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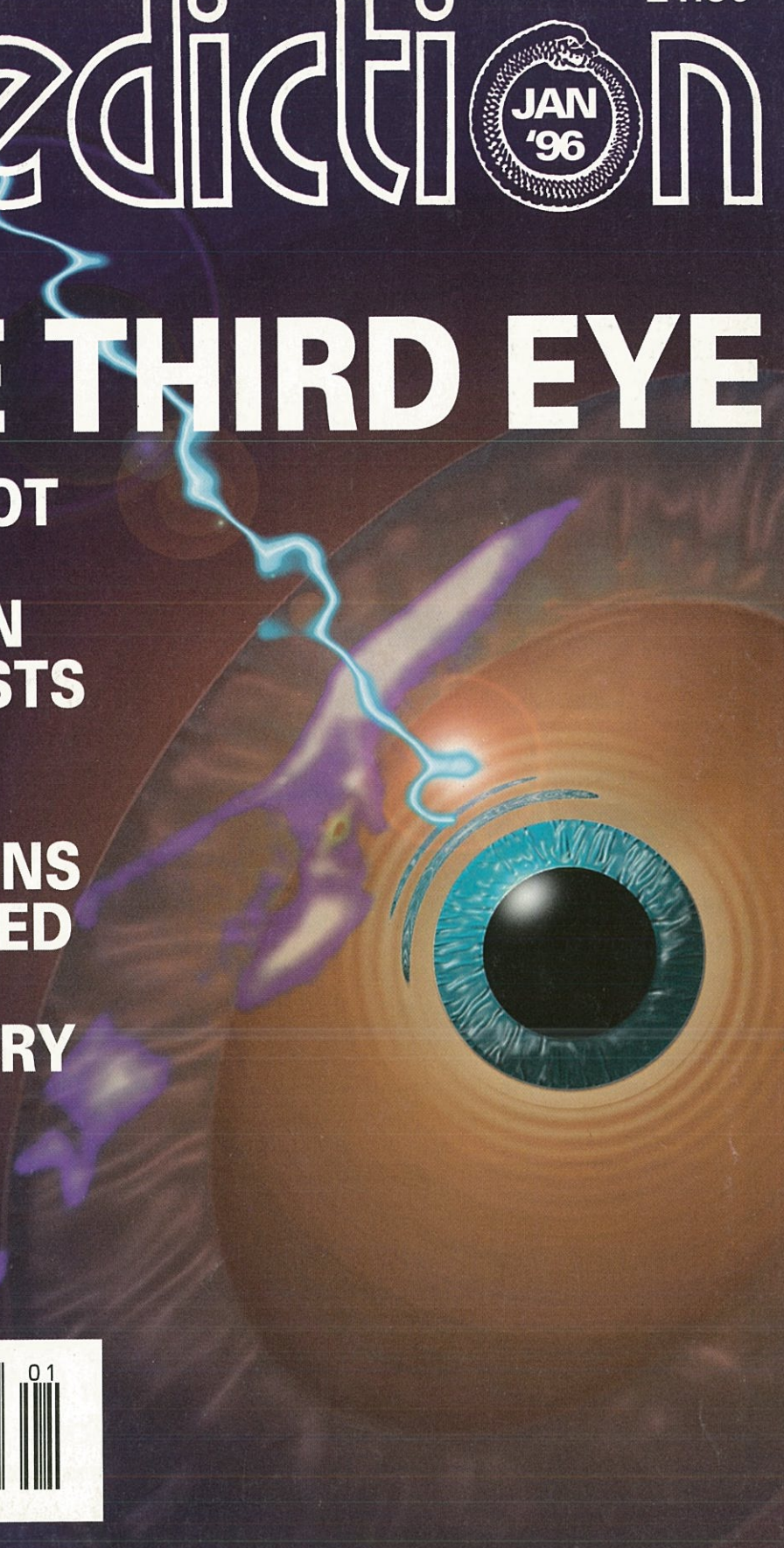
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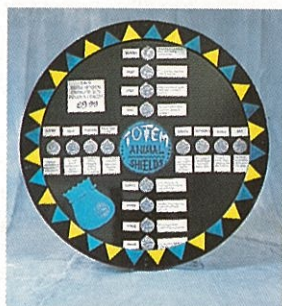


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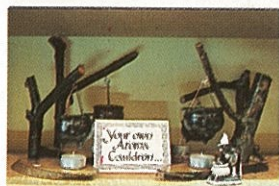
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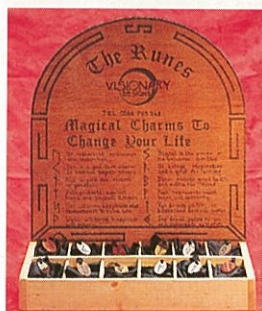
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HOW TO WIN IN LIFE

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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*.

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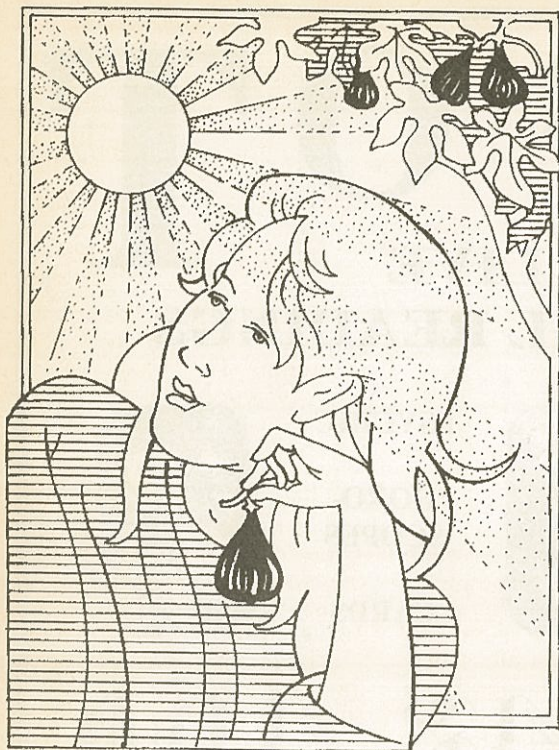


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Some of the world's most ancient legends, the Indian Vedas dating back 4000 years, contain references to a seemingly absurd idea. This is the notion that we possess not two but three eyes! One old Sanskrit source calls this third eye the Eye of Enlightenment, describing it as, 'the granter of divine knowledge, as lustrous as the light of all suns shining at one and the same time.'

Until the present century these writings were usually interpreted as being figurative or metaphorical. The 'third eye' was thought to be a spiritual faculty which an adept might cultivate by meditation and prayer.

Medical research in the last 40 years or so has, however, revealed the astonishing truth; that this third eye is no mere figment of Eastern fancy but a real and essential organ of our physical bodies without which we would be incapable of rational thought.

On the face of it, this seems preposterous. Surely all the an-

imals of the world, with the exception of a few primitive insects, have two eyes? Well, actually, no. On a small island off the coast of New Zealand exists a strange creature that is, to all intents and purposes, a living fossil: the tuatara.

This creature is the sole surviving member of the class of reptiles known as sphenodonts. All the other sphenodonts became extinct with the rest of the dinosaurs

around 70 million years ago. But the tuatara has, incredible though this may seem, survived unchanged since at least the Jurassic Era.

Its survival provides us with a unique opportunity to study the habits and physiology of some of our earliest ancestors. In appearance the tuatara is not unlike a large, ungainly lizard whose most remarkable feature is a patch of transparent membrane stretched across the top of its head.

The pineal

Beneath this may be seen a pinkish-grey, bulbous protuberance which juts out from the creature's brain. This light-sensitive organ, in effect a third eye, is called the pineal body.

It is now believed that the pineal body or gland was the evolutionary forerunner of the true eye, a 'trial run' by nature, as it were. Examination of fossils suggests that most animals at one time had cleft skulls with an opening for the pineal gland to gather light.

In fact, it is still easily accessi-

ble to light in some modern species. Frogs, for example, use their pineals as wavelength discriminators. Certain frequencies of light trigger different nervous responses automatically.

The pineal gland is not, however, restricted to reptiles and amphibians. Buried deep within the most primitive part of the human brain is a tiny ball of tissue about a quarter of an inch long. This is the pineal body, known medically as the epiphysis cerebra.

Now the human pineal gland has been the subject of much legend and speculation over the centuries. In the 4th century BC Herophilus, a Greek anatomist, said that the pineal gland was, 'the valve which regulates the flow of thought.' Descartes, the famous French philosopher, declared it to be, 'the seat of the rational soul.'

Until 1958 it was uncertain if the pineal gland actually performed any useful function in man or whether it might just be a vestigial, essentially useless organ like the appendix. Indeed, nobody knew for sure if it even was a gland, that is to say a secretor of hormones.

In 1958 Aaron Lerner, an American scientist, discovered that the pineal really is a gland. He found that it produced a hormone which he named melatonin, that controls the spread of melanin, the pigment which gives colour to our hair and skin.

Interestingly, the pineal manufactures melatonin from serotonin. In fact it turned out that the pineal is the body's reservoir for serotonin. This was a staggering revelation because serotonin, a neuro-transmitter, is the chemical which, to put it bluntly, enables us to think.

In the absence of serotonin, messages cannot be transmitted clearly through the brain. Schizophrenics for instance, have an imbalance in the production and distribution of this vital substance. This results in the characteristic hallucina-

tions and irrational thought that typify this illness.

Any disruption of serotonin levels is apt to have the most profound effects upon our ability to think straight. The drug LSD works by migrating to the pineal and inhibiting the release of serotonin, thus producing the disturbed mental state which users call a 'trip.'

Less severe reductions in the level of this neuro-transmitter can result in simple gloominess and depression. Modern psychiatric drugs such as Prozac work by improving the brain's utilisation of serotonin.

It is no exaggeration, therefore, to say that without this chemical there can be no clear, meaningful thought. So it seems that Herophilus was pretty close to the mark when he described the pineal as 'the valve which regulates the flow

Eve first made clothes from fig leaves and the tree of knowledge from which they ate is believed by many scholars to have been a fig. (The Bible makes no mention at all of Eve eating an apple, referring simply to a 'fruit'.) Other religions also have legends of forbidden knowledge being acquired by the eating of fruit.

So is any of this of practical use to us? It could well be. Our pineal gland or third eye is, although atrophied and concealed, still of inestimable importance to us. Any slight malfunction is likely to result in depression at best and full-blown psychosis at worst.

Also, it is interesting to note that the pineal is crucial in determining the hibernation times of mammals. Although hidden deep within our skulls, the pineal still responds in

After all, why do we prefer a bright, sunny day to a grey overcast one? The very question seems meaningless. Of course we feel more cheerful and apt to smile when the Sun is shining!

Yet the true explanation is a simple physiological one. Broad spectrum light leaks into the skull through eyes, ears and nose, stimulating the pineal gland to boost production of serotonin. The result is the kind of euphoria associated with state-of-the-art anti-depressant drugs.

On a practical level, is there anything we can do to nourish and protect this vital organ? There can be little doubt that the more time we spend out of doors, the healthier and more active will be our pineal glands.

All too often we rely upon the restricted wavebands of light supplied by artificial lighting, a poor substitute for the real thing. Even daylight filtered through glass windows is distorted, the ultra-violet removed and other bands shifted.

There is no substitute for natural light. Those compelled to rely on electrical lighting for protracted periods, on board nuclear submarines for example, are notoriously prone to depression and mental disturbance. So more fresh air and sunlight would, it seems, mean fewer prescriptions for Prozac.

We can also make sure that we maintain our intake of serotonin by eating plenty of fruit, especially bananas, plums and figs. Again, this natural induction of serotonin should serve to protect us from depression in the longer term.

Clarity

So, it seems, the third eye is, as ancient legends claim, the eye of enlightenment. It allows us to view the world with clarity and interpret it with wisdom. It surely makes sense, therefore, to take as much care of this part of the body as we can, nourishing and safeguarding it, encouraging it to perform its vital mission as best it may.

EYE OF ENLIGHTENMENT

by SIMON WEBB

We really do have a third eye, the pineal gland, which, like the normal eye, is sensitive to light.

of thought.'

A curious fact about serotonin is that it is not to be found solely in our brains. Indeed, it was first isolated in, of all places, the salivary glands of octopuses!

Enlightenment

Certain fruits are also particularly rich in it. Bananas, plums and figs all contain large amounts of serotonin. The greatest concentration, though, is found in the Oriental fig known as the Bo. By an odd coincidence, it was under a Bo tree that the Buddha sat in order to gain enlightenment.

Fig trees also feature prominently in the Bible. Adam and

some way to the shortening days of Autumn. It is currently hypothesised that Seasonal Affective Depression, or SAD, is triggered by the decreasing daylight which filters through to the pineal in Autumn and Winter.

It has long been known that rates of depression and mental illness increase exponentially the further North one looks. National characters also change, from to the friendly, happy-go-lucky Italians to the morose, gloomy Russians and Norwegians. This is almost certainly due in large measure to the decreasing amount and intensity of sunlight as one moves Northwards.

Sigilisation is a magical technique which can be learned and used easily.

Many of the techniques of modern New Age magic don't involve the complex ritual regalia and exacting periods of preparation used within the tradition of ceremonial magic. Folk magic and simple ways of working magic, such as candle magic, have become increasingly popular.

Sigilization, although derived within the ceremonial tradition, is just such a technique, an easy but in no sense superficial way of effecting magical changes. The technique of using sigils can be applied equally well to changing anything from the weather to some internal situation (for example to come to terms with one's own anger or to spark inspiration for a specific project).

The basic method was developed by the artist and magician Austin Osman Spare during the early part of the 20th century. Spare was a wonderfully talented individual, notable for many things outside occultism, such as receiving a national award for mathematics and be-

ing the youngest ever exhibitor at the National Gallery.

Spare knew both Aleister Crowley and Gerald Gardner but himself shunned ceremonial styles (both the High Magical style of Crowley and the coven rites of Gardner's Wicca). Instead he developed a system based on very simple principles. The use of sigils was just one element of the highly individualistic philosophy that Spare called his 'Zos Kia Cultus.' Although some aspects of Spare's magical philosophy were very personal, many of the techniques he developed can be adapted for anyone's use.

Basic concepts

So what are sigils? Sigils are images that unconsciously represent your desire but don't do so consciously. The aim of sigilization is to create an image (usually a symbol of some type) that represents your magical intention. The image is made in such a way that your conscious mind will not make an immediate connection between

it and the object of your desire.

The image is then imbued or charged with magical power and, usually, symbolically destroyed, thus releasing the energy to cause the desired change. Sigils work by exploiting a fundamental difference in the way the conscious and unconscious minds operate.

Spare, who was heavily influenced by the new science of psychology, especially that of Sigmund Freud, saw magic as coming about when conscious desires were planted in the unconscious mind. The day-to-day conscious mind generally deals with simple symbols; letters and numbers. Consciousness is also limited to being able to retain some seven bits of information at any one time.

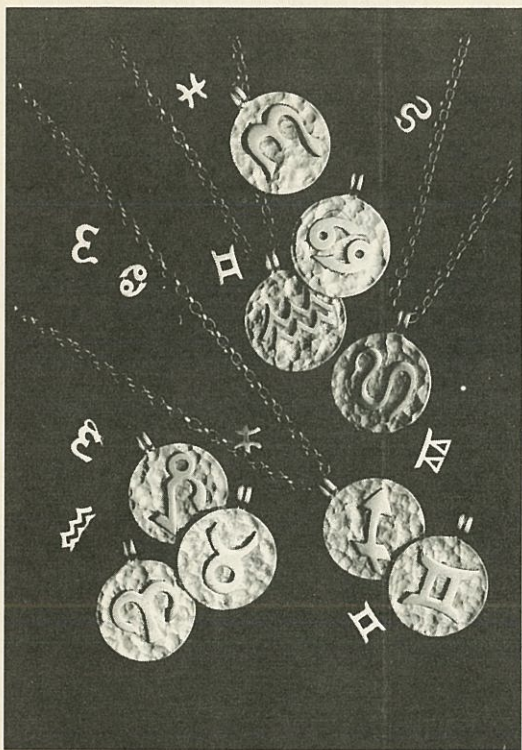
Psychologists, such as G.A. Miller in 1956, have demonstrated that the capacity of consciousness to retain information is quite small. The unconscious mind on the other hand deals in symbols and images. Unconscious logic is more akin to the poetic surreal logic of dreams. It is in the unconscious realm that long-term memory is stored.

The unconscious is able to encode vast amounts of information as patterns and non-linear associations. The 'ego level' acts as the filter (in some respects) or bridge (in other situations) between the conscious and unconscious mind.

The ego level is a filter in that it prevents the totality of information held in the unconscious overwhelming the conscious mind. It also acts as a bridge in that it permits experiences to be encoded in the unconscious (as memories) and for unconscious impressions (such as intuitions and memory recall) to flow into the conscious mind.

A sigil occupies a halfway point between conscious and

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GRAPHOLOGY

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Ego Trips

Just how much of our ego and sense of self-worth will show itself in our handwriting?

However we present ourselves to the external world and whatever kind of display we care to demonstrate to others, there is one part of our psychological make-up which is worth looking into; and that is the degree of self-esteem we possess. Our inner concept of self is often quite different from the outer show which we present to the environment.

Our handwriting will reveal both situations. The manner in which a person makes the capital or personal pronoun I is a sure sign of how he/she really and inwardly thinks of him/herself when in contact with others.

There are many who enlarge

and inflate this letter to put on a show. Again, in some instances, it may be done to cover up an inner insecurity. At other times it could be because the writer possesses a great ego and cannot help showing it. One will see elsewhere in the script which of these conditions is the case.

It is interesting to see how many people are balancing on a rather insecure basis of self-doubt and uncertainty. They may appear to be self-assured and confident: inwardly, however, they are hesitant and uncertain. A glance at the capital I as it proceeds down a handwritten page will reveal the true condition.

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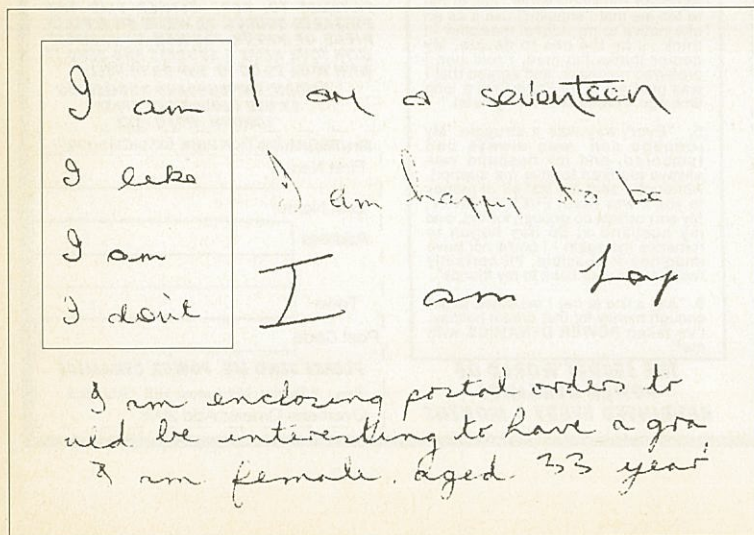
ample are a very good illustration. Our writer started off with a good show of self-confidence but, further down, the true self shows in diminishing size while the mind concentrates on something else. So we see the real person that hides below the surface.

