
Delineating The Horoscope

The predisposition to thoughts, behavior and events attracted relative to any one of the twelve departments of life may be appraised from the house of the birth-chart ruling that department. The house maps the thought cells within the finer body that have been built by experiences with this department of life, and that therefore strive to express through influencing it. Conditioning--experiences after human birth--may have modified both the activity and the desires of these thought-cells; but the degree of their activity and the harmony or discord of their desires at birth are mapped by the birth-chart.

Those thought-cells that are more powerful and active are able more greatly to influence the life than those thought-cells that are weak and less active. This means that the department of life mapped by the house of the birth-chart showing greatest activity is predisposed to be the most important department of the life, and each department of life is predisposed to have a relative importance which is measured by the activity of the house ruling it in relation to the activity of the other houses.

A house containing a planet usually is active, because in addition to common thought-cells it contains dynamic thought-cells. And a house containing several planets usually is still more active, because it contains several groups of dynamic thought-cells . However, to gauge the activity of a house it is not enough to observe whether or not there is a planet in it; for the prominence of the planet ruling a house may make a vacant house more active than some other house which contains several non-prominent planets. Thus to ascertain the activity of a house the prominence of the planet ruling its cusp, and the prominence of any planet that may be in it, must be appraised. The appraisal of planetary prominence is explained in Chapter Four.

If the eleventh house is active, for instance, it indicates a predisposition for friends to play an important part in the life, if the seventh house is active it indicates a predisposition for partnerships to play an important part in the life, if the eighth house is active it indicates a predisposition for death and inheritance to play an important part, and thus with each of the other houses.

Which one of the matters ruled by a given house becomes more important is largely a matter of conditioning and environment. An individual with an active third house, and Mercury prominent, if conditioned that way may take to writing, but if conditioned another way may not write, but take many short journeys. If in addition to third house activity Mercury is not prominent, his relatives may greatly influence his life and he may travel and write little.

Furthermore, this matter of conditioning after birth may make one department of life of two whose houses are equally active and ruled by the same planet far more important than the other. In reference not merely to the specific events attracted, or the specific conditions, but also to the departments of life given importance by the activities of thought-cells ruled by the same planet, conditioning (education by experience) and environment usually are the determining factors.

The predisposition toward the type, or types, of events that will affect any one of the 12 departments of life is indicated by the planet, or planets, ruling its house in the birth chart. The conditions and events relative to a house ruled by Mars will be characteristic in that there will be haste, strife and undue expenditure of energy where they are concerned. And thus also the characteristics of each planet will be discerned in reference to the conditions and events belonging to the department of life whose houses are ruled by the planet; for the thought-cells thus mapped have been built by experiences typical of the planet.

The predisposition toward fortune or misfortune relative to the events and conditions affecting any department of life is shown by the aspects of the planets ruling the house of the birth-chart mapping it. If there are only harmonious aspects

to the planet or planets, the thought-cells desire and work for thoughts, behavior and events relative to this department of life that are fortunate. If there are only discordant aspects to the planet, or planets, the thought-cells desire and work for thoughts, behavior and events relative to this department of life that are unfortunate. If there are both discordant and harmonious aspects, the discordant aspect shows by the house occupied by the afflicting planet from whence misfortune is apt to come, and the afflicting planet the characteristics of the misfortune. The harmonious aspect shows by the house occupied by the beneficial planet from whence the good fortune is apt to come, and the beneficial planet the characteristics of the good fortune. The predisposition is to have misfortune in some respects and good fortune in other respects relative to the department of life.

Yet it has been pointed out in Chapter Three that the easiest thing to change is the desire of the thought cells for a specific event; and that it is not too difficult to change the desires of the thought-cells so that they will want and strive to bring to pass, more beneficial thoughts, behavior and events. Therefore these predispositions toward fortune or misfortune relative to any given department of life, or relative to any specific condition affecting it, should not be considered as indicating inevitable conditions. They merely indicate whether or not the thought-cells influencing a department of life have been correctly or badly educated before human birth; and point out which thought-cells should have special and persistent reeducation so that they also will work for those conditions which the individual desires.

