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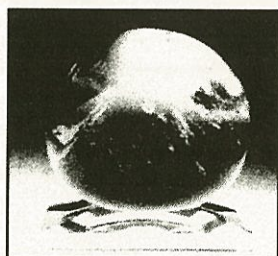
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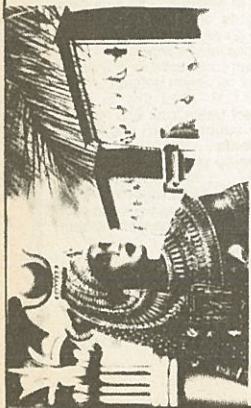
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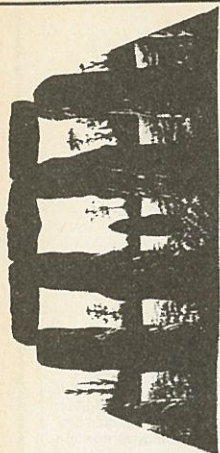
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BIORHYTHMS

Knowledge of your biorhythms can be an asset of considerable value to your quality of life.

Biorhythms are continuous, measurable physiological changes and, if you are aware of them, you can use the knowledge to help you plan and live life in a far more positive manner than if you were unaware. It has never been proved nor claimed that the three main cycles have any direct or apparent cause and effect no matter which stage they may be in currently.

However, it does seem that biorhythms may have some influence or control over our physical responses to life with a cycle of 23 days duration, our emotional reactions with a 28-day cycle and a 33-day rhythm that governs our intellectual perception.

Critical days

Each rhythm has three 'critical' or change-over days. The first one is at the beginning of the cycle; the second occurs at the halfway point when it changes from positive to negative phase; and the third is at the end of the cycle which, of course, is also the start of the next positive phase.

In the physical cycle the critical days occur on days 1 and 12; in the emotional cycle, on days 1 and 14/15; and intellectually, on days 1 and 17. It is best to allow at least 12/24 hours for any possible effect to manifest or pass, just as you would an approaching/exact/departing astrological aspect.

One can compare the so-called critical day to the moment when an electric light

bulb is switched on or off. As you activate the switch, the bulb suddenly becomes filled with power and energy: it literally goes from a negative to a positive phase.

When the light is switched off, power no longer flows through the bulb: it goes from positive to negative. These are the most vulnerable times, the moment when the bulb is more liable to fail than at any other because it cannot always cope with the sudden change of power, the energy or temperature change.

And so it is with people. During these change-over periods you become more vulnerable: temporarily off-balance so that your normal reactions are slowed down and you are therefore more likely to be accident-prone.

When in the first, or positive part of any of the three cycles, you will feel much more alert, emotionally responsive and perceptive. In the second or negative phase of a rhythm, you will be less responsive, less alert, less perceptive. On a critical day, when the cycle changes from positive to negative and vice versa, you are liable to make errors.

Judgment can be faulty or unreliable, accidents can happen, so you should defer actions and decisions, especially if these involve important matters, as you will feel less co-operative and confident than usual. If possible, avoid overdoing things physically, too, and try not to let small issues get you down.

The physical cycle

The first or positive stage of this cycle allows you to participate fully in almost any kind of physical activity without worry. You should feel good, on top of the world, and nothing will seem too much of an effort.

In the middle of this phase, on day 6, is a 'mini-critical' day when the positive cycle peaks. Here you should be at your best in the physical sense, able to cope with anything and everything that comes your way.

After this peak, the cycle moves into its downhill trend that troughs on the second mini-critical point, day 18, the nadir of the negative phase. At this time you should conserve energy and take things steadily, one thing at a time.

In the second phase, ease back. There will be less enthusiasm for doing anything physical and it may be difficult to keep up even with routine activities.

On a critical day try to avoid any unnecessary exercise or activity. Remember, you are most likely to be physically accident-prone at this change-over point.

The sensitivity cycle

This is concerned mainly with mood and social ability. When in the first part of the cycle you are generally cheerful, co-operative and optimistic. You will shine socially and your overall outlook will be more creative than usual.

Day 7/8 is the middle of the

You and Your

24 HOURS

emotional cycle's first phase, the mini-critical day when this cycle peaks. Here you should feel on top form, at your most amenable and very sociable.

After this peak, the cycle begins its downward curve, troughs at the second mini-critical point, day 21/22, the nadir of the negative phase. When this occurs, you feel sensitive, perhaps a bit low in spirits and anti-social, better off in your own company.

In the negative stage you may be moody, touchy and unco-operative. You will feel unusually tense, irritable and maybe depressed.

On a critical day you generally become ultra-sensitive, very susceptible to stress and accidents may happen as a result.

The intellectual cycle

In the plus phase of this cycle logic and reasoning powers are at their keenest. You are perceptive, ideas and responses flow smoothly. Problems are readily resolved, concentration is easy, study periods go well.

In the middle of the intellectual cycle's first phase, day 9, is the mini-critical day when the cycle peaks. You will be at your best intellectually. You will be at your most perceptive, little will escape your notice and your mind will respond instantly.

After this peak, the cycle takes a downward trend to trough at its second mini-critical point, day 25, the nadir of

the negative phase. When this occurs, the brain is sluggish, your mental response slower than usual.

In the negative stage perception and understanding levels drop noticeably, memory can be faulty. Comprehension may be difficult and it would be better to defer important decisions until a more propitious time.

On a critical day intelligence becomes fuddled, silly mistakes are liable to be made and accidents can occur through poor judgment.

The biorhythm phases

Basically, there are 27 different phases that can be experienced at any one time and all of these combinations have been studied carefully. The following brief assessments illustrate what may be experienced — they should be regarded as guidelines only not clear indications of what will happen.

Key

H = Positive phase

L = Negative stage

X = Critical day

(NB **X** refers to any critical day, irrespective of the direction in which the cycle is moving, whether towards the plus or minus phase.)

LLL All three rhythms are at their lowest point, you are well below par. Relax, let the day pass as it will, don't start anything new as even special ef-

forts made now may not have lasting effects.

HLL Physically, you should be able to tackle most things but leave the thinking and socialising for another day. Think twice and check before you commit yourself to anything major.

HHL Emotionally and physically you feel on top form but judgment is liable to be faulty. A mostly positive day, let your instincts be your guide rather than trying to think things through.

HHH All three rhythms are in positive phase, this is quite clearly your day. Maximise your efforts, give full rein to all your potential as you really ought to achieve whatever you wish today.

LHH Physically, you are unlikely to be able to provide the necessary support for emotional and intellectual pursuits. The heart and mind may be willing — the flesh almost certainly not.

LLH You will be far better off on your own. Avoid confrontations or other potentially emotive situations, let your clarity of mind dictate what you should do then simply get on with it.

LHL Not exactly in the leadership stakes today. You may be sociable and affable but have

little energy to expend and find concentration hard to achieve too. Good for creative pursuits.

HLH Physically, you feel fine and intellectually you could shine. Unfortunately, though, you don't feel too sociable; a little depressed in fact. The lone wolf approach is recommended.

LLX This is an accident-prone period. You will feel low physically, emotionally and intellectually. You are unable to think straight so don't be tempted into taking any sort of risk.

LHX This is another accident-prone day when it would be wise to keep a low profile. Physically, you feel low and intellectually you are on a critical day. Your emotional life should be going well.

HLX It is rare to think straight on an intellectual critical day. A high physical and low emotional state do not help either. It all adds up to yet another accident-prone day, so take care.

HXX You feel on top form emotionally and physically but are liable to make serious errors of judgment. This is another potentially hazardous period for your intellectual rhythm is at a critical point.

LXL Hasty decisions can cause problems later. Cycles are intellectually low, physically negative and emotionally critical; not a good day at all. Make an effort but proceed with great caution.

LXH Overconfident in your thinking, physically low and emotionally irritable because of the critical day. You can't take criticism, no matter how well meant. Accident-prone again.

HXL Physically, on top form, but liable to be at odds with everyone else because you are liable to fail to grasp points and are not exactly feeling sociable either. So tread carefully.

HXH A feeling of overconfidence despite a touch of irritability with those who would criticise. You feel you can achieve objectives but a lack of concentration could cause an accident.

XLL You are not likely to see the dangers of foolhardy actions until it is too late. This is a short but seriously accident-prone period when you must exercise great caution for real safety.

XLH Physically tired and emotionally low, you are unlikely to suffer fools gladly with this combination. Keep your mind clear at all times, don't allow any distractions. Accidents can happen.

XHH Although emotionally and intellectually at your best, don't overtax yourself physically. You think you can do whatever you want but still tend to be accident-prone. Exercise caution.

XHL The mind is far from its full potential, your body even less so. Co-ordination is likely to be a problem because you are eager to please but are also open to mishaps with this combination.

LXX A poor day as your emotional and intellectual rhythms are off-balance. A negative physical cycle only makes things worse. Try to avoid physical activities that need good co-ordination.

HXX Another high risk day. Liable to talk yourself in and out of all sorts of scrapes because, again, you are more off-balance than you may realise. Physically, you feel fine, on top form.

XLX A very trying and irritating day when you feel others are unco-operative. With your low emotional rhythm and the other cycles both on critical days, accidents could happen.

XHX Tendency to ignore the warning signs because you feel so good! With both the physical and intellectual cycles in their critical phases, the potential for accidents increases.

XXH When you are physically and emotionally critical there is always a danger of serious mistakes occurring when you least expect them. An awkward day, think things through first!

XXL Your perception is poor and, with both physical and emotional rhythms on critical days, you are unlikely to see problems until far too late to remedy them. Another accident-prone period.

XXX Exceptional caution is advised. This combination does not occur often but, when it does, try to be cool, calm and collected. Stay on the straight and narrow or you may bitterly regret it.

Compatibility

We all want to get along as best we can with those around us but this can sometimes be uncertain. It is a logical step to propose that what biorhythms 'do' for us, they must 'do' for others too.

Personal reactions may differ, of course, yet by comparing each of our rhythms for any given time they can provide guidelines to how we may most successfully interrelate with others. The system used is very easy to follow.

To assess biorhythmic compatibility the difference between the individual rhythms in days is calculated, each day representing a proportional difference in the cycles. These percentage figures remain constant but, on any particular day, everything is still subject to personal behavioural patterns and the prevailing mood of the moment.

For really good results you ought to have your personal biorhythm charts calculated so that you can more easily plan

the best times for joint activities.

The overall assessment is really only a guide, the individual comparison figures are the most important.

PHYSICAL COMPATIBILITY

85%–100% is fine for all physical activities needing a joint effort.

75% does need the temporarily stronger person to take the initiative, he or she must allow for the weaker partner's inability to be as active.

Less than 50% will need both partners to exercise good judgment in order to time events for mutual advantage and satisfaction. This, of course, will lead to a much more rewarding relationship.

EMOTIONAL COMPATIBILITY

75%–100% is fine for most associations but not for long-term affairs such as marriage or family links as similar rhythms can often lead to tension.

45%–65% produces the best balance for most married folk. There is an almost constant stimulus to the relationship from being just slightly out of phase all the time.

Less than 35% is poor and partners will need great tact and diplomacy in order to maintain a good emotional rapport in such a situation.

INTELLECTUAL COMPATIBILITY

100% compatibility produces good results although there is some risk of a lack of mental stimulation because both partners are always in the same phase.

65%–75% is about the best rating because the more perceptive of the pair usually complements the other.

Under 50% means the contrasting mental approach of both parties will need constant monitoring and this could be a very trying exercise to maintain.

OVERALL COMPATIBILITY

The higher an overall assessment the better the basis of the relationship although this will be influenced by the highest individual cycle rating. The cycle with the highest percentage figure often reflects the strongest aspect of the relationship. A high physical figure suggests strong physical attraction; a high sensitivity rating implies deep emotional rap-

port; a high intellectual result will reflect the strength of the mental attraction.

It is worth noting that any number of people may be assessed in a compatibility check, work colleagues or potential members of a group or club, for instance. Also, it is possible to calculate the most mutually beneficial joint activity on a specific date for two people, a wedding anniversary for example.

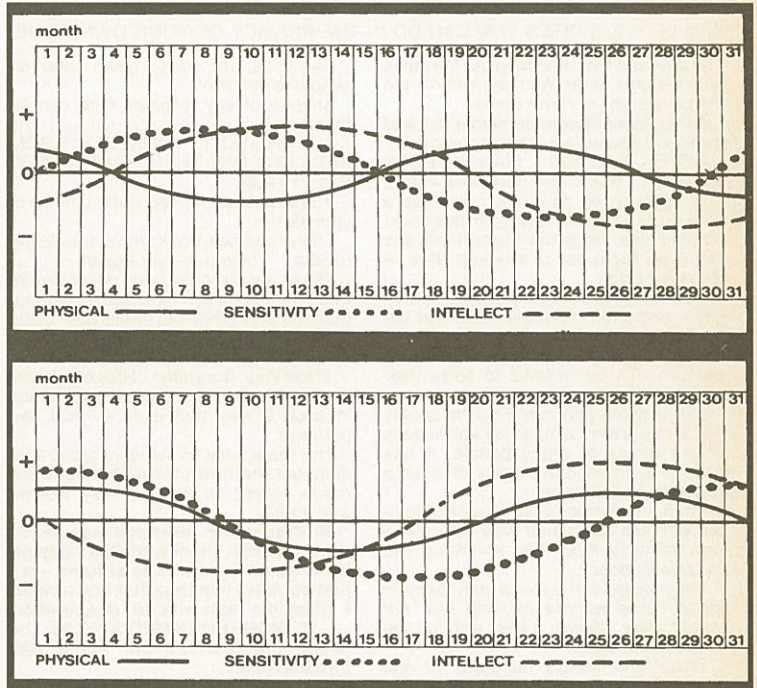


Figure 1

The month starts with an emotional critical day going into the positive phase. The second critical day, entering the negative phase, is on the 15th and the cycle returns to the positive phase on the 30th. In the physical rhythm the critical days are on the 4th, 15th and 27th. The intellectual rhythm critical days are on the 3rd and 20th.

Figure 2

There is a physical critical day on the 8th, 20th and 31st. In the emotional cycle the critical days are on the 9th and 26th while the intellectual rhythm is critical on the 1st and 17th.

Compatibility

The cards shown are for demonstration purposes only as actual dates have not been used. However, simply by looking at the lines it can be seen that A and B are not very compatible at all as their cycles are virtually opposite all the time. In the emotional cycles they are much less out of step. Physically they are only slightly out of step for most of the time.

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GRAPHOLOGY

by PETER MARSHALL

HELP LINES

The kinds of requests for help which the graphologist receives are extremely diverse.

Help lines are heard about much more now than years ago. Even the graphologist receives requests for help in one way or another. They come on varied subjects; at times on the most surprising matters. Numerous handwriting analysts become counselors and are well able to give advice when needed. We present here some of the writers concerned.

The first example is abnormally small and denotes a rather shy person who is reluctant to be caught by the spotlight. There is an inner modesty although outwardly an acceptable show when really necessary. The base-line is a little variable suggesting some slight moodiness and a willpower which is also un-

even, but concentration can be quite effective.

At first example number two looks upright but there is a slight leftward slant which refers to introspection and sometimes a forced behaviour originating from an element of self-protection. This writer is wary about getting involved in close relationships.

The upper extensions show independent leanings towards idealism, aspirations and spiritual things. Printed guidelines have been used but are followed well. This is a positive sign of paying attention to detail with regularity and order. The capital *I* points to unaffected creativity. Lower extensions reveal an open response to erotic experiences but these are not always satisfactory.

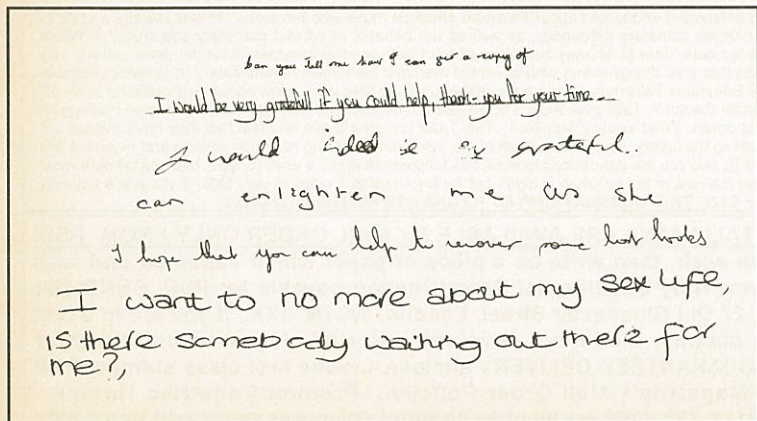
The third sample has a very varied base-line and betrays moody moments on a number of occasions. Width between letters is unequal, registering a variable response to others. The three *d* forms have loops, bringing to light a sensitivity to criticism. Lower extensions here imply a plausible love life, also a passable interest in material things. The t-bar is acceptably long but the pointed end hints at a sharp retaliative power in vigorous debate.

The fourth example has a combination of connected and unconnected letters. This attests to an alliance between intuition and applied reasoning in the thought process. Words are extremely wide apart, suggesting some inner turmoil when in social contact with others. There is also a facet of introversion and cautiousness.

The upper extensions are not greatly evident, suggesting only little interest in intangible things such as idealism and aspiration. The general roundness manifests a basically friendly and non-aggressive nature. It is worth noting that the words 'can enlighten' go upwards which in many instances would point to efforts to overcome difficulties by optimism.

In the remainder of the script, the *g* and *y* have the same lower forms proclaiming some secret disappointment regarding her love life. The t-bar is placed low so there is no definite ambition or craving for status in the community.

Sample five's upper extensions stand out quite well. Therefore the writer often has intellectual aspirations and thinks about self-development



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me?

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NEWS & VIEWS

Obituary

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Mary Anderson on March 31st after a short illness.

She was the only daughter of Sir Robert Pringle Bt, and was well known as a skilled astrologer, palmist and numerologist. She was also well versed in colour healing, the Tarot and Chinese astrology which she studied, taught and practised.

The author of several books on these subjects and one on unusual methods of divination, she also wrote for PREDICTION and, from September 1977 un-

til October 1981, produced a series of authoritative palmistry articles.

Mary was the driving force behind the Hermes Group, the well-known South London teaching school, and the much respected president of the Society for the Study of Physiological Patterns (SSPP) for which she organised the annual conference over many years.

She was always willing to help people and often made generous gestures that few ever knew about for she would insist that the publication of such acts was unnecessary.

Her passing will leave an empty space in the hearts of so many people from all walks of life.

We send our condolences to her only son, John, and the family. — P.W.

Summer school

The Company of Astrologers' London Summer School offers intensive courses and workshops and the opportunity to meet experienced astrologers. There is a wide range of choices available, from those suitable for outright beginners to the more advanced, cover-

EACH AND EVERY WAY

Now here's something completely different but, before I tell you what it is, please answer the following questions: Do you enjoy board games? Are you a fantasy fan? Are you into role-playing? Have you ever participated in a pathworking exercise? Are you interested in symbolism and symbolic images? Have you ever been on a vi-

sion quest? Do you own or have you used Tarot cards? Do you have an active imagination?