This is nothing tragic but it does give one a lesson in how the subconscious works while concentrating elsewhere. In this case the capital I is inclined away from the next word, indicating a wish not to get too involved with others. It leans away from the right which symbolises the world and social relationships.

In the second example the single downstroke I signifies someone who has no time for unnecessary details and prefers to come straight to the point. The writer is not restricted or tied down by past experiences of an emotional nature and, as the leftward slant implies, there is a reluctance to display any inner feelings openly. There is a quick grasp of situations, a very passable degree of intellect and a careful control in most circumstances.

The third example shows a rather conventional I. Like the remainder of the script it leans left. Again that 'pulling away' attitude of guardedness when in contact with others. It is tall, similar to the h in 'happy,' but the height of those upper extensions gets lower as the writing proceeds. Word-spacing is slightly uneven which indicates an uneven response in social contacts. At times our writer wants to mix and at others requires some privacy.

Returning to our second capital I one will see angularity



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(e) Ornaments, picture hangings and other decorations can cause ABSOLUTE HAVOC in personal relationships. The wrong arrangement can actually drive your lover AWAY! (f) Your bathroom can hold many NEGATIVE energies and allow all your efforts to literally RAIN 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 Shui 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.

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Wiccan workshops

The Wiccan Study Group is running a series of Saturday workshops in London starting January 20th 1996. These will be of interest to those who would like to learn more about the Old Religion and some of the principles and practices of this aspect of the Western Mystery Tradition.

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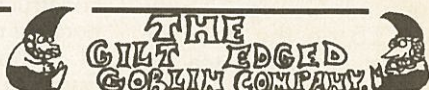
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Mayan double bill

Two events of interest to anyone fascinated by the ancient Mayan civilisation is the Festival of the Cosmic Maya: Entering the New Time and The Mesoamerican Cosmos Tours. The former is to be held at Regents College, London, between February 9-10th and the latter offers a choice of 9, 11 or 18 day astrology tours of Central American sacred sites between February 25th and March 13th.

If interested in either event, contact The Mayan Festival/Sacred Site Tours, Suite 4, 63-67 Athenaeum Place, Muswell Hill, London N10 3HL ☎ 0181-444 1470 for full details.

London quake?

Following on from a report in last month's News & Views, concerning a reader's prediction of an earthquake due to take place in Japan on April 26th, I read in the *Sunday Express* that a David Mandell of Stanmore, Middlesex, dreamed of a major quake in London this Spring. So convinced is he that he has put his 100-year-old cottage up for sale as he is determined to move before the predicted event destroys it.

Again, like Mr Woodhead's warning, we will just have to await events in order to confirm or deny the validity of this latest premonition.

Meditate

The Wessex Aquarian Foundation are now holding meditation evenings, discussions, lectures and workshops in Dorchester, Dorset. For more details please contact David or Virginia Kingston on ☎ 01305-266832.

January Diary Dates

6th. Jupiter, Saturn & Sexuality. A Saturday seminar with Rachel Jane Malcolmson of The Faculty of Astrological Studies at The Astrology Study Centre, Urania Trust, 396 Caledonian Road, London, N1. 10.30-5.30pm. Cost £30 members, £35 non-members. For further details call ☎ 0171-700 3556.

12th-14th. The Green Man.

A weekend course with Michael Spittal to be held at Missenden Abbey, Great Missenden, Bucks, HP16 0BD. From 9.45pm Friday until 12.30pm Sunday, accommodation available. Residential, all meals and tuition (single or twin en suite) £159 for the weekend; tuition only £69. (Missenden Abbey is easily reached by Motorway/A413 and BR Great Missenden.)

13th. Uranus in Aquarius, Visions of the Future.

Saturday seminar with Rachel Jane Malcolmson for The Faculty of Astrological Studies at The Astrology Study Centre, Urania Trust, 396 Caledonian Road, London, N1. 10.30-5.30pm; £30/£35 non-members. For further details ☎ 0171-700 3556.

15th. Singing the Soul

Back Home: Shamanism in Daily Life with Caitlin Matthews for Alternative Workshops at St James's Church, 197 Piccadilly, London, W1V 0LL at 7pm. Cost £5 for waged and £3 for unwaged. For more details call ☎ 0171-287 6711.

20th. Gifts and Inspirations

— *the Quintile and Septile*

Aspects with Charles Harvey, one of the ongoing Bath Astrology Seminars at The Stakis Hotel, Rossiter Road, Bath. 10-5pm, £30 inc tea/coffee. Booking details ☎ 01373-465147.

22nd. Sex, Relationship

and Spiritual Growth, lecture with William Bloom, looking at biological and psychological drives that affect and influence our feelings and control our behaviour. Alternative Workshops at St James's Church, 197 Piccadilly, London, W1V 0LL at 7pm. Cost £5 for waged and £3 unwaged. For more details call Alternatives on ☎ 0171-287 6711.

27th-28th. Self-healing

through Dance and Integrated Movement. Weekend workshop at The Wendy Wiseby Studio, 2 Rupert Road, Chiswick, London W4 (2 mins walk from Turnham Green tube). Cost £50/£30 concessions; for booking and info call Marion on ☎ 0181-567 0810.

Also *Feldenkrais* — *healing through relaxing movement*, 1½ hour session costs £20 with qualified Felenkrais teacher, to be held at a Ealing Common venue. For more details, number as above.

28th. Hand Analysis

Certificate Course with John Baker for the British Association of Hand Analysis. The course is over ten Sundays at BAHA, Suite 3, 83 Granville Park, London, SE13 7DW. Costs £35 per weekly session (2 hours plus). £70 deposit payable on registration. For application form/details ☎ 0181-852 5466.

PAL ISTRY

by PETER WEST

Looking for Leadership

When we meet someone for the first time, we can often gauge intuitively whether this new face in our circle is someone to be reckoned with.

On a first meeting we may feel a sense of power coming from the newcomer, especially if he/she is one of life's natural leaders. The hands are often large in comparison with the overall physical size and for the most part, such folk have 'open' hands.

The open hand looks open, the fingers are straight, they rarely curl inward as if covering or closing off the palm from general view. The thumb will almost always oppose the fingers and will look large for the hand upon which it is found. The open hand implies an open personality, the type who enjoys meeting and being with people in all walks of life. These folk always do well in company for business or pleasure. As a rule, they make good and very reliable friends.

We should look first to the thumb and first finger when we want to assess the leadership qualities of anyone. There are other areas of the hand in which to look for qualifications of what we may find here but these are the two principal areas.

The thumb

A strong right-hand thumb with a weak left hand partner is always an indication that the subject has a strong character:

the sure sign of very good personal control — one that has developed for reasons that will be shown elsewhere in the hand.

When relaxed, the thumb should form an angle of between 45° and 90° to the forefinger. An angle of less than that is considered to be narrow and reflects a tendency to be small-minded, selfish and prejudiced. The wider the angle, the more self-reliant, sensible, perceptive and balanced the nature. Self-discipline is well marked and there is a natural gift for taking on responsibilities. Such a subject's personality is usually quite positive, fair and just, with an innate ability to lead. He or she will tend to see both sides of an argument and judge accordingly.

The greater the angle the more these characteristics are emphasised. Occasionally, the angle between the thumb and forefinger exceeds 90° . In such a case the subject's responsibility and leadership qualities will be well-marked yet he or she will be capable of foolhardy actions and frequently take chances where others would not. Very often a case of 'where angels fear to tread.'

The position of the thumb is also very important. The lower it is set on the side of the hand the stronger the inspirational

side of the subject's nature will be. Couple this low-set thumb with a wide angle and it indicates an adventurer with a strong sense of self-preservation — so far as he will allow it to function. Incidentally, the low-set thumb with a narrow angle almost always shows someone adept at self preservation — one who will use every trick in the book to achieve this.

A high-set thumb indicates creativity. Frequently, these people have the gift of solving problems in original ways. There is a flair for the unusual. People with a high-set thumb and a narrow angle will also use every trick they can to protect themselves but in an original manner. They generally tend to bend rather than break rules to achieve their aims.

A well developed thumb, properly positioned with a good angle to the index finger, helps maintain good personal control which in turn helps to control and lead others. However, it does not do this on its own. This strong willpower has, in its turn, to be directed, channelled and controlled and this where the index finger comes in.

The forefinger

The first or Jupiter finger is probably the most expressive

and certainly one of the most mobile of all the fingers. It is more likely to be used to point, poke or wag in order to emphasise or indicate something. The first finger represents the level of the ego, pride and ambition. It is often referred to as the 'I' of the personality, the ruler, leader and guide. It should be long, straight and strong in appearance. When well developed it indicates that the subject has a strong and assertive personality with a high degree of self-discipline.

Couple this with the strong thumb and you will find the natural leader. He or she will be likely to have clear-cut beliefs and ideas. Such folk are aware of what is going on around them. They will make changes if these are necessary. They do not believe in wasting time or resources. They can see what has to be done and they do it.

If the first finger should stand away clearly from the middle finger the accent will be on independence of thought. These folk must live their lives their way. They have to be free to act and behave as they please. When this finger lies close to the middle finger the personali-

ty is more conventional and less independent.

A person with a short first finger is not so much of a leader as a trend-setter — one who will find a way around most problems and 'adapt' the system to suit him/herself. These people need to be accepted socially and rarely, if ever, try to change the system because it is so much easier to conform — with their own little idiosyncrasies!

A supple fingertip shows versatility; a stiff one stubbornness. If the tip is square the subject is inclined to be conventional while a conic fingertip suggests a nature that is more intuitive and impressionable. A spatulate fingertip indicates an active personality, one who must be in the forefront of everything at all costs.

If all these configurations are found on a square hand personal discipline is enhanced — the rule book is almost these folk's bible. On a conic or round hand there will be less rigidity of approach. On a spatulate hand note the thumb setting. Activity will either be inspirational or planned accordingly. Impulsiveness is well marked if the thumb is too low-set.

A couple of points concerning the main lines in the palm should be made to help you qualify leadership qualities.

The line of head should be fairly straight across the palm with as few interruptions as possible. The space between it and the line of heart should be as equal as possible for as long as they run together over the palm. This is always a sure sign of plenty of straightforward common sense.

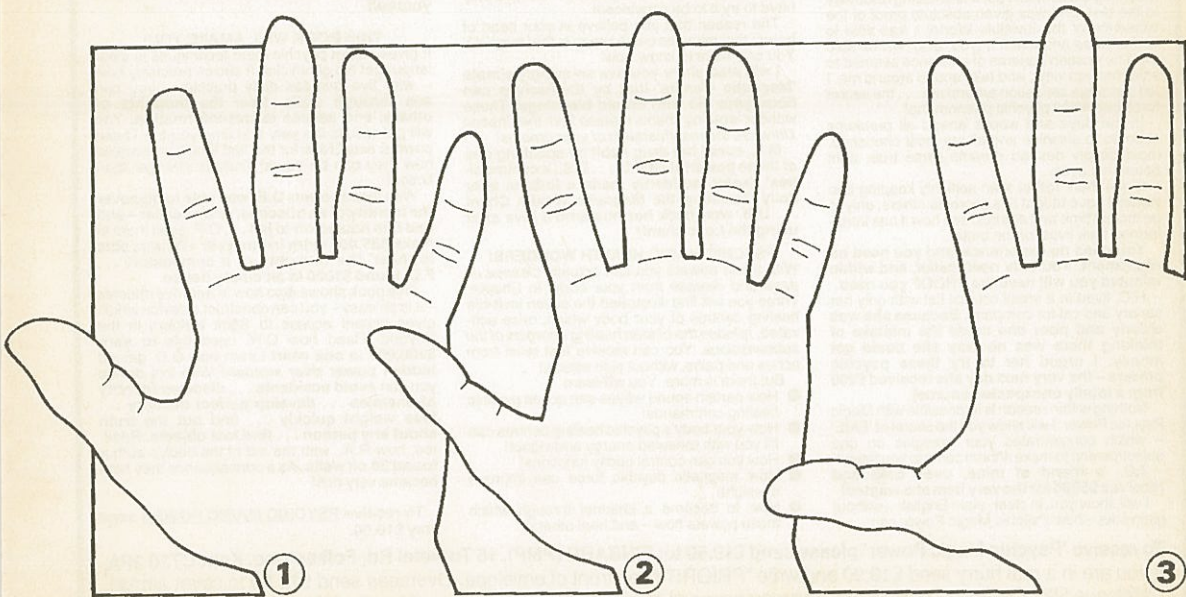
The line of life should swing out into the palm and not restrict the mount of Venus. This gives plenty of natural vitality and a sound physical basis for all the activities leaders are likely to encounter.

Illustrations

1 The thumb is very heavy for the hand on which it appears. The first finger is much shorter than the third.

2 The thumb is small, insignificant almost.

3 Note the wide angle of the thumb and how heavy it appears. The first finger is much longer than the third.



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IMAGINE THAT!

by DAVID STOCKDALE

Have you ever had an experience that you know was real but which others didn't believe?

Maybe you've had a psychic experience, such as seeing a ghost or having an out-of-the-body experience, or maybe you've sighted some strange and unworldly UFO gliding across the sky or a moment of deep spiritual awakening when you sensed some great spiritual truth about life. Whatever it was that you know you experienced, have you ever told someone about it only to receive the reply that you must simply have imagined it? 'It's all in your imagination,' did the person curtly say, brushing your experience aside?

Refuting

Annoying isn't it? And frustrating that some people can't or don't want to realise that such experiences do occur and that they're very real. Most scientists and psychologists are the same in refuting that such experiences occur, of course, although things are beginning to change now, fortunately.

Not that anyone should be condemned for their lack of belief, far from it, but how convenient some people find this word 'imagination' to magic away others' hard to swallow experiences! It's used rather like some powerful incantation that instantly exorcises evil spirits.

I think the problem is that most people use the word without first thinking what they're actually saying. In using it they suggest, do they not, that it's the easiest and most natural thing in the world to imagine something. But is it? Let's test the theory out right here and now.

I'd like you to stop what

you're doing and immediately imagine a ghost walking past you through your own living room (or wherever you happen to be). I want you to imagine it so strongly that you literally see the ghost in apparent total physical reality in front of you. Have you done that? Now I want you to imagine and literally see a UFO gliding slowly and serenely past your living room window. Make one seem to appear physically right

at this very moment. Have you done that?

And finally I'd like you to imagine some deep spiritual experience that instantly and forever after leaves you a changed and more enlightened person. Imagine it so strongly that you instantly want to give

all of your money and possessions away and begin living the life of an ascetic.

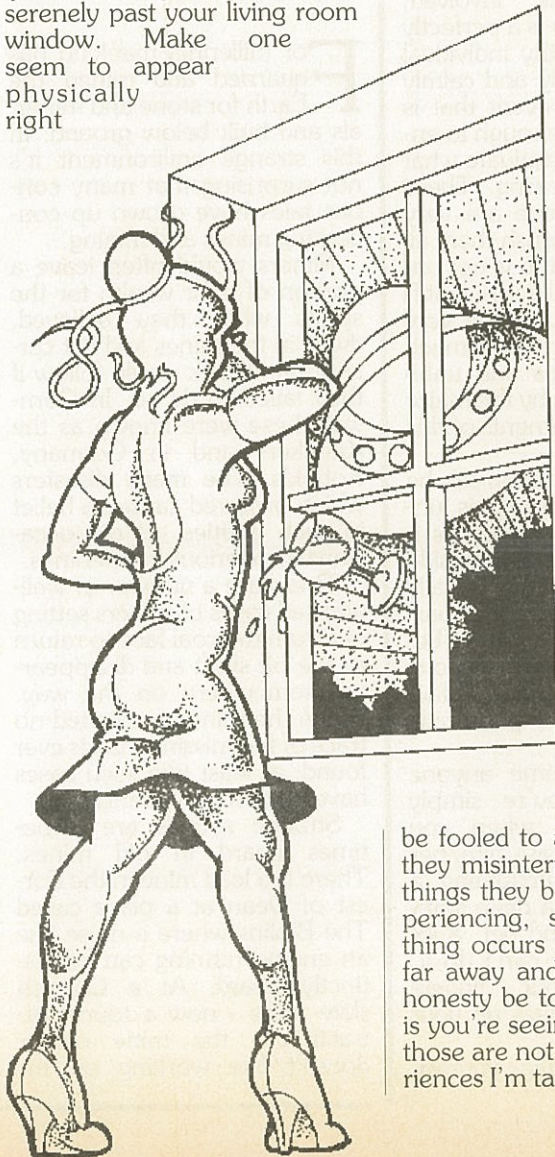
Have you done that? Have you done any of them?

No? No, neither have I. It's not that easy is it?

I am guilty of a little humour here of course but, seriously, the truth is that you either have to be suffering from a severe mental illness or be on drugs to imagine such things.

Of course, it's true that the eyes and the brain can

be fooled to an extent so that they misinterpret some of the things they believe they're experiencing, such as when a thing occurs only fleetingly or far away and you can't in all honesty be totally sure what it is you're seeing or feeling. But those are not the kind of experiences I'm talking about.



It's also true that strong emotions such as fear can distort what it is we think we see or feel so that, once again, the brain misinterprets things on occasions. Such emotions cause powerful reactions in the brain which, if strong enough, can cause hallucinations in certain individuals.

But practically everyone who experiences such emotions suffers no such hallucinatory effect at all and, again, these are not the kind of experiences I'm talking about.

Perfectly normal

The kind of experiences I am talking about are those where there are no particularly strong emotions involved, where the person is a perfectly normal and healthy individual and is quite coolly and calmly experiencing an event that is lasting and close enough to enable the mind to evaluate what it is it's experiencing. These types of experience are very common and to brush them all aside as imagination is not only foolish but totally unscientific. They deserve, at the very least, an open mind and, much better still, serious and unbiased investigation by the major scientific establishments of this world.

That the imagination can be a very powerful thing is undoubted. But to project, as it were, that imagination outside of the brain so that you literally see imagined objects in apparently solid, physical reality before you is a very, very difficult thing indeed to achieve. In fact it's so difficult it's practically impossible.

So the next time anyone suggests that you're simply imagining things when you know you're not, ask him/her to try suddenly imagining a ghost or UFO or a deep spiritual experience and bet a lot of money that he can't do it. Then keep your fingers crossed that he takes up your offer.

You could make yourself very rich!

DOWN UNDER

by
**PAUL
THOMAS**

The bowels of the Earth hold many secrets and miners throughout the ages have recognised this in their lore and legends.

For millennia mankind has quarried and mined the Earth for stone and minerals and built below ground. In this strange environment it's not surprising that many curious tales have grown up concerning mines and mining.

Miners would often leave a portion of their wealth for the spirits who, they believed, dwelt in the mines and felt certain that ill-luck would follow if they failed to do so. In Cornwall these were known as the Knockers and in Germany, Kobolds. The many disasters which occurred caused a belief in such entities, as did occasional mysterious happenings.

There are a number of well-attested cases of miners setting out from the coal face to return to the pit shaft and disappearing somewhere on the way. When the mine is searched no trace of the missing man is ever found; at least two such cases have occurred this century.

Strange sounds are sometimes heard in old mines. There is a lead mine in the Forest of Dean at a place called The Biblins where a noise like an engine running can be distinctly heard. At a Cornish slate mine - now a tourist attraction - the mine owner doesn't like working on his



own in the massive caverns because of unaccountable sounds.

