 degrees 00 minutes
Declination of Moon at birth:	26 degrees 45 minutes

To find the declination of the Part of Fortune, Ascendant, or Midheaven, first take the longitude as shown in the chart. Then find the date (same year preferred) that the Sun was in the same degree (or nearest that degree) and sign. Note the date and see the declination of the Sun on that date. That represents the declination of the point in question. For example, in the chart we are considering, we find the Ascendant in Sagittarius 28:20 degrees. We take our Ephemeris for 1912 and find that the Sun was in 28:16 of Sagittarius on December 20th. Now in the column of declination of planets, on December 20th, we see the Sun's declination is 23:26. This represents the declination of the Ascendant.

The orb allowed for the Parallels is 1-1/2 degrees. In order to determine whether a certain planet is parallel to any other planet we first subtract the two declinations; if the result is 1-1/2 degrees or less, these two planets are parallel to each other. In the present case we note that the Sun's declination is 15:37. Comparing this with all of the other declinations, we find that there is no case in which the difference is less than 1-1/2 degrees; therefore the Sun has no parallels. In the case of Mercury, whose declination is 5:17 and Mars, whose declination is 6:40, the difference is 1:23, which is less than 1-1/2 degrees; therefore Mercury is parallel to Mars. Similarly, we find the following parallels: Jupiter parallel (P) Uranus; Jupiter parallel Neptune; Uranus parallel Neptune.

These parallels have been inserted in the index under the heading of "Aspects," on the right hand side of the diagram.

Work for the Student:

1] We would like you to take the horoscope for September 15, 1912, 2:00 AM, New York City, begun in lesson 5, and complete it. Then work out the aspects and other properties and make a complete index for that horoscope exactly after the pattern which has been illustrated above for the horoscope of August 10, 1912. (see *Simplified Scientific Astrology*, page 89).

Lesson No. 21

[Printed Version Lesson No. 19B]

Reading the Horoscope

This lesson will be devoted to reading the chart for August 10, 1912, 4 PM which was indexed in Lesson 20. We will number the various steps of the delineation so that they may be referred to as required. The page references below are to *The Message of the Stars*.

No. 1. The Ruler of the Horoscope:

The ruler of this chart is Jupiter, because Jupiter is the ruler of Sagittarius, the sign on the Ascendant. Jupiter being dignified in Sagittarius is an additional reason why it is the ruler of the chart. For the effect of Jupiter as ruler we turn to page 424, from which we obtain the following: People with the "jovial, genial, and generous well aspected Jupiter as life ruler are ensouled by a great desire for honor, respect, and esteem in their community. They are cordial, genial people with a jovial smile and a hearty handshake. They are law abiding but inclined to temper their justice with mercy; and while they themselves live lives beyond reproach they are kind, forgiving, and lenient to those of a weaker morality. They are philanthropic and always ready to give to charity and benevolent work." The above gives us a little picture of this personality.

On page 447 we find the influence on the life work when Jupiter is the life ruler: "Jupiter as life ruler signifies success in the professions, as a lawyer, judge, clergyman, ambassador, congressman, or other positions of public trust; also as a banker, financial agent, physician, or social worker."

No. 2. Ascendant and Type of Physical Body:

To ascertain the type of body given by Sagittarius rising we turn to page 104, where we find the following: "People born with Sagittarius rising are tall, the men in particular have large hands and feet. The face is long and well formed, the nose well proportioned, dark kindly eyes, and dark chestnut hair. The body is very active, but requires much rest, as the recuperative powers are below the average."

No. 3. Signs on the Angles:

We find common signs on the first and seventh angles and cardinal signs on the fourth and tenth angles. This indicates a mixture of flexibility and initiative in the personality, the common signs being of a flexible nature, and the cardinal signs giving enterprise and initiative.

No. 4. The Individuality:

For this we look to the Sun, the sign in which it is placed, and its aspects. Here we find the Sun in Leo. The characteristics given by this position may be found on page 152, as follows: "The Sun in Leo gives a masterful nature with a large measure of self-control, a keen sense of honor and a never-failing integrity. The person aspires to rule others, but would scorn to take a mean advantage. The affections are deep and lasting. These people are staunch defenders of those whom they love, but equally strong in their aversions. Whatever they do is done with a concentration of purpose which compels success." Additional information in regard to the characteristics of the Sun in Leo is given on page 126, as follows: "The sign Leo confers a noble, ambitious, and aspiring nature. Leo people are loyal and true friends through thick and thin. Leo is a fixed sign and gives its children considerable will power so that they are usually able to win their way to the top despite all handicaps and obstacles."

We have to note particularly, however, that the Sun is unaspected in this chart, and therefore it is very weak. The above characteristics of the Sun in Leo will still be in evidence to a certain extent, but they will not be strong and forceful. They will be rather negative in character.

No. 5. The Personality:

The personality is quite largely indicated by the Ascendant, the life ruler, and the Moon with its sign and aspects. The personal characteristics given by Sagittarius rising and Jupiter as life ruler have been given above and need not be repeated here. The Moon, the most impressionable of the planets,

is located in the sign of Cancer. We find the characteristics of the Moon in Cancer on page 226, as follows: "The Moon in Cancer gives a disposition which is kind, sociable, and sympathetic, but indolent and averse to effort whether physical, moral, or mental. These people love to drift with the tide. They are often sensitive to psychic conditions. This position also gives a love of home and its comforts."

The Moon has a sextile of Mars, which gives great vitality and a strong physique. It also gives a resolute, courageous, energetic and ambitious character, and makes the native resourceful and constructive.

The Moon is conjunct Neptune, which indicates strong psychic faculties and also a talent for music.

No. 6. The Mentality:

Mercury governs the reasoning faculty of the mind, and the Moon rules the faculty of the creative imagination. In this case we find Mercury with two adverse aspects, namely, the square to Jupiter and the square to Saturn. We find the former described on page 212, as follows: "Jupiter square Mercury gives a vacillating and wavering disposition so that the person cannot easily make up his mind when more than one course of action is open. People with this aspect often lose their opportunities through procrastination and lack of judgment."

Since Jupiter is the planet of optimism and since the square indicates an excess of the qualities conferred by the two planets square to each other, it follows that Jupiter square Mercury gives an over-optimistic trend of mind and leads the native into unwise and excessive expansion of the enterprises in which he may be engaged.

The square of Saturn to Mercury is found on page 210: "Saturn square Mercury gives a desire to study the occult, but it impels one to ferret out nature's secrets for personal power or gain. It makes the native bitter and sarcastic and sometimes subject to melancholia."

Saturn square Mercury confers the power of concentration, because Saturn is the planet of contraction, and when the mind stuff of which the mind is composed is held to a point by the contractive power of Saturn, the result is the ability to concentrate. Thus Saturn square Mercury gives the power of analysis and detail work in general, but the motive is likely to be selfish.

The Moon, the other factor ruling the mentality, determines the strength of the creative imagination, that is, the capacity for mental image-making. We have given above some of the effects of the Moon in Cancer and the Moon in aspect to Neptune and Mars. These need not be repeated here. In addition we may say that Mars sextile the Moon adds power to the creative imagination, and gives the ability to construct mental images and endow them with considerable life and force. Thus this aspect is likely to give the native a creative, constructive turn of mind and enable him to devise new methods of meeting any particular type of situation. The conjunction of Neptune brings the inspiration of this planet to bear upon the image-making faculty of the Moon, and therefore it may confer a degree of genius.

Another element which strengthens the mentality is to be found in the fact that Mercury is dignified and exalted in Virgo, a mental sign. However, Mercury is retrograde, which detracts somewhat from its force. Mars, the planet of energy, placed in the mental sign of Virgo stimulates the mind and gives keenness to the faculty of discrimination.

No. 7. General Character and Destiny as Indicated by the Other Planets, together with their Signs, Aspects and Houses:

Jupiter sextile Uranus is delineated on page 301, as follows: "It gives a broad, humane disposition and a tendency to delve into the occult arts and sciences. It gives a promise of prosperity in life. The person is honest and sincere, and likely to benefit from influential friends. This position gives executive ability and success in connection with institutions of learning."

Jupiter is dignified in Sagittarius and placed in the 11th house, thereby indicating many friends. Uranus in the first house gives an original, inventive, and altruistic personality, although the influence of this planet is weakened on account of its being retrograde. These two planets reinforce each other in their respective fields. We have Saturn in opposition to Jupiter, however, which tends to offset

somewhat the good effects of Uranus. We find Saturn opposition Jupiter delineated on page 299: "This gives a different, vacillating mind, distrustful of others, and inclined to drift with the tide." Saturn is the planet of contraction and therefore of crystallization. Its opposition to Jupiter limits somewhat the benevolent, optimistic tendencies of the native, and tends to make him fearful of his financial position and to fear failure unduly. Saturn is the stabilizer, but in adverse aspects it overdoes the matter and makes the person too cautious and too fearful. These characteristics will be more or less in evidence in this horoscope. The result will be that Saturn will limit the friendships which are conferred by Jupiter in the 11th house, and prevent them from being as satisfactory and profitable as they otherwise might be.