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APA Council

Still on the subject of astrology, the APA's (Association of Professional Astrologers) 1996 Council has Prudence Jones in the Chair, Maureen Ravenhall as Secretary and Dawne Kovan as Press Officer. Anyone wanting to know more or wishing to join the APA should write to the Secretary at 80 High Street, Wargrave, Berks RG10 8DE.

Confused?

Anyone who read the piece about the Midsummer Festival being organised by the Order

of Druids in Ireland in last month's News & Views please note that the telephone number quoted (056-51948) is not what needs to be dialled from the UK. If calling from here, dial ☎ 00353-5651948.

New ventures

Hay-on-Wye is well-known as the town of books and now a new one has opened stocking a wide range of occult/New Age titles. Called Legends, it is the latest venture of psychic and Tarot consultant Alan Venamore and his wife Judith.

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Anyone interested in UFOs, corn circles, Earth mysteries, etc who lives in the Burnley area may like to know that the Burnley UFO Group was founded recently by Laura Sayers. Members meet fortnightly to discuss topics of communal interest and anyone who would like to join or simply find out more can write to Laura and Mike Sayers at 37 Huffling Lane, Burnley, Lancs BB11 3QJ for details.

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NATIVE WAYS

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According to *The Daily Telegraph's* science correspondent, the League hopes that these radio hams will be able to achieve virtually free of charge what NASA was spending £4 million a year on before its alien search funding was cut off by Congress in 1993.

Now, that's what I call pie in the sky!

Past lives

A four-day certificated intensive training for therapists wishing to incorporate past lives into their therapeutic work takes place in Newcastle on June 25th-28th with Judy Hall and Barbara Irvine.

It includes regression techniques, theory of reincarnation and past lives, healing and reframing tools and practical hands-on exploration work. For further details please contact Barbara Irvine, 242 Western Way, Ponteland, Newcastle upon Tyne NE20 9ND.

June Diary Dates

1st-2nd. Seminar/Workshop with Gerrard McInery at Meigle House, Meigle, Perthshire, Scotland. Gerrard will be covering clairvoyance, healing, colours, psychometry, etc. For details contact Frances Grant-Hutton on ☎ 01828-640270.

5th-8th. From Intellect to Intuition. An experiential workshop in transpersonal astrology with Maggie Lewis and Yvonne Taylor for the Huber School of Astrological Counselling at The Beacon Centre, Nr Exeter, Devon. Cost £155.50 inc workshop, accommodation and meals. For more details call Maggie Lewis ☎ 01423-867449 or Richard Llewellyn ☎/FAX 0151-6068551.

8th. The Moon's Nodes. Seminar with The Faculty of Astrologers at the ASC, 396 Caledonian Road, London N1 1DN, 10.30-5.30pm. Cost £30/£35 non-Faculty. Details/bookings ☎ 0171-700 3556.

8th. Psychological Approach to Progressions with Liz Greene at the Centre for Psychological Astrology, London. Details ☎/FAX 0181-749 2330.

8th-9th. How to Develop Your Intuition & Psychic Powers. A workshop with David Furlong at Flint House, 41 High St, Lewes, East Sussex. Sat/Sun 10-5.30pm; £65. Details/booking ☎ 01273-473388.

12th. The Rise and Fall of the Astrological Almanac with Derek Parker for the Bromley Astrological Association at Ripley Arts Centre, Sunridge Avenue, Bromley. 7.45-10pm; (beginners' meeting 7.15pm). Cost £1/£3 non-members. For more details call Dione Smith on ☎ 0181-464 2097.

15th. Moonshine. Lunar matters & patterns in detail with Ron Gwynn for The Faculty of

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15th. Idealist or Materialist? Saturn and Neptune. With Charles Harvey for The Bath Astrology Seminars at The Stakis Hotel, Rossiter Road, Bath. Cost £30 inc refreshments. Early booking advisable. Call ☎ 01373 465147 for details.

15th. An Introduction to Predictive Astrology. One-day seminar suitable for all levels with John Frawley in Highgate. Details ☎ 0181-365 2553.

15th-16th. Sound Body, Sound Mind, Sound Spirit. Healing/toning exercises with gentle movement and vibrational music with James D'Angelo at Flint House, 41 High St, Lewes, East Sussex ☎ 01273-473388). 10-5pm, £55.

16th. The Four Elements and their Modes of Being with Erin Sullivan at the Centre for Psychological Astrology, London. ☎/FAX 0181-749 2330 for details.

22nd-23rd. Runes weekend workshop with Terri Andrews-Holland for BAPS at Northland Barn, Ketches Lane, Sheffield Park, East Sussex. Sat/Sun 9.30-5pm. £50/£75 non-members; limited places, early booking advised. For more details write to BAPS Workshops 1996, 124 Trefoil Crescent, Broadfield, Crawley, W Sussex, RH11 9EZ.

27th. Tarot Circle. Open to all, 7.15-9.15pm, with the Company of Astrologers at ASC, Caledonian Road. ☎ 0181-892 2545 for details.

29th. Astrological Association Mundane Day with Graham Bates, Jamie Macphail, Christeen Skinner at ASC, Caledonian Road. Enquiries ☎/FAX 0171-700 3746/6479.

PALISTRY

by PETER WEST

Rings & Things

Hand-reading is not about just looking at the palm. Nor is it just noting the shape of the hand or observing the type of skin pattern.

Hand-reading means looking at the whole hand, noting those extra special features that mark down a person as an individual. There may be a tattoo, a scar or other mark. You should observe the type of watch if any — and on which wrist it is worn. The subject may wear a bracelet, a ring or rings.

A tattoo is very personal. It means a lot to the subject — or at least it did when it was first etched into the skin. The message or pattern style usually creates a picture that will tell of the owner's affection for another. Or it may display a message for the world in general that probably meant more at the time it was done than when currently observed.

Watches

A watch always tells a story. If worn on the left wrist with the face showing the owner is likely to be a reasonably average type with a fairly conventional outlook. If it is of a special design or is obviously expensive the owner has tastes accordingly. When worn face down or under the wrist the subject may have a career or an interest in something that may threaten the safety of the timepiece: a sportsman or an outdoor worker perhaps.

If worn on the right arm the owner is likely to be left-handed: he or she may be ambidextrous or affecting a pose. If he or she is left-handed then the rate of perception and intelligence may be above average. Remember, left-handed folk have to adjust to live in a right-handed world and to do that they have had to learn to adapt.

Analogue watches, those with hands and marked sections around the rim are preferred by traditionally-minded folk. Those who wear the digital type of watch are up-to-date, modern-minded types. Should there also be a calculator on the face of the watch this may denote someone who needs such an instrument regularly. Those big multi-faceted watches that tell the time in a dozen countries, have alarms, a stop-watch and make the tea, simply speak volumes about the wearer.

Rings

Rings tell a very special story. Often, the ring and where it is worn may tell you the owner is in complete ignorance of such a message. Such meanings have come down to us through the ages and in the 16th century there were more precise interpretations. A doc-

tor would wear a ring on his thumb while general merchants or businessmen would have a ring on the first finger.

Those who wore a ring on the middle finger were alleged to be not quite with it while a ring on the third finger suggested a student. Lovers of all ages wore rings on their little fingers and, because of the heavy type of ring favoured around the period of George I, wedding rings were often worn on the thumb.

As a rule wedding rings are worn on the third finger of the left hand because in ancient times it was thought there was a special nerve or vein that led direct to the heart. In this country, but not always for the same reason, the custom is still followed today. On the Continent ladies tend to wear their wedding rings on their right hands, as do most husbands.

Rings were not always worn on the base or third phalange. Sometimes special rings were placed on the middle phalange and, just occasionally, a special affectation was a ring worn on the nail phalange! Today that points to straightforward affectation.

Finger position

A ring emphasises the qualities of the finger upon which it is worn. Thus, a ring on the index finger suggests one prepared to take the lead, make decisions and implement them when the time calls for it. In practice, I find the wearer is often cold natured, hard and unforgiving. Emotionally untrustworthy, they approach this side of their nature by making the head rule the heart. They want what they want when they want it and their respons-

es are often mechanical. They prefer to control situations at all times. They seem unable to relax properly.

When a ring is worn on the middle finger expect to find a cool nature, someone who can relax but may always seem a little guarded. Quite often, these folk are lonely and may have been hurt in the past. When you get to know them more intimately it can seem as if they have made a Ring of Saturn for themselves. Always cautious in their social life, they cannot make fools of themselves at parties.

The third finger is the favourite for most folk. Rings worn here indicate a good-natured soul who enjoys being in company, joins in all the fun but probably dislikes being alone for too long. As it is the generally accepted finger on which to wear an engagement or wedding ring, the type and style usually reflects the level of taste of the wearer.

Rings worn on the little finger may have more than one message for an observer. Male and female Freemasons wear a ring here and it is usually immediately obvious from the design on the ring.

This probably stems from the Surprise Ring worn by some in the late 17th century,

so-called because it would have had a hinged surface, made to turn over at a touch to reveal magical or other secret designs.

It showed a belief in either a form of magical arts or that the wearer was a member of a group whose existence was best kept quiet or secret. The design would have shown the level of development of the owner in that gathering; in much the same way as certain groups have similar rings for the same purpose today.

However, in the 19th century a ring on the little finger of a woman's hand signified an independent nature. Those ladies who were initially and latterly more obviously involved in the struggle for women's rights are often depicted in portraits with a ring conspicuously worn on the little finger.

This is the same period that saw ladies from all walks make the little finger deliberately stand away from the side of the hand when holding their teacups at the social events of the time. Today, palmists accept a jutting out little finger on any hand as the symbol of a desire for independence.

Thumb rings are beginning to be seen again, worn mostly by the young. There is little practical purpose. (Try it, it is a

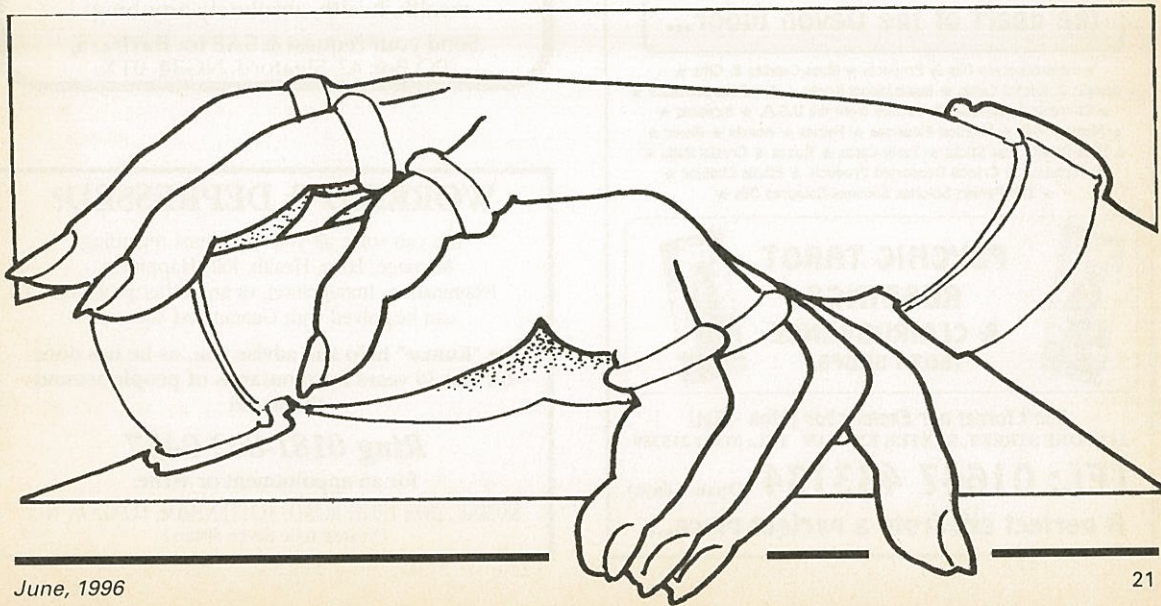
very uncomfortable feeling.) It should be taken as a sign of someone who wants to be seen to be different. It is almost as bad as the toe rings worn by the ancient Greeks and Romans. That was fine in those days for the rich were borne around on litters by slaves. Try walking around today with a toe ring on!

Hand shapes

People with basically square hands tend to wear their rings for a purpose, they are not true romantics as such. They often wear a ring as a keepsake to remind themselves of times or a person from the past. Those with round or conic hands love jewellery. They love the feeling of opulence, the pleasure of nice things and they will wear a ring for the sheer pleasure of it.

Spatulate handed folk do not often wear such things. Physically active, they find a ring or watch can be an encumbrance and they only wear them on special occasions. They do tend to go slightly overboard when they do, absolutely dripping with gold and silver and not always in good taste either.

So, as your subject comes near you for the first time, note rings and watches if worn — they all help you to build the story you are about to unfold.



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Prophets of Doom have existed throughout the centuries and sometimes caused havoc.

With the advent of the millennium come Doomsday predictions. Such prophecies of destruction have not, however, applied simply to the planet but to much smaller sections of the Earth, namely the capital of England, London itself.

One of the earliest destruction prophecies concerning London began to circulate in June 1523. At this time, apparently, the city contained many 'fortune-tellers and astrologers' who generally agreed that on February 1st 1524 London would be washed away in a great flood emanating from the Thames.

Repeated

This prediction was repeated month after month and soon the majority of London's population began to believe in the reality of the forthcoming deluge. By the end of 1523 many families had left the city, moving into the neighbouring counties of Kent and Essex.

By mid January the trickle literally became a flood as thousands quitted the city. The roads from London were blocked by the carriages of the well-to-do and the poorer classes, travelling on foot, who carried what they could on their backs or in barrows and handcarts.

Many of the wealthy headed for the high ground at Blackheath, Highgate and Hampstead while others made their way as far as Croydon. The prior of St Bart's had a fortified

refuge built at Harrow-on-the-Hill which he stocked with provisions and boats before moving in, refusing admittance to all others except personal friends and those who brought 'stores of eatables.'

Meanwhile, back in the capital, thousands of homes lay empty, awaiting the end; it is estimated that at least 20,000 people had abandoned London to its destruction. Those who remained in the city expected to have sufficient time to leave as the flood was predicted as being a slow, gradual process.

Anticlimax

Doomsday arrived and in the early hours many were still leaving the city. Those who stayed gathered in crowds along the river bank, watching and waiting. There they remained all day, watching and waiting as the Thames rolled by unaware of what was expected of it. Some waited throughout the night, too, but nothing had happened by the following dawn.

Many felt foolish when there was no sign of a flood on February 2nd and soon the prophets of destruction were under siege for an explanation. After a quick consultation they gave their answer and thus saved their necks. The stars were right, they claimed, but they had made a slight mistake in calculation and London would not suffer in 1524; the deluge would come, however, in 1624.

Luckily the people accepted this excuse and the astrologers breathed a sigh of relief. As for London, 1624 came and went without a sign of flooding but of course the original prophets were no longer around to explain their second false prediction.

Mother Shipton

The famed Mother Shipton is, however, credited with foretelling the destruction of London in 1666.

*'When fate to England shall restore
A king to reign as heretofore,
Great death in London shall be though,
And many houses be laid low.'*

This restored king was Charles II and the 'great death' and 'houses laid down' can be equated to both the Great Plague and Fire of 1666. The people of London were well aware of this prophesy for it is recorded that during the Great Fire crowds hampered the work of those who tried to control the flames.

Instead of giving valuable and much needed assistance, people stood around idly watching the city burn and refused to prevent the disaster. Why? Because Mother Shipton had said London would burn and thus the city was fated to do so. This poses the question, could the city have been saved had the prophesy not been made and others, such as

the noted astrologer William Lilly, not promoted it?

According to another astrologer, Whiston, 1736 marked the end of the world, beginning with London. On October 13th that year crowds took to the high ground to witness the predicted destruction of the city but, as with earlier prophecies, nothing occurred.

A real shock

However, 25 years later, the city of London did suffer an unusual event that gave rise to fresh prophecies of doom: two earthquake shock-waves. The first took place on February 8th 1761 and rumbled through the city, bringing down a number of chimneys. The second quake, exactly a month later, was concentrated mainly in the Highgate/Hampstead area.

Talk on the streets soon revolved around these quakes and the fact that they occurred exactly one month apart. One individual, a lifeguard named Bell, wandered the streets predicting another earthquake on April 5th that would destroy London.

Bell wasn't an astrologer and had no previous reputation as a seer or magician yet he quickly gained the public ear as the masses believed strongly in such eventualities. As with past prophecies, people began to leave the city for what were then the surrounding villages.

Exodus

Hampstead, Highgate, Islington, Harrow and Blackheath were inundated with refugees and the locals, taking advantage of the sudden influx, charged exorbitant prices for lodgings. The last few days of March saw many people building makeshift camps in the fields surrounding London and, as the fateful day grew nearer, more and more fled the city in their panic.

It is reported that at this point even those who had previously scorned Bell's prophecy quit their homes, their fear

growing as more and more of their neighbours left for the safety of the surrounding countryside. Some opted for the safety of water and all the vessels on the Thames became floating refuges packed with frightened citizens.

On April 5th Londoners waited with bated breath but, as in 1736, nothing happened. Gradually, over the next few days, the refugees drifted back to London. As for Bell, he predicted other events, none of which was fulfilled and he became an inmate of Bedlam within a year.

Hoaxes

Despite these earlier unfulfilled prophecies of catastrophe, the people of Victorian London reacted in much the same way as their ancestors when reports began to circulate of the city's destruction by earthquake on March 17th 1842. This prediction was, however, purely a hoax based on the claim that two prophecies of impending disaster had been found among the *Harleian Manuscripts* in the British Museum.

One, supposedly written by 'the Monk of Dree' in 1203, predicted the following.

*'In eighteen hundred and forty-two
Four things the Sun shall view:
London's rich and famous town
Hungry earth shall swallow down...'*

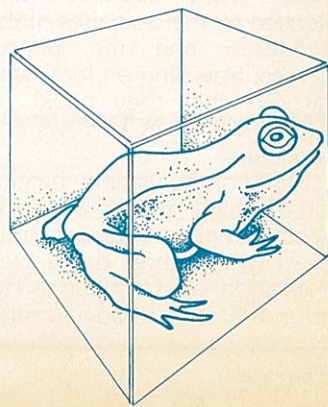
This prophecy was confirmed by a second manuscript, this time allegedly the work of the famous Elizabethan astrologer and magician John Dee. So the rumour of London's coming destruction spread — at least among the ordinary citizens. The well-to-do, however, ignored what they knew to be a hoax initiated as a psychological experiment into the behaviour of the masses in the face of disaster.

During the creation of a mineshaft in Montana, USA in 1907, a toad was discovered buried in rock 200 feet below the Earth's surface. This fact alone might do little more than raise your eyebrow but, when I add that the toad was alive, you may well be more surprised.

Strangely, this was not a one-off occurrence. Such entombments of live toads and frogs are not exactly everyday finds but there is nevertheless a small but solid group of indisputable occurrences which refuse to fit into any neatly defined and explainable category.

Sceptics will point out (and quite rightly so) that toads and frogs hibernate each year by burying themselves deep down in thick mud. They are capable of staying in this dormant state for six months without food — emerging after the Winter as good as new. All this is fair enough — but the nature and formation of mud is somewhat different to that of clay, slate, coal and concrete, all of which have been found to contain live toads in the past.

