

CHAPTER THREE

THE PREDICTION OF MARRIAGE

IT IS ONE of the advantages of the systems we have explained that many problems of Predictive Astrology may be reduced, by means of them, to much more definite rules than hitherto.

For example, traditional Astrology gives many directions as characteristic of marriage, such as good directions between the angles and Venus, or the Sun or Moon and that planet.

These are true so far as they go, and may be most usefully employed as an adjunct to our present methods. But they are of too varied a character to be used, by themselves, with assurance.

Our present object is to demonstrate that the One-Degree Measure—the most simple and basic of all systems—affords a valuable index to the correct solution of our problem.

First, it is, of course, needful that the radical indications be carefully considered.

We may classify maps from the standpoint of marriage into four categories:

1. Early marriages, between approximately 19 and 25. In these cases the 7th house will be configured favourably. Good aspects to the ruler, occupant, or cusp from the Sun, Venus, Mars, or Jupiter are very accelerative of marriage.

2. Marriages between 25 and 30, in which cases we usually find some Saturnian action affecting the 7th. Saturn, even well configured, delays marriage.

3. Late marriages, from 30 onwards, in which cases we shall find severe afflictions to the 7th house.

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4. Maps that do not promise marriage at all, when we shall commonly find the Sun (in female genitures) or the Moon (in male nativities) closely configured with Saturn.

Venus afflicted by Saturn may delay marriage but by no means necessarily forbids it. Violent afflictions to the 7th denote varied and possibly tragic experiences, but do not indicate celibacy.

Having classified our horoscope by the above rules we turn our attention to Venus, which, in both sexes, is the supreme index of marriage considered as an act of co-operation or union.

Our general rule is that marriage will occur when Venus, by one-degree measure, forms an aspect to the lord, occupant, or cusp of the 7th house; or receives an aspect from one of them.

We may modify this thus far: That marriage may be accelerated by a year or two if, during the formation but before the exact completion of the above aspect, Venus forms another aspect favourable to marriage.

Again, if, in a map promising early marriage, a good aspect between Venus and the lord, occupier, or cusp of the 7th is impossible, owing to their radical location, then we may regard aspects formed to or by Venus to the Sun or (less often) to Jupiter.

Too much regard should not be paid to coincident evil directions, which commonly occur, especially oppositions. Marriage is a time of readjustment, and without being cynical, we may say, frequently of stress and strain. An opposition or two is not uncharacteristic of such circumstances.

Turning to well-authenticated examples:

1. As an instance of early marriage we may cite H.M. Queen Victoria, who wedded the Prince Consort at 20 $\frac{3}{4}$.

Early marriage may be expected, for Jupiter, lord 7th, is sextile Mars.

Adding 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ ° to Venus we bring her to 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ ° Taurus, $\frac{3}{4}$ °

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past the square of Jupiter. Adding $20\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ to cusp 7th, we bring it exactly trine Venus. Uranus, which may be supposed in this map to have some slight 7th house value, receives opp. Sun.

The horoscope of the Prince Consort, who married at $20\frac{1}{2}$, shows Saturn, in 7th, to trine Venus, $\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ to go. Jupiter, lord 7th, is near trine Moon, Moon is sextile ruler, and cusp 7th receives good aspects.

In this natus Saturn has a mixed 7th and 8th house effect. The brilliant aspects of Venus indicate early marriage.

In King Edward VII's map Venus in Libra sextile the ruler has the same significance; he wedded at something over 21. Moon, part-ruler of the 7th, is conj. Venus, 1° past. Cusp 7th is close square Venus.

In the map of the Duchess of York Venus is trine Jupiter in the 7th, exact.

2. Later marriage is indicated in King George's map by Saturn in 7th, albeit exalted and well aspected. The direction of Sun sextile Venus is exact, and Venus sesquiquadrate Saturn is only 1° out. Moon on cusp 7th is trine Uranus, very close to time—but that is outside the scope of our rule and need only concern us in passing.

Queen Mary's map shows Venus conj. Mercury, part-lord 7th, exact. Also ruler trine Mars, in 7th, exact.

As a further example of this class, I may cite a man, born in Yorkshire, 17th October, 1887, with 11° ♃ rising. He had Neptune in 7th, quincunx the Moon, and Venus is weak in Virgo. The Moon, too, after the sextile of Mars, has the square of Saturn in Leo.

He married just after the outbreak of the Great War, and, being a territorial, went abroad the next day and was killed on the Aisne. His age was then 27.

Here Venus is herself the ruler of the 7th, and is too near the trine of Neptune, occupying that house, to form any aspect in young manhood except the rather weak sesqui-

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quadrate at $24\frac{1}{2}$. The same condition applies to the cusp of the 7th and Venus. We may therefore look to Venus and the Sun, and we find that the latter comes to the exact sextile at 27. About the same time the ruler of the 1st, Mars, is trine Neptune.

The Duke of York married soon after he was 27. Venus, at birth, is in Scorpio, square Jupiter and only 9° from Saturn, so that we should class this as somewhat late marriage.

We have Jupiter sextile Venus and Mars lord 7th trine cusp 7th, both exact, while Venus is biquintile cusp 7th, 1° out. Moon is exactly conjunction the Sun, and ascendant exactly conjunction Moon, both by one-degree direction. It would be hard to overlook such powerful and clear indications.

Duodenary Indications

Taking *Venus only*, we find:—

Queen Victoria, ♀ * ♂ Δ 24.

Prince Consort, ♀ Δ 24.

King Edward VII, Asc. Δ ♀.

Duchess of York, ☉ □ ♀.

King George V, ♂ Δ ♀.

Queen Mary, ♀ Δ 24.

Case cited above, ♂ □ ♀ [note tragic circumstances].

Duke of York, ♀ * ♃.

It is interesting to note that the working-out of the above nine Duodenaries took me just under a quarter of an hour. To make a similar examination by means of any astronomical method would take considerably longer (in the case of Primaries almost indefinitely so), and those who ignore or assail symbolic methods would have difficulty in finding anything like such consistent results.

Apart from marriage considered as a legal compact and a union of two people for the general purposes of life, we must

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not neglect to mention the physical aspect of the contract; but it will suffice, for the information of all conversant with Astrology, if it is pointed out, that this is usually indicated clearly by aspects formed between the 5th and 7th houses, that is to say, between their rulers, occupants, or cusps. One strong aspect of this kind will *normally* be found to coincide with marriage. This forms an additional check upon the prognostication of marriage.