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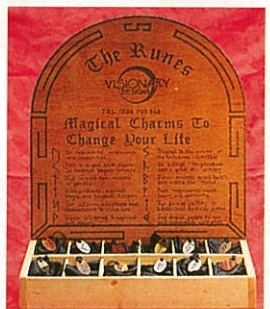
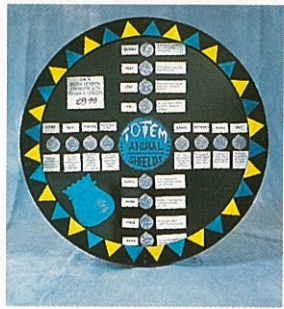
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The book explains! (d) Your kitchen can either make you or break you. POWER DYNAMICS explains how to ensure that this room and others are switched to 'ON' - ensuring the correct flow of energy called 'Chi'.

(e) Ornaments, picture hangings and other decorations can cause ABSOLUTE HAVOC in personal relationships. The wrong arrangement can actually drive your lover AWAY! (1) Your bathroom can hold many NEGATIVE energies, and allow all your efforts to literally DRAIN AWAY! This book comes to the rescue and shows you how to prevent this. The book - POWER DYNAMICS is absolutely PACKED with vital information. For instance, you will learn how to turn your central heating system into a GIGANTIC MONEY MAGNET in Just 5 Minutes! This is all it takes to change most things in your home! You may like to think that the creaky door in the kitchen, bedroom, living room - a reassuring sound as it obviously gives you an audio indication of who is where in the house. BUT! ... Did you know that the creak of the hinge at an AGGRAVATE positive energies and turn them into negative energies? Feng Shei is comprehensive, yet easy to follow. For every subject it gives step-by-step instructions on how to create a positive environment. Here are some of the other sections covered... Why you should NEVER sleep with your feet facing the door. Not only does it explain why, but it also gives a method to COMPENSATE if it is say impossible to sleep any other way.

Ideally, opposite windows should be in line with each other. Again, this book gives a simple technique to correct this.

A picture or painting can attract NEGATIVE Feng Shei energies. This book explains what types of hangings create positivity.

Each chapter is simple enough to follow, yet deep enough to change your life completely. After you have applied the technique of POWER DYNAMICS to there is NO REASON WHATSOEVER why you cannot attract ANYTHING you want! People who have ALREADY used Feng Shei in their home report way out happenings such as a lover suddenly returning. An angry family member suddenly quiets down. A win on a competition, release from depression and anxiety for all who live in the house. A sudden abundance of luck. One woman reports - "It seems that all of a sudden it's OUR turn to have a slice of luck. Feng Shei was the answer to my prayers". POWER DYNAMICS is absolutely FASCINATING!

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Even more significantly, this year signals a completely new 60-year cycle in the Chinese astrological calendar. It is, therefore, a year of beginnings in all aspects of life in much the same way that last year signalled a time of endings, the culmination of various projects and alliances.

So it is a time of hope, of optimism, when many a long-standing problem will be resolved finally, leaving the way clear to make further progress. This does not mean that everyone will become an overnight success but it does bode well for the future and, the more enterprising you can be, the more likely you are to make some headway in achieving your goals, whether on a professional or personal level.

Remember, this is the start of a new cycle of existence. So do not hanker for the past or what might have been but, instead, look forward to a clean slate, a time for initiating schemes that can enhance your lifestyle and that of those closest to you in the coming months and years.

### The Rat personality

Charismatic, charming, creative and clever: these are the words most associated with those born under the sign of the Rat. They have natural flair and are quick not only to spot an opportunity but to take advantage of it too.

Yet they seldom offend others in the process and have an uncanny knack of persuading competitors that they have won (that important business contract, sporting event, marriage partner or whatever) by a sheer fluke, a stroke of good fortune, and not due to scheming and working hard to succeed (as is the reality!). Which means, of course, that there is far more to the Rat personality than casual observers may imagine.

Beneath the surface of this sociable, likeable, easy-going man or woman is an ambitious soul who knows exactly what

he/she wants from life and has the determination, stamina and intelligence to get it. What's more, his innate charm is such that you will help him achieve his aims, even if these go against the grain, without any feelings of resentment. Opponents become willing slaves of this charismatic character.

Innovative, imaginative, adaptable, the Rat can and does succeed on his own merits but appreciates the admiration (if not downright adulation) of others too; he thrives on attention and will often follow a career that places him in the public spotlight, anything from politics to entertainment, literature to law and order. Often very musical, the Rat is just as likely to channel his talents into composition as he is to play an instrument or share his

### Trends for each sign

A stimulating year for the Rat when career prospects are much improved, with promotion a distinct possibility for some. Long-held ambitions could be realised and things certainly look on the up and up as far as worldly status and financial fortunes are concerned, perhaps due to an element of the unexpected.

You can achieve much this year and, if sensible, will sow the seeds for long-term prosperity rather than grabbing for instant profits. Remember, not all years will be as good as this one, so plan accordingly.

Romantically, too, the picture is rosy; whether in a well-established relationship or hoping to be so, the signs are excellent for love and lovers. Many can expect an addition to

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## February 19th 1996 marks the start of the Chinese Year of the Fire Rat which ends on February 6th 1997.

by SELENE

skills with other people.

Warm and generous, the Rat makes a wonderfully exciting companion and will woo his beloved with passionate embraces and words — which must be reciprocated or his esteem will be wounded beyond redemption. Once he has declared his heart, it would be difficult to find a more romantic, attentive yet loyal partner though he is unlikely to make his deepest emotions felt unless sure of their reception.

This reluctance to share innermost feelings arises from a fear of rejection, of insecurity for, despite appearances and enviable ability, the Rat needs the approbation of others if he is to find true fulfilment. Indeed, he works better in partnership than alone although he is fiercely independent and justly proud of his achievements for these are not so easily won as he would have others believe.

the household this year.

A progressive year ahead for the Ox when good fortune seems to shine on all his/her undertakings. Previous problems will fade into the background and no major difficulties are likely to arise.

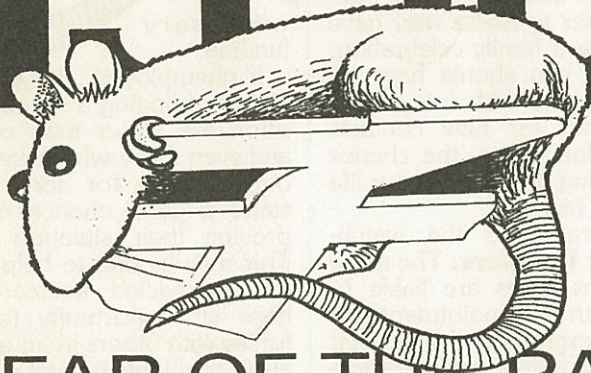
Indeed, there could be cause for family celebration soon and this is a good time to make improvements to your home or to move house if you have been considering doing so.

Careerwise, the prospect is rosier than of late and you are likely to receive the recognition you deserve now, perhaps achieving a greater level of authority. This, of course, could have the knock-on effect of boosting earnings and enabling you to put delayed plans for a special social occasion or luxury holiday into effect. Remember, though, to set something aside for a rainy day.

**Tigers** do not fare especially well in Rat years as their nat-



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ural impulsiveness can cause problems. Business could be difficult and it would be unwise to make rash decisions; patience and prudence are the watchwords here as monetary losses could result from hasty actions or errors of judgment.

In fact, money could be in short supply so curb any spendthrift tendencies and keep a tight rein on those purse-strings. You may feel that life lacks a certain lustre but will only make matters worse if unable to meet everyday bills, so don't make a rod for your own back.

It's not all gloom and doom though. The social scene should be fairly lively with plenty of chances for getting out and about, meeting new friends and perhaps even forming a permanent, loving relationship, possibly through a third party. Domestically, too, things run smoothly although, if contemplating a move, this is not the most auspicious time.

A steady, basically uneventful period is forecast for the **Hare**. Although major advances are unlikely so are major problems, so sit back and

enjoy what you have rather than yearning for the unobtainable. There should be less pressure than of late on the commercial front and more time to pursue leisure activities.

Domestic issues are well-starred and this is a good time to think of upgrading your present accommodation or buying a new property. You may feel that you have reached an impasse professionally yet now would be an excellent time to make long-term plans.

On a more personal level, don't rely too heavily on support from those you regard as friends; there is a hint of betrayal or disloyalty in the air. Perhaps it would be best to play things close to your chest and resist the urge to share secrets with others unless you can be absolutely certain of where you stand.

**Dragons** can look forward to an exciting year when little seems to stand in the way of progress either on the home front or at work. Those few problems that do arise will be quickly resolved.

Energy levels will be high and those set on career ad-

vancement or improving their social standing have a good chance of obtaining their objectives with minimum opposition. Finances, too, should benefit from efforts made during this potentially go-ahead phase although there is just a chance that one deal could prove more costly than expected and put a dent in your resources if you fail to do your homework properly.

All in all, though, this a year that offers plenty of opportunities for leisure and pleasure as well as chances to make the most of your natural talents to improve your lot materially.

It's a year of activity for the **Snake** when opportunities abound to enhance one's lifestyle. There is a general aura of change, mostly favourable, though there is a warning neither to lend nor borrow money. There is some danger of losses exceeding gains unless caution is exercised financially.

Dramatic events could cause you to change your attitude to certain aspects of life but this will bring benefits and might force you to take decisive action that is well overdue. This applies equally to work and home life, either of which may suffer some disruption in the coming months although the long-term effect will be of improvement and greater security.

Do, though, take time out for pursuing some leisure activities or simply to relax in enjoyable company or you will be worn out before the year is halfway through!

A potentially difficult 12 months for those born in the year of the **Horse**. This does not imply that major disasters are in the offing, simply that disappointment may be the order of the day, especially for those seeking romance.

Emotions could run high and there is some danger of estrangement so tread warily and try to avoid head-on collisions at work and at home. Business partnerships could be under particular pressure.

Be careful, too, not to antagonise

onise those in authority as you are unlikely to emerge triumphant. Although major clashes can be averted with a little forethought and consideration for others' feelings, this is no time to chance your luck unless looking for a clean break.

Basically, it is a time to take stock, to stick to the tried and trusted, and save really enterprising projects for a more opportune moment.

**Sheep** should end the coming year better off than they started in most areas of life. Monetary gains seem likely, perhaps from an unlikely or unexpected source. Even a risky business venture could pay dividends as long as investment is kept within bounds.

Career prospects are encouraging and those seeking promotion or entirely new employment may find exactly what they are looking for. Home life, though not especially exciting perhaps, should run smoothly and there will be plenty of opportunities to enjoy the social round too. Friendships will feature high on the agenda and, where appropriate, these could lead to new but lasting romantic ties.

Don't expect a high time of luxury and laughter, though, as the scene is set for steady progress rather than a meteoric rise to fame and fortune. However, no matter what minor difficulties may arise, you will have the confidence and experience to deal with them and emerge the victor.

A prosperous and progressive year is promised for the **Monkey**. Finances look rosy and, if hoping to get a loan, this is an excellent time to negotiate terms especially if intending to set up in business for yourself. Those considering a partnership, whether personal or business, could do worse than make their commitment in a year when others will be particularly supportive.

Those hoping to improve their social standing should find themselves in a much sounder position as the year

ends. This really is a time to forge ahead with long-held plans, launch new projects and business ventures as past efforts are likely to earn their just rewards now.

Those whose hearts are more concerned with matters closer to home may have cause for a family celebration. Socially, you should have an exciting time with lots of opportunities for new contacts and, if fancy-free, the chance of meeting the love of your life is pretty high!

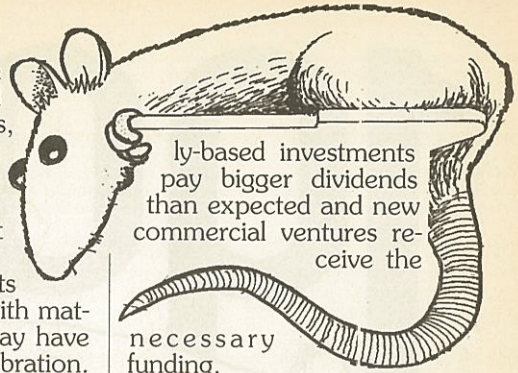
Moderation is the watchword for **Roosters**. The more ambitious types are liable to meet with disappointment and can be forgiven for feeling that they have to take two steps forward simply to remain in place.

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So don't take any unnecessary risks, materially or emotionally, in a year when losses could outweigh gains. Don't rely too heavily on others for support, either: any progress you do make this year will be due entirely to your own efforts. Take time to hone professional skills as these will stand you in good stead for the future.

Watch out for health problems, too, and try to take time out for at least some relaxation otherwise stress may take its toll. On a brighter note, the domestic scene looks fairly steady and this may be a good time to consider redecoration or refurbishment of your home.

Those born in the year of the **Dog** can expect to make steady progress in business now, whether working for themselves or others. Sound-



ly-based investments pay bigger dividends than expected and new commercial ventures receive the necessary funding.

If unemployed, the odds in favour of finding a suitable position are better than of late and even those who have been out of work for some time stand a good chance of improving their situation now. This may be due to help from an unexpected source: perhaps an opportunity to join forces with others in an unusual but profitable project.

Family affairs proceed steadily with a prevailing air of harmony and contentment. If concerned with education, either as a student or teacher, the outlook is encouraging and if sitting important exams this year you could do better than anticipated.

A year of uncertainty for the **Pig**-born when what is gained on the roundabouts could well be lost on the swings.

Financially, gains may prove disappointing or fail to materialise at all, yet there should not be any major disasters: rather, a multitude of niggling minor problems that will add to a general feeling of insecurity. So don't allow yourself to get in a position of being unable to cope due to worry; instead, work at consolidating resources and be content to put more ambitious projects on the back-burner.

On a more positive note, romantically inclined Pigs could well meet their soul-mates this year while those already in steady partnerships will either extend their families or discover a deeper level of compatibility and understanding. In fact, there is a general feeling of co-operation among friends and colleagues, so you should find others particularly supportive.

Prediction

# GRAPHOLOGY

by PETER MARSHALL

## Rebellious Streak

**However well behaved we are normally, under certain circumstances we will all rebel and it will show in our handwriting.**

There are times when even the most balanced and calm among us may be driven to thoughts of rebellion and a wish to 'kick over the traces.' The cause can be emotional pressure, a deep need to express ourselves or a strong bout of enthusiasm.

A quick look at Figure 1 does not give the impression of a writer who is liable to 'go off the deep end' very easily. But reading the message will give one an idea as to the reason for sudden revolt. A more detailed investigation will help us to see the real person under such adverse circumstances.

Firstly the whole script has a rounded appearance. There-

fore we know we are dealing with a fundamentally non-aggressive lady.

Secondly and further, the spacing of words is mainly even so she faces her social relationships without any great variability. This writing is basically upright intimating a slight self-containedness. Independence means much and a good command of reason is present most of the time. Sudden impulse is not entertained; a sensible, cool and impartial judgment will show itself under all kinds of situations.

We have seen that the writer is usually non-aggressive but will prove in a pleasing manner that she will not stand for being overlooked. By its printed form the personal pronoun, I, dis-

plays a straight and uncomplicated outlook with some creative interest in cultural subjects. More emphasis is given to the lower bar which indicates some appreciation in the material spheres.

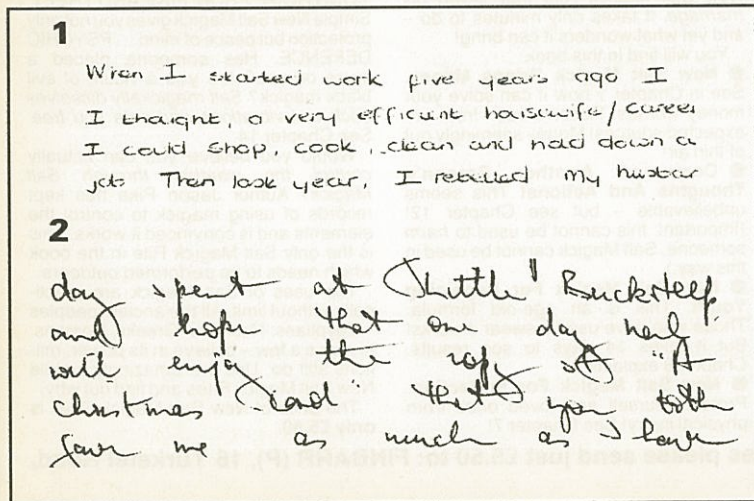
The middle zone is slightly below the average height of 3mm, pointing to an acceptable degree of self-esteem without it being too imposing or forceful. Line spaces are passably good and imply a pleasing sense of proportion and form.

The lower zone loops are unusually short showing self-control in the sphere of material, instinctual and physical activity. From the sexual angle this writer is not only selective but this is not the main axis upon which her personality revolves or functions.

The strokes made towards the upper zone are not exactly tall, bringing to light an average intelligence without abnormal intellectual potential. Looking again at the roundness and mainly vertical angle, one will know we are observing someone who is basically kind, affectionate with sensible control and with a personality structure that aims to be impartial and neutral in assessments and judgment. A broadly calm type of individual, unless provoked to surprising revolt by difficult circumstances.

Figure 2 is a very different personality indeed. The aim to be level-headed and impartial is there but emotional pressures demand otherwise. It is not easy for this writer to feel composed and calm when in contact with the environment; the words are a little too far apart from each other.

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The most obvious of these, of course, is astrology. PREDICTION's founding editor was a professional astrologer so this subject featured strongly in the magazine, as it does today too despite changes of presentation and contributors in the intervening years. Other subjects covered in the early years were graphology, dreams, palmistry and the Tarot: all of which have remained firm favourites with regular readers.

There are differences, too, though. Some facets of what can loosely be described as the occult have become less fashionable or perhaps now warrant publications devoted solely to one particular area of interest, such as Spiritualism and Theosophy. Others, such as magic and Wicca, attract more public attention and debate now and therefore figure more frequently in our pages.

But, despite the superficial differences and actual change of emphasis, the magazine's main function remains much the same as when first launched 60 years ago. We are not allied to any official body or organisation and therefore do not promote any particular group or, indeed, any one path to knowledge or understanding.

Rather, we act as an intermediary between the genuine enquirer and various avenues of exploration. We aim to inform rather than persuade, to

provide a bridge between the seeker and that which is sought. Through our pages, we also provide a forum for the exchange of views, whether these be the first tentative steps of the novice or the hard-earned wisdom of the initiated.

The fields — for they are many and various — in which PREDICTION functions are much more open now than even ten years ago; subjects that would once have been considered taboo feature in the daily press, on radio and television as part and parcel of ordinary life. In today's multicultural society, we are perhaps more willing to listen to others' views and opinions, better informed about alternative lifestyles and belief systems than was the case when this magazine was first published for, let us not forget, it was a very different world then.

1936 was the year of Edward VIII's abdication: an event that was to have tremendous impact on the nation's future; even more pertinent were the political rumblings in Eu-

rope for these were the years just prior to the Second World War which effected more people's lives than perhaps any other single event in history.

Now, more than 50 years after the end of that war, times have indeed changed. The old social order has gone, never to return; national boundaries have altered or, in some cases, disappeared altogether; political alliances have formed, reformed or dispersed: just think of the break up of the Soviet Union or, in direct contrast, the gradual emergence of the European Union.