Many mining legends tell of the appearance of ghosts and mysterious voices which sometimes presage mining disasters. Contractors working on subterranean structures have occasionally encountered entities they describe as ghosts. One such manifested during the building of an extension to London's Underground some 30 years ago.

There are occasional sinister discoveries made in mines. Workers at a deep quarry in Aix-en-Provence, France, between the years 1786-88, discovered that someone else had been quarrying there when they came upon tools left by the miners. The problem was that the tools were found under a limestone formation estimated at 300 million years old!

A similar story comes from America where coal miners working a mine about a hundred years ago came across workings dating back thousands of years previously. Yet the Native Americans nearby knew nothing of these early workings.

Mysterious artifacts are sometimes found embedded in rocks. One of the most famous of these was a bell-jar blasted

out of the rocks at a Massachusetts mine in 1851. It was expertly crafted and made from an unknown metal.

Even living creatures have allegedly been found entombed in rock. For instance, in 1901 a Mr Clark of Rugby claimed to have found a live toad in a lump of coal. Exasperated scientists, however, regard such discoveries as hoaxes or claim that those who find such creatures are mistaken in believing they were ever entombed.

At Dolcauthie in Wales is a gold mine currently owned by the National Trust which is described as a Roman mine. However, it is uncertain if this is actually the case or whether this is a mere assumption based on the fact that the Romans were active in that area. So, if not the Romans who were the miners one wonders?

Mysterious structures

There are many other subterranean structures of mysterious origin throughout the world, too. Some of these are known to have been constructed as places of worship but others served unknown purposes. South America is said to contain labyrinthine cave systems stretching from the Andes to Antarctica, the remnants of some long-ago civilisation. There are said to be tunnels connecting ancient cave systems in Tibet with the pyramids of Egypt where, according to some, caverns containing works of ancient wisdom lie beneath these structures and the Sphinx.

Perhaps the strangest and most recently discovered shaft, though, is the Money Pit of Oak Island, Nova Scotia. In October 1795 three young men set out to sail to Oak Island in Mahone Bay to hunt for game. On the island they came upon a huge circular area beneath an oak tree which showed evidence of being dug

fairly recently.

The coast was known locally as a haunt of pirates so they naturally assumed that they might have stumbled across a cache of buried treasure. Some 20 years earlier mysterious fires and activity had been noted on the island which had a somewhat sinister reputation. It was claimed that two men who went there to investigate were never seen again.

However, investigators eventually set up a syndicate to dig for buried treasure which none of its owners - rather oddly - had ever returned to collect. They excavated a shaft 171 feet deep and 13 feet wide with platforms of oak every ten feet.

In addition to the Money Pit there was an incredibly intricate series of tunnels dug to various beaches on the island.

These, apparently, were designed to flood the pit if it was disturbed without blocking the tunnels first because when the syndicate failed to follow suit they were forced to abandon the dig which became flooded to a depth of 65 feet by sea water.

Syndicate

Another syndicate used a drill which brought up pieces of parchment and evidence suggesting that treasure was contained in chests. Further investigators failed either to locate the treasure or drain the pit although other discoveries have been made which have only added to the mystery.

Rupert Furneaux was an investigator who did much research into the Money Pit right up to the time of his death some years ago. It was obvious that pirates couldn't have undertaken such a project and he was of the opinion that the Money Pit was constructed by British Army engineers during the American War of Independence in order to conceal the army pay chests.

Significantly, the troops of the time included a company of Cornish miners. And, since there's no official record of any sizeable sum of money being lost by the British, it seems likely that either the Money Pit was never put to use or the money had long since been recovered from it. So, it seems, there's no treasure in the Money Pit anyway!

Flawed explanation

Yet even this explanation does have its flaws. It certainly seems strange that no mention has been made of the Money Pit's construction nor has anyone spoken of having taken part in its excavation. Surely, once the military campaign was over there would have been no need for secrecy.

The accounts of the mysterious people on Oak Island 20 years prior to the Pit's discovery hardly seem to describe British troops nor is there any other evidence of their supposed occupation there. Also, there is the strange discovery of a stone with curious glyphs on it and other unusual artifacts found in the Pit.

Other theories have sprung up over the years concerning the Money Pit and its builders. One suggestion is that it may be far older than first supposed and could, in fact, be an ancient tomb since a television camera lowered into the flooded pit revealed the presence of a body. Another theory is that what is buried in the Pit may be documents that should never be uncovered, much in the same way that nuclear waste is buried today.

Whatever the case, the mystery of the Money Pit remains unsolved, though it may be revealed one day. As long as man digs beneath the surface of the Earth he'll continue to encounter mysteries that perplex him - though many have been made by man himself.

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THE TAROT

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FIVE OF CUPS

There is regret and sadness in relationships to consider in this month's card.

The past is still weighing down with introspection, although the future does still await response to it and offers all kinds of escape routes and compensations. Will they be taken or will those emotional traumas still remain and prevent progress?

In fact, there is an underlying message that needs to be heeded: lessons have been learned, events are not as dire as they seem. Foundations still remain on which can be built a new emotional edifice for the future. All is not as gloomy as it might be after all for there is considerable hope and success waiting if only the emotional trauma can be forgotten or at least put into better perspective.

It is important not to lose sight of this card's underlying meaning. It really is a sensitive matter here, not something merely to be shrugged off as a passing phase. The Five of Cups is such a difficult card and it has had many meanings attached to it, mostly pertinent, few of them irrelevant.

Looking at the illustration there are the usual clues. The cloaked figure is bowed in sorrow. Three overturned cups indicate frustration, loss, bitterness, possibly even despair. But two upright cups remain which do indicate opportunities for fulfilment once they are considered. The bridge, too, has to be crossed and the dwelling reached again for a full recuperation to take place.

Going to ground, in a sense, to recover from the recent past and its defeats.

However, until the cloaked figure turns round and recognises the chances still to be taken, the sorrow and the anguish will undoubtedly remain. It is the turning round or being aware of the turning point that will instigate the major changes for the better. Not until that first step is taken though.

The disillusionment and despair which still lingers around the Cups Five is usually concerned with emotional feelings or relationships that have gone awry. Friendships too may well

have been broken, perhaps long-standing ones that have run their course. It is the relationship loss that is uppermost and time will have to elapse before the pangs of love can be put into proper perspective.

Actually, there is an interesting point here. It is not so much that the love has been completely lost, rather that a change of direction has to be accepted. It may not be a love which is reciprocated in the way desired but it is still there in a transformed, changed way which has to be recognised and accepted. There is a great deal of hope but only for the future. Hence the emotional anguish.

In many ways, the Five of Cups forces situations for change. There are always pointers, clues, moments when such changes happen so that the old can be shrugged off or even forcibly removed. The reason is that a new direction is also necessary, one which will lead to many blessings and benefits, even if these are by no means clear at the time.

They are there, they will come but only later on. The regrets for the past and its losses cannot be swept away in a moment. They have to be gently handled and eased out. There is always a time to mourn, this time it is not a physical death but an emotional demise. Regrets inevitably remain, going over them, reliving the lost moments, are all part of the recovery process. Allow this to hap-



pen, rather than trying to swamp it with discipline and cutting off emotion. It is vital that the process is gentle and slow, easing out the traumas over what may be some time.

Not all of the interpretations of the Cups Five go along with the sad side of its usually written meanings. In fact, one writer went out of her way always to emphasise that the card meant a harmonious love affair, often coupled with a money gift of some kind.

Mind you, it was also stated that this card had to be surrounded by harmonious cards. Perhaps that was hedging the bet a little although it was unusual to find such a strongly worded favourable approach, rather than recognising the traditional sadness that pervades. In many ways, possibly refreshing too, as the positive

side of the Cups Five also has to be significantly stressed and must always be kept in mind as the eventual outcome anyway after the traumas have passed.

It must not be forgotten that although the emotional anguish of the present will linger on for some time, it will end; with so much waiting ahead then able to be looked at with a fresh mind, cleared of the past traumas.

It is a kind of cathartic effect for the cleansing of the emotional problems. It allows a new look at the needs and aspirations that can indeed be fulfilled with a new love in a new life situation once the way has been cleared.

The Five of Cups must be considered to be a vital card of deliberate change, making use of the emotional conflicts to force one into those essential

new directions.

Cause and effect here are very strong. Without the sadness and the ending of a love that seemed to be so important the new love or, at the very least, new approach to life, cannot take place.

The traumas have to be experienced and then dealt with for the essential new feelings and events to come in and take over. A rather drastic way of dealing with such personal matters but that is the way of life. We all have to accept that and often there is no other approach. Accept it and wait for the eventual changes for the better. In time, they will appear.

But do remember, it is the initial turning away from the past that will lead to the opportunities that await.

That step has to be taken first.

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JANUARY

ALL CHANGE!

Within the first 12 days of the new year two important planets change signs. Of greatest interest is the transit of Uranus into Aquarius on the 12th. This puts the accent on change and the need for a serious reassessment of long-term objectives. No doubt Uranus in Aquarius will herald quite radical changes in the structure of modern society, particularly in the effects of technological innovation.

Uranus generally signals a revolutionary trend — as, for instance, the demise of Communist regimes while this planet made the transit of Capricorn (a sign to do with political power structures). Apart from the more obvious external changes that we can expect with this planet, there is likely to be a deep shifting in human attitudes to life under the Aquarian influence.

A kind of quiet revolution will gather momentum. This will focus on a growing criticism of the effects of computer technology and the erosion of deeper human values and relations within society.

Basically, the most positive message of Uranus in Aquarius puts emphasis on the question of what we

really need in order to live a genuinely 'human' life. As more and more people become disenchanted with the attitudes of the past couple of decades, there will be a deeper searching for a new vision, a radical change of values. The need for alternative ways of living will gather momentum as increasing numbers of people develop the urge to detach themselves from the hypnotic forces of mainstream society.

This trend will also be felt in education which is sure to be receiving strong criticism from early 1996. A system designed on the same principles as that used to train animals to jump through hoops (pass tests) is bound to create a backlash sooner or later!

Admittedly, this is a rather cynical picture but far-reaching changes, both externally and in human values and attitudes, are almost certain to manifest during the seven year Uranian transit of Aquarius.

With Jupiter also changing residence into Capricorn early in January there is much to suggest that those in power will be more inclined to take a constructive and less complacent attitude towards issues that have deep implications for human life well into the future.

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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.

ARIES

MARCH 21 TO APRIL 20



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

A change of emphasis is likely from January onwards.

The prism of cosmic energies is beginning to change colour inclining you to alter attitudes, update ideas and perhaps take up interests that eventually lead to great success.

This note of increasing success is heralded by the transition of benefic Jupiter into the topmost sector of your Solar chart on January 3rd. Career and business interests are greatly favoured from this date onwards so don't hesitate to

grasp any fresh opportunities.

Financial uncertainties should soon give way to a more positive trend but much will depend on your initiative and ability to co-operate with others.

The most fortunate dates in the month ahead for all matters of a very practical nature are the 3rd, 9th, 17th, 18th, 22nd, 27th and 29th. The final two dates are particularly helpful for financial matters.

Better scope and incentive for improving and expanding your earnings and influence will put you in a more expansive frame of mind this month. You'll feel increasingly confident about future possibilities and be able to give greater definition to your own cherished aims and ambitions. If hoping to develop a more independent mode of working, the New Moon on the 20th points in the right direction.

Mars, your ruler, forming powerful conjunctions with major planets in the first half of the month indicates an eventful beginning to the year. The most important of these is the link with Uranus on the 8th. Even more significant is that this takes place immediately prior

to the departure of Uranus from Capricorn. Symbolically, this is the end of an era, a final summing up.

There may be some stress and strain, perhaps a momentous decision looming large around this time. However, you will be well prepared to meet such challenges and, if drastic action is needed, now is the time to assert yourself.

The whole pattern of the zodiac appears to be pulling you out of old ways towards something more open-ended. Whether this has to do with your career or an ideal that you are pursuing, events are beginning to open the right doors.

On a lighter note, you can expect pleasant social experiences. The first half of January favours more convivial company, promising much in the way of romantic encounters. The latter half favours group activities. You'll get very positive results if you need to drum up support or get backing for a venture. One thing's for sure, you are certain to make friends.

Generally speaking it's an encouraging start to the year, with much to suggest that your fortunes are on the upgrade.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 TO MAY 20



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

All the planets in the upper part of your Solar chart suggest a progressive start.

Not only will you have cause for greater optimism but, before the month is out, a change in the pattern of your activities could mark the start of a highly successful and expansive phase in your life.

Although the retrograde motion of Mercury will tend to slow things down at times, this will give you a much-needed breathing space. Mercury's most awkward dates are

the 9th, 13th, 17th and 26th. Delays are likely in important communications, legal matters or travel. Be flexible at these times and prepared to rethink any situation that is becoming unworkable.

Jupiter moving into Capricorn on January 3rd gives every indication of a steady expansion in your ideas and aspirations in the coming months. In this sign, Jupiter resonates well with your own element to enhance your best qualities — practicality, determination and inner strength. This is all to the good for much suggests increasing opportunity. You'll get the best out of this trend by cultivating a broader range of ideas and perhaps a more adventurous attitude.

Enrichment is much in evidence during the weeks ahead. You may have to cope with extra demands but this may turn out in your favour. By using your initiative and resourcefulness, there are great gains to be had, especially in career and business endeavour.

An extra effort during the second or third week will enable you to strengthen your position and perhaps make some extra cash. If

you work in a competitive area, your own strength and determination will put you at an advantage.

The only dates when you are advised to ease off and be more diplomatic are the 8th and 13th when there is a danger that others will feel threatened by you. Your stubborn streak could undermine you, so be warned!

For the romantically inclined this is perhaps not the most eventful of months but there are indications of fateful encounters after the 23rd. Chances are that you'll be introduced to someone destined to become very dear to you but the flame of love will be rather slow to ignite. This is not bad news because this slow development of a new relationship will guarantee its endurance: whirlwind romances don't stand much chance.

From another angle, there is a very powerful accent on travel. The trend is particularly favourable for business trips and long-range commercial communications.

Whatever your interests, January will boost your confidence and encourage you to take a fresh look at what you want out of life.

GEMINI

MAY 21 TO JUNE 20



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

The new year starts with travel, communication and pleasant social interactions.

Indeed, it looks as though you'll be in your element during the first week with plenty to keep you active and mentally stimulated. Conversation is likely to focus on the future and will inspire you with interesting ideas. If you are seeking fresh outlets for your ideas and talents, now is a good time for serious thought.

If possible, aim to catch up on

any neglected tasks and legal or official hassles before the 9th. As Mercury is moving retrograde from then until the 30th you may experience complications in these areas. The same applies to important journeys, visits or interviews.

It seems that the forces of destiny are urging you towards fresh initiatives and making more of an impact. As Saturn is riding high as the dominant feature in your Solar chart throughout January there will be a need to take your aims and priorities more seriously. Your tendency to spread your interests widely and have lots of irons in the fire may work against you under this Saturn trend. Aim to focus on what is most important now.

As Uranus finally changes signs on January 12th your ideas about what you want in life are likely to become much clearer. Sooner or later this planet may incline you to take a completely different angle and a totally new direction.

Together with Saturn, it points very strongly to a change in your career before long. Your sense of direction and purpose in life will achieve a new focus and you'll be-

gin to find a path more in tune with your deeper nature. Some soul-searching is likely to arise under these powerful planets but, ultimately, you will overcome obstacles and achieve a feeling of greater freedom and creativity.

With Jupiter also changing signs, there is a tremendous accent on very practical matters, especially financial affairs. This planet takes the place of Uranus in an area of your Solar chart that indicates increased stability in material affairs, especially where partnerships and married life are concerned.

Over the past seven years you have very often experienced sudden twists of fortune. Perhaps you have felt that there was a jinx on your finances. However, this is at last giving way to something more favourable. You'll feel that it is possible to take a longer view, to aim at greater stability and growth. If you are married, or planning to become so, your partner could be about to experience a boost in fortunes.

Events may point to changes in January but the underlying pattern appears highly constructive and supportive.

CANCER

JUNE 21 TO JULY 20



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

Relationships are going to be very important from now on.

The rather disruptive presence of Uranus finally fades from the partnership area of your chart. Over the past seven years your experience of relationships has probably been erratic, at times highly exciting but finally rather disappointing.

The trouble with Uranus in this sector was that you were inclined to get very starry-eyed about people and expect too much of them. But quite soon the illusion van-

ished and left you feeling stranded.

You have no doubt gained a great deal of experience and, hopefully, more insight into your own needs and secret wishes. From now on you can expect much more fulfilment via close relationships. With Jupiter beginning to take over from Uranus, you will not only experience a better emotional quality in personal relations but there is a very good chance that a partner will be extremely fortunate for you in a material sense.

Having said all this, there may be just one more crisis to face. Just prior to Uranus changing signs, there are a series of powerful conjunctions which may mean that a major decision will be more or less forced upon you.

This does not augur well for Cancerians whose relationship has become strained or dull. A bumper crop of splits and separations is quite likely among Cancerians during the first half of January.

However, if this situation does materialise, you'll very soon begin to feel better and, in the longer term, you'll realise that it has been the best move you have ever

made. You are now moving into a phase of your life where new relationships, intimate or otherwise, will have a profoundly enriching effect. To have a clean slate now puts you in the best position. Unattached Cancerians may soon be meeting the love of their life.

Turning from the emotional to the practical side of life, you may have to cope with some stress in your financial situation during the latter half of the month. Generally speaking the trend is not unhelpful but there may be need for quick and perhaps quite forceful action if a minor crisis is to be avoided.

In anything to do with making money and improving your earnings, energy and initiative will bring excellent results. The best dates for these matters are the 16th, 17th, 25th and 30th.

The prevailing trend around mid month is particularly favourable in regard to employment so if you are looking for something with better prospects and pay, now is the time to make your best efforts.

Taken all round, it looks like the pattern of your life is beginning to change — and for the better.

LEO

JULY 21 TO AUGUST 21



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

The zodiac undergoes a radical shift of emphasis during the first month of 1996.

The most notable features are Jupiter moving into Capricorn and Uranus into Aquarius. This gives an increasing possibility that your life pattern will alter. Interests and aims that once took centre-stage will move into the background while others will gather strength.

For many Leos, 1996 could turn out to be one of those years when you end up doing something that

you never dreamed of doing before.

Looking more closely at Jupiter, this planet now begins to put a favourable accent on the way you earn your living. Indeed, as there are several planets in your 6th Solar House in January it could turn out to be a month of important and far-reaching developments in employment and vocational interests.

Try to make up your mind about any pressing decisions before the 9th. An unexpected opportunity could arise but you'll need to act quickly to make the best of it. Should you be seeking a more suitable job or to branch out more independently, this could be a lucky break. However, if you are reasonably settled and satisfied it might be better to stick to the familiar.

From now on, your occupational interests will become increasingly secure and you'll develop a better sense of direction than recently. Over the past seven or eight years Uranus may have taught you how to stand on your own feet and rely on your own resourcefulness but, at the same time, things may have been rather erratic.

You may have gone from one

job to another as if unsure of what you want. Take heart, though, for you will have gained some excellent experience and it is precisely this which will put you in a much stronger position from now on.

Jupiter now takes the spotlight in all matters relating to earning a living. As this is the planet of opportunity and expansion, you can expect your efforts to be rewarded and an element of luck to help you on your way. The most helpful dates in January for focusing on these matters are the 1st, 9th, 17th, 18th, 20th, 22nd, 27th and 30th.

