

Astrology Independent Study Module No. 43

Vocation and Finance

The purpose of all life is experience.

The Physical World is a school of experience, a sort of model school or experiment station which teaches man to work correctly in the invisible worlds.

But man must return many times before he can hope to master all the knowledge in the world of sense.

It is a demonstrable fact that we learn more from our mistakes than from our successes and that the proper light in which to regard this Physical World is as a school of valuable education, experience, and tests in which we learn lessons of the utmost importance.

(Ref., [The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception](#), (Ref. #2 »), (Ref. #3 »), (Ref. #4 »), and [chapter on Rebirth and Law of Consequence, Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception.](#))

The Christ exhorted us to be not overly anxious as to what we shall eat and drink and clothe ourselves with. Therefore, rather than riches seek to live lives of love and service and lay up treasures in heaven.

No matter what our condition, what our station in life, whether it be the lowest of the lowly or the highest of the high, the important thing to remember is, that if we work and pray, pray and work, and make our lives a living prayer for opportunities to serve others, then all earthly things will come of their own accord as we need them, and they will keep coming in larger measure according to the degree to which they are used in the *service to God*.

If we regard ourselves only as stewards and custodians of whatever earthly goods we possess then we are really *poor in spirit* so far as the evanescent earthly treasures are concerned, but rich in the more lasting treasures of the Kingdom of Heaven.

And if we are not out and out materialists surely this is a practical attitude, because our Heavenly Father knows that we need material things and if we will but trust *Him*, *He* will supply our every need.

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you," is neither a vague admonition nor a mere figure of speech, but a literal fact in *His kingdom* that we should *live* and *practice* in our daily lives.

We who are engaged in the so-called secular work of the world and are forced to do things that seem sordid often feel that we are hampered and hindered on that account, but if we do all things *unto the Lord* and are *faithful over a few things* we shall find that in time opportunities will come of which we do not dream because *all work is performed in the spiritual sense is coequal*.

(Ref., [Gleanings of a Mystic](#).)

Generally

We determine Vocation and Finance by the 2nd, 6th, 8th, and 10th houses.

Specifically Vocation

Is judged by the 10th house sign, ruler thereof, planets therein, and the ruler of this horoscope. Also consider the house which contains the majority of planets, and the 6th house (service performed).

(Ref., *Message of the Stars.*)

Finance

Determined by 2nd house, ruler of sign on its cusp, planets therein, the sign **Taurus** and the Planets Jupiter and Saturn.

(Ref., *Message of the Stars*, (Ref. #2 »), (Ref. #3 »), (Ref. #4 »).)

Questions:

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1] Write 300 words or over on this boy's vocational and financial possibilities using your powers of induction and deduction for continuity of thought, coherence of detail, and simplicity of expression.

2] State briefly what you think to be the two best professions for this boy to follow, and why.

3] State briefly his financial prospects.

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1. Write a brief paragraph describing this boy's moral status.

This boy is impressionable and easy-going (Sun in Cancer) and too imaginative and negative for his own good, (Venus in Cancer), therefore he will be rather of a dual, moral nature. Strong, secret passions, (Venus in Cancer). Terrific desires to gratify these passions, (Venus' parallel Saturn — Sun parallel Mars), with ensuing trouble with the opposite sex, (Venus parallel Saturn). However, the other side of his nature, his higher mind, ruled by

Jupiter, inclines him naturally to a morally clean life, and one of virtue, (Jupiter in Leo, parallel to Midheaven), with much ability to control his passions and cravings, (Jupiter trine Uranus). If he contacts the right people, the right spiritual teachings and endeavors to live to the highest ideals he knows, this boy will rise above his lower nature, especially in later life, (Jupiter in the 4th house). The good aspects of Neptune sextile Venus and Sun, as well as Jupiter trine Uranus, lend moral strength that should grow as he develops in harmony with the finer instincts.