Saturn in the 5th house in Gemini stabilizes the mind, since Gemini is an intellectual sign. But Saturn's contractive influence shows up the affairs of this house, namely, those having to do with education, publication, speculation, and children. The native will be too fearful about all these matters, and therefore will not go ahead and fully succeed, although he has the analytical ability of the methodical Saturn to do so.

The trine of Uranus to Saturn helps out the matter very materially and prevents the opposition of Saturn to Jupiter from becoming very serious. It brings the intuition and inventiveness of Uranus to bear on the affairs of the 5th house, and tends to counteract the crystallizing, overcautious tendencies of Saturn. For further discussion on this point see Lesson No. 22.

These three aspects, namely, Jupiter sextile Uranus, Jupiter opposition Saturn, and Saturn trine Uranus are among the strongest in the chart, and are quite largely the key to the chart. The success or failure of the life will hinge upon them.

Venus is placed in the heart sign of Leo in the 8th house. Venus is the planet of love, attraction, social affairs, and art. The fire of Leo will emphasize these matters considerably, but the square of Saturn will hold them in check. Saturn square Venus is delineated on page 187, as follows: "This aspect makes the native underhanded and scheming to gratify his passions, often in an unusual manner. The person is usually a demon of jealousy, who makes life a burden for the marriage partner on account of his suspicious nature. People with this affliction are also exceedingly avaricious. They have poor business judgment, and are therefore liable to losses and failure." This aspect tends to prevent the native from getting very much satisfaction from his social relations.

No. 8. Health:

The health is largely ruled by the Sun, Moon, Ascendant, and the 6th house. The Sun in Leo gives a great deal of vitality, and the Moon, which governs the reproductive and assimilative functions, being sextile to Mars, the planet of energy, gives a strong constitution. Sagittarius rising lacks somewhat in recuperative power, but still is wiry and flexible. The 6th house, governing health and sickness, has no planets in it. It is ruled by Mercury, the ruler of Gemini, the sign on its cusp. Mercury is square to both Jupiter and Saturn; therefore we may conclude that the native will be of a nervous temperament, and will be likely to have more or less ill health brought on by worry induced by these two aspects. The nature of ill health is likely to be mental, although this in time might communicate itself to the physical organism if it is not checked. The native can break up this tendency, however, by realizing his proneness to excessive worry, and if he does this, ill health can be largely avoided.

No. 9. House Affairs:

The 1st, 5th, 6th, and 11th houses have been previously considered. The 7th house, ruling partnership, marriage, and one's relations with the public, is occupied by the Moon and Neptune. Both these planets are intercepted in the sign of Cancer. This means that their influence is latent and will not be brought out actively in the life until by progression they have moved out of the interception (this occurs at about the age of ten months - Moon only). The Moon is strong by being dignified in Cancer, and Neptune is exalted in Cancer. The Moon is also sextile to the planet of energy, Mars. Therefore, the affairs of the 7th house are likely to be very successful, and the success will be due quite largely to the inspiration of the native, which enables him to do the right thing at the right time. In the dealing of the native with the public he is likely to come into contact with women, signified by the Moon, to a greater extent than with men. His relations with the public might be in connection with

some phase of occultism or mysticism, signified by Neptune. The marriage partner will be of the dreamy, inspirational type. The partnerships which the native forms will have a good chance of success.

The 8th house is occupied by four planets, namely, the Sun, Venus, Mercury, and Mars. The 8th house rules the money which one obtains by inheritance. It also rules regeneration, and when strongly occupied as in the present case, the thoughts of the native are likely to turn toward regeneration. He is therefore likely to get away from the materialistic life and make considerable progress in evolution toward the higher ideals. The planets in this house, however, are weak, and therefore results will not be as great as would otherwise be possible. As stated above, the Sun is unaspected, Venus has a square to Saturn, and Mercury has a square to Saturn and to Jupiter. The last named aspect is likely to bring litigation in connection with legacies and prevent the native from realizing much from them. Mars has about half of its influence in the 8th house and the other half in the 9th, since it lacks only two and one-half degrees of being on the cusp of the 9th house. The orb of a house, extending backward, is five degrees, and Mars is practically in the center of this area. It will therefore impart energy to the affairs of both the 8th and 9th houses.

In the 9th house it will tend to make the native active in matters having to do with law, philosophy, or religion, also long journeys. The sextile of Mars to the Moon will bring the creative imagination to bear on these affairs and help to make them successful. When we have a planet in a house, that planet is the principal determining factor with respect to the affairs of that house, and in such a case the nominal ruler of the house is secondary and given much less consideration. In the case of the 9th house, Mercury is the nominal ruler since it is the ruler of Virgo, but the well-aspected Mars, having half of its influence in this house, will be the dominating factor.

The 10th house, governing the profession and one's standing in the community, is ruled by Venus, the ruler of Libra on the cusp. Venus, as noted above, has a square of Saturn, and therefore the native will be considerably hampered in his vocational work by the jealousy and mistrust of Saturn. He will defeat his own best interests by his suspicion and selfishness. His professional work is likely to be of an artistic character, indicated by Libra; it might be architectural drafting or work of a similar nature.

The 12th house, that of ripe destiny, is ruled by Jupiter, the ruler of Sagittarius on the cusp. Jupiter's aspects, previously considered, are both favorable and adverse. Therefore the destiny which is to be precipitated in the present life of the native will vary in character. Some will be advantageous and profitable, and some may involve him in confinement and sorrow.

The finances obtained by the efforts of the native are indicated by the 2nd house, ruled by Uranus and Saturn, the co-rulers of Aquarius. The aspects of these two planets have been previously analyzed. On the whole the finances are likely not to be very satisfactory. They will fluctuate more or less on account of the tendency of Uranus to sudden action. Also the fearfulness of the native will prevent him from being as successful as he otherwise might be.

The 3rd house, ruling the lower mind, brothers and sisters, and short journeys, is ruled by Neptune and Jupiter, the co-rulers of Pisces. Therefore its affairs are likely to fluctuate in accordance with the aspects of Neptune and Jupiter as previously discussed. The native will profit however, through his brothers and sisters.

The 4th house, governing the home, old age, and the parent who has the lesser importance (the 10th house rules the parent who has the greater importance in the native's life), is ruled by Mars, the ruler of Aries on the cusp of this house. Mars is well aspected by the Moon; therefore the affairs of this house will have considerable energy devoted to them, and the creative imagination will help to make them a success.

The 6th house, in addition to having an influence on health and sickness, rules service, that is, the work which one performs in the world for remuneration. It also rules one's relations with employees. This house has Gemini, a literary sign, on its cusp, indicating a liking for literary work. Mercury as ruler of this house, square to Jupiter and Saturn, indicates little success along this line, however, and also trouble and worry in dealing with subordinates.

No. 10. Parallels:

The parallels have principally to do with health and sickness. Space does not permit us to consider them here. The student may look in *The Message of the Stars* for the meaning of the various parallels indicated in the index given in Lesson No. 20.

No. 11. Summary:

We have now to balance or synthesize the various elements noted above so as to arrive at a net or composite judgment regarding the character and destiny of the native. In general, this horoscope has the usual proportion of good and bad conditions in it, and therefore it will give the native a great deal of interesting and valuable experience and enable him to make real progress in evolution. When a horoscope is composed entirely of benefic aspects, the life is likely to be too easy. The native acquires what he wants with very little effort, and therefore there is likely to be a lack of incentive to action. Obstacles bring out the power of the spirit, and in overcoming them, progress in evolution is made.

This native has the optimism and vision of Jupiter, the intuition and inventiveness of Uranus, and the energy of Mars to support him in all his undertakings. Saturn's efforts in his behalf are divided: part of the time Saturn will be constructive, but at other times he will be too contractive, fearful, and selfish. The bad aspects of Mercury are likely to make the native somewhat narrow-minded and pessimistic. Jupiter and Uranus, however, will help to overcome these tendencies. The image-making power of the Moon and the inspiration of Neptune will powerfully support the native in all his enterprises.

This lesson will be followed by Lesson No. 22, which will be devoted to an analysis of aspects by the use of keywords. In the present delineation we have given the net results, but we have not gone into detail as to how we arrived at them. This is where the student has the greatest difficulty. Therefore, the next lesson has been designed to give him a method of analysis, step by step, so that he may form his own conclusions in regard to the nature and effects of an aspect and become able to delineate independently. This is very necessary in order to make him self-reliant in his delineations and bring him to the point where he can use his power of analysis to ascertain the message which any horoscope has to give. For more detailed information with regard to the effects of the planets of this horoscope in their signs and houses, together with their aspects see *The Message of the Stars*.

Work for the Student:

1] In the horoscope for September 15, 1912, which you aspected and indexed in lesson No. 20, give a complete delineation of the personality, which depends upon the following factors:

Leo on the Ascendant.
The well aspected Sun as life ruler.
The Moon in Scorpio.
The Moon sextile the Sun.

