

Chapter 5

Thoughts Which Prevent The Necessity of Operations

While it is unwise to state what is and what is not possible, observation indicates that the power of the thought-cells within the finer body of man, or if you prefer to be more inclusive, even the power of mind, is limited in what it is reasonable to expect of it. A crab, for instance, when it loses a claw, can often grow a new one; but I know of no instance in which a man who has had his hand amputated at the wrist has been able--no matter to what school of mental, metaphysical, or religious healing he belonged--to grow a new hand. And those who have relied on the power of mind to set a broken bone usually have had to put up with one mended in a crooked position.

These observations, and the fact that when people have a burst appendix or various abnormal growths or seats of infection they really should have an operation, are merely examples of that which should constantly be emphasized; that what the thought-cells or mind can accomplish on the physical plane depends not merely upon the desires and degree of activity of the thought-cells, and not merely upon the power of mind or thoughts, but also upon the amount of resistance of the physical environment to the condition for which mind, thoughts, or thought-cells work. And so far as I know, even the resistance of physical environment to growing an entirely new finger when it has been amputated has been so great that mind, thoughts, or thought-cell activity has not been able to bring sufficient extra-physical pressure to bear to overcome that resistance.

But employed in *Precautionary Action* it usually is not too difficult to modify the desires of the thought-cells in such a manner that the necessity of amputating the finger will not arise. Not because if seriously enough injured, or seriously enough infected, it may not need amputation, but because the thought-cells when properly conditioned do not find it difficult to keep the finger from being badly injured or badly infected.

The layman, even if he is a good astrologer, should, not

presume to invade the field of surgery and advise a client that an operation is not necessary when a physician has urged the operation. People do, however, often come to an astrologer regarding other than health matters, when they are suffering from what they believe is some minor complaint, but while under progressed aspects which, taken with the chart of birth, lead the astrologer to believe they are approaching a serious illness. It is the duty of the astrologer under such circumstances to urge an immediate checkup by a competent physician. The advice of an astrologer in many instances has resulted in the discovery of cancer at so early a stage that it was halted without difficulty, while had it not been for that advice the client probably would have paid no heed to the difficulty until it had developed so far that arresting it would have been impossible.

There are various diseases of the human body in the attempt to alleviate which operations often are resorted to. They range from adenoids or infected tonsils to the too prevalent types of disorders of the female organs. But toward whatever of these diseases, for which an operation often is undertaken, there is a predisposition, as shown by the positions of the planets in the chart of birth, the most effective method of preventing the necessity of an operation is to take the specific *Precautionary Actions* advocated for this disease.

However, relative to such a disease, it commonly reaches an acute stage before the operation is necessary, and the more general *Precautionary Actions* relating to operations often will prevent the difficulty reaching this critical stage. To find out what these general *Precautionary Actions* should be we analyzed the charts of 100 persons who had had operations, whose time of birth is known, and the date of the operation. The operations covered by these 100 birth-charts progressed to the date of the operation were widely diversified, including amputations, removal of the adenoids, removal of the tonsils, removal of cancer, removal of appendix, removal of growth on the liver, abdominal operations, operations on women's sex organs, operations on the spleen, etc. Thus are they representative of operations in general.

Tabulating these charts by sign occupied by Sun, Moon and Ascendant showed no sign occurring often enough to be significant. Tabulating the sign on the first, the sign on the sixth, and the sign on the twelfth, gave none often enough to be considered a Constant for operations.

100 People Who Had Surgical Operations

Charts with major progressed aspects (aspects made by progressed Moon ignored) calculated for time of surgical operation	100 100%
Chart with progressed aspect to ruler of First	100 100%
Charts with progressed aspect to ruler	

of Sixth 100 100%

Charts with progressed aspect to ruler of Twelfth	99	99%
Charts with progressed aspect of Mars	99	99%
Charts with progressed aspects of Mars both discordant and harmonious	49	49%
Charts with progressed aspects to Mars discordant only	37	37%
Charts with progressed aspects to Mars harmonious only	13	13%

The one instance in which no major progressed aspect involving Mars for the date of the operation was found is chart F7005, a female, born September 28, 1935, 11:30 p.m., 119:50W., 36:30N. The operation took place August 29, 1936, when the child was II months old. The Moon is ruler of the rising sign, Cancer, and is square Pluto in the first, and semi-square Mars. The Moon is 22 Libra 39, and Mars is 8 Sagittarius 46. Thus the semi-square at birth is only 1 degree 07 minutes from perfect. Eleven months later, when the operation occurred, Mars had moved up to 9 Sagittarius 25, quite beyond orb of a progressed aspect to any planet in the chart.

