

The Message of the Stars *Interprets Max Heindel's Horoscope*

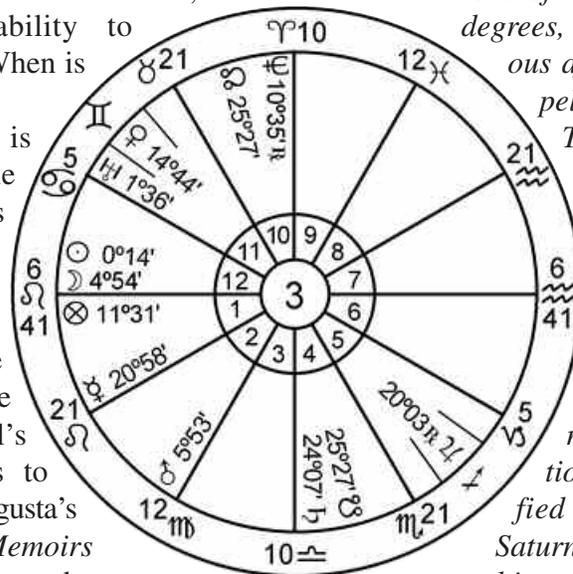
THE MESSAGE OF THE STARS was coauthored by Augusta Foss and Max Heindel. While it is not certain in every instance which writer is responsible for a given text, clearly the first three chapters, which are more theoretical and consider the spiritual, occult, and cosmic aspects of astrology, were written by Mr. Heindel. The topics discussed include "Evolution as Shown in the Zodiac," "The Measure of Amenability to Planetary Vibrations," and "When is the Best Time to Be Born?"

Max Heindel's horoscope is No. 3 of the thirty-six example horoscopes presented in this book. Augusta's horoscope is the first one given in *Astrodiagnosis, a Guide to Health and Healing*, on page 70. Those persons who are familiar with Max Heindel's biography, and have access to documents that supplement Augusta's account as given in her *Memoirs* (available in book form from the Fellowship), are struck by the pertinence of the delineations in *The Message of the Stars* that apply to Heindel's own chart, and are therefore inclined to conclude that the author was writing from personal experience (as well as from intuition and creative synthesis) in these instances. These passages also provide insight into Heindel's inner person that are at most only implied in the biographical details and his personal comments. The relevant delineations are therefore

given exactly as this text appears in *The Message of the Stars*. On pages 592 and 593 the author writes:

Horoscope No. 3 shows the inimical influence of the nebulous spot in Leo 6, the Ascelli, on the sight. This dangerous degree was rising at birth with the Moon in close conjunction, and the Sun also in orb. Saturn in 24 degrees of Libra is just within orb of a square to the Sun in Leo 0 degrees, and as a result of these various afflictions, the person is compelled to use bifocal glasses.

There is a compensating advantage, however; Neptune in elevation and trine to the Ascelli (with Sun, Moon and Ascendant in orb), has endowed him with spiritual sight over which he has perfect control, as the student may readily see by examination of Mercury, the best fortified planet in the horoscope. Saturn, by sextile, from the sign of his exaltation, gives steadiness, persistence and concentration; Jupiter by trine from the house he rules, expands the mind, makes it religiously inclined and benevolent; Venus, by sextile, adds kindness and love of beauty. Thus it is evident that in this horoscope the relation of Mercury and its octave, Neptune, to physical and spiritual expression of mind, is well illustrated. Neptune is most highly elevated and Mercury is most strongly aspected. Neither is afflicted,



The horoscope of Max Heindel born July 23, 1865, 4.32.04 true local time, in Aarhus, Denmark

therefore he is not liable to hallucinations, but weighs his experiences in the scale of logic.

Some further biographical remarks can probably be found in the following descriptions, also in *The Message of the Stars*.

The Sun in the Twelfth House

This is the signature of the lonely soul who as a recluse shuts himself off from his fellows. It brings with it a danger of conflict with the authorities or an inability to fit in with the family conditions and on account of the ensuing trouble the person goes into voluntary or enforced exile, living his life henceforth a stranger among strangers. Even when such extreme conditions do not prevail, the first third of the life is usually wasted in vain efforts to find a balance and settle down to some lifework....it gives a love of the occult and leads to curious lines of research. (p. 150)

Saturn in Libra

"...when Saturn is afflicted in Libra the marriage partner is either treacherous or removed by an early death." (p. 258. Heindel was twice married before he married Augusta Foss.)

