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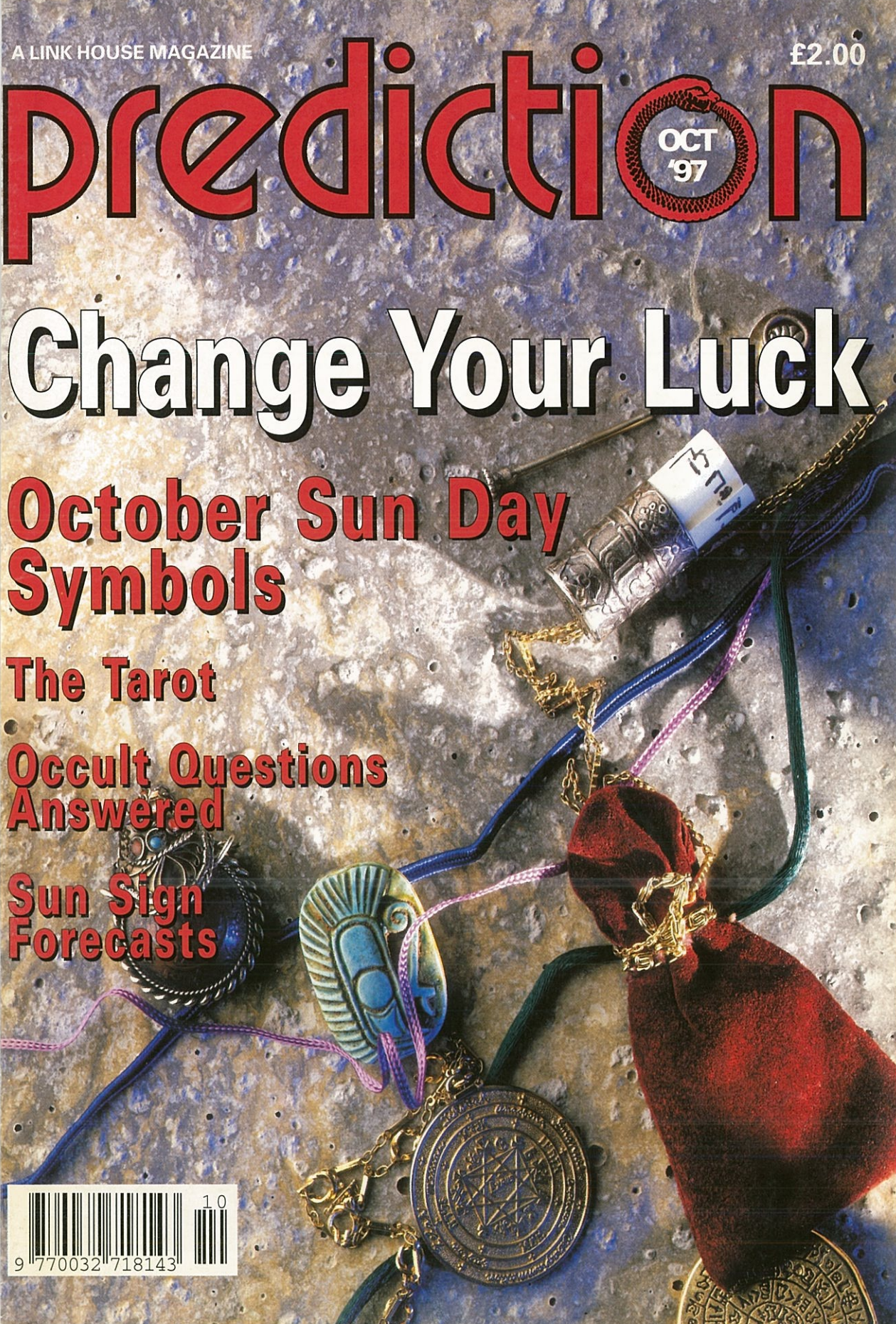
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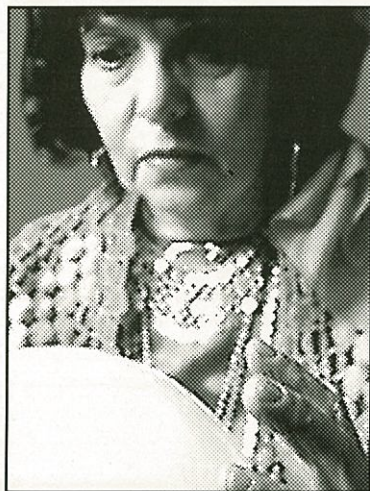
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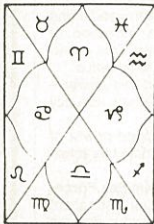
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Although times have certainly changed since the era of the hunter/gatherer taking food back to his clan or tribe, basic human instincts remain much the same as they ever were. Once the prime target — survival — is assured, the next inevitable step is improvement to or progress in whatever lifestyle one has been born into or has consciously chosen.

This is where the concept of having an edge, keeping 'bad' luck at bay and attracting 'good' luck makes itself felt most strongly. One way of achieving this, since time immemorial, is the use of talismans.

Forging links

Talismans may be natural objects that are found and kept or may be made by man or machine. Herbs, seeds, trees, stones, gems, animals or parts

of plants or animals all fall in the first category and have always been used for talismans because they possess their own innate power.

Whether you choose to call this natural energy magic, prana, potential, vitality, the life force or whatever matters not at all because the principle remains the same. This invisible yet tangible force can be utilised to the benefit of the person who owns the object in which it is encapsulated so that the object acts as a talisman.

Some of the earliest known man-made talismans were simple human or animal figures modelled in clay to represent deities or creatures endowed with qualities or characteristics that the owner wished to emulate. The courage of a lion, strength of a bull, fertility of a frog and suchlike are examples of this.

These were regarded as very powerful because the powers of the deities or animals they personified could keep the owner and his property safe from harm or protect him and his family from disaster.

Essentially, a talisman acts as a bridge between the owner/user and the force that he/she wishes to utilise or evoke to act on his behalf. Obviously it is not possible for a person to make physical contact with a non-physical force

We all, at some time or other, wish we could change our luck. Well, by working with natural forces and a little ingenuity, we can.

but it is possible to create a psychic link between the two: this is how a talisman works.

This is achieved by association, or sympathetic magic as it is sometimes called. Sympathetic or contagious magic (to use yet another term) incorporates the principle that like effects or attracts like; an age-old principle still much in evidence today in such practices as homeopathy, to quote but one example.

For a talisman to be effective, therefore, it is necessary to create a sympathetic bond between the talismanic object and the invisible force that it expresses. In other words, the power and the talisman must somehow be of the same nature.

This is accomplished symbolically, either by using inscriptions, shapes or materials which immediately identify and provoke the power sought (direct symbolism) or by recourse to the law of correspondences (indirect symbolism). What is important is not what form the symbolism or talisman takes but that it should convey a specific concept to the user of the talisman.

Talismans may be inscribed on a wide variety of materials such as paper, parchment, papyrus, tree bark, silk, pieces of wood, stone, bone, wax, clay, precious gems and metal. Often, personal charms (usually in the form of a magical formula or sacred verse depending on the user's personal inclinations and favoured belief system) are inscribed directly on to a piece of jewellery that can be worn. Alternatively, an inscription may be made on a piece of writing material that is then rolled into a cylinder and placed in a suitable receptacle that can

be carried by the user.

Talismanic pouches

The problem is that inscribed talismans and talismanic jewellery tend to demand a degree of expertise on the part of their maker and not all of us are familiar with magical scripts or are able to make precious jewellery, never mind being able to afford it. But an equally effective yet very simple method of making a talisman is often overlooked: the pouch.

Many small objects, or parts of larger ones, can be worn about one's person if enclosed within a simple pouch; even a talismanic inscription may be kept in one. It requires very little dexterity or artistic skill to make such a talisman and, as long as the materials used are in sympathy with the desired result, there is no reason why it should not be as efficacious as a more complex, more expensive talisman.

Making the pouch is very simple, though the preferred shape will depend to some degree on materials used and the bulkiness of the intended contents, so I offer two alternatives. Either mark a circle approximately 6in/15cm in diameter on a suitable piece of material and cut this out carefully. It is possible to get offcuts of soft leather or suede quite cheaply from most craft shops or bigger haberdashery departments and both make ideal pouches as the material is very durable yet feels soft if worn next to the skin.

Once you have cut out your piece of material, place it face down on a flat surface and put the talismanic object/s in the centre. Carefully bring the outside edges together to form a pouch and slip an elastic band around its neck, roughly 1in/2.5cm from the top. Sew up the pouch just above this point, gathering up the surplus material in your stitches as you go.

For a flatter, smaller pouch, cut out a rectangular piece of material, about 6x2in/15x5cm. Fold this in half lengthways,

with the 'wrong' side out, then sew both outer edges with small running stitches. Carefully turn the pouch inside out and place the talismanic object/s inside before sewing up the neck, roughly $\frac{3}{4}$ in/1.8cm from the top.

Obviously, the finer the material used, the more likely it is to fray, so you may have to cut your rectangle larger than required to allow for this. Allow extra length, too, if you intend to run a drawstring through the top of your pouch (a $\frac{1}{2}$ in/1.75cm turnover should be sufficient).

So, what to keep in your pouch? Obviously, if you already have a talismanic object such as an inscription or perhaps a stone, animal claw, shell or other item that holds special significance for you, then the pouch will provide a convenient container.

But perhaps you would like to make a talisman from scratch and are uncertain what powers to evoke. If so, planetary energies are probably the most accessible natural resource available and have been used in talismanic magic for eons, so are ideal for the novice and those who adhere to no particular belief system.

Correspondences

Ancient man regarded the heavens with awe as the source of the natural phenomena that had such a dramatic impact on his life on Earth. In an attempt to rationalise and alleviate his fear of the unknown, he ascribed personality to the celestial bodies, just as he characterised the inanimate objects around him.

Gradually, a mythological ethos evolved concerning the godlike qualities of these heavenly bodies that had the power to effect man's Earthly existence. The Sun, Moon and five visible planets whose comparatively rapid but regular movements brought them to our ancestors' notice were allocated specific spheres of influence and thus became associat-

Planetary Areas of Influence

THE SUN

Favourable for: Career or professional advancement; seeking sponsorship or public acclaim; dealing with influential people or government officials; large commercial ventures or business undertakings; beginning management training or becoming self-employed; the jewellery trades; the performing arts; promoting health, virility and self-confidence.

THE MOON

Favourable for: All matters pertaining to water and the sea, including voyages; dealing with the general public; conception; children and their interests; family and domestic issues; appeasing enemies or opponents; starting new ventures; developing emotional self-expression; seeking inspiration or enhancing psychic abilities; initiating changes.

MERCURY

Favourable for: Road, rail and air travel; gathering and conveying information; improving literacy, oratory or technical skills; signing documents; borrowing or lending money; general trade; study or training; promoting mental health; starting a course of medical treatment; preparing for exams, including the driving test; inventive schemes.

VENUS

Favourable for: Attracting love, affection or friendship; effecting reconciliations; partnership issues, whether business or romantic; creative activities; leisure pursuits, entertainment; the luxury or beauty trades; financial transactions; increasing personal resources; negotiating contracts or settlements; self-development and growth.

MARS

Favourable for: Police or military matters; competitive sports; mechanical engineering and the hardware trades; undergoing surgery; combative or hazardous pastimes; overcoming rivalry or enmity; short-term projects or enthusiasms; developing physical strength and courage; anything requiring great force and energy; protecting own interests.

JUPITER

Favourable for: Law suits and legal transactions; dealing with the clergy, doctors and professional people generally; seeking favours or financial backing; speculative ventures; long journeys, emigration or foreign affairs; furthering knowledge; religious, philosophical or humanitarian issues; large-scale events; group activities, marriage or remarriage.

SATURN

Favourable for: Long-term projects and constructive enterprises; dealing with establishment figures, elderly people and their affairs; land or property deals including tenancies; agriculture, mining, archaeology or their produce; antiques; the building trades; concluding any outstanding matter or settling debts; pursuing metaphysical studies.

ed with certain qualities and particular areas of human endeavour.

And it is these seven planets (the Sun and Moon are regarded as planets in this sense) that are traditionally used in talismanic magic. It would of course be perfectly feasible to utilise the three outer planets - Uranus, Neptune and Pluto - should you wish to do so but the number seven has special mystical/occult significance.

Even more conveniently, each of the planets traditionally used has rulership over one of the days of the week and timing is very important in talisman-making. So, for those who are not familiar with these rulerships, they are: *Sunday*, the Sun; *Monday*, the Moon; *Tuesday*, Mars; *Wednesday*, Mercury; *Thursday*, Jupiter; *Friday*, Venus; *Saturday*, Saturn.

Besides having rulership over a particular day of the week, each planet is associated with one or more number, colour, metal, material, gem stone, animal, tree, herb, etc. Indeed, each planet is accorded distinct areas of influence in human affairs according to their apparent nature and the characteristics of the deities that personified them. Thus each planet became associated with those things that in some way or other exemplified its particular energies.

Remembering that a talisman is intended to forge a tangible link between the user, the desired aim and the forces he wishes to invoke, it is worth familiarising yourself with the planetary associations in order to incorporate the appropriate elements into your talisman and, most importantly, decide which planet's area of influence is most closely allied to your objective (see Tables for guidance; though not intended as definitive, this data will point you in the right direction).

Positive results

The detail is up to you, the only limit on talisman-making is the ingenuity of the creator

and personal inclinations and conceptual understanding of the user. Traditionally, a talisman will be made and consecrated (ie dedicated to a specific purpose) under the most favourable planetary auspices in order to strengthen the psychic bond between user and desired result.

Another consideration is the phase of the Moon. In very general terms, a New Moon represents new beginnings, fresh opportunities, so the best time to consecrate a talisman designed to attract those things associated with growth, development, increase, expansion or creativity is between the New Moon and First Quarter.

The second Lunar phase, between First Quarter and the Full, is also suitable for making things grow and prosper. The Moon's power is greatest when at the Full, so this is the best time to dedicate a talisman intended to enhance psychic abilities, expand consciousness or bring some form of enlightenment. It is also suitable for large-scale projects or group activities.

The period between Full Moon and Last Quarter is normally reserved for banishing rituals. This is an ideal time for talismans intended to dismiss unwanted influences or energies from one's life, to reject negative emotions, banish disease, end relationships or clear up outstanding business. Traditionally, no magical rituals are carried out during the dark of the Moon (when it is not visible in the night sky), between Last Quarter and the next New Moon.

No matter how little talisman-making experience you may have, it is always worth remembering that it is the maker's will that is most important, his determination to achieve the desired result. Each stage of making a talisman strengthens the physical link between the maker and his purpose due to the contact and concentration that is needed to complete the task. So, good luck!

Planetary Associations

THE SUN

Number 1; Colours Gold, orange, deep yellows; *Metal* Gold, silver-gilt; *Gem/mineral* Diamond, amber; *Plants* Juniper, laurel, marigold, saffron; *Wood* Walnut; *Fabric* Brocade; *Animal/bird* Lion, hawk; *Element* Fire.

THE MOON

Number 2; Colours Silver, pastel shades; *Metal* Silver, aluminium; *Gem/mineral* Moonstone, pearl; *Plants* Willow, hawthorn, convolvulus, watercress; *Wood* Birch; *Fabric* Silk; *Animal/bird* Crab, owl; *Element* Water.

MERCURY

Number 5; Colours sharp yellows, mixed hues, especially stripes; *Metal* Quicksilver, zinc; *Gem/mineral* Citrine, agate; *Plants* Hazel, forsythia, bitter-sweet, fern; *Wood* Beech; *Fabric* Linen; *Animal/bird* Monkey, magpie; *element* Air.

VENUS

Number 6; Colours Light blue, green or pink; *Metal* Copper, bronze; *Gem/mineral* Jade, lapis lazuli; *Plants* Peach, pear, rose, carnation; *Wood* Sycamore; *Fabric* Satin; *Animal/bird* Cat, dove; *Element* Air.

MARS

Number 9; Colours Strong reds, autumnal shades; *Metal* Iron, steel; *Gem/mineral* Ruby, bloodstone; *Plants* Monkey-puzzle, heather, nasturtium, nettle; *Wood* Mahogany; *Fabric* Tweed; *Animal/bird* Tiger, falcon; *Element* Fire.

JUPITER

Number 3; Colours Purple, deep blue, indigo; *Metal* Tin, antimony; *Gem/mineral* amethyst, sapphire; *Plants* Cedar, ash, sweet william, sage; *Wood* Oak; *Fabric* Velvet; *Animal/bird* Horse, eagle; *Element* Fire.

SATURN

Number 8; Colours black, dark shades; *Metal* Lead, pewter; *Gem/mineral* Jet, onyx; *Plants* Yew, cypress, fuchsia, thrift; *Wood* ebony; *Fabric* Hessian; *Animal/bird* Goat, vulture; *Element* Earth.



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GRAPHOLOGY

by PETER MARSHALL

SELF AWARENESS

Are you wise to yourself and properly tuned in?

Self-awareness can be a plus or minus characteristic and an extreme either way is certainly not helpful to one's progress. There are times when one is not absolutely sure as to exactly the right position. If one possesses a balanced outlook, the path through life is generally easier.

Observing the implications in handwriting is a good step towards realising one's true potential. Self-esteem also has a positive or negative aspect. Should it be lacking the writer can be insecure or even withdrawn. Over-emphasised and he/she may be bombastic and boastful, causing some annoyance to those who have con-

tact with him.

Really knowing oneself is a very useful asset in numerous ways. Consequently this is helpful in understanding others. A sensibly serene outlook is a treasure not to be ignored.

We have three writers here with different and varied approaches to daily living. The first one has disconnected letters which divulge an uneven flow of isolated ideas producing uneven periods of concentration and an intuitive way of thinking. The lower case *i* is in every instance made smaller than the other letters which reveals inner insecurity certainly.

There is a wish to keep others at a mental distance as a

form of self-protection. This can be seen by the rather wide spacing between the words.

The lower extensions are slightly short so we know that the material, physical and sexual urges do not have an important role in the personality. This person may have some degree of self-awareness but not quite the willpower to successfully put it to best use.

The second example has slightly inflated loops in the upper extensions. Consequently imagination stands out in the personality structure. The spacing between words again implies a wish to keep those around at a distance, for self-protective reasons. There is a little introversion in the background, a want for privacy. The script is mainly upright, indicating a desire to be independent and self-activating. This writer generally thinks before acting.

The lower extensions do not place emphasis on loops, so very little imagination is ap-

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from Friday 1st June returning
on Monday 11th June,

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and whether it is possible to obtain

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Twin peaks

Natural disasters

have always been hot news, it seems, even 9,000 years ago. Especially when that news concerns a volcanic eruption as is the case of the world's oldest known town, Catalhuyuk, in Southern Turkey.

Excavations at this Neolithic site in the 60s revealed an an-

cient wall painting depicting an erupting volcano which archaeologists have now identified as a twin-peaked mountain, Hasan Dag, some 100 miles from Catalhoyuk.

Courses/classes

The Greater World

Foundation Study Course for those who know nothing about Spiritualism or wish to increase their ability to pass on information to others, as church officers or circle leaders perhaps, commences October 31st. Participation in this course is mandatory for those wishing to go on to take the Greater World Medium's Study Course leading to certification. For more information contact Gail on ☎ 0171-436 7555.

Tai Chi and Yoga are just two of the courses on offer at Flint House, Lewes, this Autumn. The former takes place over 12 Wednesdays

11th. The Astrology, Psychology and the Mystery of Relationships. Workshop with Dione Smith for Bromley Astrological Association at the Small Hall, Bromley Central Library, High Street, Bromley. 7.30-10 pm; £1/£3 non-members. Enquiries ☎ 0181-464 2097.

11th. Aromatherapy Massage with Emma Lewis in Colchester. 9.30-5.30 pm; £45. Details ☎ 01206 763232/FAX 571080.

11th. Chiron Seminar with Melanie Reinhart for The Wessex Astrologer at the Roundhouse Hotel, Bournemouth. 10-4 pm; £30. Details from PO Box 2751, Bournemouth BH6 3ZJ (☎/FAX 01202 424695).

