

"Paul C. has had much experience in city and business life since he was thirteen, while Paul O. has had an exclusive rural environment. Paul C. was brought up as an only child, while Paul O. had a younger foster-brother and sister.

"Paul C., the city-reared, proved superior in the tests of general mental ability and educational achievement. Paul O. beat him, however, in the arithmetic section of the Standard tests. In the temperament and other personality tests, both brothers reacted about alike, both being rather slow and deliberate, rather careful and interested in details, and only moderately aggressive. There were one or two marked differences, however: Paul O. proved more rapid in making decisions and more resistant to opposition than Paul C., but less marked in his reaction to contradiction."

Reading about these cases, and about all the others we have been able to find, gives the same impression as does reading the CASE HISTORY STUDIES OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONDITIONING AS AFFECTING EVENTS ATTRACTED BY PROGRESSED ASPECTS, some of which appeared in the ten issues of THE RISING STAR, commencing with the April 7, 1940, issue, except that in these latter the similarities and differences in the events which were attracted into both lives under identical progressed aspects also were included. And in these studies published in the RISING STAR in each case the time of birth was known, and the chart published.

Undoubtedly, the charts of Eleanore and Georgiana, who are mentioned in the heredity cases studied, must have been also approximately identical for the progressed aspects of one to have brought invalidism of the foster-mother and work as a dentist's assistant, and to the other the death of the foster-mother and work as a doctor's assistant. The tenth, sixth and twelfth houses of the two charts must have been almost identical for the progressed aspects to have attracted events so similar affecting them. Our studies of almost identical charts, when the individuals have been conditioned by different environments, have shown differences in character traits comparable to those previously quoted; and differences in conditioning, and differences in environment when a progressed aspect came into the life, have shown a corresponding difference in the events which were attracted into the lives under its influence.

I do not wish to overstep permissible liberty in quoting too lengthily from literature on the subject of the influence of heredity. But I am sure neither of the two magazines, from which with this apology I quote, would object to the use of quotations

of sufficient length to explode a wide-spread fallacy and thus to encourage people through proper training to improve themselves, and especially through proper training of their children to improve both the character and the fortune of the human race. To explode the fallacy people should be able to cite not merely opinions, but the actual tests made by those recognized as competent authorities, which prove that by proper training and effort, not the general types of energies present as indicated by either heredity or the birth-chart, but the manner and degree these shall find expression can, and often are, changed. The second set of quotations is from TIME, issue of March 11, 1940.

“Few years ago a psychologist named Harold Manville Skeels, a professor at University of Iowa, was assigned by the State to advise the State orphanage. He found that the orphanage was sending babies (mostly bastards) born of feeble-minded parents to highly intelligent families for adoption. Horrified, Dr. Skeels hurried forth to see how much damage had been done. He gave the adopted children intelligence tests. To his surprise, their average I. Q. was 115, well above normal (100). Not one was dull.”

“Dr. Skeels’ discovery was one of a series made more or less by chance during the last 15 years by the University of Iowa’s Child Welfare Research Station. The Station found that when children attended a nursery school or were transferred from a bleak orphanage to good homes, their I. Q.’s invariably improved. Concluded the Station’s Director, Dr. George Dinsmore Stoddard: With good upbringing even a dull child may become bright.”

Not all the psychologists agreed to this and, “Last week, with blood in their eyes, the nation’s leading psychologists gathered in St. Louis. . . . But Stoddard had found supporters. The year-book reported that identical twins reared in separate homes had different I. Q.’s. Southern Negroes who moved to Harlem (and thus got better schooling) raised their I. Q.’s. Psychologist Robert Ladd Thorndike (son of famed Edward Lee Thorndike) had examined the records of some 1,100 children in three famed progressive schools (Horace Mann, Lincoln, Ethical Culture), found that in two schools children’s I. Q.’s were static, but in the third (unidentified) there was an average I. Q. gain of more than six points.

“As the convention opened, bald, husky Dr. Stoddard rose to report. He twinkled: ‘Only a confirmed Pollyanna would say that, as a committee, we have performed our task in a spirit of

loving kindness. . . .' Listeners look at each other, wondered when the fireworks would start. They never did start. Long before the end it had dawned on the delegates that there would be no debate, because no one cared to get up and contend that nurture had nothing to do with intelligence. Said the final speaker, University of Chicago's Sociologist Ernest Watson Burgess: '(The) consensus (is) that intelligence, at least as measured by the I.Q., is not a constant and that it is a resultant both of hereditary and environmental factors'."