As a guide to judgment the rules derived from statistical analysis of a series of charts of those who have suffered from a given disease or who have experienced a specific event are highly valuable. But it must not be overlooked that the rules thus derived from planetary prominence and birth-chart and progressed aspects merely signify definite desires and activities upon the part of the thought-cells mapped by the Constants for the condition, whatever it may be. And, under special circumstances, there may be thought-cell desire and activity enough to attract the event when the ordinary requirements of the rule are not fulfilled. Special facilities in the environment for the condition or event, among other things, may require less than the normal amount of thought-cell activity to bring a given event to pass.

In the case of chart F7005 no special facilities of environment are necessary to explain why the operation took place. In the birth-chart Mars in Sagittarius was square Saturn in Pisces and square Neptune in Virgo as well as semi-square the Moon. The difficulty for which the operation later was performed was present at birth. And the Mars thought-cells as mapped in the birth-chart not only were highly active, but highly discordant. They were active enough that when eleven months after birth minor progressed M.C. reached 24Aries 08, and thus was sesquisquare major progressed Mars, this accessory energy added to the Mars thought-cells was sufficient, in addition to the heavy Rallying Forces provided by major progressed Sun semi-square Jupiter and major progressed Moon op-

position Uranus, to attract the operation.

While, as indicated, there may be exceptions due to minor progressed aspects of Mars at the same time there are heavy Rallying Forces, it is safe to say that no matter how ill an individual may be, if there is no progressed aspect of Mars at the time heavier than one from the pro-

gressed Moon, it is highly unlikely he will have an operation. And it is highly unlikely he will have an operation even when there is a progressed aspect to Mars unless there is also a progressed aspect to the ruler of the first (his body), to the ruler of the sixth (illness), and to the ruler of the twelfth (confinement and restriction, but more frequently a hospital).

If the other afflictions by progressed aspect are heavy enough, he may have an operation even if the only progressed aspect to Mars is a semi-sextile, a sextile, or a trine. The chances of an operation are greater when the only progressed aspects of Mars are discordant. But in almost half the operations, in addition to one or more discordant progressed aspects of Mars there is also a harmonious progressed aspect of Mars. That is, it seems that the more active the Mars thought-cells become, even if some of the energy they receive is harmonious, the greater the tendency toward an operation.

Heavy progressed aspects to Mars incline toward operations if at the same time there are other progressed aspects indicating serious illness. Yet many people with Mars powerfully placed and heavily afflicted in their birth-charts go through life, in spite of numerous heavy progressed afflictions to Mars, without an operation. As certain diseases, such as appendicitis, cancer and ovary difficulty are so commonly treated by means of an operation, we must look to the predisposition toward diseases commonly thus handled, rather than to Mars alone, in estimating whether or not a given birth-chart and its progressed aspects indicate the likelihood of an operation.

At the time of the operation it is better to have a harmonious progressed aspect to Mars than one discordant, and to have as many other harmonious progressed aspects as possible. But more frequently the condition which makes the operation seem advisable to the doctor is such that no time can be lost. A burst appendix will not wait, even a matter of days. And people do recover, in spite of progressed afflictions to Mars; in fact, the operation indicated by the aspect of Mars often is the only means of saving the life.

In choosing the time for an operation, aside from the progressed aspects, which usually cannot be controlled, the Moon as shown in the ephemeris on that day should not be within two signs of the part of the body operated on. The best time is when the Moon is two or three signs past the region of the body operated on, so it will have to travel nine or ten signs to get back to the region operated on. Where the Moon is the fluids tend to flow, and this gives three weeks or more before the Moon

gets to the place operated on and brings the blood and other fluids there in abundance. Thus the part is not so apt to bleed profusely, and will have better opportunity to heal. The more favorable aspects, especially those made by the Moon, in the sky on the day the operation is performed, other things being equal, the more successful it is apt to be.

The Mars thought-cells represent energy and the generation of energy. Whether that energy is used to build up or to tear down depends on the desires of the thought-cells. These thought-cells were built by

the struggle of the organism the soul occupied to survive. To survive the organism had to acquire food. A high degree of activity assisted it markedly in thus acquiring nourishment. Even in the human form the lazy man may have to go hungry.

