

Chapter 10

Precise Predicting: Eclipses

PRECISE PREDICTING of the time and nature of events affecting cities, nations and the world follows the same general procedure as that employed in the precise predicting of the time and nature of events affecting an individual. In natal astrology the truly important events in an individual's life are all indicated by major progressions, which at the time the events take place, are within one degree of the perfect aspect. And in mundane astrology, other than those events indicated by major conjunctions, other aspects in the sky, comets, new stars and eclipses, the truly important events are all indicated by progressed aspects in the Cycle charts of the heavier planets, which at the time the event takes place are within one degree of the perfect aspect.

In other words, new stars, comets, major conjunctions and other aspects in the sky, eclipses, and the progressed aspects which form in the Cycle charts of Pluto, Neptune, Uranus, Saturn, Jupiter and Mars, perform the same function in mundane astrology performed by major progressions of the M. C., Ascendant and planets other than the Moon in natal astrology. And when the influence is from the planets, the nature of the event will partake of the characteristics of the planets making the aspect; and the departments of municipal or national life chiefly affected are indicated by the houses ruled by the aspecting Planets.

But in addition to those events in an individual's life which he long afterwards remembers as important, and in addition to the relatively important events recorded in the history of a city or a nation, there are other events that have considerable significance at the time even though they are short lived in their memory. These happenings, far from trivial at the time, in natal astrology we call Sub-Major Events. In the individual's life they are attracted through the major progressed aspects of the Moon. In mundane astrology, events of comparable significance in the life of a city or a nation are attracted by the progressed aspects made by the Sun in the Sun Cycle chart.

Still other events have a significance over a period of a day or two, or at most over a period of a few weeks. These Minor Events are attracted to the individual by Minor progressed aspects and by the heavier transits, and occur during the time the aspect is within one degree of perfect. And in a similar manner the Minor Events which are attracted to a municipality or a nation are indicated by the progressed aspects made by the Moon to the place of the planets in the New Moon chart, and they occur within 24 hours of the time the aspect is complete.

Major trends in world and national affairs are indicated by the signs occupied by the planets, the aspects the planets make in the sky, new stars, and comets. The Major Events within these trends are indicated and timed by the progressed aspects formed in the cycles of the six Major planets. And even as events indicated in natal astrology by Major progressed aspects, need no assistance from Minor progressions and Transits, these events will come to pass regardless of whether or not within the designated time limit there is assistance from progressed aspects in the Cycles of the Sun and Moon.

Nevertheless, either to the individual or to a nation, the bringing of an event to pass requires the expenditure of energy by thought-cells or groups of minds, working from the inner plane, of sufficient volume and intensity to overcome the environmental resistance that may be present. When a Major trend favors a given event, it requires much less additional planetary energy, in either case, to bring it to pass.

Furthermore, the more planetary energy of a given type is brought to bear upon thought-cells or groups of minds, the more power these have then to work. Consequently, when there is a progressed aspect in the Sun Cycle or in the New Moon Cycle, to the same planet which by progressed aspect in its Cycle Chart indicates a Major Event, while this progressed aspect is within one degree of perfect, the accumulation of energy of a given type on that day usually gives the unconscious minds of people sufficient impetus that the event happens on that particular day.

In addition to accumulations of energy of a given planetary type, which attract events characteristic of that planet's influence, either progressed aspects in the Sun Cycle or in the New Moon Cycle may add planetary energy to the same department of life, that is, to the same house of the chart, as that relating to a Major Event indicated by a progressed aspect within one degree of perfect in one of the heavier cycles. The event is far more likely to occur on the day when there is such an accumulation of planetary energy relative to the department of life affected.

Thus in addition to indicating and timing Sub-Major Events, the progressed aspects in the Sun Cycle often also time to the day the Major Events indicated by progressed aspects in the heavier cycles. And in addition to indicating and timing Minor Events, the progressed aspects in the New Moon Cycle often also lend force to certain of the Sub-Major Events indicated by progressed aspects in the Sun Cycle, and time to the day the Major Events indicated by progressed aspects in the heavier cycles.

This method of employing Cycles and the progressed aspects which form in them is used by Will P. Benjamine in, *AROUND THE WORLD, TOMORROW'S NEWS—TODAY!* which commencing with the March, 1937, issue, has appeared in each issue of *American Astrology Magazine*. It was employed by Maria Major in, *COMING EVENTS FOR THE MONTH, A DAY BY DAY FORECAST*, which appeared in each of the nine issues of *International Astrology Magazine* (1937) which were published, and it is now being employed by her (1938) in, *COMING EVENTS FOR THE MONTH*, in each issue of *The Rising Star Magazine*. It is the method employed by Elbert Benjamine in, *MUNDANE EVENTS FOR THE MONTH*, in which the exact day on which a number of important events will take place each month is stated, which commencing with the February, 1936, issue, has appeared in each issue of *Student Astrologer Magazine*.

These magazine articles are mentioned not merely because they have attracted wide and favorable comment, but because as such articles must be in

the hands of magazine publishers at least two months before the date of publication, they afford anyone desiring to check the accuracy of the method an easy way of determining what is actually being done with it.

As the findings of THE BROTHERHOOD OF LIGHT ASTROLOGICAL RESEARCH DEPARTMENT in reference to New Stars was published in the September, 1935 issue of THE CHURCH OF LIGHT QUARTERLY, I shall here reproduce that article without change:

Significance of New Stars

Although scientific records are lacking, it is believed that the star which led the wise men from the east to a manger in Bethlehem, nineteen hundred and thirty-five years ago, was of the same type as the New Star which flashed into brilliancy last December in the constellation Hercules, and which still chains the interest of astronomers because of its erratic behavior.

That earlier star marked the beginning of the Christian era. And if Nova Herculis 1934—as astronomers call this latest startling stellar appearance—has a significance which can be revealed by the same rules that the wise men of the east employed in determining the meaning of the Star of Bethlehem and allied celestial phenomena, it portends the commencement of the New Dispensation of Labor.

The wise men of the east looked to the heavens to apprise them of important events to come. Unusual phenomena in the sky, to them, portended unusual events which would happen on the earth. According to the rules they left, the appearance of a new star signified the commencement of a new condition in the world, which would have far reaching effects upon the affairs of men.

The phase of human activity thus affected, in which a turning point had been reached, and henceforth a new condition would manifest, was indicated by the constellation in which the new star appeared. As both the pictures of the constellations which they used, and the stories about them which preserved their meaning, are still accessible, they can yet be employed precisely as these ancients used them in their work.

Some centuries before the Star of Bethlehem appeared, the Greeks had contacted the wise men of the east and had adopted the 48 pictured constellations which they used in their predictions. They also attached to each of the constellated figures its precise significance as handed down through the Chaldeans, and wove mythological stories about them which should serve as commentaries on their meaning.

The purport of any influence found in the region of the sky pictured by one of the various heroic figures was always interpreted, according to still older precedent, by considering the pictured constellation as a universal symbol, more details about which could be learned from its mythological story.

Applying these same rules, which remain unchanged since long before the Christian era, any unusual occurrence in the constellation Hercules signifies some extraordinary occurrences affecting labor; for the outstanding story that has come down to us regarding Hercules is that of his twelve great works. And as the

present phenomenon is a New Star, according to these same olden rules, it signifies that Labor is entering upon a New Dispensation. This latest celestial token of events to come, as pointed out in the March QUARTERLY, shows on photographic plates of November 14 as a star of the fourteenth magnitude; so small as to be invisible except to the most powerful telescopes. Yet by December 13 it had grown to third magnitude, and on December 22 when it reached its maximum as a star of the first magnitude, it had increased more than 150,000 times in brightness.

Since that time, instead of steadily fading to invisibility within a few weeks or months, as well behaved novae are supposed to do, to the amazement of astronomers it has been performing strange antics fluctuating in brightness, dimming somewhat and then flaming up again. And we can be confident, applying the ancient rules, that the nation's work situation will parallel the strange performance of this remarkable star.

Hercules, as pictured in the sky, is represented on one knee, while with his other foot he crushes the head of a dragon which winds its slimy coils of graft and corruption around the northern axis of the world. He holds aloft the fruits of his toil. Other objects no less significant also are in his hands; but according to the ancient rules, because the New Star is in the vicinity of the dragon-crushing foot, the stamping out of unfair dealing is the most striking feature of that which is thus foreshown.

But before applying these rules, which have come down to us from the wise men of the east, to the latest celestial manifestation, it would seem the part of wisdom first to investigate how perfectly these same rules have been borne out by world occurrences which immediately followed similar phenomena which have been recorded in the past.

These novae are not really new stars, but probably old stars which have exploded. Nor are they rare if all those at distances which enable them to be seen by the giant present-day telescopes are included. But the ancients considered only such as were of noticeable brilliance to have significance in world events.

Under favorable circumstances it is possible to see stars of the sixth magnitude with the unaided eye. But a star of less brilliance than the third magnitude, of which there are about 180, would attract attention only of a careful observer.

