

TRANSITS and Planetary Periods

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INTRODUCTION

IN adding one more to the many books already written by me in support of the most ancient of the sciences, it is my object to be constructive where I am critical, and thus to be above all things useful to the student of Astrology.

Very few students have solved the problem of transits, and hitherto it has been customary with certain exponents to refer these important signals to the radical positions of the planets only, and chiefly to the Significators in a horoscope of birth which are the Midheaven, Ascendant, Sun and Moon. It will here be shown not only that these are not the only transits to which we must direct our attention, but that they are by no means the most important or significant.

Some remarks also will be made in regard to the continuity and duration of transits, and the reasons for perceptible breaks in their action. And when all the factors are truly and logically considered and reduced to practice by experimental tests, it will be found that one need not go very much further than these in order to make continuous forecasts of

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the trend of events. Indeed, long before any systems of measurement called "Directions" were invented by Ptolemy or Placidus, and even before the Arabian system of "lunar mansions" had been formulated to define the progressive daily course of the Moon, and even before "aspects" had been derived by Thales and Pythagoras from a consideration of the proportional parts of the circle, these transits had been the sheet anchor of the most ancient astrologers and they considered them in relation to eclipses. Indeed, we may say that eclipses and transits were the foundations of the Science of Astrology and the basis of all observations regarding their effects in human life. I shall be able to show that the ancients were fully justified in the selection of their factors.

The cyclic recurrence of events of similar nature has already attracted the attention of historians as well as astrologers, and in this connexion there has been derived a scientific postulate very well attested, namely, the law of Periodicity or rhythmic impulse. This leads us directly to the subject of planetary cycles and periods, which have always claimed considerable attention and which I have endeavoured in my more recent works to bring out into clearer definition. What more has to be said on this important subject will be found in the ensuing pages.

The application of these principles to the problems of astrological science in relation to the affairs of human life will doubtless prove of the highest interest

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to practical students, and to such I commend them, together with such hints as to methods of procedure as experience dictates. That my work may prove the means of further stimulating public attention to and interest in this most human of all the sciences is my sole wish and the express object of my labours.

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CHAPTER I

ANCIENT LANDMARKS

ONE of the most ancient observations from which astronomical science has been built up is that of the relative motions of the various planets of the solar system. From the clustered masses of stars which bespangled the midnight skies the lynx-eyed Chaldeans disengaged the various planetary bodies, detecting them by their apparent motions among the stars. In the case of a slow-moving body like Saturn, which takes about thirty years to pass round the entire circle of the heavens, the daily motion would hardly be apparent, but in a succession of nights it would be sufficiently great to be a matter of comment. For if on one night Saturn were observed to be conjoined with a particular star, its apparent motion in the course of a week would carry it from that star to another in the same asterism. Meanwhile there would be no apparent change in the relative distances of the stars from one another, and this would be observed year in and year out. The stars therefore came to be regarded as a punctuated

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screen over which the planets appeared to travel in their apparent journey about the earth. As with Saturn, so with Jupiter, Mars and Venus.

Probably Venus, on account of its nearness to the earth and its exceeding brilliance, was first to be discovered, then Jupiter, then the ruddy Mars, and lastly Saturn. But how they came to discover Mercury is a problem which has exercised the minds of many astronomers. For this small planet, appearing occasionally on the Sun's disk no bigger than a pea, would at such times rarely be seen by the naked eye. Only when the transit occurred at sunrise or sunset, when the sun might be subdued by mists, could it be discerned by an acute observer. But when not in transit but to the east or west of the Sun, it is altogether lost in the rays of the luminary. So there the problem rests, and all explanations are hazardous. The planet may be seen occasionally just after sunset in the spring, like a very small silver star following the Sun. But this is only when Mercury is at its greatest elongation, that is to say, at its greatest distance, which is about 29 degrees.

Yet, despite this will-'o-the-wisp character of the planet Mercury, we find the ancients paid the greatest attention to it, while the astrologers—among whom we must include the great Ptolemy—affirmed that it was allied to the mental faculties, the brain and nervous system, a distinction which neither its appearance nor magnitude would warrant and which could not have arisen had astrology been a mere conceit of the imagination. Claudius Ptolemy, the

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famous Alexandrian astronomer and geographer, has made reference to fourteen early observations of this planet, as will be seen in the ninth book of his *Almagest*. It is said that the great astronomer Copernicus had never seen the planet.

Those ancient watchers of the skies, the Chaldeans, were quick to discern that the planets' motions were unequal and that the motion of any one of them was not regular. They saw Jupiter advance to its conjunction with a star and then go back again for some little time, afterwards regaining its forward course, at times swift in motion, anon stationary for days together, then retrograde, halting awhile and finally turning again to its former path. It is hardly to be wondered at that the ancients attributed some "genius" or intelligence to the planets themselves. Later they propounded a theory of the solar system which rendered these vagaries intelligible. They ceased to regard the planets as intelligent, but did not cease to look upon them as the expressions of a profound and all-wise Intelligence.

After a series of cycles the Chaldeans were able to define the relative motions of the planets in terms of the common year of 365 days, and they found that Saturn's period was 30 years, Jupiter's 12 years, and so on. They accordingly so arranged the planets in the order of their apparent velocities as seen from the earth. This is known as the Chaldean order; namely, Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Sun, Venus, Mercury and the Moon. They attributed the planets to the domination of the successive days of the week

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as Saturn to Saturday, Sun to Sunday, Moon to Monday, and so on, every eleventh planet taken in this manner being the one next in succession in the weekly order. Thus, starting with the Sun on Sunday, they would count Sun, Venus, Mercury, Moon, Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Sun, Venus, Mercury, and having thus counted ten planets, the next in succession being the Moon would give its name to the day following Sunday. This arrangement of the weekdays would appear to favour the theory of an early tenfold division of the day, which would give an "hour" of 144 minutes of our time.

But this did not exhaust the ancient knowledge of the planets, for we find they were in possession of planetary periods which had reference to their mean revolutions. Thus they found that Saturn came to the conjunction with the same asterism or group of stars after a period of 30 years, Jupiter after a period of 12 years, Mars after a period of 15 years, the Sun after a period of 19 years, Venus after a period of 8 years, and Mercury after a period of 10 years, as seen from the earth. To these they added the Moon with a period of 4 years, so that all told they amounted to 98 years. This number in itself does not appear to have much relevance, but if we examine the periods more closely we shall find that they display a remarkable harmony, such indeed as would lead one to suspect that the ancients were not altogether ignorant of the heliocentric system of astronomy.

Suppose for instance that we place the Sun in the

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centre and arrange the planets in their Chaldean order, thus—

	Saturn		Moon	
Jupiter		SUN		Mercury
	Mars		Venus	

Now the period of Saturn is 30 years and this goes into 120 four times. Four is the period of the Moon. The Moon is opposite Saturn.

Jupiter's period is 12 years. Twelve goes into 120 ten times. Ten is the period of Mercury. Mercury is opposite Jupiter.

Mars period is 15 years. Fifteen goes into 120 eight times. Eight is the period of Venus. Venus is opposite Mars.

This is astrologically borne out by the sign-rulerships ascribed to the planets. Thus Saturn rules Capricorn, which is opposite to Cancer, which is ruled by the Moon. Jupiter rules Sagittarius, which is opposite to Gemini, ruled by Mercury. Mars rules Aries, which is opposite to Libra, ruled by Venus.

With so much by way of preliminary study we may now approach the question of planetary transits, a subject which needs considerable revision.

CHAPTER II

TRANSITS

IT has been universally observed by those who have studied this subject, that the planets, but more especially the major planets—Neptune, Uranus, Saturn, Jupiter and Mars—have appreciable effects on the life and fortunes of an individual when they are passing the places held by the Sun, Moon, Midheaven or Ascendant at the birth of such individual. This is exactly what we should expect from the considerations which have led us to regard these points as "Significators." For the Moon is significator of the mother, of the mutable element in human life, and the functional properties of the organism. Similarly the Sun is significator of the father, of the fixed or constitutional element in affairs, and of the organic properties of the physical system. Consequently we find that transits over the place of the Moon in the horoscope of birth are attended by changes and the opening up of new avenues, and if the planet in transit be good—as Jupiter or Venus, or the Sun when well aspected by the other planets—then such changes as occur are

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advantageous. But if the planet be evil, or the Sun in transit be badly aspected at the time, then such changes are adverse to the fortunes, and there is some degree of indisposition due to functional disorders, and the mother or person standing in that relationship to the individual is afflicted. If the Moon's place has been recently eclipsed then there will be death among female members of the family.

Mercury has to be regarded in transit as if it were neutral, and when badly aspected at the time of transit it signifies as much evil as if a major planet were involved. Similarly when well aspected at the transit, for the transiting planet is at all times affected by its own condition and circumstance, so that all malefic transits do not operate to produce results of the same intensity. But inasmuch as the aspects of a planet will speedily change, while the transit itself may continue or recur (as by the retrogradation of the body), the fundamental nature of the planet in transit has great likelihood of asserting itself, either at or soon after the time of its transit.

Stationary Planets

When a planet is stationary on the radical place of a Significator, the effects are very striking and may happen either before or after the exact time of the stationary position. Most students are of opinion that the stationary position of a planet coinciding with its transit of a radical significator, has all the consequence of a primary direction. With this conclusion I entirely concur, and inasmuch as it is in the

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nature of primary directions to indicate only such events as have a more or less lasting influence on the life and fortunes of the subject, we may thus regard *stationary* planets in transit to be of the first importance.

It should be the practice of students to note all the stationary positions of the planets and observe whether they fall on the places of any of the radical significators, and in such case to include them in the list of primary influences affecting that period of the life.

Progressive Transits

The radical places of the Significators are not the only points capable of registering the effects of transits. Experience shows that the progressed places of the Sun, Moon, Midheaven and Ascendant are sensitive to the transits of the various planets. But, while these planets appear to operate or indicate to the same effect as their respective natures, Saturn producing depression and privation, Jupiter elevation and expansion, etc., yet they also appear to act from a different source and to affect a different department of the life. This is due to the fact that the planet in transit has altered its signification by passing from a radical to a progressed position in the heavens. Hence, when the transit is made over a radical position of one of the Significators, we must refer to the radical place of the planet thus in transit. But when the transit is over the progressed position of a Significator, we must refer to the progressed

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position of the transitting planet. Thus if the Sun at birth were in the 8th House in Aquarius 9 and Saturn in the radical 4th, its transit over the Sun R. in the 8th House would produce a male death in the family circle, the Sun being significator of males, the 8th House being a terminal House, and the 4th House, in which Saturn was at birth, being also terminal and having special relation to parents and their immediate connexions.

Now suppose that the individual has reached 33 years of age. The Sun will have progressed to the 12th degree of Pisces, and will still be in the 8th House. But Saturn will have progressed to a zodiacal point removed by 33 days' motion from its radical place, which at most would be less than 5 degrees, while the motion of the heavens in 2 hrs. 12m. = 33 days, would have carried it from the 4th into the 3rd House and there it would be found in the progressed horoscope for the 33rd year of life. Meanwhile Saturn has completed its course round the zodiac and come again to the place of the Sun at birth in Aquarius 9, and passing on, attains the place of the progressed Sun in Pisces 12.

Thus we have Saturn acting on the progressed Sun from its progressed position in the 3rd House, where undoubtedly its influence is different from that which it held at birth in the 4th House, and its operation is from an entirely different sphere of action. The 3rd House governs letters, writings, communications, short journeys, collateral relatives (brothers, sisters). It is this sphere of relativity

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that would be affected by the transit of Saturn over the progressed place of the Sun, Moon, Midheaven or Ascendant.

The distinction between these two points of action, namely, the radical and progressed positions of the Significators, has led me to a further observation of considerable importance in practical horoscopy, and this I may now deal with in a separate chapter.