If we are to have any hope of understanding this strange phenomenon, we should first take a look at the common aspects which seem to occur in the majority of authentic cases. Firstly, and unsurprisingly, all the toads gave the appearance of being dead when they were first discovered. After some minutes, they all began to show signs of life, though these varied in range between specimens. The oldest reliable report on record, described in



a letter written in 1698, tells of a toad encased in a stone, and although it moved about during the remaining daylight hours, it died as sunset approached.

Rather more successful in adapting to life after entombment was the toad which was released from within a lump of coal, after having been on the fire for an hour. This specimen survived for five weeks, which is all the more surprising when you consider that it displayed another fairly common feature of all these 'miracle' toads — it had no mouth or rectum.

Questions

These cases raise some interesting questions. Firstly, why do some toads survive longer after incarceration than others? Does the substance in which they are encased somehow help or hinder their survival chances? It does seem possible that toads which are buried in a porous material may receive some fresh air or nourishment while they are buried but this is very difficult to prove.

The one aspect of all these cases which cannot be proved is for how long the toads have been entombed prior to their being found. We may be able to judge how long they might survive in test conditions, but this cannot provide us with conclusive proof that the toads spent a specific number of weeks, months or even years buried alive. Indeed, somewhat macabre experimenters in the 1800s, following a spate of these remarkable findings, spent some time burying unfortunate toads in differing substances to see how long (if at all) they could survive.

Dr Frank Buckland seemed to have made a significant discovery when he dug up some toads he had buried in sandstone and limestone respectively a year earlier. The sandstone specimens had all perished but those entombed in limestone and sealed off with a sheet of glass had survived. Unfortunately, Dr Buckland's

Toad in the Hole

Have toads really been buried alive for millennia? by ALLISON WHITEHEAD

efforts were wasted, as the glass sheet had cracked during the year, thus opening the chamber to possible outside food sources for the toads.

Another interested party had better luck. A Frenchman encased some toads in plaster of Paris before burying them in the ground. He allowed 12 years to pass before he recovered them — finding four still alive in the process. How long the toads survived for afterwards is unknown. This 12 year incarceration period does prove that toads are capable of surviving far longer than their usual hibernation period when buried deep underground but it still does not answer all the questions raised by the phenomenon.

To survive for such a length of time they must surely be doing something more than just hibernating. Can they perhaps shut down all their systems to the minimum levels required to survive and then simply remain indefinitely in a state of suspended animation?

Indefinite

This indefinite state would certainly explain the discovery of live frogs in Oklahoma, USA in the 1920s. Nothing unusual about this, you may think, considering what we have already learned. Yet they were discovered alongside the remains of mammoths and sabre-toothed tigers. If we say there is a limit to how long frogs and toads can remain buried, how on Earth did they manage to get down there since the mammoths and tigers perished?

The argument for the reality of indefinite suspended animation is perhaps strengthened when we look at the cases where the released frogs and

toads do not resemble any current species or sub-species of amphibian. Are these unaccountable discoveries the survivors of a world which existed hundreds if not thousands of years ago? Or have they resorted to nature's way of survival and simply adapted to their changed surroundings during the time they have been buried?

The world and everything in it is constantly adapting to change in order to survive — the will to live is the strongest force we have. And it might explain why some of these toads are found to have no mouth or rectum when they are finally found and released. During their time of burial, no food would have been available, so these functions would cease to be needed. For this to be possible, however, thousands of years (if not millions) must have passed. After all, the change from ape to man did not happen overnight.

Such discoveries are far rarer today than they were in Victorian times. Technological advancement is probably largely responsible for this, since working by hand today more often than ever means pressing a button and getting a machine to dig a hole for you. There may well be a million more toads buried the world over, waiting in vain for someone to come along and release them.

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THE TAROT

by JOHN CHRISTOPHER TRAVERS

TEN OF CUPS

Symbols in the sky, general rejoicing, happiness abounding: all area part of this very favourable Tarot card.

The Ten of Cups in a spread can, and does, dispel gloom and disappointment. It brings a promise of joy, of supreme contentment, a time to rejoice as well as be grateful for such a favourable change in one's fortunes.

The ten Cups appear like a rainbow in the sky, the figures below greet the symbols while the children dance in sheer excitement. The picture, in many ways, says it all. But there is a good deal more, as always with the Tarot, which is hidden beneath the surface and must also be kept in mind.

For the moment let the rejoicing continue with all the expressiveness of relief and happiness for the future being well worth letting the emotions flow. So often, emotional feeling is bottled up but, with the Cups Ten, it just has to be released.

There are rare times in life when sheer wonder can stop everything in its tracks. There is a time to stop and savour this rare feeling with its promise of problems being resolved and burdens being lifted. The happiness to come may well be entirely unexpected or it could be long-awaited. This will depend on personal circumstances. Chance (or is it design and destiny?) plays a major part too. The details will be revealed very soon, hence the need to celebrate.

Oddly enough, the Ten of

Cups is rarely specific about what exactly is going to bring about the supreme happiness that the card's influence indicates. It is certainly going to be overwhelmingly good with all kinds of benefits and opportunities for advancement coming along but there is no precise pointer about its origin or content. An element of surprise is no bad thing, although the card certainly hints at financial gains or a clearing up of debts and money worries.

Not long ago, a Tarot reading was given to a complete stranger and the Ten of Cups appeared in a very favourable way in the spread itself. The

Tarot-reader recognised its significance and told the person to go and buy either a lottery ticket or Premium Bond or fill in a pools coupon. This the person did and, sure enough, a considerable winning sum came his way.

As the windfall really did ease an acute financial difficulty, it is easy to see how the process worked. Not that the Cups Ten is a winning card all the time nor should it be regarded as bringing lottery winnings but, just occasionally, the circumstances do and can fit the popular pattern. Yet the methods all vary, the very unusual details have to fit the moment and the person. Another querent might have a totally different outcome, still favourable, but not perhaps in a similar way.

Remember, the Ten of Cups brings about the unexpected. One writer on the Tarot has been quoted frequently, asserting that the card will indicate miraculous events, the unusual, the unexpected, the remarkable and unbelievable. All of this sounds as if the interpretation is going too far. This is really not the case. If anything it is understating the effects of the powerful trends which the Cups Ten can bring about.

Nothing is too much in this instance, nor should anything be ruled out. Expect things to happen that just have not seemed in any way possible or feasible. Just for once, accept



that miracles can happen. Remove the scepticism, the doubts and fears. Something wonderful is about to happen.

What of the underlying influences of the Cups Ten? These must not be ignored. Peace of mind and prosperity are there; so is an element of fame, perhaps recognition for services performed in some way. The love and warmth of friends and relationships is in there, too; prestige and lasting success can be achieved. These are all important to have and are by no means diminished by the need to put them all to one side just for the moment.

The Ten of Cups is a very fortunate card indeed, especially for material matters and for anything that can bring advancement and contentment in one's personal life. These are, however, surface effects.

What lies beneath is not often recognised or even explored.

The card was once described as one of the most spiritual of the Tarot. This slightly enigmatic statement was not elaborated upon for many years and, when it was explored more fully, it was found to be a card of duality.

The surface meanings and benefits must be accepted and can be enjoyed on that level alone. This is understood but the underside of the card, as it were, reveals that these benefits should be put to special use. If it is a matter of riches, these should give help and happiness to those who, in turn, can then experience and enjoy the same relief and sharing of ecstatic feeling described earlier.

Also, the spiritual side of this card suggests that the material

meanings, so well established and right for so many, are not ones that should be accepted by those who wish to lead a life of spiritual attainment. The hint is that the Ten of Cups is offering a happiness that is not of this world or in the way that is usually acknowledged by most of us — that some will refuse the material benefits in favour of the rewards offered by giving them up and leading an enclosed, spiritual life.

Not for many, only for the very few; but the happiness and joy they too would experience is as special to them as the material miracles are to those who respond to the Cups Ten's surface meanings.

Both are possible though, even if the majority of us choose and prefer the obvious meanings and benefits of this card.

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JUNE

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With Saturn now posited firmly in Aries, we can expect the emphasis to be on the necessity for increased order in society. Saturn gives the feeling that there's a need to tighten belts. The danger here, of course, is a trend towards right-wing extremism and a growing authoritarian attitude in governments.

Perhaps it is significant that, during June, this planet transits John Major's natal Sun. He may be attempting a more heavy-handed approach in economic affairs. Alternatively, this Saturn factor could actually sound the death-knell of his government or, at least, far-reaching change in the halls of power.

As Jupiter is moving retrograde in Saturn's sign, Capricorn, there is certainly a hint of economic slow-down or setback. This is bound to reflect adversely on the ruling party. The most critical phase in June falls around the 15th but the prevailing line-up immediately after the New Moon on the 16th signals a new beginning and a generally constructive trend.

The adverse aspects mid month are also likely to have an impact on travel and transport. Air and rail

travel is under a shadow with a danger of major accidents looming large on the 14th and 15th. Neither is this a good augury for construction firms involved in the building of new road links. Environmental protest movements are likely to be much in the news during the third week in June. If not this, then we can expect major disruption in communications or an outcry over the infringement of privacy and confidentiality.

Matters focusing on the welfare of children and young people will be brought into the spotlight later in the month. Worries over educational policies and the way that children are being brought up are going to be a source of heated debate.

We can only hope that the real problems will achieve clearer definition rather than being hidden behind a convenient smokescreen of serious-sounding waffle. The fact that life is being served up for most children by means of a flickering screen may at last be showing ominous symptoms — not least of which is the reduction of attention span to a microsecond!

Anyway, from an astrological point of view, the pattern throughout June is certainly helpful for airing radical views and facing up to problems.

Remus

HOW TO READ THE SYMBOLS

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

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

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

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

ARIES

MARCH 21 TO APRIL 20



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

The heavy demands on your budget will continue until June 12th.

This is when your ruler and Mercury take leave of the money sector of your Solar chart. Until then take a strict line on spending. The more organised and far-seeing you can be now, the better. The temptation to extravagance is strong and your impulsiveness could land you in a tight corner.

Now that Saturn has become established in your sign, you'll proba-

bly become more cautious in practical affairs. This is all to the good, especially if you are about to become a property owner or start a long-term business venture.

To get the best out of Saturn it is essential to accept that nothing will be achieved overnight and that your usual wish for instant results will have to be modified. Now is the time to lay solid foundations and build on past experience.

Saturn does have a rather negative reputation. This is the planet associated with limitation and frustration. However, these negative facets only come about if you continue to want to move ahead too quickly. Saturn represents a time to get your act together and you can only do this by realism.

Generally, the picture for June reveals decidedly positive trends. Your mind is likely to shift into higher gear from early month. Ideas you have been juggling with will be brought into sharper focus and things will fall into place more easily. Many will find that an old problem will disappear in the first two weeks.

It's a month for making impor-

tant decisions and commitments. Favourable dates are the 4th, 8th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 22nd, 23rd and 25th. Communication, education, negotiation, writing and publishing stand more chance of success on these dates which are also excellent for travel.

Though the pace of life will increase rapidly after the middle of the month, you'll probably welcome this and turn it to good account. There's increased hope for diversification of interests and broadening your circle of friends, particularly around the 18th when Mars and Uranus are in strong agreement. It's an appropriate time for anything requiring team spirit, co-operation and contacting people on your own wavelength.

You'll get the best out of life by being as flexible as possible. Be open to new ideas and ready to change plans. Relatives and friends may call upon you more than usual and a message on the 25th could mean a long journey.

Finally, for the romantically inclined, travel could prove to be the key to your heart's desire in the final days of June.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 TO MAY 20



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

Mars in your sign until the 12th and Mercury becoming more swift-footed will help to get things done.

Chances are that you'll be faced with a rather urgent decision around the 4th or 8th. This will help you focus on essentials and gain a clear perspective. Major initiatives now are almost certain to benefit your plans and projects.

Although you usually prefer to play it safe and stick to one line of action, a more flexible approach

will get good results now. Someone you meet could inspire you to take up a new interest or broaden your vision in some way. The more open you are to fresh experience the happier you'll be in the long run.

Financial matters will occupy centre stage, especially during the latter half of the month. Be prepared for a minor crisis around the 14th if a business venture is in question. Don't worry but see if you can alter your tactics if something is going awry. Be more cautious, too, about helping out others financially then. Lending and borrowing may need careful thought.

After the New Moon on the 16th, any problems should quickly subside and you'll find yourself better placed to decide which way to go. Both Mercury and Mars are activating the financial area of your Solar chart towards a positive trend during the latter half of the month. Mars will incline you to be more enterprising while Mercury will bring wider scope for diversification and new contacts. Business should see satisfying progress.

The only danger is that you may

be overwhelmed with the pressures of work. The fact that Venus, your ruler, is moving retrograde all month indicates that the lighter side of life, plus close relationships, will be sacrificed to monetary considerations.

In fact, the saying about 'all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy' could easily apply to you and this could mean that home life and relationships suffer. In view of this rather negative prospect, try to keep things in perspective.

Best advice is to avoid getting over anxious about your work or money situation. The overall planetary pattern is favourable for these and if anything is unsatisfactory, developments between the 18th and 25th are likely to put things right. This is the best time of the month for those seeking greater job satisfaction or better remuneration.

Towards the end of the month be prepared to sacrifice some of your time. There are indications that a journey may have to be undertaken out of duty — perhaps because a relative needs your assistance.

GEMINI

MAY 21 TO JUNE 20



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

Affairs of the heart are brought very much into the spotlight throughout June.

This could be a critical phase with everything hanging in the balance, particularly so for love affairs which have begun only recently. Because of other demands on your time it may not be entirely your fault if tensions arise but your partner may see it as neglect.

In view of this it is essential to avoid falling into this pattern if you want a romantic affair to continue

beyond the month. With Venus retrograde in your sign throughout June it could be rather a testing time. Maybe your attitudes will change and you'll suddenly realise that you don't have much in common with your partner. Whatever the case, there are important lessons to be learned and any difficult situations will be resolved one way or the other before the month is out.

Dates on which to confront emotional differences are the 10th, 15th, 19th, 20th, 23rd and 25th. The atmosphere is more amicable then and you are more likely to get a sympathetic response.

Psychologically it seems that new energies are stirring within you, inclining you to be increasingly outgoing and adventurous. With both Mars and Mercury moving into your sign during the second week it seems that you are going to be on the move. These planets will help enhance your zest for life and give you the confidence and incentive to reach your goals.

Indeed, you'll be in your element with ample scope for inventiveness and versatility. The latter half

of June is splendid for new interests, breaking with routines and making contact with others more in tune with your thinking. Uranus moving in favourable angle to your sign will inspire and invigorate efforts to break free of limitations and to explore alternatives.

For many Geminians, important initiatives will loom large in the third week. You may be faced with a major decision about the future. If something new has come into your orbit lately, this seems to be the path to pursue. There may be a moral dilemma woven into the pattern of events but this really is a time when you need to please yourself. If you don't take the opportunity for change you may well regret it later.

Although this strikes a rather serious note, you have a lot going for you astrologically at present. It's as if you're being put into the position of a magician capable of calling in to being the lifestyle and destiny you really desire.

Apart from a certain volatility in the romantic sphere, this is going to be an unusually significant and eventful month.

CANCER

JUNE 21 TO JULY 20



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

It looks as if you'll be bringing an important task to fruition early in June.

You may feel that there is much still to be done but you won't have to burn the candle at both ends. After mid month, there will be more time to relax and enjoy the fruits of your labours.

If your health and spirits have been rather low lately, again there is a positive trend coming into force early in June indicating as swift increase in vitality. But you

will have to watch your step around the 14th when your ruler, the Moon, forms a rather tense link with Mars and Mercury.

This potentially tricky configuration could also have repercussions on your personal life as there is a danger of having been misunderstood or misquoted. If you feel that someone is not being entirely open and honest, insist that matters are made clear. Be wary also of rumours and gossip which may veer towards the catty and malicious.

More positively, you'll be pleased to see that uncertainties about your aims and objectives will fade into the background, enabling you to streamline things. Something you were forced to shelve a few months ago can now be resurrected. In the first half of the month you'll have real support from others — especially for community or other special causes. Luck is on your side on the 4th, 8th and 10th.

Financially, perhaps it would be unwise to think that there are any easy options, whatever others may think. You'll need to be on your

guard against people trying to rope you into dubious financial commitments. The trouble is that you are likely to be more susceptible to slick talkers so be as detached and sceptical as possible.

Most important is that you establish solid material and financial foundations throughout June. A development only indirectly connected with you could become important to your status in a couple of months' time. Meanwhile stick to what you know best.

Everything seems to be in limbo in personal relationships at present. A promising romance may fizzle out and make you realise that wishful thinking is no foundation on which to base your hopes. Male Cancerians are likely to find the opposite sex rather unpredictable and fickle while the ladies may tend to attract jealous men. Be especially wary of adverse trends on the 14th, 15th, 22nd, 26th, and 29th.

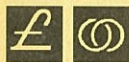
It's a different picture regarding domestic relationships, particularly later. A helpful pattern around the 24th and 25th indicates pleasant news and visits.

LEO

JULY 21 TO AUGUST 21



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

Your creative energies are on the increase throughout June.

You could join with others of a like mind to further your aims. This might indicate an imminent change of direction which will work wonders for your self-confidence.

Venus continues retrograde all month but is unlikely to have any negative implications for your plans. The tempo may slow at times but this will help you keep things in perspective.

Provided you keep your mind on

what is most important and don't be distracted by illusory glamour, the way ahead looks good. Events seem to be weaving you into a situation to make better use of your talents. But remember, co-operation holds the key to success now.

At the very start of the month you'll be in demand socially with much scope to broaden your field of influence. But from the 4th, the prevailing trend indicates that practical matters will quickly take centre stage.

Until mid month Mars is riding high in your Solar chart, giving a progressive push to career interests. Don't hesitate to go for it if new opportunities appear, especially on the 4th, 8th, 10th and towards the end of the month.

Having said this, Jupiter continues retrograde in a very work-orientated area of your chart. While this is certainly helpful, don't be over adventurous, at least for the time being. Advancements in your work and career remain well within your capabilities. Don't fall into the trap of being promoted to what is often described these days as your level of incompetence!

The trickiest dates in June are few and far between but it will be useful to know where the pitfalls lie. Don't get involved in arguments on or around the 12th. If you try to play the hero then, you'll come a cropper! Take a back seat and let others sort out their own problems.

On the 22nd you are strongly advised not to take any financial risks. Shopping could prove disastrous because you'll be inclined to act on impulse and land yourself with expensive items you don't need.

On a more intimate level, romantic affairs may be a little unsettled. You may have to learn that you cannot always have your own way. You may have fallen into the habit of taking your partner for granted or using others just to reflect your ego. It's not all bad news, however. Later in the month a conjunction of Mars and Venus promises swift developments in romance.

The rich texture of astrological energies throughout June may make you feel that life is full of contradictions but, no doubt, your highly creative approach will ensure that you come out on top.

VIRGO

AUGUST 22 TO SEPTEMBER 22



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

A powerful Lunar trend throws the spotlight on domestic affairs at the start of the month.

As this is a weekend, chances are you'll be entertaining more than expected which is likely to be inconvenient and prevent you getting on with what you had planned.

