

and repulsion summed up as the centrifugal and the centripetal forces, so is man living in a cloud of his own magnetism. He is drawn both outward and inward,—outward to the objective world, and inward to his own subjective sphere. MARS is the force that is ever impelling him outward towards objects of the senses, while the power which is called SATURN is ever drawing him inward for the purpose of reasoning on, or rationalising, his senses.

We are bound to the world of form simply owing to its attractive force. It is through the positive centrifugal forces that we are active in what is termed To and Fro our 'waking' consciousness, and through the negative centripetal forces that we retire into ourselves and enter what we call the 'sleeping' state. All surges of emotion have a corresponding reaction. Emotions passing through the nervous system cause a change of tension, which is either high or low according to the emotional wave. Fear, anger and worry have certain chemical results upon the body; and so have hope, love and happiness, although differing in results.

Intense emotion causes the positive or acid condition of the nerves to become active, while depressing and sorrowful emotion sets the negative or + and - alkaline condition of the nerves re-acting. The interaction of these two states of the nerves forms toxins or poisons in the system (normally

eliminated through the various excretory organs, pores of the skin, etc.), the excessive accumulation of which leads to ill-health and disasters. Intense anger, severe shocks, and all fluctuations of the emotions produce results the seed of which the astrologer may discover hidden in the character of the person whose horoscope he judges. The remedy is to withdraw from all objects of sensation and wait until the whole of the nervous system has returned to its normal or balanced condition.

When a child draws its first breath, it draws into its system a wave of ether that is charged with certain vibrations coming from the planetary spheres, in which all the prevailing influences at that time are more or less active forces, and remain as such throughout life. If the influence of Mars should predominate over all the other influences, that child is a martial child whether he ever knows it or not. His brain is a sound-board keyed to respond more readily to those energies corresponding to the martial sign rising at birth. At the time when his physical body was conceived it was under the then prevailing lunar influences, and this decided the quality of the matter of his bodies through which the soul would function.¹ At the time known as "quickenings," the animal ray of Mars animates the whole body; and, in a manner known to the deeper students of Astrology, the

A Child's First Breath

¹ Cf. *A Study in Consciousness*, p. 100.

Moon represents the etheric body or "mould" upon which the physical body is built. In the horoscope, Mars governs the astral or emotional body, and the ruler of the ascendant governs the brain and the nervous system, so far as the personal ego is concerned.

Mars is here seen to be one of three important factors, and its influence comes in between the Etheric Body,

which receives impressions from outside,
< ♂ > and the Nervous System, which translates
them to the inner consciousness. All

emotional experiences, until defined by the limiting influence of Saturn, are outgoing energies drawn forth by attractive objects; and until thought begins to act upon the emotional nature the mind is impressionable, sensitive and personal. When thought is defined by Saturn's influence it becomes self-controlling, and it is not until all the emotions are clearly defined and well under control that the soul can be said to be *fully* individualised: it is then that we find the period of the martial SETTING beginning.

The ideal state for any man is harmony, the balancing up of all his forces, the conservation of all his energies,

and the same state of unity within himself
The Ideal State as he finds without, or away from himself,
in his mission of service to the world.

The transmutation of Mars is the reversing of our spheres, the turning of the symbol of Mars upside down, the exchange of Mars for Venus, of passion for love, and

impulse for self-restraint and patience (♂ or $\text{♁} = \text{♀}$). VENUS is the star of the Human Soul, just as MARS is the star of the Animal Soul. But the transmutation must have been complete before Venus can reign fully and without a rival as the goddess of love and beauty, and none but the regenerate man or woman can realise all that is meant by the exchange of the Martial influence for that of Venus.

Nations are like individuals and are governed by the same laws. But in regarding a nation as composed of individuals we need to regard the National Astrology individual in a rather different light. Instead of considering each individual simply as absorbing and specialising a portion of the planetary vibrations for himself, we regard him as sharing, in common with other individuals, an *organised or specialised influence* working through the various departments of the Nation. For example the Sun represents the Monarch or President, Jupiter the church and the law departments, Mars the military organisations, Venus education and art, Mercury trade and commerce, Saturn agriculture and buildings, and the Moon the general populace or "mob"; this in any nation, no matter what the planetary ruler of that nation is considered to be. MARS represents the emotional soul of a nation, in all its various departments, physical, mental, and moral, from the fights and contests of the ordinary schoolboy to the perfectly organised military system,

which is tolerated for the protection and safeguarding of the Nation. From the time of tribal communities to our present highly civilised (or rather, perhaps, artificial) state there have ever been fighting chiefs and national warriors. And we may appraise the military system of nations, in regard to their stage of evolution, according as it inclines towards compulsory or voluntary army service. A compulsory system is on a lower evolutionary plane than one that is voluntary. A conscript or soldier by compulsion fights whether he wants to or not, often through fear of consequences should he disobey: for despotic rulers must compel the service of their subjects. Not so those monarchs or governors who have won the entire confidence of those whose allegiance they have secured. Here we have the secret of the setting of the martial influence as contrasted with its rising and its culmination. Patriotism, or pride of race or country, is a *culminating* effect of the martial spirit; but unselfish devotion to and protection of the country is a *setting* influence.

