

CHAPTER VI.

THE POSITION IN THE SIGNS OF MERCURY AS RULER.

58. MERCURY IN ARIES. This gives you a fiery, restless and ambitious type of mind, quick, witty and enthusiastic, with more impulse and energy than prudence or forethought. It will make you clever and self-assertive, apt and ingenious in argument, prompt in decision, fertile in ideas and original. You may gain success through these qualities in various directions and may make your mark in life. Your mind could be trained in various directions, and you could probably become either a speaker or a writer. You are likely to make friends among literary people or those associated with books in some way. You are a little lacking in mental concentration and steadfastness, and are fond of change and variety in things of the mind. You have some tendency to exaggeration and to sarcasm and may meet with trouble through these qualities. A good deal of travelling is likely, chiefly short journeys.

59. MERCURY IN TAURUS. This indicates an intellect of the patient and persevering type, not prone to change easily. You are not so adaptable or versatile in thought as are some people; it takes a good deal to induce you to change your opinions and habits of thought, and you are not very prompt in decision; but when you have once grasped what you believe to be right or true you do not easily give it up, but are very tenacious and unyielding. You have a good deal of intuition and some taste for music or art, and can take much pleasure in beautiful things. You are not always so ambitious or energetic as you might be, and your feelings are rather liable to bias your judgment; but you can accomplish a good deal in intellectual matters through your persistence and determination not to give way. There is some ability to earn money through writings, studies, or skilled occupations. Some travelling is indicated but mainly for some definite purpose such as business, money matters, health, etc., rather than mere love of travel.

60. MERCURY IN GEMINI. This strengthens the intellectual side of your nature, giving you a quick wit, a versatile and ingenious

mind, and an appreciation of all things intellectual. You could take a good education and your mind could adapt itself to almost any subject involving thought or skill. Reading, writing, studies, books, science or literature will appeal to you and you may have ability for any or all of these subjects. You are somewhat liable to divide and scatter your energies by too much change or by trying to attend to two or more subjects at once instead of by concentrating your mind on one. You will be fond of variety in matters of the mind, and may exhibit some lack of decision, too much versatility and desultoriness. You are fond of travel, especially short journeys, and are likely to travel frequently. You have real ability and can accomplish much if you concentrate your energies, and you might achieve some public success or fame. You are original and ingenious and would succeed at the study of astrology.

61. MERCURY IN CANCER. This adapts the mind to practical and utilitarian ends whether in business or worldly affairs or in science; use and purpose are always to the front and some advantage is expected to accrue from whatever study the mind may engage in. You have the ability to make money through travelling, writings, or study or through some occupation in which the mind is largely engaged. You will make friends among literary or business people and those who are signified by the planet Mercury. You have some amount of intuition and you are mentally flexible, changeable and restless; you should have a good memory, and your mind if sometimes a little slow is sure and tenacious. You are likely to travel a little, possibly by water, and you may have several changes of residence. When under bad directions you may suffer or even lose money through house or land and through brothers or sisters.

62. MERCURY IN LEO. This gives positiveness, vitality, and firmness to the intellect. You will form great schemes and large plans, and will take comprehensive and widely reaching views of things, but will not be so apt or ingenious in small matters or little details; for these you will be liable to overlook or forget. You have imagination and ideality, some sense of the dramatic and imposing, and might rise considerably in any occupation in which these qualities were needed. You have strength of mind, and when you have once formed your plans you are not liable to change but can spend a long time and exert much energy in carrying them out, as you have intellectual concentration and power. You have ability for work in connection with public bodies or enterprises, with theatres, concerts, schools, and are capable of managing or directing

others in such affairs. You may travel a good deal, for pleasure or through your occupation.

63. MERCURY IN VIRGO. This gives a subtle and ingenious mind that can adapt itself to many subjects and pursuits. You should be fitted to receive a good education or you could develop your own powers yourself with a little help from others. You should have a good memory, you can learn readily either from books or from teaching, and you have abilities that could be turned either to literature, science, or practical affairs. You might adapt yourself to almost any occupation requiring intellectual ability and ingenuity, professional or otherwise. Reading, writing, study, books, secretarial work, clerical work, are all suitable activities for you ; and you would be likely to succeed if you could co-operate with some one else or work under a superior or employer ; for you would make a good servant in mental matters. You have much tact and adaptability of thought, but you may need to cultivate candour and openness. You have method and orderliness of mind and can attend to many subjects and manage small details without confusion.

