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EPIDEMIC DISEASE AND WEATHER

9.01—PLANETARY CAUSES IGNORED:

From remotest antiquity the causes of atmospheric phenomena have been sought among the phenomena of the heavens. In our opinion based upon years of exhaustive researches, we are convinced that to abandon this research is to render the discovery of the laws which regulate the weather, hopeless. The Federal meteorologists, by plotting daily weather maps and depending upon mechanical devices for determining barometric pressure, temperatures, direction and velocity of winds, etc., can venture fairly reliable predictions of the weather 24 hours in advance, except during the extreme warm periods; but beyond that they are dealing with uncertainties and confining weather prognoses mostly to prudent guesses. A careful check-up of their daily forecasts during July and August of any year will confirm this statement.

9.02—ASSEMBLING SCIENTIFIC DATA:

We must watch for coincidences between astronomic and atmospheric phenomena, referring to ingress and lunation charts as index keys to places where planets happen to be in magnetic line or angle to certain meridians on the earth. As a learned astro-meteorologist once observed: "Watching for coincidences is a necessary process of scientific discovery; and coincidences between astronomic and atmospheric phenomena should be observed and noted. We know nothing of physical causes except by observing instances of what appear to be invariable and necessary sequence. After a certain amount of experience we assume the invariability and the necessity, and we do so most readily when one set of experiences is backed up and supported by other sets of experiences. The observation of sufficient coincidences in number may justify the acceptance of an empirical law according to which we may, with approximate safety, predict that when one of the events happens, the other will accompany or follow. To get beyond a merely empirical law of this kind, we require the support of another series of inductions

or of as many more as we can obtain.”

9.03—SUNSPOT OBSERVATIONS INADEQUATE TO TRACE FUNDAMENTAL CAUSES:

Observations of sunspots alone will never lead to the discovery of the laws which regulate the weather. The atmosphere is often liable to unusual and long continuing impressions, and these are induced by planetary action on the earth as well as on the photosphere of the Sun. Researches covering many years have indicated that the maximum frequency of sunspots coincides with the perihelion stations of Jupiter midway in the zodiacal sign Aries at cycles of 11.9 years, when excessive drought and atmospheric static are observed, temperatures are above the normal average and the rate of mortality is high. Great frost precede these droughts. The last perihelion of Jupiter occurred on March 15, 1928. The minimum frequency of sunspots appears to coincide with the aphelion station of Jupiter and last occurred in 1934. At such periods negative electricity reaches a maximum in the atmosphere, temperatures are below the normal average; an abnormally high average of precipitation with corresponding decrease in the rate of mortality have both been noted. The effects in either case may be somewhat modified or accentuated by the magnetic action of other planets which may be in configuration (negative aspects especially) either with Jupiter. The perigee, and perihelion passages of Uranus, Neptune, Saturn and Mars are specially important in this respect.

9.04—ABNORMALITIES OF WEATHER ACCOMPANIES OUTBREAKS OF DISEASE:

In order to discover the true cause of influenza we must look beyond the changes of weather which have so frequently preceded or accompanied the outbreak.

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Sudden variations of temperature and unusual weather for the season, in the opinion of astro-meteorologists, is due to the rare conjunctions, oppositions or quadratures of the superior planets as of chief importance among other planetary phenomena, as noted during the serious epidemics of 1917-18 and during 1926 when the superior planets Neptune, Saturn and Jupiter formed such angles to each other. During February, 1930 the square between Saturn and Uranus from Capricorn to Aries, was accompanied by abnormal atmospheric conditions that coincided with reports of pandemic disease. Occurring from cardinal signs, this configuration indicated periodical sharp outbreaks rather than a steady development of unusual weather or health conditions induced by the Saturn and

Uranus combination. Again, during July of that year, the opposition between Jupiter and Saturn was again accompanied by unhealthy atmospheric conditions. Regarding planetary action on weather the modus operandi is presumed to be electrical.

9.05—ELECTRICAL STATE OF THE ATMOSPHERE:

The prevalence of epidemic or pestilential disease has been associated with the absence or deficiency of positive electricity in the atmosphere; and mortality has been found to be in the inverse ratio of the amount of positive electricity with which the air is charged. In the non-electric states of the air, or when the electricity is below par normal, diseases of a low type prevail and the mortality increases. On the contrary, when the electricity is positive, strongly positive and active throughout the day, as is usual under the solar-Jupiter configurations which are conducive to increased ozone and descending air currents, the number of deaths decreases. Every planet has its individual signature. Mars, which inclines to evaporation and energizing the red ray in the solar spectrum, may induce extremes in this direction, resulting in excessive heat waves as are anticipated by its North Tropic position during the summer of 1938. Under such impulses eruptive diseases accompany the abnormal heat and dryness. Neptune effects are difficult to diagnose. Glandular systems seemingly respond. Uranus reacts on motor nerves. Saturn depresses through cold and excessive moisture as during the winter of 1934 when in February record low temperatures were reported. Jupiter appears to be associated with the respiratory system and reactions on the blood stream.