In a similar manner our now extensive CASE HISTORY STUDIES of the events which come into the lives of people with practically identical birth-charts and progressed aspects, show that the events which are attracted by a given progressed aspect to those with practically identical birth-charts, while characteristic of the planets involved in the aspect and the houses they rule, are modified as to their specific nature, their importance, and their fortune or misfortune, both by the conditioning (B) of the individual since birth by environment, and by the environment (E) of the individual at the time the progressed aspect is operative.

The character of the planetary energy which is released by a given progressed aspect mapped in two similar birth-charts is identical. But the amount of activity given the thought-cells, and the specific trend given their desires, may be far from identical. If the manner in which one has reacted to previous progressed aspects has conditioned (B) him readily to tune in on the energy of one of the planets involved in the aspect, due to picking up this energy in greater volume his thought-cells may become twice as active as those of the one not so conditioned, and the environment remaining the same, he may experience an event twice as important as the other.

Or if the experiences of one have been such that the thought-cells chiefly given activity by the progressed aspect are twice as harmonious as the same group of thought-cells of the other, the event which happens to the one, the environment remaining the same, may be twice as fortunate as the event which happens to the other.

The early environmental conditions of one may have facilitated events of one specific kind belonging to the houses influenced by the progressed aspect, and the early environmental conditions of the other may have facilitated events of another specific kind belonging to the same birth-chart houses. And the environment being the same with each at the time the progressed aspect forms,

the specific event, even when the thought-cell activity is similar in intensity and harmony, may be quite different. If the ninth house and the fifth house are involved, one may travel (ninth) and give stage (fifth) performances and the other may stay in his home town and teach (ninth) school (fifth).

Although usually far less important than conditioning (B), which is the reaction to all environments encountered up to that time, if the conditioning and thus the thought-cell activity and thought-cell desires are the same, and the environment of one offers twice the resistance to the type of event indicated by the progressed aspect as the environment of the other, the event which happens to the other may be twice as important.

If the conditioning and the thought-cell activity and thought-cell desires are the same, and the environment of one offers twice the facilities for harmony or discord that is offered by the environment of the other, the event that happens to one may be twice as fortunate as the event which happens to the other.

And if the conditioning and the thought-cell activity and thought-cell desires are the same, and the environment of one offers facility for one specific event of the type, while the environment of the other offers great resistance to this specific event, but facilities for others of the type and house rulership of the planets involved in the aspect, the events may not vary greatly either in importance or fortune, but be different kinds of specific events.

In PROGRESSED ASPECTS OF STANDARD ASTROLOGY there are four diagrams with explanations which enable these conditions, which are actually found in peoples' lives, to be readily visualized and understood. And after all, those things might have been foreseen if what a birth-chart is had been recognized as to its true significance. Perhaps souls born at the same moment have had rather similar prehuman experiences. But if the birth-chart represents an elastic energy pattern rather than one of steel-like rigidity, the details of these prehuman experiences are not identical. Thus observation of the lives of people with practically identical birth-charts shows that frequently the environments into which they are born are widely different.

Prehuman experiences can hardly be of such a nature as to make inevitable human experiences with radios, airplanes, the movies and automobiles. If they are, then there was something sadly lacking in the prehuman experiences of our parents. Prehuman experiences may well fit one for numerous or few experiences in human life with these things, and for fortunate

experiences or those unfortunate, providing the physical environment is readily able to afford them. But the same prehuman experiences to one born a hundred years ago would have worked out in terms of other specific things having the same planetary and house rulership.

After birth the conditioning of the energies expressed by the groups of thought-cells and their aspects becomes more specific, because the physical environment affords specific things, such as those just mentioned. It affords people who frown upon some specific actions and who praise other specific actions, and whose emotional attitudes have an effect upon the developing child. And instead of permitting these conditioning factors to arise haphazard, or to be rigidly standardized with no recognition of the child's specific requirements, they should be selected for their ability to channel the expression of the more powerful thought-cells, as revealed by the birth-chart, into constructive habit systems.

As an example let us consider the Sun in the first house at birth. This means that the Power thought-cells are so active relative to the personal life that there is an irresistible drive for significance through some personal activity or exploit. The aspects of the Sun may indicate that the significance will be sought through the things ruled by a certain house or houses or by a certain planet or planets. But the exact nature of the behavior is not so easy to determine, because from birth on it is conditioned by the individual's particular environment, and can express at any later date only in so far as the environment affords facilities. Thus significance indicated through a Mars-Saturn channel may be sought either in crimes of violence or in capturing dangerous criminals, and from the chart alone it often is impossible to tell which.