11th-12th. Inner Sound and Voice Workshop. An introductory weekend with Jill Purce on using your voice for healing at Regent's College, Regents Park, London. 10-5pm daily; £89. Bookings/details call ☎ 0181 444 4855.

11th-12th. The Halloween Festival at University of London Union, Malet Street, London W1. Free programme of events from Caduceus, 624 Leabridge

Road, Leyton, London E10 (☎ 0181-539 3569). Saturday 12-10.30pm (£6); Sunday 12-8.00pm (£5); two-day ticket £10. All profits to forestry conservation.

11th-19th. The European School of Theosophy at St Deniol's Residential Library, Hawarden, N. Wales. Details send SAE to Elize Probert, Adanhurst, Llangollen, Clwyd LL20 8SS.

12th. Healing with Angels with Diana Cooper at The Columbia Hotel, 95-99 Lancaster Gate, London W2. 11-6 pm; £55/£40 low waged/£25 concessions. Bookings/details ☎ 0171-287 6711 FAX 0171-734 7449.

12th. Lynwood Fellowship Seminar with Paul Crowther, Don Galloway and others at Golf Hotel, Woodhall Spa, Nr Horncastle, Lincs. £25 inc lunch. Details/bookings ☎ 01673 842256.

12th. Venus: worth, value and love. CPA seminar in London with Darby Costello. Details ☎/FAX 0181-749 2330.

12th. Tarot Sharing Workshop with Kim Thomas in Colchester, Essex. £30.

Bookings/details ☎ 01206 763232/FAX 01206 571080.

12th. Astrology Workshop with Carol Duncan at Taurus Moon, Burgess Hill, West Sussex. 10-4 pm; £25. Limited spaces, pre-booking essential. Details ☎ 01444 243965.

12th-18th. The Power of Healing with Libby Clark, Bob Clark and Kathryn Grundy at Tre-Ysgawen Hall, Capel Coch, Llangefni, Anglesey, North Wales, LL77 7UR. Fully residential, £320 (single supplement £40). Bookings/details call ☎ 01248 750750.

14th. Fen Shui. A talk by A. Arto, founder of the Fen Shui Association, for Bromley Astrological Association (see 11th for venue/☎). 7.30-10 pm; £1/£3 non-members.

15th. October is the 'Nicest' Month with Jackie Calder for the Scottish Astrological Association (see 1st for venue). Starts 7.30 pm; £1/£2 non-members. Enquiries ☎ 0131 557 2908.

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starting September 24th and ending December 10th (times vary according to level of experience) and the tutor is Andy Flynn. The yoga classes also run September to December and accommodate different levels of expertise at varying times. For details/bookings ☎ 01273 473388.

The South East London Folklore Society, which holds regular monthly meetings on a variety of topics, is also running a series of eight magical workshops starting this Autumn. Called *Exploring the 7 Spheres*, these encompass drum, sound and voice, posture and movement, pathworking and dreamwork, divination and magical alphabets, automatic drawing and sigils, archetypal energies and shamanism. For details of workshops and/or meetings send SAE to Ed Richardson, BM Swordfish, London WC1N 3XX.

A four-week Tarot evening class (7.30-9.30 pm) with Sylvia Collins starts October 1st at Taurus Moon, Burgess Hill, West Sussex. The course costs £45 and places are limited so pre-booking is essential. For more details call ☎ 01444 243965.

The Shamanic Journey Group meets regularly (alternate Wednesday evenings) in West London led by Howard G. Charing. The Autumn season meetings, which start this month, are on October 8th and 22nd, November 26th and December 10th at Garden Room, Friends Meeting House, 17 Woodville Road, Ealing W5. 7.30-10 pm; £5 per session inc refreshments. No need to book, simply turn up.

On a similar theme, drop-in Shamanic Dance sessions with Leo Rutherford & N'Goma Kundi Drummers are

being held at Faulkner Hall (Maria Assumpta Centre), 23 Kensington Square, off Derry Street, London W8 on September 23rd, October 9th and 21st, November 13th and 25th. 7 pm; £10/£7 concessions.

Paul Wade's series of 12 astrology workshops, *Written in the Stars?*, at the Connaught Adult Education Centre, Connaught Road, Hove, East Sussex, starts this month and takes place on Saturdays, 10-4 pm. The course is divided into three main sections and dates for Part 1 (chart interpretation) are October 18th and 25th, November 15th, December 6th and January 17th.

Part 2 (forecasting and prediction) dates are February 7th and 28th, March 21st, April 25th and May 16th; the last two workshops (Part 3: relationships and compatibility) are

Visualisation with Hazel Atterton at The Golden Bough (see 3rd). 7.30 pm; £3.

17th. Relaxation for Happiness. Evening talk with Ben Renshaw at the Columbia Hotel, 95-99 Lancaster Gate, London W2. 7.15-9.30 pm; £8/£4 cons. Details ☎ 0171-287 6711.

18th. Some Keys to Chart Interpretation. BASS seminar with Charles Harvey at the Stakis Hotel, Rossiters Rd, Bath. 10-5pm; £33. Details ☎ 01373 465147/FAX 01373 452981.

18th. Symposium of Thelemic Magick organised by Oxford Golden Dawn Occult Society at Oxford Town Hall, Carfax, Oxford. Suitable for all levels. Speakers include Phil Hine, Rufus Harrington, Steve Wilson plus ritual techniques workshops, dancing, drumming, etc. 11-6 pm; £9.99 advance booking. Cheques payable to Golden Dawn, PO Box 250, Oxford OX1 1AP; details ☎ 01865 243671/FAX 01865 432929.

18th. Theosophical Open Day at Hourne Farm, Steel Cross, Crowborough, East Sussex TN6 2SR. 10-6 pm.

Bookings send SAE to The Secretary at address given or ☎ 01892 661093.

18th-19th. The Mystic Experience with William Bloom. Weekend workshop in London. £110/£80 low waged/£50 cons. For details ☎ 0171-287 6711/FAX 0171-734 7449.

18th-19th. Keeping it Natural — Children and the Alexander Technique with Paul Smith at Flint House, 41 High Street, Lewes, E. Sussex. 10-5 pm daily; £70/£50 cons. Details ☎ 01273 473388.

18th-19th. Aromatherapy Massage Course with Emma Lewis in Ipswich. £80. Details ☎ 01206 763232/FAX 01206 571080.

19th. Friends & Siblings: the 3rd & 11th Houses. CPA seminar in London with Lyn Bell. Enquiries ☎ /FAX 0181-749 2330.

19th. Clairvoyant Development with Grace Laybourn in Colchester, £30. For details ☎ 01206 763232/FAX 57 1080.

19th-25th. Trance & Physical

Mediumship with Glyn Edwards, Eileen Mitchamson and Muriel Tennant at Tre-ygwawen Hall. Fully residential; details see 12th-18th or ☎ 01248 750750.

20th. The Crystal Skulls. Evening talk with Chris Morton & Ceri Louise Thomas at Alternatives, St James's Church, 197 Piccadilly, London (☎ 0171-287 6711). 7 pm; £6/£3 unwaged.

24th. Meditation With Crystals. Evening Satori workshop at The Research House, 86 Marylebone High St, London, W1M 3DE. 7.30-10.00pm. For details call ☎ 0181-539 9686.

24th. The Voice of Shamanism. One-day intensive workshop with Jill Purce at 20 Willow Road, Hampstead, London, NW3 (please bring rattle if you have one). 10-5pm; £52. One-day follow up group workshop on December 12th at same venue. Details call ☎ 0181-444 4855.

24th. Pluto, Uranus & Neptune: the Outer Planets. A fun talk with Brian Lee at The Golden Bough (see 3rd). 7.30pm; £4.50.

24th-26th. The Shaman's Dream-

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on June 6th and 13th. Each workshop costs £13 and can be attended separately but there is a good discount (nearly 25%) for the full programme, £120 instead of £156. Details/enrolment ☎ 01273 736491.

Winning numbers

A North Devon woman, Barbara Martin, won £2.7 million on the National Lottery in July 26th's draw. Having played the Lottery since its launch, she recently changed her numbers as a result of consulting a Tarot reader.

The reader gave Barbara some numbers just as she was leaving — and they certainly proved lucky for Barbara. The bad news is that we don't know the Tarot reader's name — nor whether she, too, was a winner. If she was, perhaps she would like to contact us with some more winning numbers!

New ventures

Recently opened in Doncaster is The Animal Healing Centre at 44 Christ Church Road, Doncaster DN1 2QL. Run by Linda and Gordon Duncan, the centre offers spiritual/complementary healing and advice for all kinds of animals and is open 8-5.30 pm (Mon-Wed); 8-4 pm (Thur); 8-1 pm (Fri & Sat). To find out more, give the centre a call on ☎ 01302 341514.

Ikons is the name of a new-ly launched mail order company which manufactures and sells fine reproductions of antiquities of the ancient world. The company specialises in Egyptian artefacts such as statuettes of well-known deities but also carries a range of other items like wall plaques of Greek gods, Buddhas and incense stick holders. The address to write to for a catalogue is Ikons, 22 Windermere Avenue,

Farington, Preston, Lancs PR5 1UJ or call ☎ 01772 436792 between 10-5 pm, Monday—Friday.

Fond farewell

It is with much regret that we report the death of Renée Hindle. One of the longest serving members of BAPS, she was its first psychic consultant and, until recently when illness forced her to give it up after 14 years' service, the Society's treasurer.

A clairvoyant of undoubted talent, whose name will be familiar in Spiritualist circles, her only ambition was to help and gently guide others less experienced than herself. Always patient, always kind, Renée's wisdom, good common sense, smiling face and happy laughter will be sadly missed by all who knew and respected her or met her but briefly through her work.

body. Experiential introductory weekend workshop with Howard G. Charing; £110. Booking/details and venue: Monkton Wyld Court, Charmouth, Dorset DT6 6DQ (☎ 01297 560342).

24th-26th. Healing Ourselves Through Our Wounds. Weekend workshop with Ann and Tony Neate at Runnings Park, Croft Bank, West Malvern, Worcs WR14 4DU. £212/£179 non-residential. For details ☎ 01684 573868/FAX 01684 892047.

25th. Introduction to Shamanism/ The Shamanic Make-up of Man. Satori workshops, 9.30-12.30pm/2.00-5.30pm. See 24th for venue or call ☎ 0181-539 9686.

25th. Psychic Protection with William Bloom in Manchester; suitable for all levels of experience. 9.30-5.30 pm; £55/£40 low waged/£25 cons. Bookings/details ☎ 0171-287 6711/FAX 0171-734 7449.

25th-26th. Psychic Questing Conference at the Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1A. 9.30-7.00pm

(Sat), 10.00-1.00pm (Sun); £14. Booking enquiries ☎ 0171 405 2120/e-mail ISIS @ cerbernet.co.uk

25th-26th. The Language of Light Seminar — The Mayan Calendar. With Anton Kornblum and Helen Leaf at The Golden Bough (see 3rd). 10-6 pm daily; £70. Bookings ☎ 0181-667 1944.

25th-26th. Sound Body, Sound Mind, Sound Spirit. A therapeutic sound and movement workshop with James D'Angelo at Hourne Farm, E. Sussex. Fully residential £65. Details/bookings from James D'Angelo, 14 Denmark Street, London W13 8RG (☎ 0181-579 9664).

26th. Towards a Psychology of Chakras. CPA seminar in London with Melanie Reinhart. Enquiries ☎/FAX 0181-749 2330.

26th. Meditation & Spiritual Practice with William Bloom in Manchester; suitable for beginners. 9.30-5.30 pm; £55/£40 low waged/ £25 cons. Details ☎ 0171-287 6711/FAX 0171-734 7449.

27th. From Embodiment to Enlighten-

ment. Talk with Caroline Arewa at Alternatives, St James's Church, Piccadilly, London W1 (☎ 0171-287 6711). 7 pm; £6/£3 unwaged.

27th-31st. Lynwood Fellowship Seminar at Cober Hill House, Cloughton, Nr Scarborough with Paul Crowther, Don Galloway and others. Fully residential; prices start at £127. Bookings/details call ☎ 01673 842256.

29th. Only a Stone's Throw Away with Caroline Gerard for the SAA (see 1st or ☎ 0131 557 2908). 7.30 pm; £1/£2 non-members.

31st. The 1997 Crop Circle Season. An evening lecture with slides and latest updates by David Kingston at The Friends Meeting House, Holloway Road, Dorchester. Admission £3. Details/time ☎ 01305 760213.

31st. Psychic Halloween Fayre. A psychic and mystic evening of fancy dress (including stalls and readers) organised by Crystalclear at the Godwin Tannery Rooms, Farnham Maltings, Farnham, Surrey. 4.30-10.30 pm; £2. Details ☎ 0181-892 7794.

October Sun Day Symbols

This is the eighth in our Symbols series. Proceed as usual. This month it's important to read not only your birthday (GMT adjusted if necessary) but also the following day as you may very well find it a better fit. In rare cases the preceding day may be more appropriate.

1st (and stragglers from 30th September) *The Libran Scales, highly ornate and nicely balanced with peonies in one pan and almond blossom in the other. There are drops of blood on the almond blossom.*

A symbol of the pleasant things of life — music, art, conversation, fashion, laughter, flowers, books, antiques, nectar and ambrosia... Although normally agreeable and civilised these Natives can be unexpectedly sharp. Eastern connections from way back.

2nd *Crusaders joust in a meadow outside a castle. Brilliantly coloured flowers are trampled underfoot and stained with blood.*

Libra isn't always such a sweet gentle sign as it's cracked up to be. Like all signs it reflects some traits of its opposite across the zodiac, in this case the sanguinary Aries. Today, tireless energy is directed into career, sport or simply having a good time. They are campaigners and firebrands, especially where politics or religion are involved. They do nothing by halves and can be quite frightening to others even when on their best behaviour. Horses come in somewhere, either now or in a former life.

3rd *Fantastically costumed skaters perform dizzy feats of balance on thin ice.*

This Sun Day is more conventionally Libran. Beautiful

people. Degree of courtesy and refinement. It's all very ethereal and gravity-defying. Nothing concrete about today. Nothing to be grasped. Airy, sky-ey, throwing, high kicking, blowing in the wind, dancing in the sunlight, weightlessness. They are restless and can't sit still or stay in the same place long. Music and colour enthral. The career tends to be an up-and-down affair — perhaps in a very odd way!

4th *Tarot suit of swords lying on a red checked cloth.*

The Scales tip the other way! This can be a violent degree. Even if not personally affected, Natives get involved with violent people or situations. At the very least they want to impose their will on others. They are brave or cruel, these being two sides of the same coin as far as astrology is concerned and Libra in particular can easily go one way or the other. They swim against the tide. They are physically energetic and love bustle, excitement and colour.

5th *Girls in a garden dappled by sunlight filtering through apple trees.*

Again — All Change! Today's girls are glamorous and the men are charming; their gardens are idyllic; their clothes fashionable; their landscapes shimmer; their buildings are architectural fantasies. Strawberries and cream come with silver spoons. They are nice helpful people, hating arguments and rows. They can make you laugh and brighten up the dullest day.

6th *Sweating stagehands manoeuvre apparatus into position for a romantic scene on a terrace smothered in bougainvillea.*

They may appear tough and belligerent but they dream of beauty, painting and poetry and of bringing glamour into grey environments. DIY appeals. Usually their lives are sunny and enjoyable. The men are inventive and handy, the girls decorative.

7th *A TV quiz show; the host holds up a huge question mark.*

Strange dispositions, hard to fathom. Some are heroes but they're just as likely to move towards the terrorist persuasion, given fertile soil. Strong views, strongly expressed. Many find them refreshing and exhilarating. They are well up in current affairs, especially in politics and sport. Children are a mixed blessing but music is a delight.

8th *Silver threads connect up to form an intricate four-dimensional spider's web.*

Degree of speech and communications. Rather noisy communications and situations but Natives don't mind. They hold their own and like to be in the thick of things. Physics, electronics, computers, Space Age pursuits are starred for the clever ones. Others do the best they can. Snares lie in wait for the unwary.

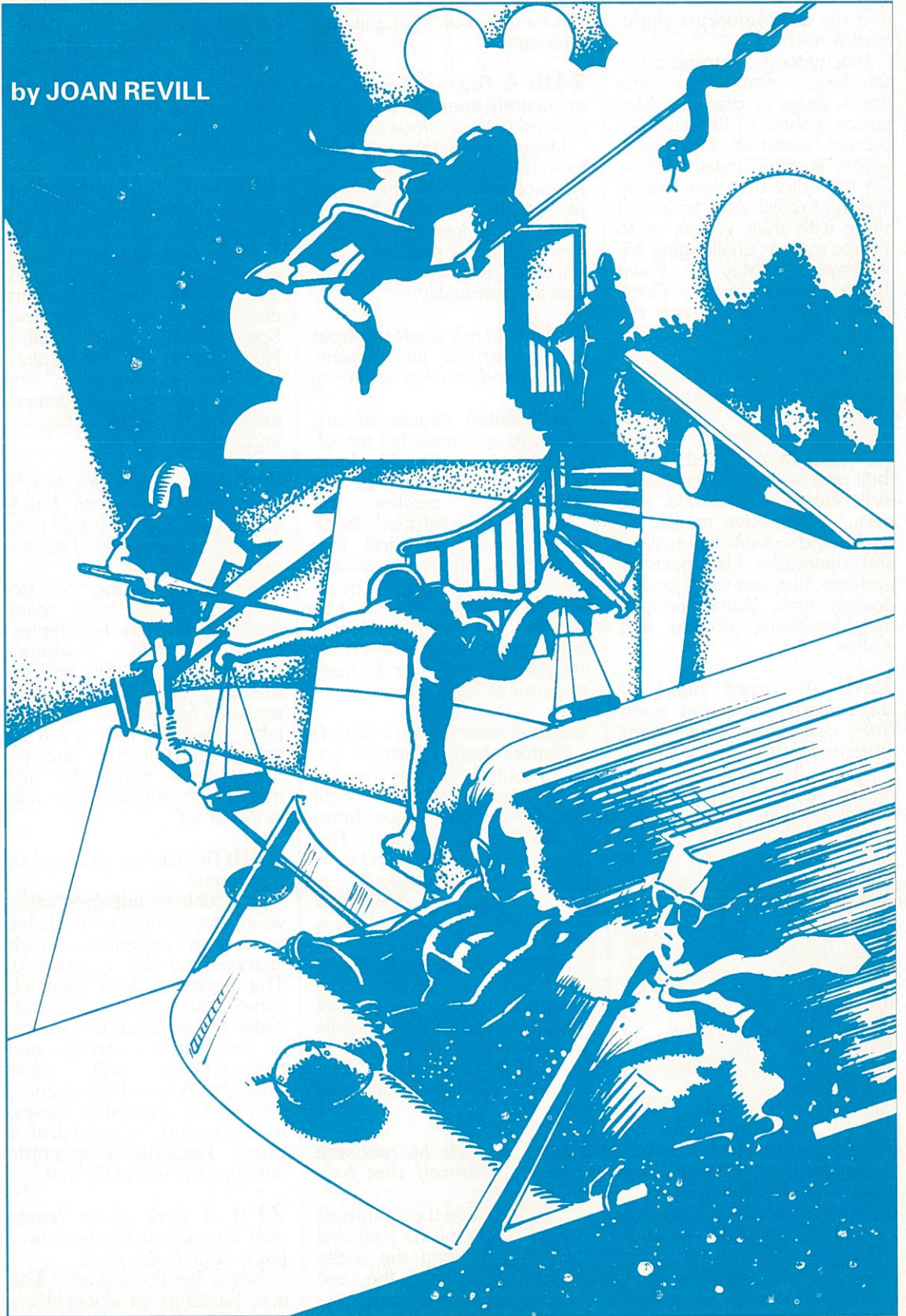
9th *In the distance someone walks alone through a cheering, singing crowd.*

They are magnetic and ruthless yet solitary. Music is the big thing for them but they also enjoy the theatre, ritual, spectacle, daredevil sports and mysteries. Family member(s) cause(s) worry, even grief, which may contribute to their feeling of being cut off or ganged up on.

10th *The night sky, but not our familiar view of it. The*

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stars are larger and nearer and the constellations slightly different.