Consult *The Message of the Stars*, if you have it, also the preceding lessons Nos. 10 to 19, for general information on these four factors. Then do some original thinking in order to synthesize or blend the information thus obtained so as to get the net result.

Astrology Lesson No. 22

[Printed Version Lesson No. 19C]

Reading Aspects by the Use of Keywords

On page 407 of *The Message of the Stars* a table of planetary keywords is given for the various planets, both in favorable and adverse aspect. These keywords represent the boiled-down essence of the planets. On page 405 the following passage occurs in regard to the use of keywords in connection with the delineation of a horoscope: "When the student has mastered the meaning of the positions and aspects of the various planets, he may with the greatest of ease give a good delineation of the effect of each aspect by combining the keywords in the table and *elaborating upon them.*"

This lesson will be devoted to carrying out this idea. It will include a complete set of keywords for all the planets, signs, and houses. It will also work out two aspects by the use of keywords, namely, Uranus sextile Jupiter and Saturn opposition Jupiter, showing how one may arrive independently at the net results which were obtained in Lesson No. 21.

Before we proceed, however, let us get a few fundamental conceptions in regard to what a horoscope shows. Astrology is the Clock of Destiny, but the horoscope does not create anything for us. The planets merely galvanize into action the tendencies which we have within us. They impel in a certain direction, but they do not compel. The human will is superior to astrological influence. The will cannot be gauged in advance; therefore we can never be certain that the astrological influences will work out entirely according to rules, because we cannot tell to what extent the will of the individual may interfere with them.

The rank and file of humanity, however, may be relied upon to respond quite closely to astrological influence. In the main only those who have begun to consciously direct their evolution are able to set it aside and thus rule their stars. The student of astrology by his very study of the subject and the endeavor to apply his knowledge is beginning to direct his evolution, and therefore is becoming able to rule his stars. If astrology is made the subject of fatalism, that is, a belief in a fixed fate, it becomes a curse rather than a blessing. *There is always a way out of the conditions brought about by any aspect; therefore we need not regard our fate as fixed at all.* Moreover, astrology is a science of probabilities; any square is susceptible to several interpretations. Therefore it behooves us not to make any hard and fast, ironclad delineations of the horoscope, for if we do we are very likely some time to be mortified by their failure to materialize. Astrology is exceedingly valuable as an index to character, and since character is destiny, the horoscope gives us a general index of our destiny; but in general it has many possibilities of interpretation.

Application of Keywords

Every planet, every sign, and every house has certain characteristics and a certain field of action which may be expressed by keywords. Farther on is given a table of keywords. You will notice that there are three sets for the planets and three for the signs. The first set gives the basic nature and field of action. The second gives the positive variations or qualities which result from right use of the planetary vibrations. The third gives the negative variations or qualities which result from misuse or excess. The basic keywords apply in all cases no matter whether the aspect is benefic or adverse. The positive qualities are brought into action by the benefic aspects, that is, the sextile and trine and the benefic conjunctions noted in the table in Lesson No. 20. The negative qualities are brought out by the adverse aspects, namely, the square and opposition and the adverse conjunctions shown in the table.

The Table of Keywords gives only the more important characteristics of the planets, signs, and houses. As you progress in your study of the subject, you will continually add new keywords and qualities to this list. There are also keywords for the aspect itself, that is, for the sextile, square, etc. The keyword of an aspect is usually a verb indicating action. You will learn the keywords of the aspects when we come to delineate a portion of this horoscope.

Table of Keywords

Signs

Aries

Basic Keywords: Self-esteem, initiative, pioneering.

Positive Qualities: Courage, enterprise.

Negative Qualities: Self-will, temper.

Taurus

Basic: Determination, harmony, earthiness.

Positive: Endurance, thoroughness.

Negative: Argumentativeness, obstinacy.

Gemini

Basic: Intellectuality, literary ability.

Positive: Versatility.

Negative: Changeability, superficiality.

Cancer

Basic: Love of home.

Positive: Sympathy, tenacity.

Negative: Clannishness, timidity.

Leo

Basic: Vitality, affection.

Positive: Nobility, loyalty, leadership.

Negative: Arrogance, cruelty, vanity.

Virgo

Basic: Service, mental qualities.

Positive: Purity, discrimination, hygienics.

Negative: Criticism, introspection.

Libra

Basic: Capacity for partnership, art.

Positive: Balance, justice.

Negative: Indecision, lack of poise.

Scorpio

Basic: Sex, healing, secret forces of nature, military affairs.

Positive: Regeneration, courage.

Negative: Discord, passion.

Sagittarius

Basic: Aspiration, philosophy, religion.

Positive: Idealism, philanthropy.

Negative: Dogmatism, bigotry.

Capricorn

Basic: Position, honors, ambition.

Positive: Authority, organization, justice.

Negative: Pride, suspicion, pessimism.

Aquarius

Basic: Humanitarianism, universal friendship, scientific methods.

Positive: Cooperation, diplomacy, progressiveness.

Negative: Impracticableness.

Pisces

Basic: Unity, ripe destiny, sensitiveness to the superphysical.

Positive: Compassion, inspiration, mysticism.

Negative: Dreaminess, psychism, sorrow.

Planets

Sun

Basic Keywords: Individuality, life, ambitions, those in authority, men.

Positive Qualities: Generosity, dignity.

Negative Qualities: Laziness, despotism.

Moon

Basic: Personality, imagination, fecundation, change, the public, women.

Positive: Magnetism.

Negative: Dreaminess, visionariness, vacillation.

Mercury

Basic: Reason, speaking, writing.

Positive: Quick-wittedness, dexterity.

Negative: Restlessness, demagoguery, dishonesty.

Venus

Basic: Attraction, love, social activities, beauty.

Positive: Artistic ability, harmony.

Negative: Laziness, sensuality.

Mars

Basic: Dynamic energy.

Positive: Constructiveness, enterprise.

Negative: Destructiveness, temper, friction.

Jupiter

Basic: Expansion, ideation, optimism, law.

Positive: Benevolence, vision, success, popularity.

Negative: Extravagance, indolence, over-confidence.

Saturn

Basic: Contraction, persistence, caution, system.

Positive: Faithfulness, analysis, discipline, tact.

Negative: Crystallization, obstruction, avarice, fearfulness, limitation.

Uranus

Basic: Altruism, intuition, originality, sudden action.

Positive: Inventiveness, independence.

Negative: Eccentricity, irresponsibility.

Neptune

Basic: Superphysical entities, divinity, occultism.

Positive: Inspiration, spirituality.

Negative: Delusions, fraud, mediumship.

Houses

1st: Early environment, personality, physical body.

2nd: Finance.

3rd: Lower mind, short journeys, brothers and sisters, speaking and writing.

4th: The home, the parent of lesser importance, old age, lands and mines.

5th: Pleasure, education, children, publications.

6th: Service, health and sickness.

7th: Partnership, marriage, the public, the fine arts.

8th: Inheritance, cause of death, regeneration.

9th: Higher mind, religion, law, long journeys.

10th: Profession, social standing, the parent of greater importance.

11th: Friends, hopes and wishes.

12th: Ripe destiny, mysticism, institutions for unfortunates.

General Notes

Planets represent the driving forces of the horoscope.

Signs represent the static forces which color and modify the influence of the planets.

Planets in signs indicate the character and inner capacities.

Planets in houses give the circumstantial details of the life.

Reading by Keywords

In Lesson No. 20 we worked out the aspects and other elements for a horoscope erected for New York City, September 15, 1912, 2:00 AM In Lesson No. 21 this horoscope was delineated by reference to *The Message of the Stars*. We will now take two aspects in the chart of Lesson No. 12 (August 10, 1912, 4:00 PM) and analyze them in detail by the use of keywords.

No. 1: Uranus Sextile Jupiter

The sextile is a harmonious aspect and indicates that good judgment is used in all the matters ruled by these two planets so far as it may not be of an adverse character. Therefore we use in addition to the basic keywords the positive set of qualities for both Uranus and Jupiter and also for the two signs in which they are located, namely, Sagittarius and Aquarius. We will now consult the Table of Keywords above. From it we note the following keywords and qualities:

Jupiter:

Basic Keywords: Expansion, ideation, optimism, law.

Positive Qualities: Benevolence, vision, success, popularity.

Sagittarius:

Basic Keywords: Aspiration, philosophy, religion.

Positive Qualities: Idealism, philanthropy.

We now have to combine the keywords and qualities of Jupiter with those of Sagittarius to find some of the characteristics and activities given thereby. In doing this it is necessary to exercise some ingenuity to select and blend into a key sentence the keywords that will produce a reasonable and probable result. Upon examination we conclude as follows: The *positive* Jupiter in Sagittarius gives vision (Jupiter) that may be exercised along the lines of religion (Sagittarius), or philosophy

(Sagittarius), with success (Jupiter) therein. Also there may be aspiration (Sagittarius) for the law (Jupiter) and a high idealism (Sagittarius) in its practice.