Astronomers estimate that during the past 2,000 years there have been about 30 new stars of sufficient brightness to be seen without a telescope. Only 12 of them, however, in addition to the Star of Bethlehem, the location of which is unrecorded, have been of third magnitude or brighter. It is not a difficult task, therefore, to apply the ancient rules to all the conspicuous novae that have been recorded since before the birth of Christ.

The mythology woven about the constellation Scorpio gives it two distinct meanings. Pictured as a scorpion it is related to treachery and to death. Pictured as an eagle, as it sometimes is, it signifies the soaring aloft of spirit and the conquest of limitations. The first new star of which we now possess records was observed in

this constellation, and important events immediately followed which express both sides of the constellation's nature.

Rome, in that day, was supreme in the world. There were certain laws which related to the distribution of the land, called agrarian laws; but for some 200 years the wealthier families had continued to extend their possessions greatly beyond the limits thus prescribed, and as a result, although the empire had vastly extended its territory through conquest and confiscation, small proprietors had practically disappeared.

In 134 B.C. a new star of brilliancy appeared in the constellation Scorpio. Simultaneous with its appearance Tiberius Gracchus, one of the landed proprietors, proposed and carried a modification of the existing agrarian laws; which had for its object the restoration of land to the poorer people, whose poverty and number were rapidly increasing. The following year, however, before his policy could be carried into effect, death laid its hand upon him. Later, his brother Caius endeavored to put the same relief measure through; but he was slain. Thus did death, the eighth house significance of the constellation, defeat a reform measure that might have at least delayed the dissolution of an empire.

On the eagle side of the constellation's significance, the appearance of the new star so impressed Hipparchus that he set about making a precise catalogue of 1080 of the brighter stars, so that later observers might be able to recognize new stars or other alterations in the appearance of the sky at future dates. This is recognized as the commencement of scientific astronomy.

1572 was the year in which the Huguenots in France were having a terrible time. August 24 of that year, with the sanction of the king, there occurred the Massacre of Bartholomew. Then, on November 11, a new star suddenly appeared which for several days rivaled Venus in luster.

It was in the constellation Cassiopeia, which according to its modern key-word, was anciently considered to signify Vicissitudes, and to picture the last ten degrees of the zodiac before the Vernal Equinox, over which the sun each year passed from the bondage of winter darkness into summer freedom.

To the Huguenots, who had taken up arms, this new star seemed a messenger of hope from heaven. True to this belief, the following year they made a successful defense of La Rochelle and were granted new toleration. It proved to be the commencement of a new dispensation to them; for two years later Henry of Navarre escaped from Paris and became their leader.

Each year the ancients saw the geese and swans, after the sun turned back from its southern sojourn, wing their way northward at the approach of spring. In their flight to a new land of promise there was no helter-skelter movement, as with smaller birds, but each group had its recognized leader, which it followed in the well-known V-formation. Thus, when they pictured a swan in the sky, they had in mind not only travel to new parts, but, as the modern keyword indicates, Organization.

Four of the new stars have appeared in Cygnus, the constellation

pictured by the Swan, and thus relate to some new undertaking of importance in the world's affairs in which movement to a new field and organization both play an important part.

The year 1600 saw the appearance of a new star of third magnitude in Cygnus; and the same year the English East India Company was formed, an organization whose trading activities and political influence later led to the addition of India to the British Empire.

Another new star of the third magnitude appeared in the same constellation in 1670; and in that year Hudson's Bay Company was chartered by the British Crown. This organization was largely responsible for the development of the Dominion of Canada.

Still another new star of third magnitude appeared in Cygnus in the year 1876, coincident with the invention of the telephone by Graham Bell and the founding of the electric industry. The vast holdings of the telephone and power organizations attest to the importance of the field of activity then entered.

The latest new star in this constellation of the Swan was brighter than any of the others, being of second magnitude. It made its appearance in 1920, along with the first meeting of the Council of the League of Nations, to be followed before the year was out by the plan for a World Court, and the next year by Disarmament Conferences at Washington. The extent of the influence of the League of Nations in world affairs is yet for the future to reveal. Ophiuchus is pictured in the sky as a man engaging in a titanic struggle with a monster serpent. In 1604 a magnificent new star, often called Kepler's star because that famous astronomer studied it, suddenly blazed in this constellation. Strangely enough, at the time, England was the scene of a violent struggle between the government and certain religions. A convocation of clergy met, the acts of which were so oppressive to Puritans that 300 of them left their livings rather than conform to their dictates.

Furthermore, James ordered the judges to enforce the statutes against Catholics. This resulted the following year in the famous Gunpowder Plot to destroy the King, Lords, and Commons in revenge for the penal laws against Catholics. Guy Fawkes, the agent of the conspirators, was seized as he was about to fire barrels of gunpowder which had been placed under the House of Lords.

Corona Borealis, the Northern Crown, is a constellation depicting tribulations by means of twelve iron spikes. A new star of second magnitude was to be seen in this constellation in 1866. That year there were seven weeks of war in Europe, which the following year enabled Prussia to become the dominant power in Europe, and gave Bismarck the idea that a war with France was necessary to the firm unification of Germany. The difficulties then started have not yet subsided.

The chief significance of the stories relating to Perseus may be summed up in the key-word, Propaganda. In 1901 a very brilliant new star was seen in the constellation picturing this ancient hero. The two outstanding events of the year were dependent upon propaganda. The Pan-American Exposition was held at

Buffalo; and there was a panic in Wall Street over control of the Northern Pacific Railroad, the stock of which reached 1,000.

June, 1918, witnessed an exceptionally brilliant new star in the constellation Aquila. This eagle among the stars is attached by legend to victory, and by its key-word to Exploration. Its appearance, therefore, was heralded by many as forecasting the end of the World War; and in fulfillment of this hope American troops, fighting on foreign soil, soon were able to turn the tide of battle and bring peace.

Way to the south is a big constellation picturing a ship which mythology and its key-word relate to Research. In 1925 a new star of first magnitude appeared just ahead of the bow of this stellar ship in a group unrecognized by the ancients but by moderns called Pictor. In various lands the freedom to express convictions based on research were sternly curtailed. In Italy and in Russia matters of belief came in for strict regulation by the government; and during that year, at Dayton, Tennessee, John Thomas Scopes was arrested, tried, and found guilty of teaching evolution in the public schools.

Of the twelve outstanding new stars which have been recorded during 2,000 years, history thus indicates that in eleven instances they were coincident with a turn in world affairs in which there was the commencement of a new condition, the nature of which was quite correctly indicated by the rules laid down by the ancients in reference to the significance of the constellation in which the phenomenon appeared.

If the twelfth outstanding new star be judged by the same system which fits so well when applied to the other eleven, the commencement of a new condition of far-reaching import in world affairs already is at hand. Nothing, I believe, in the stories relating to Hercules can be construed as relating to communism. But they do relate to the power and rewards of labor.

The club which as pictured he holds in one hand may signify collective bargaining. In the other hand he holds not merely the fruit which signifies his reward for labor, but also the guardian Cerberus. Law makers, this seems to indicate, will more willingly listen to his demands; for with the foot of better understanding, above which the latest new star appears he crushes the head of graft and special privilege.

Nova Herculis 1934, according to the rules left by the wise men of the east, signifies that already in 1935, we have entered, where its power and importance are concerned, upon Labor's New Dispensation.

In reference to the significance of Nova Herculis as implied in the article above reproduced in full, it may now (1938) be pointed out that since that article was published, Spain became dominated by a Popular Front government, resulting in a civil war; the laboring class in Mexico has seized not only the natural resources belonging to Mexico, but also the vast oil holdings of British and American oil companies; France is dominated by a Popular Front government in which labor's demands are supreme; and within the United States the Committee for Industrial Organization has come into existence, and now

disputes power with the American Federation of Labor, and these two labor organizations are exerting a tremendous influence over the political and business life of the nation.

It seems to be quite well established that comets, when they enter the zodiac, bring with them new conditions affecting the affairs of men. The appearance of the more important ones in the past have always coincided with unusual events upon the earth. The old rule was that the influence would be felt chiefly in the country ruled by the sign in which the comet was first visible. Thus just preceding the great debacle of the Russian armies in the World War, and the revolution that followed, a comet, which later developed to important size, was discovered by means of a telescope in the sign Aquarius, ruling Russia. Astrologers the world over began to predict that startling things would happen in that country; predictions that were fully verified.

As comets actually belong to our solar system, which New Stars do not, I believe comets should be referred not to their place among the constellations, but to their place in relation to the zodiac. Perhaps, also, now that they may be discovered by telescopes long before they enter the zodiac, the signs in which they appear after thus entering the zodiac indicate more precisely the regions of earth affected. Thus Peltier's Comet, on August 3, 1936, entered the zodiac at about 28 degrees Aquarius, to leave again August 6, 1936, at about 141/2 degrees Aquarius. The following year and a half witnessed blood purges in Russia, which Aquarius rules, in which most of the important men who assisted in establishing the Soviet Union were executed on charges of trying to overthrow the government.

Comets vary in size, in shape, in brilliancy, and even in color. Some of them, it is true, are periodic. But even these do not have the same appearance on successive returns; and may go so far away as to be beyond visibility in even the strongest telescope. Others come into our solar system from the spaces without, bringing their own astrological vibrations, and after making an arc about our Sun, pass on into space, never again to return. Having no previous acquaintance with such celestial visitors, their influence can not be known from earlier observation.