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GRADIAL TRANSITS

IN review of what has been already said, it will be observed that we have instituted two distinct sets of observations in regard to the operation of transits, the first of which has regard to the radical position of a Significator over which the transit is made, the second being the other end, or the terminal, namely, the progressed position of the Significator. We have also seen that the effects attributable to these two sets of transits are dissimilar when operating from different Houses.

We have now to observe that in infancy the distance between the radical and progressed Significator is small, and the transit of both points is completed in a comparatively short time. This accords with the evanescent character of most childish complaints and misfortunes. But as the age increases, we find the progressed and radical positions of the same Significator further and further sundered, and consequently the period during which the transit of a planet passes from one point to the other is propor-

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tionately long. This accounts for the enduring effects of transits during mature years of life and especially in the determination of the condition of the Subject in old age. It is observed in practice that when a man past the prime of life falls under the influence of a malefic transit, he is kept under that influence for years together and organic diseases are engendered, misfortunes are accumulated in a manner which appears beyond hope of relief. The doctor informs him that he will do his best but "you are not so young as you were, you know." A kindly way of probing the man with the vital fact that he has less than the ghost of a chance of recovery. Should he endeavour to mend his fortunes by turning again to the avocation of his earlier years, he is informed that he is "too old at fifty," and the ripe fruit of his long experience has to be thrown on the scrap-heap, to his own great regret and his country's undoubted loss. The fact remains, and this fact proves that transits are continuous and that their effects become more and more enduring as one gets older.

Looked at from the astrological point of view we can only accommodate this circumstance with the matter of transits, there being nothing in the nature of directions which indicates that one at 15 years of age will be shorter in duration than a similar one at 60 years. The outstanding fact is that transits are continuous from the moment that they impinge upon the radical position of a Significator up to the time when they finally pass the progressed position

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of the same. These being terminal points in an arc defined by the age of the individual at the rate of one degree for every year of life, it is to be expected that very remarkable effects will be observed at these extreme times. But that which brings about the continuous depression or elevation of fortunes in the interval is the *gradial transit* of the planet, its passage by degrees from one terminal to the other of the whole track already traversed and defined by the progress of the Significator at the rate of one day after birth for every year of life.

Looking at this a little more closely we are able to improve on this initial observation. It is observed that however good a period may be, as due to the transit of the planet Jupiter, or however bad it may be as due to Saturn, in no case is it uninterrupted and unbroken. There are, within this period of elevation or depression, minor periods which constitutes breaks, cloud patches in the one case, sun rifts in the other. No unbroken period of success or failure, but always some degree of variety.

The reason is not far to seek and will be found to give an immediate answer to the question as to when such breaks may occur in a general period of elevation or depression of fortune. During the progress of the Significator from its radical position in the horoscope of birth to that which it has attained at any subsequent time, the Significator forms aspects to the planets, both radical and progressed, which constitute periods of good and ill fortune. The planet in transit picks up these aspects in its

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gradial transit from the radical to the progressed position and undergoes a modification of its action. Thus Jupiter, coming to the place where the Sun formed the square aspect of Saturn by direction some days after birth, is found suddenly to lose its benefic action and a period of stagnation supervenes, only to give place to the accustomed sunshine of life when Jupiter has passed the stigmatized degree.

Therefore, in order to determine the transit effects of any planet we shall have to look back over the course already taken by the Significator in question, and set out the various points at which it formed aspects to the radical and progressed planets from the moment of birth up to the present time. The process will involve the usual work attaching to the calculation of "directions," and the effects of all transits may then be estimated with great accuracy. It is a common experience with those who have studied the effects of transits that Jupiter over the Sun or Midheaven, the Ascendant or Moon has proved disappointing, and similarly that the transit of Saturn has most agreeably passed without disaster of any sort. But these are only deferred effects, for we find the whole period of the gradial transit to be open to such interruptions, from the date of the radical transit to that of the progressed. Such being the case, we have here a key to interpretation of the most valuable kind, discerning at once between the effects due to transit over the radical positions and those due to the transit over progressed positions, the whole interval being continuous of such effects,

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subject to the punctuation which arises from post-natal directions.

I shall now take a case in point and work out the transits exactly as they should be done in practice, so that the whole system is rendered clear and explicit.

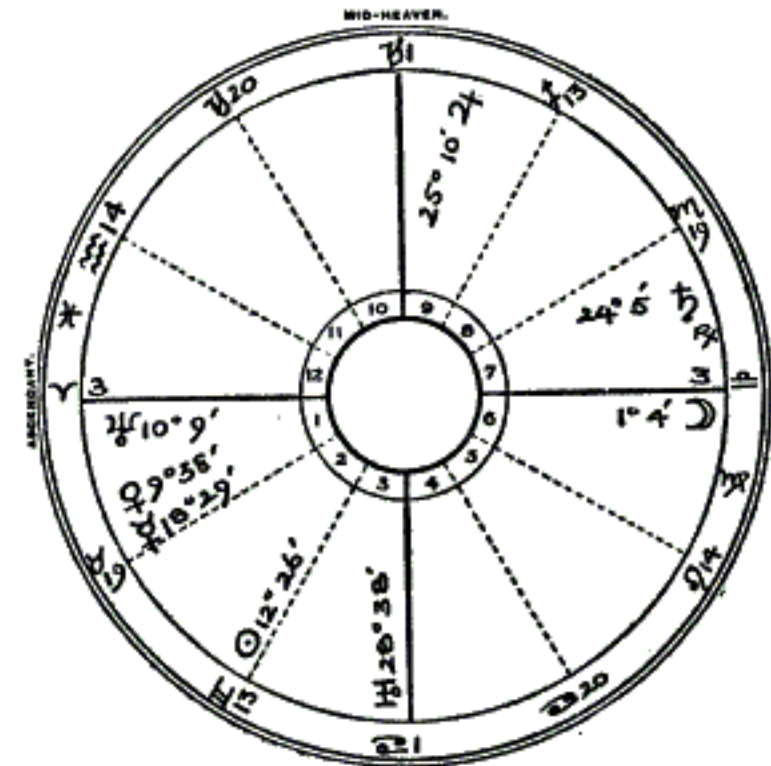
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WE are now in a position to select our horoscope and make observation of the methods to be employed in order to gauge the effects of transits with the greatest degree of precision.

We may with due loyalty refer to the horoscope of His Majesty King George V who was born on the 3rd June, 1865, at 1.18 a.m. London. The horoscope is here appended.

Let us deal with the Midheaven first of all, and



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collect the various aspects that it forms or that are formed to it in the course of the first 50 years of life. Take the radical aspects first and then the progressed.

It will be convenient for our purpose to prepare a sheet having the years 1 to 50 marked in the margin and four columns headed by the four Significators, the Midheaven, Ascendant, Sun and Moon.

The radical Midheaven was in Capricornus 1. The first aspect is the square of the Moon in Libra 1° 4'. Then the sesquiquadrate of Mercury in Taurus 18° 29', then the trine of Venus in Taurus 93° 8', then the square of Neptune in Aries 10° 9', then the trine of Mercury in Taurus 18° 29', then the opposition of Saturn in Libra 24° 5', and lastly the sesquisquare of Sun in Gemini 12° 26'. This finishes the radical aspects involved by the progress of the sign Capricorn over the Midheaven, and carries us to the 30th year of life. One degree has to be added to the Midheaven for every year, and the corresponding Ascendant has to be taken out under these successive meridian degrees, so that the age at which they form aspects may be counted by the meridian transit of each degree of the zodiac. Note that the meridian progress determines the age and not the ascensional progress. Having dealt with the Ascendant, Sun and Moon in similar manner, our sheet now appears in this form, curtailed for economy of space.

It should be noted that the progress of the Moon in this system of transits is at the same rate as that of the Sun, which is about 1 degree per year. Thus

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Age.	Midheaven.	Ascendant.	Sun.	Moon.
1	□ ♀ R			
2	• • • • •	△ ♂ R		
3	□ ♀ R	♂ ♀ R	• • • • •	□ ♀ R
4	• • • • •	♂ ♀ R	• • • • •	* ♂ R
5	• • • • •	* ☉ R		
6				
7				
8				
9	△ ♀ R			
10	□ ♀ R	△ ♀ R		
11	• • • • •	* ♀ R		
12				

the Moon forms the sextile of Mars at 4 years and the sesquiquadrate aspect of Mercury at 3 years. Thus the Midheaven Sun and Moon advance about one degree for each year of life and the Ascendant more or less than this according to the latitude of the place of birth and the consequent oblique ascension of the zodiac.

Referring now to the ephemeris of 1865 we start at the 3rd June for the year 1 of the life chart and take out the aspects that the planets in their progress form to the Midheaven, etc., in the radix. Thus we shall have the aspects of the progressed Significators to the radical planets, and the progressed planets to the radical significators, and these will all appear in the chart in the order of their formation.

With this chart in hand we can now refer to the

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Transit Tables of the planets and observe the varieties of fortune which attend the transit of any planet over any of the significators during any period of the life.

Take by way of example the present age of 51 years attained by His Majesty on the 3rd June, 1916. Referring this to the Midheaven we find that by adding 51 degrees to Capricorn 1 we arrive at Aquarius 22, which is the progressed Midheaven for the given age. We have therefore two terminals, one in Capricorn 1 and the other in Aquarius 22, which will determine the limits of a gradial transit.

Uranus entered this area in 1905 and does not leave it until the year 1918, during which period of 13 years it is continually affecting the political status of the Empire over which the King reigns. This planet was in opposition to the Midheaven at birth and has successively passed through the 3rd and 2nd Houses in its course of rising, and now is close to the Ascendant, for with Aquarius 22 on the Midheaven for the year 1916 we have the Ascendant in Gemini 28. During this period from 1905 to 1918 we may therefore expect that many political mutations and upsets would occur, sudden alarms, loss of relatives, fracture with nations in treaty with this country, financial crises, and political lesions, culminating in popular tumults and insurrections.

Saturn entered this area in 1900 and left it in 1905 about the time that Uranus took up occupation. This period coincided with the progress of the Boer War, the death of Queen Victoria, the

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illness of King Edward VII, the royal commission on the Fiscal Question, the Dogger Bank incident, and the Russo-Japanese War. Jupiter entered the prescribed area in 1901 and continued therein until the beginning of 1903, its general effect being to induce remedial conditions to offset the action of Saturn. It was during the earlier part of this transit that the King, then Duke of Cornwall, toured the whole of the British Colonies. Saturn, however, overstayed Jupiter and its influence was continuous from 1903 to 1904 inclusive. Jupiter again entered this area of influence in 1913, when it transitted the radical Midheaven. At that time the King was aged 48 years, which brings the Midheaven to Aquarius 18, which was the exact position of the planet at the Declaration of War. Here the progressed position of Jupiter was in the 7th House, showing the nation's enemies. Jupiter passed out of the area of influence at Christmas, 1914. There are two planets which now remain in possession of this meridian territory. One is Uranus, who does not finally vacate until the year 1918, and Neptune. This latter planet entered the area of influence by opposing the radical Midheaven in 1901 and does not vacate until 1931. The influence of Neptune is decidedly democratic and subversive, and tends to chaos and confusion. It may therefore be expected that the radical influence will be strongly directed against the established order of government during the period of its operation.

Now if we look at the successive aspects which

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affect the Midheaven of this horoscope between the years 1865 and 1931 by progressive direction, accounting one degree for each year of life, we shall find that there are certain periods when the transit of Neptune coincides with afflicted points.

Thus in 1901 Neptune came to the radical Midheaven and coincided with the direction of Midheaven square Moon, and the transit continued until 1902 (July) over this afflicted directional point. During this period following the death of Queen Victoria, the Boer War continued, King Edward was seriously ill and the Coronation was postponed, Salisbury's Government resigned and Mr. Balfour became Premier, while the Nonconformists raised their protest against the Education Bill. It was certainly a troublous time for the Heir Apparent.