Emotionally, it is a promising month for romance. This is especially so in the first half when the gentle influence of Venus helps to strengthen existing ties and enhance the powers of attraction between you and the opposite sex.

In the second half of the month Mars is much in evidence giving more chance of a short-lived affair. This may be extremely exciting and flattering but will probably leave you emotionally exhausted!

Generally, a positive start to the year with practical matters coming under an expansive trend.

VIRGO

AUGUST 22 TO SEPTEMBER 22



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

Jupiter enters a very favourable sector of your Solar chart on January 3rd.

Also, helpful vibrations from your ruler, Mercury, early in the month indicate welcome and perhaps quite unexpected news — something that will put employment matters in a more positive light.

Although you are often characterised as a creature of routine with very orderly habits, there is much to suggest that you'll be more inclined to step out of this

pattern and perhaps make important changes in the near future.

Jupiter's expansive influence will help you to feel more in tune with life and to have greater faith in your own capabilities. Efforts to widen your horizons — socially, creatively or educationally — will meet with success and bring you a great deal of satisfaction. Many Virgoans should gain better recognition and appreciation.

This trend is particularly favourable for those who are involved in creative and craft work. Chances are that a hobby or spare-time occupation will gather momentum and be put on a more professional footing.

Dates when these matters receive special emphasis are January 1st, 3rd, 9th, 12th, 13th, 16th, 17th and 24th. New doors may be opening for you at these times, so don't be over modest.

Financially speaking, there may be some feeling of uncertainty around mid month. A decision which has repercussions on your current work situation may be forced upon you. Be prepared for extra work, even if this is not exact-

ly remunerative. However, if you have been feeling increasingly dissatisfied with the way you earn your living, don't be afraid to explore other possibilities.

Remember that Jupiter is increasing your luck so you don't have to put up with an unrewarding situation. If there are money worries around mid month, they are unlikely to lead to any crisis. On the contrary, you could be forced into a very fortunate move.

Close relationships come more into the spotlight during the latter half of January. Venus, the planet of love, casts a rosy glow on existing relationships and brings fresh promise to those seeking romance. In married life, this planet will help you to sort out any emotional problems. If you're planning matrimony, the way ahead appears bright. However, with Saturn in this area of your Solar chart, it is not a time to rush into things.

Towards the end of the month travel and social life are favourably combined. Your social circle is likely to become more varied and you may meet someone who has a great deal in common with you.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 23 TO OCTOBER 22



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

Changes are beginning to be felt in the domestic quarter for Librans from January 1996.

You could have been mulling over a change of residence for some time but not have done much about it. An unexpected development early in the new year may put a different complexion on the situation and see you pushing ahead with an important move.

However, there is no need to be unduly alarmed at this. Not only does the benefic planet Jupiter en-

ter the home area of your Solar chart early in January but, a few days later, Uranus leaves it. What this adds up to is a trend towards greater enrichment and stability in all to do with home and family.

Over the past seven years or more you have probably felt rather unsettled or dissatisfied with your home life. You may not have really felt at home in the place where you live. This situation is likely to come to an end surprisingly quickly and you'll feel much more content.

Taking a broader view, the cosmic pattern suggests quite a radical break with the past. A certain degree of upheaval cannot be ruled out but with Jupiter giving you a great deal of support its outcome is certain to be favourable.

Dates of greatest significance for these matters are the 1st, 5th, 7th, 8th, 12th, 14th, 17th, 20th and 30th. On a more immediate level, be warned to take special care in the home around the 7th and 12th when there is an increased risk of accidents.

For the romantically inclined, an eventful month lies ahead. A chance meeting early in the

month, probably something that makes little impression on you at the time, is likely to take a more amorous turn later. Once Mars changes signs on the 8th, new love affairs are likely to become very intense and passionate. The 11th, 12th, 21st and 25th contain great potential for amorous experience.

The only possible drawback here is that a new romance could become all absorbing and a bit obsessive which could have a detrimental effect on other areas of your life. For instance if you are pursuing studies or involved in important business, your love-life may cause you to neglect these matters.

From a completely different angle, the prevailing pattern suggests a focus on deeper questions. If you are interested in mystical, psychological and spiritual quests, something new may intensify such interests, perhaps a revival of something from several years ago. You may not meet any gurus but someone you meet may awaken a new dimension in your mind.

Altogether an eventful start to the year.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 23 TO NOVEMBER 22



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

As Jupiter changes signs in early January you'll probably be stronger financially.

This is thanks to certain opportunities of which you took advantage during 1995. Also, Pluto has recently shifted emphasis into the money area of your Solar chart suggesting a strengthening of finances in the past few months.

This may have been due to you finding a better paid job or pushing through a successful business project. It is also highly likely that your

fortunes have been boosted via a legacy, insurance, legal payment or perhaps a lucky windfall. Whatever the case, you should be starting the new year very optimistically in regard to material matters.

Jupiter's expansive influence begins to activate an area of your chart to do with how you think and communicate day-to-day. Not only does this planet point to a richer and more varied pattern in immediate circumstances but you'll also gravitate towards people who are very much in tune with you.

Indeed, Jupiter indicates greater scope and incentive for expansion and enrichment in all mental activity. Even if you had not previously considered it, you are moving into a very helpful phase for learning and improving your skills. Efforts to develop your knowledge will meet with success and bring you a great deal of satisfaction — as well as improving your social life.

For those involved in teaching or whose work has to do with communications, the media or travel, the way ahead looks extremely encouraging from January onwards.

It is significant, too, that Uranus

begins to operate in your 4th Solar House from January 12th. As Mars is also in this area for most of the month you can expect a rather changeable domestic atmosphere.

This is in fact a disruptive trend, so it would be highly apt to change residence now. The planets indicate that, now or in the not to distant future, the basic structure of your life-style will move through a phase of restructuring and a break with the past may be entailed. The final result should be extremely positive — mostly because you'll gain a much greater sense of freedom than has been the case in previous years.

Highly significant dates for important changes, especially in regard to home life, are the 8th, 9th, 12th, 17th, 21st and 30th. If there's a need for radical and decisive action, make your best efforts then.

Socially and romantically the latter half of January will be decidedly pleasant. Don't worry if a love affair seems slow to get going. This is good and indicates that an enduring relationship will be built.

Late month a reunion will put you in good spirits.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 TO DECEMBER 20



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

The past year has probably been extremely rewarding in fresh opportunities.

Your sense of adventure has had a good field of expression but maybe you have found it difficult to hold everything together.

Now that your ruler, Jupiter, is moving out of your sign, you'll be more inclined to hold your horses and focus on the need to consolidate. In fact it could be said that the prevailing trend is un-Sagittarian, simply because there is an increas-

ing emphasis on the necessity for greater material stability now.

This is not to imply that the cosmic pattern is moving against you but it does indicate that your attitude needs some adjustment. The best strategy is to concentrate on strengthening your position and appreciating what you have achieved. To commit yourself to a more definite aim will be to your best advantage from now on.

From a purely financial point of view you have everything in your favour. Not only is Jupiter helping you to strengthen your position financially but, now that Uranus is taking leave of the money sector of your Solar chart, you can expect much greater stability in finances.

Just prior to Uranus changing signs on the 12th, there are indications of an unexpected financial problem needing urgent attention. Tread cautiously in any business or joint dealings, especially around the Full Moon on the 5th.

Also, extra expense may be due to rather large repair bills if something mechanical — most likely the car — breaks down. It might pay you to reassess insurance policies,

too, in the first half of January. A rather cavalier attitude to these matters over the past year may mean that you are now losing out in some way due to your own neglect of these things.

Another factor that puts a heavier accent on the need for stability in your life is the presence of Saturn in the lower portion of your Solar chart. Again, this throws the spotlight on the need for longer term views and perhaps a more responsible attitude towards home and family interests.

Although by nature you are not a very domesticated sort of person, the fact is that it is precisely the material and domestic side of things that will occupy a large part of your attention in 1996 — at least in the first three months of the year. If you are intent on pulling up sticks and moving to a more desirable residence, the earlier you get started on this project, the better.

Later in the month favourable developments are forecast in relation to your current work situation.

Once again, the message focuses on the need for increased stability.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 21 TO JANUARY 19



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

The most important thing this month is the transit of Jupiter into your sign on the 3rd.

Of equal importance is the departure of Uranus on the 12th. This powerful change points towards a highly successful phase with increased material stability.

While Uranus has been in your sign for the past seven years it is likely that you have experienced some fairly radical unexpected changes — probably forced upon you and generating a lot of stress.

Uranus is not all bad news, though. At best this planet can help you to break free of restrictions and achieve greater independence. If you are fairly open to new experience, you probably have made great gains, both materially and psychologically.

From January onwards, however, you will feel that at last you have found your feet and are able to take a much more ambitious stance. No longer will you feel that you are having to play things by ear or live on your wits. Rather you will know what you want out of life.

What's more, you are more likely to find the right opportunities from this month onward — and feel that past efforts and risks have all been worthwhile.

Financial matters will loom large during most of the month. Make an effort to get important negotiations or problems out of the way before the 9th. After that you are likely to run into delays.

It is certainly not a negative picture for money matters and with Venus in your favour during the first half of the month fortune smiles on you if you are looking for

bargains or wish to make extra cash. In the latter half of the month Mars is more in evidence so perhaps you'll need to keep a tighter rein on your purse-strings.

Expenses and outgoings are likely to be heavier than anticipated but, provided you keep well organised and don't give in to extravagant urges, the cash situation should remain viable.

Something pleasant will emerge from outings, visits or messages later in the month. The best dates for getting in touch are the 17th, 18th, 23rd, 28th and 30th. Mid-month may bring some rather intriguing news concerning a relative or friend. Although short journeys later on may be more in the nature of duty visits, something pleasant should result.

The only emotionally tricky dates in the month are the 5th, when you need to exercise tact with your nearest and the 25th or 26th when family feuds may arise.

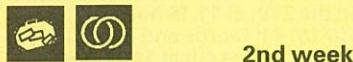
On the whole, though, the underlying trend is most definitely in your favour now that the Great Benefic, Jupiter, is giving your sign special privilege!

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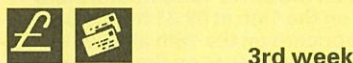
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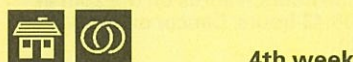
1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

On January 12th your ruler, Uranus, finally takes up residence in your sign.

It remains there for the next seven years or so. Above all, this indicates that, from early 1996, the pattern of events will herald the beginning of a new cycle of experience.

This changing pattern will not only alter the external structure of your life but, more importantly, it shows that the centre of gravity within your own character will somehow shift. This will be evi-

dent in changing attitudes and the perhaps quite sudden emergence of new interests and goals.

This is not to suggest that everything is about to change overnight but at some time within the not too distant future you can expect quite a radical alteration in your general scheme of things.

Although Uranus is often associated with revolutions and upheavals, it is also concerned with very constructive events and changes. The Uranian energy finds a highly positive expression in your sign and, at best, enables you to find your real destiny.

Doubly significant is that you have the fiery planet Mars forging through your sign from the 8th. This should galvanise you into action and endow you with the necessary energy and confidence to push ahead with important aims. You'll find that you are very much in the driving seat with plenty of scope to take fresh initiatives.

Whatever your main line of interest at present, now is the time to make the most of this progressive trend and take full advantage of any opportunities that come your

way. As your own self-confidence is likely to reach a high level during the coming weeks, you should have little difficulty dealing with challenging situations and making your presence felt. It is certainly a good time to go for a new job or strike out on your own.

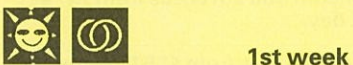
Dates when this very positive cosmic energy is at its most helpful are the 11th, 13th, 16th, 17th, 21st, 25th and 30th. Don't be afraid to take a bold approach, especially if striking out in a new direction. Together with Uranus, the powerful Mars factor not only endows you with increased charisma but gives you the power to take greater control of your own destiny.

However, with such powerful astrological energies prevailing you'll need to tread carefully at times. Others are more likely to experience you as threatening. Provided you cultivate tact and diplomacy you can expect to sail ahead smoothly.

Taken all round, you have an exciting and challenging start to the year. Seemingly insignificant events or small beginnings will lead to great achievement.

PISCES

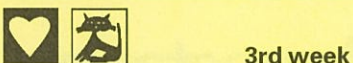
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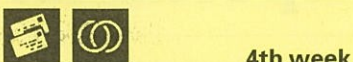
1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

You'll be giving increased attention to important aims and objectives.

The powerful conjunction of Mars with your ruler on January 31st points to an upsurge of enthusiasm.

The underlying trend suggests that a fairly lengthy phase of restriction is coming to an end and that, very soon, you'll find yourself with greater freedom. Such developments will be linked with an enriched social life, new friends and a wider sense of purpose.

In the early part of the month you can expect some interesting domestic events around the 3rd. An old friend may renew contact and you'll receive revealing information. Maybe something nagging at the back of your mind will be clarified, dispelling an old worry. Someone within your own family circle may also receive some encouraging news early month — probably relating to a job application or an examination result.

During the second week both Mars and Uranus enter your 12th Solar House. This portion of your chart has a special affinity with Pisceans for it puts a tremendous emphasis on the deeper energies of your mind. Uranus here can be extremely helpful for those who take an interest in the more intangible and esoteric fields.

For instance, this planet stimulates your intuitive and imaginative gifts, awakens psychic abilities and brings fresh artistic inspiration. The general message appears to be that new powers and energies are about to be awakened within you, perhaps leading to a complete change in direction.

This may not take shape right away as Uranus does stay in this area for about seven years. But during this period, many serious-minded Pisceans will somehow find their real destiny.

The latter half of January sees Venus transiting your sign, generating a pleasant aura around you and enabling you to get on with just about everybody. If you wish to ask any favours, now is the time to speak up. Others will be friendly, co-operative and supportive now.

Venus also enhances your personal charisma and makes you more attractive to the opposite sex. Indeed, you'll probably be more than usually concerned about your own personal image. This is all to the good, as it seems that you'll be gravitating into a wider social circle later on.

If it's romance you're hoping for the portents are extremely bright when Venus is well placed on the 17th, 18th, 23rd, 29th and 30th.

Finally, don't get over-anxious if a certain business or financial matter suffers some delay during the third week. You'll be given the green light soon after the 30th.

Lunar Lore Gardening

JANUARY

1 Below average temperatures, severe night frosts with the chance of heavy precipitation in the third week.

2, 3, 4, 5, 6

7 After 03.31 hours check plants, bushes and young trees are still firmly planted.

8 Continue all day.

9 After 15.30 hours check grease bands on fruit trees.

10 Clear away stems and roots of old green crops.

11 Continue all day.

12 After 01.56 hours repot Autumn-sown sweet peas.

13 Continue all day.

14 After 09.31 hours prune outdoor vines and indoor plants.

15 Continue all day.

16 After 13.26 hours, weather permitting, dig over vegetable patches.

17 Continue all day.

18 Continue until 14.08 hours.

19, 20, 21

22 After 13.03 hours take cuttings of chrysanthemums.

23 Take cuttings of azaleas and rhododendrons.

24 After 13.38 hours check precautions against mice and bird damage outside sheds etc.

25 Continue all day.

26 After 22.17 hours avoid outdoor planting if possible.

27 Repot fuschias, replant sage and thyme in small clumps.

28 Continue all day.

29 Continue until 08.43 hours.

30, 31

VICTORIA MATTHEWS

Greenwich Mean Time has been used throughout

The Planets This Month

☉ **The Sun** begins January at 9° 50' Capricorn and enters Aquarius on the 20th at 18.54 hours. It ends the month at 10° 23' of the Water Bearer.

☾ **The Moon** is waxing to Full on the 5th at 20.52 hours with the Last Quarter on the 13th at 20.46 hours. The New Moon is on the 20th at 12.52 hours with the First Quarter on the 27th at 11.15 hours.

As the month opens the Moon is in 16° 41' Taurus and enters Gemini on the 2nd at 02.30 hours; Cancer on the 4th at 14.57 hours; Leo on the 7th at 03.31 hours; Virgo on the 9th at 15.30 hours; Libra on the 12th at 01.56 hours; Scorpio on the 14th at 09.31 hours; Sagittarius on the 16th at 13.26 hours; Capricorn on the 18th at 14.08 hours; Aquarius on the 20th at 13.16 hours; Pisces on the 22nd at 13.03 hours; Aries on the 24th at 15.38 hours; Taurus on the 26th at 22.17 hours; Gemini on the 29th at 08.43 hours; Cancer on the 31st at 21.12 hours where it ends the month.

☿ **Mercury** is in the last degree of Capricorn on the 1st and enters Aquarius the same day at 18.07 hours. On the 9th it reaches 5° 10' of the Water Bearer when it turns retrograde at 21.52 hours. It re-enters Capricorn on the 17th at 09.38 hours and by the 30th has retreated to 19° 8' Capricorn where it turns direct at 10.18 hours, remaining in the same degree of the Goat until the month end.

♀ **Venus** begins the month in 12° 37' Aquarius and enters Pisces on the 15th at 04.31 hours. By the 31st it has reached 19° 8' of the Fishes.

♂ **Mars** begins January in 24° 10' Capricorn and enters Aquarius on the 8th at 11.03 hours. It ends the month at 17° 45' of the Water Bearer.

♃ **Jupiter** begins January in 29° 29' Sagittarius, enters Capricorn on the 3rd at 07.23 hours and by the end of the month it reaches 6° 3' of the Goat.

♄ **Saturn** is in Pisces all month and advances from 19° 24' on the first day to 22° 0' on the last day.

♅ **Uranus** begins the month in 29° 21' Capricorn entering Aquarius on the 12th at 07.13 hours. It ends the month at 1° 6' of the Water Bearer.

♆ **Neptune** spends the month in Capricorn and advances from 24° 41' on the first day to 25° 48' on the last day.

♇ **Pluto** is in Sagittarius all month and advances from 1° 57' on the 1st to 2° 46' on the 31st.

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.
♁ (180°) opposition: 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

JANUARY

1 M. ♃ in ⅈ. ♃△♁*♏△♂. ♃♁♏. ♂♁♂.

1996 begins with a series of unexpected money scandals that grow and grow.

2 T. ♃ in ⅈ & Ⅱ. ♃△♃△♏♁♁.

Family matters prevail. House move or change of domestic arrangements.

3 W. ♃ in Ⅱ. ♃△♀♁♏. ♃*♏.

Long-standing commitment needs urgent attention to get a task done and over with.

4 Th. ♃ in Ⅱ & ♁. ♃♁♂.

Money gain not as good as first thought — best postpone celebrations until sure.

5 F. ♃ in ♁. ♃♁♁.

Avoid getting involved with too much at once.

6 S. ♃ in ♁. ♃△♏♁♂.

Stay with what you know rather than things you feel you know.

7 Su. ♃ in ♁ & ♏. ♃♁♃♁♁♁♏♁♁.

Worrisome and busy period. Avoid socialising.

8 M. ♃ in ♏. ♃♁♂. ♂♁♏.

Poor start to the week. Keep calm if radical changes not favourable at work.

9 T. ♃ in ♏ & ♏. ♃♁♁♁♁♁♁.

Let others come to you for guidance and you make all the decisions.