Some comets in the past have coincided with pestilence, some with great wars, some with disasters, some with revolutions, some with great constructive enterprises, and some with the birth of illustrious persons. The general rule has been that the shape and appearance of the comet signified the nature of its influence. If it looked red and angry, it signified disaster. If it looked like a sword it meant war. If it had a pleasing appearance, it heralded some great constructive enterprise.

As the matter stands there is need for much research as to just what may be expected from a given comet. And the only reason THE BROTHERHOOD OF LIGHT ASTROLOGICAL RESEARCH DEPARTMENT has not already contributed markedly to this knowledge is that the literature in which descriptions of the old comets are given seldom specifies WHERE they appeared in the zodiac or on the celestial sphere.

It seems likely that a great amount of nonsense has been written about eclipses. The Brotherhood of Light Astrological Research Department, for instance, has collected a large number of instances in which either a Solar Eclipse or a Lunar Eclipse took place in the same zodiacal degree occupied by the Sun or

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other planets in people's birthcharts. In none of these, so far as we have been able to discern, has the eclipse coincided with events not clearly and fully accounted for by the progressed aspects at the time.

Nor have we been able to verify the doctrine that the power of an eclipse persists, even if a long eclipse, over a period of years. We have, however, checked the influence of every Solar Eclipse since commencing with 1884 (back of which the Nautical Almanacs to which we have access do not go) that was visible in a part of the world fairly well populated. The result of this survey led to quite positive results, which over many years we have successfully used in predicting. The definite rule is that, if a Solar Eclipse occurs in a region where there is considerable population, within a few months before, or much more likely within a few months after the eclipse, there is a disaster in the region where the eclipse is visible.

While the disaster tends to be near the central path of the eclipse, it may be anywhere in which it is even partially visible. It seems likely that the exact place of the disaster attracted is determined by the progressed aspects in the birth-charts of cities and regions, and the progressed aspects in the Cycle Charts affecting those places. But while, because the birthcharts of so few cities are known, it is difficult to determine where within the area of visibility of a Solar Eclipse the disaster will take place; the New Moon chart often reveals the nature of the disaster.

In the Nautical Almanac each year, published by the Government, is given the essential data regarding each eclipse of the year. In addition, for each eclipse of the Sun which occurs in such a region that it may be observed from an accessible land area, there is a map showing the exact region of the earth's surface where it is visible, as well as the central path of the eclipse, together with other information. It should be noted that, as an eclipse of the Sun is the relation of the Moon's shadow to the surface of the earth, the moment of eclipse is not exactly the moment of the conjunction of Sun and Moon, although the New Moon and the eclipse are never more than a few minutes apart. Some research in the future should be done, not merely in reference to charts erected for the exact moment of central eclipse as visible at a given place, but also in reference to New Moon charts in which parallax is given consideration. In other words, using charts in which instead of the conjunction of Sun and Moon being regarded from the center of the earth, they are considered from the point on the surface of the earth where at the moment the chart is erected. However, as New Moon charts erected in the customary way give good results, it is wise to use them until it has been proven by actual test that the time ascertained by including the parallax is superior.

For the purpose of study there follow all the New Moons which were also eclipses of the Sun, which were visible (as shown by the maps in the Nautical Almanac) in the United States since 1884. The Solar Eclipses earlier than 1900 I shall merely mention the date, and with each a coincident event. But for each such Solar Eclipse since commencing with 1900, the New Moon chart is given in the table given in chapter 9, pages 142-143. Due to limitations of space the comments on each such chart must be brief. But they are well worth copying off and giving serious study, relative to the house positions of the planets. The quotations giving the dates and events listed earlier than 1924, are from the REFERENCE HISTORY OF THE WORLD of *Webster's New International Dictionary*. Those since 1924 are quoted from the *World Almanac*. My own comments are in parentheses.

March 16, 1885, Annular eclipse of the Sun visible in the United States and Canada: June 30, Fisheries reciprocity with Canada under Treaty of Washington is terminated by the United States; because of Canadian obstruction of what the United States claims as rights under the Treaty of 1818 (controversy becomes acute).

March 5, 1886, Annular eclipse of the Sun visible in the U. S.: May 4, Anarchist riot in Chicago, following a strike there.

August 28, 1886, Total eclipse of the Sun visible throughout the S.E. United States: August 31, Severe earthquake on the Atlantic seaboard, especially at Charleston. October 12, Gales and floods in Texas and Louisiana destroy property and 247 lives.

January 1, 1889, Total eclipse of the Sun visible throughout North America: May 31, Breaking of the Conemaugh Dam floods Johnstown, Pa., and destroys 2,295 lives.

June 6, 1891, Annular eclipse of the Sun visible in Western North America: November 30, 1891, Partial eclipse of the Sun visible at the southernmost extremity of South America: October 16, Attack on American sailor by a mob at Valparaiso, Chile; war becomes imminent through Chile's delay to make amends.

October 20, 1892, Partial eclipse of the Sun visible throughout North America: June-August, Country is affected by many strikes accompanied by much violence. Harrison issues proclamation (July 15-30) against the striking miners in the West, and Federal troops are used in restoring order and to support injunctions of the Federal courts.

October 9, 1893, Annular eclipse of the Sun visible in Western North America and Western South America: 1893, Commercial panic is started. Hard times continue for several years.

February 1, 1897, Annular eclipse of the Sun visible in S.E. United States and Cuba: May 20, Senate passes a resolution recognizing Cuban belligerency (Cuba is thus recognized to be at war).

New Moon No. 151 in table, May 28, 1900, 8:30 a.m. L.M.T. Galveston, Texas. Total eclipse of the Sun visible in the United States, at Washington as a partial eclipse. In Gemini, conjunction Mercury (winds), opposition Uranus (extremes) and Jupiter: September 8, Galveston and many Gulf towns are ravaged by a terrible hurricane and flood- 6,000 lives lost, \$30,000,000 of property destroyed. (The opposition is from the eleventh to fifth, and the loss of life among children was disproportionately heavy.)

New Moon No. 152 in table, August 19, 1906, 5:18 p.m. L.M.T. San Francisco. Partial eclipse of the Sun visible in the Western U. S.: April 18-20 Earthquake followed by a great fire destroyed large portion of San Francisco, including the business section. Loss about \$350,000,000. (Eclipse is in conjunction with Mars, fires and violence, and in the house of foreign countries.) October 25, Japanese Ambassador Aoki protests against exclusion of Japanese from the public schools of San Francisco. (Controversy becomes acute, giving rise to talk of war.)

New Moon No. 153 in table, January 3, 1908, 2:43 p.m. L.M.T. Denver. Total eclipse of the Sun visible throughout the S.W. United States. It is conjunction Uranus, the planet of strikes, in the house of death, eighth, and opposition socialistic Neptune. The death influence will be mentioned in connection with the June eclipse: March 31, Strike of some 250,000 coal miners; lasts about two weeks.

New Moon No. 154 in table, June 28, 1908, 10:31 a.m. L.M.T. New Orleans. Annular eclipse of the Sun visible throughout North America. Eclipse is con-

junction Mercury (wind) and Neptune, and in opposition to unusual Uranus in the house of property (fourth) and square Saturn, planet of storms: April 24, Tornadoes on the Gulf Coast destroy much property and some 1,500 lives.

New Moon No. 155 in table, June 17, 1909, 6:20 p.m. L.M.T. Washington. Central eclipse of the Sun visible throughout North America. Eclipse is in house of foreign countries (seventh) square Mars in house of traffic (third). Neptune, planet of fraud, is on the cusp of the house of duties and taxes (eighth), opposition the planet of exposure, Uranus, in the house of money (second) and square Saturn in house of basic utilities (fourth): September 25, During the year great frauds in customs, especially on sugar imported by the sugar trusts, are discovered and published, and fines and unpaid duties amounting to millions of dollars collected.

New Moon No. 156 in table, April 17, 1912, 5:40 a.m. L.M.T. St. Louis. Central eclipse of the Sun visible in Eastern United States. Neptune in Cancer is in the house of property (fourth) square the eclipse; and Saturn, planet of storms and hardship, is in the house of the people (first): April, Floods in the Mississippi Valley devastate 200 square miles and render 30,000 people homeless (fourth house); loss \$50,000,000.

New Moon No. 157 in table, October 12, 1912, 8:01 a.m. L.M.T. Nicaragua. Partial eclipse of the Sun visible in Florida and throughout Nicaragua and Central America. Eclipse is conjunction Mars, the planet of war, square Neptune, planet of schemes in ninth; Saturn is in house of other countries (seventh): September, American Marines are landed in Nicaragua, at request of government for the time being, and aid in suppressing a revolution. Chief revolutionists surrender to American admiral on September 26, and marines are withdrawn after Nicaraguan presidential election on November 2.

New Moon No. 158 in table, April 6, 1913, 9:42 a.m. L.M.T. Sacramento. Partial eclipse of the Sun visible at extreme western edge of America. Chief affliction is Jupiter (finances) in house of other countries (seventh), square eclipse and opposition Neptune in house of money (second). The war planet, Mars, is on the M. C., square Saturn: May 19, California antialien landownership act; passed in spite of Japanese protest and Federal disapproval.