Fascinated by astronomy or astrology, creation or time travel, drugs or dreams. May put on a show of fierceness to protect sensitive inner self, which is pink marshmallow. On the quiet they live fantasy lives and really want to be left alone with their visions or to escape to new, challenging environments. May be drawn (back) to the North. Good chance of becoming rich but prone to depression or 'nerves.'

11th *Large men sitting in large leather armchairs in an exclusive club.*

Big in build and/or character. They have a good idea of their own worth and are usually well rewarded. Political animals, co-operative mediators, pacifists, charitable, councillors and counsellors. Unexpectedly perhaps, they are very good at dealing with young people, their problems, dreams and wishes.

12th *A curved flight of steps leads up to an open front door from which light streams forth.*

Again, 'big' people. Hospitable and popular. Their homes are full of treasures, antiques, books and music. They prefer their associates to be higher, rather than lower, on the social scale as they have a healthy respect for power, and power is the name of their game. Not altogether lucky with partners although there is an unsnappable bond.

13th *A girl driving a sports car very fast, a young man sitting beside her.*

The girls are really brainy given half a chance. They go straight for what they want. Good looking. Strong opinions. They meet with hostility but are not deterred. Loved or loathed. The boys are nice and more into the arts than the girls. They are happy to work with or for women — or find

that they have to anyway. (Those who won't get quite unpleasant!)

14th *A Faberge Easter egg exquisitely enamelled and encrusted with precious stones.*

Degree of charm and good looks. Elegance, love of clothes. An excellent eye for the expensive and fashionable. They are relaxed and ignore the nastinesses of life. Attractive mix of spirituality and sexiness or sexiness and spirituality.

15th *A blank sheet of paper with an ornate jar of pens, pencils and brushes standing nearby.*

A talented degree of art, literature and music but too often Natives can't buckle down to work. Basically they are self-indulgent, careless, impractical, never satisfied. Additionally they may drift into some questionable situations. A partner may present problems but, nevertheless, can't be overlooked. They are friendly and popular and possess healing powers, but they do need someone to keep them at it.

16th *A seesaw in an orchard.*

Natives change partners, careers, countries. They transfer allegiances and pursue legal disputes. Circumstances bring about personality swings. The more highly charged can be, to put it mildly, difficult — difficult enough to fly right off the seesaw and have nervous collapses. The less intense have sweet dispositions, loving their families, gardens and household gods. They just change their minds while they're telling you they've changed their minds... They all have vitality, ability and tenacity.

17th *Man sits by roadside reassuring himself that he's still alive.*

At some stage they confront the dark night of the soul and are dragged along the rocky bottom. Sometimes they are the authors of their own mis-

fortunes, sometimes Fate is ranged against them. They take risks but usually come through all right. They have the usual Libran good looks and are very likeable. Oh, and there's an interest in (and some awe of) astrology.

18th *Police raid brilliantly lit and noisy nightclub. There are many protests at the intrusion.*

Bright but wayward. They cause trouble one way or another to their families but are decorative and amusing. Sophisticated, cosmopolitan. Not bound by convention. Striking personalities and 'leader' material so allowances are made for them. They enjoy danger.

19th *A drawing room, french windows open on to lovely gardens and a fairy tale view over a river to a city of towers and minarets.*

A civilised harmonious degree. Natives have many friends and trip the light fantastic through life. Fortune's favourites. Attractive and romantic. They have a great sense of fun and see life as a joke. Perhaps they are a bit lightweight but they are refined, write beautifully and make their surroundings into works of art.

20th *St Paul on the road to Damascus.*

In trouble or unhappy when young but at some period liable to have an experience which changes the life completely. The transition isn't painless, some injury or trauma precedes and succeeds it. However, the Native's courage and determination will shine through. A social conscience, support for unpopular causes, moral strength. A great deal of travel. Regarded as eccentric but none the worse for that.

21st *A dark cloud hangs over an ancient battleground but is edged with gold.*

Not a happy degree. Toil and hardship produce stress

and fatigue. Natives feel that the services they render others are unappreciated — and they're right! Their kindness and self sacrifice are taken for granted. Depression is common. If this is your Sun Day, hang on. A dream or inner vision should be heeded, it will eventually pay off. A karmic debt may be being settled.

22nd *Tiger about to spring.*

Wild ones are born today and there seems to be no coping with them. They need periods of solitude yet they want to be made much of and will do or say anything to gain attention. This can lead to unpleasant situations as they have unorthodox views to start with. Youngsters go out of their way to annoy their elders. Drugs are a problem. Very brave, they can overcome physical disabilities if necessary. Most girls are lovely but, alas, bitchy!

23rd *A striking figure in black velvet strides through a slum carrying a file marked SECRET.*

They are flamboyant creatures in hostile environments which — like everything else they encounter — they have the ability to change. They like to feel they have power or knowledge which is denied others. They dabble in the occult, experiment with sex, instigate or fight crime, become psychiatrists, haunt hospitals. They have an undeniable bias towards good if they choose to cultivate it.

24th *A First Prize rosette pinned to a backpack.*

There's nothing these Natives cannot do and do excellently. Those from poor or indifferent backgrounds are driven on to climb fastest and farthest. They grieve for man's inhumanity to man and try to alleviate it. On the other hand, they hate whingers and whiners and make fine hatchet men. They take dangerous, hair-raising journeys.

25th *Native drummers by a dark river.*

Degree of self-aggrandisement. They see themselves as special and aren't far wrong. They can be heroes or villains, it depends on genes and upbringing. They feel they are masters of their fates and captains of their souls. They are always ready for a fight and are capable of relentless enmity. They go on the stage, write music, travel to off-beat locations. They are able and willing to accept a higher authority and at some time will turn to philosophy, religion or the occult.

26th *Nude on a sofa holding a peacock feather fan.*

Sexy, vital, dynamic and tough. They are attacked either verbally or physically but are well able to take care of themselves. Much that is suppressed in their lives, they hide behind veils of secrecy and personal reserve. Devious. Present is the Scorpio strand of revivalist religion and deep mystical experiences capable of rising to spiritual ecstasy. Past was in temples or royal courts.

27th *Lightning flashes across spectacular waterfall which a girl tightrope walker is preparing to cross. As the sunlight falls on the water beneath, a rainbow is formed.*

The elements combine to make a striking character. Moods range from happy enthusiasm to dark brooding passion. Impulsive and restless. Although quite capable of facing any odds on their own they secretly crave love, appreciation and admiration. Will power and courage are remarkable. Women's rights-ers. Gamblers. Hard to keep clear of scandal. Often sickly or unhappy when young.

28th *Black crepe tied round a beehive.*

Busy people set on making lots of money. Catering, health foods, chemical products, floristry, gardening, perfumery may point the way.

Needles, stings, cutting words and tools are also keywords of this degree. Antiquarian interests. Superstitious. Communicating with others in some way, even as far as 'beyond the veil.' Unusual folk with strong imaginations which can lead to great discoveries or over-sensitivity. A fated sorrow in the life.

29th *On a bench in a deserted laboratory lie a knife, a bunch of pungent herbs and a Latin script.*

Degree of medicine, supposedly bestowing the gift of healing. Otherwise, Natives are difficult, vulnerable, nervous people — aloof, social misfits, misunderstood by many. They go their own ways, arguing as they go. They can be very cutting and aggressive but are magnetic and stoical. They bring new insights to the rest of us, especially in the arts. A Government Health Warning in respect of drugs and poisons.

30th *A serpent amongst gravestones.*

Not a pleasant symbol but Natives have the satisfaction of being in a class alone. This is another medical degree. A reserved nature with great although dark and scary powers. The mysteries of death, rebirth and the black arts absorb them. They suffer misfortunes, financial loss, love tangles, nervous prostration, but are tireless and fearless. They have revolutionary ideas and occult gifts, love the sea and poetry and become reclusive very easily.

31st *An oak tree, the roots gnarled and knotted are home to many woodland creatures.*

Degree of physical strength. Today's Natives are at home with quiet, country folk. A secretive nature with hidden ambitions. Good for psychiatrists and researchers. Natives may discover hidden treasure so get them a metal-detector for this, their own Sun Day! If unlucky — well, they obviously belong to November 1st!

PALISTRY

by PETER WEST



ARE YOU A NIBBLER?

Fingernails are usually noticed first and are indicators of a number of things, not least the state of general health. Bitten nails are more indicative of any personal problems.

With most people's hands we tend to notice the nails first. Our eyes are often drawn because of their appearance, particularly if they are badly kept, very well maintained or, of course, coated with nail varnish.

Nails are important. They are indicators of one's state of health and temperament. In the clinical sense, examination of the nails can reveal certain mineral deficiencies, strain, nervous tension, physical and mental strength and, sometimes, vascular problems.

As far as temperament is concerned the nails act as a pointer to whether the subject has a short sharp temper, enjoys a placid personality, is critical or superficially charming.

Physically, the nail is composed of horn and takes about six months to grow from hidden roots. There is a continual growth process and any mark at the base of the nail takes about 180 days to grow out.

This does not apply to horizontal barring which may appear as a result of illness, nor does it apply to longitudinal ridging which often appears in bitten nails, usually indicating the nervous system to be under a strain.

If nails have both horizontal

bars and longitudinal ridges this is an indication of poor health through organic, glandular or endocrine imbalance. This, in turn, will affect the overall nervous disposition which usually results in tiredness or irritability with a generally run-down feeling.

When bitten nails have both horizontal and longitudinal ridging check the palmar side of the hand. This may show the cause to be an emotional shock, infection, nutritional imbalance or, quite simply, an accident.

Nail biting itself has been classified as a behavioural disorder, a secondary habit disturbance. It may also be regarded as a personality disorder because it is a repetitive unconscious movement.

When analysing the hand, the thumb and fingers may be compared and understood to reflect certain psychological relationships. The thumb tip may be said to represent our principal point of overall self-control. The second phalange indicates how we reason and think things through. The development of the third phalange, or mount of Venus, shows how we react after processing these matters.

These three factors alone

show just why the thumb is so special and very important in hand analysis. It shows exactly how we feel things.

The first finger reflects our personality, our ego and how we value ourselves. The middle finger shows how we learn the lessons of life and put into practice what we learn.

The third finger shows how we interrelate socially and help teach others in our various circles how to behave either by our own actions or through instruction. The fourth, or little finger has always been associated with the way we communicate.

Stress in any of these areas of life can result in the nail of the finger associated with that issue either breaking off or becoming brittle or deformed in some way.

Horizontal or longitudinal ridges can also develop and, until the problem is resolved, they may stay that way. Long periods of a disorder can so seriously affect the future growth of the nail that it might never return to normal.

As short-term problems pass, the mark simply grows out and, after about six months, just disappears. When reading hands it becomes a relatively easy matter to assess the start of a problem using this simple time scale.

Medical authorities have studied this phenomenon and classified nail biting. In America research has been taken further by hand analysts who have come to a not unreasonable set of conclusions regarding bitten nails.

The thumb

When the thumb nail is bit-

ten it is suggested that personal will power is being blocked. The subject may be forced to do things he/she does not want to do or there is something he wants and knows he should do but he avoids so doing.

This may be linked to occupational or career matters. Unhappiness here may be a result of a number of things. A failed promotion bid, not taking action to better oneself or just stalling on major decision-making.

The first finger

When this nail is bitten it suggests a lack of esteem or self-confidence. The subject may be experiencing second thoughts about an important course of action or a decision. It can also indicate feelings of guilt for not pulling one's weight.

Perhaps the subject is not rising to the occasion in some way or may be having pangs of shame or is worried about something he has or has not done. This is the ego finger, so a bitten nail here implies unresolved or negative feelings about the self.

The middle finger

Should this nail be bitten there may be feelings of guilt or an emotional problem that cannot be resolved easily. Quite often, this is the small voice of conscience bothering the subject.

This may refer to some disorganisation that effects day-to-day life. If so, progress in getting matters back to normal may prove slow or very difficult.

This finger also represents the inner self. A bitten nail here could be a reflection of inner dissatisfaction with the way the subject is trying to get matters back to normal. Having to do things one dislikes, especially as a duty or obligation of some kind, may also be a reason.

The third finger

When this nail is bitten there can be a fear of failure in the eyes of one's peers, perhaps leading to self-doubt or, at an extreme, loneliness. Often the problem is not really with the subject but with others. The cause may arise from temporary conditions at work.

The subject may be having difficulty in keeping up with people who make the social running. Alternatively, there may be family or emotional problems with a loved one. This is the finger concerned with our image and the face we present to the world. A bitten nail here is often a cry for help.

The little finger

Should this nail be bitten it suggests a communication problem of some kind. Sometimes, this may be sexual in nature for the little finger is also concerned with the id; there may be unresolved desired or needs with which the subject

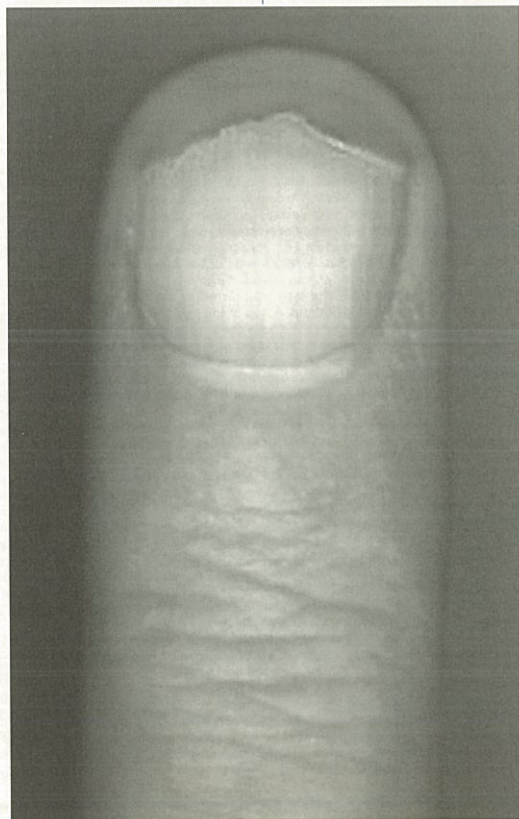
may be unable to identify properly. If this is the case, the subject should find the time to consider the possible source(s).

As this is the finger of communication it is essential that the matter is resolved quickly. As long as the problem is present the subject will not properly express himself. A period of self-analysis will prove profitable.

When all the fingernails are bitten and the person chews on hangnails as well, expect to find inner unhappiness and dissatisfaction with one's lot. The subject must make an effort to change what is wrong or seek help to do so.

Nail biting is symptomatic of anger, rage and frustration and the sooner steps are taken to rectify the problem(s) the better. These suggestions are given for the reader to experiment as he or she sees fit.

In practice, I have found some of these remarks and suggestions to be very accurate indeed.



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A brief description of the contents is as follows:

- In nine days flat a desperate unemployed man receives £2,800 "out of the blue", a tax rebate, and a lucrative job offer, after performing the Money Magick Rite.
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- A young waitress, not particularly bright or attractive, tries Cabalistic Magick in an ambitious bid for wealth. Two years later she has become a millionaire, owns several restaurants, and marries a rich banker.
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- Unveiled: Cabalistic Secrets of Moses and Solomon.
- The truth about **astral travelling**. Many authors complicate this subject, others over-simplify it; the result is that few ever achieve it. The Master Grimoire explains **exactly how it is achieved**, and reveals the **secret magickal rite** for attaining a successful astral projection within one week of beginning the instructions.
- Astral travelling is **absolutely safe**, even fun. **Practical uses** are illustrated by true stories such as the one of how a woman satisfied her suspicions about her husband's nocturnal activities during his business trips abroad.
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- A young ambitious man feels "blocked" from getting ahead by those above him. The Cabalistic Power and Domination Rite changes the situation overnight.
- Tired of her husband's bullying a woman finds a highly effective magickal formula for dealing with him.
- Beauty, intelligence, money are **no match for winning the opposite sex compared to the awesome powers of Cabalistic Magick!** Highly potent formulae are shown for getting any beautiful women or handsome man.
- An ancient Egyptian rite, 3000 years old, miraculously saves a businessman from bankruptcy!
- A young man, always taken for granted by people, tries magick and almost overnight finds himself the centre of admiration and respect! Even his marriage was saved as his wife began to see him in a new light.
- The **Enemy-Defeating Rite**: for taking care of those who unfairly oppose you.
- A middle-aged widow, in financial difficulty, unexpectedly gets and weds a wealthy bachelor.
- **To Compel a Stranger to Introduce Himself/ Herself** Cabalistic ceremony; it builds an **irresistibly magnetic-compelling effect** on the person you wish to influence. Perhaps not "ethical", but if you really want someone this will work for you.
- **Make Someone Contact You Rite**: can be used for all sorts of situations, including re-awakening the interest and passions of an old flame!
- The **"Bombshell" Venus Love Ceremony**: it enabled one girl to get her boyfriend back from a rival, and persuaded him to marry her immediately! Another woman used it on her always "too busy" husband and found him turned into a hot latin lover!
- A woman, plain and unattractive, found her true Soul Mate and became the envy of her more attractive sisters.
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This Vision Thing

Over a century of research has done little, it seems, to advance our knowledge of psychic powers and the paranormal.

I have a dream. I dream that one day a scientist in a lab somewhere in the world will manage to carry out a verifiable experiment that will crack the nut of psychic phenomena wide open.

As dreams go it's not as unattainable as it may at first sound. Right this moment, as you're reading this, \$150 million dollars is being spent worldwide to make this dream come true.

And yet things aren't looking good.

Take Project Star Gate for example. This was the Pentagon's \$20 million fling at psychic powers. Yet its story parallels the developments in the history of psychic research itself.

For those who believe, extrasensory perception (ESP) is a given that has yet to be understood. To sceptics it is a wild-goose chase based upon a premise that has yet to prove itself; that psychic powers exist outside the realms of speculative probability and street-wise hoaxers.

The layperson falls somewhere in between. Willing to believe but requiring at least a little proof in order to do so. Which is exactly how and why psychic research began.

The beginning

Up until the 19th century supernatural events of any kind were not at odds with mankind's view of himself and the world. Man was supposed to be in essence a supernatural being with eternal life and the world was seen as the happy

hunting ground of dynamic evil forces which could intervene directly in the lives of humans.

All this came to an end with the advent of materialism. The logic went that 'if such things are real then they should be demonstrable in scientific terms just as are all other aspects of the universe.'

by DAVID AMERLAND

The date this change of pace came about is well known — 1882. That was the year the Society for Psychical Research (an organisation still in existence today) was formed in London.

It was felt, in those early days of heady scientific materialism, that before too long all mysteries surrounding the occult would fall to scientific enquiry. Despite the ardent support of luminaries like physicists Sir Oliver Lodge and Sir William Crookes, Alfred Russell Wallace (co-discoverer of the Theory of Evolution alongside Darwin) and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, among others, the results turned out to be as disappointing as they're well-known.

Experiments took the form of semi-public gatherings in the houses of mediums. These led directly to a boom in table-tapping, mediumistic messages, ectoplasmic manifestations and ghost appearances, most of which were subsequently exposed as creative usage of muslin cloth, clever lighting, hidden accomplices and outright fakery.

Phase two

However, those involved in psychic research still felt intuitively that there was more to psychic ability than had so far been revealed. So it was not long before a change of direction was initiated in the exploration of the occult.

The demise of the first phase of psychic research gave rapid rise to a second, every bit as suspect: ghost-hunting.

At that time the main proponent of this new craze was Harry Price. A man who made a name for himself by publicly exposing haunted houses as the hoaxes they were.

It is unfortunate that he then succumbed to the temptation to engage in a little hoaxing of his own. This concerned the phenomena he allegedly witnessed and studied at Borley Rectory, Suffolk.

Phenomena which he profitably detailed in his book *The Most Haunted House in England*. However, the exposure of fraud by scientific investigators which inevitably followed sealed both the fate of Harry Price and that of the second phase of psychic research.

Phase three

The third phase started in 1927 and continues to this day. That year, in an attempt to claw back some public respectability for a profession that had — in the public's eyes — become synonymous with chicanery, Dr J. B. Rhine (who also invented the forerunner of the Zenner cards) formed the Parapsychology Laboratory at Duke University in North Carolina, USA.

What followed eerily echoes the results of Project Star Gate. Under what he termed 'rigor-

ous scientific conditions' Rhine studied telepathy and precognition by testing thousands of people with very encouraging results.