Some factors in the life, such as short journeys and children, belong to but one department of existence, and their predispositions can be judged from a single house. Others, such as marriage, involve two departments and several factors, while health involves two departments--mapped by the first and sixth houses --and every planet in the chart. Little further explanation need be given relative to single-house affairs; for the prominence, characteristics and aspects of the planet or planets ruling the house is all that is required. But we do need to understand about those more complex phases of existence in which various factors are involved.

Judging Personal Appearance

The thought-cells of the soul in influencing physical results of any kind can only bring about the fulfillment of their desires in so far as factors in the physical environment will permit without offering too great resistance. This applies to the stature and appearance of the physical body, which may be altered during its growth by food and climate, and is always influenced by the heredity genes which form the physical link by which race and family characteristics, stored up in their astral counterparts, are transmitted to the astral body of the child.

This means that a chart indicating light complexion signifies light only in comparison to other members of the same race. No planetary positions are likely to give a hooked nose to one belonging to a straight-nose race, nor are they likely to give curly hair to one belonging to a straight-haired race. Tall is a relative term, not only where race is concerned, but also family. A person may be the tallest member of his family, and yet be short by ordinary standards. Race characteristics are much more pronounced in the physical appearance of people than in their temperament, disposition, mental abilities and characters. And thus, in judging the physical appearance, race and family heredity must always be considered as offering great physical resistance to any desires of the thought-cells to depart radically from this physical pattern.

The general trend of the personal description given by each sign and planet is as follows:

ARIES: Middle stature, spare, strong body, bushy eyebrows, dark hair, rather swarthy.

TAURUS: Short, thickset, dull complexion, large mouth, dark hair and eyes.

GEMINI: Tall, long arms, light complexion, brown hair, quick in action.

CANCER: Middle height, upper parts larger, small mouth and face, pale, milky eyes.

LEO: Breadth and size to stature, large head, light hair, ruddy complexion.

VIRGO: Average, compact body, brownish or fresh complexion, dark hair.

LIBRA: Tall and well-formed, clear complexion, sparkling eyes, hair brown or black.

SCORPIO: Middle height, thick-set, corpulent, hooked nose, dark hair, ruddy or swarthy complexion.

SAGITTARIUS: Above middle height, high forehead, long nose, sanguine complexion, hair brown.

CAPRICORN: Slender rather than stout, thin face, black hair, dark complexion.

AQUARIUS: Stout, well set, fair hair, sanguine complexion, pleasant.

PISCES: Tending to shortness, fleshy, pale face, brown or dark hair, fishy eyes.

SUN: A strong vital body, above average size, light complexion, very dignified.

MOON: Tending to shortness and weight, pale complexion wide forehead, listless.

MERCURY: Lean, nervous, sharp features, small eyes and ears, hair brown.

VENUS: Plump and handsome, tending to light complexion mirthful, affable.

MARS: Wiry, robust body, strong muscles, ruddy complexion, hair with reddish tinge.

JUPITER: Large and ample body, sanguine or fair complexion, jovial with much self-esteem.

SATURN: Large bones, looks raw-boned even when not tall, dark, serious, grave.

URANUS: Tall, slender, angular, brilliant eyes, erratic, argumentative.

NEPTUNE: Tendency to eight, oval features, large, dreamy eyes, pleasant appearing.

PLUTO: Medium height, solidly built, ruddy or dark, dynamic.

Every position in the chart seems to have some influence over the size and appearance, but the following four factors, which are here given in the order of their importance as affecting the physique, have more influence than do the others:

1. Primarily, consider the sign on the cusp of the Ascendant, and any planet in the first house. Precedence, as a rule, should be given to the planet nearest the Ascendant, but any planet

within fifteen degrees above the Ascendant should be considered as in conjunction with, and influencing it. Commonly a planet near the Ascendant impresses its description on the person even more strongly than the sign on the Ascendant, yet the influence of both sign and planets should be combined.