New Moon No. 159 in table, February 3, 1916, 8:56 a.m. L.M.T. Columbus, New Mexico. Total eclipse of the Sun visible throughout North America. Eclipse is conjunction Uranus, planet of insurrection, and opposition Mars, planet of army and navy: March 9, Mexican brigands under Villa attack the town of Columbus, N. M., and the camp of the Thirteenth United States Cavalry, killing nine civilians and eight troopers; the raiders are pursued into Mexico and more than 100 are killed. March 15, Military expedition to punish Villa enters Mexico, under Pershing.

New Moon No. 160 in table, June 8, 1918, 4:55 p.m. L.M.T. Washington. Total eclipse of the Sun visible throughout North America. Eclipse is on cusp of house of death (eighth) square Mars in tenth, ruler of the first (people). The only casualties of consequence that the American troops suffered during the World War were during the fall following this eclipse: September, Epidemic (Mars ruler of house of sickness, sixth, and health, first) of so-called "Spanish" influenza spreads throughout our country. On October 4 it is reported that only five States remain immune and that there are 127,000 cases in army (sixth house) camps (death rate was tremendous).

New Moon No. 161 in table, November 22, 1919, 10:12 a.m. L.M.T. Washington. Annular eclipse of the Sun visible throughout North America. Eclipse is in house of Administration and business (tenth): September 26, President

(tenth) Wilson's tour is ended abruptly at Wichita, Kansas, by a stroke of paralysis. November 1, Strike (Uranus) of 600,000 soft-coal miners, demanding a 6-hour day, a 5-day week, and 60% increase in wages.

New Moon No. 162 in table, November 10, 1920, 10:58 a.m. L.M.T. Washington. Partial eclipse of Sun visible throughout eastern North America. Eclipse is in house of Administration (President remained stricken) and business (tenth), square Neptune in house of other countries (seventh), ruler of house of money (second): December 6, Twenty-three banks, including one national bank, in North Dakota have closed their doors as the result of the fall of the price of wheat (due chiefly to lack in foreign market).

New Moon No. 163 in table, September 10, 1923 12:52 p.m. L.M.T. Santa Barbara, California. Total eclipse of the Sun visible throughout North America. Eclipse is conjunction Mars and Venus in the house of ships (ninth) and opposition Uranus: September 8, Ten destroyers are wrecked on the California coast 75 miles north of Santa Barbara (a few lives lost).

New Moon No. 164 in table, January 24, 1925, 9:01 a.m. L.M.T. Indianapolis, Ind. Total eclipse of the Sun visible throughout eastern and southern North America. Eclipse square Saturn, planet of storms: March 18, A storm in Missouri, Southern Illinois and Indiana killed over 830 persons, injured 3,800, and destroyed property valued at \$10,000,000. The main path of the blow covered 165 miles from Annapolis, Mo., to Princeton, Ind., but as was the case at Lorain, O., last June, it "hopped off" in several directions. In places it cut a path only 300 feet wide. It was at its worst only about 5 minutes and struck West Frankfort and Murphysboro, Ill., with its greatest fury.

New Moon No. 165 in table, July 9, 1926, 5:47 p.m. L.M.T. Miami, Florida. Annular eclipse of the Sun visible in the western and southern sections of the United States, including Florida and the islands to the south. The eclipse is square Mars in the house of weather and houses (fourth). July 26-27, Gulf storms have done \$8,000,000 damage at Nassau in the Bahamas; \$3,000,000 in Santo Domingo; and \$2,000,000 at Miami and other Florida coast places. At Nassau, 146 were drowned with 400 missing, 75 boats sunk and 500 homes destroyed; near Santo Domingo, 54 bodies have been washed ashore; 5 were killed in Georgia and Florida.

New Moon No. 368 in tables, April 28, 1930, 1:16 p.m. L.M.T. Chicago. Central eclipse of Sun visible throughout North America. Mars, ruler of homes and weather (fourth) in house of death, conjunction Uranus and square Saturn (storms): May 1, 24 were killed in cyclones in the prairie states. May 6, 75 were killed, 100 hurt, by tornadoes in Texas.

New Moon No. 369 in tables, August 31, 1932, 2:58 p.m. L.M.T. New York. Five planets in house of death, including eclipse; and Uranus (sudden and unexpected) in house of short journeys (third) square Saturn (workmen) in house of people (first), and square Mars, Venus and Pluto: September 9, The 92-foot steamboat Observation, 44 years old, crowded with workmen bound for their jobs, had scarcely left the wharf at 8:00 a.m. (New York) when the Captain, George A. Forsyth and 70 others were killed and 70 injured (by explosion).

New Moon No. 370 in tables, February 13, 1934, 5:16 p.m. L.M.T., Pocatello, Idaho. Total eclipse of Sun visible on West Coast of America and eastern Asia: March 12, The 527-ton Japanese torpedo boat, Tomozuru, turned upside down off Goto Islands, west of Nagasaki; over 100 were drowned (eclipse in house of foreign countries, seventh). Earth shocks lasting three hours shook cities in northern Utah and southern Idaho, caused large buildings to sway, cracked the walls of some structures, and also jolted communities in western Wyo-

ming, Nevada and California. Schools (Jupiter, ruler of 5th part of T-square) at Salt Lake and at Logan, and Pocatello, Idaho, were closed pending an examination of all buildings. Shocks were resumed March 15.

New Moon No. 371 in tables, February 3, 1935, 8:35 a.m. L.M.T. Los Angeles. Partial eclipse of the Sun visible throughout North America: The \$4,000,000 U. S. navy dirigible balloon, Macon, sank in the Pacific several miles off Point Sur, California (Mars, ruler of ninth part of T-square). January 26, The number of dead from the Tennessee-Arkansas-Mississippi flood was placed at 27, homeless 25,000, property damage \$5,000,000.

New Moon No. 372 in tables, June 8, 1937, 0:51 p.m. L.M.T. Los Angeles. Total eclipse of Sun visible in Pacific, West Coast America and Mexico: May 27, In Mexico 168 persons were killed and 300 homes crushed to bits by gold mine tailings. July 2, Amelia Earhart Putnam on an equatorial air trip around the world radioed that she was in the Pacific with a half hour's fuel and not in sight of land. That was the last message (eclipse in house of long journeys, ninth).

New Moon No. 373, illustrated in chapter 9, page 144, December 2, 1937, 3:19 p.m. L.M.T. Los Angeles. Annular eclipse of the Sun visible west coast America, over northern Pacific, and Japan: Eclipse in house of foreign countries (seventh); Jupiter in house of ships (ninth) opposition drastic Pluto. (Events listed from newspapers as at this writing, April, 1938, World Almanac not issued covering these dates): Early December, \$8,000,000 liner, President Hoover, went aground in Pacific and broke up. December 12, Japan sank U. S. gunboat Panay and three tankers leading to talk of war (New Moon in seventh) and bringing an immense increase in appropriations for navy building (Jupiter abundance). January 5, Giant Navy Patrol Bomber plunged into the Pacific with death of 7. January 11, Samoan Clipper burned in air with 7 dead. March 1, 1938, flood in Los Angeles region destroyed 50 million dollars in property (afflicted Pluto in fourth) and about 200 lives.

Appendix

Study Questions**Doctrine Of Mundane Astrology (Serial No. 141)**

1. What does mundane astrology embrace?
2. In mundane astrology what corresponds to the thought-cells which are given additional activity by progressed aspects in natal astrology?
3. How important are the birth-charts of nations, cities and corporations?
4. Are cycles more significant in mundane astrology than in natal astrology?
5. In mundane astrology which are more reliable: progressed aspects or cycles?
6. What event usually determines the moment of birth of a corporation?
7. In the Hermetic System of Mundane Astrology do we deal chiefly with stationary land areas or with groups of people who at different times may occupy these land areas?
8. Did any country escape difficulty coincident with the discovery of the planet Pluto in 1930?
9. When there are heavy afflictions between the planets in the sky what does that signify on earth?
10. To know what part of the world heavy aspects in the sky most pronouncedly will affect, what else must be known?
11. What progressed aspect in the chart of the U.S. was coincident with the stock market boom which collapsed during the last two months of 1929?
12. What aspect in the sky in 1932 was coincident with Japan's decision to acquire Manchuria by military aggression?
13. What aspect in the sky in 1933 was coincident with Hitler becoming dictator of Germany?
14. What happened to kings while Neptune transited through the royal sign of Leo?
15. With the exception of the New Moon Chart, what makes the moment of time for the erection of each mundane Cycle Chart?
16. In any mundane Cycle Chart other than the New Moon Chart, what alone is progressed to indicate when the indicated events will take place?
17. To what on earth does the conjunction of two planets in the sky correspond?
18. Only when what occurs in the chart of a nation or city relating by house position to the department of life affected does a major event affecting the nation or city take place?