Man has not only set foot on the Moon but also launched numerous probes far out into space: a concept unthinkable earlier this century; science has advanced more rapidly during this same period than in the previous 200 years and we are now, of course, not only on the verge of another century but a new millennium.

This is indeed a New Age, a time when people are becoming more and more concerned with global issues, with the environment and conservation of the planet. In keeping with the pervading Aquarian influence, it is also an age of exploration of both inner and outer space, of high tech and virtually instantaneous communication worldwide.

So, who knows, perhaps regular readers will soon be digesting PREDICTION at the touch of a computer key rather than awaiting the arrival of their subscription copies. Hopefully, though, the magazine will continue to change with the times and still provide the information you require when you need it, not only at the turn of the century but when celebrating its own centenary! — Ed.



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# NEWS & VIEWS

## Rare indeed

**Oh dear, sorry folks, we** got our planetary glyphs mixed up in the News & Views item (Dec 95) about The Assembly of The Sacred Wheel's forthcoming Grand Magical Congress this October. The 'very powerful and rare astrological aspect' referred to should, of course, read Saturn trine Pluto. Our thanks to Joan, a regular reader, for pointing out the unintentional planetary realignment!

## Oops again

**This time, however, the** fault lies with the Post Office, not us or, according to The Company of Astrologers, the victims in this instance, can be partly blamed on a Pluto transit to the Company's natal Mercury. So, if you've been trying to contact the Company by mail since their move from Queen Square and not had a response please try again using the correct postal code; the

complete mailing address is PO Box 3001, London N1 1LY.

## Company business Still on the subject of The

Company of Astrologers, they are initiating a monthly chart discussion meeting at their North London venue (396 Caledonian Road, N1) on Thursday evenings, 7.15-9.15pm. Entrance is £4 and charts for discussion, including a note of relevant transits and progressions, can be sent to Maggie Hyde in advance or taken along to these *Club Nights*, the first two of which take place on February 8th and March 7th.

## Gateway to 1996

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Wellow, Bath BA2 8QL  
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01225 840012).

## Please mister, can we have our ball back

**Well, not quite the above,** but near enough according to a recent report in *The Daily Telegraph*. According to this news item, a piece of the Moon that was expected to fetch a record price at a Manhattan auction escaped the hammer (figuratively!) as it was seized by the FBI on suspicion that it had been stolen 25 years previously.

Apparently Nasa will run checks to verify whether or not this tiny piece of rock was the one that went missing in the post in 1970 en route to California. There's no mention in the paper of what will become of this little Lunar lump if Nasa fails to identify its rightful owner, so perhaps it will fall under the auctioneer's hammer after all.

Bids, anybody?

## STONED

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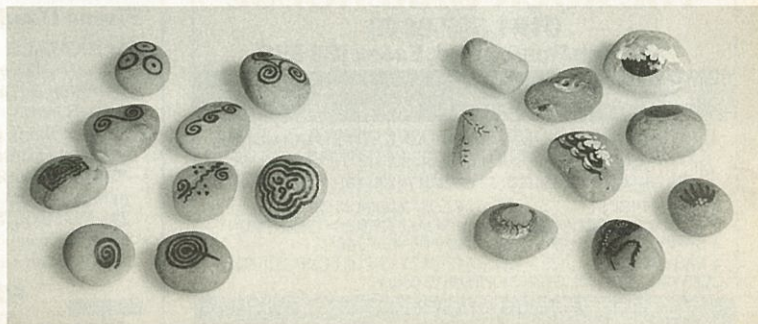
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# NEWS & VIEWS

## The show goes on

**Following on from items in** these pages and Dr G. August's letter (December 95), we have just received an update from Cecil H. Williamson concerning The Museum of Witchcraft collections. Although the entire stock of the Witchcraft Research Centre is still awaiting a buyer, the good news is that The Witchcraft Museum at Boscastle will open again as usual for the 1996 season. This North Cornwall exhibition is on show to the public from Easter to November 1st, 1996, daily from 10-7pm.

## Book reviews

**Regular readers will know** that we usually carry one or more pages of Book Reviews each month, quoting title, author, publisher and price at the start of each review. This is for the benefit of those readers who may, perhaps, be unable to get along to a specialist bookshop in their vicinity and wish to order titles by post.

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Incidentally, if a book is not available through normal retail outlets, perhaps because it is privately published by a small group or individual, it will be reviewed here, in the News & Views section of the magazine. In such instances we also give

the name and address of the publisher or supplier of the title under review. — Ed.

## February Diary Dates

**2nd-4th. The Company of Astrologers Brighton Weekend** with Geoffrey Cornelius, Maggie Hyde, Pat Blackett and many others at the King's Hotel, Brighton. Either fully residential weekend (£162 single/£142 twin) or day visits (£23). For details ☎ 0181-892 2545.

## 3rd. Astrology for Diploma

a Saturday seminar with Ron Gwynn for The Faculty of Astrological Studies at The Astrology Study Centre, Urania Trust, 396 Caledonian Road, London, N1. 10.30-5.30pm; £30 per seminar for members and £35 non-members. For further details call ☎ 0171-700 3556.

## 10th. The Astrology of Shame & Guilt

a Saturday seminar with Jan Lee for The Faculty of Astrological Studies. Venue, times, costs, contact number as the 3rd.

## 10th. Pluto: Planet of Void, Depth and Recentering,

one of the on-going Bath Astrology Seminars, with Melanie Reinhart at The Stakis Hotel, Rossiter Road, Bath. 10-5pm, £30 inc refreshments; early booking advisable ☎ 01373-465147.

## 10th. New Dimensions - Uranus & Pluto

with Darby Costello for the Bromley Astrological Association at Ripley Arts Centre, Sundridge Avenue, Bromley. 7.15-10pm; cost £1.00 members, £2.00 non-members. For more de-

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## 10th-11th. Understanding the I Ching Today

with Jay Ramsay and Carole Bruce at Flint House Workshops, 41 High St, Lewes, E. Sussex. 10-4.30pm on both days; cost £75.00. For more information call Flint House on ☎ 01273-473388.

## 16th-18th. Tai Ji — Active Relaxation.

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## 24th. The Power Be With You: Individual and Collective Astrology

with Charles Harvey for the Bath Astrology Seminars. Details as given for the 10th.

## 29th. Monthly Tarot Circle

with The Company of Astrologers at 396 Caledonian Road, London N1. Regular Thursday evening (7.15-9.15pm) group covering specific aspects of the cards and spread interpretation; bring your own pack. Cost £4.

# PALMISTRY

by PETER WEST

## FOLLOWING ON

**This month we take a look at nature's natural followers — the ones who prefer others to lead.**

Last month I dealt with leadership as found in the hand and I felt it might be a good idea to illustrate the followers, the eternal 'would bes,' the 'wannabees' who spout and huff and puff about all manner of situations they disagree with but who then do precisely nothing about it when challenged.

Such folk are almost always recognisable for their hands speak volumes without their realising the fact. Generally, such hands are inclined to be slightly smaller than average and are often the closed type. Closed hands look just that — closed. The fingers curl in toward the palm. The first finger is always shorter than the third and the whole hand will usually be soft to the touch. When it is firm, such folk tend to be more physically active in their ways rather than just vocal.

Look to the set of the fingers on the palm. Normally, evenly set fingers denote a well-balanced nature although, in practice, the index and little fingers usually appear to be set lower than the middle and third fingers. If the little finger is very low-set it refers to an inferiority complex stemming from the subject's conviction that he or she is inadequate in some way. Such people tend to shun social life and pick their friends very carefully because of their difficulty in expressing emotional desires in a physical way.

A low-set index finger relates to lack of self-confidence which will be revealed in the subject's general approach to life. These people are frightened of putting on a show and can refrain from promoting their own ideas or those of others. When both of these fingers are set low on the hand, it indicates a lack of positivity and a great need for reciprocal affection: they are very easily hurt by word or deed.

Often, there will be narrow spaces between the fingers. A narrow space between the first and second fingers suggests the owner is likely to prefer to stay with the herd. They almost always want to go along with the wishes of the majority. They cannot or will not step out of line.

A narrow space between the second and third fingers implies an underlying sense of caution whereby the subject will always keep tomorrow and personal security firmly in mind at all times. It is not in their nature to act impulsively or in a rash manner.

A narrow space between the third and fourth fingers implies a sense of dependency on others. People with this formation need constant reassurance in all matters. They tend to copy the ideas and actions of others and are very sensitive to atmosphere. This is quite unfortunate in many ways, not least because they may be quite clever in their own right but

they either will not or cannot seem to take the credit for their own ideas. Instead, they quote or give others the credit for whatever it is they want to achieve.

When all the fingers are stiff and unbending it is likely that the owner's general attitude will be of a similar nature. When all the fingers are flexible the overall picture is one of a general affability. It marks those who are good natured, eager to please and easily pleased.

The thumb tends to be short and the angle of opening away from the side of the hand probably less than 45°. It almost always opposes the fingers. It is usually smaller than average and sometimes looks as if it had been added to the hand as an afterthought.

The phalanges are often uneven. The heavier the first or nail phalange appears, the more basic the nature will be. Often, it is short which indicates the owner has little ability for or inclination to leadership.

When the first phalange appears short and wide expect to find a strong streak of self-preservation in the subject's overall make-up. A long or overlong middle phalange indicates an argumentative type or one who may procrastinate for the wrong reasons. If it is too short it implies a lack of rational perception. Should this phalange be short and thin it shows a personality that can only work under direction and, even then, only within a set routine.

The basal phalange, otherwise known as the mount of Venus, ought to be full and springy to the touch. It should

feel resilient, firm and well-developed. This is the seat of the libido where the energy for everyday activities originates. Therefore, the more developed this section, the more energy the owner has to meet the challenges of life.

The flatter or softer this area, the less energy, the less inclination for a full and varied life the subject will have.

The lines on our hands can and do change as we grow older and pursue our destiny. Reddish, deeply etched lines are considered by some palmists to refer to an aggressive nature but I feel that this interpretation should be toned down. I feel such lines to mean a rather strong personality; someone with a positive manner who knows how to get his or her own way. Therefore, deeply etched lines on a weak hand

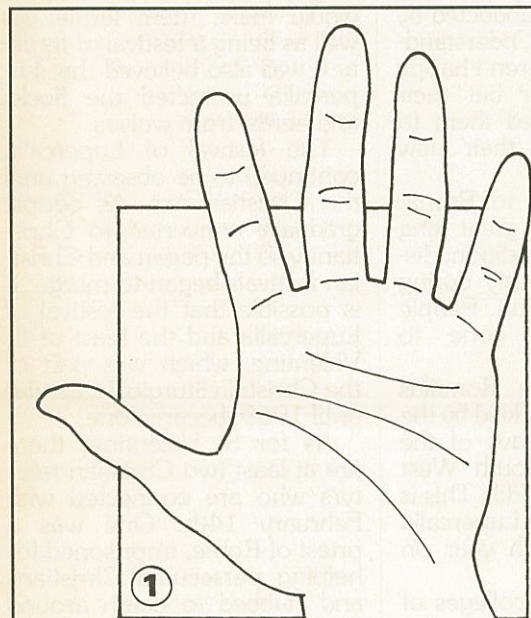
can mean a strong character but for all the wrong reasons. And misdirected power can and does lead to all manner of problems.

Pale lines on a hand almost always refer to a lack of vitality and a negative or vapid nature. Such lines are usually found on a soft or finely textured skin.

Note the strength of the appearance of the three major lines. If the life line is the strongest then the physical side of life may dominate the owner's life. If the heart line is the most strongly etched the owner tends to make his or her emotions the focal point of the life. Everything is measured by its appeal to the emotions. If the head line appears to be the strongest of the three expect the subject to try to rationalise everything, to have as much of

a logical approach as possible — at least in his eyes. Such folk often appear to be a lot colder than they really are. They cannot always maintain their initial approach. If such folk cannot handle themselves in a proper manner how can we expect them to display good leadership powers elsewhere?

Finally, if the hand is hard to the touch the personality will be a little firmer, more direct and positive but on a weak hand the weaknesses can become even more emphasised. When the hand is soft to the touch, the nature is rather lax or vapid. Such folk have a lazy streak, they procrastinate and leave things to the last moment. There is a lack of direction, they do not show any real or positive attitude. Whatever they may say or do, they really prefer others to lead.



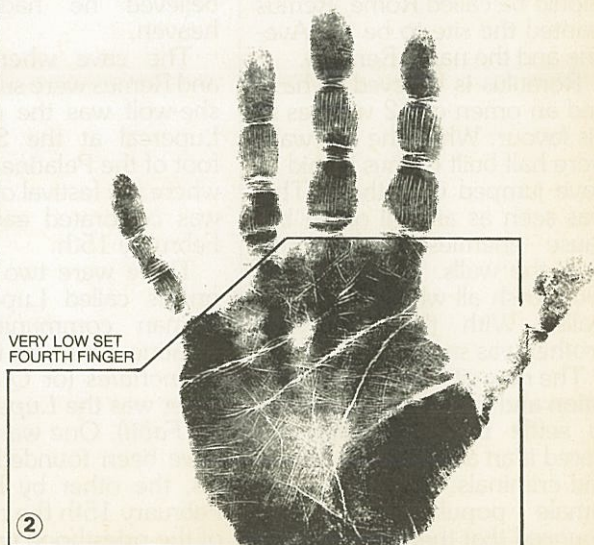
**Figure 1 (above)**

*Note the weak thumb that looks as though it was added as an afterthought. Also the first finger is quite short.*

**Figure 2 (below)**

*The thumb opposes the fingers, the first finger is short and the little finger very low-set.*

*The lines are deeply etched with the head line the strongest — the owner tries to be logical often at the expense of the real feelings.*



People tend to romanticise the festival of St Valentine's Day, associating it with love and Christian martyrs. It is far more likely, however, that its customs have originated from a pagan festival Lupercalia. Lupercalia is one of the most well-known Roman festivals. It was during the celebration of Lupercalia in 44BC that Mark Antony offered the crown to Julius Caesar.

This ancient festival is connected with the foundation of Rome. Legend has it that the city was founded by Romulus, twin brother of Remus. The story goes that the Princess Rhea Silvia, a Vestal Virgin, was raped by the god Mars. As a result she gave birth to twins: Romulus and Remus.

Their uncle Amulius, the usurping king of Alba Longa, ordered that the babies be left to die. Instead of perishing, however, they were suckled by a she-wolf in a cave and rescued by a herdsman called Faustulus. They grew up to restore the rightful king, their grandfather Numitor, to the throne, having killed Amulius.

The twins decided to build a new city but fell out about where it should be and what it should be called. Romulus thought the Palatine Hill should be the site and the city should be called Rome. Remus wanted the site to be the Aventine and the name Remora.

Romulus is believed to have had an omen of 12 vultures in his favour. When the city walls were half built Remus is said to have jumped over them. This was seen as an evil omen because enemies might jump over the walls. Romulus said, 'So perish all who cross these walls.' With that, his twin brother was struck dead.

The new city needed a population and to encourage people to settle there Romulus declared it an asylum for fugitives and criminals. To increase the female population he announced that there was to be a festival. The neighbouring Sabines came along, only to



## IS IT LOVE?

by ELAINE JOHN

**St Valentine's Day  
may not be anything  
to do with a saint.**

have their women abducted by the Roman men. Understandably the Sabines weren't happy and started a war but their daughters persuaded them to make peace with their new Roman husbands.

What happened to Romulus? He became a great king and, according to tradition, disappeared mysteriously during an eclipse of the Sun. People believed he had gone to heaven.

The cave where Romulus and Remus were suckled by the she-wolf was the cave of the Lupercal at the South West foot of the Palatine Hill. This is where the festival of Lupercalia was celebrated each year on February 15th.

There were two colleges of priests called Luperci in the Roman community on the Palatine. One was the *Luperci Quinctiales* (or *Quintilii*); the other was the *Luperci Fabiani* (or *Fabii*). One was thought to have been founded by Romulus, the other by Remus. On February 15th the two colleges of the priesthood would get together at the cave of the Lupercal for a ceremony.

First there would be the sacrifice of goats and a dog and the offering of sacred cakes made by the Vestal Virgins from the first ears of the corn of the previous harvest.

Two high-ranking young men had their foreheads smeared with blood from the sacrificial knife by members of the priesthood. The blood would be wiped away with wool which had been soaked in milk and the youths would laugh.

The Luperci would make loin-cloths of goat skin and dress themselves in them before enjoying a feast. Afterwards, wearing only the goat skins, they would run around and hit with strips of goat skin anyone who approached them. These strips were called 'februa,' or Juno's cloak, after the goddess Februa Juno. The women in particular were targets as many believed that it would make them fertile. As well as being a festival of fertility it was also believed that Lupercalia protected the flocks and herds from wolves.

The festival of Lupercalia continued to be observed until the Christian era. As people gradually converted to Christianity so the pagan and Christian festivals began to merge. It is possible that the festival of Lupercalia and the feast of St Valentine, which was part of the Christian liturgical calendar until 1969, became one.

As for St Valentine, there are at least two Christian martyrs who are connected with February 14th. One was a priest of Rome, imprisoned for helping persecuted Christians and clubbed to death around 270 AD. The other was the Bishop of Terni, martyred a few years later.

There is no historical reason why either should have become known as the patron saint of lovers. So as you continue St Valentine's Day customs and traditions this year, you are probably the 20th century's answer to the Luperci in their goat skins.



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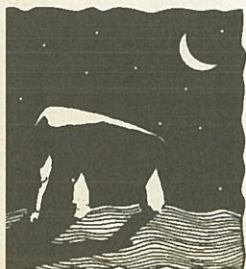
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# TALKING STONES

by CHARLA

The divinatory systems readily available today are many and varied. From tea-leaves to Tarot cards or the very inexpensive to those costing a fortune; it really is a matter of personal preference. A very simple but effective divinatory tool can be easily made by anyone who has a few moments and sufficient inclination: I am referring to Talking Stones.

Talking stones can be used for divining or fortune-telling and for meditation for inner growth in various different ways. The symbols on the stones are simple, coming from and speaking to people from all walks of life, from all over the world and all eras of time. For it is a long-known fact that the subconscious mind relates to and communicates through the language of symbols.

## Basic materials

To start, 12 stones or pebbles are required. Personally, I like to go to the beach at low tide and harvest the stones from the sea at my leisure but those who do not live near the coast can scan the countryside for their raw materials, selecting stones and pebbles that appeal to them.

Alternatively, crystals may be used, as can disks of polished wood. The nature of the basic materials for your Talking Stones is unimportant, simply a matter of choice, the main concern at this point is that all the 'stones' are roughly the same shape, size and colour.

The next step is to mark the stones with the appropriate

symbols. These are listed here, along with a brief meaning for each. Simple glyphs are enough to convey the underlying concept or principle but if you are feeling artistic and would like to paint complicated and colourful designs, go ahead; the extra attention will only help to charge the stones with your energies.

Any paints other than water-based can be used: oils, acrylics, enamels, even household gloss paints; I find those sold for use on plastic models most satisfactory. But, irrespective of the kind used, I recommend sealing the decorated stones with a matt polyurethane finish or colourless varnish to protect them or the design will quickly rub off with use. This sealant will also endow the stones with a wet look and enhance their natural beauty and colour.