You may also experience a rather tense emotional atmosphere within the family circle early month. If you're a parent of teenagers, be tactful if you don't

entirely agree with their actions.

Travel is likely to bring very positive experiences during the first half of June. The 4th, 8th, 10th, 11th, and 12th are particularly fortunate for business travel or house hunting. Your urge to get away from usual routines will be stronger than so it would be highly appropriate if you are taking a far-flung holiday.

The prevailing trend has a decidedly practical flavour and you'll be making good progress in work, career or creative pursuits this month. The first half should bring swift, positive results in legal and official matters. It's also a favourable time for making enquiries about education or for getting a message across.

With Jupiter in favourable angle to your sign and Mars forging into the top sector of your Solar chart on the 12th, you are likely to feel more adventurous than usual. This is a time to trust your luck, alter your world view and take the first steps towards changing your life.

You may realise that the only obstacles are those within yourself which cause you to cling to what is

most familiar. An expansive trend is beginning to operate so don't let fear of the unknown become a prison of your own making.

Initiative and ingenuity will bring best results in the latter half of June, especially if career is important at present. By a more ambitious approach and not being over modest about your capabilities, you can do much to boost your status and reputation, as well as income, during the coming weeks.

Don't be too easily put off, either, if you find yourself up against fairly heavy competition around the 14th. What you experience then could be the real test when much will depend upon your determination to succeed.



Apart from mainstream occupational interests, the latter half of June is splendid for diversification. Positive feedback from others will convince you that your creative abilities should be taken more seriously.



You are very much in control of your destiny in the month ahead so don't be afraid to stick your neck out if the opportunity for advancement comes your way.



LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 23 TO OCTOBER 22

   1st week

  2nd week

  3rd week

  4th week

The only serious warning in the first half of June is about joint financial arrangements.

Whether this is in marriage or business, be absolutely certain of your partner's agreement on any imminent major money decisions. Provided you don't ignore any areas of difficulty, you can expect good progress in the coming weeks.

Events will probably pull you far from usual routines and surroundings from about mid month. If you have planned a holiday, this is very

much in keeping with the prevailing trend. However, watch out for hassles if setting off on far-flung trip on the 14th, 15th or 22nd. These are hazardous dates for driving and being held up by officialdom. Double-check that your papers are in order.

You may have to deal with officialdom on other matters, in particular a pressing legal matter mid month. Don't fool yourself that others, or Fate, will get you off the hook or provide a magic solution. But don't be afraid to go into battle. You have Mars and Mercury fighting on your side in such matters — after the New Moon on the 16th.

The cosmic pattern is decidedly helpful for academically minded Librans. All matters to do with learning will bring you a high level of mental stimulation. Whether you are pursuing technical skills or something more esoteric, you should gather much experience during the coming weeks. This may be facilitated by people you meet along the way. A journey could link you with someone very much on your mental and spiritual wavelength.

The most interesting dates for broadening your horizons and striking up significant friendships are from the 15th to the 19th plus the 24th, 25th and 29th. This last may turn out to be rather intriguing for romantic affairs. Again, travel figures strongly here.



All this emphasis on travel does not mean that home life will fade into insignificance. The unusually powerful combination of planets during the third week suggests something important taking shape in this sphere. Unexpected events will tend to throw things into altered perspective and it could be that you'll suddenly find yourself considering the possibilities of a change of residence.



Uranus in a very fortunate area of your chart could mean that a lucky win enables you to take seriously a move to somewhere more desirable. Take note of the 17th, 18th and 24th for a flutter on the lottery.



Taken all round, you have an exciting month ahead — not without a sense of challenge but also containing great potential for constructive change.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 23 TO NOVEMBER 22

  1st week

  2nd week

  3rd week

   4th week

A financial matter that has been a thorn in the flesh will finally be resolved in early June.

This should leave you free to organise your budget and get rid of a lot of unwanted clutter.

You might have to acknowledge that the one who sings your praises does not always merit the title of friend. Someone may reveal his/her true colours which may come as something of a disappointment but at least you will know where you stand.

Alternatively, you may fall out with someone who criticises your actions. Don't be too hasty for it is more than likely that he/she is telling you something important about yourself. Truth sometimes hurts but you are stronger if you can accept it.

A wide glance at the astrological picture indicates that June is quite an intriguing month for you. Around the 15th it seems that certain elements of your past will be resurrected. This could be due to meeting an old friend or visiting a place which reminds you of the past. This could be very positive and inspiring.

Also, it is likely that events will give you the chance to resolve an old bone of contention and establish better relations with someone from whom you have been estranged.

During the latter half of the month the accent switches to the very practical. You'll find that financial and business interests take on a sense of urgency. This may not be a bad thing for events may force you to take a stand and push ahead in a more positive direction. Be prepared for a rather unsteady state of affairs under adverse trends on the 14th, 22nd and 29th.

The good news is that what seemed to be an insurmountable obstacle will begin to appear less daunting. Towards the end of the month there is much to suggest that you'll be in a better position to plan your next moves. You'll probably realise that better progress can be made by putting things on a simpler basis — simplicity is the key to success now.

The third week of June is likely to bring home and family matters into sharper focus. Favourable trends involving Uranus will help property transactions. If you have been doubtful about a move, events now will help to clarify matters. Uranus in the home area of your Solar chart suggests an element of unconventionality in domestic affairs over the next few years. This will bring you great happiness.

Although affairs of the heart are much in the shadows throughout June, there is greater promise towards the end of the month. However, don't expect much success if you are hoping to revive an old relationship. This would be a waste of emotional energy. Put the past behind you now and resolve not to dwell on past regrets and disappointments.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 TO DECEMBER 20



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

A powerful accent on your opposite sign will have a significant bearing on how you relate to others.

Venus continues retrograde here throughout June which may require emotional adjustments in close relationships.

Uncertainty will be the main obstacle to romance especially after the 12th when Mars may force a confrontation. There's a greater need for patience and maybe analysis of your deeper motives.

Married Sagittarians and those living or working together are more likely to experience a clash of personalities in the month ahead. Dates on which you are advised to tread tactfully are the 2nd, 14th, 15th, 22nd and 29th.

However, with Venus, planet of harmony, presiding in the background all month, serious bust-ups are unlikely. Even if sparks do fly, it could be an excellent opportunity to clear the air.

Ordinary, everyday interactions with others may contain some potential for conflict and tension. The critical point is around the middle of June when misunderstandings or sheer bad temper could create a lot of bad vibes. Be diplomatic in domestic relationships.

Avoid jumping to conclusions if you hear any gossip or receive unexpected news. It is essential that you get the facts straight and base your judgment on first-hand experience.

Given this rather negative picture of relationships, it must be said that, in the week following the New Moon on the 16th, the prevailing trend does contain great poten-

tial for building stronger links with others. This applies not only at a personal level but perhaps more significantly in regard to business contacts or new friendships.

You could meet up with someone destined to play an important part in your life — if not immediately then certainly in the near future. The third week of the month is favourable for considering the possibilities of partnership.

Financially, the first half of June should be progressive. Younger Sagittarians could have better news of employment and improved earnings. The favourable combination of Mars, Mercury and Neptune opens channels to translate ideas into action.

With Pluto now in your sign, there is great potential and incentive for restructuring your life style. Events may steer you strongly in a new direction. Pluto's action can be quite drastic, requiring a break with the past. However, the outcome is usually the opening of new vistas and making you more creative.

It seems that life has something to teach you in the month ahead.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 21 TO JANUARY 19



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

You may find that you have been seeing an emotional situation from the wrong angle.

New information or a message from your own subconscious may show anxieties to be unfounded. If misgivings do persist beyond early June, seek out a sympathetic friend to talk things over.

Early month is fine for dealing with private or confidential matters. You may even be able to help someone else sort out an emotional dilemma. Be discreet, however.

Jupiter continues to influence your sign and to be fortunate for your personal life. However, this benefic planet is still retrograde.

There are no dire warnings but it would be unwise to become over ambitious now. Jupiter in your sign can boost self-confidence but also the potential for overstepping the mark. Careerwise, keep things on a modest scale throughout June. Build foundations rather than trying to scale the heights.

The cosmic pattern favours your creative abilities during the first half of the month. A splendid angle between Mars, Mercury and Neptune ensures success for those trying to promote their own or others' talents. Don't let minor successes go to your head and there will be excellent opportunities. Important dates for luck and inspiration are the 8th and 11th.

The only real bugbear is that your health could be under some threat around the middle of the month. Work pressures and demands on your time and energy will be heavy. A sense of urgency may prevail.

However, don't attempt to play the hero and believe that everything

depends on you. You do have a tendency to organise everybody but this could undermine your health. Pace yourself and let others play their part and pull their weight.

From the third week there is a highly progressive trend in occupational interests. This is particularly so for those who work independently or wish to do so. As Mercury is very much in evidence, younger Capricornians will have a great deal of luck in employment matters in the latter half of June.

However, don't kid yourself that anything is going to be handed to you on a plate. What you achieve will be very much dependent on your drive and initiative. Make your best efforts when progressive trends are in full force between the 17th and 24th.

It's not exactly the greatest month for romantic affairs but there is a distinct possibility that your work environment will provide the setting for new love at the very end of the month. Otherwise, this is a time to exercise patience.

Provided that you keep within limits, you are assured of a productive and rewarding month ahead.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 20 TO FEBRUARY 18



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

A phase of increased creativity will coincide with an enhanced social life.

Events in June will open new windows on the world and highlight your urge to express your real self and make a positive impact where it matters most.

Personal relationships and romantic affairs receive a powerful boost from mid month onwards. Except for a possible trauma on the 14th or 15th, emotional problems should finally be resolved. Howev-

er, it would be a waste of time to try to revive an old affair or to breathe life into something definitely past its sell-by date!

The most propitious dates for affairs of the heart are the 10th, 17th, 19th, 23rd, 25th and 29th — also for social life and leisure so perhaps this will play an important part in new encounters. Travel too is likely to be the key to love later in the month.

Overall, much suggests that many Aquarians will see the end of a rather difficult phase of worry and frustration. Financially this is certainly the case. Previous limitations are about to dissolve.

Psychologically, you may be emerging from a 'dark night of the soul.' A deep maturing process has been taking place over the past year or so and this is bound to lead to a more positive and confident attitude in your dealings with the world at large.

Those who take a deeper interest in mystical quests or the healing arts will find better scope and a more purposeful sense of direction. Having your ruler, Uranus, in your sign indicates that you have it

in your power to act as a very creative force in these matters. Originality, inventiveness and the ability to break new ground are very much the province of this planet.

The pattern in the latter half of June is particularly suited to those energetic Aquarians who wish to make an impact in the field of sport or athletics. Whether you are an amateur or a professional, chances are that you'll be making quite a stir. The chances of a real triumph are very great, especially around the 17th, 18th, 24th, and 29th. These are lucky dates, too, for those who fancy a flutter!

If home and family matters are central to your scheme of things, you can expect a satisfying state of affairs in the first half of June. Any problems regarding property or joint commitments will find a constructive solution. And Aquarian parents should have reason to be pleased with their offspring. Educational activity is particularly favoured in the latter half of June.

It's an increased faith in your capabilities that will stand you in good stead throughout the month ahead.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 19 TO MARCH 20



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

Care and caution are needed in financial and domestic matters in the latter half of June.

Don't allow emotional involvements to cloud your judgment. You are sometimes easily influenced by others. Watch out for this if you are in a quandary over a financial decision. Make up your own mind.

Apart from this you can expect a satisfying if rather fast-moving month ahead. A powerful Lunar trend signals a possible boost in status and increased popularity at

the start of the month. A major task could be brought to fruition then, leaving you with a greater margin of freedom for the future.

Great progress will be made in team and co-operative endeavours. Favourable planetary aspects on the 4th, 8th and 11th encourage you to step up your efforts, forge new contacts and rally support on these dates.

The first half of June has a cerebral quality so make the most of it to get your ideas in order and clarify your mind. If important issues require any quick thinking, now is the time to focus on them.

One way or another, you will have to process a great deal of information so it is essential that you avoid chaos and confusion. Don't hesitate to seek advice if in doubt about anything.

Any traumas in the month ahead are likely to centre on domestic affairs, particularly around mid month. Any transitions could run into obstacles and delays. Be prepared to make hasty alterations to your plans if you were hoping to move house or push through a transaction by the 15th.

The good news is that immediately after this rather tense episode, the pattern very quickly takes a more positive turn. Provided that you can be fairly flexible and are prepared to make compromises, any problems in this area should swiftly be put behind you.

Trends in the third week help to strengthen the position and enable you to come out on top if you have to fight for what you feel to be right. Background influences are operating in your favour and, though this does not mean that you can trust to luck, you can rely on your imagination and resourcefulness.

From a more emotional angle, the critical phase around mid month may indicate ructions between parents and children or with partners. A source of hidden tension will come to light so perhaps you will have the opportunity to settle things once and for all.

Romantically, it's going to be a month of transition. If you feel it's time to put the past behind you, go with your intuition rather than live up to a false image. In love you will need to be very honest about your deeper feelings now.

Lunar Lore Gardening

JUNE

- 1** Cool, temperate days but chilly nights, improving in the last few days.
- 2, 3, 4**
- 5** After 02.46 hours plant biennials and root crops.
- 6** Turn soil — prepare new planting areas.
- 7** After 04.20 hours plant marrows in prepared beds.
- 8** Plant leeks, sow turnips.
- 9** Continue until 08.24 hours.
- 10, 11, 12, 13**
- 14** After 00.17 hours mow lawns to retard and slow growth.
- 15** Clear away debris, clean drains and gutters.
- 16** After 11.09 hours re-seed patchy lawns.
- 17** Plant celery in trenches.
- 18** After 23.23 hours harvest gooseberries.
- 19** Dust cabbage to prevent cabbage root fly infestation.
- 20** Continue all day.
- 21** After 12.08 hours pot cyclamen and chrysanthus.
- 22** Thin out grape seedlings, cut back hydrangeas.
- 23** After 23.38 hours tidy up hanging basket displays.
- 24** Plant peas, savoy cabbage. Sow lettuce and parsley.
- 25** Remove flower spikes from rhubarb.
- 26** After 07.54 hours take cuttings.
- 27** Tidy rock gardens, plant out alpine.
- 28** Continue until 12.02 hours.
- 29, 30**

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Greenwich Mean Time has been used throughout

The Planets This Month

- ☉ **The Sun** begins June in 10° 47' Gemini and enters Cancer on the 21st at 02.25 hours. It ends the month at 8° 29' of the Crab.
- ☾ **The Moon** waxes to the Full on the 1st at 20.48 hours and Last Quarter is on the 8th at 11.07 hours. The New Moon is on the 16th at 01.37 hours with the First Quarter on the 24th at 05.24 hours.
As the month opens the Moon is in the last degree of Scorpio and enters Sagittarius on the 1st at 01.44 hours. It then enters Capricorn on the 3rd at 02.30 hours; Aquarius on the 5th at 02.46 hours; Pisces on the 7th at 04.20 hours; Aries on the 9th at 08.24 hours; Taurus on the 11th at 15.12 hours; Gemini on the 14th at 00.17 hours; Cancer on the 16th at 11.09 hours; Leo on the 18th at 23.23 hours; Virgo on the 21st at 12.08 hours; Libra on the 23rd at 23.38 hours; Scorpio on the 26th at 07.54 hours; Sagittarius on the 28th at 12.02 hours; Capricorn on the 30th at 12.48 hours where it ends the month.
- ☿ **Mercury** is in 20° 19' Taurus on the 1st and enters Gemini on the 13th at 21.46 hours. It ends the month at 25° 21' of the Twins.
- ♀ **Venus** begins the month retrograde in 25° 33' Gemini and by the end of the month has retreated to 11° 53' of the Twins.
- ♂ **Mars** begins May at 21° 38' Taurus and enters Gemini on the 12th at 14.43 hours. By the month end it has reached 12° 18' of the Twins.
- ♃ **Jupiter** spends the month retrograde in Capricorn and retreats from 16° 31' on the 1st to 13° 20' by the 30th.
- ♄ **Saturn** spends the month in Aries and advances from 5° 32' on the first day to 7° 6' by the last day.
- ♅ **Uranus** spends the month retrograde in Aquarius. It retreats from 4° 22' on the 1st to 3° 34' by the 30th.
- ♆ **Neptune** is retrograde all month in Capricorn and it retreats from 27° 29' on the first day to 26° 52' by the last day.
- ♇ **Pluto** spends the month retrograde in Sagittarius and retreats from 1° 29' on the 1st to 0° 47' by the 30th.

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.
♁ (72°) quintile: creativeness.
⊞ (135°) sesqui-square: usually unfavourable.
♁ (150°) inconjunct or quincunx; stressful.

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

JUNE

1 S. ♃ in ♏. ♃♂⊕△♏*♏♂♂.

Men more demanding than women, especially in domestic matters.

2 Su. ♃ in ♏. ♃♂♀.

People rather more sensitive than usual — take care!

3 M. ♃ in ♏ & ♎. ♃□♏.

Socialising for business should go well.

4 T. ♃ in ♎. ♃△♀△♂♂♂♂♂♂.

Tempers a little short and patience a little thin on the ground — not a happy day.

5 W. ♃ in ♎ & ♎. ♃*♏♂♏*♂.

All things practical should go well. Don't daydream.

6 Th. ♃ in ♎. ♃△⊕□♀△♀□♂.

Communication and transport problems — possibly through adverse weather conditions.

7 F. ♃ in ♎ & ♏. ♃□♂.

Secrets will out — from the government to more local or even private issues.

8 S. ♃ in ♏. ♃□⊕*♀□♀*♂♂. ♂△♂.

Big business, corporate finances or taxation affairs in the news.

9 Su. ♃ in ♏ & ♏. ♃*♂♂♏*♏*♂♂♂♂.

Tempers easily lost, tense period, people just plain old-fashioned irritable.

10 M. ♃ in ♏. ♃*⊕*♀□♂. ⊕♂♀.

Sport, athletics and other physical activities attract.

11 T. ♃ in ♏ & ♏. ♃□♏□♂. ♂△♂.

News from abroad — perhaps with a medical theme to it.

12 W. ♃ in ♏. ♃△♂.

Fund-raising fairs and fetes favoured. Romance and gifts seem linked.

13 Th. ♃ in ♏. ♃△♂.

Will suit those in creative film or television work.

14 F. ♃ in ♏. ♃♂♂♂♂*♏△♏♂♂♂. ♂♂♂. ♂♂♂.

A busy day to-ing and fro-ing, hardly a moment to call your own.

15 S. ♃ in ♏. ♃♂♀. ♂♂♂.

Business weekend seminars, brainstorming exercises and similar events go well.

16 Su. ♃ in ♏ & ♏. ♃♂♂.

Moving house? View new potential today.

17 M. ♃ in ♏. ♃♂♂□♏. ♂△♏.

Good for an AGM, group social endeavours, forming new associations.

18 T. ♃ in ♏. ♃♂♂. ♂△♏.

Innovations in technical home improvements or computer interests prominent.

19 W. ♃ in ♏. ♃*♂*♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂. ♂*♏.

Partnerships or contractual agreements satisfactorily finalised.