In 1910 Neptune came to Cancer 19. Now when the progressed Midheaven was in Capricorn 19, the opposite point, King George was 19 years of age, and the Sun was then directed to the opposition of the radical Midheaven. Now this transit of Cancer 19 in opposition to the Midheaven in 1910-11 coincided with the death of King Edward and it followed a transit of Uranus over the 19th degree of Capricorn. At this time there were two or three markedly democratic projects before Parliament. The Veto Bill directed against the House of Lords was one of these, the Franchise Bill was another, and the National Insurance Bill yet another of such measures, and the Old Age Pensions Bill may be added to the list.

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From 1911 to 1914 the Midheaven was passing through a very afflicted area forming the squares of Saturn R. and P. and the sesquiquadrate aspect of Sun, while Mercury at the same age had reached the opposition of the radical Midheaven. These directions indicate the 23rd, 24th and 27th degrees of Capricorn as unfortunate. Neptune made its transit of these points in 1911-14. During this period there were many strikes and insurrections. Ireland became divided on the question of Home Rule, the Militant Suffragette was much in evidence, riotous demonstrations occurred in various Industrial centres and in addition to the Strike in the Port of London there was a national Coal Strike. The Home Rule Bill was presented by the Prime Minister under pressure of the Irish Vote. Finally war broke out as between Austria and Serbia, and the whole of Europe was speedily involved in the Great War.

Thirty-five days after the birth of King George the Midheaven was in Aquarius 5 where it met the opposition of the radical Mars. Neptune transits this degree of Leo in the years 1916-17 and will excite the influence of Mars while itself affecting the Midheaven from a position in the 12th House, to which it had arrived by progressive direction.

The next malefic position of Neptune will be in 1918-19-20, when it arrives by transit at the place where the Midheaven was directed to the square of Venus and at which corresponding time (39 years) Uranus had progressed to the opposition of the radical Midheaven. This is the 9th degree of

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Aquarius, and Neptune is in transit over that degree in the years indicated. During that period we may expect some very striking events in the political history of the nation, for the King will then be 53 years of age and the Ascendant will be directed to the conjunction with Uranus and Uranus will also be in transit over the progressed Midheaven. But so far as Neptune is concerned its influence will then be directed from the 11th House, in which it was found when the Midheaven was in Aquarius 9. The democratic element will be to the fore, "the hereditary President of the British Republic" will have more than enough business on his hands.

The further degrees of the sign Aquarius are characterized as follows: 10th Neptune favourable, 12th Mars favourable, 13th Uranus unfavourable, 16th Moon adverse, 18th Mercury adverse, 24th Saturn benefic, 25th Jupiter good, Neptune adverse, 26th Mercury good, 28th Uranus benefic. This brings the direction of the Midheaven up to 58 years of age.

The Ascendant is dealt with in the same manner as this, and in fact the ascension of the degrees in the horoscope is timed by the meridian passage of the zodiacal degrees. Thus by adding 58 degrees to the Midheaven we arrive at Aquarius 28, and under this meridian in the latitude of London we get Gemini 28 rising.

The area of influence due to the ascendant will then be extended from Aries 3, the radical ascendant, to Gemini 28, the progressed ascendant, and any

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part of this area is capable of being stimulated by the transits of the planets in conjunction or in opposition thereto. The qualified nature of the various degrees between the radical and progressed positions will depend entirely on the aspects (if any) they may have formed by direction between the birth and the current year.

The various areas of influence subject to transit in the Royal Horoscope at the present time (1916) are—

Midheaven—Capricorn 1 to Aquarius 21.

Ascendant—Aries 3 to Gemini 27.

Sun—Gemini 12 to Leo 3.

Moon—Libra 1 to Sagittarius 21.

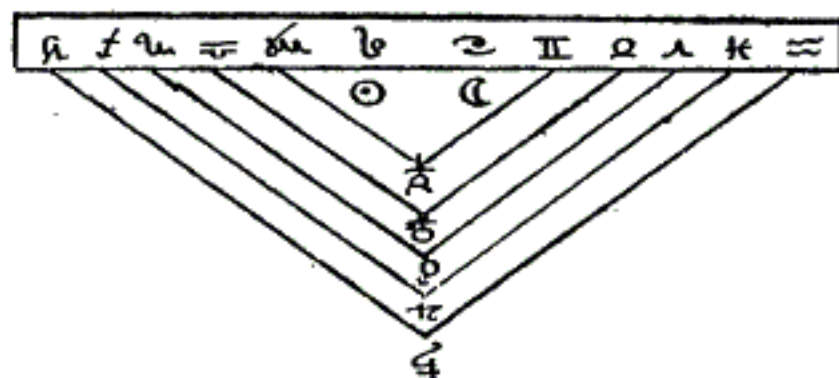
By this system of gradial transits we are able to see the reason why at times transits do not act as we may have anticipated, while others have surprised us by their intensity. We also see how planets in transit are continuous in their action during the whole course of their passage from the radical to the progressed position of any Significator, and how they are modified by their aspects to the radical positions of the planets at the time of their transit. For example, if we find that the Midheaven was in trine aspect to the Sun when the former was in Aquarius 12, we know that the transit of a malefic planet over that degree of the zodiac is discounted, for at that same time it is in trine aspect to the Sun itself.

We may now look at the question of Transits from a more popular point of view and show how they may be employed as periodic signifiers.

CHAPTER V

PLANETARY PERIODS

WE have already seen that the periods of the planets as defined by the Chaldeans have certain horoscopical relations which may have been at the root of what are called "sign rulerships." The pyramidal form of the arrangement of sign rulership certainly bears this out. Here is the plan of the signs of the zodiac in connexion with their accredited rulers.



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In connexion with the structure of the Great Pyramid it is of interest to observe that the square base area is equal to that of a circle whose radius is the same as the height of the pyramid. This is the only monumental instance of the solving of the vexed problem of "squaring the circle." In the above diagram the basis of structure is the equilateral triangle whose sides are equal to one-third part of the circumference of a circle, or 120 degrees. The ancients regarded 360 years as the circle of human peregrination, and 120 years was the period allotted to the process of incarnation. We also know that the "foundation" signs of the zodiac are Taurus, Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius, which enter into the construction of the Assyrian Bull and the Egyptian Sphinx, as well as the Hebrew Cherubim. They are the "living wheels" of the vision of Ezekiel.

It would be only in keeping with the principles of Cosmic Symbolism to place the Sun in the tropical sign Leo, and the Moon, his celestial spouse, in the sign Cancer next to it. The rest would then follow in their order as here shown—

☉ SUN		☾ MOON	
♊	Mercury	♊	Mercury
♋	Venus	♋	Venus
♌	Mars	♌	Mars
♍	Jupiter	♍	Jupiter
♎	Saturn	♎	Saturn

The periods of the planets being known from their

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observed recurrent conjunctions with the stars, the interchange of periods would be made on the basis of the above scheme, and the period of 120 years would be employed as the common factor. We then get—

Mercury's period gives the opposition in 5 years, the trine in 3 years 4 months, the square in $2\frac{1}{2}$ years, the sextile in 1 year 8 months.

The Sun's period gives the opposition in $9\frac{1}{2}$ years, the trine in 6 years 4 months, the square in 4 years 9 months, and the sextile in 3 years 2 months.

The Moon's period gives the opposition in 2 years, the trine in 1 year 4 months, the square in 1 year, and the sextile in 8 months.

Collecting these into a table we have them as follows—

Planet.	Per.	♂	△	□	✱	Per Year.
		y. m.	y. m.	y. m.	y. m.	° '
Saturn .	30	15 0	10 0	7 6	5 0	12 0
Jupiter .	12	6 0	4 0	3 0	2 0	30 0
Mars .	15	7 6	5 0	3 9	2 6	24 0
Sun .	19	9 6	6 4	4 9	3 2	19 0
Venus .	8	4 0	2 8	2 0	1 4	45 0
Mercury .	10	5 0	3 4	2 6	1 8	36 0
Moon .	4	2 0	1 4	1 0	0 8	90 0

From this table we see that if Saturn is in evil aspect to any of the Significators at birth, then it will repeat that aspect every $7\frac{1}{2}$ years, by coming to

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the successive squares of its radical place, and every 15 years it will be in opposition to its radical place.

Jupiter, if in good aspect to any of the Significators at birth, will enhance the fortunes every 2 years, and more especially every 4 years.

Mars similarly will reinforce its radical affliction every 3 years 9 months and more particularly every $7\frac{1}{2}$ years. Therefore if both Mars and Saturn are afflicting the Significator, the combined influence of Saturn and Mars will be adversely directed to it every $7\frac{1}{2}$ years, which constitutes a climacteric of evil. The seventh climacteric is held to be more potent than the others preceding it, and therefore the age of $52\frac{1}{2}$ will be a grand climacteric for all those at whose births the two malefics were afflicting the Significators.

Owing to the inequality of these planetary periods it will be found that the planets continually form a variety of directions to the radical positions of the Significators, and in some sense every planet is a significator, as Venus is the significator of love affairs, domestic and social matters, Mercury of matters intellectual, mercantile and educational, the Moon of changes and female adults, Venus of sisters, Mars of brothers, Jupiter of uncles, the Sun of male relatives but especially of the father, and so forth.

And the manner in which these directions can be readily estimated by the use of the table is as follows: Suppose we wished to investigate the indications at the time of the outbreak of the Great War

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in the King's horoscope, we should proceed to ascertain the age of His Majesty at the time of that event, which we find to be exactly 49 years 2 months.

We then take the period of Saturn, which is 30 years, and find that it is contained in this age once, with 19 years 2 months over. It reaches the opposition in 15 years, and hence we have to find how far it travels in 4 years 2 months. The table shows its annual motion to be 12 degrees. Its monthly motion will therefore be 1 degree. For 4 years we have 48 degrees and for 2 months 2 degrees, making in all 50 degrees to be added to the opposition aspect of Saturn. This planet being in Libra 24 at birth, its opposition is in Aries 24, and if to this we add 50 degrees we arrive at Gemini 14, which is just past the conjunction with the Sun, which it afflicted at birth by a sesquiquadrate aspect. Saturn being in the 7th House shows open enemies. It is obvious therefore that diplomatic relations were under a considerable cloud on the 49th anniversary.

Jupiter's period of 12 years is contained in 49 years 4 times and 1 year over, its motion in 1 year being 30 degrees, and its motion in 2 months is 5 degrees, so that we add 35 to its radical place and obtain the directional place of Jupiter in the beginning of Aquarius. Here it has the exact trine of the Moon, which indicates beneficial alliances and especially shows the powerful support of friends, indicated by the 11th House in which Jupiter's aspect falls, and its radical position points to successful administration of Foreign Affairs. Mars period

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of 15 years is contained in 49 years 3 times and 4 years over, so that we have to estimate the progress of Mars for 4 years 2 months and add it to the place of Mars at birth. Its annual motion being 24 degrees, we have 96 for 4 years, and at the rate of 2 degrees per month, we have 4 degrees for 2 months. Therefore Mars was just 100 degrees from its radical place and this is equal to a square aspect plus 10 degrees. Mars being in Leo 5 at birth, the square falls in Scorpio 5, and with the 10 added, we arrive at Scorpio 15 as the directional place of Mars. This is semisquare to the Moon and opposition to Mercury, and semisquare to the Midheaven, and sesquiquadrate to the Ascendant, so that it afflicted the horoscope of birth at four points. It was the call of Azrael to Britain's sons beyond the seas, as indicated by Mars in the 5th at birth. But it should also be noted that Mars in the radical horoscope was in the ruling sign of France, just as Saturn was in that of Belgium.