On the last day of February 1915 a prominent statesman spoke strongly on the question of strikes and patriotism. A number of Clyde engineers An Example had gone on strike for higher wages, taking advantage of the requirements of the time, and the speaker said that in such a matter compulsory arbitration in time of war was imperative, as it was "intolerable that the lives of Britons should be imperilled

for a farthing an hour"; and he added that this was essentially "an engineer's war, for equipment was even more needed than men." In the state of disaffection here revealed, we have an influence characteristic of the rising of Mars; a youthful stage, in which the demands of a few are permitted to imperil the lives of many. We have seen in this remarkable war all the extremes of the martial influence; on the one hand the shirkers and slackers, the indifferent and careless, those who have not yet evolved the ideal of patriotism or love of country; then the patriotic and eager, doing all they can to help; and finally those who are willing and able to lay down their lives in devotion to the race to which they belong. It is the same martial influence in each case, no matter in what form we find it manifesting. Some have more and some have less of the Martial force in them; some are moved and compelled to action by it, while others work with it self-consciously. Some utterly fail to recognise it as a force in nature, while others know and feel it as a power from Heaven, which may be transmuted through themselves into one of the finer forces in human life. There is not a stone but has a spark of the Martial ray in it, not a plant that does not feel the animating life in its spring time, and not an animal that is not moved by its energy. In the human race it is a force that has only to be controlled to become the greatest uplifting power known to man. In the Western half of the world the stream of its activity is now more potent,

stirring into unrest men who are ignorant, indolent or indifferent, moving all persons who have the least activity in them to do something for the good of the whole nation and nerving those in whom the spirit of sacrifice and service is alive to greater effort for the nation's good.

Great Britain is in the Balance, as a nation she is now being weighed in the scales of life; she is fighting not for power, wealth or selfish ends, but **A Weighing** to protect the weak, and to hold back the tide of materialism and a selfish individualism. She will win in this war, and will gain the victory over an enemy better prepared and more determined for war than the British Nation; because her principles are sound and her moral standing is secure.

All nations rise and reach the zenith of their power and influence, but few set prosperously and peacefully fulfill their destiny as nations. It is **Pass,...!** believed that the mighty civilisation of Chaldea did succeed in attaining the ideal of a perfect nation, but of this we have no direct knowledge. Great Britain has a great future before her, and should she come out of the tests which she is now, and later on, to undergo, then great things may be expected of her. Whichever nation succeeds in founding the World Empire must have transmuted the fierce and fiery nature of Mars, and have tempered the 'iron' of the planet into the finest steel, which shall be as

dirigible as a feather, yet stable as a beam.¹ "The pen is mightier than the sword" is no idle saying, for mental and moral forces need far finer and more subtle instruments than those required for physical or muscular energy.

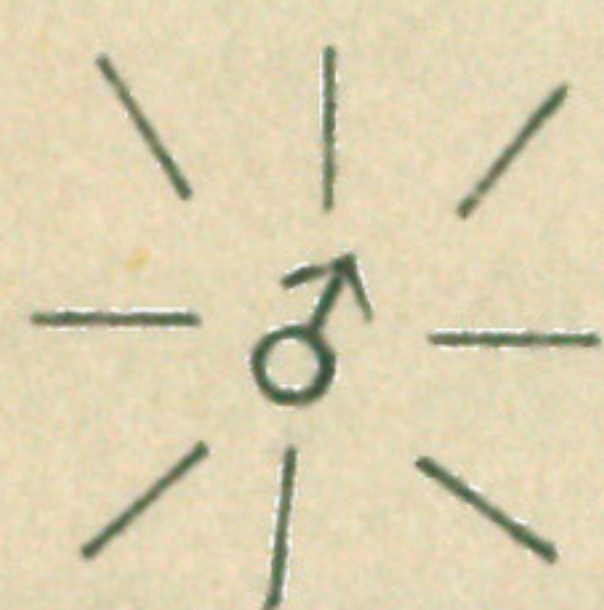
From what has gone before in these lectures, it will have been gathered that the influence of the planet Mars cannot be the sole property of a certain Mars in All number of individuals to the exclusion of others. Every human being, no matter what his station in life may be, has some of the red ray of Mars circulating through his physical, emotional and mental nature. In the untrained and undeveloped man the red ray is very little removed from that which colours the whole of the animal kingdom, indeed some animals are finer specimens of the red ray of Mars than some men.