We will next apply the above method to Uranus in Aquarius. From the Table of Keywords we obtain the following:

Uranus:

Basic Keywords: Altruism, intuition, originality, sudden action.

Positive Qualities: Inventiveness, independence.

Aquarius:

Basic Keywords: Humanitarianism, universal friendship, scientific methods.

Positive Qualities: Cooperation, diplomacy, progressiveness.

Selecting and blending keywords from this list that seem to fit together we conclude that the positive Uranus in Aquarius gives original (Uranus) methods of developing and carrying out humanitarian (Aquarius) projects and obtaining the cooperation (Aquarius) of others in these projects. The altruism (Uranus) and progressiveness (Aquarius) of the native lead him to develop along the lines of universal friendship (Aquarius), that is, to make all humanity his friends.

Next we combine the keywords of Uranus and Jupiter to ascertain the kind of character and activities given by this aspect. We conclude as a result that this person is of the altruistic (Uranus), inventive (Uranus) type, and that the corresponding qualities will be exerted along benevolent (Jupiter) lines and the maintenance of law (Jupiter), with general success (Jupiter) resulting.

We will now look at the keywords for the houses containing these two planets. The keywords for the 1st house as found in the table are: early environment, personality, and the physical body. The keywords for the 11th house are friends and hopes and wishes. Combining the keywords of the positive Jupiter with those of the 11th house, we find that this position gives vision (Jupiter) in selecting friends (11th) and success (Jupiter) in friendships (11th). Combining the keywords of the positive Uranus with those of the 1st house, we conclude that the native has a very original (Uranus), altruistic (Uranus) personality (1st), and is likely at times to be quite unconventional (Uranus). Sudden action (Uranus) is also shown due to the restlessness of Uranus.

When two planets are tied together in an aspect, it results in a mutual action and reaction between the affairs of the two houses containing them. In this case there will be such an action and reaction between the 1st and 11th houses. Briefly, the action of the 1st house affairs upon those of the 11th will be as follows: The original (Uranus) progressive (Aquarius) personality (1st) of the native will make (sextile) for him friends (11th) of an optimistic (Jupiter) idealistic (Sagittarius) type. Note that seven keywords are used, namely, one for each of the two planets, the two signs, and the two houses, also one for the sextile, which is a verb denoting action. This is called the "sevenfold combination of keywords." The action of the 11th house affairs upon those of the first is as follows: The benevolent (Jupiter) philosophical (Sagittarius) friends (11th) of the native will help (sextile) him in his original (Uranus) humanitarian (Aquarius) projects, and the direct effect upon him will be an improvement in his personality (1st) due to the help he has given to others.

It should be noted here that since Jupiter is in 5:38 of Sagittarius, it is only 4:22 from the cusp of the 12th house. Since the orb of a house is 5 degrees, extending backwards, it will be seen that a small percentage of Jupiter's influence, roughly 10%, will be exerted in the 12th house. We will not investigate this at this time however.

This finishes the itemized delineation of this aspect. It is not a complete delineation however. Many other deductions could be made, but it goes far enough to illustrate the method and give the student an idea of the principles involved. It yet remains to summarize all the above items into a concise paragraph, using non-technical language, leaving out all astrological terms, and avoiding repetition of the same thought. We will leave this to the student to do as an exercise in synthesis. Please do this at the same time you complete the delineation asked for at the end of this lesson.

No. 2: Saturn Opposition Jupiter

The opposition is usually a somewhat inharmonious aspect; therefore in delineating it we will use the basic keywords but combine them with the negative qualities instead of the positive. This applies both to Saturn and Jupiter and the signs which they occupy. The basic keywords of Jupiter are: expansion, ideation, optimism and law. The negative qualities are: over-confidence, extravagance, and indolence. The basic keywords of Sagittarius are: aspiration, philosophy, religion; the negative qualities are: dogmatism, bigotry. Selecting the keywords which will naturally blend, we arrive at the conclusion that the negative Jupiter in Sagittarius gives the native a tendency to over-confidence (Jupiter) and thus to expand (Jupiter) too rapidly in matters connected with philosophy or religion (Sagittarius). He is also extravagant (Jupiter) and dogmatic (Sagittarius), and pursues his studies in the above subjects in an indolent (Jupiter) manner.

Following this same method to determine the negative nature of Saturn in Gemini, we blend the basic keywords which we find in the table with the negative qualities. As a result we conclude that this person will be persistent (Saturn) in literary (Gemini) pursuits; but his contracted (Saturn) mental (Gemini) condition will make his literary (Gemini) product superficial (Gemini), and limit (Saturn) his success in this field.

Proceeding similarly with the negative aspect of Saturn opposition Jupiter, using the basic keywords and the negative qualities in the table, we deduce the fact that this aspect limits (Saturn) the benevolent (Jupiter) tendencies of the native, obstructs (Saturn) his vision (Jupiter), and in general handicaps (Saturn) him in his work; also the indolence (Jupiter) of the native subtracts from his persistence (Saturn).

Next we examine the negative effect of these two planets in their respective houses. Combining the basic keywords and negative qualities of Jupiter with the keywords of the 11th house, we conclude that some of the friends (11th) who will be attracted under this aspect will be of the extravagant (Jupiter), indolent (Jupiter) type. Combining the basic keywords and negative qualities of Saturn with the keywords of the 5th house, we see that the native will be limited (Saturn) in matters connected with pleasure and children (5th), and he will meet obstructions (Saturn) in activities connected with education and publications (5th).

The action of the 11th house affairs upon those of the 5th will be as follows: The extravagant (Jupiter), bigoted (Sagittarius) friends (11th) which the native naturally attracts to himself, so far as this aspect is not neutralized by others, will interfere (opposition) with his success in publishing (5th) his literary (Gemini) works by causing him to lose his native caution (Saturn) and become careless. The reaction of the 5th house affairs upon those of the 11th is as follows: The avarice (Saturn) of the native in intellectual (Gemini) pursuits connected with educational (5th) projects will cause (opposition) the loss of prosperous (Jupiter), idealistic (Sagittarius) friends (11th). Note that the sevenfold combination of keywords is used in both cases in this paragraph.

This delineation of Saturn opposition Jupiter is very elementary in character; many other conclusions could be formed regarding this aspect. The delineation should be summarized in the same manner that was used in summarizing Jupiter sextile Uranus. Please do this summary along with the preceding one.

It will be noted that the two aspects delineated above are quite contrary in character. This is where the judgment of the astrologer must come in to determine which one will dominate and how much of the influence of each will be felt. In order to determine this we look to ascertain the relative strength of Jupiter, Saturn, and Uranus. Jupiter is strong because he is dignified in Sagittarius and because he is the ruler of the horoscope. Also Jupiter is above the horizon, while Saturn is below it. Planets above the horizon have greater freedom of action than those below and are not so hampered by fate. Therefore we may conclude that Jupiter is stronger than Saturn, and therefore will quite largely be able to overcome the limiting, contracting influence of Saturn. Another factor in the situation is that both Saturn and Jupiter are supported by Uranus, the former by a sextile and the latter by a trine. Uranus is strong by being dignified in Aquarius and located in the 1st house. Therefore the intuition of Uranus will be used by the native to overcome the restricting saturnine influence.

Hence we may conclude that Jupiter, supported by Uranus, will dominate the situation quite largely and hold the obstructing, limiting qualities of Saturn in check, forcing Saturn to bring forth

many of his positive qualities instead of the negative. The native will nevertheless at times yield to the saturnine inclinations and thereby obstruct his own best interests and get into a pessimistic frame of mind as a result. But this will be only temporary; the expansive optimism of Jupiter will always win out in the end, and good will prevail over evil.

When we have two aspects of an opposite nature, as in the present case, it does not mean that one will neutralize the other. The two will appear alternatively from time to time in the disposition of the native. The effects in the outer world, however, signified by the houses, may be quite largely neutralized; that is, the benefic aspect may dominate the adverse one to such an extent that the latter will not produce marked detrimental effects. But the two phases of the character will persist and manifest until the lower is mastered.

The above reading of a positive and a negative aspect has been done in such a manner as to afford the student a key to the whole matter of delineation. It is only necessary to apply the above method to all the other aspects, using the keywords which apply in each case and combining them to arrive at conclusions. If the student can do it once, he can do it any number of times. After he has mastered the principles involved in reading and balancing a pair of conflicting aspects, he is quite capable of reading an entire chart, because it is largely a repetition of the same process. In the end all the departments of the horoscope must be similarly balanced so as to determine how any department may modify the influence of the others and thus affect the net result.

Work for the Student:

1] To see that you have mastered to some degree the principles set forth above, will you please delineate by the use of keywords the following aspect which occurs in our chart:

Mars in Virgo in the 8th house sextile to the Moon in Cancer in the 7th house.

Remember to do the summaries requested above for Uranus sextile Jupiter, and Saturn opposition Jupiter.