The planet nearest the Ascendant, when there are several planets in the first house, marks the appearance more strongly. The more numerous the planets in the first house, as a rule, the smaller, more compact, and dynamic the body indicated.

2. Next to the first house, as an index to the personal appearance, is the sign in which the planet ruling the sign on the cusp of the Ascendant is found. Any planet in the first house usually has more influence over the personality than does the planet merely ruling the sign on the Ascendant. But this planet ruling the cusp of the Ascendant is always co-ruler of the personality, and if there is no planet in the first house, is ruler of the personality. And when it is in a long sign, it tends to heighten the stature, but when it is in a short sign, it tends to shorten the stature below what would have been expected from the first house alone. Thus the sign it is in may be considered to have a secondary influence over the personal appearance.

3. Third, and of much less importance in reference to the personal appearance, is the sign the Sun is in. Its influence is more apparent in those who change markedly in weight and general contour at different ages in life. A plump child often is thin at maturity, and people who are slight or heavy at maturity may acquire the opposite appearance with more advanced age. In these cases it usually will be found that the body at one period of life is indicated by the rising sign and planets, and at the other, and usually shorter period, by the sun-sign.

4. So far as the weight and contour is concerned the fourth factor, which is the dominant planet, has little significance. The dominant, or ruling planet--not to be confused with the ruler of the personality (Ascendant)--usually stamps its impress on the countenance in such a manner that one familiar with the appearance given by the planets at once notices its influence. This dominant, or ruling planet, is the one which has the most prominence in the chart.

Judging Temperament and Disposition

As influencing the trend of the temperament and disposition, there are also four different factors that need to be considered in the following order of importance:

1. First of all the dominant, or ruling planet, indicates that group of thought-cells which has greatest activity, and therefore most powerfully influences the thoughts and behavior, as well as the events attracted into the life. It is more important than any other single factor in indicating temperament and disposition.

2. Next in importance is the personality, indicated by the rising sign and any planet, or planets, in the first house. Any planet in the first house, or within 15 degrees above the cusp of the first house, has more influence in this respect than the sign on the Ascendant. But, in addition to the general tendencies thus revealed, each aspect to the planet which is shown to be chief ruler of the personality (first house), and each aspect to the degree on the Ascendant, indicates a tendency of the disposition.

3. Of third importance is the mentality as indicated by the sign occupied by the Moon. Each aspect to the Moon indicates a definite trend of the mentality. This is not the same as the facility for expression, which is ruled by Mercury. It is a deeper quality of the mind.

4. Finally, the sign occupied by the Sun shows those deep-seated traits of character that are most permanent, even though they may be obscured much of the time by the more superficial traits of the personality. Each aspect to the Sun indicates a definite trend to the character.

Judging Character

Character, as distinct from those traits which are most obvious to others, embraces the whole organization of thought-cells which constitutes the soul. The most deep-seated of these, and those which can be counted on to resist change, are indicated by the same four factors that reveal temperament and disposition, but in a different order of importance, thus :

1. Not because it maps as deep-seated and persistent thought-cells as those mapped by the Sun, but because it maps the most active and powerful thought-cells within the finer form, the dominant, or ruling, planet must be given first place in appraising character.

2. Then comes the Sun as mapping the thought-cells whose qualities are most deep-seated and permanent of all, even though they may be less active than various others.

3. Of third importance in appraising the character, because it indicates the type of impressions most readily received and therefore the mental viewpoint, is the sign occupied by the Moon.

4. Finally, because to express through the personality the character must express through the first house and reach the outside world through the ground-wire of the Ascendant, the rising sign and rising planet should receive some consideration.

The aspects to the planets involved in each of these four factors are of significance in showing fortunate and unfortunate events, and as giving trends to the character indicated by the aspecting planets. But such matters as honesty and dishonesty, social conduct and anti social conduct, and criminal trends are chiefly due to the conditioning of the individual by his environment after birth. As explained in detail in Chapter Two of *When And What Events Will Happen*, no child is born a liar or a criminal. Whatever his birth-chart, he only becomes a criminal when his environment is such as to channel tendencies in that direction which with a different environment might have been led to find expression in socially acceptable behavior.