In the animal kingdom Mars is especially represented in the dog family. From remote periods the dog has been man's faithful friend and companion, adopting his manners, defending his property and remaining attached unto death. In the dog we find strength and swiftness, two of the best Martial qualities, and of some dogs we may even go as far as to say that they have a well-developed

¹ The metals governed by the planets are as follows:—☉ gold, ☽ silver, ♀ copper, ♂ iron, ♃ tin, ♄ lead, ♁ (platinum?), ♀ (aluminium?). These are the chief or *representative* metals, others coming under various combinations or sub-influences. Note that iron and lead do not alloy.

emotional soul, at all events very keen and well-developed senses, the sense of smell predominating. Dogs have descended from wolves, jackals, and other wild animals; in fact, the animal world finds its best representative in the dog. In all parts of the world he has been used in the service of man, and in some countries sacrificed to the gods, especially by the Greeks and Romans.

There is a quality in the influence of Mars that is expansive, impulsive and ever-moving. It seems to



contain the essence of energy, strength and motion, and unless it is manifesting without hindrance a man (or woman) is devoid of the necessary force and stimulus to move forward or progress. It is a quality that cannot be wholly extinguished in anyone who is human, and we may safely judge the quality of a human being by the tone, temperament and vim of his Martial nature.

It is a mistake to regard Mars as in itself malefic, a thing to be regretted and got rid of. The influence of

Mars does not require to be suppressed, Mars not evil but controlled and refined. We cannot take Mars out of the nativity of any human creature, for it is in the world, and is now manifesting more potently and actively than at any time in our history.

In the material elements Mars governs FIRE, and we may see the fiery state active during thunder storms and

Mars materials in the lightning when Mars and Jupiter are in conflict. Mars governs the *fiery* and creatures temperament in every man, and all burnings, heat and choler. Persons who go red under anger call up the Martial force; while those who go white or pale under anger are of the saturnine type. In metals Mars governs IRON; and in precious stones his influence favours the diamond and the bloodstone. His influence is more potent in plants and trees that have a *bitter* taste, and in those that contain many prickles, such as nettles, crowfoot, etc. Its influence is strongest in those vegetables that have a *strong or rank* taste and smell such as onions, leeks, mustardseed, etc. It may also be added that in insects the martial influence is active in those that sting, such as gnats and wasps, as well as *scorpions*. In birds its influence is noted in those that screech and make unpleasant noises, such as crows, kites and *vultures*. We might go on into all the various departments of Nature and trace the influence of Mars in all sharp strong and vigorous life. The ancient astrologer knew the nature of all things through the influence of the planetary spheres,—he saw in the red clouds and in the west wind the workings of Mars, whose angel was Samael, sometimes termed Typhon, who is often associated with the Devil or Satan.¹

¹ The "enemy" or the Evil One has been represented in the ancient religions under various names and in different guises, which

Here we are reminded of the story of Mars or "Satan" in the Book of Job. The second chapter is remarkably characteristic of the afflictions coming under the planet Mars, when a soul is struggling to be free from the animal or physically selfish nature. In the 7th verse of chapter 2 we read, "So Satan went forth from the presence of the Lord, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown," and the sequel we may learn from the 9th verse, "Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God and die." Every student of Astrology knows that boils and inflammations of the blood, such as blood poisoning, etc., come under the influence of the planet Mars. The story of Job is a most remarkable astrological story, and it has been borne out in the lives of all those who have fought the fight in themselves between the Sun, or Spirit, and Mars, the counterfeit of the spirit. The Lord gives "Satan," or Mars, full liberty to test the fidelity of Job, the human soul; and he is stripped of all his wealth and family, and is smitten with a loathsome disease. His friends even accuse him. But Job sitting in the dead ashes of his personal self, finally realises in himself the greatness of God and the triumph of spirit over matter.

chiefly fall into two categories respectively representative of MARS (the devil) and SATURN (Satan). In more recent times theology seems to have used these terms interchangeably, apparently seeing no distinction.

Students of Egyptology will remember the fight between Horus and Typhon. In the "Book of the Dead" (Marsham Adams entitles it the **Weighing the Soul** "Book of the Master") we read that Typhon or Mars is the Accuser of souls; when they appear for judgment Souls are weighed in the Balance and if Mars sets and Venus rises, then they pass on into the higher world or higher states of consciousness.

The Bible is an astrological book, beginning with the story of the red Adam, the Mars or animal man, and ending with the Sun man, Jesus-Christ. **The Bible an Astrological Book** In the old Adam we see the rising man, the consciousness rising in all its splendour to the culminating point of Self-consciousness. In Jesus we see the MAN in the glory and splendour of full self-consciousness, from the culminating point, where trials and temptations are met and conquered to that stage where the Christ is born in Man. It is then that Mars finally sets, its material power has ended, and the Christ has risen.

We might go over the history of all the various Gods, or the stories of the changing myths, and find in allegory and symbol no picture more vivid or realistic than the story of **MARS, THE WAR LORD**. It is one long war from birth to death, one long struggle between **Might** and **Right**, and always the story ends with triumph of the Spirit over Matter, the victory of the Spirit of the