10 W. ♃ in ♏. ♃♁♏♁♂.

Employment matters unfavourable. Beware those who bear gifts for no obvious reason.

11 Th. ♃ in ♏. ♃△♁♁♏♁♂. ♂*♏. ♂*♁.

Pm hours far easier than the am.

12 F. ♃ in ♏ & ♁. ♃△♃△♁♁♁♁♁♁.

Lots of loose ends keep cropping up — it seems as though you never run out of jobs.

13 S. ♃ in ♁. ♃♁♁. ♃♁♁.

Impulsive action leads to new interests/friends.

14 Su. ♃ in ♁ & ♏. ♃♁♃△♀♁♁♁♁♁♁♁♁.

Difficult to control responses, emotions are very near the surface all day.

15 M. ♃ in ♏. ♃△♏. ♃*♁.

Problems of all sorts attract interest. Little is accepted at face value.

16 T. ♃ in ♏ & ♁. ♃*♁*♃♁♁♁♁♁♁♁♁. ♂♁♂.

Awkward moments not easily or readily dealt with. May get sidetracked if not careful..

17 W. ♃ in ♁. ♃*♁♁♏. ♃♁♏. ♃*♁♁♁.

Open mouth, place foot inside. One of those days!

18 Th. ♃ in ♁ & ♁. ♃*♀♁♁. ♂♁♃.

Inner tensions need a change of scenery. Take a trip, even a short one to get away.

19 F. ♃ in ♁. ♃*♏.

May feel isolated but keep hands and mind active.

20 S. ♃ in ♁ & ♏. ♃♁♁♁♁♁♁♁♁♁♁. ♃♁♂.

Strong feelings in political issues. Wild talk or actions raise tempers.

21 Su. ♃ in ♏. ♃♁♁. ♂♁♏.

Exciting, different, rebellious, changeable, worrying.

22 M. ♃ in ♏ & ♏. ♃*♁♁♁.

Others may not agree with your point of view nor want to act in concert with you.

23 T. ♃ in ♏. ♃♁♀. ♂*♁.

Buy for the house. Entertain at home.

24 W. ♃ in ♏ & ♏. ♃*♁*♃♁♁♁♁♁♁♁♁. ♃*♏.

Much may happen to divert you from your original plans for the day.

25 Th. ♃ in ♏. ♃*♁♁♁.

High spirits, silly season for practical jokers and harmless pranks.

26 F. ♃ in ♏ & ♏. ♃♁♃♁♁♁♁♁.

Watch your budget; temptation to overspend and stretch the plastic.

27 S. ♃ in ♏. ♃♁♁♁♁.

Finance houses may clash or suffer from a bad press.

28 Su. ♃ in ♏. ♃△♃*♀♁♁♁♁♁.

Keep your feet on the ground and stick with what you have started.

29 M. ♃ in ♏ & Ⅱ. ♃△♏♁♁♁♁♁.

Many mood changes likely. People unable to cope with you.

30 T. ♃ in Ⅱ. ♃△♁♁♁♁♁♁. ♃*♀.

Don't cook unless you have to. Eat out or visit to dine.

31 W. ♃ in Ⅱ & ♁. ♃♁♏.

Long-term separations may start. People unco-operative.

The analysis of a birth chart takes many hours but there are some points which can be picked out immediately to form a quick thumb-nail sketch of a subject.

Hemispheric emphasis shows background personality traits. If the majority of planets occupy the Southern Hemisphere (Houses 7-12), the individual is objective, practical and extrovert; if most are in the Northern Hemisphere (1-6) the individual is subjective, intuitive and introvert. With most planets in the Eastern Hemisphere (10-3) he/she makes his/her own conditions and choices but is often lonely and isolated. With Western Hemisphere (4-9) emphasised he adjusts his own life to suit others and tends to have a weak sense of identity.

The **Splay** pattern has planets in three clusters, ideally trisecting the chart and emphasising one element. This indicates an individualistic, single-minded and self-contained person.

The **Seesaw** pattern resembles a bundle of arrows with a gap of about 60° on either side. With the emphasis on planetary oppositions the subject experiences life as a series of confrontations and choices; he/she either develops a fine sense of discrimination or becomes totally incapable of making decisions.

In a **Bundle** pattern the planets are concentrated into a narrow part of the chart, within 120°. The areas of life indicated by the signs and houses em-

could impel him/her either to seek a solution or to withdraw from society entirely.

The **Bucket** pattern is like the Bowl, except that it has a handle in the form of a planet which gives the individual a link with the missing half in the outside world through the sign/house occupied.

High focus

The Bowl, Bucket, Locomotive and Fan patterns each have a high focus planet upon which the pattern is concentrated, tipping the whole character in that direction. With the Bucket and Fan it is the handle of the pattern; with the Bowl and Locomotive it is the planet facing the gap in a clockwise direction.

Astrological Short-hand

by LYNNE STEELE-SMITH

A chart may be a blend of two conflicting hemispheres indicating a contradictory personality.

Planets are generally more active in Fire and Air signs and are happier in the Eastern and Southern Hemispheres; planets in Earth and Water signs tend to be passive and are more comfortable in the Western and Northern Hemispheres.

There are seven basic patterns (with minor variations) formed by the positions of the planets and the aspects between them.

In the **Splash** pattern planets appear scattered at random around the chart, indicating an individual either with wide interests and many talents or with a tendency to waste time and energy on useless pursuits.

phased are given intense attention at the expense of the parts outside the pattern. A variation on this is a **Fan** pattern, with the bundle opposed by a single planet, representing a vital outlet into the world.

In the **Locomotive** pattern the planets occupy two-thirds of the chart with the corresponding 120° empty. This is regarded as a power pattern, giving a desire and the potential to fill the missing gap as signified by the vacant signs/houses.

The **Bowl** pattern has planets occupying one half of the chart, sealing it off from the empty half with an opposition. This leaves the individual leading a divided existence, a double life or with a feeling of lacking something important. This

Each planet has a keyword which encapsulates its character as high focus planet: Sun, masterly; Moon, intense; Mercury, inquisitive; Venus, intimate; Mars, indomitable; Jupiter, paternal; Saturn, shrewd; Uranus, experimental; Neptune, authoritative; Pluto, transcendent.

Dynamic focus

The dynamic focus of a chart is indicated by the closest square or opposition between two planets and shows the underlying inclinations of the person concerned. Being a 'hard' or 'difficult' aspect, it has the greatest potential for development in the chart. If that aspect is a square, it indicates that adjustments are necessary before potential can be released; if it is an opposition co-operation/conflict situations will occur.

For the purposes of delineation, dynamic focus planets are divided into two groups. The planets of inner experience: Sun, Moon, Jupiter and Saturn, and the planets of outer experience: Mercury, Venus, Mars, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto. If the planets involved come from the same group, harmony is indicated; if not some alienation is possible.

Other planets

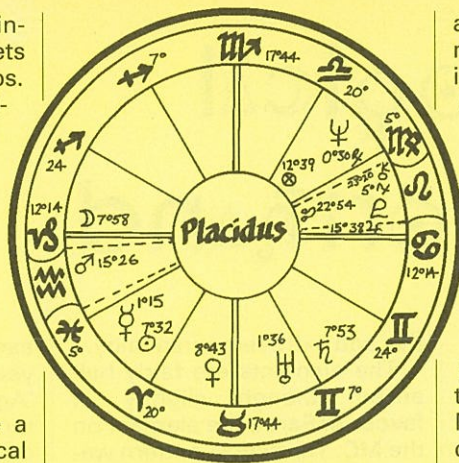
Three other planets have a special role in astrological shorthand. The scout planet is the planet which rose last ahead of the Sun. It indicates which issues are constantly presenting themselves for response before the subject is free to express himself. The second two planets work together as a pair. The cutting planet and the trailing planet face the largest open space in the chart in a clockwise and an anti-clockwise direction respectively. The cutting planet shows what qualities new experiences bring to the subject's life; the trailing planet shows what is changed by the new experience.

John Major

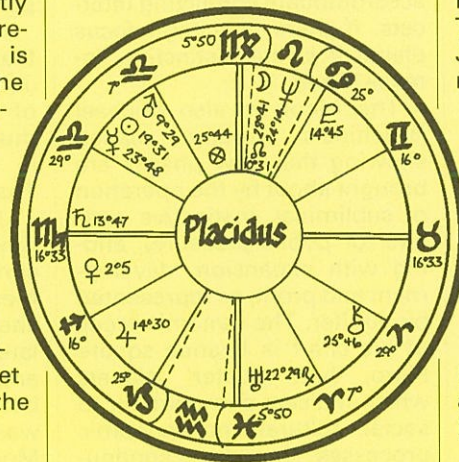
John Major's chart* has a slight emphasis on the Western and Northern Hemispheres; eight of the 11 planets are in Fire and Air signs with no planets in Water at all.

The Northern/Western leaning indicates a man who is naturally passive and receptive and easily influenced by others to the detriment of his own individuality; he tries to please everybody and satisfies nobody. This is further intensified by the imbalance of elements in favour of Fire and Air, denying the Watery, intuitive element altogether even though the Scorpio MC indicates its importance in his career.

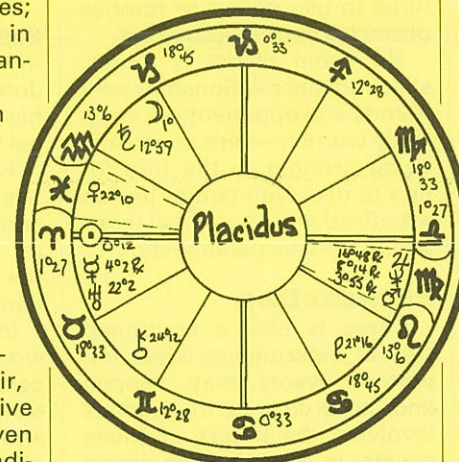
The planets strive hard to



John Major
02.40 GMT, March 29th 1943
Brixton



Margaret Thatcher
09.05 GMT, October 13th 1925
Grantham



Michael Heseltine
06.25 GMT, March 21st 1933
Swansea

achieve a power-driven Locomotive pattern but fall to make it; instead it settles into a Splash. At best this promises a multi-faceted personality, at worst someone who promises everything and delivers nothing. If the almost-Loomotive pattern can be said to have a high focus planet it is the Moon whose keyword is 'intense.'

The intense, uncomfortable Moon also appears as cutting planet; the trailing planet is Neptune. This indicates that changes are brought about by personal inclinations, not necessarily conscious (or by the public, represented by the Moon in political astrology). This results in a change of John Major's sense of autonomy as an individual.

The Dynamic Focus of the chart is the Sun/Moon square. These are both inner experience planets, giving a real possibility of peace between ego and instinct. With Mercury as scout planet a constant barrage of information and demands upon his time and energy will have to be dealt with before the adjustments of this square can be made.

Here is a man who is pulled in different directions with an outer life at odds with his true inner self and who probably has a secret ambition. Compare this with the natal chart of Margaret Thatcher.

Margaret Thatcher

The leaning here is towards the Eastern and Southern Hemispheres. The subject is naturally extrovert, assertive and dominant, though achievements sometimes come at the price of closeness and understanding. Elemental balance is again in favour of Fire and Air which is compatible with the Eastern/Southern emphasis.

In Lady Thatcher's chart* Earth is the least represented element and, in common with

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John Major, her scarcest element is on her MC.

The pattern appears at first glance to be another Splash, appropriately indicating the subject's wide interests, but this masks a Bucket pattern with a double handle. The bowl part of this pattern is largely in the public, South East, 'day' side of the chart, leaving the personal 'night' side almost empty and sealed off, except for the double handle represented by the high focus planets — experimental Uranus and Chiron whose keyword might be 'heroic.'

Chiron is also the cutting planet, showing how new phases are initiated by the need to teach practical lessons, and Pluto as trailing planet shows how they are completed with power shifts and renewal.

The dynamic focus of the chart is Jupiter opposite Pluto. A conflict between the inner experience planet, Jupiter, and the outer experience planet, Pluto, shows the need to balance inner understanding and mature judgment with the possibilities of using or abusing power. The scout planet is Mars which throws up issues of self-will, assertiveness and conflict — 'The Iron Lady' — before she can express herself freely. She understands power and is not afraid to use it but does so at some personal cost.

Michael Heseltine

There is no available birth time for Michael Heseltine and the time for which the chart is drawn up is speculative. Mr Heseltine's chart also shows the balance of planets in the East and South, giving an ac-

tive and extrovert personality.

The elements are fairly balanced, though slightly in favour of Earth, the element on the MC. The aspect pattern wavers between the power-driven Locomotive and the Seesaw with its continual adjusting to accommodate conflicting interests. If there is a high focus planet it is the instinctive, intense Moon.

The Moon is also Michael Heseltine's cutting planet, showing that new phases are brought about by the operation of subliminal, instinctive matters (or public pressure), ending with expansion, development and profit, as represented by Jupiter. The dynamic focus of his chart is Uranus square Pluto, both 'outer' planets which indicate commitment to social, cultural and economic processes. The subject continually has to make adjustments to balance revolutionary tendencies and existing power structures to use power to remove obstacles to transformation.

His scout planet is Venus, showing that relationships with friends and opponents — especially women — are constantly being brought to the fore for him to deal with before he can act effectively. A well-balanced and pragmatic personality.

Forecasting

There is also a shorthand way of determining when important events may happen and, according to the planets involved, the nature of those events. In a natal chart drawn up with houses calculated according to the Koch birthplace method (not illustrated here),

each house represents six years of the subject's life. The 'Age Point' (AP) is progressed through the houses in an anti-clockwise direction and as it forms aspects with the natal planets, events are likely to occur; this can also be used to pinpoint birth times.

In November 1990, after defeating Michael Heseltine, John Major was elected leader of the Conservative Party and thus became Prime Minister in succession to Margaret Thatcher.

John Major was 47 at the time; his AP was in early Libra, conjunct Neptune and opposite Mercury/Sun. Margaret Thatcher was 65 with her AP slightly later in Libra, between Mars and the Sun; in 1979 when she became Prime Minister her AP was conjunct Neptune and the Moon. In Michael Heseltine's speculative chart, at age 57 his AP would have been around 12° Aquarius, conjunct Saturn.

His AP was opposite Mars in September 1994 and Neptune in March 1995; at the same time John Major's AP was opposite his natal Venus. Venus is Michael Heseltine's scout planet.

For some time there had been much speculation about another challenge to John Major from Michael Heseltine. In the event, however, Venusian harmony prevailed.

In the face of John Redwood's challenge for the Tory party leadership, Michael Heseltine supported John Major and was rewarded with the post of deputy premier.

**Data rectified from official sources.*

ASTROLOGY TODAY

A Sun in Pisces friend once asked me about his love of debate and verbal confrontation. 'I thought Pisces were supposed to be gentle and easy going,' he said. 'And yet,' he added, 'there is nothing I like better than a good argument. And in decisions I don't mess about. I go for it!'

I suspected he had put his finger on one of the most common reasons for a person with a particular Sun sign seeming rather different from the textbook description. I looked up his natal Mercury position and, as I had thought, it was in Aries.

Let us take a look at this fastest moving of all the planets. It passes through all 12 signs in just under a year and, at 36 million miles, is the closest planet to the Sun

Its closeness is important from an astrological point of view for Mercury can never be more than one sign away from the Sun. Sun in Taurus people must always have natal Mercury in Taurus, Aries or Gemini. Sun in Pisces people will always have their natal Mercury in Pisces, Aquarius or Aries.

This planet is the ruler of both Gemini and Virgo and it influences our mentality and our communication. So we start to realise just how important it is in astrology. The urge to communicate is irresistible and, without it, our species would still be 'in the trees.' The ability to think, to ask 'why?' and to seek out answers is also a major factor in making us different from other species.

We must remember that adjacent signs are always very different. Signs next-door-but-one are more compatible. In fact, as a very general rule, we can say that signs which are an odd number apart will lack harmony while those which are an even number apart will have it.

MERCURY: THE WINGED MESSENGER

by
MAURICE HENRY

So, if Mercury must either be in the same sign as the Sun or one sign apart, its position in the natal chart can explain some apparent contradictions.

If two placements are going to be in the same sign, frequently they are going to be in conjunction — within eight degrees of each other. There is some tendency for the attributes of each to merge and a Sun/Mercury conjunction indicates a very close link between the ego (Sun) and the mind (Mercury).

Most readers will have some idea of how their Sun sign affects their basic character. By comparing that with Mercury's indications in each of the 12 signs some idea can be gained of the total effect.

Aries Decisive, competitive thinker; energetic, sometimes aggressive, communicator. May be impulsive in thought and speech.

Taurus Practical thinker. Thoughts concerned with material application. They find argument wasteful but will dig in their heels to protect security.

Gemini Lightning quick thought patterns. A mind which is curious and original. Rapid, compulsive and impatient communication.

Cancer Thinking influenced by the subconscious. A good memory. Sensitive in communication.

Leo Strong willpower and determined thought. May tend to dramatise and likes to be centre-stage.

Virgo Analytical thought processes with good reasoning ability. Very precise and

logical. May be pedantic.

Libra Balanced thinking and concerned to be fair-minded. Likes to examine all aspects of a problem. Communicates with ease and gentleness.

Scorpio An intuitive mind searching for deep insights. Determined mind capable of great resourcefulness. Wary in communication — may be secretive.

Sagittarius A mind searching for all which is new and unexplored. An optimistic thinker, wanting to see round the next corner. Direct and frank.

Capricorn A practical, organised mind. Ambitious in thought but cautious as well. Clear, organised and pragmatic in communication.

Aquarius An impersonal, open mind, unbiased and not influenced by conventional wisdom. Free and independent in communication.

Pisces A very imaginative mind. An ability to visualise thoughts and images from the past. Very intuitive. Gentle and easy-going in communication.

If you are a cautious, practical, one step at a time Sun in Capricorn and yet your mind is forever wanting to explore new fields, experiment with new ideas, it will seem to question the truth of our Sun/Capricorn analysis. If you research your natal Mercury's position, however, it's a reasonable bet that you'll find it in Sagittarius.

We should never jump to conclusions about a person on the basis of his/her Sun sign. The Sun sign gives us a keyhole view into a very large room. The total birth chart unlocks the door and allows us to see the whole room.

Sadly, since receiving this article, we heard that its author, a well known and respected astrologer, died in June 1995.

CAPRICORN ♄



Chill December brings the sleet, Blazing fire and Christmas treat.

And this year, on the 22nd, December brings in Capricorn with its ruler Saturn. Festivities which are under way falter!

Chill is a Capricorn keyword. It not only signifies loss of body heat and those nasty snuffles to which Capricornians are subject but the absence of mental warmth. To chill is to discourage, to cast a blight on the proceedings and it must be admitted that Capricorn is a pessimistic sign and sees all the disadvantages of a situation before it's even off the drawing board.

Sleet is another keyword. It's a mixture of rain, snow and hail, painful and penetrating. Coldness, surliness, suspicion,

carping, unsociability, distrust and even downright cruelty have always been expected of Capricorn. Killjoys, Wet Blankets, Puritans. Unfeeling, mean, melancholy.

As for Saturn, he was debited with bringing illness, poverty, loneliness, imprisonment, hard times, senility, tiredness, rejection and inescapable fate. Saturn, of course, is the furthest planet to be seen with the naked eye, which is why it has always represented limits, boundaries and death.