Judging Length of Life

In *Body Disease And Its Stellar Treatment* will be found the analysis of 150 birth-charts of people whose time of birth is accurately known, who each lived beyond 70 years. Of these, 80 were charts of men, and 70 were charts of women. And there it is pointed out that health is not the same thing as vitality. An individual may be quite healthy as long as he lives, but die at

an early age because he does not develop sufficient vitality to keep the body machine going and able to resist the impacts it receives. Thus the first time he is seriously attacked by a disease, he succumbs to it. But there are many people who have lived even to ninety years of age who have never had robust health, who have had most of the diseases as they came along, and yet have had vitality enough to overcome them and continue with a considerable degree of usefulness. These people have not had a particularly strong CONSTITUTION, but they have had a powerful VITALITY. And the degree of vitality is mapped in the birth-chart by the Sun.

Analysis of the charts of those who have lived long lives shows that the thought-cell condition mapped by every harmonious aspect the Sun receives in the birth-chart, or by progression, tends to benefit the vitality; provided a progressed aspect does not stir into activity thought-cells basically discordant. A beneficial aspect from Saturn, however, apparently indicates no increase in vital power, but a thought-cell condition that enables the individual to conserve and use to best advantage such vitality as he has. Nor does a harmonious aspect from Neptune show a condition directly contributing to the vitality. Instead it indicates benefits indirectly through suggestion and imagination.

When, however, Mars, the planet of physical energy, is in any aspect to the Sun--provided it is not inimical enough to attract violent death, or a virulent infection leading to quick death, such as smallpox or blood poisoning--it shows a tendency toward length of life, because it increases vitality. And the deaths attracted by thought-cells mapped by Mars afflictions of the Sun are not due to low vitality, but to impacts or invasions that are powerful enough to end life in spite of vigorous vitality and recuperative power.

Next in importance to an aspect of Mars to the Sun, as indicating recuperative power and length of life, the analysis indicates, is a harmonious aspect from Jupiter to the Sun. Afflictions of Jupiter to the Sun show no benefit to the vitality, as do those from Mars to the Sun.

The more powerful the Sun thought-cells are within the finer form, the more vitality is at the disposal of the individual; that is, the more electrical energy of proper frequency and

voltage is generated. This is indicated by 44 percent of the women and 48 percent of the men who lived beyond 70 having the Sun prominent by being in an angle of their birth-charts. Of the women beyond 70 years, 77 percent had some aspect of Mars to the Sun in their birth-charts; and of the men beyond 70 years, 74 percent had some aspect of Mars to the Sun in their birth-charts. Of the 70 women past 70 years, 39 percent had a harmonious aspect of Jupiter to the Sun at birth; and of the 80 men past 70 years, 51 percent had a harmonious aspect of Jupiter to the Sun in their charts of birth.

Every planet in the chart of birth maps its own strength or weakness of constitution. The most active and discordant thought-cells, as mapped by the most heavily afflicted prominent planet, show the weakest point in the constitution. But the Moon, because it rules the Constitutional Magnetism, is always important in indicating strength of constitution. Thus 40 percent of the women and 38 percent of the men who lived beyond 70 years, had the Moon in an angle. This prominence of the Moon signifies more than usual activity of the Moon thought-cells, with a correspondingly strong generation by the nervous system of Constitutional Magnetism.

The physical body is a replica of the thought cell body in so far as physical materials are at hand for making it so. It follows, therefore, that each planet in the chart maps groups of thought-cells which determine the strength or weakness--that is, harmony or discord of some particular part of the physical body. Planets aspecting Sun, Moon or Mercury are more important as indicating particular strengths or weaknesses because the thought-cells they map have direct access to the electromagnetic energies, through which alone planetary or other astral energies can reach the physical, or physical forces influence the astral. But each other planet also maps a tendency to strength or weakness in a given part of the physical body.