Miscellaneous Points

"These aspects (the conjunction and the parallel) are variable. If between benefics (Sun, Venus, Jupiter), they are good, or if the planets of variable nature (Moon, Mercury) are aspected by conjunction or parallel with the benefics, it is good, but if the Sun, Moon, Mercury, or Jupiter is in conjunction or parallel with one of the malefics (Mars, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune), it is evil; the conjunction of 2 malefics is more so, but the parallel of 2 malefics is exceedingly strong in its mental influence. Conversely, of course, the parallel between 2 benefics is extraordinarily fortunate." (*Simplified Scientific Astrology*, pages 98-99.)

"It may also be noted that the conjunction and parallel act principally upon the health, while the other aspects affect the business, social standing, etc." (*The Message of the Stars*, page 488.)

"The points in the horoscope which are the principal foci of vitality and health are the Sun, Moon, and ASC, designated by the term "hyleg" by ancient Arabian astrologers. It needs little argument to show that the great and glorious reservoir of life which we call the Sun is an important factor in the matter of health, and that the lesser Light, the Moon, has dominion in this respect, for she collects and reflects the solar rays. The reason why the ASC is designated as a factor in health and vitality is not so apparent upon the surface, but when we realize that the *ASC at birth (or its opposite point) is the Moon's place at conception*, the reason is obvious, for the Moon is the planet of fecundation, the focus and reflector of the solar life-forces, and if, at the time of conception, when the human seed-atom was planted, she was in a weak sign like Virgo, there is fundamental lack of energy and vitality at the very start of life, and a consequent lassitude which affects through all the years of its existence the body then beginning to germinate." (*Simplified Scientific Astrology*, pages 129-130.)

"Astrologers have observed that a child born at or near noon, when the Sun's rays strike the birthplace from the 10th house, has a better chance of advancement in life, other things being equal, than one born after sundown. Therefore, they say that the 10th house determines social position and honor." (*Simplified Scientific Astrology*, pages 128-129.)

"Aspects to the ASC, which represents the body, have an influence upon the health. Aspects to the MC indicate the nature of one's opportunities for spiritual advancement." (*Simplified Scientific Astrology*, page 91.)

"Planets placed in the 12th house are considered as being on the ASC within 6 degrees thereof, also all planets in the first house, no matter how far from the rising degree; but if a sign be intercepted in the first house, planets placed therein will not have as strong an influence in the life as though the sign occupy the cusp." (*The Message of the Stars*, page 91.)

Astrology Lesson No. 23

[Printed Version Lesson No. 20]

The Measure of Amenability to Planetary Vibrations - Part I

When judging a horoscope it is of prime importance that we take into consideration the social and racial standing of the individual, for configurations which are of great significance in the horoscope of an educated Caucasian may mean little or nothing in the horoscope of a Chinese coolie, and vice versa. Neglect of this factor would inevitably lead to false conclusions, as we shall now explain.

It is a mystic maxim that the lower in the scale of evolution a being is placed, the more certainly he responds to the planetary rays, and conversely the higher we ascend in the scale of attainment, the more man conquers and rules his stars, freeing himself from the leading strings of the Divine Hierarchies. This yoke, however, was not placed upon man in order to restrain him needlessly, but just as we in our ordinary life restrain a child from doing things in its ignorance which would hurt it and perhaps cripple it for life, so also are we restrained by the Divine Hierarchies through the planetary aspects in such a manner that we do not hurt ourselves beyond recovery in the experiences of life.

But coupled with this guidance there is of course a measure of free will, which grows as we evolve. The child in our midst has really very little free will; it is subject not only to its parents but to the servants, if such there be in the household, and to everybody with whom it is associated; all exercise control over it for its own good. As the child grows, this measure of restraint is by degrees relaxed; in the course of years the child will learn to exercise its free will.

This method has been followed by the Divine Hierarchies in the case of man. Infant humanity was absolutely guided by divine rules without having any will at all. "Thus shalt thou do, or not do," were injunctions laid upon them which must be implicitly obeyed, otherwise the divine displeasure was at once shown by such strenuous manifestations as appealed to infant humanity's mind, namely, lightning, thunder, earthquakes, and visitation of great plagues. This was for their collective guidance. For individual restraint there were strict laws, commandments, and ordinances. Tribute must be paid continually to the Divine Leader and offered upon the altar as sacrifices; for every offense against the law a certain sacrifice of material goods must be made. Fear was the dominant keynote of that dispensation, for "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom."

This regime was carried on under the planetary influences of Mars and the Moon. Mars, being the home of the dominant Lucifer spirits, gave to mankind the energy necessary that evolution might be accomplished. This Martian energy was of the very greatest importance, particularly, of course, in the earlier stages. The Moon, which is the home of the angels under their divine leader, Jehovah, gave to infant humanity the childlike brain mind which is amenable to rulership, and bends itself readily before authority.

These rays with those of Saturn were the only planetary rays which affected mankind as a whole during the Lemurian Epoch. If a horoscope were erected for any of the people who lived then, it would be unnecessary to enter the other planets, because the people of that day could not have responded to their rays. Even today a great part of mankind has not evolved very far beyond that point. A large class, particularly among those we speak of as the lower races and even the lower classes of our western world, are dominated principally by these planetary rays.

Under their impulses these people act with automatic certainty in a specific manner, and it is possible to predict exactly what they will do under a certain aspect of these planets, because they live entirely in their emotions and are scarcely, if at all, responsive to the intellectual vibrations of Mercury. Neither can they appreciate such emotions as are signified by Venus or its higher octave, Uranus; they respond solely to the lower nature, the animal passions. They move under the impulses of Mars and the Moon respecting sex and sustenance. Their pleasures are of the lowest and most sensual nature; they live like animals, altogether in the physical; their creed is, "Eat, drink, and be merry." Their desires run chiefly to "wine and women," for they have not yet awakened to the charm of song. Neither has beauty had a chance to enchant the savage heart at this stage of development, for that

comes from the Venus rays which are beyond such people. Woman is to the man of this stage only a beast of burden and a convenience.

Meanwhile "Father Time," represented by the planet Saturn, keeps the score and wields over them the whiplash of necessity to drive them forward on the evolutionary path, meting out to each the fruits of his labor at the harvest time between lives. When the man has cultivated the savage virtues of bravery, physical endurance, and the like, he dreams in the postmortem existence of new fields to conquer; he sees where he was lacking and why his desires were frustrated because of lack of implements. Gradually the constructive Martian ray and the Saturn cunning fertilize the lunar brain which he is building, so that in time he learns to make the crude implements necessary for the attainment of his primitive ambitions. Even today we see the same cunning traits of character, the same crude crafts displayed by the lower races for the purpose of irrigating land, mining ores, or milling grain as in the case of primitive man. All those earliest implements were the result of the planetary rays of Saturn, Moon, and Mars, impinging on the undeveloped brain of infant humanity.

A little further along the path of evolution, in the Atlantean Epoch, the Lords of Venus and the Lords of Mercury came to the earth for the purpose of giving a further impulse to man's mental and emotional development. It was the task of Venus to combat the lower emotions and raise the brutish animal passion of Mars to the softer and more beautiful Venus love. She was to add beauty to strength, and to attain that ideal the Lords of Venus fostered the plastic arts, painting and sculpture. These were not taught to the general public at that time. The ideals which are to be developed in a race are always first taught to the most advanced ones in a mystery temple. At that time Initiation included no spiritual instruction, but consisted of an education in the liberal arts. Sculpture taught how the beautiful might be incorporated in physical form; it called attention to the body, and idealized the softly curved lines. The result is now incorporated in our own race body, for it should be thoroughly understood that in a mystery school an ideal is not taught today simply to be forgotten tomorrow or the next generation, but ideals are inculcated so that in time they may become part of the very life, soul, and body of the race. Compare the race body of the Indian, the Bushman, the Hottentot, with that of the modern civilized man, and you will find that there is indeed beauty added to strength in the latter.

It may be objected that our art is degenerating compared with what is shown in Hellenic arts, but this is positively not so. It is rather that we have not yet attained to the highest ideal. In ancient Greece the mystery temples occupied a much more prominent position than today; the beautiful form was then idolized to the detriment of the mind, notwithstanding the fact that Greece had a Plato and a Socrates.

The Lords of Mercury, who had charge of the development of mind at the time when the Lords of Venus exercised their great influence on the emotions, had not then been able to make a universally strong impression on early humanity. We are well aware even today that it is wearisome to think but it is easy to follow the emotions. At the present time the middle class of the West is much further advanced than were the ancient Greeks, because of the influence of these two planetary rays in our lives. Woman naturally excels in the highly imaginative Venus faculty, because of her part in the creative function, which faculty aids in molding the body of the race. On that account her figure has the graceful curves which naturally express beauty, while man has the worldly wise intellect fostered by the Lords of Mercury, and is the exponent of reason, the creative agency of physical progress in the world's work.