Not only is it difficult to tell which, but the child taken in infancy and conditioned by one environment will become a criminal, yet if conditioned by another environment it will become a law-enforcement officer. Conditioning cannot repress the drive for significance. To the extent the Mars thought-cells are active will they express in a Mars manner and to the extent the Saturn thought-cells are active will they express in action and attract events characteristic of Saturn. Conditioning can increase the activities of any group of thought-cells; but the thought-cells of a structure mapped by a planet prominent in the birth-chart have so much activity at birth that it is useless to try to repress them. It may be advisable not to encourage their activity, or

to build into them the thought-element of their mental antidote. But such a group of thought-cells has enough activity that it will express characteristically in spite of any effort to repress it. Therefore, it should be channeled into some characteristic but nevertheless constructive expression.

To continue with the child with Sun in the first house and prominent Mars and Saturn. In the slums if it gains significance through being a tough guy and daring in petty crimes, it usually will continue in that direction. Nor does the birth-chart of one reared in such an environment differ sufficiently from one who has better social advantages that the difference can be determined through astrological means alone. Yet a child with a similar chart who gains significance through doing daring acts which are socially acceptable may end by being a G-man. After all, what prehuman experiences are criminal and what prehuman experiences are law-abiding?

Thus far in considering this child we have discussed only his behavior. But even if he becomes a G-man instead of a criminal, he is not insured against misfortune. Morality and socially acceptable behavior do not prevent accident, illness, loss of money and disagreement with acquaintances. Whether a criminal or a G-man, to the extent his thought-cell desires are discordant will the events that come into his life tend to be unfortunate. Either a G-man or a criminal may get shot. But whether he does or not chiefly depends upon how discordant and active his Mars thought-cells are. If the environment of his early life has been such that he views Mars events with pleasure, and seldom lets them cause him annoyance, he will have a tendency to escape from the most dangerous situations. But if he has developed an attitude of deep-seated irritation when affairs do not go smoothly, he is far more apt to suffer when dangerous situations arise. The luck he has relative to Mars events depends on how the Mars thought-cells feel.

The power of a mental factor within the soul to do any kind of work, such as influencing the behavior or attracting the event it desires, depends upon the amount and intensity of its energy. And those mental factors mapped by squares and oppositions in the chart of birth have much energy because, in the case of a square, the desires mapped by the two planets were never conciliated and reconciled, and in the case of an opposition the desires mapped by each of the planets fought with the desires mapped by the other, each seeking supremacy. They are thus heavily charged with emotion, and unless harmoniously recon-

ditioned they still struggle within the finer form, and still work to attract unfortunate events.

Both birth-chart and progressed squares and oppositions are testing forces that properly used enable us to build strength, initiative, resistance, determination and faith. They are individual environmental forces of the inner plane that do not permit us to slumber. If we do nothing about them the thought-cell desires and activities they set in motion bring misfortunes from which we seek to escape. And in seeking to overcome the difficulties they present, or to endure with fortitude the misery and pain, there is opportunity for character building. Nature permits no stagnation; life-forms must struggle or perish.

But this character building has two forms. One consists in developing uncomplaining fortitude in the face of adversity, of acquiring the ability to maintain initiative, determination and faith in spite of disaster. In the vernacular, it is learning how to "take it." The other consists in developing ability to prevent adversity, to take such precautionary measures that suffering is avoided and disaster averted. In the vernacular, it is learning how to "dish it out."

Progressed aspects are individual inner-plane weather conditions which affect special groups of thought-cells and, except conditions are present for them to act as Rallying Forces, do not affect the other thought-cells of the finer form. Even as plants and animals acquire, directly or indirectly, the energy for their physical activities from the rays of the Sun, so do the thought-cells receive from progressed planetary aspects energy which increases their activity.

Now even before cavemen days, mankind was faced with physical environmental conditions that were analagous to progressed aspects. There were the warm summer months in which man needed to put forth almost no effort to survive. Nor is the individual astrological environment a continuous succession of harsh influences. There come periods when there are progressed sextiles and trines, and the individual moves forward, not necessarily in the development of strength of character, but at least with unusual opportunities for utilizing whatever character he already has. Even as in the summer months food was abundant to early man, and he had no difficulty in keeping warm, so harmonious progressed aspects tend to attract into the life fortunate events.

But when winter came, primitive man was faced with misfortune and possible disaster. Fruits, grains and vegetables were

no longer available, and he must develop initiative, determination, agility and tremendous endurance to be able to subsist by the chase alone. Furthermore, the winter winds chilled him to the marrow. To endure the cold he must cultivate fortitude and great resistance. Even as progressed squares and oppositions bring it to us, winter brought him opportunity for character building.

The opportunity for character building was not, however, confined to this one form. He could not prevent the winter weather, with its snow and ice and cold and retarded growth of vegetable foods. Primitive man could no more prevent these than modern man can prevent the release of the energies of discordant progressed aspects. But opportunity was present for devising precautionary measures by which the effect on himself would be much less severe. He learned to inhabit caves, and to build dwellings. He learned how to use fire and clothing to keep warm. He learned how to cultivate, harvest and store food for winter use. He did not escape the necessity of struggle, but the struggle was to prevent misfortune before it happened, rather than to adjust to it after it arrived.