It will now be seen that the length of life is determined by the relative power between the weaknesses mapped by the ten planets--for even the Sun may map a structural weakness--and the vitality, mapped in the birth-chart and by progression by the Sun. So long as the Sun forces are the stronger, the individual lives. When they become insufficiently power-

ful--either through discords such as inharmonious aspects to the Sun indicate, or through lack of volume of energy--to carry the organism on in spite of its diseases and injuries, the physical life is at an end.

Judging the Health

The sixth house indicates association with illness. Doctors, nurses and dentists have very active sixth houses. But while the sixth house denotes the various conditions, such as the services rendered by others, and the general environment, during illness, it commonly does not indicate the type of illness to which the person is most predisposed.

If a malefic is in the sixth, however, or if the ruler of the sixth is severely afflicted, such affliction, because directly associated with the compartment of the finer form which governs illness, has greater power to attract illness, and to predispose toward the kind of illness thus indicated, than if the afflicted planet were in, or ruled, any other house.

The most powerful affliction in the birth-chart indicates the type of illness toward which the individual is most predisposed. And if the first house (health) and the sixth house (illness) are heavily afflicted, the tendency toward illness is greatly increased.

For each disease there are a few well defined factors which are constantly present in the charts of all who have that disease. These are called the Birth-chart Constants of the disease.

Likewise it is found that at the time the disease manifests there are equally well defined and constant major progressed aspects. These are called the Progressed Constants of the disease.

These constants are ascertained by analyzing the birth-charts of 100 persons who have had a given disease, and by analyzing the major progressed aspects at the time disease became noticeable.

Such analyses have been completed relative to some of the more common of the serious diseases, and are set forth in tables, together with comprehensive information relative to the astrological factors involved in ill health, in the book, *Body Disease And Its Stellar Treatment*.

Judging Mental Ability

The mental attitude, and the general trend of the mental processes as influenced by the unconscious mind and the impressions received are shown by the sign position and aspects of the Moon. The thought-cells mapped by the Moon indicate the most open avenue by which impressions and information from the outside world find access to the unconscious mind, and by which the unconscious mind influences the objective mind. Every planet aspecting the Moon thus indicates a capacity for understanding things of the nature of that planet.

The general trends of the cerebral processes in which reasoning, classified observation and the formulation of words and sentences are employed, which are so essential to get information across to others, are shown by the sign position and aspects of Mercury. Every aspect Mercury receives indicates ability to think about and express ideas of the nature of the aspecting planet. It indicates a certain facility for learning about the matters which the aspecting planet rules. Every aspect to the Moon and Mercury, either harmonious or discordant, increases mental capacity or mental ability. Every planet aspecting the Moon shows unconscious trains of thought concerning the things denoted in the chart by the planet. Every aspect to Mercury increases the facility for expressing the characteristics indicated by the planet making the aspect. If the aspect is harmonious the thoughts, unconscious or expressed, are pleasant, but if discordant they have disagreeable associations.

Should there be too many powerfully discordant aspects to these two planets, the mentality may crack under the strain. Those who suffer mental derangements have either Moon or Mercury, and usually both, heavily afflicted at birth, and when they break they have a progressed aspect to one or both of these planets, and heavy progressed afflictions. But however badly afflicted the Moon and Mercury are at birth, or by progressed aspect, mental derangement does not follow if the chart is otherwise strong and well balanced. Those who do become psychopathic have other weaknesses in their charts which make it difficult to withstand strain.

For mental activity the Moon and Mercury should have strong aspects. And best of all for mental expression are those between Mercury and the Moon; for then the unconscious mind, ready access to which is indicated by the Moon, finds immediate access to trains of thought in the objective mind. The more prominent Mercury is in the chart, other things being equal, the more ability is shown for hard study, and for expressing the thoughts in speech or writing.

While the Moon maps the most open avenue to the unconscious mind from the physical world, and Mercury maps the facility of cerebral expression, we must not overlook that the soul itself is thought-built, and that every planet in the birth-chart maps a group of thought-built thought-cells. The mapping of the whole mentality, therefore, must include every planet and aspect in the chart. The mental processes can only express what the character contains, and it does express with different degrees of facility, all that the character, or soul, possesses. Thus the Moon and Mercury alone do not indicate the mental ability; merely those phases of the whole mentality, soul, or character which impress the attitude and the ability to express with most facility.