19. During the time the aspect is within what space of closeness will the event indicated by it take place?
20. What kind of events are attracted by Minor Progressed Aspects and Transits in the birth-charts of cities and nations?
21. Under what progressed aspects in the chart of Boston did the police strike take place in 1919?
22. Under what progressed aspects in the chart of Chicago did the great fire take place in 1871?
23. Under what progressed aspects in the chart of the U.S. was the Monroe Doctrine first declared in 1823?
24. Under what progressed aspects in the chart of the U.S. was the first blood of the Civil War shed in 1861?
25. Under what progressed aspects in the chart of the U.S. did the U.S. enter the World War in 1917?

Cycles Of Pluto And Neptune (Serial No. 142)

What house of a planetary cycle chart rules:

1. The people of a country?
2. The administration, president or dictator of a country?
3. Why is it so easy in determining the ruling sign of a country from the transits to mistake the sign on the cusp of the 10th house for the ruling sign?
4. What thought-trend, business and political group are ruled by Pluto?
5. Except those for Sun and Moon, do the Cycle charts indicate the influence of a wide variety of things on the affairs of the locality for which erected?
6. A cycle chart is the birth chart of what?
7. How long does the influence of a cycle chart continue?
8. Other than in the New Moon Chart, how many planets are progressed in a cycle chart to indicate when indicated events will take place?
9. What is the rate of progression used in a cycle chart?
10. What are the two most common errors made in attempting predictions from cycle charts?
11. With what is the commencement of a cycle chart usually coincident?
12. Do events indicated by the cycle chart-sometimes occur a little before the cycle starts?
13. That which occurs at the commencement of a cycle often is later developed in what manner?
14. What is the orb of influence at the commencement of a cycle during which the event indicated by its commencement may take place?
15. Except in the Moon cycle, how wide an orb of influence is allowed during which the event indicated by a progressed aspect may take place?
16. What is the orb of influence which is allowed in the Moon cycle during which the event indicated by a progressed aspect from the Moon may take place?
17. What is the most characteristic feature of mundane events attracted through the influence of Pluto?
18. What co-operative means does Pluto take for selfish ends; and what co-operative means to accomplish constructive work?
19. Does Pluto have much regard for the voice of the common people?
20. What is the planet of dictator?
21. What planet tends to split groups into rival factions?

22. What is the most profound influence of Neptune?
 What planet rules the following:
 23. Corporations? 25. Aviation and the movies?
 24. Promotion of all kinds? 26. Involuntary servitude?

Cycles Of Uranus (Serial No. 143)

1. In forecasting the event which will coincide with a given progressed aspect in a cycle chart what are the four factors which require consideration?
2. The influence of what things upon mundane affairs are indicated by a given cycle chart?
3. What, in a cycle chart, usually indicates the department of life affected by the progressed aspect?
4. What is signified by the special affinity of the planet receiving a progressed aspect in a cycle chart?

What are the special affinities of the following planets when receiving a progressed aspect in a cycle chart?

5. Mars.
6. Saturn.
7. Jupiter.
8. Is the house in which the progressing planet is located when an aspect is complete in a cycle chart as significant as the house occupied by a progressing planet in a natal chart when a progressed aspect is complete?
9. What two sets of things does Uranus dislike?
10. What is the planet of liberty and rugged individualism?
11. Is Uranus gentle in his demands for different conditions?
12. What is the chief reason why the strikes and boycotts Uranus instigates so often fail?
13. What planet governs flaming oratory?
14. What important invention was demonstrated as the short cycle of Uranus came in early in 1927?
15. What was the most important influence upon human progress of the short cycle of Uranus in 1927.

Under what aspect in the Uranus Cycle did the following occur?

16. Invention of the magnetic telegraph.
17. Invention of vulcanizing rubber.
18. The sewing machine patented.
19. Invention of the rotary printing press.
20. John Brown's raid at Harper's Ferry, Va.
21. The statement of Lincoln as a war measure that he would free all slaves in the States on January 1, excepting certain loyal or occupied sections.
22. An act passed to establish an eight-hour day for laborers for the Federal Government.
23. The typewriter placed on the market.
24. Electric trolley street cars operated in Kansas City.
25. The House passed a work-relief bill of \$4,880,000

Cycles Of Saturn (Serial No. 144)

1. In a Cycle Chart what special significances has the house occupied by the planet for which the chart is erected?

2. What three conditions in particular come under the rule of the Saturn Cycle?
3. What planet tends to contract and depress?
4. What planet often lets golden opportunities pass through lack of courage to attempt?
5. What are the two business planets?
6. In business, contrast the tendency of Saturn with the tendency of Jupiter.
7. Under what cycle in particular should we look for tendencies to disease?
8. Contrast the tendency of Saturn with the tendency of Uranus.
9. What two planets are chiefly responsible for the rise and fall of markets, and periods of business advance and business recession?
10. What planet rules crops which are growing on the soil?
11. In what cycle should we look to determine matters relating to mining?
12. What kind of tariffs are ruled by Saturn?
13. What does Saturn rule in religion; and what in politics?
Under what astrological influences did the following occur?
14. The Public Land Act of April, 1820 passed.
15. Passage of the Tariff of Abominations, in 1828.
16. Signing of the Indian Removal Act by President Jackson in 1830.
17. The horse reaper patented by C. H. McCormic, thus making a change in harvesting labor.
18. A joint resolution passed in Congress for the annexation of Texas.
19. The discovery of gold near Sutter's Mill in California in 1848.
20. Enactment of the Agricultural College Act which gave rise to most of the agricultural schools.
21. The first oil well sunk at Oil Creek, Pa., and the petroleum industry started.
22. The great fire in Chicago in 1871, which destroyed 200 million dollars in property.
23. A storm on March, 1925, in Missouri and Southern Illinois, which killed over 830 persons, injured 3,800 and destroyed property valued at \$ 10,000,000.
24. The removal of the body of King Tutankamen on November 11, 1925, from the coffin in the royal subterranean tomb at Luxor, Egypt, by Howard Carter. King Tutankamen died 3,275 years ago pre-1936.

Cycles Of Jupiter (Serial No. 145)

1. Why is it more difficult to predict the degree of importance of an event than when there will be widespread interest in events of a particular kind?
2. What significance have events which have gone before in indicating what will happen under a given progressed aspect in a planetary cycle chart?
3. Taken by itself, does any one aspect in the Mars Cycle Chart signify that the country will go to war?
4. Of what can we be absolutely certain when a progressed aspect forms in the Pluto Cycle Chart?
5. What environmental condition may influence the particular avenue through which an aspect in the Pluto Cycle will express?
6. Will a progressed aspect in the Saturn Cycle bring the same event at a

- time when there is great agitation for conservation that it does in a period of drastic business depression?
7. Why were all important actions leading up to national prohibition shown by aspects in the Uranus Cycle?
 8. Why at one time do progressed aspects in the Uranus Cycle coincide with strikes and at another time with exposure of graft among public officials?
 9. Why is it comparatively easy to make accurate short time predictions? Aspects to what planet in a cycle chart tend to indicate the following?
 10. Drastic action and group activity.
 11. Schemes and involved conditions.
 12. Something new, sudden, and a marked change from old conditions.
 13. A slowing down, loss, economy or restriction.
 14. Expansion, optimism, expenditures and high prices.
 15. Strife and struggle.
 16. In what cycle chart do we look for the larger turning points relative to some matter?
 17. For greater details relative to the same matter, where do we look?
 18. What does Jupiter rule where thought, business and politics are each concerned?
 19. To what one thing are more progressed aspects in the Jupiter Cycle related than to any other thing?
 20. What planet rules arbitration between countries?
Under what astrological influences did the following occur?
 21. Treaty signed with Great Britain in 1888 to settle the fisheries dispute.
 22. An issue of \$50,000,000 in bonds offered in 1894 to replenish the gold reserve.
 23. The War Revenue Act in 1898 provided for raising revenue by excise duties, tax on tea, and a big bond loan.
 24. In 1928, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to halt action of the court below reversing the Interstate Commerce Commission in the "Lake Cargo" coal case.
 25. In 1928, the Board of Bishops of the M. E. Church of the World announced that ministers may marry couples one or both of whom have been legally divorced.

Cycles Of Mars (Serial No. 146)

1. What planet in a cycle chart indicates the type of people and the department of national affairs most readily influenced by the energies which come under the cycle's rule?
2. Aspects of what planet in a cycle chart commonly are of most significance?
3. During those periods when almost no aspects form in a given planetary cycle chart what is indicated?
4. When during a given period the planet for which a cycle chart is erected makes many progressed aspects to the places of the various planets in the chart, what may be expected?
5. Why is the really important part of some events not coincident with the final action taken?
6. What, at times, causes the progressed aspect to become perfect in the cycle chart somewhat before the external act indicated?
7. Are such events exceptions to the general rule that events, signified by

a progressed aspect, usually come to pass while the aspect is within one degree of perfection?

8. Why will not all events of national consequence influenced by Mars be shown in the Mars Cycle Chart?

What is indicated by the following?

9. A progressed aspect to Mars in any cycle chart.

10. A progressed aspect to Uranus in any cycle chart.

11. A progressed aspect to Saturn in any cycle chart.

12. How do events shown by a progressed aspect to a planet in a cycle chart other than its own differ from those indicated by its progressed aspect in its own cycle chart?