By the 1940s Rhine was claiming irrefutable evidence of the existence of psychic powers. But subsequent analysis by critics pointed out that results obtained in Rhine's laboratory were rarely replicable (the mainstay of scientific rationale) in laboratories elsewhere in the world.

By the time he retired, the implication that results had been rigged or faked and that cheating had taken place ensured not only the closure of his lab but also set a theme regarding psychic research that taints it even now.

The scandal factor

Sketched in broad brushstrokes as this history of psychic research may be, it is also very revealing because even when a concerted effort is made to study it under the best possible conditions and for the most pressing of reasons, it seems unable to repeat any other pattern.

This may be because the use of psychic powers truly does not lend itself to exploitation for purely selfish purposes. Then again, it may simply be that the motives of those who instigate such research are suspect to begin with.

Whatever the answer, the fact remains that once work has begun, the scandal and discrediting are never too far away.

Between 1972 and 1977 the Central Intelligence Agency spent \$750,000 setting up, organising and funding Project Star Gate. The main purpose of this project was to make use of people with psychic powers to pinpoint or predict enemy movements and developments.

What the CIA hoped to get from Project Star Gate was a clear-cut advantage in military intelligence gathering. What it got was a morass of titbits which, in the subsequent fall-

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out, have once more tarred psychic research with the con-man's brush.

In 1981, for example, the American General James Dozier became a kidnap victim in Italy. One psychic told the Pentagon that the general was being kept 'in a stone house with a red roof.'

The fact that this description applies to the greater proportion of houses in rural Italy did little to stem the CIA's enthusiasm for the Project.

With a drive displayed only by the very gullible or those who have ulterior motives to hide, Agency agents took to scouring stone-built, red-roofed, housed villages throughout Italy.

When, eventually, James Dozier was discovered prisoner in a house in Padua (practically all stone-housed and red-roofed) it was held up as proof of the Project's efficacy.

Subsequently, the CIA asked the psychics to sketch where Colonel Muammar Gaddafi was being kept prior to the US air-bombing of Libya. Not too difficult a task, one would think, especially given the well-documented and experimentally validated success of remote viewing, using ordinary subjects in SRI (Stanford Research Institute) labs in Pasadena.

Yet, despite the many sketches produced, Colonel Gaddafi was nowhere near the bombs when they hit their targets.

In view of the mixed bag of results (and the mounting cost) the US Congress belatedly ordered the CIA to conduct a study of the effectiveness of Project Star Gate.

The CIA complied by hiring the American Institute for Research to do the job; and the cat was really let out of the bag this time.

The ambivalence factor

Apparently, when the study was concluded the psychics 'sometimes seemed to be right on,' according to Jessica Utts, a statistician at the University of California who contributed to the study. But only sometimes.

When the reports were tallied, Star Gate psychics got their facts right 25% of the time. (With statistical odds of 1,000,000:1). But the study also (rather typically) reported that there was 'a large amount of irrelevant, often erroneous information' and (omitting to take into account entirely the non-analytical nature of ESP) even when the reports were right they were 'vague and general in nature.'

Any of this sound familiar by now? There is more; the study also aired the suspicion that the psychics may have been subconsciously coaxed by their handlers. And, to top it all off, evidence was also found that the handlers (for reasons of their own) sometimes embellished what the psychics reported.

The problem

The reason project Star Gate forms such a good micro-model of the history of psychic research is because it illustrates beautifully how base human needs try to hijack, exploit and generally abuse a gift that may be truly of the gods. In the process, they manage to destroy our chance of ever understanding it.

By nature psychic ability seems to operate at best when unexpected and unobserved. In what might be a telling indicator of the way ESP functions, even the most gifted subjects produce poor results under laboratory conditions.

Ordinary people placed under duress can display extraordinary capabilities of ESP by becoming telepathic and/or clairvoyant. But, across the board, the general agreement is that when the expectations are high, the results are disappointing.

Perhaps this may be what we have yet to learn about how to make ESP work to order. Then again, there may be a safety mechanism that kicks in every time we try to use ESP to further petty self-serving aims, whether these be self-enrichment and aggrandisement or

political and military espionage.

Whatever the real reasons, the fact remains that over 100 years of research have done little to advance our knowledge of psychic powers and the paranormal.

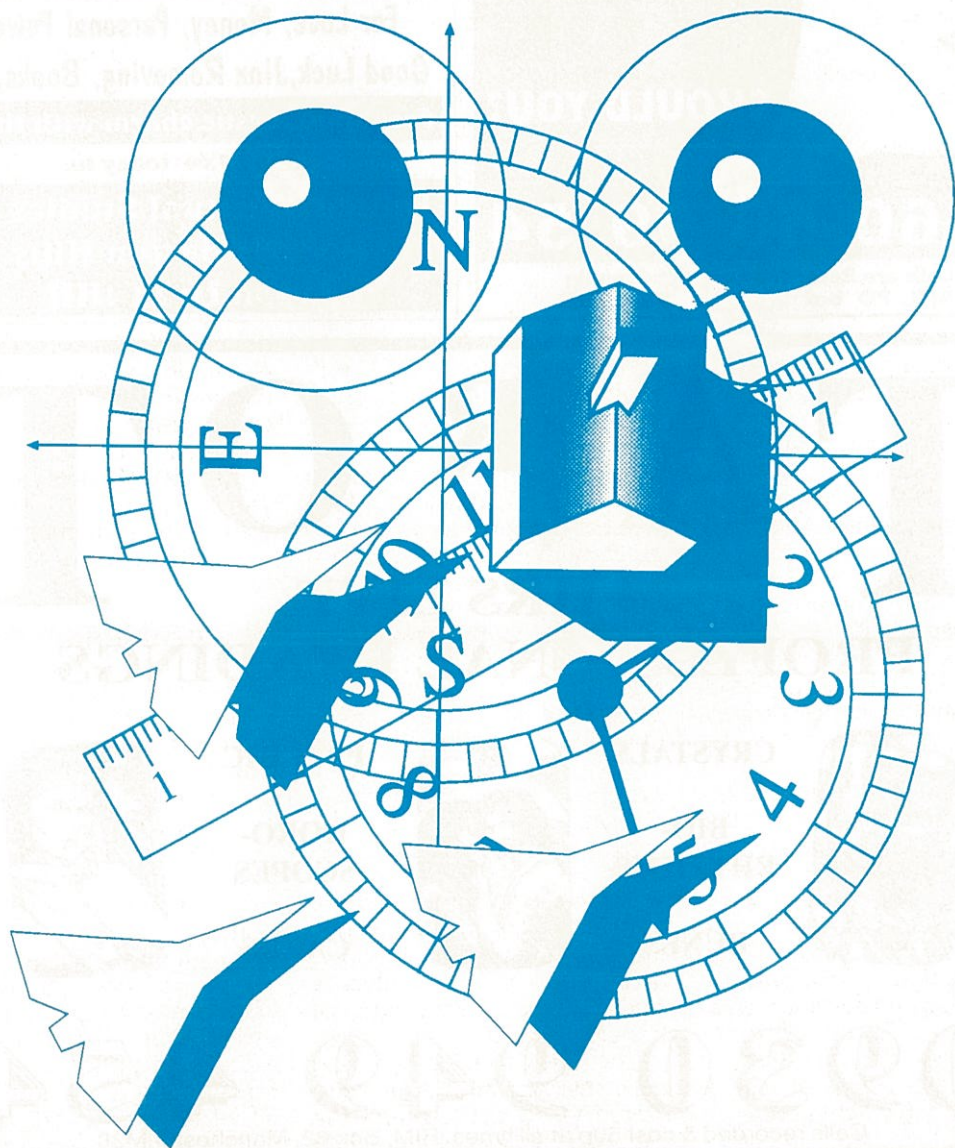
Mainly this is because, unconsciously echoing the evolution of politics (a barometer of 'civilised' society by most standards), those who most want to get involved are the least equipped to do so. They lack the necessary vision that will lead research down alleys that could yield results.

Despite all this, or maybe be-

cause of it, ESP research is far from dead. Martin Gardner, a founder of the US Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal, explained it best when he said, 'Folks want to believe that the paranormal is real.'

At present, scientific evidence is scant, sketchy, full of inconsistencies, contradictions and wide-ranging controversy. Now, one day soon, all this may change.

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THE TAROT

by JOHN CHRISTOPHER TRAVERS

KNIGHT OF SWORDS

This month's card places the accent on action but without subtlety and with no thought for any consequences.

Like a whirlwind, whisking past at a great rate of knots, the Knight of Swords gallops into view waving his sword, anxious to reach his destination and not really being very keen to establish the facts of it all. It is the enthusiasm which endears, even if it is a little irresponsible. There is not much tact or subtlety either, just this desire to get into the thick of things.

There is also a duality to consider. This is a card which can mean that one particular situation is current, or it can mean that exactly the opposite situation is uppermost.

Precisely what the situations are has to be judged according to individual circumstances and, as always, what the other cards in a spread imply. This could just as easily be a card of mischief as a card of great help (if a little over enthusiastic).

A mischief-maker comes into anyone's orbit for good or ill. The intention is usually to cause trouble, but it could just as easily be childlike impetuosity. If the influence does bring trouble, it will be quite devastating at first but, just like a hurricane causing damage, it will be swept aside very swiftly. The problem then lies with repairing the damage and generally mopping up.

If, however, the influence is one of help, it will mean that someone will come along trying to do his/her best in a diffi-

cult situation, cutting through all of the seemingly insurmountable difficulties and putting things right as far as possible.

One interpretation of the Knight of Swords has always intrigued me: that it could represent a repairer of damage on a physical level. The best possible way of responding to this is to consider a surgeon operating on an accident victim or patching up after any kind of surgical operation.

The healing process is another matter altogether as the Knight of Swords in this particular instance is only concerned with stitching and repairing.



What follows, for better or worse, is not an immediate concern.

Another aspect of this Knight is that it represents inner emotions and thoughts which are in some kind of turmoil. The obvious need then is to sort it all out quickly and regain some kind of balance. The difficulty is that sudden and possibly ill-conceived decisions are more likely than not, with a strong dose of impetuosity thrown in.

What is needed is some control over the troubled emotions, allowing time to elapse before any sudden decision is made. Easily said but seldom possible with this Knight in the ascendant.

Perhaps the most important point to remember with the Knight of Swords is that it is, after all, a card of the Swords suit. There is no point in expecting favourable influences with this card or even trying to be selective with interpretations.

I have never really favoured Crowley as an interpreter of the Tarot but he had an uncanny way of getting to the heart of the cards as very few other writers have. He tended to be a little high-flown in his ideas and often strayed into paths of his chosen occult adherence that only his faithful followers would wish to emulate.

Even so, his comments about the Swords Knight are

pertinent and at least interesting. He used such words as 'attack, activity, skill, subtlety, cleverness, courageous' to describe this card, suggesting that the Knight was incapable of decision and that any action of his would easily be thwarted by opposition.

In many ways this does describe the layers underneath the surface enthusiasm of the Knight of Swords who is always ready for action even if it turns out to have been the wrong decision in the first place.

One writer on the Tarot thought that if any cards had to be allocated to any of the 12 zodiac signs, then the Knight of Swords would represent Aries. A little unkind perhaps but it is not too far off the mark. The Knight of Swords does tend to act first and think

afterwards, getting into all kinds of scrapes as a result. An endearing but also an irritating quality that is not always appreciated by those on the receiving end.

However, never underestimate the usefulness of the Swords Knight. He rushes in where angels and mortals fear to tread. This can sometimes be a blessing as it is as if one can simply hand over the responsibility of any action to the Knight and he will deal with any difficulty that needs his attention.

Actually, life is not quite like that in reality but there is a certain resemblance which is mildly reassuring. There are times when we want to abdicate responsibility or just cannot cope with it. Anyone who can, temporarily of course, lift that burden from our shoulders is a

friend indeed. However ungrateful it may sound, it would be just as well to sever the connection once the deed has been done.

This is not a friend for every day but an influence which can be useful for a specific reason. It would be more than foolish to hitch to this particular star, if only because one would never quite know the next destination, apart from all the antics and adventures on the way.

Best to enjoy, up to a point, the passing stranger and the help given. Afterwards heave a sigh of relief and get on with rather more mundane living and settle into some kind of normality.

Of course, one can keep a fond memory from time to time; the Swords Knight does leave a little of its personality behind as a memento.

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ASTROLOGY SECTION



OCTOBER

MELTING POT

With three major planets — Jupiter, Uranus and Neptune — turning direct in the second week of October we can expect significant events on the world stage. Aquarius is strongly activated, putting a major focus on humanitarian concerns and the cultivation of friendly relations between world powers.

There's likely to be a great deal of attention on developments in China, perhaps worries over increasing corruption in the main centres of trade and a head-on confrontation between liberalising elements and hard-liners in the government. However, there is also a great deal of positive potential written into the astrological pattern which points to the emergence of a more open society and better relations between North and South China.

With such a powerful accent on Aquarius and Sagittarius throughout October the drive towards establishing easier political and trade relations will be accentuated. No doubt we shall be hearing much of European monetary union at this time.

The economic situation in Italy and Spain seems to

be undergoing a rather critical phase possibly causing the threat of violence. Critical dates for world financial markets are the 3rd, 6th and 11th.

At home, there are strong indications that property prices will rise but also a threat of increasing inflation and interest rates around mid October. The recent euphoria over the change of government may receive something of a blow, the main critique being unrealistic attitudes or over-optimism. However with such a positive trend, lessons may be learned very quickly and fresh initiatives will yield results.

Matters relating to the law and the police are likely to be prominent in the first half of the month. The Mars-Pluto conjunction on the 3rd brings a danger of confrontations involving the police on a fairly large scale (the cities of Bradford and Birmingham are a likely focus). Alternatively, a rather scandalous lawsuit involving a prominent public figure may be very much in the headlines around this time.

Generally, this is a month when many issues are thrown into the melting pot. Hopefully this will lead to positive transformations in social life and worldwide give-and-take among the nations.

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.

LEO

JULY 21 TO AUGUST 21



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

The planetary pattern contains tremendous creative potential for expressing your talents.

The right opportunities are likely to present themselves, giving you the necessary scope and incentive to go where you want to go and do what you want to do. Indeed, October is going to be a month when you'll be in your own element, gravitating into the centre of things and doing your own thing.

Many planets in helpful alignment to your sign contrive to

smooth your path. Leos interested in the arts, entertainment or sport will make tremendous headway during the coming weeks.

Efforts over the past year or so will come to fruition and the right opportunities will enable you to extend the scope of these activities. Take note of the favourable trends in force on the 5th, 12th, 16th, 19th and 25th when luck awaits the adventurous.

While Mercury is speeding through your 3rd Solar House between the 2nd and 19th you can expect a very lively momentum in everyday affairs, perhaps also a pleasant change of routine in the second week. Communications are a key factor here.

A message you receive on or just after the 9th is likely to put you in good spirits, particularly if it concerns business, publishing or education. Matters relating to younger people, particularly your offspring if you have them, will also please you now.

In heart interests, October may prove to be a highlight of the year for romantically-inclined Leos. You'll probably be moving in a

much wider social circle, giving you a better prospect of meeting someone special. The most significant dates are the 11th, 12th, 19th and 26th all of which should prove memorable for lovers.

All close ties of love and affection will be strengthened under the prevailing trends and indeed this is a fortunate time for those putting their relationship on a more committed basis. Fortune smiles on married Leos as Jupiter begins to gather momentum from the 8th. An enrichment in your lifestyle is about to begin and you'll be saying goodbye to recent limitations.

From a different angle, this is an excellent month for mental and creative activities. People whom you meet and talk to, perhaps also something you read or see on TV, will inspire you and lead you to pursue new lines of inquiry. This is certainly a good time for embarking on a course of study or exploring your creative potential.

On the whole, you can't really go far wrong during the month ahead — except perhaps that there may be times when you'd wish that you could be in two places at once!

VIRGO

AUGUST 22 TO SEPTEMBER 22



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

Matters that have been rather hazy are likely to become clearer during October.

This is a time for clearing the decks, sorting your priorities and turning over a new leaf, especially with ties that have outgrown their usefulness. This isn't to imply that you must be absolutely ruthless but don't put up with things just from an innate sense of duty. Resolve and initiative will set you right now so don't let other people blackmail you emotionally.

Financially, you have everything to gain and nothing to lose by taking a more forceful approach now. Any effort to improve your income, find better job satisfaction and cultivate your best talents will get results so don't underestimate your capabilities if an opportunity arises. With Jupiter taking a more positive direction from the 8th, any employment difficulties will disappear and you'll feel a lot more confident about making changes.

The movement of this benign planet also sheds a favourable light on health matters. This is very good news for those who may have been feeling low in recent months and is backed up by a helpful transit of Mars, indicating that deeper energies and inner healing processes are being activated.

Virgoans are often attracted towards the healing arts, particularly unorthodox or natural methods. Such interests are likely to absorb your attention increasingly now that both Jupiter and Uranus are activating a significant area of your Solar chart. Many Virgoans may discover their true vocation in the healing arts during these transits.

Matters closer to home come under a progressive trend throughout the coming month. Change and transformation are evident in family circumstances and property interests with important developments forecast around the 3rd and 16th. If you are considering a change of residence, now is the time to take action. Even if you had not previously thought about a move, certain events could set you thinking along these lines.

There is in fact a favourable and significant link between your home life and occupation during the month ahead. If you get a chance to work in a different area of the country (or even abroad), this would be worthy of serious consideration. It would necessitate a change of residence but there is much in your horoscope to suggest a new beginning.

In many ways, events in October will convince you that your position is strengthening and that you are gaining a great deal of self-confidence. The main thing is not to allow old habits and routines to tie you to a situation that has passed its sell-by date.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 23 TO OCTOBER 22



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

There seems to be a breath of fresh air coming into your life during October.

After several months of tension, you'll at last begin to feel easier. No doubt many Librans have had rather a tough time in personal relationships for quite a while but, from this month onwards, it looks as if you will begin to see exactly where you want to go.

The pace of everyday life will be fairly hectic at times but this will make for pleasant variations and

perhaps interesting developments in your social life.

The swift transit of Mercury through your sign between the 2nd and 19th ensures that you'll be on good form mentally and more inclined to dabble with new interests. It's an excellent time for gathering information, pursuing special studies and making contact with people on your mental wavelength. Anything that engages your intellectual energies and enables you to broaden your field of interest will bring satisfaction.

You won't be keeping yourself to yourself in the weeks ahead. The pattern is pulling you into being more sociable, expressing yourself more fully and making better use of your creative abilities. Indeed, there are opportunities heading in your direction now so don't be afraid to stick your neck out.

Anything geared towards making you more independent is likely to take a substantial step forward during October. Be prepared to act quickly if something promising crops up — which is highly likely when Jupiter is in good aspect on the 8th, 16th and 19th.

These are exceptionally lucky dates, not only for furthering interests that are dear to you but also for games of chance. If you do the lottery, be sure to mark down your numbers on these dates.

Everything appears to be moving towards a major change of routine for Librans. This may be in your current work situation or new elements. Even without definite plans, this will somehow lead you into a broader field of activity over the coming months. Change is in the air but is unlikely to make you feel insecure. Rather you will welcome it, even if it means a complete break with the past.

The affairs of relative or friends will be a significant feature during the second and third weeks. There are indications that an important announcement is about to be made — an engagement, wedding or other cause for celebration — before the month is out.

Later in the month it looks as if you'll be on the move and perhaps mixing in some pretty lively company. There's also a hint of romance connected with a journey. Be prepared for pleasant surprises.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 23 TO NOVEMBER 22



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

You have everything in your favour during October to make changes in your life.

You would be doing yourself a disservice to continue in a situation that has now run its course and is making you feel increasingly dissatisfied. Whether this is a job, a relationship or the place where you live, any effort to change is likely to meet with great success.

The worst situation for Scorpios is where you feel stagnant. Your inner life-energy is very powerful,

but in the wrong situation this can very easily run into a backwater. You then begin to get moody and morose, at worst quite vindictive towards what you feel is restricting you. However, now that the cosmic pattern is taking a positive turn you'll feel confident about making necessary changes to open up a greater feeling of freedom.

