

Correspondence.

ASTROLOGY.

[For the DESERET NEWS.]

The belief in and practice of what is called astrology, is much more general amongst the Saints than many suppose. I know of several professed astrologers in even one or two settlements outside of Great Salt Lake City. By modern astrology is meant the art of fortelling future events, and the way to avoid or control the general circumstances of life, also the art of telling in what direction strayed cattle or horses can be found, by various calculations and figures in connection with the position and motion of the planets at the time, &c. This is not a complete definition of the art, but will suffice for a short article.

Much contradictory evidence is given by those who have made inquiries of various astrologers, some positively asserting that they were utterly and entirely deceived, sent on fool's errands in the wrong direction after stock, and told falsely concerning events to come.

Others there are, whom we have heard unequivocally state that they have been rightly informed, in a most wonderful manner. Some men there are, generally considered intelligent, who will actually not build a house without inquiring from an astrologer in which direction the doors and windows should be placed!

One man, a physician (turned a "Josephite"), told a man on whose wife he was attending, that he must go to a certain astrologer who would tell him what to do, and whether his wife would live or die.

Another young man with whom I am most intimately acquainted, went to an astrologer, who, he states, after telling him of various marks on his body (of which the astrologer could not possibly have been previously informed), told him that there was a person bewitching him, and the bewitchment would have to be removed before he could be successful in business; all this the young man believed and probably yet believes.

Now, let us ask the question, Is Astrology true or false? We reply, partly both; it is a true science perverted, and therefore a lying science as practised by those having no authority. The Bible speaks of the stars being for "signs and for seasons, for days and for years." Abraham, the Pearl of Great Price tells us, could lecture on the higher principles of astronomy before the Egyptian monarch. Samuel the Prophet could tell Saul, that his father's stray asses were found. The wise men of the East came to see the infant Jesus, because they saw His star in the east. Finally, we are specially told, that signs and portents in the heavens shall mark the latter days. Much hidden knowledge will be given through the Priesthood to man,—knowledge long lost, and things that have been hidden from the foundation of the world will be made known. But it will be through the proper channels, and come by the proper authority.

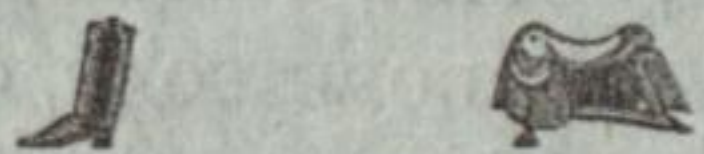
A proof that the common astrology is not of God, is that like the rapping spirit doctrines, while it sometimes tells truth, it tell many lies, and mostly teaches principles opposed to the Gospel. More, still, the best and cleverest astrologers are and have been amongst the "Gentiles," and especially amongst heathen and idolatrous nations. Astrology is a principle of divination, and in what are the Saints of God allowed to divine? only by the revelation of God, and in the name of Jesus Christ. Are they allowed to go to soothsayers, rapping spirits or astrologers? No! If they wish counsel let them go to those whom God has appointed to counsel, and not give heed to "seducing spirits."

What! a Latter-day Saint have so little confidence in the power of his religion, as to believe that some wicked person has power enough to bewitch a Saint, perhaps a member of the Holy Priesthood?—it cannot be done. No one in the line of his duty can be overcome by any such principle or power.

Much might be said, but brevity is necessary. The Saints should not forget that all spiritual powers not taught by the Priesthood are from an evil source, where it is not downright imposition altogether. Spiritual manifestations are to be one of the latter-day signs. The Scriptures teach us to beware of "lying signs," saying satan "With signs and lying wonders will deceive almost the very elect."

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His sufferings have been intense and protracted, yet his faith in the gospel never wavered, and in death has realized the truth of the saying that "blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."—Com.

In Alpine City, Utah Co., Feb. 21, ERNEST THETFORD, son of David and Maria Adams, aged 1 year and 3 days.

[Mil. Star please copy.]

In Lehi, Feb. 19, SUSAN, wife of Wm. Goats, aged 47 years, 6 months and 18 days.

She was the first person who embraced the gospel in Cambridge, England, and immigrated to Utah in 1857.

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Having been appointed by the Probate Court of Great Salt Lake County, administrator for the estate of Charles Roper deceased, I wish all parties knowing themselves indebted to the estate, to come and settle their accounts; as also all who have claims against the estate to present the same to me as soon as possible for adjustment.

THOS. McLELLAND, Administrator.

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A meeting of a portion of said proprietors held in the 16th ward, on the 15th inst., it was resolved to re-fence again said Pasture.

All interested are requested to report the number of shares they now own, and whether they will re-fence for the same.

The Committee will appoint the place and time of receiving said report.

J. W. FOX, Sec'y for Committee.

G. S. L. City, Feb. 18, 1867.

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STRAY HORSES.

One dapple grey HORSE, 7 or 8 years old, branded N. C. on the left thigh, brand on left shoulder illegible.

One sorrel, roan MARE, 6 or 7 years old, three white feet, blaze face, branded S B on left thigh, and Spanish brand on left shoulder illegible.

The above animals are in charge of Thomas Tidwell, at Chicken Creek Bridge, and will be sold according to law, if not claimed within thirty days of first publication.

DAVID UDALL,

Nepht, Feb. 27, '67.

Foundkeeper, Juab co.

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