And that is the effort each person on earth should make relative to the discords within his finer form mapped by birth-chart afflictions and inharmonious progressed aspects. Instead merely of using the misfortunes after they arrive to build character, he should also work so to recondition the discordant thought-cells that they will desire, and attract, only fortunate events, or at least those far more fortunate than had this effort not been made.

Such effort does not remove the necessity of struggle and character building. But for the energy expended it does afford opportunity of character development of higher value; for the individual who learns to attract good fortune when the fortune otherwise would have been ill, cannot only more effectively advance his own interests, but he can contribute vastly more to the welfare of others.

In such effort at reconditioning the desires of the thought-cells he should bear two things in mind; one is that the process which built the thought-cells in the first place and gave them their present desires did not stop at birth, but continues; and the other is that the experiences before human birth gave only general trends to the thought-cell desires and therefore the birth-chart does not map thought-cell desires for special human events. The birth-chart maps the raw material of the ten dif-

ferent types, each associated with certain department of existence; but the details of the pattern of life as it is woven from these ten types of raw material is determined by experiences after human birth.

Can we say, for instance, that lower forms of life have experiences with unconventional sex behavior? It would be difficult to define them, and yet prehuman experiences can give such strong urges of a definite kind that when the soul is born in human form they attract it strongly toward such behavior. Nevertheless, both the sex urge and the individualistic urge are so unspecific as to detail that they can express characteristically through a variety of other specific events which most environments readily afford.

Or consider the drive for significance (Sun) expressing through individualistic (Uranus) channels as mapped by a birth-chart aspect between Uranus and the Sun. The significance may be sought through advocating and working for political reforms, through swaying audiences with oratory, through original methods of handling employees, or through being a boss high-pressure salesman. And a similar variety of expression of the desires of the thought-cells they map is true of other aspects between the planets in the birth-chart.

Not only so, but quite readily in the early formative years of life, and with the application of much effort after these formative years have elapsed, the desires of the thought-cells can be reconditioned to find satisfaction in events and conditions much more fortunate or much more unfortunate than the general desires mapped by the birth-chart indicate. As already indicated, a child with a prominent birth-chart Sun is bound to seek significance. If the Sun is heavily afflicted, and the environment encourages such expression of the discordant Sun thought-cell desires, he may develop into a bully and a domineering braggart. But if someone who understands the significance of his birth-chart takes the pains to give him opportunity to attain significance through something constructive that enables him to express his natural aptitudes, the Sun thought-cells will soon become reconditioned by the praise for accomplishment and continue to seek satisfaction in socially acceptable behavior.

Now as mentioned in chapter one, any progressed aspect of the Sun affects the vitality, the significance, and the authority. Whether these things, and the departments of life affected by the Sun, are affected fortunately or unfortunately depends upon the environment and the desires of the Sun thought-cells. Their

desires at birth, or those mapped by any other planet, whether harmonious or discordant as indicated by the birth-chart aspects the planet receives, are only raw thought-cell trends which are molded into a specific pattern by the impacts the thought-cells receive from the particular environment in which they are compelled to express. These impacts give them the habit-system of usually expressing through one house the planet rules instead of the other, and of more commonly expressing through one specific event ruled by this house than other events ruled by it. And they also modify their harmony or discord.

Right from birth on throughout life, the facilities of the physical environment for affording one specific kind of event of the several which are ruled by one house of the several houses which are ruled by two planets when they make a progressed aspect, has a powerful even though variable influence upon the specific event and the particular house of several to which it is related, which is attracted into the life by a progressed aspect.

Because facilities have been present which caused the thought-cell energies once to express in a specific kind of event, and through one department of life instead of the several alternatives indicated by the houses ruled by the planets involved in a progressed aspect, the thought-cells mapped by these two planets have become conditioned to express through a similar specific event and the same department of life in the future. By thus repeatedly expressing through one department of life out of several alternatives, because the physical environment made such expression easy and expressing through the other houses difficult or almost impossible, the thought-cells mapped by the two planets acquire a habit-system so strong that whenever the thought-cells mapped by either of the two planets acquire additional energy through a progressed aspect, they strive to express in one department of life, or perhaps in a specific event; and will do so unless the physical environment has so altered that it becomes far easier to attract an event ruled by one of the other houses presided over by the aspecting planets.

Furthermore, a rather similar process takes place in reference to the fortune of the events attracted by progressed aspects of a given planet. If the Sun was badly afflicted at birth an adverse aspect to it gives the thought-cells desires that are more than usually disagreeable, and affords them energy with which they disturb the vitality and bring conflict with authority. The experiences arising out of the poor vitality and conflict arouse discordant thoughts charged with emotion which are fed directly into

the Sun thought-cells, giving them desires still more discordant.