20 Th. ♃ in ♏. ♃*♂♀.

Love is in the air — from wedding bells to proposals or nice cosy twosomes.

21 F. ♃ in ♏ & ♏. ♃*⊕♂.

Big events seem to go well but keep your fingers crossed.

22 S. ♃ in ♏. ♃□♀□♀□♂♂♂♂. ♂*♏.

Go to the dentist, go shopping for shoes or power tools.

23 Su. ♃ in ♏. ♃△♂. ♂♂♀.

Undercover detective work, behind-the-scenes activities merit serious attention.

24 M. ♃ in ♏. ♃□⊕♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂.

A time for sharing in a big way and good for couples to move in together.

25 T. ♃ in ♏. ♃△♀△♀□♂.

People promise much but few deliver — rely on your own efforts if you want results.

26 W. ♃ in ♏ & ♏. ♃△⊕□♏□♂.

Emotionally, a ragged day, difficult to concentrate on single issues for long.

27 Th. ♃ in ♏. ♃*♂.

Family and friends are the best people to share your day.

28 F. ♃ in ♏ & ♏. ♃△♏*♏*♂♂♂♂♂♂. ⊕□♏.

Low vitality. The spirit is willing, the flesh is not.

29 S. ♃ in ♏. ♃♂♀♂♂. ♂♂♂.

Spend as much time as you can with your favourite person.

30 Su. ♃ in ♏ & ♏. ♃♂♀.

There is always one day a month for keeping a low profile and this is definitely it!

An unsuspected planet represents itself in its pure form: there is nothing to detract from its energy, nothing to offset, enhance or qualify its power in any way. Such a planet is not part of any Ptolemaic configuration: trine, square, conjunction or opposite any other planet. By definition, of course, it cannot be a part of any Grand Trine or T-square.

For other types of aspects, if any, I allow only very tight orbs of influence: 5° for major aspects and no more than 2° for all minor aspects. To keep such tight orbs for these, or any other aspects for that matter, means there will not be a confusion of aspects to look at when judging a chart.

The fewer the aspects, the purer the energy of the planet and the purer the interpretation of such a planet in the sign or house in which it appears. With nothing to affect the purity it becomes essential to observe the position within the house or sign.

Planets found near an angle in a chart take on an accentuation of its particular power. Further, if the planet concerned is an Ascendant or sign ruler, or exalted by position, this becomes even more so.

For the purposes of this exercise we must ignore the 'points' of a chart for we are dealing here with planetary aspects, not man-made ideas or theories. Aspects to all house cusps, the Ascendant, Descendant, Midheaven or Nadir should be ignored. Make a note of the position by all means, but not the aspect. The energy of a planetary placement like this must, by its very nature, be overtly expressed.

Generally speaking there are few half measures with those who have unsuspected planets. Often, it can have such an effect or be an overriding factor in the personality that it becomes the way in which we come to recognise the character. It is also possible to mistake the Sun sign type as a result.

It is easy to mistake a person

with an unsuspected Sun, for they take on an almost pure Leonian cast to their personality. If Mars is unsuspected expect to find a pure Aries type; Venus gives a Taurean or Libran, Mercury a Geminian or Virgoan.

An unsuspected Saturn suggests pure Capricorn while Uranus is Aquarius personified. The Moon unsuspected represents a pure Cancer type while Neptune reflects Pisces but can be associated with the other Water signs as well.

Pluto is obviously deeply Scorpionic in nature but can be likened to a despotic Leonian sometimes. Even when it is unsuspected, Jupiter is still inordinately expansive and is associated with Sagittarius.

Strictly speaking, especially with today's astrology, there can't really be an unsuspected planet. Modern astrologers employ so many different approaches to their analysis and interpretation: with midpoints, planetoids like Chiron, Arabic Parts, house cusps and Fixed Stars, aspects must abound.

tle bossy. Selfish and quite abnoxious at times, these folk can also appear very austere. Some are quite unable to maintain close relationships for very long periods.

When an association is in full swing, they can go off the partner very quickly indeed. They always have brilliant, vital and very strong personalities. You will always be made aware of their presence by their actions, for good or ill.

Examples: John Lennon, Jack Nicholson, James Dean, Elizabeth II, Paul Newman, Vincent Price, Louis XIV (the Sun king).

THE MOON These folk seem vulnerable but don't be fooled, it is all part of their make-up. They often have a harder life than most for they appear to lack the bite needed for success but nothing could be further from the truth for there is always a backbone of steel. Highly sensitive, they may appear quite cold or very warm natured as the mood takes them — they can run the gamut

OUT OF TOUCH

by VICTORIA MATTHEWS

An unsuspected planet simply sits there emanating pure power until aspects by transit or progression stir it into action. The planet that makes the aspect does the stirring and will play a very large part in how this energy is employed. So, when you are going through a chart looking for any unsuspected planets remember that you are looking for a lack of the Ptolemaic aspects between planets only.

THE SUN People with an unsuspected Sun are rarely insignificant or quiet by nature. The ego is always strong, noisy, self-centred and not a lit-

of emotions in a very short period.

They may be known or recognised for their very expressive eyes. Some show a startling sensitivity to almost anything said or done to them, they take offence so quickly. They often look physically weak and may suffer recurring health problems.

Examples: Paul Newman, Louis Pasteur, Dean Martin, Sigmund Freud, Erwin Rommel, Warren Beatty.

MERCURY Restless folk, lively and intelligent. They often have difficulty in sustaining concentration. Some may lack



stability while others can possess real drive. Either way, they all

have vivid imaginations. They can also be devious, full of tricks with an ever-changing temperament: so many mood changes in a very short space of time.

Much of what they do is from sheer impulse for they do not often stop to think things through. But they are fun to be with for they are the life and soul of any party. They will talk the hind leg off a donkey at the drop of a hat and often have pleasant voices.

Examples: Oscar Levant, Leonard Bernstein, Clint Eastwood, George Sanders, Lord Alfred Douglas, James Dean.

V E N U S Sensual and charming and mostly polite, they have a lazy streak second to none. Always attractive, there is a knack of finding and latching on to security. They marry for wealth, position and safety and put up with a lot to keep it.

Not known for their fidelity, for monogamy isn't a desired trait, most of them at least try to maintain appearances. The principal watchword is often peace at almost any price. They can lead erratic lives and may have undeserved reputations as a result. There is often an unusual artistic gift for which they are well known.

Examples: Mickey Rooney, Bob Dylan, Ringo Starr, Bela Lugosi, Laurence Olivier, Marlon Brando, Arnold Schwarzenegger.

MARS This usually means uncontrolled energy. These folk seem to have a self-destructive mode if they cannot get their own way. Outwardly, they will be known for physical prowess in whichever field they choose. Aggressive, single-minded, brilliant, they have the reputation for being great fighting folk whether in a business, military, sport or criminal environment.

They usually possess a terrible temper of the explosive kind. When they blow, stay clear! They do not, cannot or will not give up. They are always on the move, busy with some task or other that they must complete their way. They may have unusual love relationships.

Examples: Henry Kissinger, Jimi Hendrix, Adolf Eichmann, David O. Selznick, von Ribbentrop, Ramon Navarro, Lord Byron.

JUPITER Magnanimous, expansive, optimistic, the word 'no' just doesn't exist if they so choose. Eminently likeable, easy to get along with, these folk take enormous chances — and usually win. They are great gamblers, in every sense.

In many ways they are the superlatives in an everyday world, especially with their over-developed sense of justice and fair play — and a wicked sense of humour. They may not always enjoy a peaceful or normal social life for many become fixated with an ambition or project into which they pour their heart and soul. In some cases it can also mean their downfall.

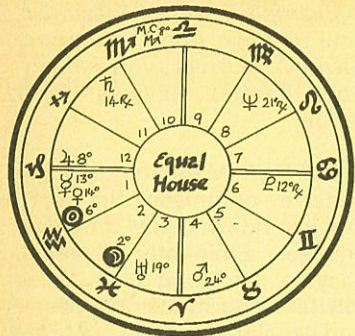
Examples: Liberace, Fred Astaire, Richard Strauss, Janis Joplin, Anatole France, Robert Cummings, Prince Edward.

SATURN This makes the individual seem even more severe than he/she really is and they all have a strong inbuilt sense of responsibility and maturity from a very early age — literally, an old head on young shoulders — but they are utterly trustworthy and reliable. Difficult to get to know intimately, there are very few trusted friends but there will be a very wide circle of acquaintances from many walks of life.

Occasionally, when there is too much caution in the nature for their own good, some can go overboard and become total outcasts with their unconventionality and extremes of behaviour.

Examples: Alan Leo, Prince Harry, Prince Ali Khan, W. A. Mozart, Orde Wingate, Mick Jagger, Rex Harrison.

URANUS An individuality par excellence with an enormous talent used mostly constructively and for the benefit of others. They know how to



Paul Newman
11.30am GMT, January 26th 1925
Cleveland, Ohio

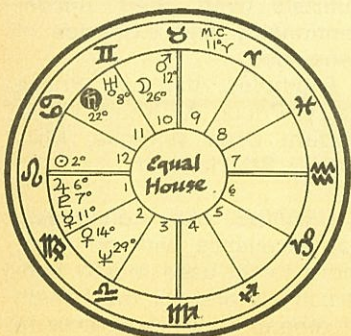
channel their energy, usually contrary to expectations, but they do go off at a tangent at times. And, just occasionally, when one does go overboard he/she can, by dint of one single act, become famous or infamous, something which he learns to regret to his dying day.

They love gadgets, innovations, anything new and untried. They are very inventive. They will try anything once, twice if they like it, but they can be so easily distracted from a task, no matter how important, for variety in anything attracts them.

Examples: The Duke of Windsor, David Frost, Peter Sutcliffe, John Derek, Lenny Bruce, Uri Geller, Herman Goering.

NEPTUNE These folk really are magnetic characters but so changeable with a quite distinct and individual charisma.

Mick Jagger
4.30am GMT, July 26th 1943
Dartford, Kent



They all possess an inspirational understanding of people and things. Some of these folk can be quite charismatic while others are shy and retiring. They all attract people and use them, often ruthlessly for their own ends. The victim may not always appreciate this until it is too late.

Despite being creative and clever, they almost all seem to fall prey to negative experiences: sex, drink and drugs. Those with an unaspected Neptune often become the stuff of legend. Even the subjects themselves grow to believe these stories and they, too, fall equally under their own spell as everyone else.

Examples: Albert Einstein, Orson Welles, Elvis Presley, Zsa Zsa Gabor, Jack Nicholson, Marilyn Monroe, Frank Sinatra.

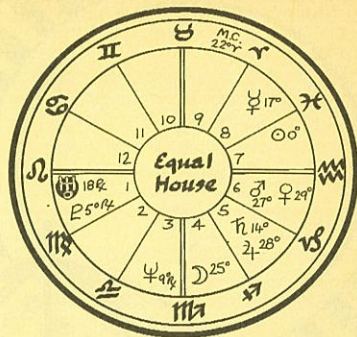
PLUTO This is trouble with a capital T. Pure unharnessed power in some cases, a powder keg, primed and ready to blow at any time. Obsessive, these folk love power and control, overtly or underhanded. They might not actually use violence but they are aggressively threatening when they want to be and practise brinkmanship better than anyone else. Often, there is an inbuilt self-destruct button.

Not the type with whom you should argue unless you know your subject — and know it backwards! Pluto has a knack of attracting and creating trouble just like a gremlin, often at the wrong time for the wrong reasons and, if careless, these people become their own victims. Sometimes these folk are known for a very special gift — for good or ill.

Examples: Sigmund Freud, Oscar Wilde, Nelson Rockefeller, Vivien Leigh, Toulouse Lautrec, O. Henry, Peter Sutcliffe.

Transits and progressions

Most people with unaspected planets usually have to fight



HRH Prince Andrew
3.30pm GMT, February 19th 1960
London

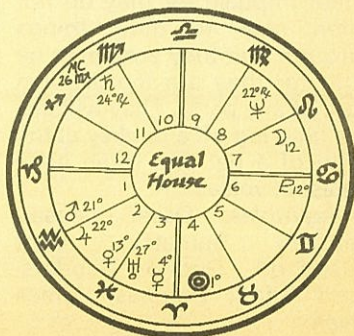
their way through life. Often, it is a permanently uphill battle until they find out why. (And if ever there were a good reason for you to have your birth chart made up, this is it!) Hard aspects, conjunctions, squares and oppositions can do much damage to the frail character.

As people become aware they have this unique personality gift early in their lives they can resent the interference of an aspect and try to fight it. Soft aspects may be resented or improperly used by the character without realising why — unless they know their birth chart.

When such an aspect occurs they may feel they have to fall into line when they really want to continue to be seen to be different. This inner struggle either way is not very helpful at all for they are used largely to being on their own, especially when out on a limb.

Unaspected planets, therefore, are not always a gift.

HM Elizabeth II
1.40am GMT, April 21st 1926
London



ASTROLOGY TODAY

The four angles of a chart — the Ascendant, Descendant, Midheaven (MC) and Lower Heaven (IC) — are familiar to all astrologers. Less well-known is the existence of another pair of angles: the Vertex and its counterpart, the Antivertex.

The Ascendant marks the intersection of the ecliptic with the horizon in the East and the MC the intersection of the ecliptic with the North/South meridian running over the place of birth. The Descendant and Lower Heaven are simply their opposites. If we consider a circle joining the East and West points of the horizon with the points directly overhead (zenith) and beneath (nadir) the observer, that circle is the prime vertical and intersects the ecliptic at two points: one in the West (the Vertex) and directly opposite in the East (the Antivertex).

These points function in a similar way to the Ascendant/Descendant axis of the birth-chart though their effect is not usually as powerful.

Though it sounds complicated, calculation of the Vertex is actually quite straightforward except for births on or near the Equator. Firstly the local sidereal time (LST) at birth is established as if one were finding the Ascendant. Subtract the latitude of the birthplace from 90° to give the co-latitude. Add 12 hours to the LST and use the Table of Houses for the co-latitude to determine the Ascendant at the adjusted time, interpolating as required. This 'Ascendant' is actually the Vertex; the Antivertex lies directly opposite.

In most cases the Vertex falls in the 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th House of the birth chart. If it does not there is probably a calculation error, though in Equatorial latitudes it can fall in the 4th or 9th

WEST SIDE STORY

by

RICHARD J. ARMSTRONG

House or even in the East side of the chart.

Generally the Vertex can be thought of as a secondary Descendant and the Antivertex as a secondary Ascendant. Like the Ascendant/Descendant axis, this polarity is all about balancing individual needs and aims with the desire to involve ourselves in partnerships and groups.

Though less significant than their counterparts they often explain the power of planets uninvolved with the major angles. For example, conjunction with the Antivertex will make a normally passive and laid-back 12th House Mars much more assertive and outgoing.

Space does not allow for a comprehensive analysis of every aspect formed by these points but a brief description follows of the influence of each sign polarity on the Vertex/Antivertex axis. Most people relate more readily to the Antivertex, so its meaning is the one given. The Vertex embodies the virtues we seek in others to balance our own qualities so is often less apparent, though equally important.

With the *ARIES/LIBRA* polarity there is a need to balance independence with the desire for a close relationship. Aries Antivertex identifies more readily with the freedom to act as one chooses whereas Libra prefers a tangible sense of belonging.

Where *TAURUS/SCORPIO* is involved the conflict is between indulgence and self-discipline, and can occur in areas such as food, drink, money or sex. This can be a difficult conflict to re-

solve because of the fixed nature of both signs. Taurus Antivertex subjects relate more easily to indulgence and comfort but Scorpio here calls for abstinence and an iron will.

The goal of *GEMINI/SAGITTARIUS* subjects is the need to learn more about the world around them. Eternal learners, Gemini Antivertex takes a keen interest in the immediate neighbourhood and learning something about everything while Sagittarius opts for involvement in the wider world through travel, language or philosophy.

The *CANCER/CAPRICORN* axis focuses on home/family and work/career. Subjects must accommodate the needs to nurture and be nurtured, to provide and be provided for. Childhood provides role models for these types; Cancer Antivertex brings out the domestic instinct to care for one's nearest and dearest but for Capricorn security through money and career is paramount.

LEO/AQUARIUS contrasts our needs as an individual with those as a member of society. Subjects crave the warmth of an intense emotional bond while yearning to remain free spirits. Leo Antivertex needs to feel special and appreciated while Aquarius remains aloof, preferring friendships or groups to counteract the smothering effect of partnerships.

VIRGO/PISCES unites harsh reality with Utopian vision. Virgo Antivertex takes practical steps to improve everyone's lot but excessive attention to detail erodes a sense of purpose. Pisces sees the bigger picture but may despair at the enormity of the task — which must be overcome by faith in the belief that each individual can play a part, however small, in bringing about positive change.

GEMINI II



by JOHN YATES

A Geminian is fairly easy to spot, it is said. At your average party, he/she will be the one flitting from group to group, holding at least two conversations at once and talking volubly about anything and everything. Mutable Air, and a double sign at that, never does anything by ones, let alone halves.

Some less extravert signs describe Gemini as a mine of useless information, others, even less kind, put it in one word (which they maintain Gemini can never do where a dozen will do!) — 'motormouth.'

But, as usual, the stereotyped caricature of the Sun sign is just that — a caricature, not a true representation, a distortion of the sign's negative characteristics only. The real picture, as we are seeing by looking at all the signs as metaphors for differ-

ent stages of human development, lies in Gemini's position in the zodiacal scheme.

Gemini is the third sign; the third stage of the process. By now, our growing individual has defined him/herself, everything which constitutes 'the other' and what accrues to each. And then? How to bridge the gap between them, that's what. The impetus comes from the simple fact that Twins, by definition, come in twos! Being isolated and alone is not part of the plan.

Communication is the name of the game here, reaching out to the world at large. And that means that everything outside oneself is fair game. One knows, at least in theory, what one thinks but all that otherness out there is a different kettle of fish. Is it the same or is it thinking something entirely op-

posite? What does it know that I don't? What's it all about?

So Gemini is the starting point for the impulse to engage with the environment and, therefore, particularly that which falls within his immediate sphere. This is why Gemini and the 3rd House are traditionally to do with siblings, the everyday mind and local travel — all share that potential of

Gemini's year ahead

A complicated pattern of aspects in your Solar chart for the year to come suggests that your life could alter quite dramatically in the coming 12 months. You have probably been through a period of quite intense introspection, trying to make sense of it all and this phase is now drawing to a close.

Probably the most significant single factor is Pluto sitting just inside your 7th House. This puts the focus very much on relationships, particularly since it opposes the Sun's entry to your sign.

The interpretation has to be that there will be big changes in this area and that many of these will be connected with issues of power. Whatever your current situation, you will be asked to change and it is highly unlikely that this will be anything other than for the best.

Something quite disturbing which occurred suddenly about two months before your birthday, and on which you have been brooding since, is likely to reach a resolution at the end of May. Around the time it returns to direct motion, Mercury will have gone back to make a conjunction with Mars and this could well act as a trigger for decisive moves.

A number of aspects link all this activity with several other chart factors. The first of these con-

cerns the Moon, Venus and Saturn. In combination, these are often concerned with one's self-esteem and, since Jupiter is also involved from the other side of the chart, with how one values oneself and one's input to any joint growth.