However, nothing can be totally bad and astrologers had to allow some good qualities. Accordingly Capricorn has acquired a grudging list of unexciting virtues like reliable, patient, prudent, practical, hard-working, orderly, economical,

by **JOAN REVILL**

trustworthy, persevering, self-reliant, responsible and profound.

Capricorn is the 10th sign, corresponding to the 10th House of career and social standing. Capricornians are quietly ambitious and are able to assume authority. Politics and the civil service are traditionally their stamping grounds. They are born bureaucrats.

Capricorn's year ahead

Since 1984 you have been through strange times accompanied by Neptune transiting your sign, and from 1989 by Uranus. Both planets have been trying to change your lifestyle, Neptune subtly by eroding the rigid scaffolding with which you like to surround yourself and Uranus brutally by kicking it down.

Neptune causes confusion, slow disruption of the daily routine, indecisiveness, exploitation, reliance on drugs or alcohol, a draining away of energy, poor health, even a loss of the will to live. The upside is that it has been a fine time for those seeking a more spiritual or artistically creative way of life. Uranus brings sudden shattering events, good or bad. In one way or another you have found you 'can't depend on nuthin'!' On January 12th Uranus moves out of Capricorn taking its tensions with it.

However, all is not yet over. The last week of 1995 and the first week of 1996 allow it a final kick. Changing moods and energy levels lead to confrontations, accidents or poor health but with Uranus gone only Capricorns with birthdays in the last week of the sign — from about January 15th — should continue to be affected by Neptune. For you, throughout 1996 the general tone remains more or less as above.

From mid-January to mid-February, Mercury joins Neptune. Enhanced imaginative powers

and sensitivity helps all creative types. For others, lack of clarity, pessimism and deception are more to be expected. Either self-deception or deception on the part of others.

From early January Uranus is in your 2nd House of finances, in its sign of Aquarius where it carries considerable clout. For some years to come you will be less concerned with financial security and more willing to take chances. Some you'll win, some you'll lose. Money lost from your left-hand pocket will miraculously reappear in your right. There are changes in the way you get money and the way in which you spend it. Best opportunities occur for those working in the technical, scientific, electronic worlds. Inventors and those with original ideas are onto financial winners. All Capricorns are likely to experience something unexpected to do with money on or around January 12th.

Saturn's position and aspects are of the greatest importance to you. At the beginning of 1996 it's still in Pisces, the 3rd House of your Solar chart. A heavy influence giving a serious outlook. Young Capricorns will have had to work exceptionally hard to make the grade. Really unfortunate Capricorns have been, or are, struggling with depression. Everyday journeys may have been nightmarish. Possibility of worries over neighbours or brothers and sisters; unkind

They are not regarded as the best looking inhabitants of the zodiac but ideal Capricorn men are tall and lean with pale or swarthy complexions, dark hair and penetrating, sleety-grey eyes. Periodically the Saturnine hero is all the rage in romantic literature. The apparently unemotional, strong, silent, brooding type with a secret sorrow — the Mr Rochester stalwart of Mills and Boon. Similarly, the girls can be staggeringly beautiful in a classical, well-groomed, calm and collected way. They all improve with age!

They are romantically shy but need to be loved despite appearing self-sufficient. Loyalty and duty towards the family is a feature of Capricornian life.

Details of Saturn's emergence from the mass of ancient gods and goddesses are hazy. It seems that before getting his bad reputation he was honoured by the Romans as a benevolent god of agriculture,

POSITION IN THE ZODIAC	TENTH SIGN
CORRESPONDING TO	DECEMBER 21 TO JANUARY 19
PRINCIPLE	THE SEARCH FOR THE SUMMIT
ELEMENT	EARTH
QUALITY	CARDINAL
PLANETARY RULER	SATURN
SYMBOL	THE GOAT

guardian of wealth and inventor of counting and weights and measures. (Additional favoured careers for Capricorn are estate managers, farmers and financial advisers.)

They honoured him with his own festival which began around December 19th and continued for a week or more. This was Saturnalia, a byword for licentiousness when slaves were waited on by their masters, liquor flowed and anyone could say what they liked about the boss. The original office Christmas party!

The Christmas treat at last! It

proves what we have known all along that Capricornians can let down their hair and kick up their heels with the best when time and place are right.

Capricorn names are Noel and Natalie for those born at Christmas, Nova for the New Year and Tiffany for Epiphany. Ernest is earnest, Holly is holly and Olivia, olive — all lucky.

By January 20th Saturn will have cleared up the shambles and distributed the New Year duty rosters, returning, silent and buttoned-up again, to lead the Capricorn Goat back to its starry hillside for another year.

things may have been said about you. March 10th to 24th increases the likelihood but on April 7th Saturn changes signs and houses and enters Aries. You will now lose the feeling of hopelessness and victimisation which Saturn in Pisces so often brings. You are into a more optimistic, assertive, even aggressive, period.

In the 4th House, at the very root of your Solar chart, Saturn gives you the opportunity to get your life organised and on to a firm foundation. Your interests will be centred on your home. Not helpful for selling property. Staying put, repairing and securing your house and making the best of it is recommended. An old person, usually a parent, causes concern to some.

From July 20th to December 3rd, Saturn goes retrograde, a slowing down of an already slow planet. It's very much a wait-and-see year for you. On September 27th there's a Lunar eclipse involving Saturn. This might work out as difficulties with the opposite sex but is more likely to be a domestic hiccup causing low spirits. (Eclipses frequently pass unnoticed and are only triggered off when another planet passes over the spot.)

Mars precedes Saturn into the 4th House spending all of April there. Vigorous spring-cleaning surely! Exciting visitors, lots of noise and activity. As it's Mars and Aries take care. Check the smoke alarm and the first-aid box!

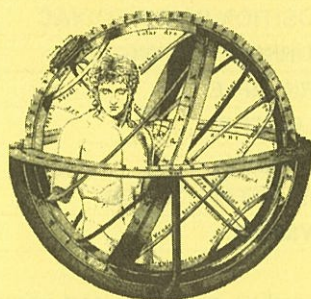
Romance? Late January/early February is

hopeful for affectionate meetings and messages for Capricorns of any age. Then, June through to September provides any number of magic moments for the romantically inclined.

In November 1995 Pluto moved into your 12th House Sagittarius for a long stay. It could start some of you off caring for unfortunates in hospitals, prisons or charitable institutions. Others with their own fears, phobias and psychiatric problems will find this the right time to get help. Counselling and analysis benefits those suffering from past traumas. Those interested in karma and past lives will find much to intrigue them.

Now here's the best bit, left until last like the cherry on top of the cake! On January 4th Jupiter enters Capricorn where it will stay through 1996. If your year ahead has seemed sombre, take heart because Jupiter in your sign protects you, lightens the load and is honour-bound to bring you good luck somehow, sometime in the year.

Cheerfulness will keep breaking through, you'll find help, kindness, spiritual guidance and goodwill from those in a position to give it. Career opportunities will present themselves, health improve and social standing be enhanced. As the year closes in December 1996, Jupiter joins up with Neptune and Mercury which clearly shows that you will by then have a really hopeful outlook for 1997.



JANUARY BIRTHDAY FORECAST

★ INDICATES AN EXCEPTIONALLY LUCKY 12 MONTHS AHEAD

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| <p>1 Do as much of everything as you can, people close to you unreliable or unco-operative.</p> | <p>12 The mixture as before but you should be better off financially.</p> | <p>22 Emotional feelings become quite overpowering at times — for good or ill.</p> |
| <p>2 Changeable and quite intriguing at times. Full of many experiences you will never really forget.</p> | <p>13 Try not to get involved in matters you only half understand. Curb impulsiveness.</p> | <p>23 The artistic side of life attracts. New and interesting worlds with which to experiment.</p> |
| <p>3 Travel accentuated. Concentrate on one thing at a time.</p> | <p>14 Feelings are close to the surface all year - but what a year!</p> | <p>24 A much more interesting and challenging time than you think originally.</p> |
| <p>4 Too much of everything could cause stress and extravagance.</p> | <p>15 Rewarding in more ways than one. ★ A clearly defined age gap between you and a new romantic interest.</p> | <p>25 Financially adverse. Don't move house, buy/sell property.</p> |
| <p>5 Around May/June period family differences will come to the boil.</p> | <p>16 Inspirational period full of events but nothing really concrete.</p> | <p>26 Frustrating sometimes, unable to keep a momentum going on favourite projects.</p> |
| <p>6 May idealise love and idolise a partner more than is good for you.</p> | <p>17 This year you are going to learn to think on your feet and profit by it. ★</p> | <p>27 Start a new business, branch out, seek new horizons. ★</p> |
| <p>7 People may seem to oppose you just for the sake of it.</p> | <p>18 Despite all you may achieve you must still plan properly for the future.</p> | <p>28 Unwanted responsibilities may have to be met.</p> |
| <p>8 Before April is out some may throw everything up and start again elsewhere.</p> | <p>19 Learn to balance emotional needs with your appreciation of obligations and duty.</p> | <p>29 Clashes with authority figures envisaged, otherwise mostly light-hearted and carefree.</p> |
| <p>9 Emotional period. Stick to your budget very carefully.</p> | <p>20 Snappy 12 months with abrupt changes likely. Tendency to become involved with things new.</p> | <p>30 Throw off the shackles, take chances, a new romance or an old one rekindled.</p> |
| <p>10 Partnerships poor. Bending the rules will prove most unhelpful.</p> | <p>21 Strong desire to break free, to get out of the rut. A lively period if nothing else.</p> | <p>31 Life will tend to look a lot worse than it actually is.</p> |



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UNCLEAN DOGS

Certain ultra orthodox Jewish sects in my area believe domestic dogs bring bad luck and rarely keep them as family pets. Can you explain the reasoning behind this please? — T.B., Stamford Hill.

Modern sects that hold this belief are, in fact, following very early Jewish traditions dating back to the time of the Exodus and the settlement of Palestine by the 12 Tribes of Israel. Dogs were then considered unclean scavengers, hence the many biblical references against them: eating their own vomit, licking pools of blood, etc.

Of course, most dogs were wild then and sought food on middens or fed off occasional scraps. So to have such an animal in the home was thought to bring uncleanness and invite

ill fortune.

Even now when most people accept dogs as domestic pets, there are some countries where dogs are treated in much the same way as they were in biblical times. Current sects are, therefore, simply following tradition and reacting to dogs as did their forefathers before them.

KARMA & GENETICS

If a soul chooses the conditions of its next incarnation based on whatever karma needs fulfilling, could these conditions be expressed in the genetics of the individual? For instance, might a soul choose to be homosexual? — Q.R., Uxbridge.

I do believe the soul has to choose not only the type of life that it is important to experience but also gender and in-

deed sexuality. Many Eastern philosophies believe we pass through all the 12 signs of the zodiac and all the variations of the sexes too: one life as a woman, another as a man, the one after that may well offer a sexual orientation that is mixed or with attraction to one's own gender.

Thus the soul would be born into that state of orientation, not by accident or because of social conditions, parental deprivation or abuse, etc but through the genes: it would be a case of being born that way. So, yes, genetics do enter the equation.

Perhaps the current stigma attached to sexual orientation and preference will be removed eventually with the realisation that these are merely part of the progression through the sexes. I suspect most people have actually experienced the various alternatives during the course of their many incarnations even though they may be unaware of the fact during the present life.

SALT MAGIC

Recently I have become interested in salt magic but the book I have been reading says that simple rituals can be per-

graphology

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in the formation. This implies a facet of tension caused by some private and secret disharmony in the background. The downward sloping t-bars indicate slight resignation but also a wish to be in control. However, the downward stroke was made as a connection to the next, lower letter and this can mitigate the indication.

The next writer puts on a

giant display of self-esteem and with this trait there are signs of individualism, originality, resourcefulness and creativity. This is an ego without any real implication of pretence. There is independence but it is not forced on others. Notice the very wide word-spacing denoting the wish for mental distance from those with whom the writer comes into contact. Although not very evident here, most of the word endings or final adjustments are short. This suggests an abrupt manner, even bluntness at times.

This characteristic must be repeated a number of times for

the implication to be correct. Assessing a trait from one single instance is not a good principle and may often lead to a wrong conclusion. Repetition is of prime importance.

The upward inclination of the top and bottom bars of this capital point to an optimistic frame of mind at the time of writing. They are also long which alludes to enthusiasm and a positive measure of willpower.

The final example of three lines of script includes two capitals which lean to the left. If one remembers that the left symbolises the past, self and

formed at any time. This contradicts my understanding that the aim of the ritual is governed by the time, day, Moon, etc. Have you an opinion on this? — P.S., Sheffield.

Just to prove the exception, it is permissible to use salt magic any time that salt is available. This is because in ancient times the art of alomancy (predicting events through the patterns made by salt sprinkled on a surface) depended on salt being to hand.

Salt was then a rarity, had a tendency to dissolve when wet and was used for domestic purposes mainly. So, divination could only take place whenever the kitchen salt was available and the niceties of timing, Lunar phase, etc were ignored as being of lesser importance when the source material itself was so scarce.

Incidentally for preference, use crushed block salt for divinatory or ritual purposes unless this is not available in which case ordinary table salt can be used effectively.

NEW RACE

Could you give me any information about the so-called emergence of the 'Race of Tan?' Is this a prediction made by followers of oc-

cultism and, if so who prophesied it and in what text? I first came across the concept in a PREDICTION article, Sybil Songs, by Jon Severin in April 94. — Q.R., London.

My colleague, Jon Severin, tells me his research led him to many Theosophical publications, notably those of Annie Besant and C.W. Leadbeater, some of which are now over a century old. The Race of Tan is stated to be the next in line after the Brown, Black, Yellow and White races.

Migration has already played a part in placing races of different colours into new countries rather than remaining exclusively in their areas of origin. Any world cataclysm or the general progress of physical attraction will eventually refine the admixture of differing races so that the Race of Tan will emerge.

Occult literature suggests that this emerging peoples will be very attractive due to racial interbreeding and a new subspecies will, therefore, establish itself over a long period of time. Indeed, this is already happening, albeit slowly, in such countries as the USA and Australia where the mix of all kinds of nationalities is producing children who are blessed

with good looks and beautiful bodies.

So, on a world scale, this trend will become increasingly apparent and is all part of the natural progression of the races according to many occult writers.

FUNERAL CURTAINS

In the village where I was born, residents would close their curtains on the day of a funeral whether the deceased was popular or not. Was this a wide practice, do you know, as it seems to have died out now? — D.G., Tideswell.

The practice of neighbours drawing their curtains after a death in the village is a very old tradition with tribal roots. Then it was members of the tribe or clan who would close their hut doors and cover windows as a sign of respect but also to ensure that the shade of the deceased would not enter their homes by mistake.

The theory was that the shade would then quit the village and continue its journey to wherever it was destined to go. The tradition remains to this day, even if the original reason has long been forgotten. People in many small communities still continue to draw their curtains as a mark of respect.

areas of introversion, there is little need to say more. These lines are made with a rather conventional form to the letters, therefore we can expect the writer to be fairly conventional in outlook and approach.

Although the actual slant appears upright at first, a closer examination will show some variations; a facet of emotional influences below the surface aura of self-control. The base-lines are a little uneven which confirm this interpretation.

The spacing between letters is significant. This example shows an outgoing and effec-

tive presentation to the external world but some inhibition when expressing feeling responses. This writer is not a fundamentally antagonistic or forceful individual but is somewhat inclined to give way a little rather than get involved with disharmony and disconcerting situations.

Lower extension length points to an appreciation of material things without actually being idolatrous of money and wealth.

The final strokes and endings of the words are different from those of our previous writer. They have a garland-

like form registering a friendly and open attitude to other people. This form of ending shows an overall willingness to be cooperative and helpful and a readiness to be affable in contacts with others.

Friendly and understanding people will not display angularity in their script. Those who are ready to argue, to deny the other side of an argument and be critical are generally the ones who write with many angular letters. They are also a little tense. However, on the positive side they will fight for their principles as well as living up to them.

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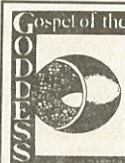
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I'm going to fall into a familiar diatribe here and vent my spleen a little against the inflexibility of 'scientism.' Every open-minded person, once in a while, gets fed up with the 'give me some proof' sneer behind which science-minded folk hide.

These days we all know about the indeterminability of things. Complex systems and Chaos theory have put paid to the idea of a clockwork universe and quantum mechanics has firmly linked the observer with the event observed to make this, very clearly, a participatory universe.

Problem

Yet when it comes down to the crunch, the problem these folk have with New Age thinking and the more hard-core claims of magic is that if the mind can somehow disengage from the body and travel to other worlds or a simple incantation can affect weather patterns or provide the key to other dimensions, how can such things happen without the concrete link provided by the aid of machines?

And the 'machines' in question, as we all know, these days come with ten-digit price tags neatly attached and operate on well-known, albeit rather complex, laws of science. You see the problem? What good is going into a yoga-induced trance, sitting cross-legged on a mat and 'seeing' the atomic structure of the hydrogen atom (like Annie Besant and Charles Leadbeater did in 1895) or drawing the face of the Moon and the volcano-

noes of Mars (as Lucien Rudaux did in 1939) when all you have to back it up is an 'I say so' gut-conviction?

Facts

The science that will refute your findings demands facts. Streaks of white light disintegrating on the photographic plates inside cyclotronic supercolliders. Digitised pictures sent back by the Mariner probes. Repeatable experiments that can be carried out by anybody without the need for psychic training, inner awareness or extrasensory perception.

That's what scientists believe in. And to point out that the hydrogen atom does indeed have a structure remarkably similar to that described by Besant and Leadbeater or that the surface of Mars drawn by Rudaux seems indistinguishable from the pictures beamed back by Mariner 4 is to beat your head against a stone wall.

At the time that the above happened, conventional scientific wisdom was against what the New Age and strictly 'non-

ern science and magic on these pages previously. But even this is not enough. For every John Wheeler who comes out openly on the side of New Age thinking and the enquiring mind (as his diagrams on the symbiosis of mind and matter prove) there are a hundred white-smocked sceptics who'll still sneer and ask you for computer tables, percentages, statistics and tangible proof before they even concur that you might have a point.

The basic problem, I feel, is not what New Agers say and do but what they represent. For better or worse, science offers something concrete. In its most basic form it endeavours to take the human agent out of the picture altogether. A little ammonia, a little nitrate, oxygen perhaps, then 'just shake and stir' and you have life! Of a sort, that is.

Hope

To those who follow it blindly, this sort of science offers the hope of salvation. 'It doesn't matter what you are,' its mes-

THERE'S A THOUGHT!

by DAVID AMERLAND

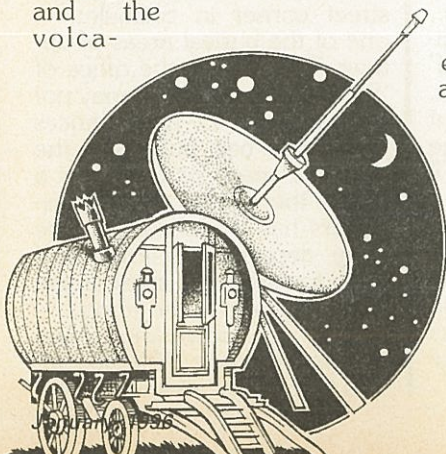
Hard-nosed science may yet be coming around to admit that New Age thinking has got it right after all.

scientific' proponents claimed. So how could it possibly have been considered as having the slightest merit? When with time and the due advance of technology, these proponents were proved to be right, scientists conveniently forgot all about them and marvelled instead at their own accomplishments.