Repeated occurrences of this kind give the Sun thought-cells such powerful discords that almost any progressed aspect to the Sun may be expected to bring difficulties with those in authority, in the exercise of authority, where significance is concerned; or if due to birth-chart and early environmental conditions the habit-system has developed chiefly relative to the health, illness.

But had pains been taken that the child should experience pleasure, rather than pain, in its contacts with authority and efforts at significance, and that it should experience pleasure in developing vitality and the use of such vitality as it had, the emotions fed into the Sun thought-cells would have reconditioned them to desire events more fortunate. And a pleasurable attitude toward subsequent events relative to these things would have so reconditioned them harmoniously that, with due care in environmental selection, later in life the individual would have had little difficulty with those in authority, relative to events affecting his significance, and relative to his vitality, even under heavy progressed afflictions of the Sun, and unusual benefit from those things under more harmonious progressed Sun aspects.

When the habits of expression of the thought-cells have become more firmly established, as in adult life, reconditioning them takes much more effort. Utilizing the energies mapped by the birth-chart, and merely diverting these into given constructive and harmonious channels affords ready opportunity markedly to improve both the behavior and the fortune of any child. But to recondition the thought-cells of an adult not only requires such diversion of thought-cell energy into constructive channels, but the careful and deliberate cultivation of special mental and emotional attitudes. The pattern of expression of the thought-cell desires has become so fixed that it may require adding new thought-elements to the thought-cells, through the processes of mental alchemy, to give these desires proper harmony; or to afford them harmonious planetary energy through tuning in deliberately on selected Rallying Forces. But regardless of his age, if the individual can apply himself intelligently and determinedly to the task, he can thus change the desires of his thought-cells in such a manner that any progressed aspect will attract far more fortunate events than had he not put forth such an effort.

Chapter Three

FACTORS WHICH INFLUENCE THE SPECIFIC EVENT

With ample proof at hand that both the behavior of the individual and the events that come into his life can be made far more fortunate, through the intelligent application of effort, than they otherwise would have been, there immediately arises an urgent demand for information of two kinds: Information that will enable the individual to foreknow, within as narrow limits as practicable, the events, one or more of which is most likely to happen during each period of his life if no steps are taken to alter it; and information as to what *precautionary actions* should be taken to alter it so it will be more fortunate than had such actions not been taken.

In reference to the first type of information, Chapter One presents a method of starting with the possible events which possess the planetary characteristics and house rulership of the planets involved in a progressed aspect and gradually eliminating, step at a time, and in a definite sequence, less probable events until there remain only a few, or perhaps only one, most likely specific event.

But to make such elimination yield the desired results there must be a sound foundation of knowledge of what events more frequently take place which provide expression for both the planetary characteristics and house rulership constants of *Step I*, when given planets are involved in the progressed aspect, or when they rule certain birth-chart houses. Before starting to eliminate events improbable because of factors special to the given birth-chart, special to the conditioning, special to the other progressed aspects present, or special because of peculiarities in the environment, there should be as comprehensive information as possible present as to what similar progressed aspects have usually brought into the lives of other people.

For this information the practicing astrologer in the past has had to rely on his own experience with the events attracted into the lives of those whose charts he has erected and progressed. But the time and resources that the ordinary practicing astrologer, or the ordinary astrological student, can spend in such research work are sadly limited. And the sound information he can thus acquire is therefore less extensive than desirable.

Realizing this need, and similar needs relative to vocational selection and the recognition of the predisposition toward each of the various diseases, in April, 1924, The Brotherhood of Light Astrological Research Department began to solicit from as many persons as it could reach, the birth-data, including the hour of birth, of people following the various vocations, and the birth-data, including hour of birth and date the event happened, of people who had experienced some particular disease or event. In the 18 years since we have spent many hundred dollars each year sending out questionnaires and other forms of requests for such data, and during that time we have been able to collect 100 timed birth-data each, with date of event, of those who have experienced only the 20 different events, other than diseases, considered in this volume.

Lenora Conwell has erected all the 5,800 birth-charts so far used in our statistical reports, which cover the 30 vocations analyzed in HOW TO SELECT A VOCATION, the 20 different events analyzed in this book, and the 7 different diseases and Length of Life so far analyzed in preparing the book, BODY DISEASE AND ITS STELLAR TREATMENT. The report on Length of Life did not require progressed aspects to be calculated. But in each of the 2,700 charts relating to the time when a given event took place or a given disease developed, Lenora Conwell calculated and placed around the outside of the erected birth-chart, the progressed places of the planets, M.C. and Asc. for the date of illness or other event. Both the chart work and the tabulation in reference to the 3,000 charts used as a basis for the material in the book, HOW TO SELECT A VOCATION, were done by Lenora Conwell. The tabulation found in this volume was done by myself. The data for some of the series of 100 charts, and for the nature and time of the event, already have been published; and we trust to publish the balance when conditions permit.