After collecting and colouring the stones they should be symbolically cleansed. This can be done any number of ways: bathing them in Sunlight or Moonlight, placing them in a circle of salt or just visualising

also be appropriate. It is important to respect their privacy; they are after all a magic tool and should not be left to absorb random energies from their surroundings.

## Methodology

Having done all of the above, the stones are now ready for use. A very simple method is to draw two stones from the bag, placing the second stone to the left of the first one. The right-hand position represents that of the assertive or masculine, the left-hand position that of the receptive or feminine. Learning to integrate the qualities of the stones with the energies of the positions in which they fall, then bringing these into balance, are the lessons of this method.

Another method of reading is to draw three stones from the bag. The first stone represents the past, the second stone the present and the third signifies the future. Take into consideration whether the stone is right way up or upside down as the meanings do differ in the reversed position.

A reading that utilises all 12 stones is to toss them on to a cloth. Remove the stones from their bag and, while concentrating on a query or problem, roll the stones in your

hands until they feel slightly warm, indicating that they have absorbed your vibes. Then, holding your hands approximately four inches above the casting cloth, drop all the stones at the same time.

If doing a reading for someone else, allow him/her do this process of casting the stones.

**Divination is a matter of being able to read the symbols which occur in answer to a question. Realise this and you can make and use your own tools for the purpose.**

them under a beautiful waterfall. Do whatever feels most comfortable for you; after all, it is the intent that is important not the actual process.

Storing the stones is another matter of preference. I personally like to keep mine in a velvet drawstring bag. A leather pouch or a small box would

The stones closest to the person casting them are the most relevant and the stones furthest away are the least significant. Pay attention to whether the stones fall face up or down and interpret only those that reveal their faces; stones that land face downwards do not apply to the question under consideration.

There are probably as many ways to read the Talking Stones as there are would-be readers. Many astrological correspondences or Tarot card spreads could be appropriate. Talking Stones are versatile and there is no right or wrong way to use them. Do what works best for you. Remember to be consistent in your intent, cleanse or 'clear' your stones once the reading is over and offer thanks when finished.

## Symbols and meanings

I leave you with the following symbols and meanings for the Talking Stones in the sincere hope that you will learn to communicate with your inner self through them. May they introduce you to new inner paths of awareness and may you walk those paths in harmony.



### LIGHTNING

*Quality:* Strength.  
*Meaning:* Nature, power, action.

*Reversed:* Tension, aggression, explosive situations.



### EYE

*Quality:* Clarity.  
*Meaning:* The self, seeing clearly, acceptance.

*Reversed:* Clouded judgment, living in the past.



### WAVES

*Quality:* Freedom  
*Meaning:* Ideas, thoughts, intellect.

*Reversed:* Oppression, complacency, confinement.



### MOON

*Quality:* Intuition.  
*Meaning:* Emotions, womankind, intuition.

*Reversed:* Unfeeling, unemotional, cold.



### SUN

*Quality:* Energy.  
*Meaning:* Life force, renewal, ego.

*Reversed:* Illness, inferiority, cowardice.



### CROSS

*Quality:* Nature.  
*Meaning:* Wait, the time is not yet right.

*Reversed:* No.



### ARROW

*Quality:* Peace.  
*Meaning:* Yes.

*Reversed:* Proceed with caution.



### GATE

*Quality:* Grounding.  
*Meaning:* Openings, legal matters, the home.

*Reversed:* Obstacles, limitations, financial difficulties.



### TREE

*Quality:* Growth.  
*Meaning:* Fulfillment, possessions, success.

*Reversed:* Loss, futility.



### BIRD

*Quality:* Creativity.  
*Meaning:* Visitors, travel, education.

*Reversed:* Lack of imagination, unoriginality, loneliness.



### CIRCLE

*Quality:* Completion.  
*Meaning:* Relationships and partnerships, family, harmony.

*Reversed:* Dissolution, separations, endings.



### BLANK STONE

*Quality:* Spirituality.  
*Meaning:* Fate, the unknown, mysteries, secrets.

# WINNING WITH WITCHCRAFT

Although my book is called "Winning With Witchcraft" it is *not a book for witches*. Fully fledged witches will not find anything really new in its pages and indeed they may disapprove of many of the things written in it. They will not like the fact that I have removed the "mystery" of witchcraft, dispensing with all the complicated paraphernalia usually associated with the Craft, in order to demonstrate to the ordinary person that to practise it is really very simple indeed. My book is definitely only for the everyday lay woman or man; the person who is fascinated by witchcraft and its possibilities, but is either too busy or apprehensive to actually get involved in it.

## HOW TO WIN IN LIFE

I do not in my book bog the reader down with the *theory or history* of witchcraft. That can be found in other books. No, my work is an "action" book, one of practice rather than speculation. In it I show you how to *win in life with witchcraft*. There are two sides, or dimensions, to witchcraft: the religious, spiritual dimension, and the dynamic "active" dimension, i.e. that of deliberately manipulating events and circumstances for one's ends. My book is about this second, exciting dimension. But before I continue let me tell you something about myself. My name is Jean Williams, and for the last twenty years I have been actively practising witchcraft in the pursuit of securing personal objectives. I am a perfectly ordinary woman, not possessing special psychic powers of any kind. Neither am I particularly bright or good looking.

I mention these points because I want to show you that the wonderful, fast acting powers of witchcraft can be at *anyone's* command, regardless of ability, *once the secret of witchcraft is understood*. I have never belonged to a coven or occult group of any kind. *There is nothing special that you have "to be", or no one special you have to know, in order for you to begin working wonders with witchcraft from the very moment you know what to do.*

## AMAZING RESULTS

Immediately you have finished reading my book you can begin casting magic witchcraft spells to obtain your desire. And you don't have to worry about trying to obtain difficult to get herbs or special equipment; almost all of the rituals I give involve very little or no paraphernalia, and what things you may have to get can be purchased easily and inexpensively. For twenty years I have been "winning the game of life" through witchcraft. With my book you can start doing the very same the minute you have read it.

With simple witchcraft spells and rituals I show how you can make any person desire you *immediately* . . . compel a reluctant lover to marry you . . . stop the romantic interest of someone you would rather be without. With witchcraft you can forget about being a *loser* in love, in money, or anything else.

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You can have any man or woman you want, or any luxury you choose. With witchcraft these things *become automatic* when you use the appropriate spells or rituals to obtain them. I can say all this with absolute confidence for this has been my experience from practising witchcraft. I have benefited handsomely and I seek only the pleasure of sharing my knowledge with you. Witchcraft, I believe, should not be the jealously guarded secret of a selfish few, but should be made available to all who seek a better and more fulfilling life.

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It is unfortunate that many people associate witchcraft with devil-worship. Most witches don't even *believe* in the Devil! I certainly don't. Witchcraft is not Black Magic. But, fortunately, witchcraft can be used to *protect oneself from Black Magic*. My book shows how you can quickly and easily *break any evil curse*, and shows also how you can *forever make yourself safe from harm and evil of every kind*.

Some people also harbour the idea that witchcraft is just "superstitious nonsense"; in fact quite the opposite is true. Witchcraft is the *secret science of nature*. It could not possibly work if it was merely based on old wives' tales. Nor is witchcraft just "positive thinking". I know lots of people who use positive thinking and yet they are losers in life. Witchcraft is more dynamic. With witchcraft you don't, and *cannot*, fail; *you only succeed and win*.

## THE ULTIMATE WITCHCRAFT RITUAL

The very end of my book I have saved for what I consider to be the *ultimate* ritual, at least in material terms; a ritual that *unleashes a tremendous torrent of opportunity, riches and good fortune*. I consider this ritual to be little short of sensational, but I will be frank with you. I have only ever used it once. It worked so well that I just couldn't handle all the good things that came from it. I am not one of those people who can handle immediate, or even gradual, wealth. But if you are one of those people who believe they can then you should try this ritual. It could change your life!

I do not claim my book to be the best or finest written on the subject. But I do claim it to be the most *practical*. If you are one of those people who has always wanted to try their hand at witchcraft, but were too busy or apprehensive to do so then my book is for you. It is written for you, and I promise you that what you pay for it will be the best spent money of your life. Witchcraft works. Those who practise it know. They are life's winners.



# THE TAROT

by JOHN CHRISTOPHER TRAVERS

## SIX OF CUPS

**The Six of Cups is a card of considerable promise, bringing back those things which had to be laid aside in the past.**

This is a card of considerable emotional fulfilment and, after the anguished influences of the past few Cups cards, it is indeed very welcome. There are strong hints of love returning from the past or at the very least a realisation that a previous love can now become important again after a lapse of time. Such a love will have continued in a kind of subterranean way and never have died. All that is now required is a fanning of the emotional flames and it will burst into life once more, bringing satisfaction and enjoyment where before there may have been disappointment and hurt.

There are suggestions here that intuitive feelings could have helped to keep the love alive over quite lengthy periods, even though there appeared little chance that it could ever be revived. The intuitive impressions are likely to be proved right, events and influences even allowing some kind of personal intervention. The suggestion is that self-instigation will bring about contacts leading to the return of a person or love. It will allow another try at bringing about the fulfilment and happiness in a successful way that previously was just not possible.

The illustrations usually given for the Six of Cups include children. This is more symbolic than actual for the children enjoying the fragrances in the garden of a medieval dwelling

are not linked to child-like actions or feelings. They represent periods of time, in the past when one was happier, usually connected to the years leading up to maturity. Symbolically, the children take one back in time to years when one was younger and happier but where the passing of time has made such memories fade or perhaps they have vanished altogether. Circumstances rather than desire would be the major cause for this to occur.

Now the memories return and the actuality of events makes emotional matters, once linked to the past, revive themselves enough to return in

a more fulfilled way than for many years. Old friends, old loves reappear or are recontacted to bring about a revival of those past feelings.

Of course, those past influences are not solely confined to love affairs but can bring back all kinds of lost opportunities. Past efforts, long delayed, may allow a belated recognition of abilities which now can flower without hindrance. There is a very slight warning that, if badly aspected in a spread, the Cups Six can mean someone is living too much in the past. This should be heeded but not over-emphasised. The very beneficial influences of this card almost outweigh any that are mildly detrimental.

There may also be delays from the past. Sometimes the Cups Six warns about this, although the occasional puzzling interpretations given to the card by some past Tarot writers should not be allowed to confuse the traditional interpretations. These very clearly state that very good events are about to take place, connected with the past, it is true, but still offering a reassurance that better things are on their way with considerable rewards connected to them. No question, this is a very pleasing card.

Once the contacts or events have established themselves, the past influences must then fade away. It is as if the past resurrects itself sufficiently to bring about a reunion, whether



it be with a person or situation, then having to cut itself off completely. This is so that the future can arrange itself in a way that provides a continuity without interference. A new pattern is being made, a new pathway ahead is being forged. The reunifying of severed links provides the impetus.

The purpose from that point onwards is to create a new future offering the rewards and pleasures that have previously been denied. Do not look back but continue on this new path with all the past hopes being realised and fulfilled. But allow no regrets for what might have been. Instead, be satisfied that, even though it has taken considerable time, the intuitive impressions of being able to get together again have been made possible against all odds.

Forget or at least do not

dwell upon past aspirations. The future is far too good to allow thoughts that would only intrude. Also, nothing is ever too late. There is usually a destined pattern of timing. Not perhaps as we would wish but what is intended.

The Six of Cups is a joyous card, allowing hope and love to come into one's life, albeit late, that is understood with a sense of such happiness and satisfaction being possible that nothing should be allowed to mar or prevent the surge of opportunity to start again in a way that can only lead to even more success and contentment.

Naturally, it is unlikely that no obstacles or problems would exist in the future but they need not be considered too seriously at the moment. Time enough when they do arrive. No, the Cups Six strives

to correct past wrongs, to make good what was not possible before. Allow this to happen without regret or hindrance, a point that is worth repeating. Few enough moments in life that can offer such wonderful feelings of satisfaction. The Cups Six offers that very rare experience. Treasure it, savour it, enjoy it.

It might be advisable to look at other cards in the Tarot spread to make absolutely sure all the influences are covered and clearly accepted. There could well be a few reservations that would alter the impact of these major influences slightly. Look also, by the way, at Major cards of the Tarot which would usually clear any confusion about surrounding influences. But do have faith in the Six of Cups itself. It will not let you down.

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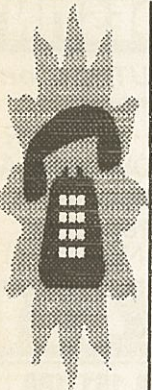
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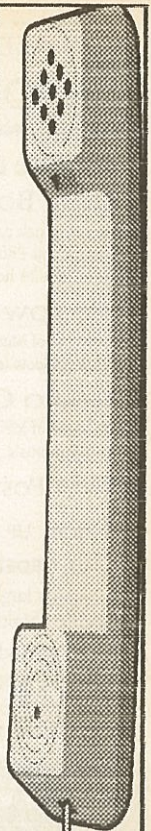
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# ASTROLOGY SECTION



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## FEBRUARY

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### MIXED BLESSINGS

**A dominant feature in the prevailing cosmic pattern** is the transit of Jupiter through Capricorn. Although this planet is known as the Great Benefic, associated with times of expansion and enrichment, it is also a force that sometimes can denote mixed blessings. Jupiter is not completely happy in Capricorn, probably because its expansive drive does not sit easily with Capricorn's urge to impose rules.

There certainly is a marked political emphasis here which, at best, might point to a phase of steady improvement and better stability in economic life. However, there is also a marked potential for things to become rather authoritarian. The desire to impose more rules and regulations, to set strict limits, will be more in evidence. Legislation may seem to be geared towards facilitating the business community but, in the end, it could easily stifle incentive and have a negative effect.

There is the danger that bureaucracy will develop too many tentacles now. In fact, during February, this is likely to be a central theme of contention between

and within the political parties.

The underlying uneasy feeling is that things need to be moving towards a more simplified basis. There is a nagging fear that the situation is threatening to get out of hand. This somewhat hidden script will be at the root of political debate and will be generating many dilemmas in the coming months.

With all planets clustering within a third sector of the zodiac, issues are bound to become intensely focused during the month ahead. Early in February the health services will be under scrutiny as a new wave of discontent manifests. This situation is likely to reach a critical turning point around the 19th.

On the world stage generally the 19th is likely to be marked by a rather stressful theme. Caring and emergency services such as the Red Cross are likely to be very much in the news. We can expect to hear of yet another refugee crisis around this time.

The month is not without a few brighter rays, however. The New Moon in Aquarius on the 18th suggests that humanitarian instincts are on the increase and that hopes for peace in a troubled area of the world are growing.

### Remus

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### HOW TO READ THE SYMBOLS

**At the side of each monthly forecast in the following pages** are different symbols, representing the various matters that may affect you.

Here is the key: *Heart*: love affairs. *£ sign*: money and material matters. *Sword*: quarrels and disputes. *Sun's face*: health. *Letters*: correspondence and documents. *Linked*

*rings*: partnerships. *House*: domestic matters. *Suitcase*: travel. *Black cat*: general good luck.

These symbols indicate the highlights of the four phases of the month as interpreted by the above key. For example a sword and a heart together stand for disputes about love. The sword by itself would mean disputes in general. Letters on the same line as the Sun would refer to a document concerning health matters. The symbols are, therefore, an additional guide to the trends prevailing in your affairs.

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# ARIES

MARCH 21 TO APRIL 20



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

## It's a promising month ahead for romantic Arians.

You will probably have to wait until after the 9th before things really get moving though. Venus in your sign from then ensures that your personal charisma is enhanced making it easier for you to attract the right person.

An element of the unexpected will add a touch of magic to romance during the second week. Venus then links up with both Uranus and Pluto, giving more than

a hint that the Fates are about to put something special your way. This type of planetary combination often signals extra special encounters so, if you are hoping to meet the love of your life, the chances are very high indeed now.

Other significant dates for heart interests are the 17th, 22nd and 27th. However, the 22nd could bring emotional problems to a head. A quite trivial matter may spark off disagreement and something pushed into the background will have to be confronted at last.

Earlier in February you are likely to be very much in demand socially. This will flatter your ego but you may antagonise a friend by acting selfishly or arrogantly. Be careful not to take certain people too much for granted early month.

The powerful Venus trend in the second week not only favours amorous affairs but also gives an impetus to those interested in the arts or in developing creative activity. This is a fine time actually to begin something new or perhaps revive an interest that you had to lay aside several years ago.

Efforts now to enhance your

abilities, develop your talents and widen your field of self-expression, will almost certainly have a very pleasing result — particularly in regard to your self esteem.

If you feel the need for a change of direction and something new, don't be afraid to take the initiative now. The cosmic pattern spells out the message that it is time for you to focus on your own needs and to do your own thing.

For too long you have perhaps had to devote much of your energy to others but changing circumstances over the past year or so will have opened up a wider margin of freedom. You can greatly enrich your life-style and your personality now — so go for it.

No matter what your ambitions, you certainly have luck on your side as Jupiter sails through the topmost sector of your Solar chart. But the key to success is unlikely to be handed to you on a plate. Only your initiative will provide you with the magic formula.

Potentially you have a successful month ahead with an encouraging focus on love, creativity and worldly advancement.

# TAURUS

APRIL 21 TO MAY 20



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

## Domestic matters demand your attention during the early part of February.

On the 3rd, 4th and 5th and at the Full Moon, there could be emotional tensions in the family circle. Tauran parents will find it hard to understand youngsters but maybe you should check to see if it's you who are being rather fixed in your point of view. But be prepared for a battle of wills early month.

Alternatively, these rather stressful astrological trends warn

you to be on your guard against possible accidents in the home — particularly if you are doing heavy work around the house or garden.

On a more positive note, communications should run more efficiently from the start of the month. Delays in business, travel or legal matters may have dogged your heels and caused some anxiety but you should see things taking a more encouraging turn over the coming weeks. A message early in the month may clarify a situation and enable you to make an important decision sooner than hoped.

Once Mercury joins forces with Uranus in the topmost area of your Solar chart in the latter half of the month, new doors are likely to open for your more important aims and interests. Developments in the offing could lead to a fairly radical change of direction soon.

Career and professional activities receive a significant focus. After a rather dull time recently, an opportunity will arise that enables you to take a more independent line or perhaps strike out in a completely different direction. If this is what you are looking for, be pre-

pared to strike while the iron is hot. An element of the unexpected is likely to be a key to further success during the latter half of the month.

Generally speaking the prevailing cosmic pattern is highly supportive and inspiring. You are moving into a very constructive phase when new ideas are likely to have far-reaching implications.

The most fortunate dates in the month ahead are the 6th, 11th, 15th and 24th. If applying for a job or wishing to improve your career prospects, make your best efforts then. The same applies to new interests and plans or quests of a more spiritual nature.

Financially, the overall prospect is encouraging. Efforts to improve your earning potential by enhancing skills and knowledge will most definitely stand you in good stead. However, be a little wary later in the month about joint commitments. A group endeavour may turn out to need a greater initial outlay than anticipated.

On the whole, you are likely to get the feeling that life is beginning to offer you wider options during February.

# GEMINI

MAY 21 TO JUNE 20



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

## Financial interests should gather a more encouraging momentum during February.

Legal or business problems since late 1995 will be resolved at last and you'll be in a better position to make important decisions.