Therefore, for a fuller appraisal of mental ability it is necessary in addition to the Moon and Mercury, to consider the Sun-sign as indicating deep-seated trends which influence methods of thinking and expression, the Ascendant and its chief ruler as indicating the personality through which expression must take place, and the ruling, or dominant planet, as mapping the most active group of thought-cells which because of their activity are sure to influence the thinking and method of expression. These five are most important; but of course, to gauge the mental ability completely every planet and aspect in the chart must receive scrutiny.

Judging the Vocation

Deciding what vocation an individual is best fitted to follow is so important that a complete book, *How To Select A Vocation*,¹ has been devoted it. To make this book as reliable as statistics can make such a volume, and to present a textbook completely

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covering the subject of vocational selection, during 18 years the timed birth-charts of 100 persons who followed each of 30 different representative vocations were collected and analyzed. Both the tables resulting, and the findings that followed this long and intensive study, are presented in this book.

Such knowledge is important not merely because it prevents those of maturity from continuing as round pegs in square holes, but because it can be applied to a child before its schooling is begun. The aptitudes which later in life it will be called on to use, if it is to become most successful, can thus be given special opportunity for early training.

Instead of training the child in such a general manner that it is fitted for no special calling, or training it for some vocation that it will spend several adult years learning it is unsuited to follow before turning to something else, the child, in addition to its general education, can early be given opportunity to develop those talents which it will find most useful later in life. Here only the general principles of such vocational selection can be pointed out.

Each planet in the birth-chart maps its own kind of natural aptitude, and each house indicates the power to attract certain activities. The more prominent a planet, irrespective of whether its aspects are harmonious or discordant, the more natural aptitude of that particular type the individual possesses. And the more active a house, the greater power the individual has of attracting the association ruled by that house.

But for success, ability, which arises from training a natural aptitude, is only one-half of the requisites. The other half is what is called *The Luck Factor*. This arises from the tendency of the thought-cells to find facilities for attracting good fortune amid some associations and for attracting misfortune amid other associations. However much ability an individual may have, he may meet disaster through no fault of his own. Those associations represented by powerful and discordantly aspected planets in the chart of birth give opportunity for the thought-cells thus mapped to bring difficulties into the life. Those associations represented by powerful and harmoniously aspected planets in the chart of birth give opportunity for the thought-cells thus mapped to bring good fortune into the life. Careful analysis of the birth-charts and lives of a great many

people indicates that the associations are as important for success as are the abilities.

Judging Finances

In reference to the power to gain money, the harmony and activity of the second house thought-cells are of chief importance. In judging this the influence of any planet in the second house, and the planet ruling its cusp, as well as the aspects of this planet, should be considered. That is, as pointed out in Chapter Eight, Uranus in this house indicates sudden gains and sudden losses, and that original ideas may be made to pay financial dividends; Neptune in this house indicates either that money comes with little effort or not at all, and that there is need for developing practical ideas about financial matters; etc.

Jupiter and Saturn are the financial planets. Jupiter, when prominent and well aspected, shows power to attract wealth, and Saturn when prominent and well aspected shows power to keep it. If one or both of these two planets is afflicted, it decreases the business ability; but even so, most successful business men have some afflictions to one or both of these planets, often very heavy afflictions to one of them. They succeed not because they never lose, but because their gains are, on an average, greater than their various losses.

Third in importance relative to making money is the condition of the thought-cells mapped by the tenth house. This house has directly to do with business and credit.

And finally it is found that the Sun and Moon should be considered in the power to attract money. The Sun thought-cells show the power to attract gold, or its equivalent, and the good will of those in authority. The Moon thought-cells show the power to attract silver and the good will of the common people. Therefore, if the Sun is well aspected and prominent and the Moon is afflicted, it is a waste of energy to try to promote small sales to many people. The efforts instead should be turned to important ventures in which, if they are successful, the returns on each will be large. On the other hand, if the Moon is prominent and well aspected, and the Sun is heavily afflicted, more success will follow making numerous small transactions,

depending on the volume of such transactions to bring in adequate returns. The five-and-ten stores are an excellent example of utilizing a good Moon, together with harmonious Jupiter and Saturn to give business sense.