Taken together, all this suggests that your relationships, and any issues which are dependent upon them, will be very different at the end of your year from how they were at the beginning. A new and highly important close relationship could be on the cards, even for those who would least expect it. Alternatively, an existing tie which has long ceased to make a positive contribution to your life may go by the board, probably around the turn of the year for many.

But you can rest assured that Pluto never takes away anything that is still of use. Moreover, whatever disappears is destined to be replaced with something better. Pluto can act in a way that is rather like a bulldozer clearing the site for a brand-spanking-new building to go up.

Of course, relationships don't automatically have to be the close, personal or romantic kind in this context. For many, this *will* be the focus — but much will depend upon what is of paramount concern to you now. Energies manifest through the most likely path, the line of least

easy, short-range accessibility.

Information is paramount, the channel which connects Gemini to life itself; and he cannot abide to be kept in the dark. He balks at the possibility of missing something even if, right now, it is of no consequence. It's being connected to the knowledge that counts.

After all, Mutable Air should be able to permeate just about anything. A vacuum is anathema so Gemini just does not believe in no-go areas for his enquiring intellect. Thus, lack of new information is boredom and tantamount to slow death!

As ever, this state of affairs can be understood by taking a look at the sign's ruler, in this case Mercury. Mercury was the messenger of the gods and his job was merely to take the messages to and fro, not necessarily to be overly concerned with their content. This leads to the oft quoted opinion that Gemini is superficial but that doesn't give due credit to his intuition

POSITION IN THE ZODIAC	THIRD SIGN
CORRESPONDING TO	MAY 21 TO JUNE 20
PRINCIPLE	COMMUNICATION
ELEMENT	AIR
QUALITY	MUTABLE
PLANETARY RULER	MERCURY
SYMBOL	THE TWINS

and sheer mental speed.

It isn't necessary to know every last little detail to master a subject. Given an overview of the general principles, quick thinking and a fair dollop of inspiration, our Twin can usually hold his own with the best. No back room boffin ever got the breadth of world view or comprehensive sense of context that Mercury's lightning travels can yield. And even if that isn't always the truth of the situation, Gemini can usually imply that it is — and get away with it!

Of course there may be those who are too quick-witted for their own good and become

fast talking con-men, deliberately or otherwise. Another of Mercury's guises was that of the trickster so the spirit of the law can be bent while apparently staying within the letter of it. Mercury also represents the eternal youth, giving Gemini a witty, affable, Peter Pan quality which he knows how to use to advantage.

But, although he's almost impossible to pin down, our Twin is a pleasant and ever curious companion and, in these days of the Internet, the whole world seems to be on his side. He's obviously got something going for him!

resistance, in astrology just as elsewhere.

Other areas of relating could well be where these things are played out instead for there is also a focus on domestic *vis-a-vis* career matters. In work-related circumstances you may well have been seeking your own path through a welter of rules, regulations, responsibilities and yet been beset by uncertainty. Consequently, your domestic peace and harmony could have suffered major disruption.

If too much restriction in your professional life has caused you to be jumpy, edgy and on the point of rebellion several times recently, this year will be the one in which things will come to a head. You could well decide that enough is enough and go off to plough your own furrow elsewhere. Indeed, even if this is not the part of your life in which you decide to make the big changes, there is a suggestion that some kind of hiatus at or about your work will prove to be the trigger mentioned earlier.

The net result promises to be greater happiness and contentment all round and — to huge sighs of relief — an end to the confusion that has dogged you on these issues for some considerable time past.

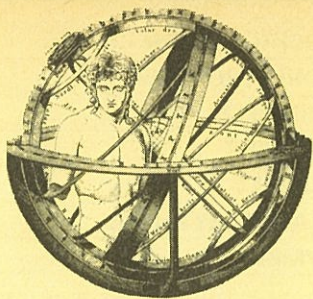
It is imperative that your relationship concerns are sorted out now — that is what this year's

chart is for. Geminian Twins, obviously, do not function well alone and, with Jupiter acting as the linchpin between the chart patterns, your prospects for growth are ultimately dependent upon your ability to function in concert with others.

Perhaps the most critical time will come a few months into your year when a total eclipse of the Moon occurs on September 27th. This eclipse will be conjunct the Saturn of your Solar chart and, because of the relative transiting positions of the two bodies, will have the effect of eclipsing Saturn simultaneously.

If something is going to blow, around now is the most likely time. Eclipses often provoke crises, though not necessarily right on the aspect itself. It's another major potential trigger when, with the limits of Saturn temporarily removed, you may decide that your worth has been undervalued for far too long and determine to do something about the situation once and for all.

Just remember that Saturn will reappear almost immediately and don't do anything in the heat of the moment that you will regret later. Try to do whatever you feel has to be done in a calm, controlled and mature way — as Saturn's deputy, if you like — and his rewards will be great in the altogether better way that your life becomes structured from then on.



JUNE BIRTHDAY FORECAST

★ INDICATES AN EXCEPTIONALLY LUCKY 12 MONTHS AHEAD

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| <p>1 Will achieve more with people than by being on your own.</p> <hr/> | <p>11 The extremes of life attract but personal discipline may lapse a little. Take care.</p> <hr/> | <p>21 December/January period introduces innovations socially — some good, some not so good.</p> <hr/> |
| <p>2 Partnerships flourish at work, socially or romantically.</p> <hr/> | <p>12 Relatively peaceful period, mostly financially sound.</p> <hr/> | <p>22 Run-of-the-mill period with job or career advancement a possibility.</p> <hr/> |
| <p>3 Long-term friendships or other relationships may suddenly end.</p> <hr/> | <p>13 Might become involved in the care of others or just more aware of the less fortunate.</p> <hr/> | <p>23 Keep intentions to yourself, preferably don't confide in anyone.</p> <hr/> |
| <p>4 An increased sensitivity to the needs of others improves your personal popularity greatly.</p> <hr/> | <p>14 A whole new series of new and different experiences.</p> <hr/> | <p>24 Mixed fortunes. Go along with what others expect of you without being too radical.</p> <hr/> |
| <p>5 Slight rebel streak in the air. Go-it-alone attitude may take over.</p> <hr/> | <p>15 More positive approach to other folk recommended as your social life expands.</p> <hr/> | <p>25 Easier to start things rolling than to keep up the momentum.</p> <hr/> |
| <p>6 From around February 1997 any negative vibes should start to disappear.</p> <hr/> | <p>16 Talents are recognised but hard work needed to sustain a good start.</p> <hr/> | <p>26 Heart will rule head when head should rule heart. Look before you leap.</p> <hr/> |
| <p>7 Unavoidable domestic changes brought about by relatives being just plain unhelpful.</p> <hr/> | <p>17 Opportunity for change of address or job. Who knows to what or to whom it may lead?</p> <hr/> | <p>27 Cheerful year. Not financially good but certainly socially successful.</p> <hr/> |
| <p>8 Liable to fall prey to self-deception; keep your feet on the ground at all times.</p> <hr/> | <p>18 Career partnership(s) prove valuable in more than one way.</p> <hr/> | <p>28 Losses and disappointments if you go into a partnership without reading the small print.</p> <hr/> |
| <p>9 Keep the pace of life at your level. Don't let others dictate anything.</p> <hr/> | <p>19 Progressive if rather quiet — but with some rewards.</p> <hr/> | <p>29 Deep attachment or passing ★ flirtation will create a very special place in your heart.</p> <hr/> |
| <p>10 As 1997 dawns social, financial and ★ emotional life should leap into top gear!</p> <hr/> | <p>20 Socially brilliant! A close personal ★ relationship proves very meaningful indeed.</p> <hr/> | <p>30 Routine best. Stay with what you know and whom you trust.</p> <hr/> |
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REMEMBRANCE SYMBOL

I found a tiny circle of white stones surrounding three coins alongside some birch twigs, all placed on a Southwest-facing wooden table overlooking the downs near Devizes. Do you think these items had a particular significance? — L.R., Devizes.

It does sound as if you found a personal remembrance symbol. The fact that these offerings faced Southwest suggests a strong connection with ancient magic, especially the Earth goddess. The birch twigs are certainly sacred to the Great Mother and the circle of white stones forms a sacred enclosure, rather like a miniature stone circle, while the coins suggest payment to the Ferryman for taking a dead soul across the water.

The overall impression of

this small offering to the gods is one of sadness rather than unpleasantness, but with great love and faith attached, too. Certainly there are many elements here to suggest ancient rites and rituals although it may not be possible to discover the exact meaning of your find. But do look out for similar indications in your area as it is heartening to hear that these very old customs continue to surface occasionally even now.

ST PATRICK

My Irish friends say there is a legend that St Patrick, their patron saint, actually drove snakes out of Ireland. Is this true? — P.S., Devon.

Certainly legend mentions this as the reason why there are no poisonous snakes in Ireland. However, occult tradition goes much further by equating

snakes with wisdom and those who used it. Thus St Patrick drove out all those connected with the Old Religion and any kind of ancient magic: magicians, worshippers of the Goddess, witches and the like were forcibly removed from Ireland so that the country could become nominally Christian.

Tradition goes on to say that the Little People, who really did exist and still supposedly appear, managed to remain by becoming invisible. Thus the old magical rites remained and went hand in hand with the new religion of Christianity.

St Patrick then visited the Celtic countries of England, Wales and Scotland to repeat his persecution. He had great success and little remained of the Old Religion although the Druids and other worshippers of the Goddess managed to survive until the Saxons overran the country completely.

Gradually, over the course of time, the old faith crept back but not for many centuries. The ancient forms of worship had to remain underground or were practised only in secret.

DOUBLE RAINBOW

While travelling through France, I saw a huge rainbow with another one, half as big,

graphology

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and cultural matters. Again, t-bars are low which is a slight drawback. They are also very short, exhibiting some holding back of instinctual urges. The middle zone is not much higher than 1mm. The self-esteem needs more encouragement.

There is a slight inner insecurity which may be seen by the short capital *I*. The lower extensions are not outstand-

ing, so one can assess nothing abnormal in the physical needs. The lead-in strokes to words are slightly curved implying a degree of conformity to regular rules and standards but sometimes opposing this is that small left-leaning angle divulging an occasional touch of non-conformity. Some of the ovals are not quite closed, revealing an interest in all kinds of discourse.

Our last example is rather a poser. That 'someone out there' requires the same attitude to amorous activity as our writer to make an agreeable compatibility between them. I

have frequently been asked for analysis of some chosen partner and the writer forgets him/her self. This sample shows no real mental satisfaction about sexual relationships.

The lower extensions speak of lack of fulfillment. There is also a touch of idealism in romantic matters. The whole roundness of the writing indicates a friendly and, in many ways, yielding type. The wideness of the letters is evidence of someone who may sometimes overextend him/ herself to please others.

The short upper extensions indicate that realms of theory,

behind it. I had never seen anything like this before, it was beautiful and I thank God for it as I felt at peace and very happy. What does it mean? — J.W., Hinckley.

There is always something mystic about rainbows and actually to see a double one is likely to remain an important memory. If one is particularly religious, the experience can be associated with a Supreme Being and the legend of the rainbow being a promise that the Earth would not have to suffer another universal flood.

It is also important to consider the natural causes: refractions of light, atmospheric conditions, dust in the air and many other scientific variables. None of which, of course, can detract from having viewed such a lovely phenomenon.

So it is up to you to select the explanation that suits you best: a natural but still beautiful sight or a token of your own religious feelings. Either way, it was obviously a rare and beneficial experience for you.

PRIESTESS RITUALS

After studying the occult for some years, I have a desire to become a high priestess. Are there any formal procedures involved and is it neces-

sary to join a special cult? — P.G., Bristol.

Now you are completing your studies and approaching initiation, there is a vital need for polarity through group activities, preferably through a reliable, respected coven. This does not mean that self-initiation is impossible but that you are much more likely to find the help, guidance and, most importantly, compatibility you seek in a group situation.

Group or coven activities are very much part of the development process and it is important that you find the one that is right for you, where you will feel comfortable. Once you have reached the necessary stage of self-development, decided on your path, direction and aims, the next step is initiation. And here you will find the old occult maxim is true for, having reached this stage of readiness, the right contacts will come your way. The rest will then be up to you.

THE LITTLE PEOPLE

I was sitting beneath an ancient yew tree in a country churchyard near an old box tomb overgrown with ivy. My attention was suddenly caught by a slight movement in a crack running down one

side of the tomb. I watched open-mouthed as first a tiny hand, then a complete figure no more than eight inches tall emerged from the crack.

This tiny creature had a pointed face, glistening, beady eyes below arched brows and pointed ears pressed tightly to its hairless skull. A second after spotting it, the figure vanished. Do you think there was some natural explanation for what I saw? — L.H., Warminster.

What you saw was an elf, one of the legendary family of little people who were part of several races that inhabited these isles prior to the Saxon invasion during the 6th century BC. They have been spotted only occasionally since then though now, perhaps due to humanity's raised consciousness, there seem to be more sightings. It will probably be many years though before they regain their place in the world and are allowed to live safely with humanity once more.

Such little people are usually thought of as being part of the myths and legends of fairy folk but they did exist and seem more willing to venture into people's orbits than before. On another level, they can be regarded as Earth elementals.

imagination and abstraction are not of paramount interest. The personal pronoun proclaims a wish to be individualistic or different from the average. The uprightness of the whole script suggests self-collection, independence, aiming to be impartial and self-controlled in judgment.

Word spacing is a little varied and points to an uneven approach to the world outside. There is the implication of an unsettled situation regarding the love life. The revealing characteristic is the formation of those lower loops which, like the owner's biological

urges, are somewhat incomplete.

These loop forms are pulled towards the left-hand side of the page which is symbolic of the self, Mother and the past. It is the introverted side of the writer's personality. Consequently any movement made in that direction has connotations of the inner self.

Similarly, one can accord these movements traits that accompany a marked left-hand slant. Those who have this left slant almost defy the world, those who have upright script rely on themselves and those whose writing leans to the right usually comply with others:

'Compliant, self-reliant and defiant,' as one of the world's well-known graphologists once said.

These six enquiries reveal some very dissimilar personalities. One who is extremely modest, one who has intellectual aspirations, another who is quite sensitive about criticism from other people, another who is fortunate in having intuition in addition to well used reasoning, and our last subject has an erotic dilemma.

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THE eyes HAVE IT

by LIAM T. DOWD

Compared to other parts of the human body the eyes are small; small but very powerful. It's fascinating to see how people convey 'messages' — often with more effectiveness than gestures or spoken words just by the way they look at each other.

It's a form of communication that is very noticeable, showing every type of emotion from anger to contentment. At some time or another, everyone has had the 'prolonged eye-contact' experience with a member of the opposite sex. It may be at a nightclub, a restaurant, a bar or even in the street. This prolonged eye-contact is supposed to indicate attraction.

Another obvious form of eye communication is in the scenes we see on TV of atrocities or joyful occasions throughout the world. The deathly vacant gaze of a starving child speaks volumes, as does the look of fear and horror in the eyes of war victims. In contrast, there is a more joyful message sent from the innocent eyes of a happy child. Without uttering a single word or making a single action, the ability to transmit strong, silent messages clearly can be easily achieved.

Windows to the mind

There are, of course, the simple advantages of being able to see. Who could forget the beauty of a Sunset, rolling waves on the seashore, a star-studded skyline, the smiling face of a child, a bride on her wedding day or the sight of a £10,000 cheque? These are things that lodge in our minds and uplift us only because of our ability to see them and thus

absorb their beauty.

Our eyes and their position are also directly related to the electrical activities of the brain. Rapid Eye Movement (REM) is an indication of dreaming which corresponds to a specific electrical activity in the brain. This also occurs in deep sleep when our eyes tend to roll upwards. This position corresponds to a brain pattern known as the Alpha state — a calm and relaxed state of mind.

Naturally, when the mind is in a calm and relaxed state, a person's behaviour is of a similar nature. The Alpha state can also be brought about by focusing the eyes (common in the practice of hypnosis) at an upward angle, thus contributing to a calm state of mind and behaviour.

When a person is active, excitable or restless, he/she is in the Beta state. In terms of the eyes, this is indicated when the pupils dilate relating to a different electrical activity in the brain from the Alpha state. The frequency of the Beta state is faster — the power of sight.

The 'third eye' the brow chakra or second sight as it is commonly known, has been linked throughout history with the power of clairvoyance (the ability to perceive objects or events outside the range of the physical senses). This power is spoken of in many different myths and legends throughout the world.

In Greek mythology a monster named Medusa was punished by the gods for an evil deed by being given a nest of live snakes for hair and a horrific face. Her face was so evil that whoever looked upon it would be turned to stone.

Varuna, one of the gods in Hindu mythology was regarded as an all-seeing god. Not

surprisingly, this god, it was said, had a thousand eyes!

The Cyclops was yet another monster of legend. He had a large eye placed at the centre of his forehead, believed to give him the ability to perceive events that had yet to occur.

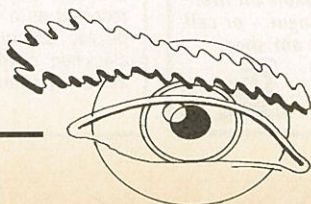
In Norse mythology, one of the principal gods was Odin the one-eyed god. Odin was the god of poets and the god of war. It was said that his single eye gave him the ability to see everything from creatures underground to hidden enemies. Allegedly, nothing escaped his sight.

In fairy legend, one type known as 'seeing fairies' were supposed to have the ability to influence human senses in order to prevent their true appearance being revealed. Their disguise could only be uncovered by the use of fairy ointment. When this ointment touched the human eye, a person was capable of discovering the fairy's disguise. Apparently, this power could only be removed by a blast of fairy's breath or by blinding the eye.

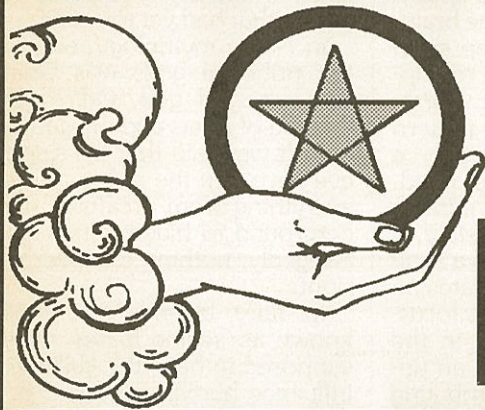
Beauty is in the eye

With the gift of being able to see, we gain great happiness through watching beautiful scenery, actions and people. We gain great wisdom and success by watching and learning. We perceive beauty in all its splendour. Shakespeare, the giant of literature, himself spoke of great beauty in 'a woman's eye' and how beauty itself persuades 'the eyes of men.'

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Hardly a day goes by without the Internet being mentioned in the media. This vast global network of computers is the source of all evil: an electronic Pandora's Box — or so the Press would have us believe. But while it is true that you can learn how to manufacture a bomb, trade drugs, etc you will find that most of the people using the Net do so for perfectly legitimate reasons.

Many netizens (ie Internet Citizens) are interested in the occult and the paranormal and are quite willing to share their experiences and problems with the rest of the world. In this article I am going to try to give you some idea of what is out there on the Net and, perhaps more importantly, how to get

though you do get the occasional crank coming along who tries to lay down his own rules. To give you an analogy, it is like having a telephone conversation with a thousand people all at once. The telecom companies may own the phone lines but they have no control over what is being said.