No book of reasonable size, even if the material were available for it, could cover statistically all the important events of human life. But this one endeavors to consider 20 different representative events; representative in that they are not unusual events, and in that they embrace one or more event ruled by each of the twelve houses of a birth-chart. I have sought so to handle the discussion of the progressed constants of these 20 events that they would provide a reliable guide to those which when present favor also each type of event not specifically mentioned. And I have sought, in connection with each of these 20 events, so to

discuss the *precautionary actions* that they also would provide a reliable guide to what should be done in anticipation of each type of event not specifically mentioned. The aim has been, not merely to present the constants of 20 different events, but to provide a complete textbook affording basis for correct judgment, and correct *precautionary actions*, relative to all events whatsoever except those involving disease.

It should be noted that one of the three dictionary definitions of precaution is, "A measure taken beforehand to ward off evil or secure good or success." Thus the *precautionary actions* discussed under their own special heading after the comments on each of the 20 events may, according to the nature of the anticipated event, be for the purpose of gaining still further advantage from conditions that probably would be beneficial, as well as for the purpose of preventing some event that would otherwise be unfortunate.

But before we discuss either the principles of *precautionary actions* or the progressed constants of specific events, there are several matters having a vital bearing on how progressed aspects work that should be considered. To explain some of these matters, in *PROGRESSED ASPECTS OF STANDARD ASTROLOGY*, I have resorted to a number of diagrams. These show graphically how either conditioning (B) or environment (E) may, and often does, influence the importance, the fortune, or the exact time of the event. They also show how accessory progressed aspects may, and often do, influence the exact time of the event.

Here, therefore, through using our imaginations let us try to understand still more of the details by which the nature of the specific event, and the exact date it happens, are determined during the time a progressed aspect is operative. And for this purpose, instead of birth-chart houses, let us imagine an individual owns a bungalow court containing twelve different bungalows. Each bungalow, however, has several rooms, each room representing one specific event relating to that department of life. Thus one room of the ninth bungalow, or house, relates to teaching, one to publishing, one to advertising, one to lecturing, one to long journeys, one to religion and one to the court. Or if we consider the third bungalow, or house, one room relates to brethren, one to private thoughts, studies and education, one to neighbors, one to writing, including correspondence, and one to short journeys.

Now let us imagine that a pipe runs through all the rooms of each bungalow, and that this pipe contains one or both of

two fluids under pressure. The fluid representing the energy of harmonious aspects is water; the fluid representing the energy of discordant aspects is gas. The pressure for all the rooms in any one bungalow, as representing the activity of the thought-cells mapped by any house before they are conditioned by events after birth, is the same. But the normal pressure of the fluid in the pipes feeding different bungalows varies widely. The pipes through those bungalows representing highly active birth-chart houses may be under twice the pressure of the pipes in bungalows representing inactive birth-chart houses.

Let us imagine that when a progressed aspect occurs in the individual's birth-chart that the pressure is gradually increased by an equal amount in the pipes feeding those bungalows corresponding to such other houses as the aspecting planets rule, and is increased even a bit more in those bungalows corresponding to the birth-chart houses in which the planets are located at the time the aspect is complete. The pressure is thus raised by pumps which force additional water, or gas, as the aspect is harmonious or discordant, into these pipes.

When the pressure becomes great enough some spot in the pipe will break, and the water or gas, or both water and gas, will spurt into the particular room where the break occurs. Or in terms of life, a specific event will take place which is ruled by one of these birth-chart houses. That is, the event will be characteristic of the planets involved and their house rulership, in conformity to *Step I*.

Now if the environment of the pipes had in the past had no influence upon their structure, and the present environment had no influence upon their structure, we could expect them to break in the house where the pressure—due to the sum of the normal (birth-chart) pressure plus the additional progressed aspect pressure—is greatest. And if one of the birth-chart houses affected by the progressed aspect is normally much more active than the others affected, even though the planets at the time the progressed aspect is complete are not in this house, it would indicate where the pressure is greatest, and we could expect the pipe to break in this house. That is, other houses could be ruled out in the process of, *eliminating events improbable to the birth-chart, in conformity to Step II*.

Unfortunately for such an easy disposal of wide categories of events, life is a very complicated affair, and we always are forced to consider not merely the pressure within the pipes (thought-cell activity), but how those pipes have been affected in the past,

and how they are affected in the present, by their environment (E).