13. What is the most energetic of all the planets?

What planet rules the following?

14. Creative activities.

15. Manufacturing

16. Army and Navy.

17. Sheriffs and policemen.

18. Athletics and sports.

19. Industrial workers.

20. Intoxicants.

21. The common laborer.

Under what astrological influence did the following occur?

22. In 1892 U.S. presented an ultimatum to Chile.

23. In 1901, President McKinley was fatally shot by an anarchist.

24. In 1905, President Theodore Roosevelt offered his good offices to end the Russo-Japanese war.

25. In 1934 naval officers were assigned to American merchant ships to inspect safety devices and lifeboat drills.

Major Conjunctions Of The Planets (Serial No. 147)

1. When two planets form a conjunction in the sky, what is indicated on earth relative to the things ruled by these two planets?

2. What indicates whether the conditions thus indicated will be harmonious or discordant?

3. What things chiefly would be affected by Mars conjunction Saturn in the sky?

4. Does a conjunction profoundly affect all the affairs of national life?

5. What is indicated by powerful aspects from the conjunction to other planets?

6. What significance has the house of the chart, erected for the time of a conjunction, where the conjunction is found?

7. How are people's unconscious minds affected by a planet powerfully aspected in the sky?

8. What influences has the birth-chart of a city or nation on where the events signified by a conjunction or other heavy aspect in the sky will take place?

9. What four factors in mundane astrology indicate the degree of receptivity of each important area of the earth to whatever energies are being broadcast from the sky?

10. What persons within a group largely determine the effect of the particular energy upon the group?

11. What aspects in the sky other than conjunctions have a noticeable effect upon the affairs of cities, nations and the world?
12. What came to pass under Saturn opposition Neptune in Virgo in the sky?
13. What came to pass under Jupiter opposition Pluto, in May and December, 1937?
14. How wide an orb of influence should be allowed for the influence of aspects between planets in the sky?
15. What event of significance in the advancement of occult science occurred under the Grand Trine of Neptune, Uranus and Jupiter, in 1937?
16. From what must the exact days on which the chief events indicated by a conjunction chart be determined?

Events affecting what things are indicated by the following conjunctions?

17. Neptune and Pluto. 21. Saturn with Neptune.
18. Uranus with Pluto. 22. Saturn with Uranus.
19. Uranus and Neptune. 23. Jupiter with Uranus.
20. Saturn with Pluto. 24. Jupiter with Saturn.
25. Mars with Neptune.

Cycles Of The Sun (Serial No. 148)

1. When does the astronomical year commence, and why?
2. From what place of reference is declination measured?
3. When does the Sun Cycle commence?
4. How many types of events are affected by the Sun Cycle?
5. Are all the chief events of the year shown in their relative importance by the Sun Cycle?
6. How is it determined when the events indicated by each house of the Sun Cycle chart will take place?
7. How in general can it be determined for any department of life what the year following the Sun Cycle holds in store?

In national affairs, what houses rule the following?

8. Congress.
9. The Administration.
10. The Supreme Court.
11. Health and General Welfare of the people.
12. If near the date an important aspect is completed in a heavier planetary Cycle Chart, there is a progressed aspect formed in the Sun Cycle Chart to one of the planets involved, what is signified?
13. When there is a progressed aspect in the Sun Cycle Chart and another in the New Moon Chart to one of the planets involved in a major conjunction, near the date of the major conjunction, what is signified?
14. What is Universal Time?
15. What is the only planet progressed in a Sun Cycle Chart?
16. Has the house into which the Sun has progressed when it makes an aspect as much significance as the house occupied by the planet aspected by the Sun?

In a Sun Cycle Chart what is signified by the following:

17. Uranus in the tenth conjunction to co-ruler of the first.
18. Neptune in opposition to Venus in the ninth house.

19. Mars conjunction the Moon and both opposition Jupiter.
20. Uranus in the seventh in opposition to Moon in the first and both square Jupiter in the fourth.
21. Sun square Mars in the fifth, the Sun being ruler of the eighth.
22. Venus in the ninth and Saturn in the third, and both aspecting the Sun.
23. The Sun by progression arrives at the trine of Mars in the sixth house.
24. The Sun by progression arrives at the square of Pluto in the tenth house.
25. The Sun by progression arrives at the trine of Neptune, ruler of the ninth house.

Cycles Of The Moon (Serial No. 149)

1. In what way does the commencement of the cycle of the Moon differ from the commencement of the cycles of the planets?
2. What type of affairs are influenced by the cycles of the Moon?
3. What is meant by a Lunation?
4. Subject to general conditions affecting the world or a nation, what chart may be read as a natal chart for the month to follow?
5. For the time of what event is a new Moon Chart erected?
6. What planets are especially significant in a new Moon Chart?
7. Are all the important events of the month signified in their relative importance by the New Moon Chart?
8. Aside from aspects in the heavier Cycle Charts, what gives a general picture of the events which will happen to a country during a given month relative to a given department of life?
9. What indicates the time an event will occur foreshown by a planet in a given house of the New Moon Chart?

In a New Moon Chart what house rules the following:

10. Bankers.
11. The Stock Market.
12. Crime.
13. For events of what scope is the New Moon Chart erected for Washington, D.C.?
14. Will a progressed aspect in a Cycle Chart bring an event which is not shown plainly in the chart itself?
15. How wide an orb of time should be allowed for the event to take place indicated by a progressed aspect in a New Moon Chart?
16. What progressed aspects made in a New Moon Chart should receive most of the attention?
17. In what way are progressed aspects in the New Moon Charts useful to determine the exact days on which the events will transpire shown by progressed aspects in the heavy Cycle Charts?
18. In predicting events from progressed aspects in the New Moon Chart should much attention be given to the house occupied by the Moon when it makes the aspect?
19. What may be predicted from each heavy progressed aspect made in a New Moon Chart?
20. How many predictions almost always can be verified by newspaper headlines relative to each powerful progressed aspect the Moon makes in its Cycle Chart?
21. Why can predictions of disaster more often be verified by newspaper accounts than predictions of more fortunate events?

22. Which planet rules the Democratic Party, and which rules the Republican Party?
23. In what way do aspects in the Cycle Charts on the day of election help to determine which party will win?
24. What significance in reference to the outcome of an election has the New Moon Chart just preceding the election?
25. Why are the progressed aspects in the charts of contending candidates, and their birth-charts, not an infallible guide to which of the two will win in an election?

Precise Predicting: Eclipses (Serial No. 150)

1. In mundane astrology what usually indicates the truly important events and the time in general when they will take place?
2. What function in mundane astrology is performed by new stars, comets major conjunctions, eclipses and other aspects of the sky?
3. What indicates the general characteristics of an event indicated by a progressed aspect in a cycle chart?
4. What indicates the department of life affected by the event indicated by a progressed aspect in a cycle chart?
5. What indicates the Sub-Major Events in mundane astrology?
6. What indicates the Minor Events in mundane astrology?
7. In mundane astrology, what indicates major trends in world and national affairs?
8. What indicates the Major Events in mundane astrology?
9. Do the events shown by progressed aspects in the heavier cycles necessarily require assistance from aspects in the cycles of the Sun and Moon to bring them to pass?
10. What part have progressed aspects in the cycles of the Sun and Moon in indicating the time a major event shown by progressed aspects in a heavier cycle comes to pass?
11. How much of an orb of influence should be allowed for a progressed aspect in the cycle of a major planet?
12. What is believed to be the nature of the star which led the wise men of the east to the manger in Bethlehem?
13. What was signified by Nova Herculis 1934?
14. How many constellations were in the celestial sphere adopted by the Greeks?
15. In what way does the pictured constellation reveal the significance of any celestial phenomena closely associated with it?
16. What are novae?

What was signified by the following:

17. Appearance of a new star in the constellation Scorpio, in 134 B.C.
18. Sudden appearance of a new star in the constellation, Cassiopeia, on November 11, 1572.
19. Appearance of a new star in the constellation Cygnus, in 1600.
20. Appearance of Kepler's star in the constellation Ophiuchus, in 1604.
21. What in general is the significance of a comet?
22. What indicates the place on earth affected by a comet?
23. What indicates the general nature of the event presignified by a comet?
24. What is the definite rule as to when and where the influences of a Solar Eclipse will be felt?
25. What is the nature of the event foreshown by a Solar Eclipse?

Appendix

History of The Brotherhood of Light

To trace the origin of The Religion of the Stars, recourse must be made to tradition. Pseudo occultists and charlatans are only too ready to appropriate a name and use it to deceive the unwary. Hence a name and boasted lineage mean nothing in such matters. When genuine they rest upon secret tradition. And such documentary evidence as can be submitted for the genuine may easily be imitated by the spurious.

The only safe criterion of the genuineness of any esoteric teaching is the amount and accuracy of the information contained therein. The Brotherhood of Light lessons are now accessible to all. We welcome investigation with a view to proving their value. The lineage here given is not to claim infallibility or to prove authority, but to disclaim any originality in the ideas set forth beyond their method of presentation. Upon the *prima facie* evidence these lessons contain as expositors of THE RELIGION OF THE STARS, The Church of Light is well content to rest all its claims.