64. MERCURY IN LIBRA. This position increases the activity of the mind and also helps to refine it. The social faculties should be strengthened in you, agreeableness, friendship, and mirth should be active, and those tendencies that draw people together should easily be cultivated. You will be most fortunate when you co-operate or associate with one or more others, for you will learn more and gain and achieve more in this way than by isolated action. You have artistic or musical tastes which are susceptible of cultivation, and your mind could adapt itself either to literary or scientific activities. You have intuition, imagination, and taste ; the perceptive faculties and comparison are strong in you ; and many forms of mental refinement are congenial to you. You are fond of travelling. Your pleasures are largely those of the mind. You have the ability to earn money through some intellectual pursuit, especially if undertaken in partnership or association with someone else.

65. MERCURY IN SCORPIO. This makes your mind active, positive, and persistent. You may exhibit considerable determination and strength of will, but this position of Mercury also gives some circumspection and will lead you to adapt means to ends and to exercise tact and diplomacy and not to rely upon determination only. You should have considerable power of mental concentration and can control and disguise your feelings if necessary. You have powers of wit and sarcasm and

might develop rapid and fluent speech either by tongue or pen. You have ability for drawing, sculpture, or for mechanics, engineering, or almost any occupation in which manual skill and mental activity are combined. You would make a successful mesmerist as your mind is of the positive type, and you might develop practical occult power of some kind.

66. MERCURY IN SAGITTARIUS. This adapts your mind naturally to religion or philosophy, and you have abilities for dealing with abstruse or complicated subjects such as law, abstract science, or history. You could easily acquire critical ability as applied to art, music, or literature, and might develop a good style and sense of form in writing. You are somewhat impulsive in speech at times and may make enemies through your tongue or pen. You are somewhat changeable in mind and are more likely to dabble in a number of subjects than to confine yourself to one, and may occupy yourself with two lines of study at the same time. You have ability for writing or studying but you would be more successful by working with someone else or by association with others in some way than by working alone. This gives you love of change and you are likely to travel a good deal.

67. MERCURY IN CAPRICORN. This makes your mind strong, resolute, and firm, and gives you mental concentration, endurance, and continuity. You should have a good memory, and you can store your mind with a great variety of either practical experience or extensive learning upon which you can draw as occasion requires. Your mind is clear, practical, and tenacious, and when you have made a subject your own you do not easily give it up or forget it. You are cautious and profound and have abilities that could be exercised upon abstruse subjects or that could make you very practical and tactful in life. While under good directions you may rise considerably through the exercise of your mental abilities and might gain some fame through tongue or pen or powers practically applied. You have some faculty for speaking or writing and it could be developed by a little training. Your mind is of the solid and serious rather than the brilliant or superficial kind.

68. MERCURY IN AQUARIUS. This indicates an intellect that is strong, positive, independent and original. You incline rather to form your own conclusions and think things out for yourself than copy your opinions from other people. You should have a good memory and have no difficulty in learning by heart; you have good mental abilities that might be directed either to science, art or literature; and you might gain

some recognition, reward, or fame through your mind. You might succeed in the study of mystical or occult subjects, also at the study of languages. You are likely to travel a little and may go a voyage. You could succeed at teaching or training others ; also as an agent, manager, or worker on behalf of another. You have intuition and might develop considerable will power and mesmeric ability.

69. MERCURY IN PISCES. You have good intellectual ability but have a tendency to scatter your energies among many subjects rather than confine yourself to one, to be a little lacking in concentration or in power of application, and you try to follow two lines of study or pursuit at the same time. You should have a good imagination, an appreciation of the beautiful, artistic tastes, and a sense of order, method, neatness and fitness, both in ideas, in words, and in things. This will be of use to you in writing or speaking, and will give you good powers of expression. You will be apt to meet with some delay or difficulty in matters of education, studies, and literary affairs, and when you are under bad directions you will be liable to disappointments and may incur opposition or enmity, untrue reports, difficulties in employment or with those in your employ. Under good directions you may gain success or even fame through literature, imaginative or artistic work. You are likely to travel a little but may have trouble connected with it.