At the start of the month there is a favourable accent on soundly-based money and property matters. Longer term projects are likely to be very much at the centre of your thoughts with joint financial interests, investments and insur-

ance matters taking precedence. If you are thinking of upgrading your life-style in some way, you certainly have much going for you.

There's a powerful spotlight on practical activity during the coming weeks. No doubt you'll be focusing much attention on career, employment and business, particularly when Mars begins to activate the top sector of your Solar chart from mid month onwards. As Saturn is already in this area the situation may become quite strenuous with extra demands. Be prepared for added responsibilities later in the month.

Although this Mars-Saturn influence can indicate a phase of highly constructive effort, circumstances beyond your control may enforce some degree of change or restructuring upon you. Your innate adaptability will be an advantage and you'll be able to turn an apparent difficulty to good account by showing your real capabilities. Don't waste time thinking about what's to be done but, instead, knuckle down to work and do it.

If you do feel that you have become a victim of circumstance,

with little personal influence on the pattern of your work, take a firm stand and assert your rights.

Dates when you are more likely to experience some stress or conflict at work are the 19th, 20th and 26th. Insist on negotiation if you feel that people are expecting too much of you. Mars and Saturn in Pisces can indicate exploitation and people may tend to manipulate you by playing on your fears. It is essential that you adopt a very firm stance to be much more respected and discover who your real friends and allies are.

Although the serious business of living will loom large throughout February, this doesn't mean that you'll find no time for more leisurely activity. There'll be better scope for social life when Venus is well placed on the 10th, 17th and especially the 27th. These dates also favour romantic attachments. A last-minute decision or unexpected invitation late month may lead to pleasantly surprising consequences.

It may be quite a testing time but experience will prove that you have hidden strengths.

# CANCER

JUNE 21 TO JULY 20



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

## A favourable Lunar influence early month makes for a congenial domestic atmosphere.

Also there is some indication that an elderly relative will benefit you or give you some timely advice regarding certain long-term plans that you are considering.

You may need to exercise care financially on the 3rd and 5th. There is a danger of overspending due to your own or someone else's impulsiveness. Be especially wary about lending or borrowing and

don't be taken in by anyone who offers you a get-rich-quick scheme.

There may still be pressure on your financial resources after these dates but this situation should ease once Mars changes signs mid month. You'll then be in a better position to judge whether to carry on with a joint venture or fund-raising scheme that may have run into difficulties lately.

A letter or message soon after the 15th may not only put a new perspective on financial prospects but could also point to an unexpected bonus. This is a time to update investments and seek professional advice if you are aiming to make better use of your resources.

Career interests, too, receive a helpful boost from Venus from the 9th. Various events will smooth your way ahead and ensure the favour of influential people.

The most propitious dates for career interests are the 10th, 13th, 17th, 21st and 28th. If you are seeking a change in the pattern of your working life, don't be afraid to stick your neck out and try for something new. You are inclined to stick to what's familiar but you can easi-

ly limit your prospects and restrict your experience. By cultivating a more open and adventurous attitude, you'll be surprised at the way life seems to respond and open up.

More intimately, there is much to suggest that close relationships are more likely to bring you a better deal emotionally than in previous years. Jupiter in your 7th House indicates successful marriage. So, if this is on the cards now you can be almost certain that you are doing the right thing.

The only possible difficulty with Jupiter in this sector is that it can bring to the surface feelings of dissatisfaction in established relationships. Jupiter urges you to enrich your life so, if anything is preventing you from realising this, you may find difficulties ahead. If you feel that your partner has somehow caused you to give up your own interests and your own self, now is the time to do something about it. Neptune is still affecting relationships, warning you against being too sacrificing.

At best, you can expect greater joy through personal relationships from this month forward.

# LEO

JULY 21 TO AUGUST 21



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

## Consolidate financial affairs during the first half of February.

News early month will make you feel more positive about domestic changes and taking a longer range view of business affairs. The prevailing astrological trend is particularly helpful for property matters and important investments.

Although material interests are likely to feel more settled and secure this month, you may find that the same does not always apply at the emotional level. Adverse Lunar

trends in your sign on the 3rd, 4th and 5th will incline you to feel rather sensitive and liable to overreact if you feel criticised. Conversely, certain people may behave rather aggressively or not listen to reason. Tread tactfully but, better still, avoid the company of potential trouble-makers.

From the 9th onwards Venus helps to generate a more harmonious vibration. If a relationship does run into conflict earlier in the month, problems can be sorted out much more easily under this helpful influence.

It could be quite a testing time for romantic affairs but the underlying pattern appears to be manoeuvring you towards some sort of transformation or change of attitude. The most critical phase is the third week when you may be forced to see that you have run into an emotional cul-de-sac. The situation may be hard to resolve but you'll probably find that an unexpected event saves the day.

Don't lose heart if a romantic affairs comes to an end for the Fates may be clearing the ground for something much better.

Mercury in your opposite sign during the latter half of the month ensures that interaction with others will bring much mental stimulation. An unexpected meeting or message on the 17th will help to clarify your thoughts and enable you to make a crucial decision. This very positive trend indicates that certain brief encounters could have far-reaching effect, acting as a catalyst to inspire you.

Good progress will be made in business negotiations and educational interests, particularly if you are trying out new ideas or updating your skills. The astrological pattern suggests that you are now moving into a much stronger position in career and occupational interests. The more prepared you can be for grasping potential opportunities, the better. Fortune favours the prepared mind so make your best efforts now.

Emotional traumas apart, you can expect the month ahead to bring you plenty of practical advantages. If you are not afraid to experiment and to consider alternative possibilities, new beginnings could lead to great success.

# VIRGO

AUGUST 22 TO SEPTEMBER 22



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

## Emotional stone-walling from someone near to you is possible early in February.

Best advice is to let things be and curb your inclination to criticise. Others do have unaccountable moods but this does not mean that you or anyone else is to blame.

Romantic affairs may also undergo a rather cool phase but again this is likely to be something totally irrational and will pass without major damage. In fact, the Venus-Saturn conjunction early in

the month indicates an opportunity to develop a deeper understanding and to put a relationship on a more secure footing.

Between the 3rd and 5th an adverse Lunar trend warns you to take extra care of your health. Try to avoid the company of irritating people. If this cannot be done, be detached and don't allow yourself to be drawn into arguments.

The prospect improves considerably towards the end of the first week with the Moon in your sign throwing a splendid angle to Jupiter. After a rather arid phase socially you'll suddenly find your popularity increasing. From mid month onwards certain people that come into your orbit will be energising and stimulating and, generally speaking, you should find life more interesting.

More practically, you can hope for favourable developments in occupational interests during the latter half of the month. Mercury's favourable aspects on the 17th, 21st and 26th signal good news for those who have been seeking suitable employment or working hard to get a business project off the

ground. If you had a rather exhausting schedule in January, then you can expect the pace to become much more manageable now.

Uranus is established in that area of your Solar chart that relates to earning your living. This planet brings the urge towards greater freedom, independence and, very often, a complete change of direction. It would be highly apt if you were to start out afresh. The more inventive and adventurous you can be, the better the result — but only if you are not afraid of initial insecurity. Over the next few years many Virgoans will be strongly motivated to find a more independent mode of employment and less inclined to feel satisfied with something that is too routine.

Financially speaking you can expect things to run smoothly, especially from the 9th onwards when Venus begins to activate your 8th Solar House. This is good news for joint ventures or making better use of resources. Later in the month an added bonus seems likely.

It may not be the most eventful month but it's a good time to sort out your priorities.



# LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 23 TO OCTOBER 22



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

**It might be a good idea to limit your social commitments early in February.**

There is a danger that you will inadvertently upset a friend. Don't fall into your usual self-sabotage mode by thinking that other people will go off you if you have to say no.

The most constructive way to handle the adverse Lunar trends early month is to concentrate on very practical matters and do some serious thinking about rationalising your schedule. If a major deci-

sion concerning career crops up, take your time and don't let other people hustle you.

Taking a wider view, attitudes that have formed the bedrock of your personal philosophy for many years are about to go through a subtle shift of emphasis. This may be the result of recent developments in your career or perhaps a meeting with someone who has made a powerful impact on what you consider important.

Potentially, this could turn out to be a highly creative month — a time of new beginnings, of shaking yourself free from restraining influences. You may decide to take up the thread of something that you had to lay aside several years ago. Whatever the case, it seems that you might be doing yourself a big favour by salvaging something from the past or perhaps taking up something entirely new.

In close personal relationships the prospect appears highly encouraging once your ruler Venus changes signs on the 9th. The main focus then is on finding greater togetherness and harmony through love, marriage or friend-

ship. Indeed, for the rest of the month those seeking new romance or planning to marry are particularly blessed. Events on the 10th and 11th are likely to have a magical quality. If it's a case of love at first sight, success is assured.

The only potentially tricky date emotionally is the 22nd when there may be a more urgent need to look into the overall balance of a relationship. Issues may have been pushed into the background just to keep the peace but, if things have become lopsided, you'll probably be obliged to confront them now. Emotional tensions may have to surface but you can be almost certain that this will ultimately enhance your love life.

Librans now have a great deal of luck on their side in domestic and property interests. Jupiter may be making you feel dissatisfied with your current abode but will oil the wheels if you want to move. Again, developments around this time could clear away obstacles that have prevented you from moving to somewhere more congenial.

Take note that there is a liberating force entering the picture now!

# SCORPIO

OCTOBER 23 TO NOVEMBER 22



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

**You may have to prepare for some domestic tensions.**

Scorpio parents are likely to experience conflict and disagreements with the younger generation — so tread tactfully.

Apart from such minor emotional traumas, the underlying astrological pattern indicates a highly constructive phase, particularly if you are aiming to express yourself more creatively. Once Mars moves into favourable angle with your sign from mid month you'll find in-

creased scope for satisfying your own deeper creative needs.

Venus, too, is smoothing your path as far as work is concerned. If important decisions are looming, developments around the 10th, 11th or 22nd will assist you to make the right moves. You will have a clearer vision of your goals and find yourself giving serious thought to new ideas. If you are striving to make your mark in artistic work, sport or entertainment, the way ahead looks encouraging.

The first half of the month will probably see variations in your usual routines. The accent is on communication so seeking information or lively conversation will get satisfying results. Travel may also figure prominently, especially around the 7th and 11th. Messages on these dates could mean last-minute changes and a journey. The affairs of relatives or friends may be involved but you should benefit. Be prepared to lend a hand.

The 17th may bring some intriguing news. An old friend will probably renew contact, perhaps with an interesting proposition. Alternatively, a member of your

household might experience some unexpected luck around this time.

Financially it may not be the most eventful month but the influence of Venus from the 9th should facilitate efforts to improve your work situation and achieve better job satisfaction and pay. Don't be put off by people who criticise you for being unrealistic if you have ideas about a new venture. Chances are you'll have the last laugh.

Dates when caution is advised in money or business affairs are the 19th, 22nd and 26th. Others' carelessness or extravagance could have an adverse effect. The more control you have, the better.

For the romantically inclined, this is not going to be the easiest of months. You are likely to experience a certain amount of jealousy within yourself or from someone else and it seems that your mind and feelings will be plagued by doubts and uncertainties. Maybe a tricky emotional experience is necessary to help you to learn something about your own motivation.

You'll be pleased to know that an easier emotional trend prevails late month.

# SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 TO DECEMBER 20



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

## You'll feel more relaxed in domestic life during February.

Although you are not usually a very domestic sort of person, the need for a more secure and settled base will be important at present. Emotionally and materially you are entering a very satisfying phase, particularly in family matters.

Links with the past are highlighted, too, early in February. Several possibilities are likely, all of which benefit you. For instance, past experience could stand you in good

stead and enable you to make sound judgments for the future. Or maybe you'll run into an old friend and take up threads where they were left off several years back.

From a more esoteric viewpoint, Saturn's emphasis indicates the hand of destiny. You may meet someone who gives you the distinct feeling of prior acquaintance — perhaps in a past life. However you interpret this astrological trend, the general message is that a new influence is entering your life and changing its direction.

On a more immediate level, financial trends are lively in the first two weeks. Commercial and business activities will gather momentum with increasing scope for new ideas. Important dates for money and business are the 6th, 7th, 9th and 12th. But be wary of first impressions on the 10th.

From the 9th Venus begins to stir up a lot of amorous energies so, if you are hoping for improvements in your love life, the prospect looks good! Just when you least expect it, a chance meeting around the 10th could bowl you over. The only problem may

be that close friends will become rather critical. However, this is a time to trust your deeper feelings.

Social life generally will be greatly enhanced under this pleasant Venus influence. This should greatly increase the potential for amorous encounters but you'll experience a lot of good feeling in day-to-day life, too. Venus will also benefit you in practical ways. If you are aiming to make money from developing and promoting creative talents, opportunities will abound in the coming weeks and your influence on other people will stir up their enthusiasm.

On the whole, it looks as if you have it in your power to do a great deal of good during the coming month. The only dates when you will be more inclined to overdo things under this benign trend are the 16th and 22nd. Be warned that certain persons could easily take advantage and exploit your good nature on these dates.

Towards the end of the month, money and partnerships are favourable linked. The luck of someone close to you will probably call for some celebration!

# CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 21 TO JANUARY 19



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

## Neptune and Jupiter in your sign indicate that barriers and restrictions are being dissolved.

The urge to widen your horizons and enrich your life-style is very evident. Although this might also mean that you are more restless than usual, it is a very positive and creative trend — a crest of the wave.

Jupiter can be tremendously lucky, bringing increased opportunity and a feeling that life is starting to open out. The events of February will certainly bring more

than just a hint of favourable developments, particularly when Jupiter is strongly activated around the 6th, 11th, 15th and 24th. You should feel particularly good on these dates.

You also have Mercury zipping through your sign in the first half of the month, putting a significant accent on communication and travel. Mentally you'll be in fine shape, able to assimilate information quickly and express your ideas clearly. If you are taking any kind of exam or test the results should be positive and you are more likely to feel in command of the situation.

Important interviews, meetings and educational interests should certainly show positive developments. If planning a journey, try to make this on or close to the 11th.

On the very day that Mars takes leave of the money sector of your Solar chart, Mercury begins to activate this area. This date is the 15th, on which you are likely to experience a change of pace in finances.

It is likely that there has been a heavy demand on your financial resources over the previous month or so. The general level of expendi-

ture has been unavoidably high and perhaps you have experienced some sense of crisis. However, this pattern will change noticeably from mid February when you'll begin to feel more in control.

Any problems in finance or business should respond swiftly to positive action. Mercury also can be extremely helpful for commercial activity. Even if you just want to get rid of items that you no longer need, the chances of getting a good price are very high. For all buying and selling, the 15th, 16th, 17th and 21st are particularly favourable.

In the few days immediately following the New Moon on the 18th the emotional temperature threatens to go over the top in some way. Adopt a fairly detached attitude to other people's personal traumas and be extremely wary of rumours. Be prepared for domestic conflicts on the 22nd when your sense of loyalty may be tested.

Apart from this potential hiccup, the month as a whole should definitely see you back in the driving seat and feeling very optimistic about the future.

# AQUARIUS

JANUARY 20 TO FEBRUARY 18



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

## A favourable combination of Venus and Saturn augurs well for finances and business.

Although there might be some pressure on you to reorganise your finances, the underlying trend favours such efforts. If you've had to economise in recent years, you'll now be in a position to put things on a sounder basis and can look forward to steady growth.

This does not imply that you can pull out all the stops and become less cautious — at least not yet.

With the impetuous planet Mars stirring up the money area of your chart from mid month onwards you should stick to the familiar and not take undue risks.

The 19th is particularly hazardous. Added expenses may be unavoidable then but you could easily end up paying through the nose simply because you are too impatient to shop around. Nevertheless, you can expect an increasing buoyancy in money matters towards the end of February.

On a more personal level, you may find that someone is emotionally rather touchy around the Full Moon on the 4th. This may be due to your own lack of responsiveness. You probably feel awkward with the emotional side of life but there are times when those closest to you find you rather too cool and detached. To avoid confrontation early month, make sure that you are not taking your partner (or a friend) too much for granted.

The changing planetary pattern from mid month will help you to cultivate a more open and responsive attitude to others. The departure of Mars from your sign indi-

cates fewer demands on your time and energy and greater scope for cultivating a less self-centred approach. With Mercury entering your sign mid month you'll find it easier to communicate and establish a closer mental rapport. Indeed the influence of Venus indicates more of a loving touch in the way you act toward partners.

If it's romance that you are particularly interested in, the prospect improves as the month progresses. From about the 9th a richer and more varied social life will be conducive to romance. A journey or change of routine may also have this effect, especially on or around the 10th, 11th, 13th and 27th.

You may find yourself moving around from the 15th onwards. An unexpected development in the third week may mean an impromptu journey. This may be inconvenient at first but the final result should turn out to be enjoyable.

Practical matters loom large as the month draws to a close but it looks as if many Aquarians are about to take a satisfying leap forward in matters of employment and earning power.

# PISCES

FEBRUARY 19 TO MARCH 20



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

## The pace of life will increase from mid February onwards.

Make the most of the earlier part of the month for pursuing more leisurely interests or catching up on various jobs.

This increase of pace will be foreshadowed by some shift in your work routines soon after the 4th — by no means bad news for you are about to embark on a very progressive phase of activity. Nevertheless be prepared to put in extra effort and be more adaptable.

The Venus-Saturn conjunction in your sign on the 2nd puts you in a rather serious mood to start the month. You'll be inclined to reflect deeply on the value of certain friendships or closer relationships. Maybe a love affair has cooled off and you finally make up your mind to call the whole thing off. This will not be a bad move on your part because it looks as though something brighter is on the horizon.

There are just a couple of health warnings. Adverse Lunar aspects on the 3rd, 4th and 5th indicate that emotional tension may deplete you. Steer clear of people who are likely to irritate you. Another date to watch is the 19th when work pressures could make you tense. However, if things are getting too heavy, don't just suffer in silence — say something!

Financially you can expect a much easier pace once Venus changes signs on the 9th. A long-standing problem will be finally resolved and an unexpected twist of events will put you in an optimistic frame of mind. You are likely to come up with creative ideas to improve your earnings. Don't be

afraid to experiment.

The most propitious dates for money matters are the 10th, 11th, 13th, 17th, 27th and 28th. If you fancy a flutter, these are the best dates. However, don't take risks on the 21st and think twice before splashing out on expensive items.

Your co-ruler Jupiter is now firmly placed in an area that focuses on your deeper hopes and wishes. This may not mean that a fairy godmother is about to wave a magic wand and make everything sweetness and light but it does suggest increasing optimism.

Remember though that fortune is more likely to favour those who are prepared. If you have done the necessary groundwork in the past, you will be better placed to grasp the lucky break when it arrives.

Jupiter also puts a favourable light on friendships. Luck will come to you via friends or through co-operation with others. It certainly looks as if your circle will be greatly enriched from now on.

Having all planets in the Eastern sector of your Solar chart during February means that your destiny is very much in your own hands.