Venus' period of 8 years is contained in the period of 49 years 6 times and 1 year over, so that we take Venus' motion for 1 year and 2 months and add it to Venus' place at birth in Taurus 9° 38'. Its motion for 1 year is 45 degrees and for 2 months 7½ degrees. So we add 52½ degrees to Venus' place and arrive at Cancer 2, where it is practically in the lowest position in the heavens, being in direct opposition to the Midheaven, square to the Ascendant and square to the Moon. Thus the Peace symbol was obscured and being the ruler of the 7th House

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and in the 1st House at birth, a peaceful solution of the difficulty presented by our foreign relationships was extremely improbable, being in fact reduced to a minimum. The Sun is found to have travelled twice round the zodiac in the course of 38 years and to have arrived at a position which was $212^{\circ}10'$ distant from its radical place in Gemini $12^{\circ}26'$, so that we find it in 15 degrees of Capricorn. The Moon similarly dealt with is found in the 16th degree of Capricorn, so that we get a conjunction of the luminaries in the 10th House of the horoscope, an index of political changes. Both significators are converging on a trine aspect of Mercury on the cusp of the second house, clearly showing that at the crisis our industrial finance was equal to the occasion.

As for Mercury, his period of 10 years goes 5 times into 50 years, but as we only require its position for 49 years 2 months, we subtract the motion of 10 months from its radical place and get its directional position in Aries $18^{\circ}29'$, where it has recently passed the conjunction with Neptune and applies to the opposition of Saturn, a position that it attained in October, 1914, when the gravest possible news reached us from the front at Mons.

Saturn's period	30 into 120	= 4 Moon's period.
Jupiter's	12 into 120	= 10 Mercury's period.
Mars'	15 into 120	= 8 Venus' period.
Venus'	8 into 120	= 15 Mars' period.
Mercury's	10 into 120	= 12 Jupiter's period.

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Now Saturn rules Capricorn and opposite to this is Cancer, whose period is the product of Saturn. Jupiter rules Sagittarius, which is opposed by Gemini, ruled by Mercury, whose period is the product of Jupiter. Mars rules Scorpio, which is opposed by Taurus, ruled by Venus, whose period is the product of Mars. Thus we see that all the planets have periods that are complementary to one another, and that these are directly related to their respective sign rulerships. We now have to apply these periods to the circumstance of life and show that they have a working value in astrological symbolism.

Saturn's period of 30 years gives the trine in 10 years, the quartile in $7\frac{1}{2}$ years, the sextile in 5 years, and the opposition in 15 years.

Jupiter's period gives the opposition in 6 years, the trine in 4 years, the square in 3 years, and the sextile in 2 years.

Mars' period gives the opposition in $7\frac{1}{2}$ years, the trine in 5 years, the square in 3 years 9 months, the sextile in $2\frac{1}{2}$ years. Venus' period gives the opposition in 4 years, the trine in 2 years 8 months, the square in 2 years, and the sextile in 1 year 4 months.

CHAPTER VI

MEAN MOTIONS

IT has struck me that it is possible for the astrological student to sacrifice too much on the altar of exact science, and it may not be out of place if here we attempt to reclaim some of that ground which has been conceded by Cosmic Symbolism to exact mathematics. Granted that a scientific astrology must indeed be grounded in astronomical science, we nevertheless must not geometrize our cosmical relations out of existence, as threatens to be done in various quarters. Primarily we have to regard astrology as a symbolism whereby we translate or interpret the facts of nature in terms of human life and thought. An astrologer would be hard pressed to offer an intelligible reason for the various allocations of the signs of the zodiac in relation to the human organism, or in relation to the various countries and townships over which they are said to rule, without making direct appeal to a system of natural correspondences and their symbolism. Even if we reduce planetary action in human life to a mere material dynamism we do not

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thereby define as between the observed action of one planet and another in the system to which we belong. We may say that the pure life rays of the sun are received by the various planets and by them transmitted to us in altered electrical and magnetic conditions, differing as the nature of the body which transmits them, but that does not help us to determine how they can produce emotions, and thoughts, hopes and aspirations, which are not material energies but immaterial human and spiritual forces. Nor does it enable us to explain why Mars should incite one man to industry and zeal and another to desperation and cruelty. Indeed, we may say that human character is above and beyond all material planetary action and that the planets act on us only in terms of ourselves.

Without forsaking our symbolism, therefore, and without disregarding the facts of science it should be possible to accommodate our views of the progressive destiny of mankind with the material fact of planetary interaction as displayed in the phenomena of the tides, meteorology, seismology, and various phenomena of the same sort depending on the dynamic action of planet on planet, a fact involved by our concept of the solidarity of the solar system. Indeed, without such interaction of the various components, it could not be said that a system exists, any more than we could affirm an organism without the interaction of its functional parts.

Proceeding on these lines, therefore, we may turn our attention to the mean motions of the planets.

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Our object is to see if they have not some particular symbolical value in regard to the facts of human life. It will be known to the reader that the planets, in regard to a stationary Sun, move in apparent elliptical orbits. The Sun occupying one of the foci, it follows that at their perihelion or nearest approach to the Sun, the motion of a planet is at its maximum, and that at the aphelion or furthest distance from the Sun, the planet's motion is least. At the mean distance the motion is at the mean or middle value. In regard to an orbit that is circular, the mean motion is also the true motion, and from the point of view of an indefinite ambient the circular orbit also the apparent one.

Bringing this idea to bear upon the question before us, we may take the mean motions of the Sun, Moon and planets and observe their directions to the places of the Significators in the horoscope of birth, and conversely we can observe the directions of the Significators in regard to the ambient. For this purpose I have appended the mean motions of the Sun, Midheaven, and the Moon for thirty days, each of which days will be equal to a year of life, and from these the values for any age or year of life can be derived.

Referring these mean motions to the places of the Sun, Moon, Midheaven and Ascendant in the horoscopes of King George V and the Kaiser of Prussia, we have some interesting results.

At the outbreak of the Great War, 3rd August, 1914, the King was 49 years 2 months of age. This

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at the rate of $59^{\circ} 18''$ per year gives $48^{\circ} 28'$, by which we direct the Midheaven and the Sun both by direct and converse motion. The radical Midheaven being in Capricorn $0^{\circ} 56'$ the addition of the above arc will give us the direct direction, namely, to Aquarius $19^{\circ} 24'$ which, it will be observed, is separating from the square of Mercury in the horoscope of birth and applying to the trine of Saturn, and sextile of Jupiter, by arcs of 5 and 6 degrees respectively. The converse direction gives us the Midheaven in Scorpio $12^{\circ} 28'$, where it applies by an arc of 3 degrees to the opposition of Venus, having already separated from the 135° aspect with Uranus, while it also applies to the semisquare aspect of Jupiter by an arc of 2 degrees.

Dealing with the Sun in the same manner we find its direct position to be in Leo $0^{\circ} 54'$ and its converse position to be in Aries $23^{\circ} 58'$. This brings it to within $7'$ of the exact opposition of Saturn at the outbreak of the War, followed by the direction of Sun sextile Moon, zod.d. and 5 years later it reaches the place of Mars.

Further, if we take the ascendants under the meridian positions of Aquarius 19.24 and Scorpio 12.28 we shall find them to be Gemini 25 and Capricorn 6, giving the directions Ascdt trine Saturn, opposition Jupiter, and the approaching direction of Ascdt conjunct Uranus zod.d., which measures to 1918. We also see that some 4 years earlier than the War, the Sun was sextile Uranus zod.con. and trine Jupiter zod.con. in 1912. The joint

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indication of these directions coincided with the Coronation and the Durbar. In effect, therefore, we have the following significant list of directions :—

- 1909—Sun sextile Uranus zod.con.
- 1912—Sun trine Jupiter zod.con.
- 1913—M.C. 135 Uranus zod.con.
M.C. square Mercury zod.d.
- 1914—Ascdt trine Saturn zod.d.
Sun opposition Saturn zod.con.
Sun sextile Moon zod.d.
- 1915—Ascdt opposition Jupiter zod.d.
- 1916—M.C. semisq. Jupiter zod.con.
- 1917—M.C. opposition Venus zod.con.
- 1918—Ascdt opposition Uranus zod.d.
- 1919—Sun conjunct Mars zod.d.
M.C. trine Saturn zod.d.
- 1920—M.C. sextile Jupiter zod.d.

When we reflect that the apparent mean motions of the Sun and planets are what they would be if their orbits were circular the calculation of the probabilities of any case are reduced to a minimum of error by taking these mean motions into account, at all events so far as Primary Directions are concerned, and I have little doubt that this applies also to secondary directions, and for this purpose I have inserted the Tables of Mean Motions for the further assistance of the diligent student. It is significant, for instance, that the mean motion of Mars in the zodiac direct, brings it to Aries 23.38 in the horoscope of the Kaiser for the outbreak of the War, for it is a point where the planet meets

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the converse direction of the Sun in the King's horoscope, the exact conjunction of the two bodies coinciding with the Moroccan incident when we were on the verge of war with Germany. Also it is observed that at the outbreak of the present War, Mars by converse mean motion had arrived at Aquarius 28°18' where it was in square to the Moon and Uranus in the Kaiser's horoscope. Moreover, the distance between the opposition of Sun and Saturn in the Kaiser's horoscope was at birth exactly 1°51' and the mean motion of Saturn is exactly 1°51' in 55 years 6 months, which was the Kaiser's age at the outbreak of the present struggle.

If we apply these mean motions to the Midheaven, Ascendant and Sun in the same horoscope, we shall find that the Sun by converse motion had arrived at the opposition of Jupiter, the Ascendant direct had reached Leo 28 where it had the square of Moon and Uranus, and was largely eclipsed on the 21st August, 1914. A solar eclipse happening on the place of the progressed Ascendant is sinister in the highest degree and its influence lasts for three years, within which period the imperial power would surely undergo almost complete obscuration. The converse direction of the Ascendant shows Taurus 28, where it is conjoined with Uranus, the planet which at the Kaiser's birth threatened such disastrous alliances by its position in the 11th House in direct opposition to the Moon. The indications which attended the early success of the German arms were Midheaven sextile Moon, sextile Mars, zod.con.

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But there is a point which ought not to be overlooked, inasmuch as it may lead to another line of inquiry and research. It is that the converse direction of Mars to Aquarius 28 by the mean motion of that planet for $55\frac{1}{2}$ years, brings it into direct opposition with the direct direction of the Ascendant in Leo 28. Here the converse Mars opposes the direct Ascendant, which looks as if there were a double motion of the heavens, one from the East to the West and another from the West to the East, one actual and the other apparent, whereby certain points of meeting are instituted, whether by conjunction or opposition.

Seeing that Primary Directions have only an approximate coincidence with the actual events they appear to indicate, we certainly cannot do better than employ mean motions in computing arcs of direction and the facility with which they can be employed is all in their favour. If employed in connexion with Eclipses and transits I am convinced that a reliable and facile means of forecast will be in the hands of every student.

MEAN MOTIONS OF PRIMARIES.
SUN.

Motions for Years										Months.				
	°	'		°	'		°	'		°	'		°	'
1	0	59	7	6	54	13	12	49	19	18	44	25	24	38
2	1	58	8	7	53	14	13	48	20	19	43	26	25	38
3	2	57	9	8	52	15	14	47	21	20	42	27	26	37
4	3	57	10	9	51	16	15	46	22	21	41	28	27	36
5	4	56	11	10	51	17	16	45	23	22	40	29	28	35
6	6	35	12	11	50	18	17	44	24	23	39	30	29	34

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These motions must be applied to the Sun, Moon and Midheaven, both direct and converse. The corresponding Ascendant must be extracted from the Tables of Houses or Tables of Oblique Ascension due to the latitude of the birthplace under the directional meridian.