When you link into the Net you can subscribe to as many newsgroups as you like. There is no charge for this (but see the item on service providers). Currently there are over 6,000 newsgroups covering every subject under, and including, the Sun. I have provided a list of some of the newsgroups that may interest readers of PREDICTION.

Each newsgroup has its own unique name. Those that begin

newsgroups contain hundreds of messages while others are hardly ever used. The *alt.astrology* group, for instance, is very popular (which is not really surprising!) but the *alt.paranormal.spells.hexes.magic* group didn't contain any messages when I last looked - and so my boss lives to tyrannise another day!

So how do you actually use these groups?

It is quite simple really. If you have a question then you type it in on your computer, tell the program to post or send it, and then log on to the Internet. The message finds its way into the system and, within 24 hours, it can be received by anyone who subscribes to the newsgroup to which you have mailed the query. And if someone else

PARANET

by PHIL BAGNALL

**If you thought the Internet was just for computer nerds
you should take a closer look.
It is littered with occult and paranormal resources.**

the information you need. It is a lot easier than it seems at first!

People have described the Internet as the information super-highway. In fact, if you don't know what you are doing, you can quite easily get bogged down in what seems like a badly signposted dirt-track road.

There are two basic resources which you need to know about: Newsgroups and the World Wide Web (which is usually just referred to as The Web).

Newsgroups

Despite the name, newsgroups are actually discussion forums. They don't belong to anyone or any organisation,

with the prefix *sci* are scientific groups, while *soc* are social groups. Most of the newsgroups that will be of interest to you begin with *alt* for alternative. If, for example, you are interested in astrology then the Newsgroup *alt.astrology* will probably appeal to you. Of course, you may be interested in a particular aspect of astrology, such as Asian astrology. If so then you are in luck because there is an *alt.astrology.asia* sub-group. Note that newsgroups use lower case letters throughout and full stops to signify groups and sub-groups.

I've listed over 50 newsgroups although there are many others: the ones I chose came to mind first. Some

asks a question to which you know the answer then you can reply in much the same way. Fortunately, the software which service providers send you is usually quite easy to use, often easier than a word-processor.

Of course, you can use the newsgroups for more than just question and answer sessions. You may have noticed that, at some time in the future, there is going to be an unusual alignment of the planets. Now's your chance to tell the world! You may just want to make friends with people who have interests similar to your own. The Net is great for that and you'll be corresponding with people from all over the world.

You will find all sorts of messages in the various newsgroups so don't be afraid of asking what may seem like a daft question (people are remarkably tolerant and helpful).

I downloaded the *alt.astrology* message recently and found queries from rank beginners to professional astrologers. The messages included a question on whether astrology can show sexual orientation; someone wanting information on the Part of Fortune; do women with Mars in Leo prefer younger men; the difference between Indian and Western astrological charts; and details of the International Astrology Day scheduled for March 10th. There were about 100 other messages during a 24-hour period.

So, if you ever have a problem and can't seem to find the answer, then post a query to a newsgroup. Someone in the world is bound to respond.

World Wide Web

The Web takes a little getting used to but be patient for all human knowledge is there (somewhere).

When you link into a Web

page it appears on your computer screen rather like a page from a colour magazine. It has pictures, different type styles, boxes and so on. But there is something unusual about Web pages. Certain words appear in different colours. Select one of these words and you are suddenly zipped off to another page.

The new page may have been prepared by the author of the original page or by someone else. The only connection between the two pages is that they deal with the same subject. To try to explain that more clearly I will give an example.

You may link into a Web page in the USA on, say, the Tarot. Somewhere in the article the author may point out that there are several different Tarot designs; with the word designs highlighted in blue. So you select that word and you are immediately rushed off to a computer in, perhaps, Italy which lists all the known Tarot designs.

Select the design you are interested in and you may be transferred to a computer in Sweden which will display the deck for you. But don't worry

about the phone bill! No matter where in the world you log on to you will only pay local telephone rates. (At weekends that amounts to 1p per minute and sometimes nothing if you have a cable line.)

Although some individuals do have their own Web pages, most belong to companies. A professional astrologer, for example, may ply his craft over the Net by having his own Web page. A bookseller may list the latest stocks of occult titles and, if you've ever wanted a genuine crystal ball, then you can be sure that someone has one for sale.

So how do you find your way around without getting trapped in the Web? Easy! You call up a 'net search engine' which trawls the Internet for Web pages that may be of interest to you. You simply enter a search phrase (eg UFO sightings) and let the computer do the rest. Web pages make it easier to find material on the Internet but you have to get used to them.

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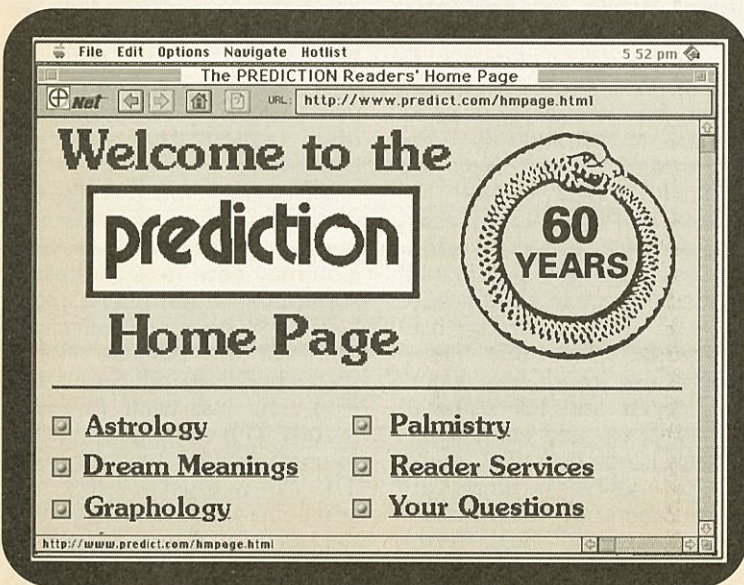
Now the hard part: getting onto the Net.

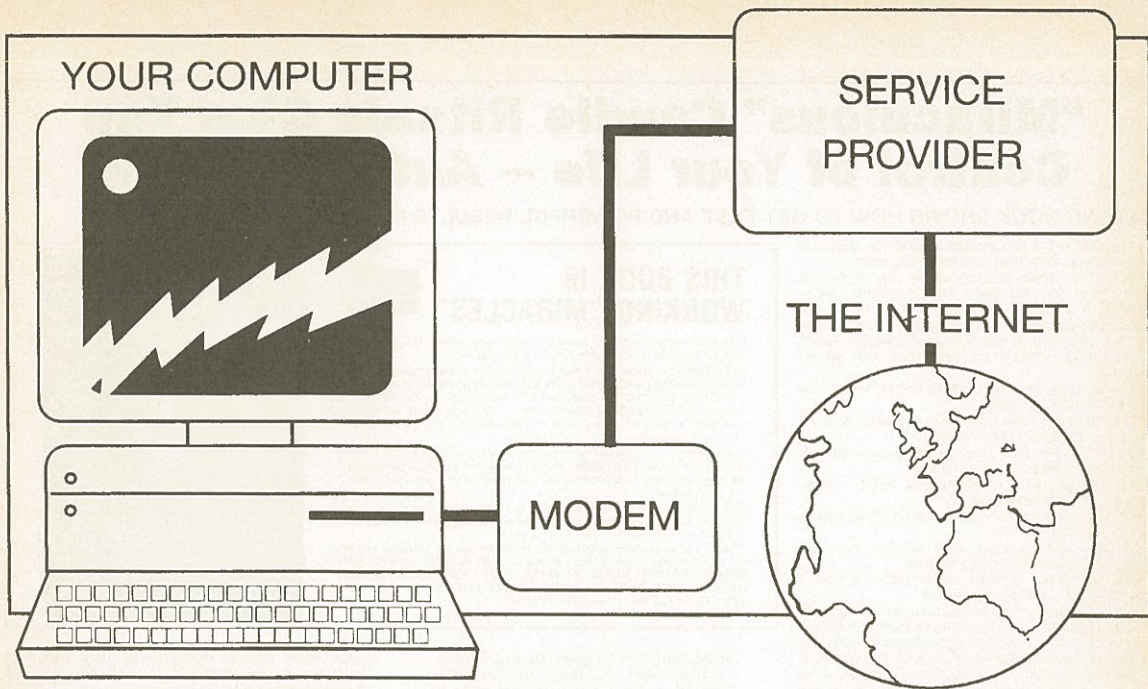
The first thing you need is a computer. It doesn't have to be extortionately expensive — something quite simple will do. If you are a keen astrologer then you may already own a computer to do your calculations on. Or perhaps your kids have one? Basically, a PC or an Apple Mac is the thing to go for. You can get decent secondhand computers for as little as £200. A new machine will cost from £400.

Secondly, you need a modem. These magical little devices allow you to plug your computer into the telephone socket. They start at about £100 and look like a Rolf Harris Stylophone (except that they are a lot more tuneful!).

Next, you need a service provider. Service providers link your computer into the Inter-

No, you can't read PREDICTION on the Internet at present but this mock-up is what a Web home page might look like.





net — for a fee. The one I use charges me £10+VAT per month. The only thing I have to pay on top of that is my phone bill.

Software to allow your computer to phone them is provided. It is usually easy to install and there is normally a help line. (If you are really stuck, try borrowing next door's kids!)

When you log onto the Net your computer phones the service provider which then links you into the Internet. You only pay local telephone rates no matter where in the world you decide to go.

By attaching a modem to your computer you can communicate with a service provider who will link you into the global network of computers called the Internet. From there you can subscribe to newsgroups, link into Web pages, send e-mail (at a fraction of the cost of sending a letter through the post) and access databases throughout the world, all from the comfort of your own home.

Once you've got all the equipment and signed up the world is your oyster. Happy Net surfing!

Newsgroups

The following Newsgroups may be of interest to readers of PREDICTION. Different service providers offer different Newsgroups, so don't be surprised if you cannot find all the groups listed here.

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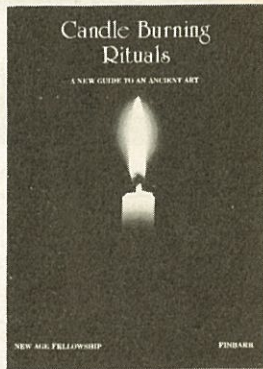
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DREAM MEANINGS



TOOTHACHE

THE DREAM

ONE OF MY teeth ached but when I went to touch it it got bigger and bigger until all that was left was the aching tooth surrounded by darkness. Then the tooth shattered, as if made of glass, but as soon as it broke another tooth appeared as good as new.

THE MEANING

TEETH are about how we express ourselves and here you are aching to say something to those around you but are afraid that if you do the relationship will be shattered. However, since another perfectly good tooth took the place of the aching one, the dream's message is to go ahead and say what you think.

DISAPPOINTMENT

THE DREAM

I AM WALKING down a muddy road in Eastern Europe and come to a church, supposed to house a special crucifix, where a reporter is talking into a camera about this crucifix. I enter the church to see but do not find the crucifix especially out of the ordinary.

I smiled at a young girl, about five-years-old, who smiled back happily but her father frowned and told her to stop. Then a cleric came down the aisle of the church with the cameraman who was making a commentary.

I woke feeling disappointed.

THE MEANING

YOUR current life has become spiritually bereft, making you feel deprived like a refugee. The image of the church with its well advertised special crucifix generates public interest, offering support and encourage-

by SOPHIA DANIEL

Many nuances of meaning are possible within the contents of dreams so there can be no really hard and fast rules in their interpretation. Every one of us has his/her own peculiar, personal view of the world and of the relative meanings and values of those things in it. None of us sees things in exactly the same way as do those around us so, while it is possible to interpret certain facets about which there is a consensus, the personal stance of the individual can modify even these quite considerably.

ment, so you hope to gain some spiritual nourishment.

However, there is conflict between your intuition (the child) and your logic (the father). You are inclined to follow your intuition and feel happy doing so but your logical side frowns on this, indicating that you would be acting out of order.

This is really showing that the advertised religion is of no interest to you. But the dissatisfaction felt on waking indicates that you do not usually follow your instincts and intuition so have let the opportunity pass you by.

HIDDEN FEELINGS

THE DREAM

I WAS INDOORS talking to my son and his girlfriend (my back to them) when I suddenly realised that they had disappeared into thin air. Outdoors, I tried to draw attention to their disappearance and was confronted by a photographer who took pictures of me and

others but paid not the slightest attention to my distress.

THE MEANING

YOU are having a problem with your personal worth. Your needs and desires are being ignored by those around you who are treating you as though you are invisible.

Turning your back to your son when talking to him shows your inability to face up to the situation. The photographer records your external image but fails to see the pain and distress that you hide so well.

BLOODY HEAD

THE DREAM

I SEE SOME soldiers coming from the railway station. A young man runs towards them and there is a scuffle. After the soldiers are gone I see the man has enormous gashes in his head, blood spurting out everywhere. He writhed around then jumped up, climbed an archway and threw himself off to kill himself; however, he didn't die and the blood kept pumping out of him.

THE MEANING

THE young man represents that part of yourself that is adventurous and foolhardy, so when he runs into trouble and bleeds profusely this symbolises you allowing your life force, your personal energy, to gush away unabated. In other words, you try to tackle things head-on but only come off worst so feel that your life is becoming worthless and want to end it.

Any form of death or death wish in a dream signifies the need for change: something has outlived its usefulness and needs to be killed off. The suicide attempt in this dream fails, so the blood continues to flow.

One night a woman living in a two-level flat found herself going down the stairs and into the kitchen where some unwashed crockery lay in the sink. Attempting to wash the dishes, she found, to her surprise, that her hands passed right through the plates as if they were simply not there.

She turned and returned upstairs 'gliding, rather than walking.' After a momentary break in consciousness, she found herself lying in bed feeling very hot and momentarily paralysed.

The experience was very powerful, particularly because it had seemed so very 'real' while on her journey. There had been no doubt in her mind that she was in her physical body.

Such journeys out of the body are not as unusual as we might think: we all travel outside our physical bodies during sleep but it is only occasionally that we recall our travels. Out-of-body-experiences (OOBEs) can also occur when day-dreaming or on the margins of sleep.

In a classical work on the subject, Sylvan Muldoon describes how he once awoke from sleep to find himself fully conscious but rigid, as if stuck to the bed. He became aware of his body vibrating, a buzzing sound and pressure in his head.

Then he found himself leaving his body and floating rigid, horizontally above the bed. Feeling a strong pressure at the back of his head, he moved towards the ceiling, all the time assuming it was his physical body which was behaving in such an unusual fashion.

Suddenly the tension eased and he managed to turn around. To his surprise, he could see himself ('another me') lying quietly on the bed. The sensation was so very 'physical' that he found it extremely difficult to believe that it was not his physical body which was moving — an experi-

ence commonly reported by astral travellers.

OOBEs may also occur during operations (when patients find themselves watching their physical bodies being operated on) and at times of physical trauma; at the moment of impact in a car crash for instance. In all such cases, OOBEs occur without the person experiencing them consciously willing it to happen.

Conscious projection

Some psychics, however, are able to project themselves at will beyond their physical bodies and to travel beyond their physical selves while retaining their ordinary, everyday consciousness. A great many experiments have been undertaken, using psychics such as Alex Tanous and Ingo Swann, in an attempt to

'bodies' other than the physical one. These bodies fit together like the traditional Russian dolls, with the physical body representing the smallest, innermost doll, the etheric body (which forms a link between our physical and spiritual selves) the second smallest and the astral body the third.

The astral body is the one we inhabit after death and, because we can alter its form by simple thought, we tend to fashion it as a replica of our physical bodies. Hence the confusion when we find ourselves apparently wearing our normal clothes — yet looking down on our sleeping selves!

Astral planes

In his book, *Journeys Out of the Body*, Robert Munroe describes three levels of existence which he calls Locales I,

TRAVELLING LIGHT

by

LINDA WILLIAMSON & ANN HOPKINS

There is evidence for the phenomenon of out-of-body experiences (OOBEs) although it has not yet been proven scientifically.

demonstrate the reality of OOBEs.

Here, the psychic is placed in a special cubicle and asked to 'project' himself into another room, to observe a target of some kind (eg an object or picture) and to report to the investigator what he has seen. Some individuals have been so successful with these remote viewing exercises, as they are called, that the process was utilised by the military forces to spy on enemy personnel.

How are these experiences to be explained? The key to understanding out-of-body travel is a recognition that each of us has a number of different

II and III. His Locale II corresponds with what others call the astral plane and his Locale III is a world which appears very similar to the physical but which could more accurately be described as a 'parallel world.'

Munroe's description of his Locale II ties in with other people's descriptions of the out-of-body world. So beautiful and comfortable did Munroe find his Locale II that he writes of being reluctant to return to his physical body and draws the interesting conclusion that the astral world is our natural environment to which we long to return.

Extra-corporeal travel? Or just vivid dreaming? Sceptics may suggest that those of us who assert that we have left the confines of our physical bodies are deluding ourselves. So how can we provide evidence for our assertions?

Those who have had OOBEs usually describe them as 'far more than a dream.' Reportedly, there is a vividness about them which seems to put them in a category of their own. Proving the reality of OOBEs, however, is by no means a straightforward matter and, ultimately, each individual must decide for him/herself the exact nature of such experiences.

Clearly, an OOBEE is an intensely personal experience. However, if an individual who is instructed to leave his body, visit another room and report

on what he sees there can describe in rich and precise detail what he finds, something must certainly be going on which cannot be explained by existing scientific laws.

Ingo Swann and others have proved themselves able to do this — and more. In some successful remote viewing experiments, psychics have described in detail geographical locations for which they had been provided map coordinates only.

Unknown factors

Information 'unknown' to a person's waking consciousness can also manifest while asleep. One woman describes an experience in which she found herself floating out of her body and into a room she did not recognise. Other than a faded rug, the floor was uncovered and she found herself roller-skating over the wooden boards, her mind working more clearly than it did during her normal state of

consciousness.

A fortnight later, this subject walked past the home of a woman to whom she had recently sold a piano. The woman urged her to go into the house to see the piano, newly restored in a room in the basement. Entering the basement, the visitor immediately recognised the room of which she had dreamt. Its bare boards were covered only by a small, faded rug.