Sun Square Saturn

His marriage is unhappy and is likely to end in divorce or early death of the partner. He has difficulty in finding and keeping employment [Heindel had many jobs, on land and sea], trouble with employers and authorities, a feeling as if he were held in leash all his life and denied expression in any direction. If Saturn is in his exaltation sign, Libra, the latter part of the life may be better because the person may have taken the lessons of life to heart and mended his ways. (p. 161)

Sun Conjunct Moon

"In the twelfth house or sign, the conjunction will give a strong tendency to drink, bringing trouble." (p. 158) Heindel confirms this statement in an autobiographical letter written to Charles Leadbeater January 15, 1904, which appeared in the April 1949

issue of *The Theosophist*.

Mercury Sextile Saturn

The forethought and profound reasoning ability indicated by these aspects insure success in whatever vocation the person may pursue. The patient persistence which permits no temporary failure to stand in the way of ultimate success; their caution and diplomacy make such people invincible in the long run. Therefore they generally become prominent in connection with some serious enterprise such as secret societies....(p. 209)

Mercury in Leo

gives high ideals and aspirations, a positive, strong and persevering intellect which scorns to stoop to low and mean acts, and despises equivocation; is blunt and out-spoken, quick-tempered, but kind-hearted and sympathetic. People with Mercury in Leo well-fortified have good organizing ability and make capable leaders. They love children and are also fond of pleasure. (p. 203)

Jupiter in the Fifth House

well-aspected increases the number of children [Heindel had four children by his first wife]...it gives popularity and good friends who will be a help to the person, also a sociable and pleasure loving disposition....high intelligence and success in educational work or the publishing or newspaper business. These people make fine teachers and have a very convincing way of putting things. (p. 281)

Jupiter Trine Mercury

is one of the finest assets in life, for it gives a cheerful, optimistic disposition with the ability to look upon the bright side of things and keep up the spirits in hours of adversity. The mind is broad, versatile, and able to reason correctly and to form a reliable judgment by careful deliberation. These people never give a hasty decision; they require time to think over whatever is presented to them, but once they have reached a conclusion it will be found incontrovertible.

They are successful in law or literature and much respected for their honesty and sincerity. These aspects are particularly fortunate for people who travel for business or pleasure [Heindel was in the merchant marines and was in the import business with his brother Louis, through which he became "well off," according to his daughter Wilhelmina], for they will reap both benefit and enjoyment from a migratory mode of life [as shown by Heindel's trek across the United States and his multiple journeys up and down the West Coast. They are]...loved by everybody for the vital vibrations they radiate upon whomever they meet.

In his *Study of Max Heindel and the Rosicrucian Fellowship* (not presently available in book form), first published in Dutch in 1969, Ger Westenberg writes that

In astrology books mention is made of major and minor aspects, suggesting that the minor aspects should have less potency than the major aspects....but when we calculate Max Heindel's horoscope according to the Campanus House system and calculate the minor aspects too, we can easily find happenings which are not to be found in any other way.

*For example, Jupiter in Sagittarius in the sixth [rather than the fifth] house, sesquiquadrate the ascendant, clearly indicates the accident in youth which caused a bruised leg [mentioned in *Teachings of an Initiate*, p. 153, and elaborated on in the *March 1916 Rays*, p. 38]; while Jupiter opposite Venus and semisquare the Sun indicate the bad condition of his blood (it did not coagulate after injuries) and blood circulation in the damaged leg. The bad configuration of Venus is also the cause of his disappointments in marriage.*

Venus in Gemini

blends the beauty of Venus with the mercurial ability to express so that people who have this configuration are able to choose their words with singular facility and infuse in them a rhythm which is like music to the ears of a lis-

tener. Therefore this is one of the positions which make poets, provided of course that other indications in the horoscope support....This position has a very refining influence on the mind, inclining to a literary or artistic career...This position also inclines to marriage and frequently to more than one union. It favors traveling both for gain and pleasure, especially short journeys.

One recalls Heindel's experiences with "Bedelia," his two seater Franklin which he loved to drive, and his 1915 excursion in "Carita," a sturdy "Overland," to Sacramento, Hollywood and Santa Barbara in the company of his wife and two other ladies.

Jupiter Opposition Venus

gives the same luxurious likings as the good aspects, but limits the ability to satisfy them.... they are very liable suffer losses through the treachery of others. Love and marriage also are sources of sorrow for those whom Venus and Jupiter are afflicting. They are apt to be jilted before marriage or the marriage partner may prove faithless and may abscond. These aspects also produce an amorous nature....