We always long for, admire, and aspire to what we lack. In days of savagery when kicks and cuffs were her daily fare, woman longed for a caress from her lord. The Venus ray gave her beauty and made her an adept in the feminine arts, which have conquered the masculine heart, so that now man plays the role of protector on the plea that woman is not mentally competent. Meanwhile he is becoming that which he admires in her: he is more gentle and kind; Venus is conquering Mars. But the Mercury delusion of intellectual superiority needs another influence to conquer it, and this, woman is now attracting by her aspiration for it. As she mastered Martian brutality by Venus beauty, so also will she free herself from Mercurial bondage by Uranian intuition.

Work for the Student

1] After you have studied this lesson, please set up the practice horoscope below.

HOROSCOPE DATA SHEET:

Name: Junior Astrology Lesson No. 23
Place: Atlantic City, NJ, USA
Latitude: 39 North
Longitude: 74 West
Birth Date: July 4, 1912
Birth Time: 3:00 AM Standard Time

Lesson No. 24

[Printed Version Lesson No. 21]

The Measure of Amenability to Planetary Vibrations - Part II

To primitive man, driven by the whiplash of saturnine necessity when not by the animal lust and passions of Mars and the Moon, the world looks gloomy. Fear is the keynote of his existence—fear of animals, fear of other men, fear of the nature forces, fear of everything around him. He must ever be watchful and on the alert; vigilance is eternally the price of safety. But when evolution makes him amenable to the influence of Venus and Mercury, they soften his emotions and brighten the mentality. He begins to feel love and reason as factors in life.

The Sun also begins to brighten his outlook upon life, and sunshine in the nature of man during this phase of his evolution partially dispels the cloud of Saturn. Thus, by degrees, as he evolves and becomes responsive to the music of the spheres, one string after another of the celestial harp strikes a kindred chord in the human soul and makes man amenable to its vibrations. Thus as a tuning fork which is struck awakens the music in other tuning forks of even pitch within reasonable distance, so the planets in our solar system have in evolutionary succession struck various chords that have found an echo in the human heart.

But the strings on the celestial Lyre of Apollo are not all in harmony; some are in actual discord. While man responds to certain cries, he must necessarily remain at least partially unresponsive to others. In fact, before it is possible to respond perfectly to the rays of Venus it is necessary for man to conquer Mars to a considerable degree and bring him under control, so that certain undesirable martial traits in his nature are kept in the background while others, which may be valuable, are retained. The Venus love which is willing to give all for the loved ones cannot dwell side by side in the heart with the Mars ray which demands all for self. Therefore the savage must learn to conquer himself in a certain measure before he may become the more civilized family man of modern times.

Under the unrestrained rays of Mars and the Moon parents bring children into the world and leave them to take care of themselves almost as animals do, for they are products of animal passion. The females are bought and sold as a horse or a cow, or else taken by force and carried away. Even as late as the medieval Dark Ages, the knight often carried away his bride by force of arms, practically in the same manner that the male animals battle for possession of the female at mating time.

Thus we see that the first step toward civilization requires that a man conquer one or more of the planets to a certain degree at least. Unbridled passion such as is generated by the primitive Mars ray is no longer permissible under the regime of modern civilization. Neither is the tenant that "might is right" any longer admissible, save in wars when we return to barbarism. The Mars quality of physical prowess that at one time made it a virtue to attack others and take away property, is no longer admired in the individual. It is punished by various means according to the law, though it is still effective as far as nations are concerned, who go to war under this primitive impulse for territorial aggrandizement. However, as said, Mars has been conquered to a great degree in civil and social life in order that the Venus love might take the place of the Mars passion.

As previously noted, the children of primitive man were left to their own resources as soon as they had been taught to defend themselves in physical warfare. With the advent of Mercury another method is observable. The battle of life nowadays is no longer fought with physical weapons alone. Brain rather than brawn determines success. Therefore the period of education has been lengthened as mankind has advanced. Education now aims principally at mental accomplishments because of the Mercury rays which accompany the Venus development of modern civilization. Man sees nature from a more sunny side when he has learned to respond to the Sun, Venus, Mercury, Mars, Moon and Saturn, even if only in a very slight measure.

But although the various stages of evolution have gradually brought man under the dominance of a number of planetary rays, the development has been one-sided, for it has aimed to foster interest solely in things in which he has a proprietary right: *his* business, *his* house, *his* family, *his* cattle, farm, etc., are all vitally important and must be taken care of. *His* possessions must be increased, if

possible, no matter what happens to the possessions, family, etc., of anyone else; those are not his concern. But before he can reach a higher stage of evolution, it is necessary that this desire to appropriate the earth and retain it for himself if possible, give way to a desire to benefit his fellow men. In other words, egotism must give way to altruism. Just as Saturn by wielding the whiplash of necessity over him in his primitive days brought him up to his present point of civilization, so also Jupiter, the planet of benevolence, is destined to raise him from the estate of man to that of superman, where he will come under the Uranian ray with respect to his emotional nature, where passion generated by Mars will be replaced by compassion, and where the childlike consciousness of lunar origin will be replaced by the cosmic consciousness of the Neptunian ray.

Therefore the advent into our lives of the Jupiterian ray marks a very distinct advance in human development. As taught in *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception*, we are to advance from our present Earth Period into the Jupiter Period, and therefore the Jupiterian ray marks that high stage of altruism which will then be a prominent factor in our relations, one with the other. It will be easily understood that before we can readily respond to the rays of Jupiter, we must in a measure cultivate altruism and conquer the Egotism that comes through the Mercurial reasoning power.

We have learned to conquer some of the phases of Mars and the Moon and we may have also learned to conquer some of the lower phases of Mercury and Venus. The more we have overcome these the better we are able to respond to the highest vibratory forces emanating from these planets. Yes, if we strive earnestly we shall some day be able to overcome even the highest stage of the Venus love, which love always attaches itself to an object owned by us. We love our children because they are ours; we love our husband or wife because he or she belongs to us; we take pride, Venusian pride, in their moral characteristics, or Mercurial pride in their accomplishments.

But Christ set a higher standard: "Unless a man leave his father and mother, he cannot be my disciple." The idea that we should neglect our father or mother or that we must hate them in order to follow Him was far from His mind, of course. But father and mother are only bodies; the soul that inhabits the body of the father or mother is to be loved, not the mere physical garment. Our love should be the same whether a person is old or young, ugly or beautiful. We should look for beauty of the soul, for the universal relationship of all souls, and not mind so much the relationship of the bodies. "Who is my mother and my brother?" asked Christ, and pointed to His disciples, those who were at one with Him in His great work. They were closer to Him than anyone else could be through mere physical relationship. This attitude constitutes an upward step from the Venus love, which places the emphasis on the physical garments of the loved ones and leaves out of consideration the soul that is within.

The Jupiterian love on the other hand, takes cognizance only of the soul, regardless of the body it wears. The Mercurial or reasoning phase of mentality is also changed by response to the altruistic Jupiter. Cold calculation is then out of the question. One who feels the expansive ray of Jupiter is big-hearted where his emotions are concerned, also big-hearted where the things of the world are concerned. "A jovial fellow" is an apt expression to describe such a man. He is welcomed and loved by everyone he meets, because he radiates not the common selfishness, but a desire to benefit others that breed in us a feeling of trust, diametrically different from the sense of distrust we nondistinctively have when we come in contact with a Saturn-Mercury man.

It is a matter of actual experience with astrologers endowed with spiritual sight that every man's planetary rays produce certain colors in his aura, in addition to the basic color which is the stamp of the race to which he belongs. The man with the thin, sickly blue of a commingled Saturn and Mercury is to be pitied rather than censured for the avarice and gloom which are his constant attitude of mind. He sees everything in the world through that auric mirror which he has created around himself; he feels that the world is cold, hard, and selfish, and therefore that it is necessary for him to be more selfish and more cold in order that he may protect himself.

On the other hand, when we see the divine blue ray of Jupiter tinted perhaps with the refined gold of the Uranian nature, we realize how differently such an exalted individual must view the world from the usual sordid way of seeing and judging things. Even those who have the faintest Jupiterian tinge are in a world filled with sunshine and blooming flowers; everything in nature is gay and glad. And by

looking at the world through such an atmosphere they call forth from other sources a similar response, as the tuning fork previously mentioned generates a similar vibration in another of even pitch.

Work for the Student

1] After you have studied this lesson, please set up the practice horoscope below.

HOROSCOPE DATA SHEET:

Name: Junior Astrology Lesson No. 24
 Place: Stockton, CA, USA
 Latitude: 38 North
 Longitude: 121 West
 Birth Date: January 22, 1912
 Birth Time: 12:50 AM Standard Time

Calculating the Declination of the Moon For Junior Astrology Lesson No. 23:

Declination of Moon on July 3, 1912, G.M.T:	S 17:14
Declination of Moon on July 4, 1912, G.M.T:	-12:21
Travel:	04:53
Logarithm for 4.53 is:	0.6915
Permanent logarithm:	0.7781
Total:	1.4696

This total (1.4696) converted into time is 49 minutes, declination travel from 8:00 AM, G.M.T., to Noon, G.M.T. 12:21 (declination of Moon at noon July 4, G.M.T.,) plus 0:49 minutes equals 13:10, the declination of the Moon at the time at birth. (The Moon's declination in the ephemeris at noon, July 4, is 12:21, and as the declination movement is toward the equator, we add the 49 minutes to this noon declination. Thus the 0:49 minutes is the movement of declination from 8:00 AM, G.M.T., to Noon, G.M.T.)