CHAPTER VII.

THE POSITION IN THE SIGNS OF VENUS AS RULER.

70. VENUS IN ARIES. This position will enable you to make friends easily, and will increase the number of your friends and acquaintances. It bestows to some extent the gifts of popularity, geniality ability to please and to win approval. The affections are active and ardent, love is easily called forth, and the feelings and emotions are deep and intense, so that in some cases it is not easy to restrain or rein them in, and imprudence may result from this. There is some amount of good fortune in money matters promised and the position is good for success in general, but it does not necessarily indicate that you have financial ability; and there is generally some degree of extravagance, free expenditure, generosity or wastefulness; which may either spring from your own character, and will then need checking, or may be forced upon you by circumstances. You should have some taste for music, or painting, and are fond of ornaments, and beautiful things.

71. VENUS IN TAURUS. This is considered a fortunate position for the planet Venus. It gives constancy to the affections, faithfulness in love, and, although the feelings are strong, the nature is fixed and not liable to change easily. Both likes and dislikes are maintained tenaciously, and while you can be an enduring friend you are also rather loth to give up feelings of prejudice or hostility. The social side of your nature is well developed and you can gain friends and be popular in your own circle. If you apply yourself to business or financial matters this position would be fortunate because it would help to win you the good opinion of people with whom you dealt and so would smooth your path. It is slightly favourable for money matters generally, especially through legacy, partnership, or marriage. You have some ability for dealing with money, but you can also be generous and kind.

72. VENUS IN GEMINI. This position gives some amount of social popularity and increases the number of friends. You may gain friends among literary people, the well-educated, or travelled people. It

sometimes gives some inconstancy in love matters or else two love affairs or two marriages. It forms a link between yourself and brothers, sisters, and cousins; and your relations with these should be pleasant and harmonious. It favours travelling whether for pleasure or arising out of your occupation, and it is fortunate for money derived from writing, books, literature, speaking, education, profession rather than business. It clears and refines the mind, and inclines you somewhat to religion. It gives you some sense of order and method, not only in every day matters but in the arrangement and expression of ideas and attention to detail.

73. VENUS IN CANCER. This position increases the affectional side of the nature and renders you home loving, companionable, and domesticated, at least so far as the feelings are concerned, although you may possibly have other and different characteristics in other departments of your nature. You appreciate the comforts and protection of home life, and you have the parental instinct to afford help and protection towards children or those who are much younger or weaker than yourself. This influence sometimes brings about marriage for the sake of a home or social comforts. It is fortunate for the acquisition of money or property through marriage or partnership, as well as from some family source either on your own side or on that of the marriage partner. You should have some amount of business instinct and are not inclined to waste what you possess extravagantly. You could manage money matters and should be fortunate in house or land property.

74. VENUS IN LEO. This gives warm and sincere affections, a very deep love nature, and a great amount of faithfulness and constancy with it. It may bring about an early marriage, if other circumstances do not interfere, and it tends in the direction of "love at first sight." It is a fortunate influence socially and may bring you many pleasant friends and acquaintances through whom you may obtain enjoyment or profit. It is apt to make you a little extravagant, both in the matter of the feelings, which tend to be too active, and of money matters as well. You have much generosity, kindness, and magnanimity. You have a cheerful, hopeful nature, fond of pleasure, company and luxury. You would benefit through any occupation having to do with entertainments, public affairs, company, society, or the drama; and you could gain through speculative investments if you add prudence to your enterprise. This brings some degree of popularity and the good-will of superiors.

75. VENUS IN VIRGO. This is a fortunate influence for commercial and business matters, especially if you associate yourself with others as servant, manager, or partner ; for it will bring you more success through co-operation with others in some way than it will if you seek to work alone. You will gain through servants, partners, and those in your employ ; and this position would prosper you as a servant or manager for someone else. You may also gain through prudent investments or speculations if conducted while you are under good influences. It sometimes brings about delay or hindrance in matters of love and marriage, or some kind of incompatibility after marriage, but this may be overcome under good influences. The love nature is equable, quiet, well disposed, sensible, and not blind to the faults of the loved one. You would make a kind parent.