The following Tables of the Moon are for Secondary Directions only—

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Years.												Months.			
	°	'		°	'		°	'		°	'		°	'	
1	13	11	7	92	14	13	171	18	19	250	21	25	329	25	
2	26	21	8	105	25	14	184	28	20	263	32	26	342	35	
3	39	32	9	118	35	15	197	39	21	276	42	27	355	46	
4	52	42	10	131	46	16	210	49	22	289	53	28	8	56	
5	65	53	11	144	56	17	224	10	23	303	3	29	22	7	
6	79	3	12	15	8	18	237	10	24	316	14	30	35	18	

The above values are to be applied to the Moon's radical place in order to obtain its mean progressed place for any required number of years and months.

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Neptune has a motion of $2^{\circ} 11'$ per year and its monthly motion is therefore only about $11'$. Its *daily motion*, which is employed in secondary directions, is practically negligible until we come to 90 years, when its progress will be $33'$ on its radical position.

Uranus' daily motion is $42''$, and at the rate of a day for a year of life its progress is therefore for 5 years $3\frac{1}{2}'$, for 10 years $7'$, for 15 years $11'$, for 20

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years $14'$, for 25 years $18'$, and for 30 years $21'$.

Saturn's annual directional progress will be $2'$ up to the 50th year of life, after which we add another $1'$ to the amount due at this rate for the required years. Thus for 50 years we have $100'$ or $1^\circ 40'$ and for 51 years $1^\circ 43'$ instead of $1^\circ 42'$.

Jupiter's mean annual directional motion is $5'$, which gives for 30 years $150'$ or $2^\circ 30'$, for 40 years $3^\circ 19'$, for 50 years $4^\circ 9'$ and for 60 years $4^\circ 59'$.

Mars' annual progress by direction is $31'$, for 5 years $2^\circ 37'$, for 10 years $5^\circ 14'$, for 15 years $7^\circ 52'$, for 20 years $10^\circ 29'$, for 25 years $13^\circ 6'$, for 30 years $15^\circ 43'$. Its monthly increment, according to this rate, will therefore be $2\frac{1}{2}'$.

The above mean motions of the planets are only given for experimental purposes and not for practical purposes. It will be sufficient if we regard the mean motion of the Moon, which is the chief factor in secondary directions, and apply its mean progression to the radical and progressed positions of the planets as we find them in the ephemeris. In a subsequent chapter I have given the directions of the moon to the mean progress of the planets, so that their efficacy may be tested. One cannot have too many examples from which to form a conclusion.

CHAPTER VII

METHOD OF WORKING

THERE is no essential difference between this system of secondary mean motions and the ordinary method of calculating secondary directions from the actual motions of the planets. The only difference lies in uniformity. Having found the age of a person at a given date by subtracting the year, month and date of birth from the current or given date, the measure of time will be 1 day for each year of life and 2 hours for each month. Thus :

The King was born on the 3rd June, 1865. Required the age and directional equivalent for 1st January, 1917.

Birth — 1865 6 3

Date — 1917 1 1

Age = 51 6 28 on 1st January, 1917.

This is equal to 51 days 13 hrs. 52 mins.

Take out the Sun's motion for this period and add it to the Midheaven at birth.

Find the Ascendant under this progressed Midheaven.

Add it also to the Sun's radical place.

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Add it also to the Moon's radical place.

The aspects formed to the radical planets by these four factors will give the primary directions.

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Take out the motion of the Moon for 51 days 13 hrs. 52 mins. Add this to the radical place of the Moon, deducting 360 as often as necessary or possible. Reduce the remainder to signs, degrees, and minutes, and you have the directional place of the Moon by secondary mean motion, for given date. Thereafter uniformly add $1^{\circ} 6'$ for each succeeding month, and you have the progressed mean place of the Moon on the equivalent date for each month.

EXAMPLE.

The primary directions in the King's horoscope have already been calculated and need not be reproduced here. The Moon's secondary positions are as follows for 1917—

Motion for	51 days =	0	0
	30 days . .	35	18
	21 days . .	276	42
Moon's motion for	6 months .	6	35
do. do.	28 days . .	1	5
		319	40
do. radical place . .		181	4
		500	44
	Subtract	360	0
Moon's directional place =	140	44	= Leo. $20^{\circ}.44'$.

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This is for the 1st January, 1917, and by adding $1^{\circ} 6'$ per month we get its place for the 1st of successive months. Then we may take out the directions to the radical places of the planets indicating in what signs and houses they fall. The next step is to add the increment for the progress of the various planets according to their mean diurnal motions, and find in what Houses and signs they fall in the progressed horoscope. Finally we take out the aspects formed by the Moon to these progressed places and the scheme is complete. According to this scheme we have the following directions in the horoscope of the King for the year 1917—

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January	—	Leo 20.44	
February	—	21.50	
March	—	22.56	
April	—	24.2	sextile Saturn R. Libra, 9th.
May	—	25.8	sesquisq. Neptune R. Aries, 1st; trine Jupiter R. Sagit., 9th; sextile Saturn P. Libra, 5th.
June	—	26.14	
July	—	27.20	
August	—	28.26	Sextile Uranus R. Gemini, 4th.—et P. 1st; trine Jupiter P. Sagit., 7th.
September—		29.32	
October	—	Virgo 0.38	

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November— Virgo 1.44 conjunct Mars P. Virgo,
4th.
December — 2.50

It will be seen that the directions are very favourable from April onwards, culminating in August by a sextile of Moon to the radical position of Uranus, and a sextile of that luminary to both the progressed positions of Jupiter and Uranus, which are respectively on the cusps of the Ascendant and Descendant of the progressed horoscope. Hence there is extreme probability of the war being brought to a culminating point in favour of the Allied interests and objective. But from the following conjunction with Mars in Virgo in the month of November the war will be carried strongly into Turkish dominions.

It will be noticed that at the time of King Edward's death on 9th May, 1910, the Sun was by direct motion in square to Saturn and semisquare to its own place, and that Uranus was stationary in opposition to the progressed Sun. But also it will be seen that the converse direction of the Sun carries it back to Aries 28.8 and this point had the transit of Saturn at the very time that the King contracted the chill that terminated his life so abruptly. The Sun being at birth in Gemini, the lungs were the seat of the fatal affection.

Tracing this influence in the horoscope of King Edward VII we find that by adding 68 degrees, answering to the age at death, to the radical Midheaven, we arrive at Capricorn 11, under which we

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have the ascension of Aries 28, which was the point through which Saturn was in transit at the time of decease. But also it will be seen that, by adding these degrees to the Sun's radical place, we arrive at Capricornus 25, and this degree of the zodiac had the transit of Uranus at the fatal period. Thus we see how horoscopes that are related at birth unite in exhibiting similar indications at critical periods in the life of the respective members of a family. But the point to which I would especially draw attention is that these transits of Uranus over the progressed Sun, and of Saturn over the progressed Ascendant, in the horoscope of King Edward, are more significant than anything that can be found by direction at the time. Moreover, we see that they are linked up with eclipse indications, for there was a large solar eclipse in June of the preceding year, which fell in Gemini 26, in direct opposition to the Ascendant of King Edward's horoscope, and very near to the place of Uranus in the horoscope of King George (then heir to the throne) which opposed the Midheaven at birth. Further we see that the Full Moon preceding this eclipse of the Sun was a total eclipse of the Moon in Sagittarius 113, and therefore in direct opposition to the place of the Sun in the Prince's horoscope. Hence we have reason to conclude that by observing eclipses and transits we may be reliably notified of any great event which may be portentous in the life. Long experience has made me very respectful of these indicators, and one may verily see from these and

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innumerable other examples that the ancients were very well equipped in that they had a good knowledge of planetary periods and a workable acquaintance with eclipses. The ancient Chinese made it a capital offence on the part of an official astronomer to neglect predicting an eclipse. They had a luni-solar cycle of 19 years in which the New and Full Moons recurred in the same part of the heavens. They also had a cycle of 18 years 10 days in which the Dragon's Head coincided with the luni-solar line, and these two factors gave them a practical means of predicting eclipses without enabling them to determine the region of their visibility.

But inasmuch as the visibility of an eclipse plays no part in horoscopy, they would be able to use these eclipses as primary pointers, and the transits as secondary pointers, thus timing events with considerable accuracy.

It will be of some interest to students to have some working basis for judging the probable effects of transits, and to this end I may now devote a separate chapter.

CHAPTER VIII

EFFECTS OF TRANSITS

IT will be observed that the extreme points of any arc of direction, that is to say, the radical place of a Significator, and its progressed place, are the most sensitive points of the field of transit operation. They are in every way analogous to the nerve ends of the human body, one end being on the periphery of the body and the other embedded in the brain. But any part of the nerve track can be excited by corrosion or the whole nerve may be inhibited by lesion. That is what we observe in regard to transits.

A planet passing over the radical place of a Significator will affect that point in terms of its own nature, as Saturn (depression), Mars (stimulation to the point of inflammatory action), Uranus (lesion, dislocation, etc.), and so forth. But also it will affect the subject of the horoscope in that department of the life which is indicated by the radical position of the planet which makes the transit.

Passing on along the arc of direction or progression, it successively comes to a variety of points which

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are aspected by the planets at birth, and to which the Significator has already formed progressed aspects (good or bad as the case may be), and these points are accordingly rendered sensitive. At these points the transits again come into operation.

A point that receives a good aspect is invulnerable to a malefic transit, and similarly, one that receives a bad aspect is not productive of any good at the time of a benefic transit. Transit and aspect have to be of a similar nature in order to produce marked good or bad effects.

Coming at last to the end of the arc of direction, the planet in transit acts powerfully upon the life and fortunes of the subject, according to the nature of the planet in transit, and it will then be observed that it involves a department of the life indicated by the House to which the transitting planet has then progressed.

Thus Saturn being in the 9th House at birth and in transit over the radical ascendant, will bring legal troubles, bad or depressing news from abroad, losses through insurance or neglect of it, and a depressing time in connexion with all 9th House affairs. But when it comes to transit the Ascendant, the planet will have progressed into the 8th House, and if the ascendant be hyleg, it will seriously endanger the life.

Malefic planets passing the radical or progressed hyleg are always dangerous. Eclipses are to be regarded in the same category as malefic transits, though they have a more enduring influence and may influence the import of successive transits over

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the same point. Thus in the case of King Edward, the Sun is hyleg, and the transit of Uranus over the place of the progressed Sun at 68½ years of age was fatal because it followed upon an eclipse. In the horoscope of King George the Sun is not hyleg, but is the natural Significator of the Father. Therefore the lunar eclipse referred to did not threaten his own life but that of his august parent.

To summarize, therefore, we may say that a transit over the radical place of a Significator acts in terms of the radical place of the planet in transit, and affects the progressed position of a Significator in terms of its progressed position. If the Significator has recently suffered by eclipse, the indications may point to a fatality, and in all cases to misfortune.

Neptune denotes a state of chaos and confusion, an involved condition of affairs. Plots, schemes, subtleties. Inspirational impulses. Chicanery, fraud and misrepresentation. Secret enmity, unseen influences in the life.

Uranus denotes separations, estrangements, partings and sundering of ties, sudden dislocations and violent upsets. When favourably aspected, success through governmental and civic bodies, beneficial changes, appointments.

Saturn shows depression, stagnation, hindrances and obstacles, chills and obstruction in the body, melancholy. Loss, misfortune and need, deprivation of usual benefits. Well aspected at the time of transit, it gives favours of aged

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persons, benefits from old associations and former relationships.

Jupiter brings increase and expansion, fullness of fortune and health. Many benefits from the source indicated by Jupiter. A fortunate and increscent time generally.

The Sun acts by transit according to his aspects at the time to the radical positions of the planets. When benefic he brings benefits from superiors and advancement in the sphere of life and work. Honours and emoluments. Successful enterprises and new associations of benefit to the individual. Badly aspected he effects degradation and dishonour, loss of position and adverse judgment of superiors.

