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NATIVITY, AND LEARN THEIR OWN NATURAL CHARACTER  
AND PROPER DESTINY, WITH RULES AND INFORMATION  
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## P R E F A C E .

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“ Despise not prophesyings ;  
Hold fast that which is good .”

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IN presenting this little volume to the Sons of Science, it is necessary to make some remarks as to the *cause* of its appearance. Many and frequent were the letters written to the author for him to recommend some simple and practical work on astrology—to quote from a letter, “such a one as a working man can understand,”—and in response to many such inquiries, the author determined to write a short practical work on the science in such a way and form as the most illiterate person who can read and write can readily understand. This volume will be found to contain rules for judging a nativity in the most simple form; also, the “erection of horoscopes,” or “figures,” which appears a great puzzle to many, but which he hopes he has now sufficiently and explicitly explained. Thus much for the book itself. To those who intend investigating or beginning the study of the science, the following remarks may be useful:—

In your infancy you were helpless so far as locomotion was concerned. You had first to be put gently on your feet; next, *taught* to walk alone; thirdly, you walked alone; and, lastly, you ran alone. And so it is with the study of this sublime science. First, you must have some book or tutor to teach you the rudiments; secondly, you can erect a figure, and ascertain the planetary aspects;

thirdly, you have *some idea* of the signification of the figure; and lastly, you can judge the figure accurately and quickly. Your knowledge of the rudiments of the science should be such that you have no need of books or other auxiliary when *judging* the figure. My advice is, therefore, study well the first part of my book, until you know *all* the signs, their different classifications and significations, the erection of a figure and placing in of the planets accurately, the aspects they form, &c., &c. After becoming the master of this, you may proceed with Part the Second, which is the main part of the book, and to understand which you cannot spend too much time. Get the master of this part, and then you may enter Part the Third, and you will find yourself able and competent to judge any horoscope. To gain an accurate knowledge of the science, this should be your procedure.

The author must now leave the book in your hands. He does not presume it is perfect; far from it. Nothing is advanced but what he has found absolutely true (*more than once*) by experience; and that you may find it useful, instructive, and "just what you want," is the hope of

THE AUTHOR.

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