Lesson No. 25

[Printed Version Lesson No. 22]

The Measure of Amenability to Planetary Vibrations - Part III

After what has been said it will not be difficult to understand that the Uranian characteristics, in which love becomes compassion, give a wisdom that is not dependent upon reasoning and a love that is not fixed upon one object alone but includes all that lives and moves and has its being. These are similar to the characteristics that are to be evolved by humanity during the Venus Period when perfect love will have cast out all fear, when man will have conquered all the lower phases of his nature, and when love will be as pure as it is universally inclusive.

When these Uranian vibrations are felt by advancement in the higher life through aspiration, there is great danger that we may disregard the restrictions of law in anticipation before we are really ready to govern ourselves by the law of love divine: namely, that we may disregard the laws that are in the world; that we may not render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's, whether in obedience or coin; that we may not be careful to avoid the appearance of evil; that we may think that we have so far transcended the stage of ordinary humanity that we can live as super-humans; that the passion of Mars has in our case been changed to Uranian compassion, which is sexless. Under these misapprehensions many people who endeavor to tread the path disregard the laws of marriage and enter into relationships as soulmate or affinity. They feel the Uranian ray but cannot quite respond to its sublime purity; therefore they experience a counterfeit Venusian sensation which usually ends in adultery and sex perversion, so that instead of the natural animal passion of Mars having been transmuted to the compassion of Uranus, it has in matter of fact degenerated into something that is far worse than the fullest sex expression of the Martian ray performed in a frank and proper manner.

This is a danger that cannot be too strictly guarded against, and it behooves everyone who endeavors to live the higher life not to aspire to the Uranian ray until he first becomes thoroughly imbued with the altruistic vibrations of Jupiter; for more misery is brought into the world by those who have aspired too high and fallen low than by those who are not sufficiently aspiring. That pride goes before a fall is an ancient and very true proverb, which it behooves everyone of us to take to heart.

The Christ took part in the marriage at Cana. Marriage is a regular Christian institution and must exist until abolished in the kingdom to come; the bodies we will have then will not wear out and therefore there will be no need of marriage to generate new ones. Let it also be understood that the minister who marries people cannot really mate them. The finding of the true mate should be done before the marriage ceremony is performed and not after.

As we have seen, Mars, Venus, and Uranus mark three stages in the emotional development of man. During the stage where he is only amenable to Mars, animal passion rules supreme, and he seeks unrestricted gratification of all his lower desires in the intercourse with his fellow men but particularly with the opposite sex. During the stage where he becomes amenable to the rays of Venus, love softens the brutality of his desires, and the animal passions are somewhat held in leash. He is even, under the higher phases of this planet, ready to sacrifice himself and his desires for the benefit and comfort of the loved ones. When he has evolved to the point where he can feel the ray of Uranus, the passion of Mars gradually turns to compassion; then the love of Venus, which is only for one particular person, becomes all-inclusive so that it embraces all humankind regardless of sex, or any other distinction, for it is the divine love of soul for soul which is above all material considerations of whatever nature.

The mentality also evolves through three stages according to the amenability of the person to the vibrations of the Moon, Mercury, and Neptune. While man is only amenable to the Lunar influence, he is childlike and easily guided by the higher powers which have led him through the various stages mentioned in the previous lesson. Under the stellar ray of Mercury he gradually develops his intellectual powers and becomes a reasoning being. As such he is placed under the law of cause and effect and made responsible for his actions, so that he may reap what he has sown, and learn thereby the experiences which life has to teach him under the present regime.

Being inexperienced, he makes mistakes in whatever direction is indicated by the afflictions to Mercury in his horoscope, and consequently he suffers a corresponding penalty of sorrow and trouble. If he has not the mentality to reason about the connection between his mistakes and the sad experiences growing from them during his lifetime, the panorama of life which unfolds in the post-mortem state makes this clear, and leaves with him an essence of "right feeling" which we know as conscience.

This conscience keeps him from repeating past mistakes, when the feeling generated has become sufficiently strong to overbalance the tendency to yield to the particular temptation which caused him suffering. Thus he gradually develops a spiritual consciousness which is above and beyond human reason, but which nevertheless is also connected with reason in such a manner that he who has this cosmic consciousness knows the reason why such and such a thing is and must be, and why he ought to perform a certain action.

This cosmic consciousness is developed under the ray of Neptune, and differs from the intuitional right feeling developed under the ray of Uranus in the following very important particulars: The person who has developed the Uranian quality of intuition arrives at the truth instantaneously without the necessity of thinking the matter over or reasoning, but is unable to give anything but the result; he cannot connect the various steps in logical sequence whereby the final result was reached. The man or woman, however, who develops the Neptunian faculty also has the answer to any question immediately, and in addition is able to tell the reason why that answer is the proper and right one.

The faculty of intuition built up from the Martian base of passion, through the Venusian stage of love, and through the Uranian ray of compassion depends upon the ability of the person involved *to feel very intensely*. By love and devotion the heart is attuned to every other heart in the universe, and in this way it knows and feels all that may be known and felt by other heart in the universe; thus it shares the divine omniscience that binds our Father in Heaven to His children, and through the direct heart to heart touch with that omniscience the person obtains the solution to whatever problem is placed before him.

The noblest men of all ages, Christian saints of the most transcendent spirituality, have attained their wonderful development through the spiritual rays of Uranus because of the intense feeling of oneness with the Divine, and with all that lives and breathes in the universe.

But there are others who are not thus constituted, and they are not able to walk this path. These through the Moon, Mercury, and Neptune have developed their intellects and attained the same result *plus the Neptunian power of ideation*.

This is a very important point, and it is only brought out in the Western Wisdom Teaching, for while it was formerly taught that the spirit involves itself in matter and thereby crystallizes itself into form which then evolves, the Western Wisdom Teaching tells us that there is in addition a third factor in universal advancement, namely, *Epigenesis*, the faculty whereby the spirit may choose a course that is altogether new and independent of what has gone before. We see the expression of this in all kingdoms relative to form, but in the human kingdom epigenesis expresses itself as genius, a creative instinct which makes man more akin to the Divine than any other of his accomplishments. This is developed under the Neptunian ray when that planet is well placed in the horoscope. There is of course also such a thing as evil genius, a destructive faculty developed under an afflicted Neptune.

Only the most sensitive people in the world feel the rays of Uranus and Neptune at the present time. To feel these vibrations the connection between the dense physical body and the vital body, which is made of ether, must be rather loose, for when these two vehicles are firmly interlocked, the person is always of a materialistic turn of mind and cannot respond to the higher and more subtle vibrations from the spiritual world. But when the rays from these two planets impinge upon a person whose vital body is loosely connected with the physical, we have what is called a sensitive. The direction and quality of this faculty depend upon the placement and the aspects of the two planets mentioned. Those who are particularly under the domination of an adverse aspect of the Uranian ray usually develop the more undesirable phases of clairvoyance and mediumship. They easily become the prey of entities from the invisible world who have no regard for their victims' desire, even if in a weak manner they should protest.

Such mediums are generally used in simple trance communications, and in a few cases known to the writer have lived very beautiful and happy lives because of their implicit belief in the spirits that dominated them. In these cases the spirit controls were of a better class than usually met with. But as this Uranian faculty is built up through Mars and Venus, passion is prominent in such natures, and under the influences of obsessing spirits many of these people are driven into gross immorality. Vampirism and kindred disreputable practices are also engendered by a perverse use of the Uranian ray in mediums.

Work for the Student

1] After you have studied this lesson, please set up the practice horoscope below.

HOROSCOPE DATA SHEET:

Name:	Junior Astrology Lesson No. 25
Place:	Melbourne, Australia
Latitude:	38 South
Longitude:	145 East
Birth Date:	November 23, 1912
Birth Time:	6:00 PM Standard Time

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 instructions given on *page 32 of Simplified Scientific Astrology* and Lessons Nos. 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.

Astrology Letter No. 26

Dear Friend,

Here you have Lesson No. 26, the final lesson in the *Junior Astrology Course*. We congratulate you on the successful completion of this course, for we are confident that the knowledge which you have gained through it, if rightly used to help others as well as yourself, will be a great blessing to you and a great aid to your more rapid evolution.

We have a *Senior Astrology Course* consisting of 12 lessons dealing with the esoteric and higher aspects of astrology, which we believe you will find to your advantage to pursue. At the end of this lesson you will find the data containing the necessary information for the erection of a test horoscope, which when correctly done will admit you to the *Senior Astrology Course*.