According to tradition, in the year 2,440 B.C., a group separated from the theocracy of Egypt, and through subsequent times, as a secret order, the name of which translated into English means The Brotherhood of Light, has been perpetuated, and has exerted a beneficial influence upon western civilization.

During only one period of Egyptian history did the teachings of The Religion of the Stars have a great influence on Egyptian civilization. This was during the reign of Akhenaten. This king was influenced by The Brotherhood of Light and broke completely with the corrupt priesthood of Amen. He moved to his City of the Horizon and spread stellar art and wisdom throughout Egypt. He died before the establishing of a new civilization could be completed; so the priests of Amen did the best they could to destroy his city and philosophy.

With the ascension of the Greek civilization, the influence of The Brotherhood of Light is seen in the astrology and mythology of Greece. Many of the Greek Mysteries take their basic rites from the ancient Egyptians.

The Greek philosophers, Thales, Pythagoras, Plato, Euxodus, and a score of others famed for learning that might be mentioned, received initiation directly at the hands of the Egyptian members of the fraternity.

At a later date this venerable order gave the impetus to learning in Alexandria, which made the city so justly famous. One of The Brotherhood of Light, the noble Hypatia, who, after the decline of the colleges in that city,

was the last to withstand the onslaughts of superstitious ignorance, and died endeavoring to spread the light of ancient wisdom.

It was The Brotherhood of Light that preserved the taper of learning from complete extinction during the dark ages, and that was responsible for kindling with it the fires of science and philosophy in Europe, even in the face of ruthless persecution.

The Brotherhood of Light not only has persisted as such on the innerplanes, but the line of succession has been kept alive, although at times it became exceedingly thin, also on the physical plane.

Much of our written history is lost in the mist of time. The thread of modern day existence on the physical plane picks up with the following.

M. Theon, for years, was the head of The Brotherhood of Light in Europe. The teachings came to America and were published in two books translated and edited by Emma Harding Britten, *Art Magic* and *Ghost Land*. The original edition of *Art Magic* bears this legend at the bottom of the title page, "Published by the author, at New York, America, 1876."

T.H. Burgoyne was the son of a physician in Scotland. He roamed the moors during his boyhood and became conversant with the birds and flowers. He was an amateur naturalist. He was also a natural seer. Through his seership he contacted The Brotherhood of Light on the innerplane, and later contacted M. Theon in person. Still later he came to America, where he taught and wrote on occult subjects. We find articles on the tarot, written by him, for instance, during 1887 and 1888, in *The Platonist*, published by Thomas M. Johnson at Osceola, Missouri. This was more than a dozen years before Genevieve Stebbins translated the work of P. Christian.

Captain Norman Astley, an officer in the British Army, had traveled extensively. In the performance of his duties he had lived in India and there had pursued occult studies. He also resided a short time in Australia. Later he returned to England to meet M. Theon, having previously contacted The Brotherhood of Light in his travels.

Astley was also a surveyor. Retired from the British Army he surveyed, among other places, what is now Carmel, California. It was such a beautiful region that when he married Genevieve Stebbins, a member of The Brotherhood of Light and a Delsarte teacher in New York, they decided to build their home in Carmel. That was in the 1860's.

As T.H. Burgoyne was a member of the same organization, it was natural he should pay them a visit. Captain and Mrs. Astley, who had contacted a number of earnest students suggested to Burgoyne that he write the basic Brotherhood of Light teachings as a series of lessons. This he agreed to do provided the students would enable him to live while he did this work. The Astleys made contact with students he knew and 12 were found who were willing to donate \$5 per month to this purpose.

Burgoyne lived in the home of the Astleys while he wrote *Light of Egypt*, Volume I. He wrote and issued as a manuscript lesson, which the 12 students were permitted to copy, one chapter each month. He had a white pony which would come at his whistle and follow him as if it were a dog. Each morning the weather was clement, he and his pony would leave the Astley domicile and go to a certain wild spot on Point Lobos to commune with the Monterey pines, to listen to the birds, to caress the flowers, and to hear the noisy surf boil into a little rocky cove above which in spring wild asters grew in profusion. Overlooking the charging and retreating waters, always sitting at the same spot, he wrote the whole of *Light of Egypt*, Volume I.

For reasons set forth in the preface to *Light of Egypt, Volume I*, it was later decided to publish these private lessons in book form. That this might be done it became necessary to finance the venture, and to have some kind of an organization which would resist the attacks it was anticipated would be made by those opposed to the purpose of the book.

Dr. Henry Wagner and Mrs. Belle M. Wagner (both with Jupiter in the tenth house of their birthcharts) agreed to finance the venture, and did so to the extent of \$100,000. And a branch of The Brotherhood of Light called the Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor, was formed for the express purpose of seeing to it that the *Light of Egypt* and its teachings should receive wide distribution.

The Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor was governed in all its affairs by a council of three members consisting of a scribe, or secretary, an astrologer and a seer. Burgoyne was the original secretary. He passed to the next plane in March 1894, while residing in Humboldt County, California. Belle Wagner, Sun in Pisces, Aquarius rising and the Moon in the first house in Aquarius, was elected to take his place on the council. Minnie Higgins, Sun in Gemini, was the astrologer. Mrs. Anderson, Sun in Sagittarius, Moon in Cancer, Libra rising, was the seer. Meetings to decide issues were held on the second floor of Mrs. Anderson's large home in Denver, Colorado.

The bylaws of The Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor made it impossible for any person under 21 years of age to join; made it impossible for a married person to join unless the spouse also joined, and made membership possible only after the individual's record had been thoroughly investigated.

Early in 1909 Minnie Higgins passed to the next plane, and in the spring of that year Elbert Benjamin was called to Denver and elected to take her place on the Council as the astrologer. At this meeting on the second floor of Mrs. Anderson's home, the other two members of the Council did their utmost, as the official minutes of the meeting show, to convince Elbert Benjamin that he should undertake the job of preparing a complete system of education that would enable a wide public to become conversant with The Religion of the Stars. But it was not until April of the following year that he consented to do this work.

Meanwhile he had contacted personally and through correspondence not only members of the Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor, but members of The Brotherhood of Light who had remained aloof from the organization with headquarters at Denver. But it was chiefly by his becoming more closely associated with The Brotherhood of Light on the innerplane that he overcame his reluctance to take over so imposing a task.

In 1913 the three members of the Council of The Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor, after due deliberation, voted unanimously to close The Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor, and since then no members have been accepted.

During the period, 1914 to 1934 that The Brotherhood of Light lessons were being written, there was never any spirit other than that of helpfulness shown toward this work by any member of The Brotherhood of Light or by any person who had been a member of The Brotherhood of Luxor. And, in particular, Captain and Mrs. Astley were helpful. Elbert Benjamin visited them in their home on various occasions, and some of the extensive and encouraging correspondence he received from them helped him in this work.

In 1918 classes were first opened to the public. In order to carry out its objective of reestablishing The Religion of the Stars on earth, The Brotherhood of Light was incorporated as The Church of Light, on November 2,

1932, 9:55 a.m. PST at Los Angeles. The three founders of The Church of Light were Elbert Benjamine (C.C. Zain), who served as President until his demise November 18, 1951; Elizabeth Benjamine, who served as Secretary Treasurer until her passing in 1942; and Fred Skinner, who served as Vice President until his demise in 1940. From the 1920's through the 1940's much astrological research was carried on which has become standard reference for many astrologers.

Much of the history of The Church of Light in years between 1915 and 1951 involve the history of Mr. Benjamine's efforts. His mission on earth being completed through the writing, rewriting and printing of The Brotherhood of Light lessons, he felt that his physical form was worn beyond repair and that he could better serve the cause of Universal Welfare by leaving that body behind and moving to the next phase of his work in God's Great Plan.

In accordance with Mr. Benjamine's instructions, there was no public funeral, and his body was cremated. Because of his desire to be free from thoughts and emotions of grief so he might make a speedy adjustment in his new life, the announcement of his passing was withheld until the Response Day dinner in Los Angeles on December 18, 1951.

He left a priceless heritage in The Brotherhood of Light lessons, which must be preserved and passed on unchanged to succeeding generations.

The Light of Egypt is a consortium of advanced students and Hermiticians who seek to carry on the high traditions of the Brotherhood of Light by contributing our utmost to Universal Welfare without thought of personal gain or recompense.

It continues to work toward fulfilling these purpose by meeting the needs of a new world order with its progressive philosophy of soul development. As always there is a determination that each individual should have the opportunity to Contribute his or her Utmost to Universal Welfare to the end that all people may live with freedom from fear; freedom from want; freedom of speech; freedom of religion, and to be enlightened to the extent they wish by the soul uplifting teachings of The Religion of the Stars.

Appendix

Declaration of Principles

We are a Religious altruistic association. We consider all humanity as equal in the higher sense, and utilize our resources for the purpose of assisting each individual to fulfill their part in the Divine Plan. Our Hermetic Philosophy indicates that each soul is responsible for its spiritual progress; and our lessons provide the best information possible for the attainment of true spirituality and happiness on the physical plane and on each higher plane of progress.