To survive the organism also had to escape or defeat its enemies, enemies which sought to use it for food. Nor is man immune from such enemies. While carnivorous beasts menace him only in limited areas of the earth's surface, there is no place where he is free from the danger of protozoa or bacteria depleting him for their own nourishment. And the struggle within the human body to destroy these minute foes, and to eliminate the poisons which are by-products of their life processes, are no less fierce and fraught with peril than the struggle of the savage who meets with a spear the sudden attack of a lion. Both combats are attracted by the activity of Mars thought-cells, and if the individual survives, he must fight valiantly and with a high degree of activity.

For lower forms of life, as well as for man, environment is constantly changing. And to overcome the difficulties imposed by new conditions there must be both activity and initiative. The life-form lacking initiative all too often waits until conditions have so greatly changed that subsequent struggle is of no avail. Often action must be taken immediately if the organism is not to be overwhelmed.

That the Mars thought-cells are equally related to life and to death is indicated by the signs the planet rules. Aries is the sign of birth. Furthermore, the procreative instinct is ruled by Mars. While Venus relates to love and affection, Mars in the human species rules amateness; and frequently those who have, for various reasons, been reluctant to marry, do so when a progressed aspect to Mars adds energy to the amative thought-cells. Our research shows, for instance, that a progressed aspect to Mars in a woman's Chart tends even more toward marriage than does a progressed aspect to Venus.

These Mars thought-cells are not merely instrumental in urging activity which results in offspring--birth--but as revealed in Chapter Four, their association with the thought-cells which relate to vitality tends to length of life. The strongest single indication of a long life is an aspect between Mars and the Sun. Without energy there is no life, and Mars is the planet of great energy.

Energy, however, as the horrors of war emphasize, may be used to bring death instead of support life. Thus the analysis of progressed aspects relating to 608 deaths given in the book, *When And What Events Will Happen*, shows that next to an aspect to the Sun, which rules vitality, the heaviest affliction both at the time of the death of the individual and at the time of death of a relative is a progressed aspect involving Mars. As co-ruler of Scorpio, natural ruler of the eighth house, Mars is the planet of death.

In the same book it is revealed that Mars is also the planet of accident. Not only is Mars usually the most prominent planet in the charts of those who have serious accidents, but if we allow an orb of a degree and a half for the progressed aspect--as we now find must be done for

progressed aspects of both Mars and the Sun--we find that accidents of violence almost never take place except when there is a progressed aspect adding its energy to the Mars thought-cells. In other words, it is the unusual activity of the Mars thought-cells primarily which attracts an accident. Progressed aspects of Saturn and Uranus also often are present acting as Rallying Forces.

While in the case of a surgical operation progressed aspects of other planets than Saturn and Uranus often furnish the Rallying Forces, we find not only the progressed aspect involving Mars, but those affecting the first house to be practically identical with those indicating an accident. In fact, except that the Rallying Forces may be different, the indications of an accident and an operation seem to be identical. Relative to this difference in Rallying Forces, sometimes the birth-chart and progressed aspects, together with the progressed aspects involving the sixth house and the twelfth house, so clearly indicate an illness that there can be no mistaking it. And in such an illness an operation, as indicated by the progressed aspect of Mars, may seem the likely thing.

But in actual class work over many years in which students have been called upon to estimate from the progressed aspects placed around the chart just what event took place at the given time, we have found many instances in which students would say it was either an operation or an accident, but were unable to determine which. An accident may, and often does, result in illness (sixth house) and being confined in a hospital (twelfth). And unless there are clear indications of some serious disease the line of demarcation between accident and operation may be too thin to make it safe to specify from which the chief danger lies. Yet looking at the matter from the standpoint of Precautionary Action, in such instances the individual is fully warranted in taking steps to avoid both.

Because the astrological indications of an accident are so similar to the astrological indications of an operation, it should not hastily be concluded that an operation is a misfortune. Instead, while it may be a thing destructive to life, and thus allied to the Mars rulership of the natural

eighth house, it may, instead, be allied to the Mars rulership of the natural first house, and thus be the one thing which preserves the life. In other words, we must not overlook that the most life prolonging aspect in the chart of birth involves an aspect--even a discordant one-- to Mars, and that Mars rules eating, without which life cannot be sustained.

Precautionary Actions

As an operation commonly is for the purpose of alleviating some disease or preventing the result of an accident from causing the dire effects that otherwise would be present, the *precautionary actions* should include those indicated for the specific disease or the accident. As those for an accident are practically the same as those for an operation, if an accident is indicated, the *Precautionary Actions* here indicated should suffice.