2. Write a brief paragraph on his emotional nature.

The boy's emotional nature is negative also, and easily aroused and swayed, (Venus in Cancer). He is inherently sensual and self-indulgent to a degree with regard to his passions, and not always able to exercise control or restraint in his likes and dislikes, (Mars square Neptune). He is vacillating and imaginative and could easily come under the domination of discarnate entities (Mars square Neptune). However, he again has many good qualities to offset the above. Uranus trine Jupiter tends to sublimate his emotional, explosive, erratic outbursts, secret passions and attachments (Uranus square Moon), and Mars trine Saturn will give him the determination and energy to "Overcome" if he will but *try*.

3. Study the mental qualifications of this boy with special regard to Mercury; its sign, house position and its aspects.

Write three hundred words or over on his mental tendencies.

Mercury follows the Sun in our chart, therefore this boy will learn more by afterthought. The lessons of life will contact him through the school of hard knocks and experience.

Mercury in Leo gives high ideals and aspirations; a positive, strong, and persevering intellect which scorns to stoop to low and mean acts. This boy may be blunt and outspoken, but he is also kind-hearted and sympathetic. He will have good organizing ability and will make a capable leader. A lover of children and fond of pleasure and amusement.

Mercury in the Third House is strong because this is the "natural" house of this planet. This position will heighten the mental qualities of this boy; it will make his mind serene and optimistic, and inclined to study and research work. He will probably make many short journeys.

The opposition of Saturn will cause delays in his plans and projects, and these obstructions in his path will tend to make him bitter and sarcastic, but his good aspects will easily help him to overcome these occasional trials and tests.

The parallel of Saturn will give him depth of mind sufficient for him to learn the reason for the delays and obstacles that come up. He will learn to work with the laws of Nature through the help of this parallel, and he will think and plan beforehand and so prepare for all emergencies.

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Mercury sextile Mars gives a keen, sharp, ingenious and resourceful mentality. It gives enthusiasm and the ability to imbue others with enthusiasm. There is indicated in this configuration a great love of argument and debate and also an inexhaustible fund of wit and humor, with a goodly share of sarcasm which usually strikes its mark.

Dexterity is innate and his ability to turn, a hand to whatever task comes up with speed and facility will stand him in marvelous stead during the many interims of his career which will undoubtedly tax his adroitness to the utmost.

The parallel to Mars strengthens these energetic and dexterous qualities mentioned above.

If this boy should become a writer or lecturer he would speak or write with miraculous conviction and forceful power.

(Ref., [Message of the Stars](#), (Ref. #2 »), (Ref. #3 »), (Ref. #4 »), (Ref. #5), (Ref. #6).)

Supplementary Student Material:

Security

"To exist" is "to be in a state of motion," but "to live constructively" is "to exist with a consciousness of source and objective." In this consciousness is found the root of the security-feeling regardless of the condition of outer circumstances. The astrological mandala pictures this as follows: Draw a circle with the vertical and horizontal diameters; place the Aries-symbol at the Ascendant-point Capricorn at the top of the wheel, Cancer at the bottom; connect Aries to Capricorn and Cancer by straight lines.

Aries is the primordial *I am*—the consciousness of individualized self-hood. Because Life is Action, "to be" means "to express," "to project" and "to act and react." Creativity and epigenesis are, depending on evolutionary octave, the arch-principles of Life-action because all expressions are radiative and affective by nature. Mars then is the Principle of Action, the "Spark from the

Central Flame" which provides every epigenetic thing with the faculty of projective movement. But, Mars has to have an objective toward which to move, else his action is devoid of purpose or meaning. His unfocused actions are, therefore, wasted energy. To waste one's endowment of energy is to deplete the consciousness of *I am*; the result of this depletion is one polarity of the insecurity-feeling.

To have a relatively dim awareness of *I am* is to be relatively decentralized and, correspondingly, relatively susceptible to the impacts of other mental, emotional, psychic, and physical power-projections. Remember that in target-practice the shooting and the throwing have no meaning if there is no target to focus on for training; the target chemically symbolizes the objective of developing physical co-ordination for which the shooter or thrower practices. To continue to shoot or throw without the focus of the target is "Mars without an objective;" such action results in a bare minimum of muscular exercise but little, if any, muscular co-ordination results.

