

Astro-View of Heredity and Disease

Each individual is equipped with a mental and moral nature which are entirely his own, taking from his parents only the material for the physical body. Naturally he is drawn to parents where he can get the kind of material for the expression of his life's work.

THE BIBLE TELLS US that the sins of the parents may be visited on their children for three or four generations. This is true not only from a physical standpoint but from a mental and moral point of view. The Ego is entitled to the sort of parents whose tendencies coincide closely with its own. Parents possessing negative characters, as a result of violating nature's laws, attract and are entitled to children of a similar nature. The body evolves along with the spirit and as people learn the penalty of violating these laws by neglect of duty or wilful opposition, the spirit becomes able to "build a more stately mansion" for itself. The spirit soon recognizes this through suffering, and thus we often see a great and kindly soul in a weak and deformed body, who has started on the long journey of building a better temple for the god within.

The dictionary says that heredity from a biological standpoint is the transmission of physical and psychical characteristics from the parents to their offspring. Metaphysicians freely admit that this is true from a physical point of view; for the embryo must use or draw on the chemicals of the mother for physical growth. However, many advanced Egos are able to draw from the ethers that which the mother may lack in proper material, and thus from sickly parents may come a sound body for the child.

The inheritance of psychical traits in the same way as physical transmission cannot hold true on account of the Law of Causation and natural evolution. There are usually psychical resemblances due to the law of attraction and just deserts. But often an Ego who has evolved to where it has a

wide choice of parents and early environment may choose to pay off an old debt to other spirits, and as a result a healthy genius or a highly spiritual person will come from sickly parents of mediocre calibre; or, conversely, a thief may come from a minister's home. These examples refute the idea of mental inheritance. But let us get down to the physical factors as they affect health, diagnosis, and therapy.

When the pediatrician looks to parental weakness to diagnose the child's disease, he may be easily led astray for the reasons outlined above, unless he uses astrology and studies the mother's ductless glands, which are the prime factor in forming the foetus. For the blood stream of the mother does not intermingle with the foetus. So it is by osmosis that the chemical particles are transmitted to the child's body via the ductless glands. Thus if the adrenals are out of order in the mother, the liver of the infant will be affected. This holds true for most people; but where an Ego is so advanced that it can build a good body by transmuting poor material and drawing on cosmic forces, it will not need a doctor's attention anyway.

The reason the pediatrician is apt to make a mistake or be confused is that while the parent has not yet developed liver trouble from adrenalin pathology because the planetary progressions have not brought it to a head, the child will have a diseased liver, because the embryo had insufficient material from the mother's glands. Something similar applies of course to any ailment.

We will take a recent example which came to our attention to further elucidate this. The mother

has Uranus adversely aspected in Aries. She is young, has some very good aspects to mitigate the Uranian affliction, and has had no serious physical complaints as yet. But lacking the proper balance of hormone from the adrenals during gestation and having little to offset this influence, the child is very backward; has spasmodic headaches, nervousness, is underweight as well as having weak eyes. All this results from the influence of his mother's Uranus at odds in Aries, ruler of the head. Uranus rules the eyes through the ethers and the nerves, and also governs the pituitary body.

Now the pituitary gland is also the gland of growth and assimilation, and is the indicator of abnormal as well as normal growths. We can trace everything from warts, tumors and cysts to dwarfs, giants, and malformed limbs to the dysfunction of this gland. When the child reaches puberty in another year, much of this trouble will be automatically corrected by the fact that the thymus, which now carries on the work of growth and assimilation, will atrophy, his pituitary will take over this work, and he will manufacture his own red corpuscles. He will no longer be dependent upon the essence he was able to store in the thymus from his mother's pituitary gland, but will be "on his own." With his well-aspected Uranus, we are able to safely predict a great change for the better. He will at that time, so to speak, have paid off the "sin" of his mother, and will reap some benefit from his own chart.

This explains clearly why children "outgrow" pathology and cease to have what is known as children's diseases, which in the final analysis are the sins of the parents visited upon the offspring. We do not say, however, that puberty is a "cure all" for children's disorders. This particular case is typical, and explains why the lack of a metaphysical and astrological understanding of the body is such a



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handicap in pediatrics as well as in adult diseases.

Such understanding indicates why the mother before pregnancy may be sickly and then become more robust after childbirth. The fact is that the lack of certain elements in her body caused the Ego of the child to demand proper material to build into its body. So-called abnormal appetites ensued with the mother, with the result that her own body profited by supplying the needs of the unborn child. The alchemical and chemical changes in her body also affected her mental outlook, at least temporarily.

We have in mind a woman who was quite a gloomy soul, given to scolding those around her. But during the flush of pregnancy she became an entirely different person—cheerful and tolerant, even sweet and lovely of face. And much of this change for the better remained with her after the baby was born. Her pride and joy in caring for and loving the infant was truly a wonderful example of the divine blessings of motherhood. It also saved a marriage that threatened to wreck on the rocks of misunderstanding. And a happier father than the one in this home would be hard to find.

What a pity that doctors and parents have so little knowledge of what astrology can do for happiness in the home. Pregnant mothers having a knowledge of astrology can design their diet to suit their own mineral affinity or mineral lack as shown in the horoscope, and when the baby is born they can feed it intelligently and give it every chance to have a sound physical body and avoid laying the foundation for future adult diseases.

Only the surface of this profound and gripping subject has been scratched by the average doctor who uses astrology. May God hasten the day when doctors and parents will begin to cooperate in learning the wonderful workings of the laws of life as disclosed by metaphysics and astrology. □

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