There cannot be Two Orders of Truth in the Universe. Therefore, we deny that there is any antagonism between true Science and true Religion. We accept but one book as infallible in interpreting the Will of Deity. That is the Book of Nature. We worship but one Religion, which is also a Science: Nature's laws.

Students are under no obligation to accept our teachings. We encourage them to investigate all existing religious and occult organizations, and our course on *Evolution of Religion* gives details on how our philosophy relates to many of the religions of the world today.

We teach that the family and the marriage relationship are the most powerful aid in building the spiritual body. It is through the sacrifices of the parents for the children that they give up selfishness and then transfer that love to higher planes of work. Our course, *Ancient Masonry*, gives more detail about this process, as well as the course on Spiritual Alchemy and the one on *Occultism Applied to Daily Life*.

Our view of the reason for existence upon the earth is discussed in the book, *Astrological Signatures*, and the book *Organic Alchemy*. We know from tradition and scientific experiments that the soul and personality survive the transition called death and live on higher planes of existence. This is outlined in the book *The Next Life*. We also have lessons on healing and alchemy (psychology) both from the spiritual and physical plane.

Our philosophy is grounded in two basic studies: The Golden Key of Astrology and the Silver Key of the Sacred Tarot. Only with a thorough knowledge of these two keys may the sanctuary of Nature's Temple be opened. Astrology is the science of finding and utilizing the natural potentialities as indicated by the planetary chart of birth. It becomes a religion when it shows the individual how these natural tendencies can be utilized for the benefit of all humanity and furtherance of the purposes of Deity. This is why we are called The Religion of the Stars.

The *Sacred Tarot* is the pictorial form of the spiritual ideas of our world as viewed by the spiritual giants of the past and checked by subsequent illuminated ones as to accuracy. Initiates of all ages have added their contributions. It is the esoteric presentation of the Hermetic Philosophy, and provides each Neophyte with many sources of meditations and inspiration. Our courses on *The Sacred Tarot* and *Spiritual Astrology* give much insight on these two foundations of Knowledge.

The Religion of the Stars is dedicated to the unfoldment of the Universal Plan for this Aquarian Age. A Nine Point Plan provides the framework for this work. The Nine Point Plan is:

That everyone should have:

Freedom from Want
Freedom of Expression
Freedom from Fear
Freedom of Religion

That to obtain these in proper measure, people must have the freedom to become familiar with:

Facts of Astrology
Facts of Induced Emotion
Facts of Extrasensory Perception
Facts of Directed Thinking

And, that instead of working to take all that he can for himself, each must learn to find pleasure in

Contributing His or Her Utmost to Universal Welfare

The Brotherhood of Light teachings are presented in 21 courses covering 21 Branches of Occult Science. The courses have study questions in the back of each book for every lesson. If you request them, you will receive a final exam for each course. Upon passing the final exam, the Award Manuscript will be sent to you. These give information on the safest method of developing higher states of consciousness and other information of value to the neophyte.

Appendix

Home Study Program

About The Home Study Program...

The Brotherhood of Light lessons offer the safest and most reliable information concerning occult studies found anywhere! Many are interested in investigating the occult sciences but cannot find a suitable teacher or are unable to find a practical approach to such matters. To meet this challenge the Home Study Program was designed.

Much information about the outerplane environment can be had in public schools and universities. Of equal importance is knowledge of the innerplane. Since this information is not yet available in our public institutions, The Brotherhood of Light lessons are published.

With the dawning Aquarian Age, our planet is undergoing a new dispensation of knowledge. Manifestations of this knowledge are evident in the scientific and technological growth experienced since 1881. So that development may be along the most constructive channels, it is important that we work to align personal and community intention to the Will of Deity. It is the role of religion to facilitate this alignment.

The Religion of the Stars teaches that the most reliable evidence of God's intention is obtained by observing Nature. To do this requires not only effort, but the process of trial and error. Sometimes standing on the shoulders of those who precede us can be helpful. May we suggest that you will find The Brotherhood of Light lessons to be a reliable guide, as well as some of the most uplifting material you will ever encounter.

Who can enroll in the Home Study Program...

Anyone can study the 21 Courses by reading the material contained therein, and may submit examinations for correction. Upon receiving a passing grade, members will receive the "NotSold Manuscripts." They contain information which we believe to be safest and most reliable methods for psychic unfoldment.

While the reason for each person's study is highly personal, there can also be an organization goal. That is, to become a Hermetician. A Hermetician is a person who has passed final exams on all 21 Courses and thereby demonstrated physical knowledge of all branches of the Hermetic Sciences (Astrology, Alchemy and Magic). As a Hermetician one is eligible to participate more fully in the religious and educational aspects of the organization.

How does the program work...

Recognizing that each person begins his/her course of study with a particular area of interest we have structured the program so you may pass courses in any order you wish. We strongly encourage you to undertake the passing of examinations in sequence from Course 1 to 21.

You can request that we send you an a Course 1 (Laws of Occultism) examination.

After receiving a passing score (exams are open book) we will send you the "Not Sold Manuscript." This process is repeated until you reach the Hermetician level by passing exams for all 21 courses.

Appendix

Other Brotherhood of Light Courses

Other Brotherhood of Light Courses in the Astrology Branch

Course 2, Astrological Signatures

For those only vaguely acquainted with Astrology, this course provides a genuinely complete starting point. For those thoroughly conversant in the effects of the stars and planets, this course explains the connection Astrology has always had throughout the millennia with the Religion of the Stars. The religion's Hermetic Traditions concerning where the soul had its origin, through what processes it reached the earth and why human incarnation was necessary are related. Of special interest is the explanation of the purpose of joy and sorrow. Also included is a description of the aspect of the Religion of the Stars evident in the Mysteries of Ancient Egypt—from a translation by Genevieve Stebbins of Iamblichus's description of the ancient initiation ceremony.

Course 7, Spiritual Astrology

The ancient Wise Ones, when they had discovered some great and vital spiritual truth, looked about to find some material object which would explain, in terms of universal symbolism, this truth to generations to come, of whatever land and of whatever subsequent time. Doctrines of the Religion of the Stars thus formulated were pictured in the sky as the 48 ancient constellations. Each of these constellations is a spiritual text and by their means every story in the Bible or any other Sacred Book may correctly be interpreted.

Course 8, Horary Astrology

This course is most often chosen by beginning students of Astrology for its technical Lesson, "How to Erect a Horoscope," as well as for its clearly organized, easy-to-understand system for judging any given horoscope. More advanced students quite frequently refer to this volume for details concerning the delineation of a horary chart. For students of the Religion of the Stars and/or Hermetic Astrology, the Lesson, "Doctrine of Horary Astrology," is of special importance, with its explanation of just how and why this branch of occult science can solve a problem relating to events past, present and future. Also included for beginning students are C.C. Zain's chart erection shortcuts, for which he designed the Church of Light #2 chart pad to further facilitate this process.

Course 10-1, Delineating the Horoscope

As the Lessons on Astrology emphasize: much is to be gained by diligent application of the rules when delineating—and much is lost by not doing so. Here, then, is the Hermetic System of Natal Astrology, step by step, along with the unsurpassed “Outline of a Complete Astrological Reading.” When this process is followed, one can hardly avoid providing an effective and helpful delineation. Of interest to the beginning student or the advanced are the explanations of the 36 decanates, illustrated with examples of renowned persons having Sun, Moon or Ascendant in that decanate.

Course 10-2, Progressing the Horoscope

A technical manual on the Hermetic System of Progressions, major and minor. Some of the best proof of Astrology’s validity and effectiveness (especially for those extremely skeptical of the science) can be found in this area due to the ease of observing the influences of properly timed major progressions. Hermetic rules regarding the delineation of progressed aspects assist the student in avoiding erroneous assumptions concerning the progressed chart. To round out this study of Natal Astrology, a Lesson on the Hermetic System of rectifying the horoscope is included for use in erecting a birthchart when the exact birth-time is undetermined.

Course 15, Weather Predicting

A complete treatment of the subject and the only text available entirely devoted to astrological influences on the weather. The inner-plane weather mapped by astrological positions has an influence on all earthly things and enterprises and physical weather is no exception. Weather predicting according to the Hermetic System here set forth is exclusively astrological. The attention is directed to the manner in which the inner-plane weather tends to change the physical weather from its normal trend during the season at any place selected. This is particularly useful information for those involved in agriculture, aviation, travel or planning a social event. It is an aspect of the science that should surely not be neglected by anyone seeking a complete, working knowledge of Astrology.

Course 16, Stellar Healing

This course entails what is probably the most effective method of spiritual healing: treatment according to birthchart indications. Natal and progressed constants have been determined through years of extensive research for 160 of the more prevalent diseases; these are included along with the appropriate stellar treatment for each. For ease of reference, the latter six Lessons are devoted to an alphabetical arrangement of the diseases, from abdominal troubles through yellow fever. A most important inclusion is the method in Lesson 197 for calculating astrodynes, harmodynies and discordynies, the unsurpassed mathematical formula for the measurement of astrological power developed by Elbert Benjamine and W.M.A. Drake in 1946.

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