Mars denotes hurts and injuries from fire, iron, steel, molten metal, boiling water or inflammable oils, according to the sign he occupies. Fevers and high temperature. Quarrels and contentions, strife and anger. When well aspected he can give benefits from doctors, surgeons, martial men; and affairs connected with new projects and enterprises. It is always a strenuous time but gives commensurate benefits if well aspected.

Venus denotes domestic and social benefits, a condition of happiness and pleasure, many comforts and favours. Success in love affairs, and in artistic pursuits. Badly aspected she brings grief and disappointment.

Mercury denotes writings, journeys and commerce

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which are good or bad at the time according to the aspects of the planet at the time of transit. It should be observed that Mercury acts by direction and transit according to the nature of the planet to which he was last in aspect at birth.

It would be impossible within the limits of this small work to indicate the various effects attending transits of the various planets according to their radical and progressed positions, but the following rules can be applied with considerable precision and safety.

1. Observe the nature of the planet in transit, and whether it be a conjunction, trine, sextile, or opposition aspect.

2. Note whether the point of transit is in any exact aspect to a radical position. For if it is afflicted by a radical planet (i.e. the place of a planet at the birth) a good transit will be largely nullified, while an evil transit will be augmented, and vice versa when the radical aspect is good.

3. Note that a transit over a radical Significator will be in terms of the House position of the transitting planet. Also that the transit over a progressed position will be in terms of the progressed position of the transitting planet.

4. Transits are continuous in their action from the point where they affect a radical Significator to the point where they affect the progressed place of the same Significator, and the fullest effects are

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those which coincide with the last-named transit.

5. The stationary position of a planet in transit is certain to increase its influence, making it both more marked and more enduring.

6. Transits which fall on eclipse positions affecting the Significators will have the maximum effect, according to the nature of the planets concerned.

CHAPTER IX

NEW MOONS

SUBSIDIARY to Eclipses and Transits we may consider the influence of New Moons which can usually be relied upon to give some indication of the course of events during the ensuing month.

All that has to be done in this case is to observe the place of the New Moon and note the aspects that it forms to the radical positions of the planets. I have not observed that the progressed positions of the planets are significant in this connexion.

The nature of the events may be determined by the House position of the planet in aspect to the New Moon, and also whether it be favourable or unfavourable by the aspect. In this connexion the trine and sextile are good and the square and opposition bad. The conjunction will operate according to the nature of the planet involved.

Thus I lost my father, who died on the 30th April, 1868. The preceding New Moon fell in Taurus 3 in close opposition to the Midheaven of the radical horoscope. I was married in June, 1896, and the preceding New Moon fell in Gemini 21 exactly on the

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place of Uranus and in sextile to the Moon at birth. Here Uranus on the cusp of the 7th indicated the nature of the event, the Moon ruled the intercepted sign Cancer in the 7th House.

At the end of 1900 I was given up for dead from blood poisoning. The preceding New Moon was a total eclipse of the Sun which fell close to the place of the planet Jupiter, ruler of the horoscope, and in quadrature aspect to Venus in Aquarius (the blood). Mars was then in transit over the opposition of Venus in the radix.

Applied to the horoscopes of kings these indications have a wider significance because they are the focal centres for the time being of planetary forces which act not on their persons as individuals alone but upon the affairs of state of which they are the representatives appointed by destiny for the fulfilling of the evolutionary purposes of the nations over which they rule.

It frequently happens that even where the New Moon does not itself fall on the place of, or in aspect to, any planet at birth, the ephemeral positions of the planets themselves are significant. Consequently, if a New Moon appears not to have any special significance by its position as regards the planets' places at birth, it should not on that account be dismissed without further consideration, for if at the time of the New Moon any of the malefics should fall on the places of the Significators they will be found to have more than the ordinary transit effect, enduring for a full month in their influence over

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that sphere of the life indicated by the planet or Significator so affected.

In this sense Venus may be Significator of domestic and social affairs, love, courtship and marriage, Mercury of the intellectual life, mental faculties, business, trade, journeys and general activities.

Venus also indicates sisters, and Mars indicates brothers. Jupiter indicates uncles and Mercury indicates aunts. The Sun denotes the father and the Moon the mother. Saturn also sometimes indicates the father, but Uranus most generally indicates a grandparent.

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have to be regarded in the same category with New Moons, and in this connexion we have not only to observe the aspects the Moon forms at the opposition, but also the places of the planets thereat in regard to the radical positions of the planets. For in no other way would the New or Full Moons differ in their indications after a period of 19 years, when they fall in the same aspects as formerly. Thus a lunation which fell on the place of Saturn in 1900 will again fall thereon in the same month in the year 1919. Hence we should expect from the same indication a similar event, but on referring to the relative positions of the planets in the ephemeris at the time of the lunation, in each case we shall observe that they are altogether dissimilar, because no planet has a period of 19 years similar to the lunation cycle.

Thus for example in the horoscope of a male, born

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at Liverpool, 19th July, 1855, at 10.8 a.m., the Midheaven is in Gemini 27 and the Ascendant in Virgo 27. He lost his mother on the 19th December, 1902. Reference to the Full Moon of the 15th December, 1902, will show the Moon in Sagittarius 22, opposed to Uranus, Mercury and Venus, and in square aspect to Mars, this latter planet being exactly on the radical Ascendant, and Venus in opposition to Saturn and the Midheaven of the horoscope of birth. At the same time we find Saturn in transit over the radical opposition of the Sun.

Lunar Revolutions

It has been suggested that the Moon's return to its radical place may indicate the course of events for the ensuing month, just as the Sun's return to its radical place indicates the course of events for the following year. In order to find the time of the Moon's return to its place at birth, it will be found convenient to use the proportional diurnal logarithms which are attached to the ephemeris, and are included in Chambers' Mathematical Tables. Thus, suppose that we desire to find the Moon's return to its radical place, Leo 22.43 in April, 1891. We find by inspection of the ephemeris that the revolution is complete by the Moon's transit of that point of the zodiac some time in the morning of the 18th. Its longitude at noon is Leo 24.55, and from this we take 22.43, leaving 2.12. The logarithm of this is 1.0378. The Moon's diurnal motion is 11.54 and the logarithm for this is 3047, which we take from the former

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logarithm and obtain .7331, which we find to be the logarithm for 4 hours 26 minutes, which is the time before noon of April 18th at which the Moon reaches Leo 22.43, its radical place. A figure for this time shows the Moon in the lower angle of the horoscope passing from a square of Mercury to a square of Mars. But in order to get the full significance of the horoscope for the Lunar Revolution, we should have to refer the planets at this time to the radical horoscope, when it would doubtless be found that considerable value attaches to them as pointers. In the above case the radix is for 20th March, 1864, at 2.3 a.m., lat $52\frac{1}{2}$ N., long. 2 W. Then we see that at the Moon's return Uranus is close to the Midheaven and in opposition to the Sun in the heavens, while Mars is in opposition to the radical place of Jupiter. Within a month there was a double bereavement, both on the female side. The father's death from the same horoscope is indicated on the very day of the Moon's return to its radical place, namely, 30th April, 1868, when it is found that the Sun is on the place of Lilith at birth in the 4th House, Mars in opposition to the place of Saturn at birth, Venus in direct opposition to the radical Ascendant, and Neptune also in direct opposition to Saturn at birth.

Hence it appears that from a variety of sources we may collate evidence of the fact that events are signalled with remarkable precision, whether by direction, transit, eclipse, lunation or lunar revolution. When all the testimonies converge towards good or evil some climacteric is reached which alters

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the course of the career. Events never happen unless they are signalled, though our measure of time in regard to directions, revolutions, etc., clearly shows that the events indicated by the planets are not produced by them.

CHAPTER X

PLANETARY CONJUNCTIONS

THE conjunctions of the Superior Planets, Neptune, Uranus, Saturn, Jupiter and Mars, are to be regarded as in no way inferior to Primary Directions whenever they fall upon the radical or progressed places of the Significators.

It may be argued that the strength of a conjunction is proportionate to the magnitudes of the planets involved considered in relation to their periods. For it must logically follow, I think, that the duration and efficacy of a planetary combination must be in direct proportion to its rarity. Thus the conjunction of Neptune and Uranus, the most distant of the planets at present known to astronomers, only form their conjunction once in 171 years. Thus they were conjoined in Capricorn 2 in the year 1821, and will again be conjoined in Capricorn 16 in 1992, then they form another in the end of Capricorn, about the 28th degree, and in the year 2,334 they pass into Aquarius.

Looking back on past conjunctions, we find that by subtracting 171 years from 1821, we come to the

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year 1650, and as in 1821 the conjunction fell in Capricorn 2, it follows that in 1650 it fell in Sagittarius 18, which is immediately opposed to the Ascendant of the City of London. What followed is known to all. At this time we were in the throes of the Revolution under the dictatorship of O. Cromwell. Fighting was active in Ireland, Scotland and England, the nation was at war with Holland, and great naval engagement under Sir Geo. Askew resulted in the defeat of the Dutch Navy. At the same time the French Fleet was beaten by General Blake, who was later defeated by the Dutch off Goodwin Sands. The Protector was acclaimed in Ireland on the 31st December, 1653. The Great Plague began in London on the 9th May, 1665. Sir George Wharton, astronomer, records that a blazing star appeared in England on the 24th December, 1663. In 1666 there was the Great Fire, which broke out on the 2nd September and continued to the 9th. In this conflagration there were 89 churches destroyed and over 13,000 houses.

Between 1650 and 1821 great mutations in the religious life of the people, and an enormous extension of the Empire in India and the Colonies. Spain, whose ascendant is Sagittarius, suffered great reverses in the Peninsular War. The Napoleonic Wars concluded this period of great mutations and disasters.

Next to the conjunction of Neptune and Uranus, we have the conjunction of Uranus and Saturn which recurs after a period of 91 years. These

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planets formed a conjunction in Taurus 4 about August, 1851, coming within about 5° of the exact conjunction, and finally reaching the exact conjunction on the 16th March, 1852, and they were then in longitude Taurus 2.16. Then after a period of 45 years they came together again in Scorpio 26.27 on the 1st June, 1897. This gives a period of 45 years 2½ months. A little short of this period we find them in conjunction again in 1942 when they are both in Taurus 29 in the month of May. Then after a period of 46 years they come together again at the end of Sagittarius in the year 1988. It appears, therefore, that they have a period of 91 years during which they progress 1 whole sign.

The best chronocrator, however, appears to be the conjunction of the two largest planets of our system, Saturn and Jupiter, whose complete period is 960 years. This period is divided into four periods of 240 years each, during which the conjunctions remain in the same trigon. The change from one trigon to another is called the Mutation, and the first of such conjunctions in the new trigon is called the Mutation Conjunction. Thus there was a first conjunction in the Earthy Trigon in January 1842, when the planets were in the 9th degree of Capricorn together. Previous to this Mutation Conjunction the planets had conjoined in the Fiery Trigon. But the year 1842 is regarded as the mutation conjunction year not because it was the first conjunction in the Earthy Trigon, for there was one in Virgo in the year 1802, in July, but because there was a following

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one in Aries in June 1821, so that the conjunctions had not finally quitted the Fiery Trigon. From 1842 onwards, however, we get no more conjunctions of Saturn and Jupiter in the Fiery Trigon for a period of 960 years.