For this purpose let us imagine that the atmospheric condition of each room through which the pipes run exerts a chemical action upon the substance of which the pipe is composed. And, even as the environmental relation to the whole department of life mapped by a birth-chart house alters, and the environmental relation to each specific event belonging to any department of life continuously changes, let us imagine that not only the chemical atmosphere of each bungalow, but also the chemical atmosphere of each room is constantly changing.

Aside from such chemical action, past or present, upon the pipes, we could expect the break which represents an event to occur in the bungalow where the pressure would be greatest. But even so, we still would be in no position to judge in which of its rooms (what specific event of the several that belong to each department of life mapped by a birth-chart house) the break would occur.

Both at birth and after birth there is a tendency for the child to be attracted to environmental conditions which correspond in their broad features to the positions and aspects shown in its chart of birth. In other words, the environment by which the child is conditioned (B), in its less specific features, is determined by the thought-cell activity mapped in the chart of birth. But the particular features of the environment which influence the conditioning in the direction of specific events are not thus shown.

These special features of the environment are represented in our imaginary bungalows by the changing chemical composition of the various rooms. Now let us imagine a condition, not so unusual, in which during infancy and youth powerful chemicals were present in only one room of bungalow number 3. Let us suppose in this individual's life that there were no brothers or sisters or other relatives than father and mother in the early environment. Let us suppose that there was no opportunity to travel, and that the opportunities for writing were severely curtailed. Let us suppose that all through early life he had been surrounded by books and magazines, that his parents had set him an example of studiousness, and that he had been encouraged to study. Under these circumstances the chemical atmosphere of the third bungalow would so greatly have lowered the resistance of the pipe passing through it that whenever pressure reached it from a progressed aspect it would break; but only in one room of the house, only in the room representing study.

Furthermore, as when the break would occur in the pipe de-

pendents not merely upon the pressure, but on the relation of the pressure to the strength or weakness of the pipe, conditioning (B) toward or away from the event may shift the time of the event forward or backward; it may take less or more pressure to cause the pipe to break. And when it does break, the amount of gas and water the break permits to escape, the importance of the event, also is influenced by the strength of the pipe. If it has been broken and mended often in the same place (event), the break will tend to be larger, the event more important.

In reference to these imaginary pipes feeding the twelve bungalows, let us suppose each time, from the date of the first construction (birth), that a break (event) occurs in them that the hole is mended with a piece of adhesive tape. And let us suppose that this adhesive tape which is used to mend each break which occurs under pressure is weaker than the pipe itself, and that each time the break occurs in a spot so weakened—just as the resistance to the habit of the thought-cells expressing in a specific event or given type of behavior is weakened with each repetition—on mending, that particular spot is still further enfeebled.

In the individual's life we are considering, due to his early environment there would be repeated breaks and mendings in the room of study of the third bungalow. Each subsequent break, and each new taping, would have made the pipe in that particular room of bungalow number 3 still weaker.

Now let us suppose after he has reached maturity that a progressed aspect takes place between the birth-chart ruler of the third house and the birth-chart ruler of the ninth house. Unless the environment at the time provided exceptionally powerful chemical action against the pipe in some room of bungalow 9, or on the pipe in bungalow 3 in the room of short trips, the room of writing, the room of relatives, or the room of neighbors, it could confidently be expected that the pipe would once more break in the room of study in bungalow 3, and that the event would relate to his studies.

Even as in the imaginary pipe, every time specific events, or events ruled by a given house, enter the life, they break a channel which more easily can be followed by thought-cell energy subsequently when it seeks to express. The thought-cells find it easier to satisfy their broader desires through the same specific behavior or specific event. And as the specific event through which they form the habit of thus satisfying their planetary type of desires is subject to selection through intelligent conditioning, within the boundaries of appropriate house rulership, this affords by

far the most effective method of improving, not only the behavior and fortune of the individual, but also the quality and fortune of the human race.

In the case of the individual we are considering, as he had acquired a habit-system of study, he would probably take up some new study under a progressed aspect from the ruler of the third to the ruler of the ninth in spite of almost any obstacle offered by the physical environment. But to take a short trip, to write much, to have experiences involving relatives or neighbors under the same progressed aspect, or to make a long journey or have other ninth house experiences, the physical environment at the time would have to be exceptionally favorable.

Many persons have had so little contact with the public, with opposition from other individuals, and with partnerships, that there is no conditioning (B) toward events related to these rooms of the seventh house. Even should physical environment (E) markedly favor public contacts or a lawsuit later in life at a time when there is a progressed aspect to the ruler of the seventh house, no events of consequence are attracted relative to any of these things.