Domestic and family matters are emphasised in the weeks ahead and the most likely focus of change. Both Jupiter and Uranus are gaining in strength from mid month, putting a very powerful light on home and property interests.

It would be highly apt if you were actually moving house at this time or going ahead with plans to do so. Whether seeking somewhere to buy or to rent, on a permanent or temporary basis, your efforts will meet with unexpected success, bringing your plans to fruition much quicker than anticipated.

This is certain to be an important month for financial affairs. Cash-flow may threaten to run ahead at a rather alarming rate at times but equally it looks as if extra cash is heading in your direction. By the

end of the month the balance will definitely come down on the side of gains rather than losses.

The two conjunctions involving Mars and Venus with Pluto give more than a hint that business is about to boom and that a cash windfall may suddenly arrive. All-important dates are the 3rd, 5th, 11th, 16th and 19th.

The main bugbear in an otherwise bright picture is the adverse Saturn aspect on the 10th. Take no risks where health is concerned. Your vitality and resistance is likely to reach a low ebb then so avoid taking on too much work or take some time out!

Interests of a more esoteric nature are favoured by Mercury's transit of your 12th Solar House between the 2nd and 19th. Your dreams are likely to be more meaningful than usual, especially if you feel at a crossroads in life. All interests geared towards inner spiritual growth and the development of deeper self-awareness are greatly favoured.

Overall, events in October should do much to dispel recent doubts, uncertainties and delays.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 TO DECEMBER 20



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

Mars in your sign ensures that you will be firmly in the driving seat during October.

Venus, too, transits your sign from the 8th onwards which will not only help you to get what you want but will greatly enhance your personal magnetism and popularity.

Everything in the prevailing pattern lends you a great deal of support, particularly for fresh initiatives and desirable changes in your lifestyle. Many Sagittarians will feel that they are riding the

crest of a wave for, in many ways, this is the most important and fortunate month of the year. Past efforts are likely to come to fruition and a major objective be achieved. If not this, then you will certainly be taking giant steps forward.

If your outer circumstances are moving through a phase of transition and transformation, this will go hand in hand with deep changes taking place within you. As Pluto is powerfully activated by both Venus and Mars in the first half of the month this is when these transformations will have greatest impact.

It's as if everything is beginning to crystallise on a new level, giving you the feeling that you are very much in command of your destiny. It is unlikely, however, that any major changes will be totally unexpected, simply because you do seem to have a great deal of control over your life at present.

Anyway, it is most definitely a time for taking a bold approach for now your willpower and initiative give you the formula for success. The most propitious dates for pushing ahead with important

business, financial or creative interests are the 4th, 5th, 8th, 16th, 19th and 21st. The tide of fortune is powerful on these dates so be prepared to grasp opportunities.

Venus and Mars in your sign make this a month of potentially spectacular romantic developments. However not everything will be sweetness and light for there is a real danger that you'll tend to go over the top and that your passionate responses may actually end up frightening the other person away. This danger increases as the month progresses so be warned and curb flirtatious inclinations on the 3rd, 11th and 26th when there is a high danger of rousing jealousy and damaging a friendship.

The sobering influence of Saturn is in evidence later in the month, helping you to keep things in perspective. This planet also indicates that you could learn a lot about yourself through romance now.

To use the word exciting to describe the events of October would perhaps be an understatement. Whatever is important to you it looks as if your hopes and expectations will be realised with a bonus!

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 21 TO JANUARY 19



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

In the first half of October you may feel that circumstances are resisting your efforts.

While this may be true at an immediate level, beneath the surface events are manoeuvring you into a position of greater strength. What takes place behind the scenes will have a significant effect on developments from late October onwards. Exercise patience in the face of a rather frustrating state of affairs for there is a hidden purpose in this. Don't despair.

The best strategy during the coming months is one of stealth and subtlety. By keeping a fairly low profile and not divulging your ideas to all and sundry, you'll make best progress. Just go your own quiet way and don't be pressured or harassed by others.

If it's a change you are working towards, now is the time to prepare the ground thoroughly and await the moment to act. This will surely come later in the month or in the very near future.

From a monetary angle you can expect important developments soon after the 8th. The benefic planet Jupiter then begins to gather strength, pointing to a phase of expansion in all to do with material wealth, business and career.

Speaking of career, the swift transit of Mercury through the top-most sector of your Solar chart between the 2nd and 19th brings good news for your current aims and status. Any problems or decisions relating to career or other important goals will reach a speedy solution and, if you have recently applied for a new job, you are likely to hear something to your ad-

vantage — particularly around the 4th, 9th and 21st.

Mercury is specially helpful to younger Capricornians in the process of deciding on a career or developing skills and gaining qualifications. For all Capricorns, it is an excellent month for considering retraining or working towards a change of direction. A friend may come up with interesting ideas on this score later in the month.

Both the Sun and Mercury oppose Saturn (your ruler) on the 10th and 11th. This suggests a certain restriction on your plans and actions. Be prepared to shoulder added responsibilities and make small sacrifices if someone needs assistance. A family member may be feeling under the weather.

Alternatively, it could be that a property matter runs into difficulties and a projected change of residence suffers a setback. Equally, this could apply to work being done on your home. There's definitely a need for patience here.

Affairs of the heart may be low key in October but towards the end of the month you may discover a new secret admirer.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 20 TO FEBRUARY 18



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

Astrologically you have just about everything in your favour during October.

It's as if several threads are being pulled together to allow much fuller expression of your creative energies while also boosting your sense of purpose. Whatever objectives you have been pursuing over the past year or so, there is every indication that these will be brought to fruition.

New horizons beckon as Mercury activates a favourable area of

your Solar chart. This could mean either an important journey or an unexpected visit from someone with special news that will give you a solution to something that has puzzled you. Long-distance communications during the second and third weeks will prove helpful for business or education.

Mercury does indeed put a powerful accent on the things of the mind during this phase so, if you are studying, taking exams or seeking answers to questions, expect positive results.

The prevailing trend is also particularly helpful to New Age interests. You'll find yourself in a more influential or leading position now in which people will help to give you a more meaningful direction.

In many ways, October is very much the Aquarian's month, for there is a highly significant emphasis on activities of closely-knit groups or associations. If you are involved in community affairs, local politics or anything to do with bringing about reforms, now is the time when your efforts will make a positive contribution.

You'll not lack enthusiastic sup-

port if you are organising a campaign or wish to gather a group of like-minded people around you.

The best dates for taking initiatives in these areas are the 4th, 5th, 8th, 16th, 19th and 24th. Even without consciously trying, you will probably find that significant new contacts are being established then. It's as if the Fates are quietly opening new doors for you and drawing kindred spirits into your orbit — the purpose of which will only be revealed much later on.

Any legal or official matters that have been dogging your heels for the past month or so should finally be cleared up in the first half of the month. The good news here is that you'll realise that certain worries have been totally unfounded.

The month ahead is also significant for romantically inclined Aquarians. Indeed, this is a time when you are more likely to meet up with someone who has special affinity with you. This may be the result of an increase in social activity in the latter half of the month.

There is much to suggest that romantic hopes and wishes will be realised before the month is out.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 19 TO MARCH 20



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

It looks as if something more positive is stirring within you.

Events during October will have the effect of pulling you out of the emotional doldrums and giving you a renewed sense of purpose.

Being the most watery of the Water signs, it is very easy to let yourself sink into telling yourself that nothing is worth trying as it is bound to fail. The more you tell yourself this the more it becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. It may then take quite a jolt to snap you out of it.

Astrologically, you now have an excellent opportunity to change your life for the better. Someone you meet may well provide the necessary impetus. Whether this is a friendship or a love affair, everything points to a new beginning.

Mars riding high in your Solar chart throughout the month suggests that you'll be in a more ambitious and forward-looking mood. Career interests are to the fore so if you are aiming to progress or change direction, now is the time for special efforts. If your life has lacked direction, you now have it in your power to make good use of those talents and abilities that you have been inclined to hide.

A powerful undercurrent of good fortune is helping to point you in the right direction and bring you the right opportunities. The benefic planet Jupiter begins to gain strength from the 8th, giving more than just a hint of favourable developments.

Symbolically, Jupiter represents a kind of divine providence in the background. If you suddenly feel inspired to change your life or take up a new career in October, this

would be very much in line with the prevailing pattern. No matter what is begun at this time, the result ultimately will be successful.

A pivotal time falls between the 8th and 16th. For many Pisceans, events then will mark a major turning point. This might mean that you are finally breaking free of an old situation that no longer really brings you any satisfaction or that you pick up the thread of an interest or even a relationship that was put aside in the past. Whatever the case, you are likely to feel that a new sense of direction and purpose is entering your life around this time.

From a very practical viewpoint, all activities geared towards upgrading your financial affairs will get very positive results in the weeks ahead. Advancement in career is highly likely with welcome effects on your income. It's a particularly good month for giving serious thought to longer term interests, joint financial affairs, investments and insurance.

Altogether, this promises to be a time when the whole pattern of your life takes on a new meaning.

Lunar Lore Gardening

OCTOBER

- 1** Mild mostly but changeable with heavy rain, high winds or extremes of temperature. Beware early frosts.
- 2**
- 3** After 11.58 hours prepare sites for new fruit bushes and trees.
- 4** Continue all day.
- 5** After 22.44 hours cut out dead wood from trees before the leaves fall.
- 6** Clear away Summer flowers.
- 7** Gather in fallen leaves to mulch down.
- 8** After 07.05 hours plant potato seedlings and lettuce in frames.
- 9** Latest for sowing french beans. Cover with cloches.
- 10** After 12.30 hours pick off dead leaves/flower heads.
- 11** Continue until 15.00 hours.
- 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17**
- 18** After 16.27 hours lift parsnips, carrots and potatoes.
- 19** Lift beetroot, do not bruise or break skins.
- 20** After 20.46 hours root any cuttings in greenhouses.
- 21** Peas may be sown under cloches.
- 22** Continue all day.
- 23** After 05.11 hours destroy weeds, tidy, clear debris.
- 24** Continue all day.
- 25** After 17.00 hours prune ramblor roses to 6in above ground.
- 26** Prune generally. Cut back branches and any other unwanted growths.
- 27** Mow lawns to retard growth. Trim hedges.
- 28** Continue until 06.06 hours.
- 29, 30, 31**

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Greenwich Mean Time has been used throughout

The Planets This Month

- ☉ **The Sun** begins October in 7° 51' Libra and enters Scorpio on the 23rd at 09.16 hours. It ends the month at 7° 36' of the Scorpio.
- ☾ **The Moon** is New on the 1st at 16.53 hours with the First Quarter on the 9th at 12.23 hours. The Full Moon is on the 16th at 03.47 hours and the Last Quarter is on the 23rd at 04.49 hours. There is a second New Moon on the 31st at 10.02 hours.
As the month opens the Moon is in 0° 13' Libra and enters Scorpio on the 3rd at 11.58 hours. It then enters Sagittarius on the 5th at 22.44 hours; Capricorn on the 8th at 07.05 hours; Aquarius on the 10th at 12.30 hours; Pisces on the 12th at 15.00 hours; Aries on the 14th at 15.26 hours; Taurus on the 16th at 15.17 hours; Gemini on the 18th at 16.27 hours; Cancer on the 20th at 20.46 hours; Leo on the 23rd at 05.11 hours; Virgo on the 25th at 17.00 hours; Libra on the 28th at 06.06 hours; Scorpio on the 30th at 18.16 hours where it ends the month.
- ♃ **Mercury** begins October in 27° 47' Virgo and enters Libra on the 2nd at 05.39 hours. It passes quickly through that sign and enters Scorpio on the 19th at 12.09 hours. By the end of the month it has reached 18° 17' of the Scorpio.
- ♀ **Venus** begins the month in 21° 43' Scorpio and enters Sagittarius on the 8th at 08.26 hours. By the month end it has reached 24° 30' of the Archer.
- ♂ **Mars** is in Sagittarius all month and advances from 01° 27' on the first day to 23° 6' by the last day.
- ♃ **Jupiter** begins the month retrograde in Aquarius. It retreats from 12° 11' on the 1st to 12° 6' on the 8th at 04.38 hours when it turns direct. It ends the month at 12° 57' of the Water Carrier.
- ♄ **Saturn** is retrograde all month in Aries. It retreats from 17° 38' on the first day to 15° 20' of the Ram on the last day.
- ♅ **Uranus** begins October retrograde in 4° 49' Aquarius and retreats to 4° 44' on the 14th at 10.49 hours when it turns direct. It ends the month at 4° 51' of the Water Carrier.
- ♆ **Neptune** begins the month retrograde in 27° 12' Capricorn and retreats to 27° 11' on the 9th when it turns direct. It ends the month in 27° 19' of the Goat.
- ♇ **Pluto** is in Sagittarius all month and advances from 3° 28' on the 1st to only 04° 25' of the Archer by the 31st.

All positions are for 00.00 hours GMT.

Reading the Aspectarian

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

First of all memorise what the symbols stand for:

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

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

* (60°) sextile: generally helpful.
□ (90°) square: mostly challenging.
△ (120°) trine: strongly helpful.
♁ (180°) opposition: conflict and tension.

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

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

☾ △ ☉ * ♃ □ ♀
This means Moon trine Sun, Moon sextile Jupiter, Moon square Venus.

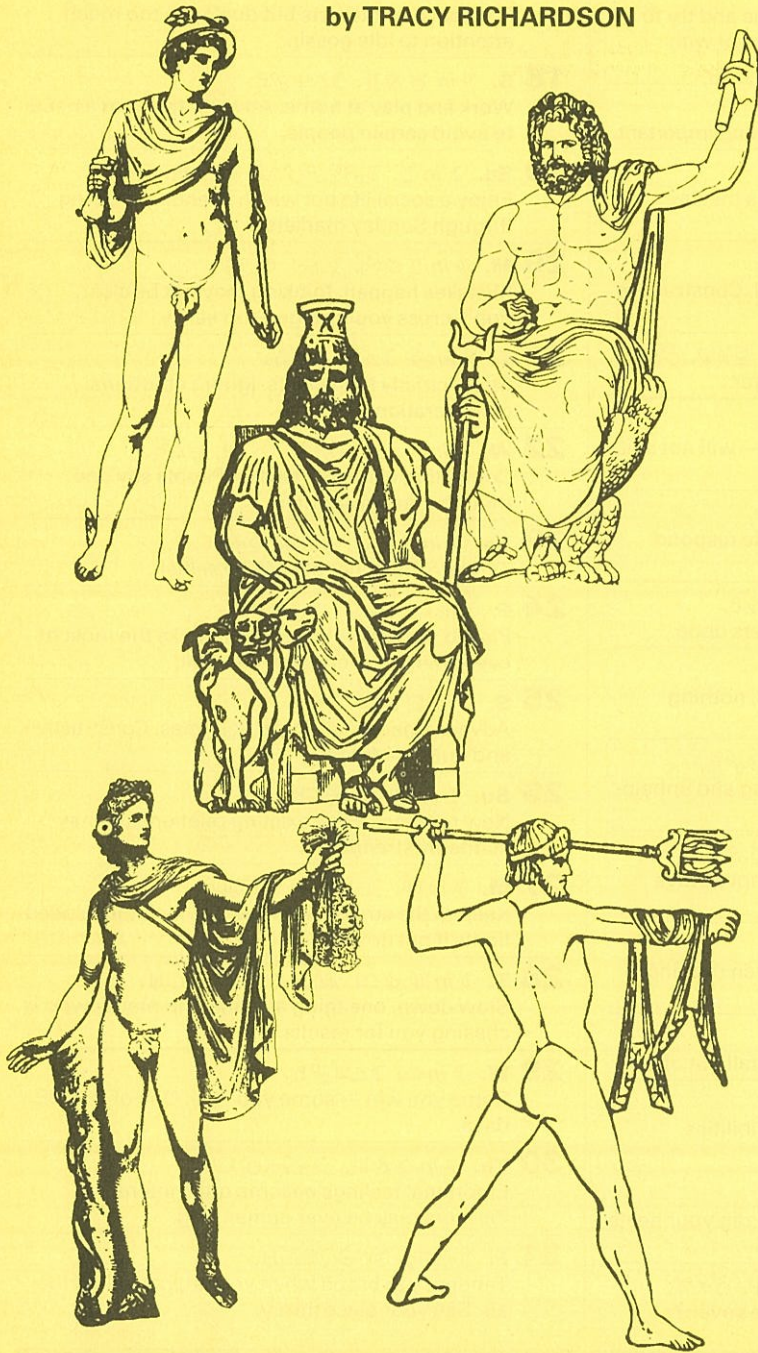
ASPECTARIAN

OCTOBER

- 1 W.** ♃ in ♎. ♃♂×♂♂♂♂×♂.
Follow your instincts. Forget routine and try to do something different on your own or with friends.
- 2 Th.** ♃ in ♎. ♃♂♂♂♂.
Make no agreements and sign nothing important.
- 3 F.** ♃ in ♎ & ♏. ♃♂♂♂♂. ♂♂♂.
Tact and diplomacy sorely tested as the day wears on.
- 4 S.** ♃ in ♏. ♃♂♂. ♃♂♂♂♂×♂.
Weekend business courses go well. Constructive time.
- 5 Su.** ♃ in ♏ & ♏. ♃♂♀×♂. ♂♂♂. ♂×♂. ♂×♂♂.
Ambitious folk get what they go after.
- 6 M.** ♃ in ♏. ♃♂×♂♂♂♂×♂♂♂.
The positive approach works best — will not suit the faint-hearted.
- 7 T.** ♃ in ♏. ♃♂×♂♂.
Revamp or rework old ideas. People respond well to any calls for help.
- 8 W.** ♃ in ♏ & ♏. ♃♂♀♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂.
Much is said — but little actually gets done.
- 9 Th.** ♃ in ♏. ♃♂♂♂♂♂♂♂. ♃♂♂.
Profitable period — but short-term, nothing substantial.
- 10 F.** ♃ in ♏ & ♏. ♃♂♀♂♂♂♂♂♂♂. ♂♂♂.
Friday full of friction, petty bickering and unhelpful attitudes.
- 11 S.** ♃ in ♏. ♃♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂. ♃♂♂. ♂♂♂.
Be careful. Whims and fancies do not always include what may happen later.
- 12 Su.** ♃ in ♏ & ♏. ♃♂♂♂♂. ♂×♂♂.
New interests, new friendships, even romances perhaps.
- 13 M.** ♃ in ♏. ♃♂♂. ♂♂♂.
It is as easy to fall in love as it is to fall out of it.
- 14 T.** ♃ in ♏ & ♏. ♃♂♂♂♂♂♂♂.
Challenging. A change of responsibilities possible.
- 15 W.** ♃ in ♏. ♃♂♀♂♂♂♂♂.
Make a decision and stay with it — dig your heels in and stand your ground.
- 16 Th.** ♃ in ♏ & ♏. ♃♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂. ♂×♂.
Anything likely. Midweek marriages even?
- 17 F.** ♃ in ♏. ♃♂♂. ♃♂♂.
Protect your interests but don't pay too much attention to idle gossip.
- 18 S.** ♃ in ♏ & ♏. ♃♂♂♂♂.
Work and play at home. Adverse travel or a need to avoid certain people.
- 19 Su.** ♃ in ♏. ♃♂♀♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂. ♂×♂.
Enjoy a social life but watch spending if going through Sunday markets.
- 20 M.** ♃ in ♏ & ♏. ♃♂♂. ♂♂♂.
Mistakes happen, thinking may not be clear, don't cross your bridges too early.
- 21 T.** ♃ in ♏. ♃♂♂. ♂♂♂.
Stick strictly to the facts. Ignore emotional considerations.
- 22 W.** ♃ in ♏. ♃♂♂♂♂♂. ♃♂♂. ♂♂♂.
Conflicting elements all day. People say one thing but mean another.
- 23 Th.** ♃ in ♏ & ♏. ♃♂♂♂♂♂♂♂♂.
Tempers flare, people will be selfish.
- 24 F.** ♃ in ♏. ♃♂♀♂♂♂♂♂♂♂.
Play to the gallery! Ham it up! Make the most of everything — everybody else will.
- 25 S.** ♃ in ♏ & ♏. ♃♂♂.
Advancement likely in pet schemes. Constructive and quite profitable.
- 26 Su.** ♃ in ♏. ♃♂♂♂♂. ♂♂♂.
New romance or an existing relationship may suddenly strengthen.
- 27 M.** ♃ in ♏. ♃♂♂♂♂. ♃♂♂.
Keep to the straight and narrow, including speed limits if out driving.
- 28 T.** ♃ in ♏ & ♏. ♃♂♂♂♂♂♂♂. ♂♂♂.
Slow down, one thing at a time, no matter who is chasing you for results.
- 29 W.** ♃ in ♏. ♃♂♂♂♂.
Some you win — some you lose. One of THOSE days.
- 30 Th.** ♃ in ♏ & ♏. ♃♂♀♂♂♂♂♂.
Emotional feelings become quite intense. Partners may be over demanding.
- 31 F.** ♃ in ♏. ♃♂♂♂♂♂♂♂.
Tendency to brood when you ought to clear the air. Say your piece firmly.