When the three factors of business success---the tenth house, the Sun, and the business planets, Jupiter and Saturn--are weak and much afflicted, it is better for the individual not to go into business for himself, but to be content to work in the employ of others. Business success and ability to gain money are not the same. Some people who work for salaries make far more money than those who in a business of their own are considered quite successful. Others acquire money through gifts, marriage, or inheritance.

A harmonious tenth house is a favorable indication an individual can make a success of a business of his own. If he is to boss others successfully in the enterprise, he should have a prominent Sun. Discordant aspects to the Sun indicate difficulties arising from the exercise of authority. A Sun lacking in prominence indicates lack of ability to exercise authority.

Jupiter indicates the ability to sell to advantage, and to attract business opportunities. Saturn indicates bargaining ability shrewdness, and foresight. They do not directly indicate the reputation, or credit, which is so essential to business success, for this is indicated by the tenth house, but the activity and harmony of the thought-cells they map are largely responsible for business judgment and luck in business.

Judging Legal Matters

The seventh house thought-cells indicate the general relations with other people. If the seventh house is heavily afflicted the relations with others may bring conflict, and conflict may result in recourse to the law. The; more afflicted the seventh house the more damage the adversary is able to bring about. People with harmonious planets in the seventh seldom have law suits. But an afflicted Saturn there shows difficulties that may take the individual into court; an afflicted Mars there indicates a tendency to strife with others that may end in the courts; and an afflicted Uranus there shows controversies or separations

that the court may be called upon to settle. The luck where the law itself is concerned, that is, the attitude of the judge and jury, is indicated by the planet ruling the ninth house and its aspects. The appearance of the individual, or other circumstances, may cause the judge and jury to feel kindly disposed, or less kindly disposed. Saturn in the ninth, for instance, if well aspected, indicates a court that is severe and just and not swayed by appeal to emotions. But a well aspected Jupiter in the ninth indicates a court inclined to give the individual every benefit of a doubt.

Judging Love

The affectional relations in general depend upon the activity and the harmony of the thought cells mapped by Venus. These affectional relations embrace the satisfactory and unsatisfactory emotions arising from contacts with the husband or wife, the children, the parents, the brothers and sisters, and the friends. This satisfaction of the emotions in general, or their lack of satisfaction, must be judged from the prominence and aspects of Venus alone.

But in reference to the satisfactory emotional relations with a person or persons belonging to any one of these categories, this general indication shown by Venus must be combined with the influence of the planet ruling the house representing the particular person or persons. Arid this planet plays the leading role. Thus the success of the affections where friends are concerned is not to be judged by Venus alone, but chiefly by the ruler of the eleventh house; and the success of the affections where brethren are concerned is shown chiefly by the ruler of the third house, with Venus playing a minor part.

The success of affectional relations both where children and love affairs are concerned is to be judged chiefly from the fifth house. Venus may play an important part in love making, but some love making has very little of the Venus quality of affection in it. If Mars is the ruler of the fifth, love-making will attract strife; if Saturn is the ruler of the fifth, either loss or responsibility is attracted through love-making; if Uranus is the ruler of the fifth, unusual conditions arise in relation to love-making.

However, if at the same time Venus is well-aspected, the indications shown by the fifth house are somewhat modified favorably, but if Venus is badly afflicted, the indications shown by the fifth house are somewhat modified discordantly.

Judging Marriage

Marriage is more than a partnership. Therefore it must be judged by other factors in addition to the seventh house. The seventh house merely indicates the tendency relative to partnerships in general. If the Sun is in the seventh it indicates a partner of prominence, if Mercury is there, a partner of intellectual interests, etc., as indicated in Chapter Four. Thus from the planet in the seventh, or less precisely from the planet ruling the cusp of the seventh, can be judged the type of partners in general that will be attracted.