76. VENUS IN LIBRA. This is favourable for marriage and all kinds of association with others ; it increases the number of your friends and acquaintances, gives sociability and some amount of social popularity or ability to acquire it. It contributes to some extent to the refinement of the mind and gives some taste for pursuits of the nature of Venus such as music, poetry, singing ; as well as helping to develop the mind in the direction of imagination, ideality, a sense of beauty and good taste, so that ugliness or coarseness offends you. Love and affection are here blended with thought rather than with desire, and the æsthetic faculties make their appearance. You could earn money by an occupation of the nature of Venus, especially if in partnership with someone else or as a manager or agent for someone. This may give money through marriage.

77. VENUS IN SCORPIO. This is not altogether a fortunate position for the planet. It tends to make feeling, desire, and sensation rather too active and impulsive so that they are likely to need some restraining and regulating. You are a little too fond of pleasure, luxury, and indulgence at times. It gives a strong love nature and a decided attraction to the opposite sex. There is some danger of trouble in love or marriage, hasty or imprudent attachments, liability to the breath of scandal, inharmony or jealousy in love or marriage, separation from or death of the loved one. If you can exercise self-control, the worst of these troubles will not happen, and you will then show a generous, helpful, practical nature, of much use in the world, strong and capable for those who are weaker than yourself. You will have some tendency to extravagance and loss of money, but this may be forced upon you by

circumstances and may not be your fault altogether. There is some likelihood of money by marriage or legacy ; but you may lose money through your marriage or business partner when you are under bad directions.

78. VENUS IN SAGITTARIUS. This gives imagination and love of the beautiful and sublime. You ought to have real taste for beauty, harmony, and elegance, and might cultivate this in various directions, through the fine arts, music, poetry, or literature. You love beauty in form, ornaments, beautiful clothing and pictures, and you might make money at any occupation in which these tastes can be turned to account. Your affections are active, romantic, and generous, but you are a little liable to fickleness, lacking in caution, and prone to impulse. There is some likelihood of two love affairs or marriages. This gives a good deal of devotion to the nature, which may attract you to a person, a cause, or to religion. You may travel a little, especially in connection with your occupation or after marriage. There is a little danger of love of show, ostentation, conventionality, and ceremony.

79. VENUS IN CAPRICORN. This indicates that although you have an affectionate nature you have also a good deal of prudence, tact, and self-control, and are not likely to let your feelings run away with you. You have faithfulness and constancy ; and when a person has once won your approval, whether in love or friendship, you do not easily change or forget. This position sometimes delays marriage or interposes some obstacle ; and, if you are under bad directions this may be caused by money matters, worldly position, occupation, or a parent ; but when you are under good directions you may benefit considerably from all these sources. You have practical financial ability and could easily learn to manage money matters, investments, or business. You are likely to rise in life, with care, and you will win the approval of elders and superiors, and may gain popularity and the friendship of people in good standing.

80. VENUS IN AQUARIUS. This influence should contribute to your popularity and social success, and should bring you many friends and acquaintances, some of whom may be in a good position in life and able to benefit you socially if not in occupation or financial matters. It is favourable for love and marriage, but it is liable to cause delay or disappointment, chiefly when you are under bad directions ; and at such times you may suffer through false friends. This also gives you faithfulness and constancy in affection and friendship, and bestows

fondness for children and pleasure through them. It refines the mind and gives some imagination and taste for music or the fine arts. You should have some ability in money and business matters and might gain through investment or speculation.

81. VENUS IN PISCES. This position gives you a sympathetic and charitable nature, with a fellow feeling for those who need help, whether through suffering or poverty. You are cheerful, good-natured, and easy-going, sometimes a little indolent and lacking in energy. You should have a good imagination, an intuitive and sensitive mind, and a sociable disposition. This gives good taste and an appreciation of the beautiful in painting, music, in the decoration of rooms, in clothes or ornaments; and you might have success at an occupation dealing with one of these lines. There is some little love of show, ostentation, form and ceremony. You are a little given to fickleness in matters of affection and feeling, and may have two love affairs, two marriages, or even two occupations. While under bad directions you will be liable to lose money through fraud or otherwise, or some trouble turning upon money may occur. This position sometimes gives a secret engagement or marriage.