Following the conjunction in Capricorn, 1842, we get another in Virgo 1861, then one in Taurus 1881, then another in Capricorn 1901, another in Virgo 1921, another in Taurus 1941, and another in February, 1961, which will fall in Capricorn 26. If we collate these various conjunctions we shall obtain some idea of the periodicity and the gradual procession from one trigon into the next. Thus—

Last conjunction in Fiery Trigon,	1821, Aries 25
1st conjunction in Earthy	1842, Capricorn 9
2nd	1861, Virgo 18
3rd	1881, Taurus 2
4th	1901, Capricorn 14
5th	1921, Virgo 27
6th	1941, Taurus 8
7th	1961, Capricorn 25
8th	1981, Libra 9
9th	2000, Taurus 23
10th	2020, Aquarius 1
11th	2040, Libra 20
12th	2060, Taurus 29

Thus we see how the conjunction passes out of the Fiery Trigon in 1821, and then passes into the Earthy Trigon in 1842, its first position being in

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Capricorn 9, its second position in that sign being Capricorn 14, and its last position Capricorn 25, so that it moves through the sign by increments of 5 and 11 degrees successively. In 1802 it was in Virgo 4, in 1861 it was in Virgo 18, and in 1921 it will be in Virgo 27, so that by increments of about 14 and 9 degrees it passes through Virgo. In Taurus it successively holds the 2nd, 8th, 23rd, and 29th degrees, passing through that sign by increments of 6, 15 and 6 degrees successively. From Virgo it passes into Libra in the year 1981. From Capricorn it passes into Aquarius in the year 2020. From Taurus it passes into Gemini in the year 2080. So that from its first occurrence in Capricorn in 1842 to its complete change into the Airy Trigon, in 2080, is a period of 240 years roughly. But also we observe that it is only affecting the Earthy Trigon continuously from 1842 to 1981, which is a period of 140 years roughly, while it does not become fairly established in the Airy Trigon till 2080, which is roughly 100 years. So there is a period of 140 years in one trigon, followed by 100 years of transition from one to another of the trigons, and then 140 in the next trigon, which is the Airy Trigon. Thus in about 240 years the transition is made from one trigon to the next in order. From 1603 to 1842 the conjunction fell in the Fiery Trigon, from 1842 to 2080 it falls in the Earthy Trigon, from 2080 to 2320 in the Airy Trigon, and from 2320 to 2560 in the Watery Trigon. In all there are 12 conjunctions at intervals of 20 years each in each of the trigons, and

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roughly 48 conjunctions in the entire circle of transition, making a total period of 960 years.

The influence of a mutation conjunction is said to last for 240 years, that of a single successive conjunction for 20 years. In this there is room for considerable doubt, inasmuch as it logically appears that the influence of one conjunction can only last until the next, or if the first in a trigon extends over 240 years, all other subsequent conjunctions must have equal duration and efficacy, inasmuch as the same planets are concerned as factors. My own opinion is that the duration of effects is determined by the continuance of the conjunction in any particular sign. Thus there was a conjunction in Virgo in 1802, and the last in this sign falls out in 1921, its influence lasting 20 years, to 1941. Then from 1802 to 1941 is 140 years roughly. Similarly there was a conjunction in Capricorn in 1842, and the last of this series occurs in 1961 and lasts for 20 years, so that from 1842 to 1981 is 140 years in round numbers. Also the conjunction in Taurus 2 in 1881 is completed by one in Taurus 23, which lasts till 2020, and this again is 140 years roughly. The final conjunction in the confines of Taurus in 2060 is not brought into the account as it is just upon leaving the sign. In each sign we may find, therefore, that there is an increscent influence in any sign after the first conjunction for the space of 140 years. After this the influence is exhausted. This of course infers that there is an overlapping of the influence due to each of the signs of the trigon involved.

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In practice we should therefore continue the directions in the horoscope for any primary conjunction, for 140 degrees, and thus the conjunction in Virgo, 1802, would extend to 1941-2, while that of 1842 in Capricorn would extend to 1981. Now this I find conformable to practice and experience, for if we take the conjunction of 26th January, 1842, at 5.29 a.m., G.M.T., we shall find that a horoscope for this time gives all the principal events for a period of years extending beyond the year 1914, which at all events is 72 years, and therefore there is every reason to believe that so long as Capricorn is thus affected by the conjunction the influence will be progressive and increscent, and will last for 140 years.

The Income Tax Act of 1842 was due to the direction of Moon opposition Venus zod.d. $0^{\circ} 32'$. Venus was on the cusp of the sign Aquarius, which, as everybody knows, has relation to the 11th House or the Government Revenue. Under Sun conjunct Mercury $4^{\circ} 25'$ we had the New Tariff and Repeal of the Corn Laws, Mercury being the natural ruler of the 6th House (food-stuffs).

Under Moon opposition Sun zod.d. $5^{\circ} 29'$ and Sun opposition Moon zod.con. $5^{\circ} 59'$ the Chartist riots took place. Here the Moon is the chief factor and rules the natural 4th House, being itself posited in the 7th. Hence the insurgent nature of the Chartist Movement. Most of the principles for which the Chartists contended have since come about by legislation. Under the influence of Sun conjunct

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Neptune $7^{\circ} 32'$ and Sun conjunct Venus $7^{\circ} 45'$, the planet Neptune was discovered and simultaneously there began a series of phenomena in America which has since given rise to the order of Spoiritists, and other orders devoted to the study of psychic phenomena. The planet Neptune is the natural ruler of the 12th House (hidden things). The annexation of the Punjab probably answers to the direction of Sun conjunct Venus.

Under the direction of Moon opposition Mercury the death of Sir Robert Peel was followed by Lord Russell's administration, who presently resigned, resumed office, and was succeeded within the year by Lord Derby. At this time also the Duke of Wellington died, and a Coalition Ministry was formed.

Under Moon opposition Neptune zod.d. $12^{\circ} 56'$ the Crimean War took place. It is significant that Neptune here is in the sign Aquarius, which rules Russia!

Under ASCENDANT conjunct SATURN and JUPITER $15^{\circ} 1'$ the Indian Mutiny began. The conjoined planets were in the sign Capricorn, which is the ruling sign of India.

The Moon opposition Saturn and Jupiter coincided with the outbreak of the American Civil War, the death of the Prince Consort and the cotton famine in Lancashire.

Sun conjunct Saturn and Jupiter $24^{\circ} 9'$ coincides with the Derby Administration and the passing of the second Reform Bill.

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Sun conjunct Mars $25^{\circ} 52'$ indicated the Fenian outbreak and the Parliamentary Reform Bill.

Sun conjunct Uranus $29^{\circ} 37'$ coincides with the capitulation of Paris at the conclusion of the Franco-German War, 1870-1.

Ascendant opposition Moon coincides with the Ballot Act.

Moon opposition Uranus $34^{\circ} 7'$ and Mercury opposition Uranus $34^{\circ} 58'$ denote the Bulgarian atrocities.

Ascendant conjunct Sun $36^{\circ} 22'$ coincides with the Treaty of Berlin and the Anglo-Turkish Convention.

Ascendant conjunct Mercury $40^{\circ} 8'$, the New Law Courts were opened. Mercury rules the 9th House of this horoscope.

Midheaven opposition Mars $40^{\circ} 32'$ coincides with the Bombardment of Alexandria.

Ascendant conjunct Neptune. Abandonment of General Gordon. The Reform Bill passed.

Ascendant conjunct Mars $56^{\circ} 32'$. The Boer War.

Ascendant conjunct Uranus $59^{\circ} 17'$. Death of Queen Victoria.

The Boer War extended over the whole period from the conjunction of the Ascendant with Mars to its conjunction with Uranus.

Midheaven opposition Neptune zod.con. $68^{\circ} 26'$. Asquith's fatal Ministry began under this subversive aspect. King Edward died, 6th May, 1910.

MIDHEAVEN conjunct SATURN and JUPITER $72^{\circ} 22'$. The Great War. Germany suborns Austria and Turkey and forms a secret Treaty with Bulgaria,

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and in an attempt at world-domination, inspired by the Prussian Militarists, overruns Belgium and France and Poland. Great Britain, France, Russia, and later Italy, formed the Allied Powers in conflict with the Central Powers.

We thus see that the chief features of history are coincident with the portents derived from this conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter in the Earthy Trigon and that the influence or signification of those portents extends over a period of 72 years. There is every reason to think that directions from the same horoscope will culminate in Midheaven conjunction Mars in 1981. Then will follow the influence of Saturn conjunct Jupiter in the Airy Trigon.

Secondary Conjunctions

Every successive conjunction of these two great planets in the course of the trigonal series affords pointers which are illuminative and which tend to uphold the interaction of secondary with primary or Mutation Conjunctions. Thus the conjunctions of 1861, 1881 and 1901 are all conformative of the general trend of events as developed from directions in the horoscope for the Mutation Conjunction of 1842. To take only one instance in this place, it will be found that the conjunction which took place on 28th November, 1901, at 4.36 p.m., the Midheaven was in Aquarius $13^{\circ} 27'$ and the Ascendant in Gemini $19^{\circ} 10'$. The conjunction took place in the 8th House in Capricorn 14 and Mars was near the western angle, with Uranus only 3 degrees below the

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west horizon. The conjoined planets Saturn and Jupiter were in direct opposition to the Moon in Cancer $12^{\circ} 38'$, while Mars was in opposition to Neptune in Cancer $0^{\circ} 44'$. These positions were ominous of fierce contentions and the probability of foreign war. Mars was $12^{\circ} 55'$ of oblique descension from the cusp of the 7th or western angle, and therefore at Berlin it was exactly setting! Now if we take the direction of Mars to the opposition of the Ascendant $12^{\circ} 55'$, this gives 12 years 11 months = October, 1914, and it will be seen that at the end of May, 1914, Saturn was in transit over the Ascendant of this horoscope in Gemini 19 and Mars was in opposition to the Midheaven. Questions of Fiscal Reform, Women's Suffrage, Land Values, etc., came up under the direction of Neptune to the Ascendant, and the Socialist and Radical power became so strong in Parliament that they were able to carry the Veto Bill, which practically muzzled the House of Lords. It was reminiscent of the old Cromwellian days! It will be seen that the Moon comes to the Ascendant of this horoscope in $25^{\circ} 45'$ which measures to 1927, and is followed by Ascendant opposition Saturn and Jupiter, $27^{\circ} 28'$. These directions point to the years 1927-29 as a period of great fiscal changes, popular democratic movements, revolutions and excessive mortality. There will probably be an entire readjustment of laws relating to succession, death duties, and hereditaments. Great constitutional changes are certain to follow upon this indication, which coincides with

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the Primary Index of Midheaven conjunct Moon zod. con. in the Mutation horoscope of 1842. But inasmuch as it coincides with the direction of Sun conjunct Mars in the present horoscope for 1901, we may fully expect that it will be a period of great distress and warfare in Arabia, in whose ruling sign the conjunction of the Sun and Mars takes place. In this connexion it is worthy of notice that there is a conjunction of Mars and Saturn in the second decanate of Sagittarius at the end of 1927, and this portent lasts for two years.

CHAPTER XI

MINOR INDICATIONS

SUBSIDIARY to the primary indications of great mutations indicated by the combined influence of Saturn and Jupiter, we find minor indications or pointers in other conjunctions of more frequent occurrence, such as Saturn conjunct Mars, Jupiter conjunct Mars, and these have to be considered in relation to the last conjunction of the planets Saturn and Jupiter. For as they are inferior and of greater frequency in their occurrence, so they are of subsidiary influence.