MEETING THE MASCULINE

by TRACY RICHARDSON



While various forms of astrology date back to the annals of recorded history, it was not until the Greeks developed precise mathematical measurements to calculate planetary placements that astrology became a science which is the forerunner of modern day astronomy. Because Western astrology used today is based primarily on the work of the ancient Greek stargazers of around 2,000 years ago, the planets and signs have been defined by Greco-Roman mythological figures which gradually transformed to accommodate changing thought patterns throughout the ages.

When the astrological deities were assigned to the planetary bodies, the predominant culture was patrilineal in nature and as a consequence allowed men to carry out diverse roles while women were for the most part allotted the duties of wife and mother. For this reason, the majority of the celestial bodies were given masculine attributes and associations until the asteroid belt was discovered in the early 19th century and the resulting identification process brought about more of a gender harmonisation.



The Sun

The Sun, a small star, is the centre of our Solar system and is essential for life on Earth as we know it. It is most closely aligned with a god of the ancient Greeks and Romans, Apollo, who was the son of Jupiter and Leto, and was the twin to the goddess most closely aligned with the Moon, Artemis.

Apollo possessed much charm and grace, and for that reason was able to seduce many goddesses and mortal women with whom he came into contact. While he could quite easily capture the attention of

almost any woman he desired, the soulmate bond that he sought was rarely forthcoming and this unfulfilled longing quite often left him unhappy in matters of love. Apollo was a very arrogant god who considered consorting with humans beneath him, but he did, however, help the Argonauts because he saw much of his own independent nature in that group of people.

Because Apollo was considered to be a significant god in Greek and Roman times, it is no wonder that some cultures worshipped him. It is said that Apollo promised salvation and eternal life in the Orphic religion and was a prominent figure in the sect which developed trigonometry, Pythagorism. The first Roman emperor, Augustus, took Apollo as his protector, claimed to have been descended from him, and attributed his victory at Actium to him.

In astrology, the Sun rules Leo and the 5th House and governs happiness, romance, creativity, gambling and children.



Mercury

While some consider the planet Mercury to be neutral in gender, it was in fact named after the mythological figure. He was the youngest son of Jupiter and the nymph Maia, and came into the world quite surreptitiously while gods and mortals slept. His coming into existence by surprise is in keeping with the reputation of this god, as he ruled thieves and the lying word.

Mercury served as an intermediary from Earth to Olympus, and from Olympus to Hades. Therefore, as the mythological figure was able to act as a go-between for mortals and gods, so too does this planetary energy act as a facilitator to use the communicative

processes to help resolve difficulties which are likely to arise when several minds are at work.

In astrology, Mercury rules the 3rd and 6th Houses as well as Gemini and Virgo, bringing qualities of active mental processes, analysis, communication and a sense of servitude.



Mars

Mars, the red planet, is about the size of the Earth and orbits the Sun approximately every two years. It is important to note that while Western astrology gives Mars more aggressive attributes, in ancient times this planet was actually considered to represent fertility and growth — the rationale being that much force would be necessary to bring forth the birth of a plant, animal or even idea.

In mythology, Mars was the son of Hera who gave birth to him without the assistance of a male. Because of her anger towards her brother/husband Jupiter which prompted her to bring Mars into the world, it should not be surprising that her wrathful state of mind influenced the attitudes of her son.

Mars was the god of war and did not care what he was fighting as long as the battle went on. He was just as unscrupulous in his romantic interests because he raped several women and sired children through those encounters. Venus, the goddess of love, was said to have had an affair with him but was forced to keep this liaison a secret.

The planet Mars rules the 1st House and energetic Aries, thus representing energy, assertiveness, force and sexuality.



Jupiter

Jupiter, the planet of expansion and abundance, is a large

gaseous planet which has many properties of a miniature star. In mythology, Jupiter was the son of Saturn, the second ruler of Olympus. An oracle warned Saturn that he would be deposed by one of his children, so he swallowed each of them at birth. At Jupiter's birth, Rhea was able to fool Saturn by giving him a stone in swaddling clothes instead of the newborn child, thus saving his life.

When Jupiter grew into adulthood, he waged a war on Saturn which lasted ten years. When victory finally came he divided the powers of the world between himself and his two brothers who he had also freed, allotting the heavens to himself. Jupiter was not without adversaries because he had to confront internal conspiracies from his wife/sister Hera, his daughter Athena and his brother Neptune.

In astrology, Jupiter rules the 9th House and expansive Sagittarius. It represents understanding, wisdom, temperance, good judgment and money.



Chiron

Chiron, discovered in 1977, is a planetoid which travels between the orbits of Jupiter and Saturn. It is believed that this celestial body came from outside our Solar system and will one day leave it, just as the mythological figure came from another realm and left after he had finished his teachings.

In mythology, Chiron was a centaur which was half horse and half man, and was the teacher to Achilles, Jason and Asclepius. Unfortunately, with all of his healing knowledge, he was unable to remedy his own wounds and was subsequently forced to give up his immortality to be relieved of his constant suffering.

Similarly, Chiron shows us which areas of our lives need attention, but due to the nature

of the wounds, a sacrifice may be necessary to re-establish inner synthesis.



Saturn

Saturn is the last planet which can be seen by the naked eye and in ancient times was considered to be the last planet in our Solar system, representing the limits and boundaries we must live within. Although Saturn relates to constrictions, the fact that this mythological figure overthrew his own father does indicate that this planet carries with it elements of freedom and liberation from tyranny.

Saturn was the son of Gaea and the first ruler of Olympus, Uranus. He married his sister, Rhea. In mythology, Saturn overthrew his father and was himself deposed by his own son, Jupiter.

Saturnalia, which was the forerunner of modern day Christmas celebrations, is also derived from the mythological influences associated with this planet. During the celebration, which coincides with the Sun's entry into Capricorn, peasants were allowed to make merry for several days to herald in the new year.

In astrology, Saturn rules the 10th House and conservative Capricorn. It carries attributes of severity, sombreness, responsibility and age.



Uranus

Uranus, another gas giant in our Solar system which represents liberation, freedom and the unusual, was the first planet to be discovered by an amateur astronomer in 1781. Like Jupiter, Saturn and Neptune, Uranus also has an elaborate ring system but it rotates vertically instead of horizontally,

further adding to the rather eccentric reputation of this planet.

Not much is written about Uranus except that he was the first ruler of Olympus. He married his sister, Gaea, and had many offspring, most of whom were monsters.

Gaea asked to be relieved of giving birth to so many monsters, so Saturn, a Titan, cut off Uranus' testicles and tossed them into the sea. This act of defiance deposed Uranus and placed Saturn into the seat of power.

In astrology, Uranus rules the 11th House and freedom loving Aquarius, and is associated with knowledge, information, equality and genius.



Neptune

After Uranus was discovered, astronomers observed that it had an erratic orbit which indicated that another celestial body must lie beyond it. Based upon the mathematical calculations of two scientists, Neptune was sighted in 1846.

In mythology, Neptune was the son of Saturn and Gaea, and the brother of Jupiter. After Jupiter overthrew Saturn, the rulership of the world was divided between the three brothers; Jupiter, Pluto and Neptune, with Neptune receiving domain over the oceans.

In astrology, Neptune rules the 12th House and Pisces. While the 12th House appropriately represents our sorrows in this life, modern astrologers often purport Pisces to be full of spirituality, compassion and selflessness.

This seems to be somewhat of a contradiction in terms as Neptune has traditionally been considered to be a vicious and spiteful god who wrecked havoc on the lives of those who had wronged him. Additionally, he sired many children, the majority of whom were so

wicked and violent that he actually had to bury them to shield them from the punishment that they rightfully deserved. With Neptune's true nature revealed, possibly the sign of Pisces can be perceived with greater clarity and insight.



Pluto

In 1930, Pluto's discovery was mathematically calculated and found based upon a discrepancy in Neptune's orbit. This small planet, which is about 1/50th the size of Earth, has one known satellite, Charon. Both bodies behave more like a double planet because the centre of gravity of the pair is actually in space between the two celestial bodies instead of Pluto, the larger planet.

In mythology, Pluto was the son of Saturn and Rhea, and the brother of Jupiter and Neptune. When Jupiter divided rulership of the world between himself and his brothers, the underworld was assigned to Pluto, a domain which he hated.

Pluto was a much hated and feared god who was even abhorred by the gods in Olympus. He was so feared by mortals that they were reluctant even to say his name which is translated as 'the rich one.'

This planet therefore has such a profound nature that it strips away our outer shell to reveal our true soul, thus enabling us to realise that we really didn't need what we thought we couldn't live without after all. Pluto's influence can be summed up as, 'that which doesn't kill us makes us stronger.'

In astrology, Pluto rules the 8th house and intense Scorpio, and is associated with power struggles, death and those topics which are considered to be too taboo to speak of openly.

ASTROLOGY TODAY

The opposition of Mars and Saturn during 1997 is certain to have some of those interested in astrology throwing their hands up in horror and taking to their beds for the duration. Why? Because, traditionally, the lesser (Mars) and greater (Saturn) malefics can apparently cause enough trouble on their own, while oppositions in general are allegedly troublesome; it therefore stands to reason that the congregation of all three at once is a recipe for a great deal of strife. As the song says, it ain't necessarily so.

A pal of mine, a Capricorn subject, had this particular opposition transiting his Natal chart in 5th and 11th Houses, and across the 2nd and 8th Houses in his Solar Return chart. Financial disaster might well be the traditional view. Actually he did rather nicely, especially with the odd flutter.

It all comes down to one's attitude towards easy/good/soft or hard/bad/challenging aspects and how one uses, abuses or ignores the energies therein. Look for the good or bad in any situation and you will surely find it. Ignore what's going on and you are likely to be tossed about in any storm that comes. Then Saturn, Mars or whatever become convenient scapegoats.

Ride with the tide and look for opportunities to provide little nudges here and there and you can buck the apparent trend and make quite a difference, to your life or to others depending on circumstances, no matter what the aspect or planets involved.

This attitude adjustment doesn't stop at planets and aspects. How many times have Virgoans been written off as fussy, nitpicking detail freaks or Geminians as air-headed chatterboxes? What is your current attitude to the attributes of the 9th House or the apparently

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gloomy 12th? Yet think how disorganised libraries would be without a Virgo to catalogue everything. Where would news-gathering and its dissemination be without Gemini? The Houses, too, have their significant parts to play, no matter how much you might try to wish one or other of them away.

Some of these attitudes are imbibed with our early astrological education and can take some time and no little effort to unlearn. It's far too easy to regard a subject with a Grand Trine in Fire as the luckiest person alive; he/she may be successful, yes, but the chances are that, knowingly or not, he has used the energies available to get where he is. Likewise the person with a Grand Cross; he could be regarded as having made progress in spite of it but it's a pound to a pile of sand that he, too, has made positive use of what he's got.

So let's have an attitude check using the Mars/ Saturn combination. If you regard this or any other aggregate of planets, in any sort of aspect, as something to be used for the best, then go to the top of the class. If, however, you feel that Mars + Saturn = AAARRGH (in any combination), then it's time for a little illustration.

Making use of our pals the malefics, let us apply them to a typical chart — mine for example — where Mars in Libra is transiting my 3rd House while Saturn in Aries occupies my 9th. Difficulties with communication, perhaps? Well, my car was parked for an extended period from January 31st but, I hasten to add, this had been planned since the previous

October as there was a lot of work required. 'Good' or 'bad'? I get to do what is needed in an orderly fashion, unhurriedly, and the car is restored to some semblance of its former glory.

Other 3rd and 9th House matters show up, too. For example, this article; it has the effect of ordering my thoughts on this subject as well as disseminating them to a wider audience. That gives you education (9th), belief (9th) and communication (3rd) all in one package. If this article had gone unpublished it could have been regarded as a triumph for the baleful influence of our two examples; however, from my point of view sorting out my thoughts into a cohesive structure is never a waste of time and, as a result, I am grateful for the opportunity.

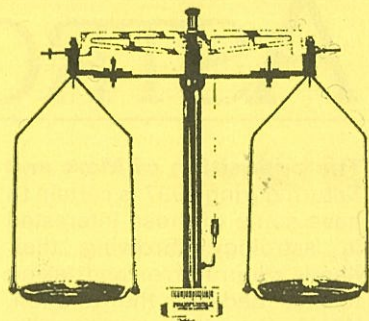
The same argument applies to those wonderful aspects which inspire such fear in some folks; the Saturn return, Uranus opposition and Neptune and Pluto squares. All of them represent energies which are going to be used whether we like it or not; if the subject looks on with abject terror then his fears will be realised as aspects of life no longer necessary or in need of change are ruthlessly altered.

If, on the other hand, the energies are embraced and the aspects seen for what they are — Saturn's maturing effect, Neptune's work on our ideals and so on — then we can end chapters in our lives (and start new ones) with less fuss and perhaps a little more equanimity.

As an exercise, take the Mars/Saturn, add in Jupiter, Uranus and Pluto — all in aspect during early February — and see how they affected you and where you could have made positive use rather than cowering under the bedclothes.

Meanwhile, I suppose I'd better go and practise what I preach...

LIBRA



There are basically three types of Librans. First, there's the one who makes a decision, then keeps changing his/her mind. Next, there's the type who flounders in a fog of indecision, like the donkey who starved between two piles of hay. Finally, there's the one who withdraws from decision-making, sitting on the fence until someone or something pushes him one way or the other.

At least, that's the way that Librans tend to be portrayed. It's all true, if a little extreme, but the Libran indecision is not wimpishness; it's basically down to a need for harmony.

For that, we can blame Libra's ruling planet, Venus. Unlike her rulership of Taurus, where pleasure and beauty are the prime concerns, this is a

kind of higher vibration. Harmony is what Venus is after in her Libran incarnation; seeing the other's point of view, getting everyone to agree and trying to bring sweetness and light into everyone's lives.

Diplomatic appointees to foreign countries, from ambassadors downwards, all have a healthy dose of Libra somewhere and anyone who makes a good peacemaker or mediator will be similarly blessed.

Another arena in which Librans shine is in law and the practice thereof. This again matches the Libran desire to see the other's point of view and also hones their already considerable debating skills. Come up against a Libran barrister in a court of law and, if he puts something to you, you had

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better have a good answer well prepared.

There is also the small matter of justice involved. The symbol for Libra is the Scales, signifying impartiality and even-handedness, and Libra ensures that justice is seen to be done. 'It's not fair' is a very Libran *cri de coeur*...

There is a downside to all

Libra's year ahead

One of the most prominent features of the 1997 Libra Ingress chart is the position of the Sun, in the 3rd House and directly opposite the Midheaven. There is a wide square aspect to the Moon in Gemini in 11th House and a sextile to Pluto (Sagittarius, 5th House).

The likely significance of this setup is that of a period of contemplation involving some major changes. There is much creative energy available and, as Pluto is involved, whatever is to change has to change. The position of the Moon, however, indicates that such change may not be to the subject's taste.

Trines to Neptune (Capricorn, 7th House, conjunct Descendant) and Uranus (Aquarius, 7th House) show support both from a partner or partners and also from another unexpected or unusual source. Neptune gets some backup from Mars (Scorpio, 5th House), the combination potentially providing some very strong ideas.

Venus (Scorpio, 4th House) wants to have a say in the matter as well, through a distant square aspect to Uranus, but it would be as well to be careful with this particular configuration.

Saturn (9th House), never well-placed in Aries, is in one of his 'it's for your own good' moods, with minor aspects to Mercury (Virgo, 2nd House) and Pluto respectively. Mercury is likely to be unhelpful, adding to any nitpicking going

on with his sextile to Venus and a quincunx to Jupiter (Aquarius, 7th House), himself conjunct Uranus and so providing the potential for some truly alarming excesses.

There is an exact square aspect between Venus and Jupiter. Such an aspect between the two benefics is normally no cause for concern but, given their respective positions by sign, it would be as well to look out for dirty work at the crossroads here and there. This is especially relevant where joint finances are concerned — there are other ways of gambling than with the one-armed bandits and poor advice could lose you more than just your shirt.

This, then, is the state of play late in September. By the beginning of October the Sun is trine to Uranus and Mars makes a conjunction to Pluto, reinforcing the latter's ongoing sextile to Uranus and making for an exciting few days. Ideas could be flying in all directions so much energy could be wasted unless some constraint has been thought out beforehand.

Order may well be brought out of chaos when the Sun and Mercury conjunct oppose Saturn a few days later. Venus, meanwhile, is snuggling up to Pluto and could well soften the effects of his presence. At about the same time Uranus turns direct and, as well as directing his energies towards progress rather than chaos, starts to

this even-handedness. I have known Librans who try so hard to please everybody that they tie themselves in knots in the process. This kind of Libran tries to please all the people all the time and gets upset if it can't be done.

The usual Libran subject is charming and diplomatic. As befits a good Air sign, these people are usually witty, urbane and intellectually inclined. Their overall *modus operandi* is to think, rather than to do or to feel, so your average Libran will definitely have an analytical bent.

It has already been said that Libra desires harmony and balance in all things. Presented with a situation where things are unequal and cannot be rectified diplomatically, that gentle aspect changes. Tact goes out of the window, Libra dons the mantle of its opposite sign and goes to war. It is a limited campaign, granted, only going

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far enough to achieve Libra's goal, but be prepared to wipe blood off the walls — there's no messing about when there is work to be done.

Libra's 'natural' house is the 7th House of Partners, as befits one who is so much concerned with others and 'the' other. As such, there is a need to discuss, to bounce ideas off other people. This is where the 'indecisive' tag arises. It is an Air sign, hence the thinking and discussion — but Libra is also a Cardinal sign.

Having decided on a course of action, wind it up and watch

it go! Libra again borrows, perhaps from the opposite sign, but instead of Mars' furious action it's more like poetry in motion. Whatever it's called, it gets the job done quickly, efficiently and without ruffling any feathers along the way.

If you're after a one-word summation of Libra, try 'fair.' Fair as in even-handed or just, looking for a fair solution to a dispute. Fair as in attractive, in appearance and to the opposite sex. Venus rules, in all her aspects, and Libra is her chosen messenger of love and harmony to the rest of the zodiac.

draw away from Pluto — that sextile clears for good late in November.

Things stay relatively quiet until January 1998 when some serious romance is heralded by a Venus-Neptune conjunction. This could well be a false start, though, as she crosses the Ingress chart Descendant and moves into Aquarius, then promptly retraces her steps back into Capricorn for a month or so.

A romantic interlude may well be followed by a cooling-off period or, especially for existing affairs, there may well be some soul-searching going on. The Sun and Mercury are in the same area of the chart, throwing light in dark corners to help the process along.

This to-ing and fro-ing ends with Venus turning direct early in February and getting on with things. With Mars lending something of a hand from Pisces, some far-reaching decisions can be made about both new and existing partnerships, with plans being set in motion as Venus makes conjunctions with Neptune and Uranus respectively during the first half of March.

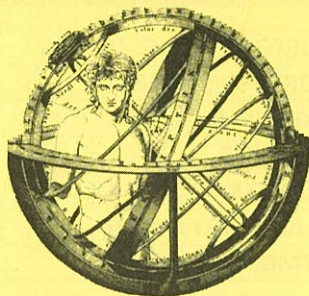
If Jupiter has been going over the top during his tenure of the 8th House, your ruler will be able to correct any imbalances during late March and early April. Venus makes contact with Jupiter in late April, by which time they are in Pisces in the 9th House. Jupiter has already squared up to Pluto and, as this is Jupiter's 'oth-

er' rulership and Pluto is in his main territory, there could be some very deep thought taking place where speculation is concerned. Sweet reason should prevail when Venus takes her bow to Pluto mid-month but, until then and she has carried the energy to Jupiter a week or so later, don't embrace any new financial schemes.