How the partner thus indicated tends to affect the life is shown by the aspects of the planet thus indicating the partner. If this planet is in aspect to the planet ruling money, the partner will tend to affect finances, if it is in aspect to the planet ruling friends, the partner will influence the friends. The nature of the influence is shown by the key-word of the aspect as given in Chapter Three.

Marriage, however, is a partnership involving the opposite sex. Therefore, the planet ruling the opposite sex must also be given consideration. The Sun is the ruler of the male sex, and the Moon is the ruler of the female sex. If the Sun is well aspected in a woman's chart, it indicates harmony and good fortune through associating with men. If the Sun is afflicted, men in general tend to attract trouble. Furthermore, as a general rule, the aspects to which the Sun applies in a woman's chart indicate the men who come into her life prominently enough that there is thought about and probably opportunity for marriage. If the first aspect made by the Sun after birth is to a square of Saturn, it indicates a man who is old, selfish, or ill, through whom if marriage takes place there is apt to be loss. If the second aspect made by the Sun after birth is a trine to Mercury, let us say, this indicates an intellectual man with whom there would be much less difficulty than with the Saturn man indicated by the first aspect.

In a man's chart, the affect of women in general upon his life is indicated by the Moon and its aspects. If the Moon is much afflicted, women in general tend to cause him trouble. But if the Moon is well aspected association with women will tend to bring good luck.

The first aspect the Moon completes after birth as a general rule indicates the first opportunity of a man to marry. If the aspect is weak, it may merely bring thoughts of marriage. But the planet thus aspected indicates the outstanding characteristics of the woman. If the first aspect made by the Moon is harmonious and the second one is discordant, the man will be more fortunate in marriage if he marries his first love. However, the characteristics of the woman will show whether she is the one indicated by the harmonious aspect. She will show the Jupiter characteristics if she is indicated by Jupiter, and the characteristics of any other planet that thus indicates her.

In so far as the affectional relations are expressed in marriage, the prominence and aspects of Venus must be considered. The house positions of the planets aspected by Venus, and the harmony or discord of the aspects, indicate what things conduce to and detract from the harmony of the affectional relations.

The success and nature of the love relations, which are one factor of marriage, must largely be determined from the fifth house.

A great deal of nonsense has been written about the astrological rules for selecting a marriage partner. Certainly such suitability cannot be determined from Sun-signs alone, or from any other one factor alone. There should be, primarily, electromagnetic harmony. To determine the electromagnetic harmony, however, is a very tricky thing to judge, and while it can be done, it requires much experience.

In addition to physical harmony, there should be kindred interests--mental harmony--and kindred ideals--spiritual harmony

The appraisal of the natural harmonies and discords between people before their affections become so involved that they are determined to marry is a valuable function of astrology, but not one that can be taught in a few pages. It is a profound and complex study. Furthermore, there are things

not directly revealed by astrology which may disrupt the union of people astrologically harmonious.

Discords that under some early environmental conditions develop into nothing too serious, under other early environmental conditions may develop into a complex, or unreasonable and uncontrolled emotional reactions that are sure to disrupt any marriage. In other words, there are people who have developed traits of character, or mental and emotional quirks, that make it impossible for them to live in harmony with any matrimonial partner. And the fact that the chart of this person is ever so harmonious to that of the person married will not prevent the marriage from going on the rocks. Thus only a rather comprehensive knowledge of the charts and lives of the two people can indicate how suitable they may be for marriage; and snap-judgment advice on this important subject should never be made.

Conclusion

The birth-chart is not a map of what the individual inevitably will think, will do, or of the events that will come into his life. Instead, it is a map of his soul showing him the strength and desires of the thought-cells which comprise his soul as they exist at birth. Its chief value is not in indicating what he probably will think, probably will do, and what events probably will come into his life as the result of the activity and desires of these thought-cells. On the contrary, its chief value lies in indicating how he should change the degree of activity and the desires of these thought-cells which comprise his soul so that they will enable him to have a life of far greater success, spirituality and happiness than had he been ignorant of astrology.