We speak of growing boys and girls as "shooting up to young manhood and womanhood." When the objectives of life-giving maturities are not focused on, then the mechanical growing up-like the aimless shooting and throwing-eventually results in the insecurity of wasted motion and energy. To "take incarnation" has for its purpose life-givingness which is maturity and which, astrologically, is indicated by the exaltation of Mars in Capricorn, the Saturn-sign of power to assume and fulfill responsibilities. These responsibilities are inherent in the fact that maturity of consciousness implies self-direction and the spiritual responsibility is constructive expression. On the genetic octave of expression, "constructive expression" is generative life and steward-ship of that which is generated, whether it is the incarnation of other Egos

—"our children"—or the initiation of a work- pattern—"our service."

Wasted growing-up-ness is, to a large degree, a mechanical action which results in insecurity when the person is timed for mature expression but is incapable of such functioning. He is at the mercy of other people's vibrations and powers and he is incapable of functioning from his center of self-direction. Mars, leaving Aries and traveling through the wheel counter-clockwise, must rise from the Cancer-point at the bottom of the wheel; to remain bogged down in dependency-security is to avoid the dynamic upward propulsion of true growing. Any person so bogged down tries to function through another strength, he does not "know his own." He remains fixated on "source," but since he is unaware of individualized objectives, he cannot help but fail to realize the ideal of true security.

Since that which is growing needs protection and sustainment, true dependency-security is the fulfillment of legitimate needs. The fetus needs the maternal substance, the baby and growing child need food, shelter, guidance, and love; the student needs education, the worker needs a service-objective and income. All people who are evolving need the security- sense of specific identities—family affiliation, religious affiliation, national affiliation, and racial affiliation—until such time as the truth of selfhood is realized. Congestions in dependency-security result in psychological and sexual subnormality, crystallization in opinion, prejudice, intolerance, fixation on chemical expressions as symbols of security, racial and nationalistic fears and enmities and, above all, the inability to adjust to needed changes for development and elasticization of consciousness.

A person "arrives" at a specific point in his evolution; when he identifies that point as "a reality" he remains, in a sense, static for a time to fulfill the requirements of that point. If he then fails to adjust to needed changes—remains fixated on that with which he has become familiar—he "dies inside" because his consciousness of himself will not permit the evolutionary forces of life to express through him. And that "point" can be one of innumerable things with which humans identify themselves during the sequence of their incarnations.

The sign Cancer in the Great Mandala is the "nest- symbol" to the dependent person. Exoterically it is "chemicalized source"—womb, mother, home, nation, and race. Esoterically it is his own psychological base—the things he rests on inside himself as a consciousness of resource to express for his individualized need for greater fulfillment. The psychological base is never dependent on the chemical expressions of life; once established the person rests on it and in it wherever he goes during his incarnation. This inner establishment makes it possible for him to adjust to any and all outer changes of circumstances; herein is seen a picturing of the Moon—ruler of Cancer—being exalted in its own eleventh house-sign, Taurus. Taurus corresponds to Cancer as Uranus-ruled Aquarius corresponds to Aries— the eleventh house-sign pattern is liberation and impersonalization.

The disorganized person—the vagrant, the outlaw, and the insane—is such because he has lost his sense of contact with identity and inner focus. The vagrant has experience, certainly, but it is in the nature of an aimless movement through life; the outlaw has lost his sense of belongingness with other people—he is in a continual state of protest against something in himself (something of the vibratory source of the present incarnation) that he has not understood or clearly perceived. In other words,

there is no connection, in the minds of such people, between what they were in the past, what they should be now, and what they might become in the future. Their forgotten past and unpictured future suspends them in the aimless present.

The person we designate as "miser" is one of the most insecure because he is not aware of the source of his over-attachment to chemicality—money—as a symbol of security. His greed and unceasing grasping outpictures his crumbled inner foundation—he seeks security in "possessing" something whose essential identity is "medium of exchange as an expression of feeling about other people."