In all *Precautionary Actions* it should be recognized that thought-cell activity cannot successfully be suppressed. If you have Mars prominent in your chart of birth, the thought-cells thus mapped are going to expend their energy in attracting some kind of Mars event, and nothing you can do will keep them from it. But, by reconditioning their desires, you can determine to great extent what events of a Mars nature they will desire and for which they will work.

By the use of natural antidotes even the characteristic type of activity of the thought-cells may be much modified. That is, by $i_c^{1/2}$ persistently thinking harmoniously about the things ruled by the Moon, which is the natural antidote of Mars, whenever Mars thoughts begin to seep into the objective consciousness, it is possible to add so much of the Domestic thought-elements to the thought-cells mapped by Mars in the chart of birth that the Domestic inclinations will be much more apparent than those ruled by Mars.

Two thought elements, such as those ruled by the Moon and those ruled by Mars, may have so pleasant an affinity for each other that whenever they are associated, by being in the same compartment of the finer form--a compartment is mapped by a house of the horoscope--they tend to unite in a compound which gives the thought-cells embracing it highly harmonious desires. Their spontaneous affinity for each other is so pleasant that it tends to change the character of the thought-cells. It is changed to the type of activity, and the event-attracting quality, that would be indicated if the two planets ruling the natural antidotes were in powerful and harmonious aspect with each other in the chart of birth. And the activity of the thought-cells whose type of thinking is thus cultivated may be so increased that they largely influence the conduct and the events attracted.

In reconditioning the Mars thought-cells, the first step is to cultivate the habit of encouraging the Mars energy to express fully in some

constructive work. Energy--even thought-cell energy--spent in some constructive activity leaves that much less of that type of energy to be spent in destructive activity. Whether the constructive work is healing, or building a boat, or using sharp tools elsewhere, or painting a picture, or writing a story, or any other activity requiring creative energy is not so important. But it is important that the creative energy be used constructively and that pleasure be experienced in the activity.

Remember, there cannot be too much Mars energy if it is channeled to express only constructively. And if cultivated harmoniously in association with the Power thoughts, as indicated in the preceding chapter, this energy will lengthen the life. It is only when the Mars thought-cells have a desire for accidents or strife or infection or other discordant conditions that Mars energy is dangerous.

To get them to have more harmonious desires there is nothing better than to apply the natural antidote, that is, the Domestic thoughts. In thus adding the natural antidote to the compound in the Mars thought-cells, whenever discordant Mars thoughts begin to intrude into the consciousness they should be deliberately displaced with thoughts of pro-

viding for the helpless, of making the domestic life more enjoyable for those in the home, and of taking care of their wants. And these fine and harmonious thoughts should not be permitted to dissipate their energy merely in thinking. To get the most benefit from the mental alchemy process, some actual work, having for object the caring for the helpless and providing for their welfare, should be undertaken.

Lust, anger, irritation, the feeling of antagonism, and the feeling of haste, all are discordant expressions of Mars thought-cell energy. And deliberately to replace any and all such thoughts and feelings with thoughts of actions designed to help the weak and relieve the suffering of the unfortunate is to use the principle of contiguity and association to add Domestic thought-elements to the Mars thought-cells.

Aside from the altruistic motive, which everyone should cultivate as a part of his character, it is not too high a price to pay for freedom from infection, for lengthened life, for prevention of accident and the necessity of operations, for the individual to adopt some definite plan, project or work in which happiness can be cultivated, and which at the same time contributes to the comfort of his family, or the welfare of the old or young who are helpless. Social welfare work may be made thus to serve the purposes of mental alchemy admirably.

Displacing the feeling of irritation, thoughts of combat, destruction, or passion by turning the attention to constructive work of some kind and thinking about it pleasantly, is the practice of conversion. Using pleasant Domestic thoughts to displace any such discordant Mars thoughts and feelings is the practice of mental alchemy.

In addition, should there be a quite harmonious progressed aspect

between other planets during the period the progressed aspect of Mars threatens accident, operation, infection, or other Mars difficulty, it is a good plan to keep the thoughts and feelings as much as possible tuned to the harmonious aspect. The mood of the harmonious aspect, so long as it is maintained, will feed the thought-cells reached by the progressed aspects, including those mapped by Mars, Rallying Force energy, and will tend to give them more harmonious desires.