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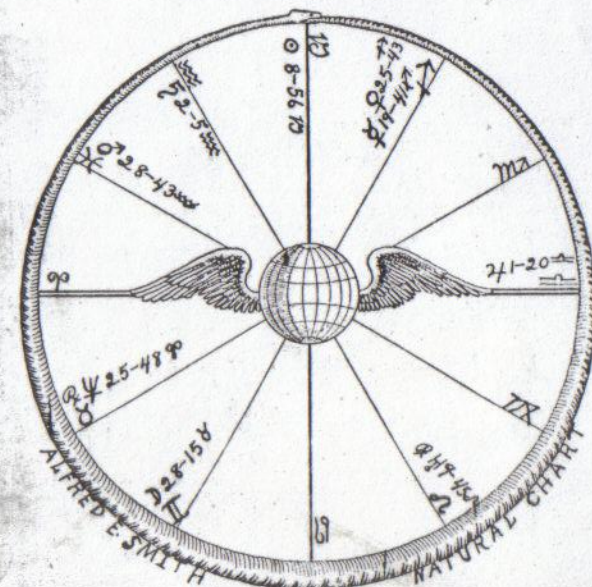
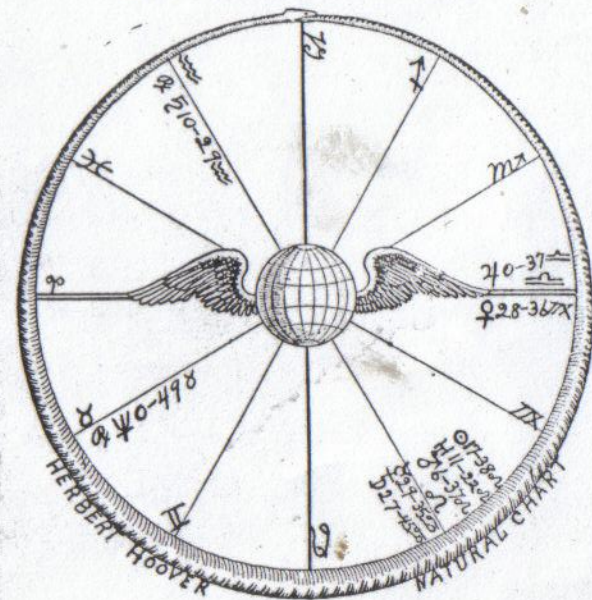
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Alfred E. Smith was born Dec. 30, 1873, New York, N. Y., time of day unknown. By major direction in latter 1928 he has Sun conjunction Venus p. This is a powerful beneficent aspect, and gave him the nomination. The directions for the following four years are not important, hence if he is elected the country may expect neither marked prosperity nor dire calamity, the tendency being toward considerable less prosperity than during the past four years.

Herbert Hoover was born Aug. 10, 1874, West Branch, Ia., time of day unknown. By major direction in latter 1928 he has Sun trine Saturn r, in 1929 Sun sextile Uranus r, in 1930 Sun conjunction Jupiter r and Venus sextile Venus r, in 1931 Venus trine Mercury r, and in 1932 Sun sextile Uranus p. Thus for the four years of the presidential term Mr. Hoover has an unprecedented train of favorable directions. If he is elected the country, therefore, will enter upon a program of construction and development of natural resources that will far surpass any period in the past, and while this may not result at once in a financial boom it will add substantially to the wealth of the nation and will solve the problem of unemployment.

As the affairs of a company or of a nation are to a marked extent influenced by the astrological conditions shown in the birth-chart of its executive, this executive may well be chosen by his fitness as shown by these astrological factors. Where the time of day of birth is unknown definite predictions as to the winner of an election can not be made without the possibility of error. Thus it is conceivable that Mr. Smith may have been born at a time of day that will give him some strong additional good direction this autumn that would give him the election. With the time of day of birth known it could be definitely stated who would be elected; but any science depends upon accurate data. Unless there are some additional directions, dependent upon the time of day he was born, other than those shown in Mr. Smith's chart with the time of day unknown, Mr. Hoover will be elected.

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The 48 ancient constellations picture by their symbolism the influence of the 12 signs and 36 decanates. In addition the ancient Magi associated with each of the 48 constellations an important spiritual teaching, these teachings as a whole being the moral tenets of The Religion of the Stars. Each of these 48 spiritual doctrines may be stated as a text, and from each of these 48 texts a vital full sized sermon may be preached. These 48 texts, as associated with a particular constellation and therefore also with a certain section of the zodiac, will be published in The Brotherhood of Light Annual for 1929. From time to time

I expect to use various of these 48 texts of The Religion of the Stars as subjects of sermons.

In the present instance I choose my text from the Third Decanate of Libra. Libra, as ruling the 7th. House, is associated with war, and the third decanate is pictured by the constellation Lupus, a wolf being put to death by the spear of Centaurus. This wolf depicts the spirit of war, and the spiritual text associated with it reads: "It is impossible for a man to injure another without himself being injured, and it is impossible for a man to benefit another without himself being truly benefited."

According to this text, according to common sense, and according to The Religion of the Stars, war is abhorrent, a thing of evil, that ultimately defeats its own aims and leaves but waste and devastation. Yet we have had Hinduism 3,500 years, Buddhism has flourished 2,400 years, Christianity has had its sway for 1,900 years, and Moslemism exerted its power 1,300 years, and war is with us still. The most that can be said is that this summer some treaties were signed to outlaw war; treaties that statesmen admit are mere gestures.

I hold that the world war is an indictment of the world's four dominant religions. I hold that a religion which fails to create an irresistible popular sentiment against war is a weak and decadent religion.

I do not believe it to be the function of religion to tell politicians and statesmen how to abolish war. But I do believe it to be the sacred duty of religion to create a public sentiment against war so strong that politicians and statesmen will lie awake nights solving the problem of how war may actually be abolished. You may be sure that if the common demand for peace is strong enough and universal enough that those who seek leadership will find a way to secure peace, and to secure a just and lasting peace.

Have our religions created such a popular demand? They have not. Is it not time, therefore, that thinking men and women discard the obsolete in religion as they have discarded the obsolete in locomotion, the obsolete in manufacturing methods, the obsolete in business procedure and adopt an up to date viewpoint, a religion that disregards no fact in nature yet encourages spirituality, a religion that would create an irresistible sentiment against wholesale murder? Such a religion is The Religion of the Stars.

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