Hoping that we may continue to number you among our students,

Your sincere friends,
The Rosicrucian Fellowship
Education Department

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The Measure of Amenability to Planetary Vibrations - Part IV

Neptune may be said to represent the invisible worlds in their more positive aspects, and those who come under the adverse aspects of this planet are, therefore, brought into touch with the most undesirable occupants of the invisible worlds. Actual obsession whereby the owner of a body is deprived of his vehicle takes place under the ray of Neptune, and no materializing seance could ever be held were it not for this stellar vibration. Magic, white or black, can never be put to practical use save under and because of this Neptunian vibration. Apart from this ray it would remain theory, speculation, and book learning. Therefore the Initiates of every Mystery School, spiritual seers who have full control of their clairvoyant faculty, and astrologers are amenable in varying degrees to the ray of Neptune. The *black magician* and the *hypnotist*, who is a twin brother to the former, are also dependent upon the power of this stellar ray for use in their nefarious practices.

The highest human development at the present time, namely, the soul unfoldment which is undertaken in the Mystery Temples through Initiation, is directly the result of the Neptunian Ray. For just as evil configurations with Neptune lay men liable to assault by invisible entities, so the good configurations with Neptune are particularly required to enable a man to unfold by Initiation all his soul powers and become a conscious agent in the invisible worlds. Let us remember, however, that good or evil configurations are not the result of chance or luck. The horoscope shows the tendencies of the coming life; it shows what we have earned by our past living and therefore what we are entitled to in the present life.

Moreover, it should always be kept in mind that *the stars impel but they do not compel*. Because a man or woman has an evil configuration with Neptune or Uranus, it is not unavoidable that they should go into active, evil mediumship or black magic and thereby make life harder for themselves in the future. Their opportunity to do so and the temptation will come at certain times when the heavenly time-markers point to the right hour on the clock of destiny. Then is the time to stand firm for the good and for the right. Being forewarned through a knowledge of astrology, one is also forearmed and may the easier overcome when such an aspect culminates.

Thus we have seen in the three continued articles on this subject that man is amenable to the planetary rays in an increasing measure as he advances through evolution; but the more highly

developed he becomes spiritually, the less he will allow the planets to dominate him, while the younger soul is driven unresistingly along with the tide of life in whatever direction the planetary vibrations propel him. It is the mark of the advanced soul that he keeps the true course regardless of planetary vibrations. Between these two extremes there are naturally all gradations. Some are excessively amenable to the rays of one planet, and the bark of life of such men and women is driven upon the rocks of sorrow and suffering that they may learn to evolve within themselves the will power that will finally free them from all domination by the ruling stars. As Goethe, the great mystic, said:

"From every power that holds the world in chains.
Man frees himself when self-control he gains."

It may be asked, "Have we run the gamut of vibrations when we have learned to respond to all the seven planets which are mythically represented as the seven strings on Apollo's Lyre?" In other words, is Neptune the highest vibration to which we shall ever respond? The Western Wisdom Teachings tell us that there are two more planets in the universe which will be known in future ages, and that these will have an influence in developing qualities of so transcendent a nature that we cannot now understand them. The number of Adam, man or humanity, is nine, and there are nine rungs upon the stellar ladder by which he is ascending to God. Up to the present time he has climbed only five of these rungs, namely, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn, and even the vibrations of these he has not by any means learned. Uranus and Neptune are slowly coming into our lives; they will not become active in the same manner and to the same degree that, for instance, the Moon and Mars are at the present time, until many ages have passed. But even when we have learned to respond to them, there are two more of which we shall know something later on. It is the opinion of the writer that these two are probably not felt by any except those who have graduated from the Greater Mystery School and the Hierophants of that sublime institution.

In concluding this article, on the amenability of man to planetary vibrations we quote from *The Rosicrucian Mysteries* a part of the article on "Light, Color, and Consciousness".

"Truly, *God is One and Undivided*. He enfolds within His being all that is, as the white light embraces all colors. But He appears threefold in manifestation, as the white light is refracted in three primary colors, blue, yellow, and red. Wherever we see these colors they are emblematical of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. These three primary rays of divine life are diffused or radiated through the Sun, and produce *life, consciousness, and form* upon each of the seven light bearers, the planets, which are called the "Seven Spirits before the Throne." Their names are Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, and Uranus. Bode's law would indicate that Neptune does not belong to our solar system, and the reader is referred to *Simplified Scientific Astrology* by the present writer for mathematical demonstration of this contention.

"Each of the seven planets receives the light of the Sun in a different measure according to its proximity to the central orb and the constitution of its atmosphere. The beings on each, according to their stage of development, have affinity for some of the solar rays. They absorb the color or colors congruous to them, and reflect the remainder upon the other planets. These reflected rays bear with them an impulse of the nature of the beings with whom they have been in contact.

"Thus the divine light and life come to each planet, either directly from the Sun or reflected from the six planets. As the summer breeze which has been wafted over blooming fields carries upon its silent, invisible wings the blended fragrance of a multitude of flowers, so also the subtle influences from the *Garden of God* bring to us the mingled impulses of all the Spirits, and in that vari-colored light we live and move and have our being.

"The rays which come directly from the Sun are productive of spiritual illumination; the reflected rays from other planets make for added consciousness and moral development; and the rays reflected by way of the Moon give physical growth.

"But as each planet can absorb only a certain quantity of one or more colors according to the general stage of evolution there, so each being upon earth—mineral, plant, animal, and man—can only absorb and thrive upon a certain quantity of the various rays projected upon the earth. The remainder does not affect it or produce sensation any more than the blind are conscious of light and

color which exist everywhere around them. Therefore each being is differently affected by the stellar rays; and a knowledge of the science of astrology, a fundamental truth in nature, is of enormous benefit in the attainment of spiritual growth."

Besides the stellar vibrations which we have discussed in the foregoing there is one of vital importance to which all mankind is responsive, namely, that of *the lunation or new Moon*. The progressed planets may be regarded as the hour hand of a clock. They mark the year when certain events are due according to their positions and their aspects and our amenability to their vibrations. By them the destiny or opportunity in store for mankind is forecast; but unless the Moon, which corresponds to the minute hand in our illustration of the clock of destiny, moves along through the houses of the horoscope by progression and gives her consent by acting as a focus for the planetary vibrations, these would never take effect upon humanity.

Besides the actual progression of the Moon and the planets in the horoscope at the rate of a day for a year, there is, as said in the first paragraph, *the lunation*, which occurs each month in a different sign of the zodiac by a conjunction of the Moon with the Sun. Whenever this conjunction occurs within three degrees of an aspect to any one of the planets in the natal horoscope, the effect of the configuration will be felt during the month governed by this lunation, provided of course that the person is responsive and amenable to that particular stellar influence. For instance, if a lunation were trine to Neptune in the horoscope of a Hottentot or Bushman, you would find no effect from this configuration; but if, on the other hand, this configuration occurs in the horoscope of an advanced mystic, there will be certain definite spiritual experiences of a beautiful nature during that month.

The influences of these lunations may be divided into three classes according to whether they affect the Moon, Mars or Saturn at birth, producing physical results; the Sun, Venus, or Mercury, producing social, moral, and mental effects; or Jupiter, Uranus, or Neptune which would act upon the spiritual nature.

The results produced under the vibrations of a new Moon will naturally depend upon the aspects. Squares and oppositions give trials and troubles. Sextiles and trines give pleasures of a nature consonant with the planetary aspects.

The ordinary lunation does not produce effects for more than one month. But if the lunation happens to be an eclipse, the effect will be felt for a full year from the time of its occurrence. Every time that year when a lunation falls in square to the place of the eclipse, it will re-awaken the evil, if any, experienced at the time when the eclipse occurred. Similarly, if the original lunation was good, then every formation of sextile and trine to its place will bring correspondingly good results.

This ends the Junior Astrology Course.

Dear Friend,

We congratulate you for having completed The Rosicrucian Fellowship Junior Astrology Course. We invite you to continue your studies with our Senior Astrology Course. But before you may begin that Course, please send us your answers to the questions below.

1. Explain if any planetary vibrations are evil. If not, why not?
2. What do the squares and oppositions in a horoscope tend to do?
3. What is the principal factor with respect to the affairs of any particular house?
4. What brings out the power of the spirit? How is progress in evolution made?
5. What is superior to astrological influence?
6. Is astrology fatalistic? If so, why? If not, why not?
7. Do two aspects of an opposite nature neutralize each other?
8. What do aspects to the MC indicate?
9. How does the cosmic consciousness of Neptune differ from the intuitional right feeling developed under Uranus?
10. What is the third factor in universal advancement? Define and describe it. In the human kingdom this factor expresses itself as what?
11. What does the horoscope show?
12. What stellar vibration is one of vital importance to all mankind?

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.

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For Admission to the Senior Astrology Course:

Answer the above questions and please erect and send us the horoscope for a child born September 15, 1911, 9:20 PM Standard Time, at Chicago, IL, Latitude 42 North, Longitude 88 West. Please include all calculations and a complete index showing ALL aspects, including declinations and parallels for every planet and point. We cannot send you the Senior Course if you do not fill in your horoscope blank accurately and in its entirety.