Moon in Leo

has an illuminating influence on the mind. It gives a strong, self-reliant and aggressive disposition with ability for organization; therefore people with the Moon in this position usually attain to leadership in their immediate circle. They are honorable in financial and social matters, fair and magnanimous in their dealings with others, and very popular with other people.

Mars in the Second House

when well-aspected [Mars sextiles Uranus] makes the nature free and generous in financial dealings with others. The person has a splendid earning capacity and will make a financial success in any business of a martial nature involving the use of fire, iron tools, or machinery. It is also an indication of money by marriage or legacy.

Heindel had a keen mechanical sense enabling him to install, operate, and repair motors, printing press-

es, pumps, electrical circuitry (ruled by Uranus). Many of his literary analogies draw on his knowledge of mechanics and his familiarity with phenomena of physical sciences.

Saturn in the Fourth House

[When well-aspected—Heindel’s Mercury trines Saturn—this placement indicates] *success from investments and administration of houses and lands, agriculture or mining property under careful and economical management. The success grows better as life advances. When Saturn is afflicted in the Fourth House [square Sun and conjunct the Dragon’s Tail] it signifies the early death of one of the parents....*



ing for many reasons. Heindel wrote about this comparison in the April 1918 *Rays*:

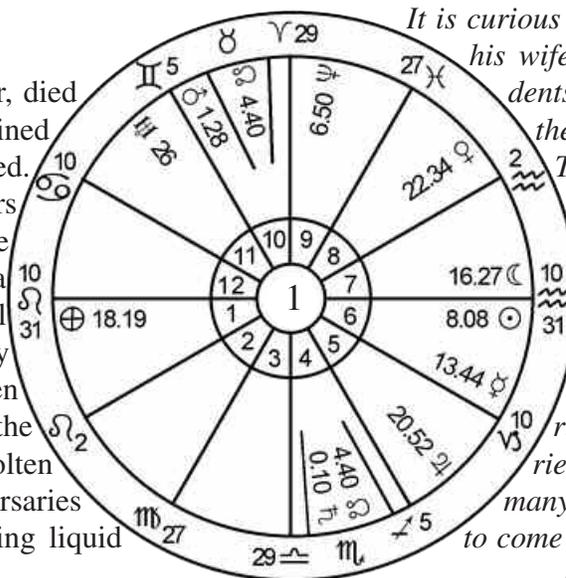
Neptune in the Tenth House

and trine to the Sun or Moon are sure signs of the ability to cultivate the spiritual sight in this life. A number of well-known seers [including Max Heindel] have this aspect.

The Horoscopes of Max and Augusta Heindel

A comparison of Max Heindel’s horoscope with that of Augusta Foss is interesting

Max Heindel’s father, a baker, died from burns and wounds sustained when a steam boiler exploded. Max was but two and 2/3 years old at the time and therefore qualifies as the Son of a Widow, as was his spiritual progenitor, Cain. One may even see an association between this unfortunate incident and the abortive explosion of the molten sea when Hiram Abiff’s adversaries added water as he was pouring liquid fire into the receiving vessel.



The horoscope of August Foss, born January 27, 1865, 17.13.07 TLT, in Mansfield, Ohio

It is curious to note that we [Heindel and his wife] have each had three accidents, damaging the same parts of the body, but on opposite sides. The editor’s left ankle and Mrs. Heindel’s right ankle were also hurt; and the editor received a blow from a pump handle above the left eye, while Mrs. Heindel received an injury in the same place above her right eye. A similarity of experiences has also been noted in many other matters, and they seem to come to Mrs. Heindel first because of the priority of her birth; later the editor meets with similar circumstances.

Neptune in Aries

when well aspected fills a person with religious enthusiasm, though not always of the orthodox kind, and gives him the energy and ambition to push forward to the front rank in whatever line of thought and belief he espouses. There is a desire to elevate humanity to a higher and more noble plane of life and on that account this configuration or position usually brings the person forward as a public character of more or less importance, according to the general aspects

During the passing of Max Heindel, Augusta’s progressed Mars was in conjunction with Uranus, the ruler of the seventh house, signifying the husband. The Moon, which is in the seventh house, received a square aspect from the progressed Venus. Transiting Saturn was square to the M.C. At her passing on May 9th, 1949, the natal ascendant was square Mercury. □

—A Probationer