Over-attachment to a loved one is also an outpicturing of negative dependency-security because the suffering person identifies another human as his psychological base. Devoted and faithful love is not, in itself, a "mechanism of congestion;" it is an expression of the human heart's highest octave. But the kind of love that cannot live independently of chemical nearness is truly not love but a symbol of inner insecurity; anyone who identifies another as "security" is off his own inner base—he is continually afflicted with anxieties, apprehensions, and tensions. The person, having "displaced" himself, says that he is anxious about the well-being of the loved one but it is his own security that he is really anxious about. True loving is health-giving, faith-strengthening, confidence- inspiring; the "loving" that is a fearful, tense dependency is just the opposite.

So we see that over-dependency on externals is the arch-root of insecurity. The correction is found in understanding what the external symbolizes and then establishing the reality of that symbol in consciousness and expressing from that psychological base; such expression is self-generating and self-directing; it is

symbolized by the line drawn from Cancer upward to Capricorn in the Great Mandala. This is the picture of the dependent, immature person transmuting his consciousness with experience to attain the status of a mature, independent individual. "We recognize, because polarity is inter-active and retro-active, that the Cancer-Capricorn diameter pictures the present insecurities having resulted from past unfulfillments and present securities having resulted from past fulfillments. That which is now established as sound, integrated psychological base-power is pabulum for exercise of responsibility-fulfillments. To be free of dependency on externals qualifies for self-directing, efficient dynamic functioning. Many people assume responsibilities—parenthood, work, etc.—but their crumbled psychological base, with resultant dependency on externals as securities, disqualifies them from successfully and completely fulfilling that which they have assumed.

For example—and there are many such to be studied in these times—a man assumes the responsibility of governmental work; he is insecure by reason of his over-dependency on money as a symbol of security; he traduces the principles inherent in the responsibilities of his job; he "works the angles of expediency" but he breaks faith in order to realize his illusionary security-symbol; in his next incarnation—or in some future incarnation—his faith in other people will be shattered by their falseness and lack of principle; they will simply outpicture his own intensified insecurity, the result of his previous (present) spiritual immaturity. This is an important point to consider: to adhere to the principles of a work-pattern or a relationship-pattern insures the maximum efficiency of responsibility-fulfillment and, correspondingly, a maximum efficiency of maturing the psychological base to carry over as "strength- pabulum" into the next incarnation. The accumulations of strength-pabulum total to the accumulation of relative

Masterhood; the depletion of strength- pabulum is recession from realizing Ideality.

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The person who assumes a pattern of responsibility and who betrays that pattern by inner darkness and lack of principle disintegrates his own psychological base to a degree. He disqualifies for further power-expression until he has reclaimed his consciousness, faces and passes the testings which Life (his own consciousness) brings to him in order to prove his worth. When you as an astro-philosopher, study charts to analyze the sources of another's problems and you recognize that his suffering has been directly due to his over- dependency on externals, then know that, somewhere in his past, he disqualified and his disqualifications have been outpictured this time by his dependency-reaction on the weaknesses of others. He will tell you that his parents never gave him enough, he never got any breaks, his boss never appreciates him, he has been continually taken advantage of and cheated, he is always involved in automobile accidents, his children are always sick, he was divorced three times, betrayed by the woman he loved, etc. Such tales outpicture terrifically deep insecurities, the direct result of betrayal of responsibility-fulfillments in the past. Now, such a person doesn't know just who he is or what he is here for; his motivations are only dimly perceived; he is unaware of his power-resources (strength-pabulum); and his consciousness of experience-principles is hazy at best. He has to learn anew what his identity is and what it means to understand experience-principles and the spiritual methods for expressing according to Principle.

Now—a case very much in point these days— international security.