# Lunar Lore Gardening

## FEBRUARY

- 1 Mainly dry with lower temperatures than average easing a little in the fourth week.
- 2
- 3 After 09.47 hours re-establish or begin a rock garden area.
- 4 Continue all day.
- 5 After 21.33 hours clear away debris from drains and lawns.
- 6 Edge paths, sweep through greenhouses.
- 7 Continue all day.
- 8 After 07.31 hours dig over new vegetable plots.
- 9 Continue all day.
- 10 After 15.36 hours begin general pruning wherever needed.
- 11 Continue all day.
- 12 Continue until 20.59 hours.
- 13, 14, 15, 16
- 17 After 00.01 hours prepare asparagus beds.
- 18 Spread organic fertiliser to promote spring cabbages.
- 19 After 00.10 hours sow hardy vegetables in the warmth of a greenhouse.
- 20 Sow hardy flower seeds in the greenhouse.
- 21 After 01.59 hours protect fruit trees and bushes from bird damage.
- 22 Continue all day.
- 23 Continue until 07.09 hours.
- 24, 25, 26, 27
- 28 After 04.11 hours sow parsnips, sprouts and lettuce.
- 29 Lift, divide and replant chives, sow sweet peas.

## VICTORIA MATTHEWS

Greenwich Mean Time has been used throughout

# The Planets This Month

- ☉ **The Sun** begins February at 11° 24' Aquarius and enters Pisces on the 19th at 09.02 hours. It ends the month at 9° 41' of the Fishes.
- ☾ **The Moon** is waxing to Full on the 4th at 15.59 hours with the Last Quarter on the 12th at 08.38 hours. The New Moon is on the 18th at 23.31 hours with the First Quarter on the 26th at 05.53 hours.  
As the month opens the Moon is in 1° 23' Cancer and enters Leo on the 3rd at 09.47 hours; Virgo on the 5th at 21.23 hours; Libra on the 8th at 07.31 hours; Scorpio on the 10th at 15.36 hours; Sagittarius on the 12th at 20.59 hours; Capricorn on the 14th at 23.30 hours; Aquarius on the 17th at 00.01 hours; Pisces on the 19th at 01.10 hours; Aries on the 21st at 01.59 hours; Taurus on the 23rd at 07.09 hours; Gemini on the 25th at 16.15 hours; Cancer on the 28th at 04.11 hours where it ends the month.
- ☿ **Mercury** is in 19° 16' Capricorn on the 1st and enters Aquarius on the 15th at 02.45 hours. By the month end it has reached 18° 24' of the Water Bearer.
- ♀ **Venus** begins the month in 20° 20' Pisces and enters Aries on the 9th at 02.32 hours. By the 29th it has reached 23° 08' of the Ram.
- ♂ **Mars** begins February in 18° 32' Aquarius and enters Pisces on the 15th at 11.51 hours. It ends the month at 10° 40' of the Fishes.
- ♃ **Jupiter** spends the month in Capricorn and advances from 6° 16' on the first day to 11° 34' by the last day.
- ♄ **Saturn** is in Pisces all month and advances from 22° 6' on the 1st to 25° 17' on the 29th.
- ♅ **Uranus** is in Aquarius all month and advances from 1° 9' on the first day to 2° 41' on the last day.
- ♆ **Neptune** spends the month in Capricorn and advances from 25° 51' on the 1st to 26° 48' by the month end.
- ♇ **Pluto** is in Sagittarius all month and advances from 2° 47' on the 1st to 3° 6' on the 29th.

All positions are for 00.00 hours GMT.

# Reading the Aspectarian

In the aspectarian we list the principal Lunar and mutual aspects for each day of the month. A Lunar aspect is a specific distance, measured in degrees, between the Moon and a planet; a mutual aspect is between one planet and another, excluding the Moon but including the Sun.

First of all memorise what the symbols stand for:

♈ Aries, ♉ Taurus, ♊ Gemini, ♋ Cancer, ♌ Leo, ♍ Virgo, ♎ Libra, ♏ Scorpio, ♐ Sagittarius, ♑ Capricorn, ♒ Aquarius, ♓ Pisces.  
☉ Sun, ☾ Moon, ☿ Mercury, ♀ Venus, ♂ Mars, ♃ Jupiter, ♄ Saturn, ♅ Uranus, ♆ Neptune, ♇ Pluto.

The major aspects:  
♋ (0°) conjunction: good or bad according to planets involved

\* (60°) sextile: generally helpful.  
□ (90°) square: mostly challenging.  
△ (120°) trine: strongly helpful.  
♁ (135°) sesqui-square: conflict and tension.

The minor aspects:  
∨ (30°) semi-sextile: slightly favourable.  
∟ (45°) semi-square: somewhat stressful.  
⊕ (72°) quintile: creativeness.  
⊞ (135°) sesqui-square: usually unfavourable.  
⋈ (150°) inconjunct or quincunx; stressful.

Each month the Moon travels right round the zodiac making every aspect to every planet at least once. When there are several aspects in one day we group them after one Moon symbol thus:

☾ △ ♋ \* ♁ □ ♀  
This means Moon trine Sun, Moon sextile Jupiter, Moon square Venus.

# ASPECTARIAN

## FEBRUARY

- 1 Th.** 》in ㉔. 》♁♂.  
Careful. Your feelings of generosity may be taken for granted.
- 2 F.** 》in ㉔. 》♁♂♂♀♂♀. ♀♂♀.  
Diplomatic talents and arbitration skills needed all round. One of those days.
- 3 S.** 》in ㉔ & ♀. 》♁♂♂♂♂♂♂.  
Steal the spotlight and act like royalty — you first, let others follow for a change.
- 4 Su.** 》in ♀. 》♁♂.  
Emotions conflict with logic, keep things light and easy.
- 5 M.** 》in ♀ & ♃. 》♁♂♂. ♀♂♂.  
Work on your own if you can or take a short trip.
- 6 T.** 》in ♃. 》♂♂♂♂♂.  
A touch of jealousy could ruin a new friendship.
- 7 W.** 》in ♃. 》♂♂♂♂♀. ♀♂♀.  
Much will go your way if you play by the rules.
- 8 Th.** 》in ♃ & ♁. 》♁♂♀♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂.  
Too much going on to be able to concentrate on a single issue for any length of time.
- 9 F.** 》in ♁. 》♂♂.  
Domestic and career matters go quite well.
- 10 S.** 》in ♁ & ♃. 》♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂. ♀♂♂.  
Take a very firm stand against those who would disrupt the day.
- 11 Su.** 》in ♃. 》♂♂♂. ♀♂♂♂. ♀♂♂.  
The media could have another field day with more scandal in high places.
- 12 M.** 》in ♃ & ♄. 》♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂.  
Concentrate on purely personal aims — others' concerns can take a back seat.
- 13 T.** 》in ♄. 》♂♂♀♂♂♂♂.  
Make time for your favourite person, a play, a film, wining and dining.
- 14 W.** 》in ♄. 》♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂.  
Try your luck, opportunity could knock when you least expect it.
- 15 Th.** 》in ♄. 》♂♂♀♂♂♂.  
Go shopping for clothes and jewellery but not shoes.
- 16 F.** 》in ♄. 》♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂. ♀♂♂♂.  
News from a long distance may cause you to rethink the weekend plans.
- 17 S.** 》in ♄. 》♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂. ♀♂♂♂. ♀♂♂♂.  
Personal affairs difficult to handle. Be as subtle as possible.
- 18 Su.** 》in ♄. 》♂♂♂. 》♂♂♂.  
Mix with friends — go to a Sunday market. Dine somewhere different.
- 19 M.** 》in ♄. 》♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂. ♂♂♂♂.  
Be careful when travelling. Don't start anything new today.
- 20 T.** 》in ♄. 》♂♂♂♂♂♂.  
Partners unhelpful. Confusing or unusual news may arrive.
- 21 W.** 》in ♄ & ♃. 》♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂.  
Things seem to click into place. Take care about your diet.
- 22 Th.** 》in ♃. 》♂♂♀. ♂♂♂♂.  
Good for most things but best not to go for any extended shopping.
- 23 F.** 》in ♃ & ♄. 》♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂.  
Most people seem to be in a co-operative frame of mind.
- 24 S.** 》in ♄. 》♂♂♂♂♂♂.  
You may be tempted to overdo it. Take care if dining out.
- 25 Su.** 》in ♄ & ♃. 》♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂.  
Follow the news, keep up with events, notice things.
- 26 M.** 》in ♃. 》♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂.  
Mood changes, concentration will not be easy to sustain.
- 27 T.** 》in ♃. 》♂♂♀♂♂♂.  
Duty calls. Family matters in crisis could be threatening.
- 28 W.** 》in ♃ & ㉔. 》♂♂♂.  
Make things comfortable at home. Stay in and entertain a few friends.
- 29 Th.** 》in ㉔. 》♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂.  
Group activities, inside or outdoors favoured.

# URANUS

**In January 1996, Uranus** will begin a nine year transit of Aquarius, finally leaving the sign in 2004. He will no doubt do this amid much fanfare and speculation, especially in the popular press. Actually he was briefly in Aquarius during the Spring of 1995 but an outer planet needs to spend a consistently long period in a sign for the effects to be really visible.

What then can we expect from Uranus in Aquarius? Is this really the beginning of the Aquarian Age, so much talked about these days? Certainly Uranus is at home in his own sign and therefore very strong.

When planets transit the signs which they rule, they are usually a force for good in that the higher and most positive characteristics of the planet are able to manifest. However, this is not the first time this century that this particular placement has occurred.

Uranus entered Aquarius in 1912 and was there until 1920. Some astrologers say that this transit marked the beginning of the Age of Aquarius. However, to be truly objective we need to look back over the transits of Uranus through Aquarius since his discovery in 1781.

## Looking to the past

Uranus was transiting Gemini when first sighted by Herschel in 1781 and later entered Leo to coincide quite naturally with the French Revolution of 1789. The symbolism here speaks for itself — Uranus the planet of rebellion, revolution, change and independence, is not well placed in the sign of royalty, Leo. Naturally a head-on clash ensues between the royal regime and the rebel-

lious, explosive power of Uranus.

Indeed while transiting Leo the worst excesses of Uranus tend to manifest, hence the chaos and bloodshed of the French Revolution. Note too that the later years of the 18th century were turbulent for governments and regimes worldwide but none so much as France, ruled as it is by Leo.

The first time Uranus was in Aquarius, however, was some 40 years later; the late 1820s and early 1830s. In France the 1830 revolution brought Louis Philippe to the throne — but as a constitutional monarch.

In England we find the Reform Act in full swing which aimed to widen the electorate and thus to end the monopoly of power of the ruling classes. A more typical Aquarian motive you cannot find.

Aside from politics, this time was the beginning of the growth of the railways as a form of transport. It was a means of travel that would dominate the century and is still a major part of communication and transport in the modern world. This brings us to a consistent theme with Uranus in Aquarius — that of mass communication.

The second time Uranus was in Aquarius was the beginning of this century, 1912–1920 which of course covers the First World War. Naturally many other planetary factors combined to reflect this situation but it is notable that the power of the aristocracy was again challenged during this period, particularly in Russia — the Communist revolution being paramount.

Politically it was also an era

of much renewed demand for reform. This time women demanded a say in government by the right to vote. During this transit of Uranus in Aquarius, women's fight to be enfranchised reached its successful conclusion.

It was also the time when the use of the telephone began to spread and quickly filtered down the layers of society, to become, as it is today, universal. Again the emphasis is on mass communications. Another form of this which began to take definite form during this period was, of course, aviation.

## Looking to the future

So what can we reasonably expect from this next transit of Uranus through the sign of his rulership? In the light of what we have already seen, we can expect, without doubt, much needed reforms that will lead to more freedom of expression for any oppressed group.

We can also expect some great revolution in mass communications to begin during this period — changes that will have profound impact for the future.

This seems to point very much to computer technology and to the dominance of the Internet. With the push from Uranus in his own sign the beginnings of a technology we can hardly dream of now, eventually becoming part of everyday life for millions, is probable. Again, the emphasis with Aquarius is on that which benefits mankind as a whole — not that which remains exclusive to a few.

Also, since Uranus rules aviation, we can, as in the last transit, expect some major changes in this area too.

All in all we can be optimistic about this transit itself, in that Uranus does work in his most positive way when he is in his own domain.

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## Other transits

However, this period also sees the entry of Neptune into Aquarius from late 1998 onwards. This is not so harmonious a placement and may add just a little confusion to the situation. Neptune is not the best of bed partners for Uranus — neither is it exactly noted for being well grounded or reliable. Therefore we can expect some confusion and discord from 1998 until Uranus leaves the sign in 2004.

This discord will be all the more evident when a square aspect between Uranus in Aquarius and Saturn in Taurus occurs in 1999. At best we can expect some tension between the new order and the old — explosive energy at worst.

The battle between Uranus and Saturn is one well documented in mythology. Saturn in Taurus is apt to be tenacious and overly traditional — in effect trying to thwart progress by force if necessary. We can expect, as in the legends, Uranus to win the day, especially as he is now operating from his most powerful position.

However this is unlikely to be without a cost. It is interesting to note that countries and areas of the globe associated with Taurus include Iran, Asia Minor and Eire. Trouble brewing, if not exploding in those countries at this time is most likely.

Countries ruled by Aquarius include Russia and Afghanistan. However this rulership applies to Russia as the former USSR and, since the fall of Communism and the recent changes in the regime, the rulership of Russia itself is not yet clear. Other countries very much to the fore will be those ruled by Leo (due to the opposition with Aquarius) — France, Italy, Rumania and Syria.

On a more optimistic note,

Uranus forms a healthy and productive sextile aspect with Pluto in Sagittarius from 1996 right through to the next century. The orb of the aspect does widen from late 1998 onwards but the influence is helpful and positive.

With this sextile we can expect that reforms and change will come thick and fast but in productive, innovative ways. In particular this will involve the areas of communications and travel, areas strongly connected with Aquarius and Sagittarius.

Again computer technology and aviation are highlighted. Of course many astrologers will see the positive link between these two signs, with the help of Uranus and Pluto, as proof of some intergalactic link. The ever present UFO mysteries cannot be discounted but I think and hope that if anything emerges it will include some revelations and facts about the UFO situation — facts that will help to dispel the myths. Both Aquarius and Sagittarius have a connection with truth at all costs. Aquarius in particular is obsessed with facts and scientific reality.

## Spirituality

One final effect that cannot be discounted is that of spiritual rebirth, especially as Pluto in Sagittarius so much points to this. Joining in easy aspect as he is with Uranus during this period, we can expect spiritual life to take new and explorative directions. Greater tolerance will become evident for the different spiritual paths.

The only blot on the horizon as far as this is concerned is likely to be the previously mentioned square between Saturn and Uranus in 1999. If any planetary position would qualify as the least tolerant of changes and breaks from tradition, it must be Saturn in Taurus!

## Uranus in Aquarius and your natal chart

Naturally, those born with the Sun in Aquarius will feel the effects most strongly. All Aquarians will be bursting to the brim with this sudden influx of energy and desire for change. Exciting times — if rather unpredictable and disruptive — are ahead for those born under this sign.

Nothing can be taken for granted when Uranus aspects your natal Sun, except that you will change and will desire change in the world around you. The key words will be personal freedom, experimentation, restlessness, sudden changes and, of course, the element that we can never discount with Uranus — the unexpected!

Don't expect your life and goals to stay the same between 1996 and 2004 but learn to go with the changes as only an Aquarian can. The rest of us are looking to Aquarians to lead the way because for some of us the ride will not be quite so exciting and challenging as it will seem from the way Aquarians will view it!

This will be particularly so for the other Fixed signs of Taurus, Leo and Scorpio. If you have the Sun in these signs expect to

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be almost forced to change and no doubt to find the disruption rather disturbing. Outside elements may seem suddenly to bring all sorts of new and upsetting conditions into your life.

Again, the object, as with all Uranus transits, is to get you out of a rut whether you realise you are in one or not! Try to go with the flow of your life without holding on to the past — the future will be more rewarding after you have made whatever changes are necessary. However, unlike Aquarians (who live in the future anyway), you will not realise this until conditions begin to settle down again.

If you were not born with the Sun in these four Fixed signs but have the natal Ascendant or Moon in any of them, then you too will be feeling the effects of Uranus in Aquarius strongly.

If your natal Moon is aspected, you can expect domestic changes, unsettled conditions in relationships with women and a difficult time for your emotions (especially if you are female). Conditions to do with children and childbirth may be affected too.

If your natal Ascendant is aspected you will find the changes have long-term implications for your sense of self-worth, your goals and your close relationships. Be open to the new and you will find your path ahead less strenuous.

### **The royal family**

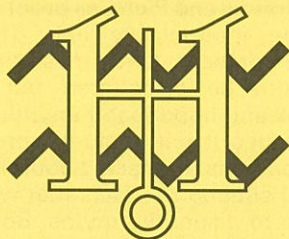
As a family, the royals seem to be set for a period of disruption and change, individually if not as a unit. Almost all of them are personally and directly affected by this transit.

*HM The Queen:* No sooner has Uranus entered Aquarius than he makes an exact square to the Queen's natal Sun at 0° Taurus. Since the Sun is placed in her 4th House of domestic affairs, we can expect that she

will find disruption in this area of life. However, since the Sun is very much her sense of self and physical health, she will need to watch her health also during this critical time.

Because the Sun rules her 8th House some sudden ending or loss may occur. These are extremes but, on the whole, there is a crisis at hand in the royal circle during this first year, 1996.

*HRH Prince Charles:* The Prince has Leo rising so will again immediately feel the effect of Uranus in Aquarius, it having entered his 7th House of marriage. Therefore we can expect some distinctive and maybe abrupt changes in this



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area. Certainly the theme of Uranus here is independence and the need to break away from tradition. His status as a married man, therefore, will change during this period, and new relationships will have to be entered into very cautiously due to the controversial nature of this planet.

During 1996 Uranus also transits in square aspect to his natal Moon in Taurus. This will prove a difficult time for dealings with women. Changes that occur now will be sudden and require flexibility — something he may find difficult because of all the Fixed sign emphasis in his chart.

*HRH The Princess of Wales:* While in Aquarius, Uranus transits her 3rd House, bringing changes in her whole outlook

on life as well as in her personal environment. During 1996, Uranus will conjunct her natal Jupiter which is her chart ruler. She will therefore have an exciting year when her personal freedom will increase, as well as being a time of unusual opportunity.

During the later part of Uranus's transit of Aquarius, from the year 2000 onwards, she will face her greatest challenges when Uranus comes into conjunction with her natal Moon and almost at the same time squares natal Venus. This will affect her role as a mother and also her close relationships.

*HRH The Princess Royal:* During 1996 Uranus will be in conjunction with her natal IC, indicating that domestic affairs will be pressing and disruptive.

A close square to natal Mars in Scorpio will make her very impulsive and quite headstrong at this time. Caution and patience are advised, especially in relationships (Mars rules her 7th House) and in personal activities.

The next challenging aspects occur during the first four years of the 21st century when Uranus is in conjunction to her natal Sun and Pluto. This, however, even while indicating great changes in her life direction and life-style, will be tempered by the fact that her Ascendant is in Libra, allowing her to adapt to these changes.

*HRH The Duke of York:* Like Prince Charles with Leo rising, Uranus will primarily affect his close relationships and marriage situation. When Uranus reaches his 7th House from 1998 onwards this will become very clear. A strong desire for personal freedom will come into direct opposition with the challenges of his relationship situation. Tension is inevitable, especially when Uranus is opposing natal Uranus during the year 2000.



# ASTROLOGY TODAY

**Astrology can be a very useful tool in determining our attitude to money and reveals those features which show whether we are likely to be wealthy or have difficulty managing our funds.**

The first place to look when assessing a chart is the 2nd House which shows financial status and also value systems. Next we look at the planet which rules the sign on the 2nd cusp, as well as any planets within the house and the aspects they make to other parts of the chart.