Holidays are a different matter. This could be the year when you decide to take the trip of a lifetime; the energies are certainly in place now for planning such a holiday. If you're going to plan big then be prepared to spend big — just try not to overreach your available funds.

May and June see your ruler in the career segment of the chart. Be prepared for some opposition from partners if a change of job is mooted but at the same time listen to his/her point of view as there may be some angles which you have not considered. Although there could be some serious challenges along the way, you may well be proved correct in your choice a month or so later.

All in all it's a bitty sort of year, with periods of frenetic action followed by calm stretches. Keep your wits about you and you should make progress, although there are times when it may not feel much like it. At times it may be difficult to maintain your equilibrium and any sense of purpose but you should end the next 12 months in a better position than when you started.



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★ INDICATES AN EXCEPTIONALLY LUCKY 12 MONTHS AHEAD

- 1 People change and so do you. New circles attract, don't be surprised if old associations fade.
- 2 Partnerships are emphasised and quite important.
- 3 Emotionally taxing at times. Feelings run deep early in the new year.
- 4 Plenty to aim for, plenty to achieve. A fun year ahead.
- 5 Everything and anything should be yours for the asking. Very little should go wrong.
- 6 Too much ambition and envy but not enough push. Some restlessness and self-imposed changes.
- 7 Satisfactory year, try not to dwell too much on past events.
- 8 Nothing greatly Earth-shattering. ★ Career and employment matters look promising.
- 9 Right from your birthday there are positive influences until things slow a little about March/April.
- 10 Not without its lighter moments but mostly duties call.
- 11 Need to keep on your toes to keep up with some of the changes.
- 12 Some folk will openly oppose you, others try to use your talents for their own ends.
- 13 Think out long-term commitments carefully. Business and pleasure favoured.
- 14 Single folk could begin new ★ romances. Favours those in the entertainment and sporting worlds.
- 15 May need to be more pushy than usual — even if it does go against the grain.
- 16 Winning period. Ambitious folk do ★ well. Financial gain around the year end is possible.
- 17 Domestic life and its obligations could be a source of worry at times.
- 18 Temptation to turn some fantasies into realities could backfire.
- 19 Plenty of change and variety. More permanent options are the best.
- 20 Where and when possible, try to defer as many important decisions for as long as you can.
- 21 Domestic relationships ease, family affairs very much to the fore.
- 22 Helpful and constructive period but may seem a little dull.
- 23 Much tension in immediate close relationships. You may want to make changes.
- 24 Put your own interests first — no-one else will!
- 25 Important issues dealt with easily. Trivial matters may annoy.
- 26 Around March/April a new influence comes into your life.
- 27 Budget matters matter. Could have to tighten your purse strings.
- 28 A stubborn streak creates more problems/awkward moments than you really care for.
- 29 People may come to rely on your good nature. Some strain on personal resources likely.
- 30 First six months best to assess new friends with care.
- 31 A period of experimentation with things new and exciting.

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A strange yet apparently true tale dating back to medieval times is that of the Green Children of Woolpit

According to Ralph of Coggeshall and William of Newburgh the two children were found in the pits used to trap wolves that surrounded the small Suffolk village. They were completely green in colour and spoke an unintelligible language.

Villagers took the pair to local landowner Sir Richard de Calne who allowed them to live there henceforth. The weeping children were, however, difficult to console.

Feeding them proved nearly impossible since they refused all food presented to them except beans which they devoured with great enthusiasm. The boy soon died but the girl thrived and came to eat a more varied diet.

Gradually her skin changed to a normal hue, her greenness completely disappearing. It is said that the girl lived for many years at the house of Sir Richard and was rather 'loose and wanton in her conduct,' eventually marrying a man from Kings Lynn.

During all this time the former green girl learned to speak English and, being asked many times about her origin, told enthralled listeners that she and her brother came from a land where everyone and everything was green. There was no Sun or Moon, just a sort of twilight. Far away over a wide river they could see a 'land of light' such as they lived in now.

Asked how the children came to Woolpit the girl explained that they had entered a cavern attracted by a beautiful sound of bells. Following the caves for a long time they eventual-

ly emerged at their mouth and found themselves in the wolf pits. Here they were discovered by the villagers, 'struck senseless by the excessive light of the Sun and the unusual temperature of the air' to quote Ralph of Coggeshall's account.

William of Newburgh does not claim they came out of the pits, just that they were found wandering the fields around Woolpit and did not know how they came to be there. William places the strange events in the reign of Stephen (1135-54).

William also appears to have gleaned further information. According to him, the girl stated that she came from St Martin's Land, named after their chief saint and that she and her brother had found themselves near Woolpit after hearing a beautiful sound of bells.

So what are we to make of this? Folklorists quickly point to the similarity with fairy lore, the twilight land, possibly underground, separated from the land of light (the living?) by a great river (the Styx of legend, dividing the realms of dead and living?).

Even St Martin's Land equates with the land of the dead as St Martin was apparently the patron saint of the deceased. But are these correspondences any more than coincidence?

It might be noted that most of the fairyland elements to the story arise from the girl's telling of her origin some years after the event. Perhaps she liked the attention and spun a yarn to bolster her apparent uniqueness?

We are told the girl was rather 'loose and wanton in her conduct' so perhaps this was a tale she told her admirers. Also it is possible her tale was deliberately contrived to obscure her origins for reasons unknown. If so, then the inclusion of familiar elements of medieval folklore should not surprise us.

It is also likely, howev-

The Twilight Zone

by PAUL HARRIS

er, that subsequent retelling prior to the tales' commitment to writing embroidered the more sensational aspects of the story. After all, there was a gap of some 20—50 years between the alleged time of the events and their being recorded by the chroniclers. Long enough to become exaggerated but not unrecognisably so.

Bearing this in mind, do we really need to consider the more radical explanations that have been offered for the Green Children's origins by some writers? In 1959 Harold Wilkins suggested in his *Mysteries: Solved and Unsolved* that the children entered our world from a parallel universe.

Later, in 1974, Brinsley Le Poer Trench described the story in *Secret of the Ages* and wondered whether the Green Children had emerged from an underground world. He wondered whether there were any deep cave systems in the Woolpit area, to which I can confidently say no there are not because the geology of the area would not allow it.

So if we are discounting the folklore, other-dimensional and hollow Earth origins for the Green Children, yet accepting that it is probably a largely factual account, just what is the explanation for these children's strange colour and language? And where could they have come from?

Firstly, the colour would seem to be related to diet. Ralph of Coggeshall, as translated by Keighley from the original Latin in 1828, says the girl, 'becoming accustomed to various kinds of food lost complete-

ly that green colour and gradually recovered the sanguine habit of her entire body.'

The use of the word 'recovered' is interesting here. It is entirely possible that two lost children living on next to nothing for perhaps a considerable time were suffering from some form of anaemia, most likely chlorosis which in former centuries most often afflicted girls reaching puberty.

This diet-related condition gives sufferers a greenish skin just as jaundice creates a yellow skin tone. In fact in Victorian times this condition was known

as 'green sickness.' Interestingly, the condition usually clears up with improved diet, which of course is precisely what appears to have occurred in the case of the green girl.

As for the strange language, this could merely be a non-local dialect unrecognised by the insular 12th century villagers of Woolpit. But there may be another explanation.

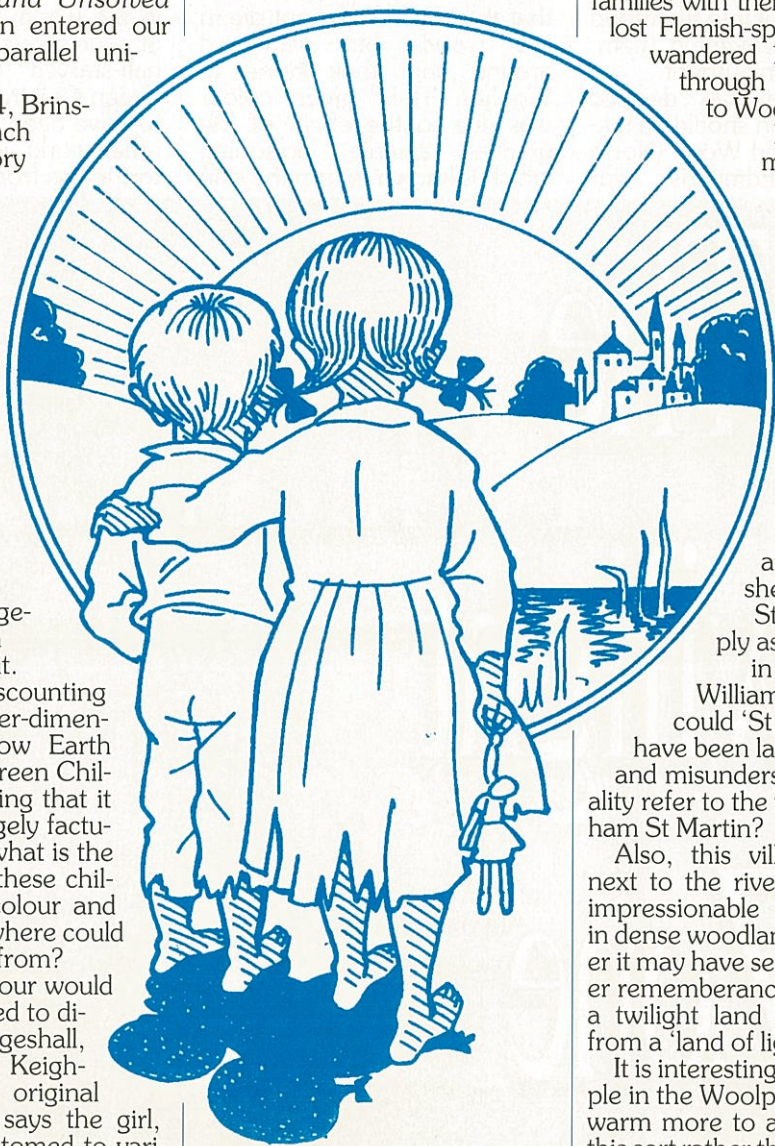
During the reign of Stephen and his predecessor, Henry 1st, there were stationed just North of Bury St Edmunds Flemish mercenaries employed by the king. Perhaps they brought their families with them and thus two lost Flemish-speaking children wandered 10 miles or so through the countryside to Woolpit.

Furthermore, a mile or so North of Bury St Edmunds is a village called Fornham St Martin, right next to the river Lark.

Remembering the green girl's name for her land of origin as 'St Martins Land' and the fact that she refers to Bury St Edmunds simply as 'St Edmunds' in the account by William of Newburgh, could 'St Martin's Land' have been later abbreviated and misunderstood but in reality refer to the village of Fornham St Martin?

Also, this village lies right next to the river Lark. So, to impressionable children living in dense woodland next to a river it may have seemed upon later remembrance to have been a twilight land across a river from a 'land of light.'

It is interesting that local people in the Woolpit area seem to warm more to a suggestion of this sort rather than ideas of visitors from other dimensions or



a subterranean world. In fact, one Woolpit belief is that the Green Children are none other than the 'Babes in the Wood' of Norfolk legend.

This latter tale was passed on orally for generations in Norfolk before being written down in the 16th century. It tells of two young children, a boy and a girl who stood to inherit their deceased father's estate upon coming of age.

Apparently, in the event of their deaths before adulthood, the estate would pass to their guardian who therefore decided to try and dispose of the children. Small quantities of arsenic were put into their food but, though weakening them, did not kill them outright.

Therefore it was decided that the children should be taken into Wayland Wood (North of Bury St Edmunds, near

Thetford) and killed. A cover story of their having been lost obscuring the truth of the dastardly deed.

The guardian did not want to commit the unpleasant act himself so gave the job to one of his henchman. But, when the time came, the latter took pity on the poor children and let them go in the forest hoping that they would not find their way back.

The original tale says the 'babes' died hand in hand in the forest. Woolpit, however, thinks differently. According to Bob Roberts in *A Slice of Suffolk*, the local tale says that the children did not die in the woods but wandered around until they came to Woolpit. Their green colour was due to the effect of the gradual arsenic poisoning which is known to turn the skin

green.


It seems to me unlikely that one historically unimportant event should be recorded in two separate local legends in this way. This is most likely a false linkage of two unrelated stories although the coincidence of the woods and the effect of arsenic poisoning does make one think.

However, one thing does seem established. The story of the Green Children could very well be factual without the need to invoke aliens, fairies or dwellers in subterranean realms.

Whether the original babes in the wood, the lost children of a Flemish colony or just two half-starved runaways, the Green Children do not appear to have been visitors from another world, just two poor unfortunates from this one.

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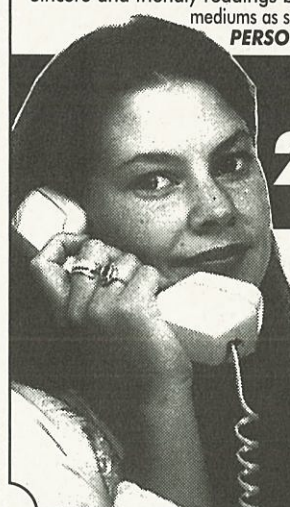
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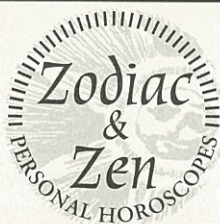
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It is now apparent that the ecological pragmatism of the so called pagan religions was a great deal more realistic in terms of conservation ethics than the more intellectual monotheistic philosophies of the revealed religions.' HRH Prince Philip 1990.

by JOHN SHREEVE

There have been many popular misconceptions about the Celts and their Druids over the intervening centuries since they represented the indigenous population of much of the British Isles. For instance, in reality the Druids wore tartan or multi-coloured cloaks rather than the white robes sported by many Druid revivalists in modern times.

Even the basic idea of the Druids' role in Celtic society has usually been misinterpreted. Most people assume that the Druids were exclusively priests or magicians yet this wasn't the case.

The term Druid actually denoted a particular class within Celtic society, one similar to the Brahmin caste of Hindu culture. The Druids were the elite, more learned class which comprised healers/doctors, astronomers, bards and musicians — *as well as priests and magicians.*

All Druids, though, would have been the official custodians and teachers of Celtic cosmology, science, art and magic. But everyone, whether of Druidic class or not, was well aware of the deities and their associated myths.

The Tuatha De Danann

The gods of the Celts and their Druids were collectively known as the Tuatha De Danann, which meant 'tribes of the goddess Danu.' Danu was a primeval mother/water goddess whose name is remembered in the river Danube, once a homeland of the ancient Celtic peoples.

Among other things, the Tuatha De Danann represented

order, wisdom, courage, fertility and beauty. At the head of the Celtic pantheon was Lugh the Long-Armed, a magician-king. He was followed by Nuada the Silver-Armed, a judge-priest.

Then there were the goddesses such as Brigit who represented poetry, healing/smithcraft and birth/motherhood; and the Morrighu whose name meant 'Great Queen.' The Morrighu would appear in the form of a crow on the battlefield, leading those favoured by Lugh or Nuada to victory.

She also led the slain to the Otherworld. In this respect she was very similar to the Valkyries of Norse myth who led the warriors killed in battle to Odin's great hall.

Reincarnation

One of the most intriguing aspects of Celtic cosmology and thought was their ideas on life after death and rebirth. The Celts were one of the first European societies to have the concept of reincarnation (but not reincarnation in terms of being reborn in other forms such as animals or insects).

They believed that when someone died in this world, his/her soul was reborn in the Otherworld (which was basically a parallel universe). And when the soul died in the Otherworld it was then born again in this world.

That's why the Celts celebrated when someone died here on Earth: it meant that he/she would be reborn in the fabulous Otherworld (the Irish Wake stems from this system of thought). Conversely, when someone was born into this world, a mourning ceremony

would be held to grieve over the fact that the soul had died in the Otherworld.

Oneness

Though the Celtic death and rebirth idea might sound like a concept from science fantasy, it was in fact based on a profound affinity with the Earth. The Celts felt at one with the Earth and the land and very much a part of all existence.

To them everything had an indwelling soul. Even stones, trees and plants had souls. The Celts and their Druids could sense the presence of the numinous (the divine) in all aspects of the natural world. In fact the whole system of Celtic spiritual thought was anchored on the idea that the Otherworld was always interpenetrating this world.

Likewise, for the Celts, death flowed into life and life flowed into death, in a never-ending stream of existence. This concept was strongly mirrored in their artwork which almost always depicted an unending and intertwining organic knotwork.

Eco-systems

But even more importantly, everything was interconnected. Each man, woman, child and animal was connected not only to each other but to everything else that lived on or within the Earth itself.

This was the reason why the Celts loved and cared for the land. In their own way they knew that the delicate balance of the Earth's eco-systems should not be disturbed otherwise untold harm could result.

This philosophy puts us to shame today in our pollution-choked world. Sadly we have lost nearly all respect for the land that sustains us. Unlike our Celtic/Druidic forebears, we see nature as inanimate, without soul, and as a consequence consider it okay greedily to 'bleed it dry in the name of profit.'

But things are changing. En-

vironmental groups and campaigners are becoming a powerful force when it comes to hindering road building and restricting motor vehicle and industrial pollution.

Clan of Dana

In the spirit of Celtic reverence for the land, many Druid revivalists today support and often join environmental campaigns. Steve Wilson, Chief Bard of the Druid Clan of Dana and author of *Robin Hood* and

Chaos Ritual says, 'Roads, water, heat, light; all are essential now as ever, yet control of them has too often fallen into the hands of people the Celts of old would have despised.'

'Roads are built through ancient sites and nature reserves, car fumes choke our children, our water is polluted and the modern source of much of our light and heat is a dangerous substance that will threaten us for literally thousands of years.'

Steve Wilson believes we

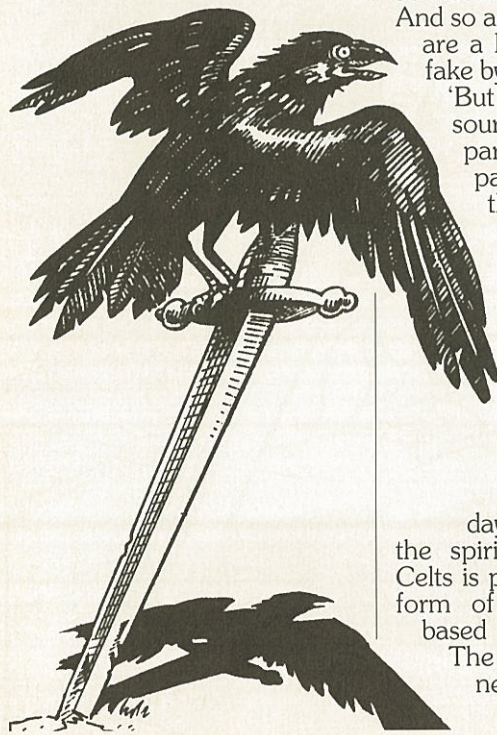


ECO-WARRIORS?

need to bring together the wisdom of the past with the needs of the present. To do this, he says, 'We must look at the state of the natural world as it is today, then apply the Celtic principles of reverence for the land to see how the world should be.

'We then need to apply the good sense of our Druid/Celtic heritage to help us right the many wrongs done to our planet.' Wilson's is a rallying call to us all.

We don't have to know anything about the Druids to denounce road building and the relentless depletion of the planet's resources. But if we support the eco-protest movement then we are defending the sacred land not only for us but for our children and grandchildren just as the ancient Celts did.



OBOD

Equally reviving the spiritual heritage of the Celts is Philip Carr-Gomm, head of the influential Order of Bards, Ovates and Druids (OBOD) and author of *The Druid Animal Oracle* among other books. He sees modern Druidry as a concept into which anyone can tap.

'Some people have over-emphasised the Celtic nature of it,' he says, 'almost to the point of saying that if you're not Irish, Welsh or Scottish you can't be interested in it. But that's really not the case.'