This term is a composite of the security-consciousness of every human now incarnate. In these later days we have come into a clearer recognition of "One World" than ever before in our history. To recognize "One World" is to assume the responsibility of living accordingly. To not recognize—or not be able to recognize—"One World" simply outpictures adherence to separative nationalistic concepts; nationalistically-minded people cannot be expected to "think internationally" any more than a small child should be expected to love other children's mothers and fathers more than he does his own. But—and this is very significant—there are many now incarnate who profess the "One World Consciousness" but who violate it continually. Which brings us to the subject of "Americanism:"

To incarnate as a citizen of the United States of America is to assume the responsibility of living the "One World Consciousness." You and I and every other American citizen qualified for incarnation here, and we must justify that qualification or re-incarnate—under a much less liberal governmental form. We are established as a nation under the spiritual directive of "liberty and justice for *all*—and the "*all*" does not mean just Americans. The citizenry of this nation are principally derived from European, Asiatic, and African backgrounds but, because of consciousness-quality we were at-tuned to the democratic principles of living and we were permitted—timed—to incarnate under a governmental form based on those principles.

The horoscope of the United States of America pictures the Sun and three planets in the sign Cancer—we are truly a "nest" for humans of all kinds of racial, national, and religious backgrounds. The Sun in Cancer is ruler of the fourth house, and in that sign it is in its own twelfth house-sign—the "redemption-pattern." Cancer is on the second and third cusps; the Sun and two of the planets are

in the second house; Mercury, ruler of the Gemini-Ascendant and dispositor of the Gemini Mars and Uranus, is in Cancer in the third house; the Moon, ruler of second and third, is in Aquarius; Saturn, ruler of eighth and ninth houses, is exalted in Libra and trine to the Moon. Our "national psychological base" (there are no planets in the fourth-house-sign Leo) is focused on this "planetary gathering" in the sign Cancer; it might be interpreted as: material substance-exchanges and education according to democratic governmental principles as the spiritualized source of our national evolution and progress.

Have we ever perpetrated outrage on these Principles? Our treatment of our American Indian and African-American citizenry says *yes*. Have we ever wasted our fabulous endowment of natural resources? The answer is *yes*. Did we, as a democratically-inspired nation, permit the buying and selling of fellow-humans? The history of African-American slavery in this country says *yes*. Have we encouraged the weaknesses of other peoples? The history of war-debt defaults of other nations says *yes*. This is December, 1950— newspapers in recent weeks have revealed how American materials are permitted to be sold to the very nation we are warring against—a repetition, in part, of the story of scrap-iron selling to the Japanese during their attacks on the Chinese people in the 1930 's. This, on the part of a democratic government, is certainly the supreme blasphemy against our principle of "justice for all."

Further, to say, as some do, that "nothing can be done about it" is the supreme utmost of spineless acquiescence; such violations of our powers as substance-stewards must be stopped. Since a chemical expression only outpictures an inner state, to say that we are "afraid of the Chinese communists," "afraid of the Russians," "afraid of atomic bombardment" is only half-truth. We are afraid of

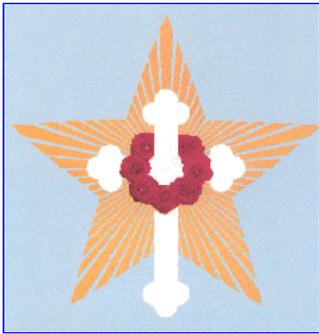
the results of our own violation of principle and what we are going through now in the Orient is the result of our traducing those principles which inspired the founding of this nation. Food for thought! Let every American take stock of how he lives his citizenship. American citizenship is a blessing to be honored by living it—it is not "just something dropped in our laps" to be taken advantage of in wasteful, thoughtless ways. To the degree that we express according to religious intolerance, racial hatred, financial corruption and personal dis-integrity do we disqualify for this privilege; to the degree that we help others to help themselves, steward our resources intelligently and for the best good of all on earth, keep our minds open to further appreciation of the qualities and rights of all do we maintain our democratic qualifications. We, as a nation, are democratic power; we, as individual Americans, are microcosms of that power and it is our spiritual responsibility and our personal joy to manifest that ideal while we are incarnate. That, and nothing less, will insure our individual and national security. We must, as Americans and Earthians, function from the psychological base—the "power-pabulum"—or our spiritual principles. The Capricorn regeneration and fulfillment of democratic idealism is that which is "matured" from the Cancer-base. To realize this maturity is the meaning of "being American" and the meaning of "being democratic Earthians."

—**Supplementary Student Material Reference:** [Studies in Astrology](#), Elman Bacher

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