Someone with Sagittarius, ruled by Jupiter, on the 2nd cusp will tend to be generous with money and charitable to those in need. This is due to Jupiter representing an energy of confidence and faith which here would give an inner assurance that somehow money will always be available.

Those with Cancer on the 2nd cusp and the ruling planet, the Moon, in Scorpio may tend to hold on to what he/she has got with a fear of spending in case the money runs out. The Moon in Scorpio, in this case, may show psychological reasons for being poor which need analysing and sorting out.

Planets in the 2nd House also indicate a great deal about our ability to attract wealth. The Moon here shows that money and security represent a profound need which must be satisfied for peace of mind. Mercury here would show someone who quite enjoys financial dealing and, if aspects to Mercury are positive and support this, it could show the type of person who plays on the Stock Exchange or perhaps someone involved in selling.

Mars in the 2nd House can show someone who actively pursues a money-making path while Venus may show a per-

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son who loves the luxuries that money brings but who may be too lazy or self-indulgent to work hard for them. They may tend to marry for money or at least for security.

Saturn can show financial hardship. Any money gained is the result of very hard work and pennies saved. Obstacles have to be overcome and discipline applied to reap rewards. Saturn represents an energy of caution and limitation which can cause a lack of confidence in the ability to deal with money or a fear of being poor and not having enough to live on.

Uranus shows someone for whom money tends to arrive in a flash and then depart just as quickly. These people can put up with instability and no fixed income; they prefer to be independent rather than earn a regular wage.

Neptune can show a tendency to deceive oneself or others over money matters. Finances tend to disappear mysteriously or there can be a problem with conmen or parasites slowly reducing resources. These people need to be more down to earth and deal more resolutely with their finances.

Pluto shows a psychologist's cupboard full of past karma, perhaps attitudes to money gained in previous lives which are affecting earning power in this one.

Guilt over earning money may be involved as well as attitudes set during childhood. These then will need to be unravelled and explored if even-

tual success is to materialise.

In looking at the 2nd House we must not ignore the opposite 8th House, connected to joint finances, debts, insurance, taxes, bank loans, other people's money and inheritances. It can also reveal the urge to earn 'loads of money' or to get involved in multi-million business ventures.

Any oppositions between the 2nd and the 8th indicate difficulties arising from attitudes to personal resources and other peoples' funds. Neptune in the 2nd in opposition to Saturn in the 8th could show a tendency to deceive others and exploit their money. While Saturn in the 2nd and Neptune in the 8th could show someone who is being deceived by the powers that be. Uranus/Mars oppositions may show a completely unorthodox attitude of just not caring or being responsible enough about money. Money will be used to satisfy immediate desires with little thought of saving for the future.

Other areas of the chart which can reveal more about attitudes to possessions and money are the houses with Taurus and Scorpio on the cusp as well as the state of the 5th and 11th Houses. The 5th House is an indicator of the ability to take a risk and any business talent usually shows up here while the 11th shows whether there is a good range of social contacts who may be able to help out in various ways. It also reveals the scope of long-term goals and ambitions.

The planets and their positions in the Natal chart show financial potential and, if we take heed of any warning signals, while augmenting our strengths it may be possible to save ourselves from financial chaos.

# AQUARIUS



*January brings the snow,  
Makes our feet and fingers glow.*

**On the 20th, January brings Aquarius as well.**

Eskimos have dozens of words for the various types of snow. Newly-fallen snow; hard compacted snow; light fluffy protective snow; deep dangerous snow; sparkling in-the-Sunshine snow; melting snow but, nevertheless, all snow.

Magnified, snowflakes reveal breathtaking patterns, no two exactly the same, but they cannot deviate from their basic shape of a six-rayed star. Aquarians too have pronounced individuality yet are inescapably Aquarian. Brittle sophisticated Aquarians; eccentric-professor Aquarians; environmentally-friendly re-

forming Aquarians; beautiful fey Aquarians — but all basically Aquarian. And all, like January's snow, cold.

Gentle Aquarians will protest. Cool or detached maybe, not cold. OK but some part of Aquarius never gets totally involved. It's a friendly sign but impersonal and surprisingly cynical. Aquarians can stroll away from close relationships. They have light, airy, inconsequential, snowflake natures.

A snowy landscape is magical. Aquarians share that wizardry. Seen through their eyes, the commonplace is transformed into enchantment. They are talented artists, not only with paints but with words and music.

Anything with white fur,

feathers or flowers tends to get 'snow' in its name. Helen Paterson in *The Celtic Lunar Calendar* gives the snowdrop as the flower for the period from January 21st to February 17th which is only a few days short of our Aquarius. It has a pretty legend. When Eve wept in her frozen Garden of Eden, an angel breathed on a

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## Aquarius' year ahead

**The big news is that your ruler, Uranus,** moved into your sign — which is, of course, his sign too — on January 12th. You are now set for seven years of unprecedented change. Unless you were born prior to 1920 you have never had this positioning of Uranus before and you won't have it again — well, not for another 84 years!

Those born in the first week of the sign will have a hectic 1996, the rest may have to wait for the real fireworks but all should notice the tempo quickening. Old habits and routines will be under attack. You'll feel tinglingly alive and refreshed, like a mouthful of the latest mint toothpaste!

Uranus being what it is, if you don't accept changes willingly you will be tumbled into them in an undignified manner. Unexpected events, nice or nasty, deplored or welcomed, find you. Scientific work and new technology are favoured. So are astrology and New Age matters. Anything original and different is under good auspices. You may upset others by being erratic and rebellious but that's too bad. Be prepared to grab unusual opportunities and to make friends with odd but fascinating folk.

On January 21st the Sun conjoins Uranus, setting the scene for the shape of things to come and bringing additional excitement around that time. The girls are likely to find that the men in their lives are unpredictable or knocked off bal-

ance. To add to the uproar, Mars transits Aquarius from January 8th to February 15th, more or less keeping pace with the Sun between February 6th and 15th. Those with birthdays during the latter period are booked for a very active year but all Aquarians should take care not to get into dangerous situations around this time. Once more, the girls may find their menfolk directly affected. Tremendous energy has to find an outlet. Even if you love excitement, have a care.

Saturn starts your Solar year still in Pisces and your 2nd House, suggesting that money is tight or you've got so much that it's a worry! Money is a serious issue either way. Late January/early February forces economy. Around March 19th there is much activity in Pisces denoting financial turmoil, even temporary hardship but, on April 7th, Saturn moves into your 3rd House which should ease financial burdens from then on.

For the rest of the year it is in good aspect to Uranus. Young Aquarians are faced with hard mental slog and much burning of the midnight oil to keep up even if they feel worn out and depressed at times. Older Aquarians take up adult education and get on well. All Aquarians are likely to be helped by mature, serious people. Brothers and sisters may be a pain and no help at all and short distance travel presents problems, probably because of lack of transport.

snowflake which became a snowdrop and a symbol of hope. The bulbs were brought here from Italy by monks and grown around monasteries. That and their whiteness gave them a reputation for holiness. Aquarians, too, have a childlike air of innocence with their clear eyes, light pleasant voices and elfin quality.

As snowdrops flower in February at the Feast of — wait for it! — Purification, they were also known as Candlemas Bells. That's where they and Aquarians part company. Aquarians with their scientific, searching mind, are more likely to be atheists or agnostics than churchgoers.

A sprinkling of snow is delightful and Aquarians are charming but both have a darker side. Avalanches are killers and Aquarius can be a very cruel sign, devoid of pity or emotion. Snow falling heavily is the quietest thing in creation but

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<b>CORRESPONDING TO</b>	JANUARY 20 TO FEBRUARY 19
<b>PRINCIPLE</b>	THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN
<b>ELEMENT</b>	AIR
<b>QUALITY</b>	FIXED
<b>PLANETARY RULER</b>	URANUS
<b>SYMBOL</b>	THE WATER BEARER

relentless and slightly sinister. Aquarians can turn silent, withdrawn and unfathomable.

And now the feet and fingers. (In passing, our fingerprints are another highly individual signature, scientifically acceptable which is what Aquarius likes.) In medical astrology Aquarius rules the circulation. It's the extremities, the fingers and toes, which are most susceptible to cold and frostbite.

Aquarians suffer from cold hands and feet and from anaemia. Ankles are a weak spot and ankles are often affected by poor circulation.

Finally, lucky names. Uranus ruled the sky and Celeste and Selina mean just that. Estelle and Stella are starry. Celtic lore puts Rowan here. Better still, parents should invent names for their Aquarian offspring giving them their prized individuality from the outset.

In *Nicholas Nickleby*, Mrs Kenwigs devised Morleena for her first born. We are never told Morleena's birthday but we could take a bet it was after January 20th and before February 19th when Aquarius shakes the snow off his urn and strolls away.

Pluto spends the year in your 11th House which suggests disruptions in friendships. Those which are outworn will end. In any event, you naturally and easily 'grow away' from people and the good aspect between Uranus and Pluto which is in force all the year encourages you to overhaul your friends. On the other hand, old, half-forgotten friendships could be revived.

You are attracted to powerful, intense people. This house corresponds to your sign (the 11th) which gives a strong Uranian influence. You get involved in humanitarian causes and social work and yet go all out for enjoyment. Luck and opportunities come to you in strange ways. In a more general sense the configuration of Saturn/Uranus/Pluto denotes that, although life won't be easy, you will be able to cope with anything and to keep that famous Aquarian 'cool' come what may.

The end of March and the first three weeks of April are domestically accident prone. Noisy young people or workmen may descend on you. The last week of May and the first 12 days of June are also exciting. An action packed holiday?

On July 25th Uranus is opposed to the Sun in Leo and on the 30th conjunct the Moon. If relations with the partner are already unstable this could be a catalyst. Otherwise, an overwhelming wish to be independent or sudden bolts from the blue.

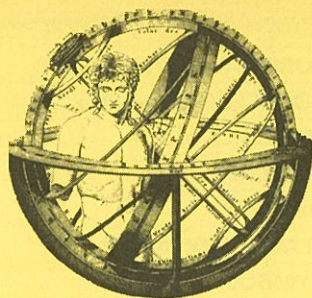
There are important aspects to Uranus around September 11th. For the romantically inclined it could work as strong physical attraction. Others find that mentally they are in peak form and are working tirelessly on new plans. The pressure is on though and stress cannot be ruled out.

Venus is active in mid-December and this ties in with the main message for Aquarians — draw a line under the old and start anew. Consolation, if needed, is that you are looking and feeling attractive and enjoying general popularity.

The last week of December to the end of your Solar year brings a completely different picture. Jupiter and Neptune conjoin in the 12th House. Relax! You will probably be worn out by then and need it! Give the spiritual values a chance. It's an exceptionally helpful configuration for those who have been hurt and are seeking help, religious or mystical. Creative Aquarians can paint, write or compose, knowing that their imaginative powers are at their best. Others can find satisfaction in charitable work.

Mid-January is a quietly enjoyable period despite a possible feeling of lassitude. Those who will not remove their noses from the grindstone and look for the wider prospect will feel confused and vulnerable and not so prepared to face 1997 with all its excitements and promises.

This year is destined to start a turning point in your life.



# BIRTHDAY FORECAST

★ INDICATES AN EXCEPTIONALLY LUCKY 12 MONTHS AHEAD

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| <p><b>1</b> In-laws or other family members try to interfere. Watch budget.</p> <hr/> <p><b>2</b> Marriage plans may go on hold for a short while. Close relationships may feel restrictive.</p> <hr/> <p><b>3</b> Debts will be repaid. If female relatives are difficult, don't suffer unnecessarily.</p> <hr/> <p><b>4</b> Old domestic differences resolved. Change of address is possible.</p> <hr/> <p><b>5</b> Some ambitions are realised. The ★ harder you push the more you will achieve.</p> <hr/> <p><b>6</b> Financial and business benefits likely. Could be domestic upsets.</p> <hr/> <p><b>7</b> Might be best to carry on with what you have rather than start anything new or different.</p> <hr/> <p><b>8</b> Largely favourable except for a short unsettled period between July and October.</p> <hr/> <p><b>9</b> New friendships, or old ones, become closer. Romance can blossom.</p> <hr/> <p><b>10</b> Strongly positive period. Could be a ★ successful and profitable chapter.</p> | <p><b>11</b> Deep emotional drives behind most of what you set out to achieve.</p> <hr/> <p><b>12</b> Much gets done and much gets started but all work and no play doesn't really help.</p> <hr/> <p><b>13</b> Tendency to become less worldly or commercially-minded. Creative interests attract.</p> <hr/> <p><b>14</b> Difficulties in career or employment relationships. A change of job may come about.</p> <hr/> <p><b>15</b> Be careful about what and to whom you confide.</p> <hr/> <p><b>16</b> Excellent for those who prefer to ★ work on their own in creative and artistic fields.</p> <hr/> <p><b>17</b> Difficult to sustain much interest in anything. You feel in a rut.</p> <hr/> <p><b>18</b> Socially, excellent prospects. ★ Business and travel matters could be linked.</p> <hr/> <p><b>19</b> Younger and older folk probably much easier to get along with than middle-aged folk.</p> <hr/> <p><b>20</b> Emotional difficulties likely but gains in other areas.</p> | <p><b>21</b> The more you push the less you achieve. A somewhat tiring period all round.</p> <hr/> <p><b>22</b> More independence is probable and could lead to emotional and social improvements.</p> <hr/> <p><b>23</b> More responsibility will fall on your shoulders. Keep a steady hand on personal finances.</p> <hr/> <p><b>24</b> Judgment and timing above average but a lazy streak also in evidence.</p> <hr/> <p><b>25</b> Leadership qualities show through and the year ends on a mainly ★ successful note.</p> <hr/> <p><b>26</b> Petty bureaucracy, red tape and small-minded types seem to get in your way.</p> <hr/> <p><b>27</b> Emotions are likely to be hard to control. A rather matter-of-fact 12 months.</p> <hr/> <p><b>28</b> Career and occupational matters get a boost and the women in your life seem more co-operative.</p> <hr/> <p><b>29</b> Any domestic extravagances could lead to changes that you really can't afford.</p> |
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## **ALICE NUTTLE**

*I am seeking information about Alice Nuttle who lived in the 17th century. She was put to death for her good deeds and healing and her grave is somewhere in Lancashire, I know. Please can you assist? — A.O. Enfield.*

The name Alice Nuttle does sound familiar but, sadly, I have not been able to trace anything about her so far. There were people called Nuttall, possibly related, who were burned as witches in the 17th century but they appear to have lived elsewhere.

So, if any reader can help, please send the information to me and I will pass it on to this querent.

## **CHINESE SIGNS**

*What are the Chinese astrological signs and exactly*

*how many are there, please? — J.M.K., Southport.*

There are 12 Chinese zodiacal signs but, instead of there being one each month as in Western astrology, each covers a year. However, the Chinese New Year does not begin on January 1st but at the first New Moon following a Full Moon in any given year, so usually falls somewhere between the last week in January and first two weeks of February.

None of the Chinese Year signs has human attributes, all come from the animal kingdom. They are: Rat; Ox; Tiger; Hare; Dragon; Snake; Horse; Sheep; Monkey; Rooster; Dog and Pig.

## **GAY SPELLS**

*Are there any love spells for gay men or women? Or any suggestions on how an in-*

*experienced occult student could perform such a ritual? — P.S., Derby.*

As far as I am aware, there are no rituals specifically for gay men or women because any spell or ritual is usually directed to a person and gender simply does not enter the equation. The exceptions would be rituals where a polarity of sexes — male/female — is necessary but, in the main, it is the object of desire that is all-important. So most rituals would be workable for anyone, irrespective of sexual inclination.

As far as novices are concerned, I would advise buying a book on candle or salt magic as both these can be effective and simple to use.

## **CAT PROTECTION**

*I have a kitten that I will soon let out into the garden and am trying to communicate to her telepathically about keeping away from roads. I would be grateful if you could tell me if there are other occult methods of ensuring her safety apart from imagining a white, protective aura around her. — J.H., Christchurch.*

Every cat has its own protective qualities and is very capable of looking after its own

## graphology

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There is an inner wish to keep others at a mental distance but not a physical one, as the large imaginative loops in the lower zone display. The need for physical expression as well as an appreciation of material things is also conveyed here.

There is an appearance of sudden activation in this writing; it looks a rather restless

disposition is influencing our writer. There is a strong need for change and variety in those lower loops. There is enthusiasm too which one can derive from the longish t-bars. The base-lines are uneven as some of the words rise up and drop down which is evidence of a will-power that is not always too firm, in spite of being basically action oriented.

This writer has a tendency to get into argument and when doing so can retaliate quickly and often successfully. Some of the lines are mixed up divulging a slightly confused mind at times. It is noticeable

that this state of affairs is caused by those very long lower loops.

The more strokes go down to that lower zone, the stronger will be the motivation towards tangibles, earthy and materialistic considerations, especially if the loops are inflated intimating a leaning to sexual matters. I must stress again that long and inflated lower loops do not imply a single drive in amorous escapades alone. One must also take account of the materialistic element.

It may be seen that some of the strokes are rather thready

safety. Interestingly, this protective quality extends from the cat to its owner rather than vice versa, so you need not try to weave a spell of protection around your kitten as it is more likely that she will be doing so for you!

Your cat has more contact with occult forces and vibrations than does a human and, in a curious way, it would be very patronising and certainly undermine her abilities if you tried to use protective spells for her benefit.

It simply is not possible to teach a cat road sense so the best way to look after her is with love and the obvious kinds of care. Your cat's own senses will then come into force. Remember, like humans, cats have a karmic destiny and life-span.

Try not to worry too much when your cat takes inevitable risks, as she will, but by all means put a psychic light around her and then allow her to create her own protective aura as well.

### DISAPPEARING ITEMS

*I've had some strange experiences lately. My hairbrush went missing and I was upset because I'd had it for 15 years. Although I searched*

*my bag, emptying it out completely, I failed to find the brush. Days later I said to my daughter how I wished I had my hairbrush and reached into my bag to find it there, lying on top of all the other contents, although I had searched that bag several times and always have it with me.*

*Something similar occurred last year with a pair of shoes, one of which went missing and reappeared several months later. Other articles, too, have gone missing, only to reappear in the most unlikely places some time later.*

*This is really bothering me as I know I am level-headed and not simply imagining things. What, do you think, is the explanation? — H.M., London.*

The saga of your hairbrush and other articles is a very familiar one and you are certainly not alone in experiencing these strange losses. I can only assure you that if any lost article is intended to turn up again, it most certainly will.

Where such things go in the meantime is another puzzle. However, you should try not to worry about the disappearances because some people

simply seem to attract vibrations that lead to the temporary loss of articles (often keys) which, in the main, return eventually.

It is annoying but, as anyone who has had similar experiences will tell you, once you stop searching and worrying, the missing article usually turns up out of the blue. Often, it seems like the work of naughty children enjoying a prank at your expense.

### APPULSE ECLIPSE

*On my astrological calendar a recent Lunar eclipse was described as Appulse Eclipse. I have no idea what this means, can you explain please? — D.G., Buxton.*

The term is really astronomical rather than directly astrological. It means that, at the time of the eclipse, there was a partial darkening of the Moon's surface, lasting about 1 hour, 47 minutes. There may also have been a coppery-red tinge to the Moon's appearance during that time.