As far as Carr-Gomm is concerned the spirit of Druidry has no boundaries and is open to all regardless of cultural background. 'Another big thing the sceptics say,' he adds, 'is that there is a thousand year gap between the last Druids and us. And so anybody who says they are a Druid now must be a fake by definition.

'But that's seeing the source of Druidry as a particular practice in the past, whereas we see the source of Druidry as being in the spiritual world, or archetypal world, which over linear time has influenced all sorts of people in all sorts of ways.'

Timeless spirit

The most popular method used by today's Druids to access the spiritual heritage of the Celts is pathworking. This is a form of guided visualisation based on myth and legend.

The state of consciousness entered into during pathworking is similar to that of being

engrossed in a good novel where, for all intents and purposes, the world you've entered is real and full of vivid colours, sounds and scents.

This is exactly what happens during pathworkings. The important difference being that the mythic landscapes, characters and animals employed in this form of guided visualisation take on a life of their own.

Being steeped in the Celtic tradition, modern Druids tend to create pathworkings that take them into Otherworlds populated by the Celtic gods and goddesses (Tuatha De Danann), as well as by fairies and other mythical beings from the realm of Celtic folklore.

It is in these mythical Otherworlds that the Druid can gain valuable insights and knowledge which can be used back in the everyday world for healing, counselling, divination and for enriching life generally. But, at its simplest, the timeless spirit of Druidry is about love and reverence for nature and about appreciating the awe and mystery of life.

It is also about making our lives feel magical again. And the practice of Druidry is one of the ways that we can re-enchant both ourselves and the planet on which we live.

Further reading

The Druid Renaissance
edited by Philip Carr-Gomm
(Thorsons 1996)

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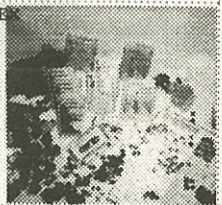
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DREAM MEANINGS



NEGLECT

THE DREAM

I AM STANDING on a track looking at an open grassy area surrounded by trees. To my left is a tall, limbless tree trunk with dead-looking ivy on it. Behind the tree is a tall brick chimney attached to a partly collapsed building. Suddenly the tree bends over and the chimney begins to scatter bricks out of the sky towards me.

THE MEANING

THERE are two possible interpretations to this dream. Firstly, that it has sexual connotations since tall pointed objects are involved. In this context, impotency could be involved because both the tree and the chimney collapsed and the tree is dead. However, your lack of concern shows that there is no need to fear this sort of problem.

Alternatively, since the grassy area is surrounded by trees, this could indicate a place of power or worship like the old Druid circles. However, the things nearest to you are the dead tree and collapsing chimney so I suggest that these represent your contact with higher levels of consciousness which are obviously suffering from neglect.

UNSTABLE GROUND

THE DREAM

MY SON DREAMT that he was in a field with several others when the ground sucked him and his companions down into the earth. He feels his clothes being drawn off as he tries to save himself from being pulled downward and awakes with a sense of shock.

THE MEANING

YOUR son appears to be being drawn into a group of people who are unsuitable compan-

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Dreaming is a time for sorting out the preceding day, ready for the one to follow.

ions for him. He is on unstable ground — a bog or quicksand which relies on water to give it suction; hence this is an emotional situation.

He has apparently become involved in a situation where he is not in control of the outcome and is struggling to extricate himself before he gets in over his head.

WEDDING DAY WOES

THE DREAM

I AM DRESSED in a bridal gown when my brother arrives dressed in jeans which upset me. I was mentally putting my boyfriend's name with my first name to see if they matched but suddenly felt unsure and ran out into the fields to avoid the wedding.

The man I had been going to marry was very smartly dressed and looked like a film star. When he realised that I had let him down he looked at me with a hurt expression.

THE MEANING

MARRIAGES and weddings are about some form of partnership in waking life. Here it seems as if you are about to involve yourself quite deeply in a new project, to such an extent that you are trying to find a suitable name for it.

However, other family members are not too enthusiastic about your venture and a part of you knows that it is not the correct path for you. Therefore you feel like putting an end to the project, so run away.

However, you feel remorse for letting down the other party. Those sad eyes almost hold you to ransom for your defection.

INJURED HORSE

THE DREAM

I AM AT a race meeting when a horse falls at the bend and injures its leg. When the stewards approach, the horse lifts its leg up like a dog offering a paw. The crowd sighs 'ahh' and I know the horse's leg is broken and the animal will have to be killed.

THE MEANING

HORSES represent our personal energy and physical force. Here it would seem that you are racing through life and are heading for a fall as you are not completely in control. You are being warned that a fall will cripple you — quite literally stop you in your tracks — although you will try to make light of it and obtain sympathy.

This dream appears to be about your personal health. You are neglecting yourself, probably through overwork or too much stress, and need to take a break if disaster is to be avoided.

BUDDING AUTHOR

THE DREAM

I DREAMT THAT a holy woman, a future queen, handed me a baby to look after. However, every now and then I drop him and have to pick him up. He has bright, complaining eyes. (I am writing a book.)

THE MEANING

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Oriental and Occidental traditions, so different in many ways, occasionally throw up surprising similarities.

The New Age is upon us. The world is becoming a global village and Westerners are becoming familiar with Eastern customs.

Books on Feng Shui give many a householder a hoped-for opportunity of occult protection. In the same way, books about that ancient and powerful Chinese oracle, the I Ching, are becoming popular and may be the next curiosity to attract us. More and more of us are seeking and taking its often surprising advice.

Perhaps in our fascination with things Eastern, we foolishly ignore the equally ancient ways of divination found in our own tradition. Although the I Ching is said to be 3,000 years old, Western folklore itself goes back a very long time.

Strangely, there is a connection between East and West. It is found in that common little wild plant, yarrow. This flowers all through Summer till the first Autumn frosts in meadows, pastures, hedgerows and at the edge of roadways as it has from time immemorial.

In East and West, this plant has for centuries been held to have mysterious powers of divination.

In the West its powers were generally to do with finding out who loved whom, while questioning the I Ching more often concerns weightier matters.

Weighty if only because this traditional Chinese method of divination uses 49 stalks.

Ideally, these should be around 12in/30cm in length and, when not in use, were stored in a lidded receptacle that was never used for any other purpose, being clean and

pleasing to the eye. When a question was posed, the stalks were taken out and wafted in a cloud of incense.

After that a complicated ritual of dividing up the stalks is followed until an answer to the question is possible. As with all oracles, the answer is seldom straightforward but those who practise using the I Ching believe it to be an infallible guide to a happy, more successful life.

Contrast these procedures with an old Cornish custom. This recommended the earnest enquirer to go into the fields at the time of the New Moon, pluck a piece of yarrow, put it under his/her pillow and say,

*'Goodnight fair yarrow,
thrice good night to thee,*

*I hope before tomorrow's
dawn my true love I shall see.'*

Alternatively, the enquirer could obtain an ounce of yarrow and sew it up in flannel before putting it under the pillow, saying at bedtime,

'Thy true name it is yarrow;

*Now who my bosom friend
must be,*

Pray tell me thou tomorrow.'

No doubt any answers received were as difficult to interpret as those of most oracles but after due thought probably suited the enquirer's needs.

Yarrow was supposed to cause bleeding if put up the nose and gently moved about yet was also credited with the ability to relieve migraine. It also provided another means of divination, as in this example from East Anglia. Putting a yarrow stalk up her nose and moving it about gently, a girl would say,

*'Yarroway, yarroway bear a
white blow.*

*If my love loves me, my
nose will bleed now.*

*If my love don't love me, it
won't bleed a drop.*

*If my loves do love me,
'twill bleed every drop.'*

Many people will regard such customs as truly silly. Yet the fact that they have persisted for so long does give one pause for thought.

As with the I Ching, believers maintain that everything in the universe is interrelated and that the answer to any question is already available to the enquirer at a deeper level of his/her psyche. Using a yarrow stalk is therefore an aid to getting in touch with one's inner wisdom. Certainly C. G. Jung believed that this was true in respect of the I Ching.

Whatever the truth of the matter, it is strange that



East meets West

by MIKE PAGE

the delicate little yarrow plant should figure in both Eastern and Western divination methods. Coincidence? If not, then what is it that makes this modest plant so important to those concerned about their futures?

BOOK REVIEWS

THE ELEMENTS OF ASTROLOGY by Janis Huntley

(Element, £5.99/\$9.95)

INTENDED FOR the complete beginner, this book starts with the basics, signs and planets, then moves on to explain the elements and quadruplicities.

Next comes the most difficult task for the novice, the calculation of a birth chart. Five examples are worked through in the time-honoured way using arithmetic, *Raphael's Ephemeris and Tables of Houses*. No shortcuts or cheating with computers allowed!

The calculation of the aspects comes next, followed by the usual 'cook book' listing of the meanings of each planet in the signs and houses. Finally, there is a sample analysis of the horoscope of Charles Dickens.

There are so many introductory guides to astrology now that it almost seems perverse to offer another one, especially if it has no outstanding features. But, as the author states, this book is for 'the average person who would like to learn about astrology for their own interest.'

There's nowt wrong with that, is there? — J.T.M.

THE BOOK OF MIRACLES

by Stuart Gordon
(Headline, £7.99)

IT HAS BEEN said that the age of miracles is past. Not so. As this fascinating book shows, all kinds of baffling phenomena which inspire religious belief continue to be reported around the world. Indeed, the television age has now brought us the instantaneous global miracle; remember the milk-drinking marble elephants of 1995?

Here the emphasis is on Christian (especially Roman Catholic) miracles, with sections on bleeding statues, stigmatics, sudden cures and apparitions of the Virgin Mary; but Gordon draws parallels with a host of other cases. The book is packed with amazing personalities and events: a flying monk, a woman who glowed in the dark, a man who supposedly can cure AIDS with the touch of his hands. Is the same factor at work in all of these?

While allowing the possibility of fraud or simple misunderstanding in many cases, Gordon rejects the 'it can't happen therefore it doesn't happen' school of scepticism. As he points out, rigid unbelief is itself a form of faith, especially where there is compelling evidence that *something* strange is going on.

He is equally doubtful about divine intervention. Rather, he suggests, the

explanation may lie in the power of the mind, when combined with the strength of collective belief, to interact with the physical world.

In the end, it all comes down to what you believe. But, whatever you think miracles represent, you're bound to enjoy this entertaining and thought-provoking book. — N.J.

THE ART OF HAND READING

by Lori Reid

(Dorling Kindersley, £12.99 hbk)

VERY OCCASIONALLY a really good book is published and this large-format, beautifully presented and copiously illustrated work is one such. With line drawings and photographs on virtually every page and extremely well written text, I really cannot fault any aspect of this book.

It is so tempting, especially for beginners, because it answers all your questions — just enough to get you thinking and leave you wanting more. And that is a sure sign of a good introduction to any subject. Much time and trouble have gone into the preparation of this work and it shows in the end result.

If you want to learn the basics of hand analysis, then this is the book for you. Everything is here from character analysis to potential health problems, from major lines to little seen minor marks, from timing of events to pitfalls.

Initially, the cover price may seem a little steep but, then, if you want the best you must expect to pay for it. Highly recommended. — P.W.

PAGANISM: A Beginner's Guide

by Theresa Moorey

(Headway, £5.99)

AS THE TITLE implies, a guide to modern paganism for beginners. This does not mean that it is not comprehensive for there is a great deal packed into its 120 pages of text.

Also, the work seems to have been written by a practising neo-pagan. It is therefore enlivened by some personal experiences and informed opinions (even if the author gets no Brownie points for tramping all over the White Horse of Uffington!).

The book covers the wide range of views, beliefs and practices held by modern pagans. The modern paths of pagan spirituality examined here are Wicca, Druidism, the Northern Tradition, Celtic paganism, shamanism, feminist paganism, the so-called men's movement, eco-paganism and cyber paganism. Also covered are the nature

of the deities of the pagan pantheon and the symbolism of the seasonal cycles.

Obviously, one may not agree with everything written here and efforts to be 'politically correct' are somewhat OTT. However, despite this minor criticism, the author has produced an easy to read overview of the pagan revival.

In so doing, she has provided a guide to modern paganism that will be of great help to those who want to know more about this complex subject. — M.H.

BACH FLOWER REMEDIES FOR MEN

by Stefan Ball

(C.W.Daniel, £6.95/\$13.95)

JUST WHEN YOU macho males thought it was safe to go into the bathroom, along come the Bach flower remedies. This publisher seems to have cornered the market on this subject and, as the title makes plain, this is a guide written specifically with men in mind.

It seems that it is now men who are complaining that they cannot cope with modern life and are under stress. In such situations, this book suggests that you do not have to be a big girl's blouse to turn to the healing power of flower remedies: New Lads can benefit from them as well as anybody else.

Basically, the author has taken the 38 remedies and recommended them for wilting men who suffer from office bullying, sexual problems, stress, acne, hair loss, prostate trouble, heart disease and career worries. Woven around the use of the remedies is the usual medical and psychological advice about learning to deal with anything our modern society can throw at you. — M.H.

TRUE HAUNTINGS

by Hazel M. Denning

(Llewellyn/Airlift, \$12.95/£10.99)

THE AUTHOR fills this substantial book with a huge amount of anecdotal evidence as to how spirits actually function and interact with the physical world and humanity.

The book's subtitle 'Spirits with a purpose' accurately expresses the author's belief that humanity is at a crossroads concerning the reevaluation of spiritual matters and the interaction of the spirit world and its inhabitants. This work categorises all the manifold types of visitation such as encounters

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BOOKS

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with helpful entities, malevolent entities, discarnates held by emotional attachment plus many more.

There may be nothing novel in this yet it is nonetheless very well written and entertainingly presented. As the author says, 'No amount of debunking and skepticism can negate the fact that people do see spirit forms, hear messages, feel physical contacts and experience out-of-body trips.'

Denning is a trained parapsychologist and manages to lift the tone of her book to a more substantial level than is achieved by the more popularised 'ghosts I have seen' type of account. There is a more realistic edge to this work than in the average, so-called New Age title.

The publishers are at the forefront of the challenge to produce high quality, more scholarly and responsible information for the discriminating reader; a challenge well met with this title. Highly recommended. — M.R.

THE ENCHANTED GARDEN

by Claire O'Rush
(Blandford, £14.99 hbk)

A BEAUTIFULLY PRODUCED book written by the granddaughter of a Yorkshire wisewoman and herbalist who shared her discoveries with her as a child.

This is indeed an enchanting work full of fascinating facts and myths surrounding the garden where magic, miracles and all sorts of wonders are to be found among the flowers, trees, herbs and plant pots. We learn of garden angels, fairies and the healing flora of any garden plot and how to use this knowledge alongside practical gardening tips coloured by love and respect for nature.

Lavishly illustrated with colour prints of pre-Raphaelite paintings by Dante Gabriel Rossetti, John Waterhouse and such like, this informative book will help you create your own magical garden, and enchanted place of peace, beauty, harmony and healing.

An ideal gift for any garden-lover or admirer of nature's bounty. — C.B.

DARK MOON MYSTERIES

by Timothy Roderick
(Llewellyn/Airlift, \$14.95/£11.99)

THE RATHER DRAMATIC question posed on the back of this book asks, 'Do you have the courage to claim your dark side?' The author, a psychologist and practising Wiccan, goes on to suggest that using the energy of your shadow side will enable you to become a whole

being since we should not only 'dance with the sunlight' but 'dance with the shadow' also.

Then follows instructions on how and when to use the energy of the Moon to gain inner knowledge and power as well as to perform divination and healing. Various techniques are suggested, including guided meditations, dance and spell-making.

This is all very fine but any Wiccan worth his/her salt knows the prime importance of New Moons and Full Moons for timing rituals and ceremonies, as does any astrologer, so there is no need to dress it all up in pseudo-Jungian fancy clothes. This is quite likely a good practical introduction to the subject of Moon magic but the style obscures rather than illuminates, though there is a useful bibliography. — J.T.M.

10,000 DREAMS INTERPRETED by Gustavus Hindman Miller (Element, £16.99 hbk)

BEAUTIFULLY PRODUCED AND LAVISHLY illustrated, this book also contains 10,000 symbols that can be found in dreams. As it was first published at the beginning of this century, most of these meanings have also passed the test of time and it should be noted that the author came to prominence before Carl Gustav Jung.

Apparently Miller was a pioneer in the field of dreaming, attributing meaning to dreams that were hitherto considered senseless. This edition of his book has been updated by necessity because symbols are often influenced by the society in which we live but the 100 or so new entries in this edition are by D. Hans Holzer, one of the modern world's leading parapsychologists, who has retained Miller's style.

Miller begins with an introduction explaining his theories and method of analysis. Then follows the descriptions of symbols arranged into various categories such as work, religious matters, the animal kingdom and so on. There are also examples of actual dreams and their interpretations plus a very useful cross-reference system as well as indexes.

This is one of the best books on dreams that I have seen in a long while; it is useful, beautiful and, given the high quality of its presentation, economically priced. — B.L.

BARRIERS AND BOUNDARIES

by Liz Greene
(CPA, £19.99 hbk)

THIS VOLUME IS the first publishing venture by the CPA (Centre for Psychological Astrology) and is a worthy first edition. It follows a formula previously followed by Liz Greene and the late Howard Saspertas for other publishers in that the text comprises edited transcripts of seminars.

Although these earlier books had considerable merit, in my opinion this author alone scores even higher marks, possibly because she has control of the publishing. What she has to say on her themes is often mind-blowing and, at times, so amusing that I actually laughed out loud.

The subject matter is divided into two parts with the first section covering defence mechanisms of the signs, elements and some planets; this follows a Freudian model with oral, anal and Oedipal defences being analysed together with an addition to this holy trinity, denial, to cover the element of Air. If all this sounds too dry and boring, believe me, it is not!

The second half of the book focuses on Saturn and Chiron. It goes without saying that the author knows her stuff when it comes to Saturn, so to learn of the work she has now done on the often-neglected Chiron is an added bonus that I much appreciate. Here I was especially interested by her emphasis on the wounded Chiron which is a very different interpretation to that of many other astrologers. Example charts are included and these, as one would expect from this author, are well-chosen.

This book is clearly marked Volume 1: I happily anticipate the others that must follow! — B.L.

CULTS OF THE SHADOW

by Kenneth Grant
(Skooob, £18.99/\$34.95 hbk)

ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED in 1975, this is the final volume of Grant's first trilogy, of which volumes one and two were entitled *The Magical Revival* and *Aleister Crowley and the Hidden God*.

For anyone interested in the darker aspect of occultism, these books provide all you need to know and more. It is really quite heavy stuff, as a brief glance at the contents reveals. Chapters deal variously with such matters as The Draconian Cult of Ancient Khem; The Cult of the Fire Snake; The Cult of the Beast; The Afro-Tantric Tarot of the Kalas.

Basically, the author's aim is to explore thoroughly what is generally called the Left Hand Path which, in the popular mind, is known as 'black' magic. Such practices, he claims, can be traced back to ancient Egypt and the Tantric systems of India which aim to awaken the serpent power via sexual energy as this is the key to cosmic consciousness.

Although we should not ignore the darker side of the human psyche, the problem is that because it is 'dark' it seems always to get over-dramatised and ends in sensationalism, wallowing in the macabre for its own sake.

If you are keen on this sort of thing, then Grant is your man. However, there are many who suspect that this may be a kind of occult fiction posing as fact. — R.H.

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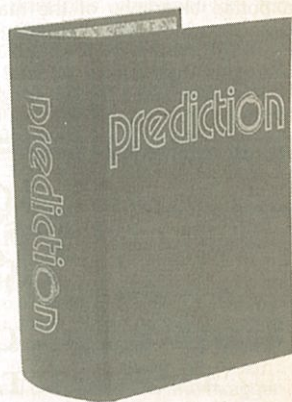
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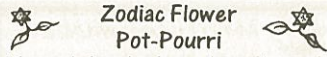
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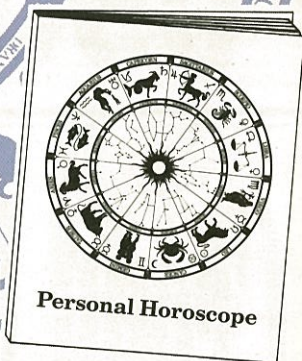


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