Things these days do seem a little better. After all, I have chronicled the gradual convergence of the underlying ideology of mod-

sage seems to say, 'we'll find a way to make things better.'

On the other hand, New Age thinking and the metaphysical tradition that is inherent in magic, Buddhism and Zen tells us categorically that the world in which we live is the product of our minds or, even worse, our very innermost nature. 'What is truly within will be manifested without,' says The Great Learning and that's a message that a great many of us may just not want to hear in a violent, drug-ridden world.



To their credit, not all scientists are like that. Physicist Fritjof Capra was the first to invite ire by breaking from the fold with his book, *The Tao of Physics*, and Erwin Schrodinger who pioneered quantum mechanics, wrote a book in the 1950s, entitled *What Is Life?* where he explored what he perceived to be the hidden oneness of all human minds.

Trend

The general trend is that the more advanced and established a scientist is, the more willing he/she becomes to take a chance and explore the 'hidden side' of man. No less a person than Richard Feynman warned as a preface to one of his lectures on quantum physics, 'Do not keep saying to yourself if you can possibly avoid it. "But how can it be like that?" Nobody knows how it can be like that.' A true expression of the New Ager's need of faith in the unknown by one who should perhaps know.

More recently, William D. Hamilton of Oxford University and one of the most important evolutionary biologists of this half of the century, musingly said that Earth perhaps is the zoological experiment of some 'extraterrestrial zookeepers' who interfere hardly at all until, 'They see something which isn't quite right.'

For instance, 'This zoo is going to kill itself off if they let you do this or that. So they insert a finger and just change some little thing.' This seems pretty fanciful for a scientist until one considers the mystery of the Dogon tribe in Africa and the extraterrestrial 'warnings' abductees invariable carry back with them.

New research

This recently discovered introversion in scientists has led to a new wave of research and a novel kind of thinking. More and more of them, it seems, are regarding the metaphysical as providing some sort of a solution to the puzzle that is the

formation of intelligence and the emergence of life.

Looking at computer representations of the ripples in the cosmic background radiation that are echoes of the Big Bang, astrophysicist George Smoot announced to the waiting reporters last year that, 'This is like looking at God.' Even more recently, Nobel prize-winning physicist Leon Lederman has come out with his theories on what he calls 'The God Particle.'

Complexity-theory proponents like Stuart Kauffman and the Russian-born Belgian chemist, Ilya Prigogine, have come out with theories of 'self organisation' too. These resoundingly echo New Age thinking into inherent stabilities and underlying order in the cosmic structure.

Truce?

So, is it time to lay down the swords? Call it a truce and shake hands with all those who shout at the top of their voices about the detriments and shortcomings of New Age ideals, magical philosophy and theosophical concepts?

Well, not quite yet. In his 1988 book, *The Evolution of Complexity*, John Tyler Bonner of Princeton flew the banner for the debunkers when he wrote, 'The more rational and materialistic the explanation, the better I like it.' He was, though, speaking for himself of course. Others, using the same findings as Bonner used, may feel free to draw entirely different conclusions. Yet he did strike a chord in many people.

A world where the best science can say is 'Better thyself' can be a hellish nightmare. So, next time I get shouted down at a party for airing a New Age theory on how things work, I'll just nod politely and smile.

Whatever the critics say, in scientific circles New Age thinking is pretty much the flavour of the day. And those of us who trust gut-convictions do not need to make new converts.

The Japanese are noted for being a people of contradictions. Many think of them as being obsessed by technological gimmickry, yet their culture is one of simplicity and meditation. They are notorious for their materialism and compulsive spending, yet spiritualists and fortune-tellers can be found on every street corner.

In fact, people from every level of society have been seeking the advice of the latter increasingly in recent years. Over the past decade, during an unprecedented boom period in Japanese economy, the country has also seen a massive resurgence in fortune-telling, clairvoyance, etc and a general heightening in profile of psychics and spiritualists.

In a society where paradox seems to be second nature, this does not appear to have come as a surprise to anyone. Indeed fortune-telling has become a respected, potentially profitable occupation.

Two women share the role of figureheads for the new movement; the first, Aiko Gibo, is the Japanese equivalent of the late Doris Stokes. Her TV appearances are ratings-winners, her books are best-sellers. Most recently, she has taken to looking backwards and probing the mysteries of the past. In popular TV specials she has performed a geomantic tour of the Pyramids and communed with Marie Antoinette at Versailles over a drop of tea and piece of cake. Or so she claims.

At a more modest level, a street corner in Shinjuku — one of the busiest areas of up-town Tokyo — is the office of 'Shinjuku Mama.' She may not have so many TV appearances under her belt but, over the past few years for four days a week, the queue of her customers has stretched past the glitzy department stores and back towards the skyscrapers standing guard in the smog.

Most are secretaries from nearby offices. 'Mama-san' says that the location of her of-

THE MOON, STARS & RISING SUN

by JOHN PAUL CATTON

All kinds of divination now flourish in modern Japan.

fice enables her to keep a good sense of empathy with the people seeking her advice.

Following on from these two ladies' lead, psi-pundits are everywhere, bringing the unseen into plain view. Pop astrologers such as Ryuji Kagami have brought Western methods of divination to public attention and many have become regular guests on talk shows and quiz programmes. In order to bring a sense of respectability and scientific detachment to the phenomenon organisations such as the Psychic Science Association have been formed.

Of course Japan is not alone in the craze; most of South East Asia seems to be busily scrutinising the guts of the sacrificial beast. Earlier this year Bangkok's *Metro* magazine reported that 60 percent of the Thai population consult a fortune-teller on a regular basis. Indeed, a resurgence of interest in the spiritual seems to have swept around the entire Pacific rim.

Chinese influence

Just as elements of religion, culture, even language have been borrowed from China, the Japanese have adopted their divinatory systems of calendar, palm-reading and face-reading too. The characters of names are written and studied for their occult significance and coins or yarrow sticks are tossed for that most arcane of techniques, the I Ching.

Perhaps the new breed of soothsayers has found Japan a fertile ground for divining because there is no historical prejudice against such practices, as opposed to what may be experienced in the monotheistic West. Given such a background, it is easy to see

how New Age ideas can spread quickly if adapted to an Oriental viewpoint. For instance, it is now a universally observed New Year custom to buy an O-mikuji, a kind of statement of the luck that lies ahead in the coming year. In business, too, it is common for senior executives to have Buddhist altars or Shinto shrines in a place of honour in their offices.

In the Tokyo equivalent of the *Yellow Pages* directory, there are 440 separate entries under fortune-telling. Walk down the street known as Omo-te-Sando — an area Tokyo dwellers regard as their answer to the Champs Elysees — and you will find, seated outside the exclusive restaurants and boutiques, a few of those soothsayers adopting meditative expressions while they await customers.

Kotaro Fukawa is one such. He sits at a small folding table; in front of him rests a paper lantern bearing his name and an inked drawing of a hand. I approached him at one of his quiet moments. He was hesitant about telling the fortune of a foreigner but with the help of an interpreter, agreed to try.

Fukawa is a very quiet, studious man; he wears an immaculate suit, collar and tie and a rather fetching Chinese style skullcap which seems to be the insignia of the psychic set. He analyses every scar and wrinkle on my palm, looks up my birth date in his incredibly detailed charts then offers me what sounds like sagacious advice on my career and financial situa-

tion. I'm in no position to scoff.

After the reading Fukawa reveals a few of the mysteries of his profession. Asked about his customers, he says, 'Almost all of them are women. It's not really acceptable yet for men to be seen receiving advice from a fortune-teller. Also, ladies are more swung by trends and this is a trend at the moment. I think, too, that many young women are lonely. Society considers it impolite to talk about your feelings openly and to unburden yourself of your problems, even to close friends. So girls find it easier to talk to a total stranger.'

As he says fortune-telling is not just increasing but also diversifying; there are not just more services around but the variety of divining methods is expanding to confusing proportions. Some of these have simple novelty value; others are frankly bizarre.

Mirrors, jewellery, candles, curiously shaped stones and coffee dripped onto a piece of paper are just a few of the unorthodox devices used. My personal favourite, however, has to be the method employed by Juri the witch. For roughly £60 a go, she will allow you to place your hands upon her breasts and let her 'feel and interpret prophetic emanations' from those hot sweaty palms.

In Japan, it seems, the movement of heavenly globes does not necessarily refer to astrology!



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INTO THE LIGHT

THE DREAM

I WAS TRYING to attract the attention of my family when a vampire man flew straight at me making an awful noise. I moved out of the way and he smashed through the glass window behind me saying, 'oh no, not the light.'

THE MEANING

THE vampire shows that you are nervous of truly expressing yourself in case the attention you receive is draining and unpleasant. You are not sure that you want light on the matter.

The dream indicates that it is decision time. Either you stand up and be noticed, which may be hurtful at first, or remain in obscurity.

NUISANCE VALUE

THE DREAM

MY SON WAS crying and I moved to cuddle him but he went straight through me and I realised I was a ghost. My husband was sorting out papers in the bedroom and I wanted him to know I was there so wrote on a piece of paper for him.

I did the same for my son and sister but felt sad because they couldn't see me and were burying me in a coffin. Then my family became annoyed at the things I was doing to attract their attention.

THE MEANING

THE whole dream is showing you that you don't have any real existence to those around you, you are simply a nuisance. This can happen in families where the wife and mother is taken too much for granted.

There is obviously a need in you to be accepted as a human being in your own right. However, you are afraid that your

by SOPHIA DANIEL

Royalty and celebrities are common in dreams and usually indicate a need for fame or recognition. Being in the presence of such people also emphasises one's own insignificance. Remember, however, that theatrical people are not what they seem but are playing a part and may present a false image. So which part are you playing?

family has given up on you: in their minds, you are already dead and buried.

STEEP CLIFF

THE DREAM

I AM NEAR the sea with my children and two close friends. We are walking on a cliff top which is very beautiful. Suddenly we come to a place where the cliffs drop away steeply. I feel quite happy.

THE MEANING

YOU are in a place of transition, the point between the land and the sea — the elements of Earth and Water.

When these two blend, the slate of life can be washed clean. Walking on the cliff also indicates that you are on the edge of something quite important but obviously are not frightened of the prospect.

ELEMENTAL EARTH

THE DREAM

I MEET A young man who tells me to look at my feet. On the ground is a complete circle of ancient-looking copper coins. Then the top layer of earth

slides towards the centre.

I felt bewildered and then found myself on the road trying to find my grandparents' house when I saw a lad digging potatoes.

THE MEANING

YOU have buried something of value which should now be dug up. This connects to an earlier period in your life when you allowed a talent or a qualification to atrophy rather than develop.

This same message of going back to something earlier is conveyed by your attempt to find your grandparents' house.

The circle of coins is significant in that it is related to the Earth element. Earth occurs again in the digging and the potatoes, showing you that there are riches available to you if you transform the dead talent into a seed which will bear fruit.

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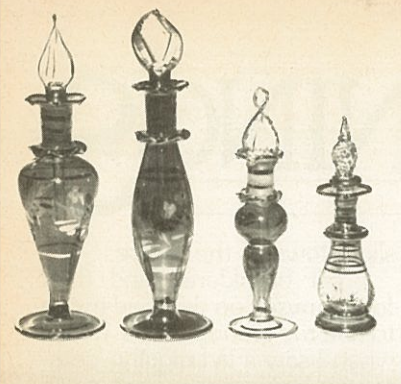
THE DREAM

I AM IN a strange house with a faceless man who offers to run me home. I want to buy a paper and some sweets but the shops are few and far between so I cannot buy what I want.

THE MEANING

YOU have been considering making a change in your life — visiting a strange house — but now feel that this is not appropriate. However, you are not really ready to return to your old way of life.

You need the newspaper to examine other possibilities and sweets for some sort of nourishment which you feel you are lacking currently. It seems, however, that the time is not right as the opportunities for choice, the shops, do not materialise.



SIMPLE ELEGANCE

Pretty enough to grace any dressing-table are these hand-made *Egyptian perfume bottles* in jewel-like colours with gold ornamentation.

They come in two sizes, the smaller stand 3³/₄in/95mm high approx including stopper and cost £4.90, the larger (5in/125mm) cost £8.35.

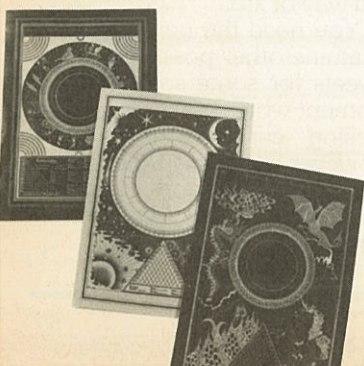
Being hand-made, each is subtly different but the rich purples, reds, greens and gold should complement any colour scheme.

Available from Tantra Designs, 48 Kensington Park Road, Bristol BS4 3HU (☎ 01117-9724708).

CHARTING THE STARS

Constantly on the lookout for blank charts, I found an impressive selection available at The Astrology Shop, 78 Neal Street, Covent Garden, London WC2H 9PA, (☎ 0171-497 1001).

Most come in pads of 10 for £2 to £3.50, though it is possible to buy a single chart blank for a mere 20p or to find that elusive horary or degree chart plus a wide range of other essential astrological aids for professional and novice alike.



PICTORIAL

Shown are two pocket-sized hardback books in the excellent new Sacred Symbols series, *Ancient Egypt* and *The Celts*. Published by Thames and Hudson at £5.95 each, these delightful little (4³/₄ x 5¹/₄ in/120 x 135 mm approx) works are very well illustrated with images both familiar and not so well known, many in full-colour.

The accompanying text guides the reader through the various signs and symbols of different cultures and civilisations from ancient times up to the present day, in this instance highlighting the ancient world of the Egyptians and the



Celts respectively.

This promises to be a very collectible series and I for one would be pleased find either of the two currently available titles in my Christmas stocking!



LEGENDARY

The popularity of Arthurian legend has spawned a seemingly endless stream of publications and related paraphernalia, some excellent, some pathetic, in recent years.

Happily, the former applies to Anna-Marie Ferguson's delightful book and full 78-card Tarot deck published in the USA by

Llewellyn at \$34.95 and distributed here by Macmillan at £29.95.

The whole comes in the now usual boxed kit form (cards, book and printed layout sheet) under the title *Legend: The Arthurian Tarot* though, somewhat strangely I thought, the accompanying book is entitled *A Keeper of Words*. The English-born creator of this evocative deck has, apparently, long been fascinated by Celtic legends and this 'romantic' streak is, I feel, reflected in the cards' design and the fact that she has included poetry by Ray Rue in her accompanying book which expounds on various aspects of the Arthurian legends as well as giving brief upright/reversed meanings for all the cards.

Although each card is given an alternative title, its traditional name and number is also supplied, so those familiar with the latter will encounter no identification difficulties when using this Tarot. The backs of the cards are also attractive, depicting a circular Celtic maze motif in gold against a deep blue/purple starry background which complements both the printed layout sheet and the gentler colour tones of the card illustrations.

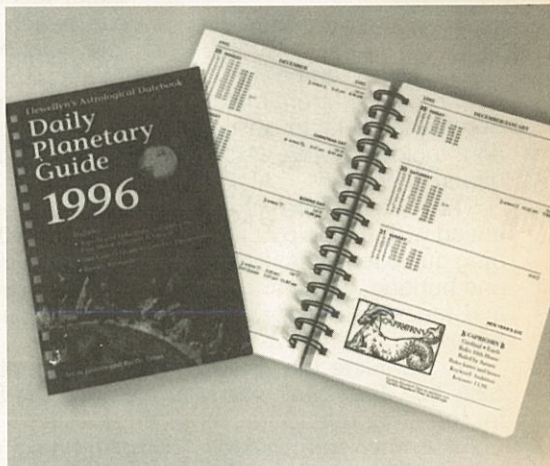
All in all, one of the best Tarot kits to be published recently.

WINNING LINES

EVERYDAY TOOL

Although originating from the States and therefore set in EST and PST, there is sufficient useful astrological data contained in the *Llewellyn's Daily Planetary Guide 1996* to make the necessary time adjustment calculations worthwhile. This A5 spiral-bound desk diary includes a plethora of essential information including Solunar ingresses, Lunar phases, major aspects, eclipses, monthly ephemerides, (GMT) time zone map/conversion tables and weekly forecasts for the year ahead.

Added to which, of course, this is a useful week-at-a-glance appointment diary with pages at the back for names, addresses and birth data; there is even a blank chart form supplied for the owner to fill in his/her horoscope. Widely available, this is a good buy at £8.95 (\$9.95).



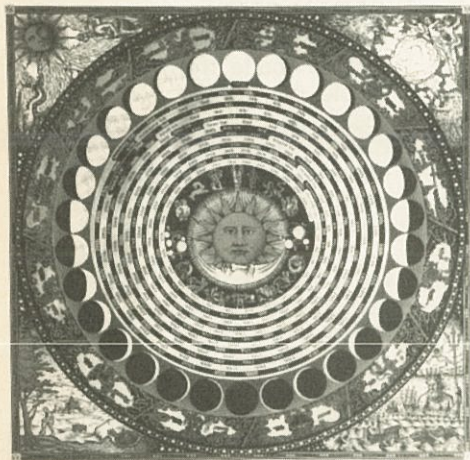
OUTSTANDING VALUE

Always popular is *Tantra Designs' Moonchart Calendar* which, for 1996, is printed in very dark blue, aqua blue and metallic gold on a high quality matt art-paper to good visual effect. Measuring 24in/610mm square, it is certainly attractive enough to act as a decorative poster in

any environment but serves a practical purpose too.

This wall calendar/chart depicts a central Solunar motif encircled by the Moon's changing face throughout the year and the zodiacal wheel outside that. Lunar phases and eclipse data are detailed in the outer border and alchemical illustrations occupy the four corners.

Best of all, the price has remained unchanged since the *Moonchart's* inception, a remarkable £4.95 inc from Tantra Designs, 48 Kensington Park Road, Bristol BS4 3HU (☎ 0117-9724708).



SWEET-BURNING

One of a small selection of incense burners, this reproduction of a typical Egyptian artefact comes complete with ten large incense cones containing frankincense, sandalwood, acacia, myrrh and cedar.

The figure stands 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in/115mm high and costs £9.75 in antique stone effect and £13.50 in cold cast bronze finish. Available mail order only from Ancient Art, 33 Oxford Avenue, Wimbledon, London SW20 8LS.





PLANNING AHEAD

Two favourites from the States are Llewellyn's *Sun Sign* and *Moon Sign Books*, both available here at £5.95 (\$6.95) each. The former gives monthly forecasts for each of the signs highlighting various major facets of life: primary focus, health and fitness, romance and relationships, finance and

career, opportunities for the month ahead.

There are also character analyses and annual forecasts for each Sun sign, the latter divided into decanates, plus a helpful Ascendant table and other useful astrological information in this book's nearly 450 pages.

The companion volume will delight those who like to plan ahead with the help of the Moon. Here is a complete Lunar planning guide to home, health and beauty, buying and selling, fishing and hunting, gardening and herbs plus all sorts of interesting facts and fancies associated with the Moon including feature articles, tables and essential astrological data.