There is another, more general meaning to the term appulse. This refers to the close approach of a planet to a star. However, I feel sure that your calendar reference was to the first explanation given here.

as in word-endings, registering a diplomatic tact in dealings with those around. Added to this, some words have a garland-type of ending which is a feature of a friendly, open receptiveness to the outside world in general.

Nearly hidden away down in the right-hand corner is a little capital I. Consequently our writer possesses a rather cautious type of self-esteem which needs a boost occasionally.

The outside self-presentation is well-placed and successfully acted, covering up that secret self-doubt. A number of t-bars are tied up attesting to a

stratum of determination when in a situation demanding defence.

The attitude of calmness to be seen in Figure 1 is contrasted by the appearance of a rather troubled and roving disposition in Figure 2.

One is able to form a broad idea of the personality from the appearance of movement in a writing but in view of the fact that all messages emanate from the brain in the first place, it will be appreciated that the gestures made will reveal our character and personality make-up. It impresses itself even onto the school copy

learnt when young.

I have stressed a number of times that just because handwriting looks 'nice' or even beautiful, it does not imply any perfection in personality but can often be made by a very doubtful person with nefarious intentions. The forensic study of writing is an exceedingly interesting path along which to proceed but one has to be cautious in this field before attempting it seriously.

Here we have to be contented with the psychological diagnosis. The next time you write a letter, remember that your personality is showing.

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# Strike A Light!

**There are no instant cures to be had from miracle products — or are there? by DAVID STOCKDALE**

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Alright, I admit it, there are no Matches of Sol, they are purely a figment of my imagination. Yet it wouldn't surprise me if someone came up with such a product and began to promote it. And the sad thing is that some people would actually buy it.

The truth, of course, is that genuine success or healing cannot be found in such a product, nor can it be found in any charm or potion. True and lasting success or healing comes from within the individual, from the all-powerful realms of the higher self or spirit. Any problems we have in our lives today are a result of ignoring the guiding light of this higher self in the past; it is pointless blaming other people for them.

This is a philosophy that has been taught by mystics, sages and many religions throughout history, not merely because it is

believed to be true but because it is a truth which can be proved by personal experience. Once we open ourselves to the powerful and guiding light of the spirit we are safe and can achieve anything — even the healing of illnesses in our lives. And, as countless people have attested throughout history, the power of this light can come suddenly and dramatically.

## Self empowerment

I have experienced this sudden power in my own life when I had been ill with depression and anxiety for many years. I opened myself to the light of my own higher self and I was healed instantly and permanently by it. I even found that I had been cured of painful rheumatism for which orthodox medicine says there is no cure. I simply gained power over myself and my problems were instantly at an end.

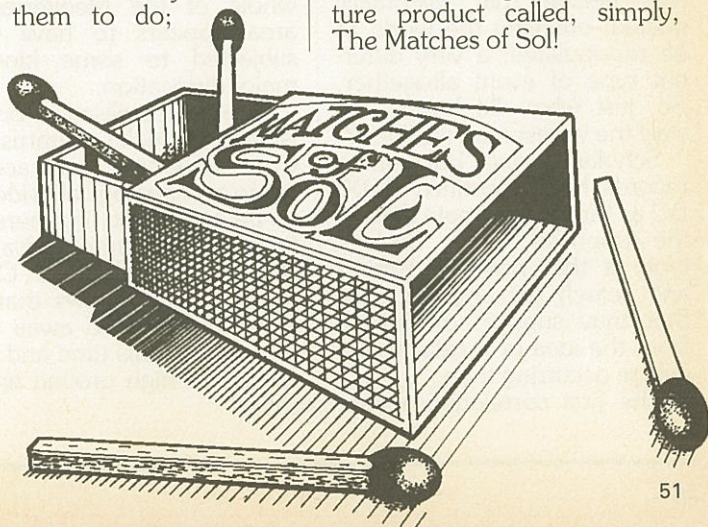
As for gaining power over other people, however, anyone with even the slightest glimmer of light in their souls knows that we're not in this world to make people do what we selfishly want them to do;

we're in this world to live in harmony with and to help each other.

Power — plus money and sex which often go with it — are surely very base and transitory things compared with what is before the soul as it mounts the ladder of evolution. One day we will look back on them as nothing but the playthings of children.

Of course, the lofty realms of the higher self do not always seem easy to reach but, when such is the case, there are some aids we can use to help us achieve our goals. Practices such as genuine yogic meditation or the repetition of positive affirmations, for instance, can help greatly. So can the wisdom of a good book or the assistance of a genuine spiritual healer.

But, at the end of the day, the real light we must rely on to overcome any problem permanently or to achieve anything truly worthwhile in life is an inner one. Without that light we are merely struggling in the dark and laying ourselves open to all sorts of less salutary lights — perhaps, one day, even to the impotent light of some future product called, simply, The Matches of Sol!



# Deluged by Memories

**There is much evidence from many cultures that the Great Flood of Biblical times was a real event. But could it happen again?**

Throughout the world there are legends that tell of the Great Flood, a universal deluge that nearly wiped out humanity. Best known of these tales in the West is that of Noah but there are other very similar tales.

Some of these were written much earlier, such as that recounted in the *Epic of Gilgamesh* which seems to refer to the same event. Are these just tales to rationalise the loss of some supposed, past 'Golden Age' or real memories of a devastating worldwide deluge?

It has been theorised that the Flood legends refer to the rise in sea level that occurred at the end of the last Ice Age, 8,000 years ago. However, this would mean that an ongoing oral tradition had endured for 3,000 years until its recording in writing in the *Epic of Gilgamesh*.

Although this cannot be discounted completely, the post Ice Age events were a gradual inundation of lowlands that were not recovered whereas the Flood legends are of a massive deluge that eventually abated, enabling the world to be repopulated; a very different type of event altogether. So, just what did happen to start the widespread tradition?

Scholars using Babylonian records have identified 3100 BC as the approximate date of the supposed Flood. So let's look at that point in history and search for any evidence that may support or detract from the idea of a cataclysmic deluge occurring then.

The first correlation is that

the area now occupied by Iraq — that is, between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers — was subject to severe flooding at this time, caused by heavy rainfall and swollen rivers but on a greater scale than usual. These floods left a deposit of mud 25ft deep and would have completely covered the area occupied by the early civilisation of Sumer.

To the people of the time the whole world must have seemed submerged. Indeed, this terrible episode could have made such an impression that when writing was initiated in Sumer at around the same time it simply had to be recorded. The tale would subsequently spread with civilisation, traders, travellers and explorers to become rooted in the legendary histories of many cultures.

## Plausible

The above seems plausible, but there must be more to it than that because more disturbing evidence has come to light. Around 3100 BC the whole of the Mediterranean area appears to have been subjected to some kind of major dislocation.

Neolithic civilisation on the islands of Malta, Cyprus and Crete came to an end, according to archaeological evidence, to be succeeded in course of time by the more advanced Bronze Age cultures. In Crete, evidence also shows that the inhabitants moved away from the coast at this time and took refuge on high ground and in caves.

Approximately the same time saw the rise of Egyptian and Sumerian civilisation and the introduction of writing in the latter. So what is the significance of this remarkable convergence of significant events in the Mediterranean area?

Did some towering tidal wave sweep over Malta, Cyprus and Crete, causing a major dislocation of the cultures there? Did a rapid reconstruction of civilisation after the deluge result in a building boom, perhaps a desire for more permanent structures and the recording of events, a reaction to the seemingly vulnerable pre-Flood civilisation?

## Difficulty

One difficulty with this idea is that the 'tidal wave' would have swept from one end of the Mediterranean to the other and would surely have affected the whole perimeter of the Mediterranean not just the islands within it. Perhaps a more plausible explanation of this evidence is that the emerging 'super' civilisations of Egypt and Sumer took slaves from their 'inferior' neighbours, thus disrupting their culture, possibly to extinction.

The lure of the new civilisations may even have drawn people from the islands in search of better opportunities. However, the Cretan evidence would perhaps favour the former explanation. And there the subject might easily have rested were it not for the fact that other extraordinary things happened farther afield at this same point in time.

Far to the West, in Central America, the Mayan civilisation commenced its calendrical system in 3114 BC based on a very accurately measured year of 365 days. Is there any significance in this?

Perhaps dislocated peoples

from the Middle East found their way across the Atlantic and became instrumental in the setting up of this sophisticated feature of Mayan life. Or maybe some cataclysm occurred that was of such magnitude that to survive it would be to found a new world and civilisation, in effect a new beginning, a 'year zero.'

The remarkable fact remains that cultures and civilisations all over the world appear to have ended or begun at about 3100 BC which also coincides with the approximate date of the fabled Flood. But what sort of natural event could have made such an impact on Neolithic civilisation?

## Iceland

The answer may lie far to the North in Iceland, for here lies evidence of a major seismic event at this time. According to radiocarbon dating of tree remains from an Icelandic lava flow, the rift valley that cuts into the island was formed between 3100-3000 BC, part of a major 'split' that occurred in the Mid Atlantic Ridge at this time.

This is reminiscent of the Norse tradition of the *Widgardsora*, 'the world serpent lying on the sea bed' which, when stirring, 'is the cause of earthquakes.' Nigel

Pennick, in *Lost Lands*, likens this to the serpentine Mid Atlantic Ridge which is indeed seismically active.

Perhaps, then, a major series of 'domino effect' seismic events occurred along the ridge, with disastrous results. Certainly there are many volcanoes along the ridge and some limited tidal wave activity could have occurred on both sides of the Atlantic. Yet the truth may be slightly different.

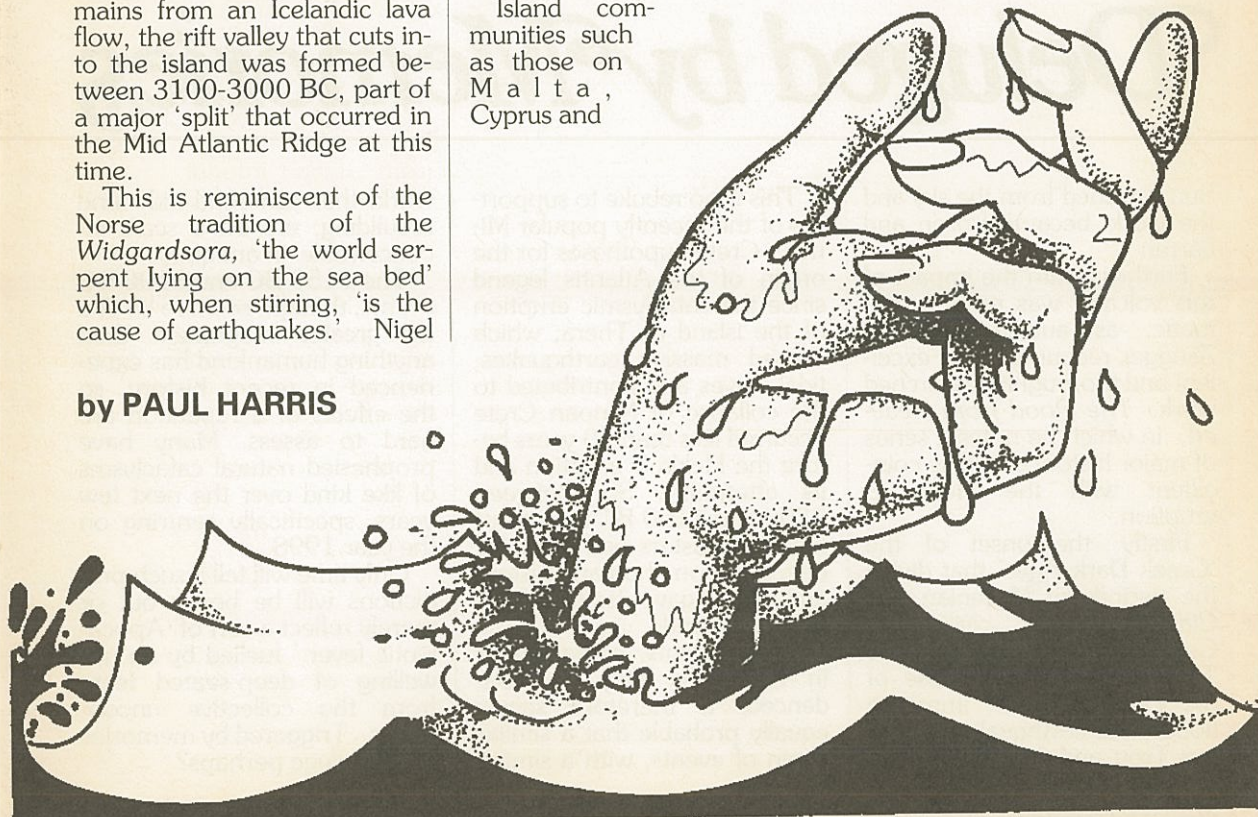
The major cause of the supposed catastrophe could have been volcanic dust suspended in the atmosphere. This could have the effect of a temporary cooling of the climate, bouts of very heavy rainfall, sunshine obscured for a long period with resultant crop failures, starvation, population movements resulting in wars and the setting up of new colonies and civilisations.

Island communities such as those on Malta, Cyprus and

Crete might perish, low-lying countries might be submerged under unusually heavy flooding caused by the atmosphere being saturated with volcanic dust, acting as nuclei for a good few raindrops, hence the Flood! The Flood probably occurred in the area now occupied by Iraq, as we have seen, so it is highly feasible that the story subsequently spread around the world and found its way into Biblical tradition.

So, is such a disaster conceivable? The answer to this must be yes since it has happened once in recorded history since 3100 BC. In approximately 1150 BC a massive eruption of Mount Hekla in Iceland occurred, throwing billions of tons of ash high into the Earth's atmosphere. The

by PAUL HARRIS



effects were devastating.

Sunlight was blocked for years, the climate sharply deteriorated for the following two decades, being cooler and wetter (and at first presumably darker) than normal. In Northern Scotland crops failed, starvation ensued and a Southward movement of peoples resulted in many skirmishes and tribal clashes right down into present day England and Wales.

Harvests were affected throughout the Northern Hemisphere and the events of the time gave rise to the Nordic notion of the 'Fimbulwinter' as recorded in the Finnish epic the *Kalevala*. This tells of a time when the Hungarians and Finns were still united (some 3000 years ago - just right for the 1150 BC event) when 'the

20-year climatic deterioration to colder, wetter conditions.

Around the world there is much scientific evidence of the effects of the Hekla eruption. Ice cores taken from the Greenland ice-cap show that rain and snowfall were highly acidic at that time; Icelandic tree rings disappear altogether; in Mesopotamia an increase in temperature and aridity occurred; and there is evidence of unusual weather and ash rains in China.

Zangger makes an extremely good case, too, for Plato's story of Atlantis actually referring to the fate of Troy. He theorises that the war between Greece and Atlantis was really the Trojan War and the Atlantic Ocean, where Atlantis was located, was in reality the Black Sea.

cause but perhaps on an even larger and more dramatic scale, occurred around 3100 BC.

The 1200/1150 BC events gave rise to a variety of legends such as the fall of Troy, the *Iliad* and *Odyssey*, the sinking of Atlantis, etc that roughly divided the Bronze and Iron Ages of world history. Similarly, the 3100 BC events did the same in respect of the division between the Neolithic and Bronze Ages (broadly speaking) and the creation of the Flood legend.

So, could it all happen again? Certainly disasters of great magnitude still happen, as the recent earthquakes in Japan and California serve to remind us. However, they have less long-term impact on our more organised, integrated

# Deluged by Memories

Sun vanished from the sky and the world became frozen and barren.'

Further South the impact of this volcano was no less dramatic, as author Eberhard Zangger recounts in his excellent and thoroughly researched work, *The Flood from Heaven*, in which he notes a series of major historical events coincident with the Hekla 3 eruption.

Firstly, the onset of the 'Greek Dark Ages' that divide the periods of Mycenaean and Classical Greek civilisation. Coinciding with that were the Trojan Wars, the collapse of the Hittite empire, immense floods and earthquakes affecting Troy and Mycenae and a

This is no rebuke to supporters of the recently popular Minoan Crete hypotheses for the origin of the Atlantis legend since the cataclysmic eruption of the island of Thera, which caused massive earthquakes, tidal waves and contributed to the collapse of Minoan Crete occurred less than 50 years before the Hekla 3 eruption and its aftermath. So, between 1200 and 1150 BC a series of natural disasters had dramatic effects upon human history and maybe gave rise to the Atlantean legend.

These events, being nearer in time, are fairly well evidenced. It therefore seems equally probable that a similar chain of events, with a similar

world that can send aid, fund rebuilding, etc on a scale inconceivable in antiquity.

The 1150 BC and 3100 BC events, though, seem to be of a far greater magnitude than anything humankind has experienced in recent history, so the effects of a repetition are hard to assess. Many have prophesied natural cataclysms of like kind over the next few years, specifically centring on the year 1998.

Only time will tell if such predictions will be borne out or merely reflect a sort of 'Apocalyptic fever,' fuelled by an upwelling of deep-seated fears from the collective unconscious. Triggered by memories of the deluge perhaps?



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# DREAM MEANINGS



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## POSITIVE THINKING

### THE DREAM

A CLAIRVOYANT INVITES me in for a reading. She wraps her arms around me, places her mouth over mine and asks me to shout 'no.' Then she asks me, 'what is the most perfect thing in your life?'

### THE MEANING

YOU are in need of revival; the process of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and squeezing is an attempt to get you 'breathing' again. The dream is telling you to be more positive, to look at the good things in life and not dwell on the negative.

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## THE SEARCH

### THE DREAM

WHILE LOOKING FOR my room I find myself in a hall with many people carrying papers but I can't understand what they are saying. Then I stop someone to ask about my room and, grudgingly, he tells me it is number 47.

### THE MEANING

THIS search for your room seems to relate to uncertainty about your future. The hall represents the outside world where you have no base (your room) but drift among others expecting them to define your space — your room number.

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## STRANDED

### THE DREAM

I AM ON a dingy beach with dirty/muddy sand. Around me are lots of small, ugly dead fish which I try to throw back into shallow pools left by the receding tide.

### THE MEANING

A beach is a place of transition and a point of balance between

by SOPHIA DANIEL

**Gods and goddesses are extremely symbolic since this is the original purpose of their existence. Human nature needed names for certain energies and types of experience so created anthropomorphic images to explain them. Examining the many pantheons will illustrate the parallels: each has its father, mother and son; its shadow, scryer, oracle, mystic, priest, healer, etc. Each of which represents an aspect of archetypal energy.**

your stability, the land, and your emotions, the sea. It's an ugly place where you have no desire to be.

The fish represent things rising from your unconscious mind — all your doubts and fears — and you want to send these back where they belong.

Like a fish out of water, you are uncomfortable about facing up to these difficulties.

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## AT ODDS

### THE DREAM

I AM AT a pub where I used to work. It is sunny and the door opposite the bar is open. The bar begins to fill with people I know plus some strangers. Then I notice that some of the customers are dead yet this doesn't seem to bother me or any of the other onlookers.

### THE MEANING

YOU are in a group environment. Here the people could be aspects of yourself. It seems that you are at odds with yourself about a part of you that needed to die, to be sloughed off and buried. On one level

you feel sympathetic but on another you feel that you should be more distressed at the loss.