Instead, because their early home life conditioned them to consider matrimony highly desirable, the thought-cells struggle energetically to realize some desire relative to it under all progressed aspects to the ruler of the seventh house. It may be marriage, or divorce, or disagreement with husband and wife, or some other event involving the marriage relationship. Even though the pressure of the water and gas in the pipe extending through all six rooms of the seventh house is the same, and even though the pressure added by the progressed aspect is greater in other houses because the planets making the aspect actually occupy them, there have been so many previous breaks and mendings in this one room, called matrimony, of bungalow number 7, that the pipe breaks there. In spite of the temporary chemical atmosphere (environment) of the room, that is the weakest place in the pipes under pressure from the progressed aspect. Other seventh house events, or other events when the seventh house is affected by the progressed aspect, thus can usually be ruled out in the process of, *eliminating events improbable to conditioning, in conformity to Step III.*

Up to the present point we have been discussing how to ascertain the most probable event when only one major progressed aspect is operating. But more often than not more than one progressed aspect is less than one degree from perfect and thus

exerting some pressure upon the life. Such influences very definitely do not cancel out. Aside from Rallying Forces, which we are now ready to consider, each progressed aspect adds energy to and increases the activity of the thought-cells within the finer body mapped by the houses the planets involved rule.

These thought-cells then work, with the energy they thus acquire in addition to that mapped by the birth-chart, to bring into the life the events they desire. Unless interfered with by Rallying Forces each progressed aspect tends to work out in an event or events characteristic of the planets making the aspect and the houses they rule. Even so, it is too often forgotten by those who appraise progressed aspects that events are of four different orders. A new mental state or point of view is an event. A change in the emotional condition is an event. And a different moral attitude is an event. Thus are there mental events, emotional events and spiritual events, as well as such physical events as will be found analyzed in this book.

We have all observed people who periodically become highly enthused over something, but never do anything about it. They have conditioned their thought-cells to satisfy their desires through emotional events rather than physical action. Others with a scholarly bent have conditioned their thought-cells largely to satisfy their desires through mental events. To these people the few important physical happenings in their lives attain significance because they give, or take away, opportunity for outstanding mental experiences. And those devoted almost exclusively to religion, especially those who take the vow of poverty and chastity, have so conditioned themselves that their thought-cells are chiefly satisfied with what they believe to be spiritual events. The physical events that are attracted to them are important only in so far as they test their ability to live what they believe to be a religious life.

Other people in less degree have their lives affected by mental events, emotional events, and spiritual events. Not infrequently, for instance, a sub-major aspect—progressed major aspect of the Moon—will bring no event into the life that can be discerned except by close associates, who will notice that the individual during the period near its peak is happier and more contented, or is more irritable or more easily upset, than is commonly the case. Also, even where physical conditions are involved, an increase of work under an aspect to Saturn that one person would resent, to a person conditioned to take what came and not complain would hardly be noticed.

But in reference to how Rallying Forces operate, let us imagine that the pipes in the different bungalows are connected by a common pipe, but that when Rallying Forces are not present gate valves prevent the flow of water or gas or both from one bungalow to another. These gate valves are electrically operated. Even when the electrical circuit is closed, only those gate valves open which give access to bungalows in which the pipes are under pressure from a progressed aspect.

The important factor, as it can be controlled within limits, is the closing of the electrical circuit which permits the water and gas in the pipe under highest pressure to have free access through the gate valves thus opened, to the pipes in all those bungalows where some pressure already exists due to another progressed aspect. When these gate valves are opened thus, all the rooms in all the bungalows whose pipes are thus under pressure—but not those representing houses whose rulers at the time are not members of a progressed aspect—acquire the same additional pressure and the same additional volume of water and gas. Thus the most powerful progressed aspect is able to feed its water or gas, according to whether it is harmonious or discordant, into all the rooms thus reached, and because of its power dominate with its water or gas the water or gas in all the bungalow pipes it thus reaches.

However, as I have previously indicated, this does not lessen the pressure in any of these pipes. The influence of one progressed aspect does not cancel the power of another progressed aspect of opposite harmony or discord. Neither does it result in a pressure equal to the sum of the various several pressures of the progressed aspects operative.

The Brotherhood of Light Astrological Research Department during the year 1939 gave this problem into the hands of several mathematically minded young men. They found that every additional aspect a planet has in the birth-chart indicates an increase in the thought-cell activity it maps, and that every additional progressed aspect operative while Rallying Forces are present adds to the thought-cell activity mapped by all the houses thus reached. Their conclusion was that a planet having numerous aspects in the birth-chart, or forming a progressed aspect while Rallying Forces are operative, not only has more power than the average, but more power than is indicated by the strongest single aspect involved. This increased power, however, is not expressed by the sum of all the aspects, but by a much smaller number. It is expressed by a figure which can be found through