Now the conjunctions of Saturn and Mars are found to be excellent pointers, for they occur with wonderful precision and orderliness at an interval of about 25 months, or 2 years and 1 month, and they are successively in each of the signs of the zodiac in their natural order. Thus there was a conjunction of Saturn and Mars in

Aries . . .	June, 1879
Taurus . . .	July, 1881
Gemini . . .	July, 1883

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Cancer.	.	.	August,	1885
Leo	.	.	August,	1887
"	.	.	September,	1889
Virgo	.	.	October,	1891
Libra	.	.	October,	1893
Scorpio	.	.	November,	1895
Sagittarius	.	.	November,	1897
"	.	.	December,	1899
Capricorn	.	.	December	1901
Aquarius	.	.	December,	1903
"	.	.	December,	1905
Pisces	.	.	December,	1907

returning to Aries in 1909, when it fell in the month of December in the 16th degree. And inasmuch as the first conjunction of this series was in Aries 15 in the year 1879, there is a period of 30 years comprised in the entire circuit of the conjunctions through the zodiac. Then if we add 30 years to 1909 we get 1939, but find that there is no conjunction in Aries that year, but one in Aries 2 in 1938 and another in Aries 26 in 1940, another in Aries 10 in 1968, and another in Aries 21 in 1998. So that after four complete revolutions it anticipates 1 year and about 2 months. In effect we find that owing to the irregularities of the motions of the two bodies when taken together the planets come to a conjunction in the same part of the zodiac after an interval of 265 years. Thus there was a conjunction in the second decanate of Taurus in 1646 and another in the same part of the zodiac in 1911. It will be sufficient

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for practical observations to note that the period of 30 years brings the planets together in the same sign but with an advance of about 10 degrees in each of such circuits. Thus an entire progression would occupy about 36×30 years or 1,080 years. It will also be seen that the conjunctions occur with considerable regularity every other year, but not in the same month of such alternate years, and hence there is a gradual calendaric progression by which, as we have seen, the phenomenon gains one year in 120 years or four circuits.

In nine complete circuits of the zodiac it gains 3 whole years and so we find the period to be for each circuit of a mean value of 29.463 years or nearly $29\frac{1}{2}$ years.

Now just as the conjunction in Aries in 1644 was followed by Civil War and the great Constitutional changes which arose from the dismissal of the House of Lords, the murder of King Charles I and the setting up of the Rump Parliament, so that of 1909 was followed by great Socialist demonstrations, strikes, Suffrage riots, the Veto Bill which effectually muzzled the House of Lords, and the death of King Edward.

Similarly the conjunction in Taurus in 1646 was followed by the campaign of Cromwell in Ireland which was carried out with great severity and even cruelty, such as left bitter memories behind which have not indeed died out even yet.

The conjunction in Cancer was followed by the fight for the Carrying Trade of the world between the

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Dutch and British, which resulted from the passing of the famous Navigation Act. The Act, which provided that foreign goods should be brought to England only by British ships, was a direct hit at Holland, the only foreign service that shipped to England. The fight for the supremacy of the British sea trade was carried out under the conjunction in Cancer which took place in 1650, and shortly afterwards Holland was subjected to great floods from the breaking down of her dams so that a vast tract of the country was under water. This happened again in 1915. But whereas we were then at war with Holland we are now engaged in the more serious business of fighting, not for our own commercial supremacy but for the liberty of nations and the cause of civilization against the military despotism of the Prussian Junkers.

Next to the conjunction of Saturn and Mars that of Jupiter and Mars is accounted the most considerable. This happens once in about twenty-seven months, and its duration and influence is therefore about equal to, or a little in excess of that of the conjunction of Mars and Saturn.

Tracing the periodicity of this phenomenon we find there was a conjunction in Leo 3 in June, 1801; another in Libra 6 in August, 1803; another in Sagittarius 11 in November, 1805; another in Aquarius 17 in January, 1808; another in Taurus 1 in April, 1810; another in Cancer 16 in June, 1812; another in Virgo 22 in September, 1814; another in Scorpio 26 in December, 1816; another

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in Aquarius 2 in February, 1819; another in Aries 14 in April, 1821; another in Gemini 26 in July, 1823; another in Virgo 6 in October, 1825.

Thus by irregular increments and periods of about 26 or 27 months the conjunctions of Mars and Jupiter range by alternate signs through the zodiac, gradually overlapping so that every fourth conjunction there is a change from the odd to the even signs. In 35 years and 5 months the conjunctions complete their circuit and return to the same sign but are advanced 14 degrees. But even this is not a constant value, for we find a conjunction in Leo 3 in June, 1801, another in Leo 17 in November, 1836, another in Leo 22 in September, 1872, and another in Leo 23 in August, 1908. It will be seen therefore that, owing to the irregularities of the two planets, in regard to one another, it is next to impossible to find a satisfactory periodicity. The conjunctions therefore will be subject to calculation and their effects noted as they occur, judgment being made from the sign in which they fall.

Now as to the effects of these several conjunctions, it will perhaps be better to consider them in two lights, namely, their influence on individuals and upon communities. This I may now do in a separate chapter.

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junction, and the founding of new methods and orders through times of stress and insurrection, these things being brought about by the occurrence of other planets such as Saturn and Mars to the place of the conjunction or its opposition. Thus the conjunction of 1821 in the sign Capricorn was followed by the transit of Saturn over that place in 1841, and immediately afterwards there occurred the great massacre of British troops in Afghanistan.

Then Saturn came to the opposition in 1856 and within a year there occurred the Indian Mutiny. Saturn again passed the place of conjunction in 1900 when the British suffered great hurt in the Boer War. In October, 1914, Saturn again was in opposition to the place of conjunction, and at this time there occurred the disastrous retreat from Mons in the early stages of the Great War. Capricorn, which was the sign of conjunction, rules Mexico, and when Uranus and Neptune formed their opposition in the year 1906, the Mexican Rebellion broke out and continued for many years.

In the birth horoscope this conjunction has signification of disaster and entire reversal of fortunes, family losses and the breaking up of the home circle. Falling on the hyleg it denotes nervous diseases and strange cases of hypochondriasis, obsession, etc., sometimes paralysis. Being of such rare occurrence it can only be followed by effects which are singularly rare and remarkable, and from the nature of the planets involved it is certain that such must show elements of disruption and chaos. It can only

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EFFECTS OF CONJUNCTIONS

ALL planetary conjunctions falling in the angles of a figure of the heavens or in conjunction with or opposition to the luminaries, have important effects, whether in the world or in the individual life. But those which are of greatest importance are the conjunctions of the superior planets whose periods we have been examining. The effects due to these can only be given in a general manner, as so much depends on the particular significance either of the conjoined planets may attain by reason of their radical positions in a birth horoscope or their ruler-ships in a mundane horoscope.

Uranus and Neptune

The effects of Neptune and Uranus when in conjunction in the world tends to the disruption of old and effete institutions, laws and administrations, the revision of codes and deposition of governments, revision and change of constitutional elements in countries that are under the rule of the sign of con-

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affect such persons whose Significators are in the place of the conjunction.

Neptune and Saturn

This conjunction is sinister in regard to the continuance of ancient institutions and established regimes. It is at once destructive and chaotic. Vast political changes are likely to follow on this conjunction in those countries which are ruled by the sign in which it falls.

Thus there was a conjunction of Neptune and Saturn in 1809 in the sign Sagittarius, which rules Spain. It fell in 7 degrees of Sagittarius. Beginning with the Peninsular War there have been continuous revolutions and wars affecting that country, culminating in the Hispano-American War, in which in 1898 Spain lost the last of her world possessions which at one time was the boast of the dominant power in Europe.

Occurring in a birth horoscope on any of the places of the Significators or in opposition to them, it signifies a great fall in the family fortunes, losses, complications and an entire breakdown of the credit and prestige of the individual.

Neptune and Jupiter

I should judge this to have a decidedly increscent and expansive influence and in the political world it is likely to produce reforms which are beneficial and profitable to the nation, but probably arising out of a state of confusion and maladministration.

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In the individual horoscope considerable benefits will arise when this conjunction falls on the place of any of the Significators. An expansion of affairs, new projects, wide developments and a period of general prosperity following one of much adversity and complication.

Uranus and Saturn

This conjunction is destructive of all existing conditions and subversive of the best interests of the nation. The people are set to great straits and impoverishments and revolutionary tendencies are rapidly developed. The subsequent transits of the malefic planets over the place of conjunction should be watched in connexion with countries whose Midheaven or Ascendant are affected by the sign of conjunction.

In individual horoscopes nothing but the worst financial and health effects can be expected when this conjunction falls on the place of a Significator, whether it be the Midheaven, Ascendant, Sun or Moon. Disaster and dislocation of all interests will follow on this conjunction, such things happening more closely in the individual life than could be expected in the national life.

Saturn and Jupiter

In the national life this conjunction brings great Mutations and Revolutions. Changes in the order and administration of affairs. Beneficial reforms. For whatever evils Saturn may import they are but

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a prelude to following benefits which arise out of them, Jupiter being the greater planet and denoting a betterment of affairs, great expansion and development, so that the new order rises out of the old as the phoenix from its ashes, and the new growth of the forest from the decay of that which is fallen.

In the individual horoscope this conjunction signifies the death of elders in the family and the benefits arising out of legacy, inheritance and patrimony. Always there is eventually a lasting benefit from passing evils.

Uranus and Jupiter

acts both in the political and the individual horoscope to produce effects similar to those of Saturn and Jupiter, but more rapidly, suddenly and violently. Instead of inheritance, however, they bring legacies or reversions and benefits arising out of sudden changes in administration of the nation or the family control. What are called "wind-falls" or unexpected gifts and legacies are usually the result of this conjunction falling on the Significators in the birth horoscope.

Uranus and Mars

act similarly to Saturn and Mars, but the effects are more cruel and intense and less lasting. In the nation they bring strikes, revolts and insurrections, and in the individual life serious accidents and catastrophes of various kinds according to the

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nature of the sign in which the affected Significator is placed.

Saturn and Mars

always act to produce disturbances of the existing state of affairs, changes in the ministry, violent outbreaks and insurrections, most frequently bloodshed. There is no remedy for these evils but a just and strong government. Much, however, depends on the sign in which the conjunction falls, as if fiery then there are numerous conflagrations; if watery, great floods; if earthy, violent earthquakes and subterraneous explosions; if airy, violent tempests and scourging plagues.

In the individual case this conjunction always brings disaster and hurt to the life and fortunes. To be effective the conjunction should fall within five degrees of the Significator either way.

Jupiter and Mars

act in the political world to produce great demonstrations, such as are inspired by zeal and loyalty, fervour and patriotism. At times there are great religious movements inaugurated, revivals, reforms and demonstrations. Always the action of these two planets working together is towards greater freedom and consequent expansion. The people are carried away by their enthusiasm and zeal, which may (unless informed by proper education) take the form of riot and excess.

In the individual horoscope this conjunction

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tends to produce great losses by extravagant speculation or great gains from purchases already effected. It is inimical to uncles and brothers but in a female horoscope frequently indicates an offer of marriage.

We have now considered all the great conjunctions and their effects on nations and individuals. It should be remembered that in the case of nations, very much depends on the sign in which the conjunction falls, so that the latter has to be considered in relation to that sign and its ruler. Also it is to be observed that conjunctions are more or less lasting in their effects according to their infrequency, those of Uranus and Neptune being most durable and those of Jupiter and Mars being least. Moreover, wherever Jupiter is concerned there will always eventuate a more lasting good than the evils which are entailed in giving it birth. *Mutatis mutandis*, these remarks apply to individual horoscopes also. But chief regard in this case must be had to the nature of the Significator which is affected by the conjunction, and it should of course be always remembered that whereas a conjunction with the Significator may indicate good—according to the nature of the planets involved in the conjunction—the opposition aspect is always evil.

In the statement of the various observations enumerated in these pages it is not intended to be subversive of all that has been established by practice and experience, but it has been my aim to suggest lines of observation and research which may prove both entertaining and profitable. I particu-

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larly recommend students to experiment along the lines of "mean values" in the process of direction from the horoscope of birth, and to apply these principles similarly to the horoscope for Great Conjunctions. There still remains unlimited scope for the faculty of assiduous workers, and only the experimentalist will ever arrive at the best that the science of foreknowledge can achieve.

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