To complete the picture, there are monthly Moon sign forecasts by Gloria Star who also provided the Sun sign horoscopes for the other title.

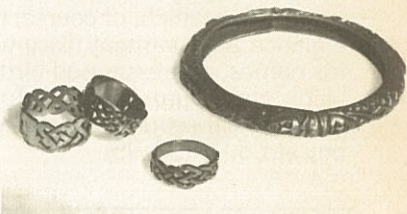
Altogether an affordable companion set of useful astrological data and forecasts for those who look to the skies for guidance when planning the year ahead.

RINGED IN PEWTER

Excellent value for those on tight budgets are these *Pewter Celtic rings and chunky bangle*. The latter is heavily embossed with figures and knotwork and is available in two sizes, large or medium.

The rings feature traditional knotwork and cost £3.50 each and the bangle is priced at £6.95.

Available from Tantra Designs, 48 Kensington Park Road, Bristol BS4 3HU (☎ 0177-9724708).



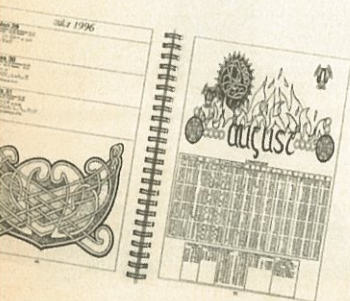
WINNING LINES

DESK BOUND

The A5 spiral-bound *Tybol Astrological Almanac* makes a useful desk diary for anyone who wants a monthly aspectarian, ingresses and Lunar phases, dates of major festivals and other astrological/magical data plus enough space against every day of the month to enter important engagements etc.

Sensibly laid out and nicely illustrated (original artwork by Mark Roberts) with black and white decorative motifs and drawings, the 152-page almanac costs £5.95 plus 50p p&p from Tybol, 27 Heversham Ave, Fulwood, Preston PR2 9TD (☎ 01772-715642). The novice will find the introductory text helpful for understanding the basis of astrology, how to read an ephemeris/aspectarian and how to read a natal chart; there is even a blank chart form.

Also included are a glossary of magical terms, a guided tour through the zodiacal signs and space for a few addresses and notes at the back of the diary. A practical and useful gift for the astrologically inclined.



CLEAN-CUT

These chunky, embossed soaps made from pure vegetable oils have a heavenly theme and come in a choice of colours. Non-allergic, the range consists of Sun, Moon and 12 zodiacal signs, delicately scented according to element.

At a very reasonable £1.75 each, these soaps would make useful stocking fillers or add a celestial touch to any bathroom. Available from The Astrology Shop, 78 Neal Street, Covent Garden, London WC2H 9PA (☎ 0171-497 1001) where you will find many other goodies.



STAR-LIGHT

This unusual aromatherapy burner/light is called the *Astro-Glow* and is certainly attractive enough to grace any home. It consists of three components: ceramic stand and essential oil/water container plus a shade with circular and star cutouts through which the flame of a candle or nightlight will glow.

The globular shade is approx 6in/150mm diameter and the whole thing is about 7in/180mm high when assembled. Available in a choice of colours — purple, black, blue, green, gold and silver, to fit in with any decor. The black shade on the one shown here is liberally sprinkled with a myriad rainbow-hued specks to give the effect of a star-spangled night sky.

Normally retailing at £14.95, the *Astro-Glow* is on offer to PREDICTION readers for £12.95 inc, mail order only, from Visionary Designs, 11 Rosemont Road, London NW3 6NG (☎ 0566-785243/FAX 0566-785540).



DREAMTIME

Given the increased interest in North American

Indian ways presently, most people are now familiar with the *Dream-catcher* legend: dreams are held in the net, good ones pass through the centre to be re-dreamed another night while bad ones are burned away by the morning Sun.

Tantra Designs of Bristol stocks a whole range of dream-catchers in natural colours and materials in different sizes from £8.95 (3in/75mm diameter) to £44.95 for the largest (12in/305mm). There is also a 1in/25mm dreamcatcher pendant available for £7.50.



NATURAL APPEAL

Achieve the natural look with this range of hemp garments and fashion accessories from Tantra Designs, 48 Kensington Park Road,

Bristol BS4 3HU (☎ 0117-9724708).

Those shown are part of a new collection that includes a waistcoat with cream or black cotton back, £19.95; a full hemp waistcoat, £24.50; shirt at £29.50; all available in three sizes: M, L, XL.

Or go for the total look with hemp coat (£69.00) and trousers (£27.50) plus rucksack (£19.50) and jaunty hemp/cotton canvas cap, available in cream or black at £4.50. There is also a hemp wallet with leather border at £4.95 for those saving their pennies. Not only fashionable but hard-wearing, hemp softens with the first wash, so don't be put off by initial harshness.

CONVENIENT

This incense kit is a handy buy for anyone who finds it difficult to obtain magical/ritual items locally.

Available mail order at £8.50 inc from Visionary Designs (11 Rosemont Road, London NW3 6NG, ☎ 0566-785243), the complete set comprises 31/2in/90mm high brass burner, roll of charcoal, jar of temple incense and useful metal tweezers.



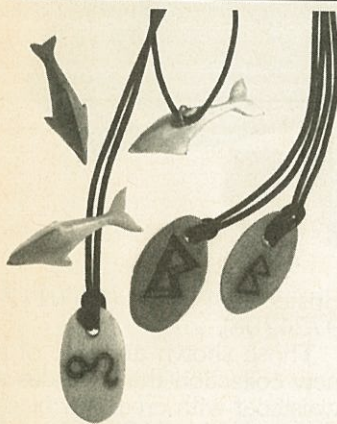
TAKE NOTE

These colourful little Celtic zodiac notelet cards from the Kells Collection have relevant astrological information on the back of each but are left blank inside for you to write your own message. They come in half-yearly packs, so one runs through from Capricorn to Gemini and the other covers Cancer to Sagittarius.

Only £2.50 per pack, they are available from Tantra Designs, 48 Kensington Park Road, Bristol BS4 3HU (☎ 0117-9724708).



WINNING LINES



DEPENDABLE

This range of hand-carved wooden pendants would make ideal stocking-fillers. The hardwood dolphins, (approx 1in/30mm long) cost a mere £2 complete with leather thong; the engraved Astro pendants are on sale at £3.25, as are the Rune pendants, and this price also includes leather thongs. Available mail order from Visionary Designs, 11 Rosemont Road, London NW3 6NG (☎ 0566-785243).

PUZZLING

Anyone who admires the beautifully illustrated Star Encounters astrological game board will be delighted to know this is now available as a 625-piece, circular jigsaw puzzle

(21in/54cm dia).

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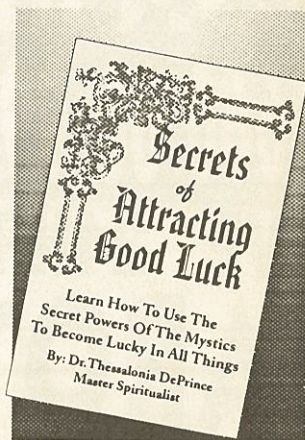
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LETTERS



RIGHT AGAIN

I WOULD LIKE to congratulate Remus on a very correct, though most unfortunate prediction for Scorpius in October. The 8th was highlighted as bad for health and also suggested the likelihood of nervous tension and pressure.

I had a fall in my own apartment on the 6th; the Lunar eclipse that followed on the 8th was in exact conjunction with my natal Saturn. That says it all!

London L. Arnold

GAME SHOW

THERE WAS a game called Osiris on sale around 1980 which I tried, unsuccessfully, to purchase at that time. I was told by staff in a large London store that it had been withdrawn due to unfavourable happenings which had received adverse

press coverage.

I would like to discover more and, if possible, purchase a copy of this game if anyone has one for sale or knows where it could be obtained.

Alternatively, maybe someone knows its patent number, there must be one, which could help me find out more.

Surrey W. Whitty

LOVING CHAIN

TODAY, AMONG THE usual requests for healing and help, I received a chain letter purporting to originate from a missionary in S. America and to wish me well. It then went on to threaten disaster if the chain were broken, so I promptly took steps to neutralise the letter itself and broke the chain.

Is it not time that a benign and loving chain letter was ini-

tiated inviting recipients to multiply wishes of love and healing? Such a letter could then be sent out to all with no compulsion to continue the chain. What do other readers think?

Wales Katie Leigh

SECOND LOVE

STRANGELY, I HAVE received only two replies to my appeal for accounts of paranormal/love experiences for my forthcoming book, *Love at Second Sight*, which you were kind enough to publish in the July 95 issue.

I had hoped for a larger response; perhaps someone out there would care to get in touch?

Paul R. Hyde
Via Sottoriva 30,
Verona,
Italy.

PERSONAL CLASSIFIED

ASTRO-TWINS

AQUARIAN male, 16.2.1968 at 17:30 (5.30 pm) in Andover, Hants. I'm married and my interests include Tarot reading, Wicca, astral travel and reincarnation. Seeking astro-twin to compare lives. Box E476.

PENFRIENDS

LONE traveller on the Old Path, 32, seeks like-minded individuals. Interests include inner journeys, dreams, folklore, herbalism, writing, music and the countryside. ALA Lancs/anywhere. Box E477.

SOLITARY female, Aries, would like to meet/correspond with new friends. My interests are Earth mysteries, folklore, magic, dowsing and nature. ALA North West/anywhere. Box E478.

LIBRAN male, 39, seeks penfriends also on the spiritual path. Interests include Tarot, runes, dreams, mythology, Lao Tzu Chuang Tzu, reading, writing, X-Files, most PREDICTION subjects. Box E480.

CANCERIAN female, 6.7.71, wishes to correspond with like-minded people. Interests include Tarot, dreams, vegetarianism, writing, reincarnation and animals. Bucks/anywhere. Box E483.

MISCELLANEOUS

I need access to 14 of Rudgy's books and 30 of Crowley's and possibly a computer as I am working on a book entitled *The Man Cometh Back* and need to do some in-depth research but am not near a library. Can anyone help? Box E474

AN entrepreneur needs transport to Inverness in April/May 1996; Hastings on October 11th/12th and December 6th-7th. Also B&B wanted. Box E475.

CONTACTS

MALE Cancerian, 40s, would like to contact those who are interested in astrology, palmistry and numerology, as I would like to meet friends to discuss and/or exchange ideas on these and other PREDICTION subjects. West

This page is intended primarily for individuals wishing to locate or dispose of occult items and those seeking astrological twins; it is NOT A DATING SERVICE. However, those wishing to contact other like-minded groups/individuals for correspondence or debate on subjects covered by this magazine may take advantage of this free service if limitations of space permit. Entries should not exceed 50 words (Contacts, 30), the age limit is 18, no repeats are accepted, box numbers, compulsory for Contacts/Pen-friends, cost £2, postal order/cheque only, DO NOT SEND CASH, and the Editor has the right to reject any that she finds unsuitable and is not obliged to give a reason for so doing. Address your advertisement to the Editorial Offices, PREDICTION, Link House, Dingwall Avenue, Croydon CR9 2TA.

London/anywhere. Box E481.

FEMALE, 33, wishes to become member/novice of a coven/Wiccan group. Have limited experience. Preferably York, Whitby and surrounding areas. Box E469.

ANCIENT Egypt. Reincarnation of the 18th dynasty High Priestess of the Temple of Aton, 35, seeks others to rebuild Aton's Temple. London based. Box E479.

SCORPIO male, 43, astrologer and long-time student of occult/esoteric embracing all finer aspects, healing, Egypt, Tarot, personal development, wishes to meet/correspond with others sharing similar interests. Wales/anywhere. Box E482.

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- Maybe it is mystic power, or maybe she is just exceptionally perceptive. But one thing is for sure, she got a lot right." The Guardian (S.L.).
- Everything you said has since happened, including tiny details which seemed irrelevant at the time." Pauline, London.



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BOOK REVIEWS

THE AQUARIAN I CHING

by Marshall Pease
(C.W. Daniel, £9.95/\$11.95)

AT FIRST GLANCE this book looked most promising having been written by a retired scientist who had worked in such fields as electron beam devices, computer research and multiprocessing as well as artificial intelligence. Pease has spent the last few years studying the intricacies and patterns of the 64 hexagrams of the I Ching and his introductory essay certainly offered a fresh perspective.

Briefly, he suggests that there are two ways in which we can consult the I Ching; firstly as individuals, secondly as participants in society. Pease labels these functions 'the priest' and 'the shaman' and gives a new interpretation of each hexagram accordingly.

By now intrigued, I framed a question and threw the coins six times as required, then turned to the appropriate pages. After all, the only way to assess a book of this kind is to put it to the test. But what a disappointment; the suggested answer seemed written in an alien language and didn't apply to me at all! So, first toss your coins then make your choice. — J.T.M.

ANCIENT WORLDS, CURRENT AFFAIRS

by Steve McFadden
(Bear & Co/Airlift, \$9.95/£7.99)

THIS IS A bit of a potpourri of a book, beginning with the Masonic vision of the American founding fathers of the 1776 Revolution and going on to the Native American legend of the Rainbow Warriors which some believed was self-fulfilled with conscious acknowledgement by Greenpeace and other eco-activists in the 1970s.

There is much talk of the imminent Golden Age, the Harmonic Convergence of 1987 and the coming climatic and social changes that will transform our planetary culture. McFadden lists a random selection of recent events which he claims are significant signs of changing times.

Some of these seem of dubious long-term significance, such as Ian Paisley denouncing the Pope as 'the Anti-Christ.' While the author's reference to English countryside crop circles that have been exposed as hoaxes seems, quite literally, to be grasping at straws in the wind.

The book also includes an analysis of the famous Hopi Prophecies and interviews with indigenous spiritual leaders such as Lorainne Mafi-Williams of the Australian Aborigines who seems to

have been heavily influenced by the New Age movement and Western occultism.

All in all, a somewhat stereotypical New Age work which will probably be a best-seller in some circles. — M.H.

GHOSTS AMONG US

by Harry Ludlam
(Janus, £7.95)

THIS PLEASANT, RATHER light-hearted book by a former Fleet Street journalist and author of the much acclaimed *The Mummy of Birches Bower* will naturally appeal to the popular but indiscriminate market. Despite this and the inclusion of several doubtful cases, such as that of Dreamland in Margate and the renowned village of Pluckley in Kent, this work provides detail of a number of new and fascinating hauntings.

In 1991 Ian Sharpe told the Aylesford police that he had knocked down a woman on the infamous Blue Bell Hill and, a few weeks later, Christopher Dawkins was convinced he had killed a young female who practically ran under his car in the same locality. No victims were ever found.

What will always prove to be a highly fascinating haunting concerned the Palace Hotel in Southport as presented on TV by Cliff Michelmore. This was a unique and utterly incredible poltergeist incident in a building in the course of being torn down to make way for a housing project. The explanation offered for the whole catalogue of strange events was that the haunting was caused by an architect jumping to his death from the top landing some years earlier.

The author, as usual, provides an easy and entertaining read and is happy to confirm, 'always ghosts are among us.' — A.M.G.

THE ASTROLOGICAL TAROT

by George Muchery
(Senate, £1.99)

THIS IS A reprint of a book first published in 1927 and the language betrays the fact. For instance, if you are a Virgo with the Sun in the 4th House, it 'denotes mean parentage,' while Sun in Scorpio (my immediate apologies to 1/2 of the population) is deemed 'unfavourable.' It would be hard to say things like this today and get away with it even if they were true.

This is a curio not only for its black-and-white horoscope delineations but for its guide to a deck of astrological Tarot cards and how to lay them. The

cards are not provided but what do you expect for such a low cover price?

Possibly worth a second look but not recommended for beginners. — J.T.M.

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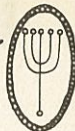
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wisdom and guidance, will prove an invaluable reference to those seeking their spiritual sustenance and heritage. — C.B.

DAUGHTERS OF THE GODDESS by Naomi Ozaniec (Aquarian, £9.99/\$14.00)

WITH SO MUCH renewed interest in Goddess worship nowadays, this study of the priestesses of the ancient world is very topical. Ozaniec describes the traditional role of women as priestesses in pre-Christian religion from the Middle East to Greece and Rome, Ancient Egypt and Japan. She examines their role as representatives and mediators of the divine feminine principle in its many cultural forms and the types of rituals that they practised.

The book concludes with a short chapter bringing the subject up to date. The author looks at prominent female occultists in the modern occult/pagan revival such as Miona Mathers, Maud Gonne, Dion Fortune and Christine

Hartley who have taken on this ancient role as high priestesses of the Goddess in the contemporary world.

This is a well-researched and readable account of those women, past and present, who have followed the priestly path of devotion to the Goddess and it can be recommended. — M.H.

THE COMPLETE WOMAN'S HERBAL

by Anne McIntyre
(Gaia, £15.00)

BEFORE VENTURING FURTHER I must mention the high standard of photography (Philip Dowell, Camilla Jessup) and superb, delicately detailed plant illustrations (Richard Bonson, Tony Lodge, Sally Launder) that set this beautifully produced, large format, 288-page book apart from other herbals. The text, too, is of a consistently high standard and, as implied by the title, focuses on womanhood, from puberty to the post-menopausal years.

Accurately subtitled as 'A manual of healing and nutrition for personal wellbeing and family care,' the book is divided into three main sections. Part One introduces the concept of herbal treatments, not simply to cure ailments but also to attain and maintain good health and general wellbeing. There are also some excellent analytical illus-

trations here which really do help the layperson to understand how the body works and what to do to avoid health problems arising.

Part Two is the largest and guides the reader through 'The Seasons of Womanhood.' Here we are introduced to the potential problems that can arise at every stage of a woman's life, how to combat such problems or, better still, take sensible steps to avoid them altogether with nature's help. Dietary advice, herbal treatments for health, beauty and general fitness, gentle exercise, specific remedies for various complaints — all are given in this highly readable, comprehensive yet accessible work.

Part Three, Practical Problem Solving, is concerned with first aid, self help, herbs for beauty and the home including culinary use, potpourri and sweet-smelling pillows. The final few pages in this excellent work include easy to locate herb/ailment charts, a glossary, useful addresses of suppliers, further reading recommendations and an index.

This is easily the best and most accessible guide to enhancing personal wellbeing and family living I have seen for some years. Eminently sensible and practical, it is an essential reference for all family members whatever their age or gender. — M.E.

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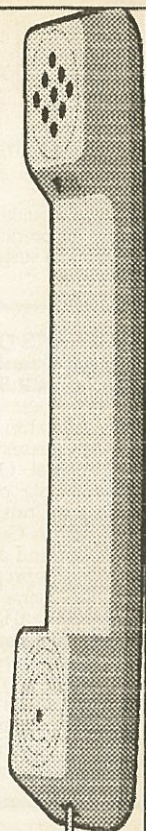
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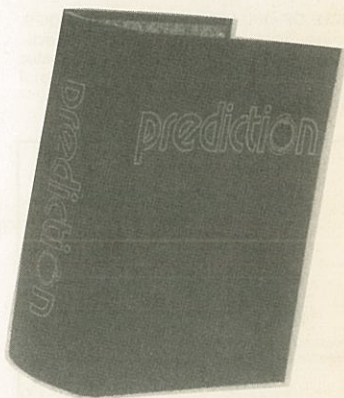


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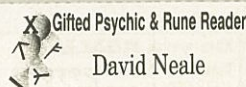
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