9.06—VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS AND EARTHQUAKES ACCOMPANIED BY OUTBREAKS OF DISEASE:

The frequency of the coincidence of volcanic eruptions and earthquakes with the outbreaks of epidemics, tends to support the hypothesis of planetary action being the exciting cause of all these phenomena, and electricity may be the agent. Among our astro-meteorological forecasts for 1926 as published exclusively in the Brooklyn (N.Y.) Citizen, November 15, 1925, we pointed out that the year following would be notable for seismic and volcanic disturbances, which in turn would affect conditions of health in various parts of the world. During the year 1926 Vesuvius became unusually active. Volcanic eruptions in the Far East and in the Pacific were recorded. Epidemic diseases broke out over restricted areas during the summer of 1926 when the planet Mars, attaining its perihelion station, was a contributory exciting factor. During the latter part of July, record heat waves covered the Eastern States

and temperatures rose to 102 degrees similarly as on August 6, 1918. Typhus in pandemic form was reported from China and Italy on August 20, 1926. Jupiter was then applying to a square aspect of Saturn after separating from an opposition to Neptune, which was retrograde in motion. Usually, the effects of such slow moving planets endure for months after the culmination of the negative configurations. The aspects between Saturn and Uranus during February, 1930, between Jupiter and Saturn (opposition) during the summer following, and again when Saturn squared Uranus on December 12, 1930, were also productive of peculiar weather and health conditions that gave weather scientists and health authorities something to ponder over. At cycles of fifteen years, when Mars in perigee attains its closest proximity to the earth, outbreaks of smallpox and eruptive diseases appear to reach peaks of activity.

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9.07—STATISTICAL DATA:

Pythagoras gave the number of death as 17. Records show that Asiatic Cholera has been most generally prevalent at 17 year periods approximately. Pearce's Text-book of Astrology mentions that, according to Ling, during 173 years, from 287 to 460, nineteen distinct plagues occurred at intervals of 17 years, some continuing two or three years together. Coming down to modern times we might cite 1832-1849-1866-1883-1900 and 1917. Investigation discloses that the adverse configurations of the more ponderous planets appear to converge at or near these cyclic periods. For instance, during August, 1917, Saturn and Neptune formed a conjunction in the sign Leo. Saturn in Leo symbolizes the bones of the spine. This planet's conjunction with Neptune suggested devitalization of spinal fluids. There followed epidemics of spinal meningitis, also infantile paralysis (Saturn-Neptune), Leo being the sign having dominion over the heart and also exerting an influence over children (5th principle). These combined influences coincided with an unusually high death rate from heart troubles. Jupiter had previously squared Uranus during the preceding May from Taurus 23.00 to Aquarius 23.00, thus signaling through abnormal atmospheric conditions a prior effect on the respiratory systems and blood streams of those in whose natal charts these configurations affected sensitive points. Weather conditions affect respiration appreciably and investigation will show that people breathe deeper during the development of high pressure areas when descending air currents carry a larger proportion of ozone downward from higher air stratas to the surface, than when low pressure areas and excessive humid weather when ascending air currents are deficient of oxygen. The lack of oxygen, if continued over a long period eventually affects

the blood stream and lowers the resistance of the body to resist spreading disease. Easterly winds, which by the way, are under the dominion of Saturn, have been observed to prevail coincidental with outbreaks of grippe and influenza. The wind then moves in a direction contrary to the rotary motion of the earth, which is from west to east. These easterly winds are unwholesome in every part of the world.

9.09—EPIDEMICS APPEAR TO MOVE FROM EAST TO WEST:

On October 1, 1918, Saturn, in Leo 24.14 formed an opposition to Uranus. As this configuration is very slow in forming the affects would begin to operate some time before the actual culmination of the aspect. On August 11 preceding, the Sun formed a conjunction with Saturn and on August 19 opposed Uranus. This period very likely brought to focus the most potent influences of the major opposition. And so, according to statistical records, the great influenza epidemic during the World War had its American start in Boston the first week of September, 1918 and by the end of the month virtually the entire nation was affected. Viewing this matter from another astrological angle it is noteworthy to mention that the radical Moon in the radical horoscope of the United States is situated in Aquarius 24.17. Uranus was transiting this point, opposed by Saturn when the epidemic broke out in this country: Saturn and Uranus will be affecting the same point by square aspect from Taurus during 1941-42—Uranus from Taurus 24.17 on April 13, 1941 and Saturn from the same degree on March 19, 1942. Moreover, a conjunction of Jupiter and Uranus will fall in Taurus 26.39 on May 8, 1941. A preceding conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn will fall in Taurus 9.06 on February 15, 1941. These configurations in and from the fixed and earthy sign Taurus will be emblematic not only of enduring abnormal weather conditions but also indicate a period of unusual seismic activity, and spectacular magnetic displays in May, 1941 under the Jupiter-Uranus conjunction. Effects should be most potent in those parts of the world where the conjunction falls in the upper or lower meridian or in 90 degree angles thereto, as indicated in the Aries Solar ingress for March, 1941. However, in view of the important transits to the radical Moon of the U.S. Horoscope, effects in this country should be duly considered.

Discussion of affects of these phenomena on economic conditions does not come under the subject of our present inquiry, but such consideration deserve equally serious study for mundane prognoses.