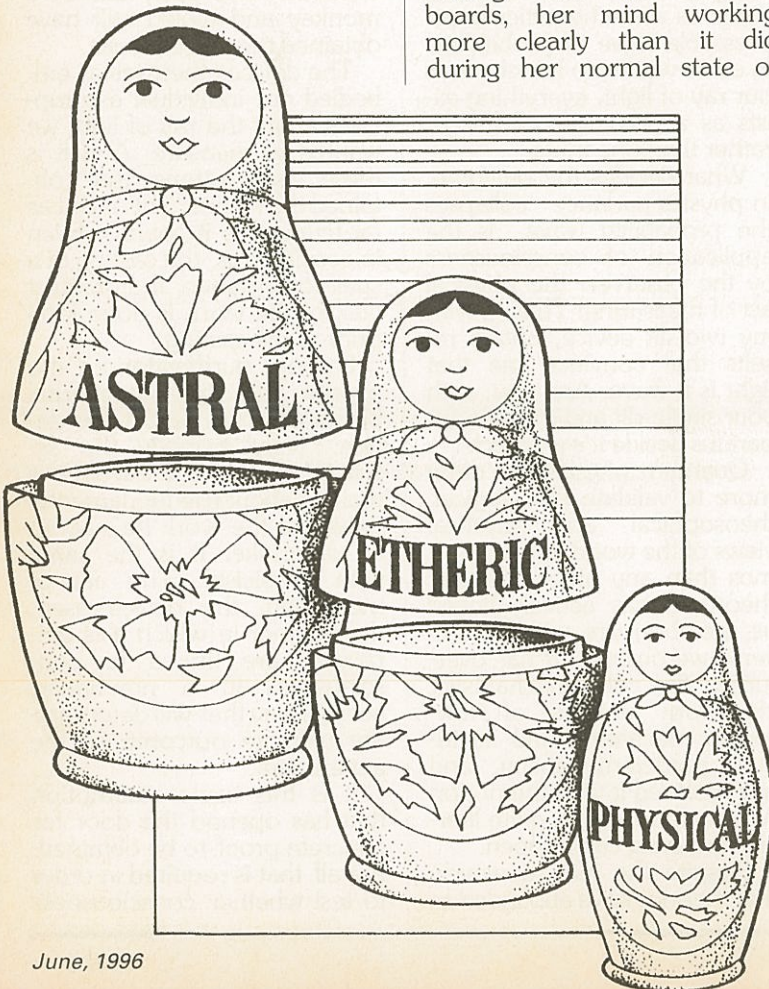
Complimenting the owner of the house on the attractiveness of the room, she was told that when the woman's grandchildren were young, the family would clear away the furniture so that they could roller-skate across the floor. Pure chance? Or a suggestion that we are more psychic than many like to think?

People whom instruments confirm to be in a state of deep anaesthesia can sometimes describe in fine detail the procedures used during their operations, including descriptions of the instruments used. One woman is reported to have left her body to the expertise of the surgeons while taking a tour around the hospital and was able to report a tennis shoe on a window ledge, while another — who had been blind for many years — was able to describe accurately what happened during her operation.

Parallels

Out-of-body-experiences are particularly interesting because of the light they throw on the question of life after death. Numerous parallels exist between the experiences reported by OOBEE travellers and those reported by people who have had near death experiences (NDEs). Reports from those who have contacted relatives or friends 'on the other side' also seem to tie in closely with reports of OOBEEs.

In all three cases, it seems that the traveller is able to pass through what would appear to the conscious mind to be solid matter and to move anywhere



simply by the power of thought. In each case, people have reported that they have found themselves unable to attract the attention of those who are operating at an 'ordinary' level of consciousness.

For instance, accident victims report standing beside their injured bodies watching people trying to help them and finding themselves totally unable to communicate with the rescuers. Similarly, people having OOBEs on the verge of sleep seem unable to make any impact on the physical world.

In OOBEs, NDEs and spirit communications, individuals describe feelings of euphoria and of being surrounded by great peace and beauty. In all three cases, they appear to inhabit bodies which are almost exact counterparts of their physical selves but perfect; thus people who have lost limbs find themselves whole and people with physical illnesses are aware of being restored to health.

In general, the experiences are reported in extremely positive terms but Soozie Holbeche, author of *The Power of Your Dreams*, and Robert Munroe both describe OOBEs in which they have found themselves re-entering their bodies 'the wrong way round.' Holbeche once found herself with her head where her feet should be and had to turn her spiritual self around to get back into her physical body!

Questions

OOBEs raise important questions about mortality and immortality. If there is, within each of us, part of our being which can detach itself from the physical body and exist independently of it, perhaps we will continue to exist — at a higher vibratory level — when our physical bodies have served their purpose. This is an area in which very little is 'provable,' however. So, in the end, it is up to each of us to decide for ourselves the significance of the OOBEE.

Light likes to play tricks on us! No, seriously. If I were to take a single ray of light from the Sun and try to measure its reaction using a two-slit device I would receive a ripple pattern effect that would convince me that light indeed travels like a wave. Then if you came along and took the very same ray of light and pointed a single-slit device connected to a particle counter at it, you would receive concrete proof that light travels like a particle. The paradox of light behaving both like a photon (particle) and a wave beautifully illustrates the indeterminacy of the quantum world.

The concept of quantum theory

Quantum theory is easy to understand. Once you strip it of its mathematics it reveals the elegant concept that everything in the subatomic world exists as a mathematically expressible wave of probability. In other words, to hark back to our ray of light, everything exists as a possibility of things, rather than one thing.

What decides the outcome, in physics parlance 'collapses the probability wave,' is the application of consciousness by the observer: the physical act of measuring! Thus, I, with my two-slit device, obtain results that convince me that light is a wave. And you, with your single-slit and counter apparatus decide it's a particle.

Quantum physics has done more to validate the magical, theosophical and mystical views of the world and the cosmos than any other scientific theory. It has actively linked us, the observers, with the universe we observe. It has overturned the cold, mechanistic, clockwork universe of Newtonian mechanics and its in-built predeterminability, and has replaced it with the notion of a cosmos where, quite literally, anything can happen.

Despite the fact, however, that theories have abounded as

to how it is possible for consciousness to determine the outcome of an experiment in the physical world, quantum physics has failed to give any concrete links to consciousness. Theoretically, anything was possible but, in practical terms, evidence was a little thin on the ground. Until now.

The application of consciousness

What collapses a probability wave and makes an outcome possible in the quantum world is the application of consciousness, a solidified aspect of which is presented by the measuring equipment. In our case, for example, my device obtained a wave-like reading for the ray of light. Yours proved it to be a particle. But what really made the difference was not so much you and me as the devices we held. They could, for instance, have been held by a monkey and would still have obtained the same results.

The devices themselves embodied our individual assumptions about the ray of light we wanted to measure. And it is these assumptions that obtained the results. This is not as far-fetched as it sounds. Even in occult terms, the casting of a spell for instance, the greatest bulk of the work is done long prior to the casting.

Fasting, purification of the psyche and rigorous mental preparation represent the device. They embody the assumptions that the occultist is making about the fundamental nature of the work he's about to undertake. It is the same with physicists. The act of measuring, the device used, the manner in which it is employed, are linked to consciousness in a non-linear, acausal way that will determine the ultimate outcome of the experiment.

It is this basic assumption that has opened the door for concrete proof to be obtained. For all that is required in order to test whether consciousness

IN TWO MINDS

A definition of consciousness may be difficult to achieve but quantum physics may provide the answer.

follows quantum laws and, indeed, if it is quantum generated, is volunteers and the appropriate testing apparatus.

Consciousness is a quantum effect

At a quiet, scientific wing of Southampton University, this is exactly what's being done. The principals responsible are a group of brain researchers and Dr Chris Nunn, a psychiatrist taking part in the study.

The experiment itself is tremendously simple. It requires the subjects to look at a list of numbers which then become the target numbers. These target numbers must then be identified among a sequence of non-target items flashed on a screen. Every time the subjects identify one of the target numbers in the sequence they record this by pressing a button with their right hand.

Being a number-recognition study, the brain hemisphere involved in this experiment is the left one. All the subjects have their electroencephalogram (EEG) activity recorded from electrodes placed on the scalp. The electrodes are set to record either the right-hand side of the cortex (which is not involved in the experiment) or the left one. But as the double-blind method is used neither the subjects nor the experimenters know which side is being measured at any one time.

Under these circumstances, logically (and we're talking about good old-fashioned linear logic here) you would expect the subjects to score roughly the same number of correct answers independently of which hemisphere, left or right, of the cortex was being monitored. Because of the double-blind method and the

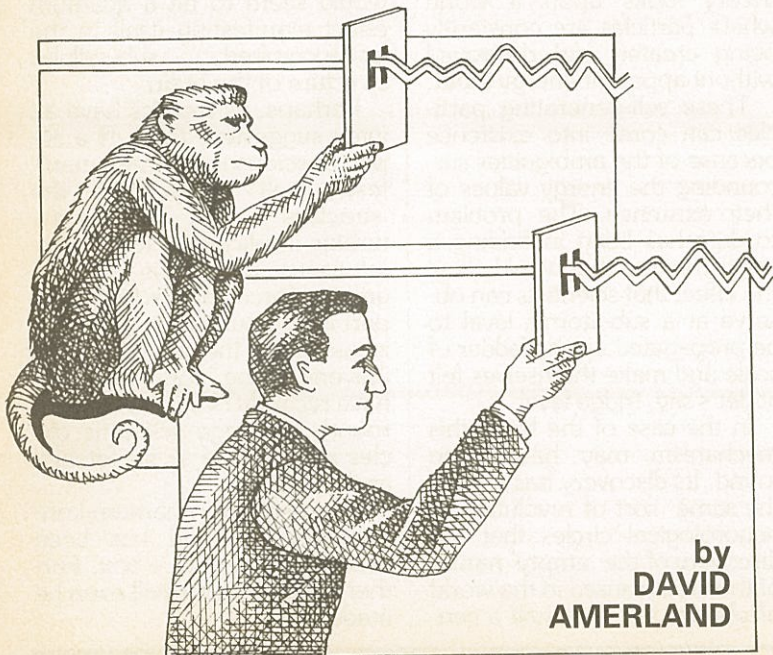
number of times the experiment was repeated we can immediately rule out any bias introduced by computer error, noisy relays, changes in the impedance of the scalp electrodes, contextual clues gleaned by the subjects through the experimenters' body language and errors in the programming analysis.

Even so, it still takes a lot of thought before the results are accepted at face value. And the fact that they are is due to the meticulous way the experiment was conducted in the first place.

After careful analysis the findings revealed that the taking of EEG recordings from the area of the brain that was involved in the number-recognition task improved the total performance scores of the subjects by making them miss fewer of the target numbers being flashed past. Such an improvement did not register when the EEG recording switched to the right-hand side of the brain that was not involved in the task, or was switched off altogether.

To test their hypothesis further, the experimenters then used pattern-recognition activities (which involve the right-hand side of the cortex). Once more the subjects displayed a greater bias towards accuracy when the EEGs of the right-hand side of the brain were being recorded than when they were not.

It is important to remember that the subjects who were doing better had no way of knowing which hemisphere's EEG activity was being recorded in the first place. They were, in fact, doing better without even



knowing it!

Obviously, to try to explain these results using the common, everyday ideas about causality is to draw a total blank. But viewed with what we know so far about quantum physics the results make perfect sense. The very act of measurement served to collapse the probability wave of the target patterns' or numbers' existence so that more were detected than would have been otherwise possible.

Apparently, the very fact of the electrodes being placed on the scalps of the subjects (mindlessly measuring the EEG activity) served as an embodiment of applied consciousness and had the desired effect on the results that were derived.

It could be argued that, even when observed, the subjects did not display 100% accuracy. But then every time we study a ray of light and we decide (depending on the measuring equipment we use) that it is either a particle (photon) or a wave we don't know if the ray of light we're studying is indeed the one we set out to study at the outset or another one replaced in a manner we are at present unable to figure out.

With the volunteers who took part in the Southampton experiment the results could be unambiguous in this respect because different numbers were chosen. It was easy to see which numbers were being perceived and which were not. But had the same number or the same pattern simply appeared on a repetitive basis, then it would have been impossible to tell whether the eight 10s identified out of a possible 20, for example, were consecutive, every second or every third.

What this study presents us with at long last is the concrete evidence of the connection between quantum physics and consciousness that we have been waiting for. The results derived take us a step closer towards linking the solid structure of the brain to the ethereal

nature of the mind.

This is possible to do because quantum effects, acausal or not, at a sub-atomic level have a certain mechanism of transfer. Such a mechanism, logic argues, ought to also be present in the complex structure of the brain.

Otherwise there'll be no hard and fast way of connecting the two. Luckily, there are many enthusiasts of the quantum consciousness theory in the scientific community who believe that such a connection has at last been found.

The honeycomb of the mind

The heart of the quantum field theory lies in the uncertainty of energy. When you're talking about something as large as a fridge, there's very little that can be said to be uncertain about it. But if that fridge were reduced to the size of a molecule and then made even smaller, to the size of an atom, this shrinkage would be enough to generate a great deal of uncertainty about a great many of its aspects.

This is exactly what happens at a sub-atomic level. Like the cosmic dance of the Hindu god, Shiva, the quantum field theory looks upon a world where particles are constantly being created and destroyed without apparent energy input.

These self-generating particles can come into existence because of the ambiguities surrounding the energy values of their existence. The problem to date has been in finding a solid structure that would allow the effect that scientists can observe at a sub-atomic level to be propagated up the ladder of scale and make themselves felt at, let's say, fridge level.

In the case of the brain this mechanism may have been found. Its discovery has caused the same sort of revolution in neurological circles that the discovery of the 'empty' nature of the atom caused in the world of physics just over half a cen-

tury ago.

Brain cells and neurons in particular have been discovered to be made up of empty space. Rather than being these 'tiny, solid, little structures' that everyone expected them to be, they have shown themselves to be made up of hundreds of thousands of minute tunnels.

These tiny structures in the cells are called microtubules and until very recently no-one was aware of their significance. Advocates of the quantum nature of consciousness have been quick to seize on the fact that these microtubules are small enough for quantum effects to manifest themselves within them.

One such advocate is psychiatrist Ian Marshall who has a long-standing interest in theoretical physics. 'It was previously thought that microtubules served simply as scaffolding which gives coherence to the cell. It now seems that these structures are of the right size to act as amplifiers of quantum events,' he says.

So the brain itself, at a sub-cellular level, displays exactly the same sort of indeterminacy that quantum physics ascribes to the behaviour of sub-atomic particles. Consciousness then would seem to be a quantum effect manifesting itself in the honeycombed, sub-cellular structure of the brain.

Perhaps, as mystics have always suggested, there is a superconsciousness that manifests itself every time the 'structure' is right. This has disturbing implications for, if consciousness at large is indeed a greater force than what takes part inside our heads, then the ideas about the planet or the universe being 'conscious' that have recently been making the rounds in fringe scientific circles may not be as far-fetched as they sound.

In terms of quantum-consciousness the lid has been prised off Pandora's box. Further developments will soon be made.

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THIS IS QUITE a straightforward, easy to understand introduction to using the I Ching for personal guidance. There is an introductory chapter on its 4,000-year history, a short discussion on the polarity of Yin and Yang and their respective symbolism of dark and light, Moon and Sun or night and day.

Consultation of the *Book of Changes* is outlined, using either coins (fast) or yarrow-sticks (slow) and how to formulate the all-important question. The interpretations and judgments of the resulting hexagrams are clearly written although the cramped nature of the page layout leaves something to be desired; it seems unnecessary to begin a new hexagram at the very bottom of a page and the pseudo-medieval lettering of the chapter headings did not add anything either.

Apart from these minor quibbles, I suspect this work will be a helpful guide to anyone contemplating a first look at the I Ching for advice. — J.T.M.

THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS: Their Life and Customs Vols 1 & 2 by J. Gardner Wilkinson (Senate, £1.99 each)

FIRST PUBLISHED IN 1854 as one work, this new edition now comprises two companion volumes. Which is probably just as well as both run to over 400 pages of amazingly detailed information, the text liberally punctuated by woodcuts of plans, diagrams, ornamentation and both ritual and everyday artefacts.

Given the original publication date, the author's writing style is surprisingly accessible and the text so jam-packed with fascinating detail of the life and times of ancient Egypt that it makes compulsive reading. Volume One focuses on everyday affairs, the way people lived their lives and occupied their time — at home, at work and play.

Here the illustrations come into their own, adding new dimensions to the overall picture of life in ancient Egypt. Also covered in this volume are the wider aspects of society and its major institutions, such as government, the military and religion.

A more detailed examination of this ancient yet highly sophisticated culture is offered in Volume Two. Wilkinson explains the seemingly complex Egyptian class system where individuals had specific and clearly defined roles to fulfil in society, whether as artisans, traders, doctors, governors or whatever.

Again, the illustrations round out the picture, putting the finer details on the canvas, so that the reader really begins to understand how people lived their daily lives, what they wore, where they dwelt, their ambitions and beliefs. I especially liked the detailed drawings of household utensils and workers' implements as these somehow made it easier to imagine the people who used them.

Not that the more familiar images are absent from these companion works. For the ancient Egyptians are noted for their concern with and preparations for the Afterlife; indeed, much of our knowledge of this complex civilisation, its art and religious practices, has been gleaned from funerary artefacts. But in these two volumes we are treated to a much wider canvas which really does encapsulate society as a whole, from the duties of the lowly slave to the enormous wealth of the ruling classes.

Essential reference works and, more significantly perhaps, a compelling read which reveals every conceivable aspect of the life and times of ancient Egypt. Thoroughly recommended. — M.E.

THE GOOD LUCK BOOK (Studio Editions, £1.99)

THIS IS A great little book to thumb through. It is packed full of useful and interesting information on lucky charms, their origins and associated beliefs.

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THE LATEST in the excellent New Horizons series relates the story of Easter Island and its majestic giant statues, the origins of which have continued to intrigue ever since the island was first discovered in 1722 by Dutch sailors on Easter Sunday — hence its name.

Copiously illustrated in full colour as well as black and white, there is a wealth of information contained in this

work's 140-odd pages. The authors trace the extraordinary history of this remote Pacific island and the people who erected the mysterious megalithic heads, the 'silent gods' of the book's title.

This is a fascinating publication covering the discovery, early exploitation and later serious research into the myths and history of an ancient people, their beliefs, culture and origins. Yet, despite the patient work of generations of archaeologists, Easter Island still has secrets to reveal about its unique statues and the mysterious race that built them.

Recommended. — M.E.

CURE CRAFT by Keith Souter (C.W. Daniel, £9.95)

THE AUTHOR OF this excellent reference work is a practising general practitioner as well as a qualified homoeopath with a diploma in herbal medicine so is familiar with orthodox and complementary medicine. His wide experience and undoubted expertise certainly add an authoritative dimension to this book, setting it apart from others along similar lines.

The book falls into two distinct parts, the second being an A-Z of common ailments and their associated folk remedies. This is not only helpful but particularly interesting as, often, more than one type of remedy is offered, with explanations as to its source and, in some cases, associated mythology.

The introductory section makes for fascinating reading and covers such unexpected topics as fertility rites and love charms and the role of magic in medicine as well as the more usual information on herbalism, the four elements and so on.

I especially liked the way Dr Souter manages to weave such apparently disparate threads into a coherent and workmanlike whole without any hint of condensation.

Sadly, all too often in my experience, an undoubted expert fails to hold the reader's interest or lacks the ability to get his/her expertise across to the layperson. Alternatively, some authors write well but one feels that what they have to impart is of little if any interest and no new material is presented.

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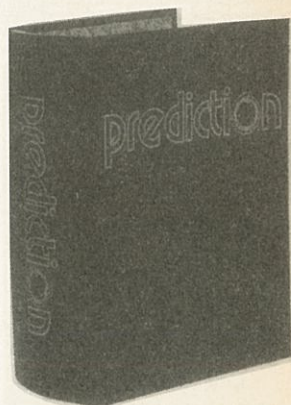
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