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## ALIENATION

### THE DREAM

I AM IN bed in a room where three colleagues are sitting. One, whom I don't recognise, is Japanese. Another asked, 'when are you leaving?' and I replied, 'in about 18 months.' The Japanese girl tells me I am a very sad person.

### THE MEANING

THE bed represents a place of retreat and the colleagues probably symbolise your future circumstances. It appears to be an alien environment, as indicated by the Japanese girl. This alien aspect warns you that you will not be happy in this new space.

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## CLAIRVOYANTS

### THE DREAM

I WAS IN Spain and the weather was dull. I asked if there were any clairvoyants around and, as I approached them, the skies cleared and the weather brightened. There were several clairvoyants sitting on toilets in cubicles, I chose one to give me a reading for 174 pesetas.

### THE MEANING

YOU are in need of revival: everything in your life seems dull, gloomy and depressed even when you move to somewhere more exotic. You are being advised to examine your attitudes and to contact your internal wisdom, hence the visit to a clairvoyant, this will not even cost much.

The fact that the clairvoyants are sitting on toilet seats indicates a need to let go of all unwanted views and ideas.

The appearance of ghosts can often be traced back to emotive and violent events. Indeed, although there are recorded instances of benign ghosts, the majority of hauntings do appear to have a backdrop of violence.

It would seem to follow, therefore, that battlefields — the ultimate scenario for violent passion and rage — should be among the most haunted locations in the world. This is certainly true in the case of England and, more particularly, in respect of the English Civil War of 1642-45. Each of its three major battles of the conflict gave rise to hauntings which are difficult to dismiss as mere flights of fancy.

The first great battle of the Civil War, between the 'Cavaliers' of Charles I and Parliament's 'Roundheads,' took place on October 23rd 1642 at Edgehill, near Kineton in Warwickshire. The outcome was indecisive but the Cavaliers, who occupied the battlefield at the end of the day, claimed victory.

With the protagonists preparing to go into Winter quarters, there the matter rested until shortly after midnight on Christmas Saturday 1642 when, as later reported in a contemporary pamphlet, a party of local shepherds heard 'the sound of drums afar off and the noise of soldiers, as it were giving out their last groans.' The unwilling witnesses of the phenomena were then treated to a spectral re-enactment of the battle.

On the next night, the same thing happened. On this occasion a Justice of the Peace and a minister attested to the 'adverse armies, fighting with as much spite and spleen as formerly.'

### Investigation

On hearing of these proceedings the King, who was then at Oxford, was so moved that he sent a party of officers to investigate. They too saw the apparitions and were able

to identify many of the ghostly participants including Sir Edmund Verney who had been killed and Prince Rupert who was still very much alive.

Among the so-called rational explanations proposed for this curious episode is that the phenomena were the product of mass hallucination caused by a cocktail of food poisoning and superstition. The 'poison' may have originated from grain infected by ergot fungus which, if concentrated in bread, has been known to cause madness or, in extreme cases, death.

Less harmful poisoning

of the battle, Verney's ghost returns to Edgehill in search of the Royal colours which had been entrusted to his care.

The Battle of Marston Moor, involving some 45,000 combatants, was easily the largest Civil War battle. It was also one of the shortest, starting at 7.00pm on July 2nd 1644 and finishing by nightfall. At first, the battle went in favour of the Cavaliers but as a result of decisive action by Sir David Leslie (and often unfairly attributed to Cromwell) the tide turned in the Roundheads' favour.

The Cavaliers were swept

# BATTLE LINES

by DAVID CLARK

**Haunted battlefields are fairly common, especially from the period of the English Civil War.**

might also occur via the consumption of locally-produced ale. In such cases, the watered down symptoms would include mild hallucination. In 17th century England men, women and children often consumed liberal quantities of ale so it is possible that the King's investigators partook of the Kineton brew which worked upon them in the same way.

Among the ghosts still encountered upon the battlefield of Edgehill is that of Sir Edmund Verney. To the historian, Verney's death is doubly unfortunate because he was a keen diarist and doubtless would have provided a valuable first-hand account of this and succeeding battles.

The King's standard-bearer, Verney was struck down in the closing stages of the battle and the precious standard captured. Such was his vice-like grip on the banner, even in death, that it could be taken from his grasp only by severing his hand. According to local tradition, upon the anniversary

from the field, leaving only the Marquis of Newcastle's elite infantry brigade, the Whitecoats, intact. Rejecting all calls to surrender, they fought on, dying where they stood in an enclosure known to this day as White Syke Close. Little wonder, then, that apparitions of these white-coated heroes are still seen — sometimes singly, at others in small groups — wandering along the lonely tracks bordering their last resting place.

A particularly graphic account resulted from a 1932 sighting by two motorists who described the shoulder-length hair and wide-brimmed hats sporting cockades worn by the apparitions. This battle, too, has been fought over and over again in the skies by phantom armies.

Although the Royalist cause suffered irreparable damage at Marston Moor, King Charles mustered the remnants of his once proud army to wager all on one last battle which took place at Naseby in Northamp-

tonshire on June 16th 1645. Prior to the battle the King took lodgings at the Wheat-sheaf Inn in Daventry and, on two successive nights, was awakened by the apparition of the Earl of Strafford, his loyal adviser, sacrificed four years earlier in a futile attempt to appease his master's critics.

Carrying his loyalty to Charles beyond the grave (and some would say, a little too far in view of the unfortunate circumstances of his demise), the Earl's apparition spoke, warning the King to defer any engagement with the Roundhead army. Hearing Charles' voice, his attendants burst into his bedchamber to find him alone, bewildered and dishevelled. Pale and perspiring, he dismissed it all as a frightful dream.

The following night, however, the phantom Earl appeared once more, on this occasion more vehement in his request that the King should tarry no longer in Northamptonshire. Although Charles again made light of the incident, it cannot have helped to bolster the vacillating monarch's failing resolution. As it turned out, the ghostly advice had been sound for, owing to one of Prince Rupert's famous impetuous cavalry charges which went disastrously wrong, the Battle of

Naseby was lost — and with it the Royalist cause.

As with Edgehill and Marston Moor, the Battle of Naseby was re-enacted in the skies. On June 16th each year for a century afterwards, people from miles around would gather to see and hear what became known as the 'Naseby Phenomenon.'

It is, perhaps, suggestive that similar hauntings have been reported in modern times in connection with little-known Civil War battlefields too. For example, on the morning of December 24th 1943, a group of farm labourers, temporarily housed in a caravan in the Northamptonshire village of Grafton Regis, were discovered cowering in their beds. It transpired that they had been awakened in the early hours by the thunder of horses' hooves and the cries of men in battle, in what they knew to be an empty field.

What they could not have known, however, was that their caravan occupied what had been the site of a battle between Roundheads and Cavaliers when Major General Philip Skippon for Parliament, laid siege to Grafton Regis Manor House, held by Sir John Digby for the King. The Manor

House had held out for three days before being overrun by the besieging forces on

December 24th 1643.

A similar instance involving a minor skirmish concerns the Dorset village of Poyntington. Here, on June 3rd 1643, a small, poorly armed group of farm labourers

led by 20-year-old Baldwin Malet son of Sir Thomas Malet the leading local landowner, challenged a strong Roundhead force marching on nearby Wincanton.

Malet's men were cut to pieces, their remains being tossed into a water-meadow where they were covered with earth by the villagers. From time to time the ghosts of this little band of Royalist sympathisers are seen setting out on their hopeless mission. It was such confrontations as this, as much as the great set-piece battles, which decided the outcome of the Civil War.

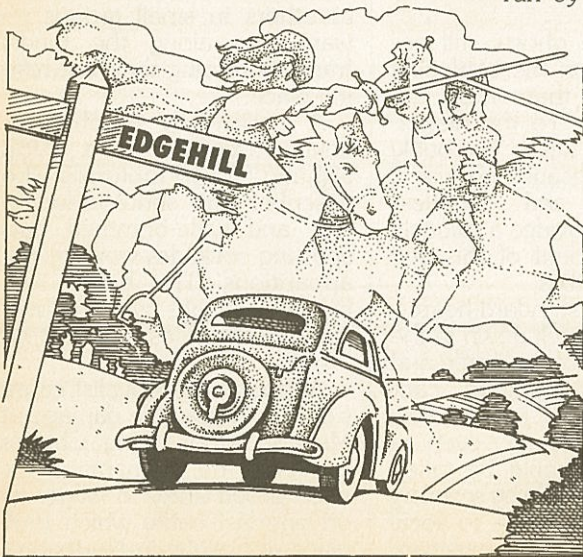
## Images

So, can all of these hauntings, several of which contain many common features, be dismissed as essentially products of overactive imaginations? A century ago, founder-member of the Society of Psychical Research, F. W. H. Myers, discovered that hauntings were related not so much to people as to places and theorised that ghosts were 'images' created in the past by a mental act.

Certainly, the collective emotive power generated on a battlefield would be sufficient to create a snapshot rich in detail and clarity, such as those which appear to have been 'developed' at English Civil War battle sites, great and small.

While it is easy to retain a healthy objectivity from the comfort of one's armchair, regular visitors to Civil War battlefields are inclined to be less sceptical. Members of the Sealed Knot Society which stages mock Civil War battles have often remarked on the uncanny sensation of being jostled by unseen companions.

And the solitary rambler, traversing the narrow lanes of Edgehill, Marston Moor or Naseby, in the fading light of a Winter's afternoon, rarely manages to complete his/her journey without casting several uneasy glances over his shoulder.





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# LETTERS



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WHILE RESEARCHING MY book, *How to Earn Money from your Personal Computer*, I came across many advertisements for predictive computer programs. These ranged from creating birth charts to reading palms and Tarot cards.

Naturally my interest was how people used these programs to make money in small business ventures. But it would be interesting to know whether they are regarded by professionals as accurate tools or whether traditional ways are better. (I imagine that using a crystal ball is something than can only be done the 'old' way, for example!)

Do other readers have any

views about whether the new technology is a help or hindrance?

Chester Polly Bird

*If readers do have opinions they would like to pass on to Polly, write to the Editorial Offices and we will forward your letters. Ed.*

## ALL-HEALING BOUGH

I WAS INTERESTED to read Nahme Hawke's dissertation on mistletoe 'The Healing Bough' in the December edition.

However, despite references throughout to Druidry and the herb's powers as an antispasmodic, no mention was made of mistletoe's actual medicinal qualities which account for its

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Joan,  
a Druid and healer

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**B**read is often considered to be the main article of diet — at least in corn-growing countries. And of all foods prepared and made by human hands, few are surrounded by so many ancient beliefs and omens.

The superstitions start right at the beginning of the bread-making process with the sowing of the seed. Before farmers had really discovered how to treat and fertilise the soil, they had to resort to other methods to try to ensure that the grain would flourish properly.

So a fresh hen's egg or a piece of newly-made wheaten bread was placed under the blade of the plough before even the first furrow was made. This was believed to induce the power of growth into the soil and therefore help ultimately to produce a good harvest.

The very first men to plough up the earth were often afraid that they were tampering with nature by disturbing the soil so numerous superstitions arose connected with the act of ploughing. For instance, in order to protect a plough from lightning, it was thought necessary to singe a few hairs from the ox assigned to draw the plough. However, should any plough be struck by lightning its wood should never be used to make a new one.

Sometimes a piece of the Yule log was incorporated into the plough in the belief that this would make the seeds thrive. But if a man forgot a furrow while ploughing, it was expected that some kind of misfortune would befall a member of his family.

When the seeds began to sprout, they had to be protected. Those who had any infection of the lungs were not allowed to go near the fields of grain, nor were women who had recently given birth.

There were also many interesting old superstitions connected with the actual making of bread. In Herefordshire, for example, should a young lady who was busy kneading bread

rub her dough-covered hands over the face of a boy, it was believed that he would never grow whiskers.

In the Middle Ages, housewives had an innate fear of evil spirits entering the oven and spoiling a batch of bread or cakes. To combat this, every loaf of bread, cake or bun was carefully marked with a cross before being baked. This custom still survives in Good Friday's Hot Cross Buns.

Many years ago, people believed that the first loaf made from the last sheaf of corn to be reaped possessed magical powers. It protected those who ate it from misfortune and ill-health. In view of its great importance, such a loaf was usually made, accompanied by

cause if it split accidentally she would not marry during that year. In some areas, though, it meant a quarrel in the family.

It used to be thought very unlucky, especially by sailors, to cut a loaf upside-down by accident and even more unlucky to do it deliberately. For every loaf so handled, the result could be either a ship lost at sea, the breadwinner of the house becoming ill or the Devil himself flying over the loaf — and who knew what that would mean? Equally ominous was to cut a loaf at both ends or to take hold of it when it was being cut by another person.

To throw away bread was regarded as sacrilege and, in some places, every crumb had to be consumed before any

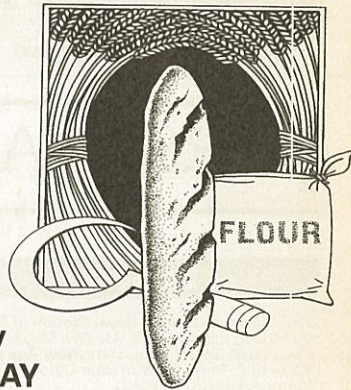
## STAFF OF LIFE

### There are many legends surrounding our daily bread.

special ceremonies, by the farmer's wife herself. When it was baked, it was customary for a small piece to be given to every living creature in the house, right down to the animals. In certain areas, a piece of this special loaf was left in the field in which the next year's crop was likely to be grown.

Bread was used to cure many different ills, especially by country people. Toasted bread steeped in water was a remedy for headaches and colic. Mixed to a paste with crushed garlic and pepper and applied to the face it could be used to relieve neuralgia and toothache. But the strongest medicines of all were made from bread baked on Good Friday. A slice of this grated into a cup of water was used to cure dysentery and diarrhoea.

It was very important that a young girl should be careful when handling a new loaf be-



by  
**MAY  
BURTON**

more bread could be baked.

The belief in the magical qualities of the Good Friday loaves was so strong in parts of the West Country that people often kept one of the batch to suspend from the ceiling as a general protection against evil. It was replaced by a new one the following Good Friday. A Hot Cross Bun left under the pillow of a baby would keep the Devil at bay and ensure a good night's sleep for everyone in the house, thus making a perfect end to the day.

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recorded a certain event), it also lays the basis for a belief in an immortal soul. If morphic fields are eternal in nature and indestructible and they contain our consciousness, then the psyche of each one of us is also equally immortal, eternal and indestructible.

Furthermore, the advent of the particular frequency that is the signature of each of us also opens the door for a peculiar sort of reincarnation. If our signature frequency were to be superimposed upon that of another living being of roughly equal mass, then that being would instantly be transformed into ourselves! Not a copy of

This is recognised by the Buddhist monks of Tibet who firmly acknowledge the reincarnation of their Dalai Lama after his death, in a younger body. It may also explain the tales of shape-shifting that exist among the shamen of the Hopi Indians in America, certain African tribes and the myths and traditions of werewolves we have in Northern Europe.

### Significant

Even more significantly, this ability to emulate or approach new vibrational frequencies through the sheer discipline of mental effort also lends cre-

120 pounds of sand and bring back to life your long dead grandmother.

The scientific name for this is entelechy. This is an old word first used in the philosophy of Aristotle in 600 BC to denote the principle of life and it is identified with the soul or psyche. Vitalist biologists who accept this principle see entelechy as giving an organism its own internal purpose and suggest that it defines the end towards which it develops.

What it suggests of course is that even with the power to bring the dead back to life, theoretically within our grasp, we're a long way from becom-

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# MORPHIC FIELDS

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ourselves but literally us. Complete with thoughts, pet hates and emotions. If we were dead, then that would constitute coming back to life and, if we were still living, our consciousness would simultaneously inhabit two bodies!

### Magic door of probability

Naturally this is sheer scientific exposition at this stage. Verifying the existence of these morphic fields, mapping their vibrational frequency and then finding a way to exactly reproduce it are possibilities that lie, at present, firmly within the realm of science fiction.

But the very fact that they're probable also points out another interesting result. If there was to be a similarity of vibrational frequency between a dead man and a living one, either because a similar mental or physical state had been reached, then a superimposition would occur that would amount to possession or reincarnation.

dence to the efficacy of spells. The rigorous preparation undergone by the witch in order to effect the casting of a spell engenders a state of mind whose vibrational frequencies must surely be totally different to that of everyday.

With all this probable, you may think, there's nothing stopping us, once the technicalities have been ironed out, from becoming our own gods.

Not only will we be able to bring the dead to life but, also perhaps, experiment with the frequencies to engender new and weird life-forms. Sadly, the case is patently not so. Were we able to overcome all technical difficulties tomorrow, we would still be constrained by a number of real problems. We could bring to life anyone we liked, yes! But at the expense of someone living already.

Apparently one of the limiting principles of morphic field theory is that life cannot be created. You could not for instance change the frequency of

ing the kind of gods we worship.

We could, at best, approximate their abilities. Mechanically learn to apply scientifically determined, esoteric principles to play at transforming life. But the universe around us, its purpose and ultimate existence, and the very principle of life, the question 'why?' would continue to elude us.

That means that we must still search for our own sense of purpose. Look for our own definition of the meaning of life. Knowing that no matter how far science advances the mystery will continue. Our journey will be undertaken only in personal terms.

And that reassurance, emerging from the seedling of a scientific theory as it has, is surely the best hope of all. The proof that there still exists a realm which we may only aspire to discover. And when we do, we'll then be at one with the creating force that made the universe.

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THIS SO CALLED 'practical guide to shamanism' for the urban Western 'shaman' is typical of a large number of books that cater for this latest product of New Age spirituality. It mixes bits and pieces from Eastern religions, indigenous cultures and ancient European mythology to offer a 'shamanic' package which will be alluring to its potential market.

In fact the contents are familiar to all such books: techniques on so-called shamanic journeying, using shamanic tools (borrowed from Native American religion), power animals, medicine wheels, plus the usual New Age version of chakras and balancing energies.

As an added bonus, there are some

idiosyncratic theories thrown in about human evolution.

With the present interest in shamanism, real and imaginary, there will be a readership for this book and others in the same genre. — M.H.

## TWELVE CHANNELS OF THE I CHING

by Myles Seabrook  
(Blandford, £9.99)

THIS IS YET another updating, or perhaps 'revamping' of the 5000-year-old Chinese oracle for today's busy, sophisticated, designer generation. The author decided to strip away the obscure imagery of the original text derived from a forgotten culture in order that the querent may solve his/her problem in a trice without an unnecessary pause for thought or reflection.

Thus we are given the familiar 64 hexagrams aligned with 12 new perspectives or 'channels' from which to view the question, including Ambition, Innocence, Service and Creativity. The coins are thrown and the appropriate hexagram and moving lines noted in the usual way but the advice offered is supposedly precise, concise and free from any ambiguity.

As an example, I posed the question, 'Will this book be any use to this reviewer?' and received the answer,

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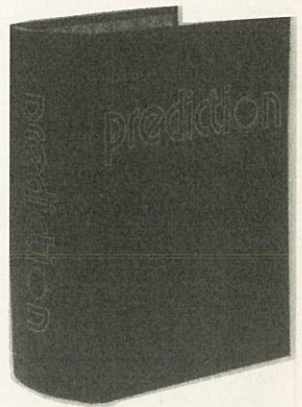
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