SUPERNATURAL SIGHTS AND APPARITIONS

Seen in LONDON, June 30. 1644. interpreted.

WITH A MATHEMATICALL DISCOURSE of the now imminent Conjunction of Jupiter and Mars, 26 July, 1644. the Effects which either here or in some neere Counties from thence may be expected.

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TO THE READER.

I have plainly delivered so much as my eyes observed, at what time those admired apparitions in the ayre amazed the beholders here in London, and when the quarters of Heaven seemed to alight each other with their darting fire-balls, the South against the West, the West against the North, each one against another; its wrote as I observed it; others in some places might see more, I have confided some that in effect saw the same things I did. As they were no usual sights, so questionless no usual or ordinary actions will follow. Their transmutations in the ayre from one quarter to another, shews the generality of what is signified thereby; My discourse of the Conjunction is to supply what I promised in my Annual Prediction, but did not then performe: I have omitted some judgements, because I would avoid all exceptions: Should I write the whole truth, I might be deemed partial; I seriously publish to the world, I am a friend to Monarchy; but I hold it my native duty to adhere in pure, and personal to the now honourable Parliament at Westminster, the worthy Members thereof having for our good these three years and more spent their private fortunes and weakened their healths, purposely to reduce our Commonwealth to its right temper, and to free me, thee, and the whole Kingdom from an approaching slavery: As the Lord liveth, should my judgement in point of Art be demanded: Whether it were best for his Majesty to come to his Westminster Parliament yea, or no; My answer should be, it were the only means to make himselfe and posterity happy: and this doth certainly know by the general fate of this Kingdom, by the several Conjunctions and Eclipse past and to come, and by my five years hard studie to determine the event of these times: The world will know hereafter, I speak not in vain, and blessed shall that man be that giveth his Majestie this advice, and reduceth him to have a right apprehension of the actions and good intentions of this Parliament towards him and his. The Conjunction gives me some hopes, but my faith is weak: What is wanting in man, I hope God will supply, and miraculously confound those lurking enemies of ours, that were preparing mischief against us. Reader, thou shalt suddenly hear of strange alterations, rejoice and be glad, and pray for his Majesties returne, for so doth

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OF

Those strange sights or apparitions in the
Ayre, scene in London, 30. June last past, 1544,
being Sunday, 8. 30. P. M.

Was called into Somerst-yard by some, where we
had perfect view of what I deliver: That sight which
first presented it self to mine eyes, was faire below
the Ecliptick according to the observation of mine
eye, and seemed to appear over the South-west part
of Kent, and the North-east of Surrey: the skie was
very pale, or somewhat like a duskyth tym colour, not much at some-
times unlike the colour of the Moon at her increas, ever and anon
flashes of lightning appearing faintly and in a very long motion, I
meane the flashes extended themselves into a great length, but their
latitude was not very much, the flashes extended themselves in length
just East and West: Many times, or after 7. or 8. Several flashes of
lightning, we did sensibly perceive about the middle of the flash, and
as it were beyond it, or between it and the fixed stars, a long yellowish
apparition of somewhat in forme and shape almost like to a Serpant,
incrusting a little at each end, in this fashion ☐.

It seemed to be feld and firme, for I saw no dissipation or dispersion
of parts at any time, it ever shewed it self of an equal length, neither
greater or smaller, nor did it move from the place where first I beheld
it

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and violent motion, as if the Stars had been together by the cause:

An other thing and most memorable I must acquaint you with, viz.,

that upon the opening of one cloud and flashing of the lightning, the

heavenly bodies appeared somewhat therein like a Star, which

illuminated his beams like the Sun, but was in quantity less, then the Moon and much of

her colour, and this appeared divers times in the South, but after

a great flash of lightning, either the same appearance or one like it clave

in funder in the middle, and as I conjectured by the solar observation of

the Sun in the Hode the day at Lambeth, it was observed to be in a

easternly form and of some mischievous plot against our County and Common-wealth, and was

therein in the same part as well as in England: A renting in pecues

or mutinous disturbance of some Monarchy in other part, but of the

Arian family or Principality, &c. A commotion of the means and

times of people against some principal man or Magnificence; Lose to Spain;

That we English with our Armies shall travel through all the in-land Coun-

tries of this Kingdom, and this is all I see or dare say.

M. E.

The author's judgment.

Ypon a sudden and unexpected accident, the disputation and dis-

solving of some murrineous cloy: consultation and mischievous

plot against our County and Common-wealth, is portended; the di-

vision and disagreement of the Proctors amongst themselves, and all

in foreign parts as well as in England; A renting in pecus

or mutinous disturbance of some Monarchy now abroad, or of some

Arian family or Principality, &c. A commotion of the means of

people against some principal man or Magnificence: Lose to Spain;

That we English with our Armies shall travel through all the in-land Coun-

tries of this Kingdom; &c. This is all I see or dare say.

M. E.

The Parliament's victory in the North, which began 6. 30. P.M. 2. July,

1644, the elevation of the Pole being 54. 40. P. the Ascendant

at the beginning of the Fight being the 25. T.

GOD only gave the victory; but let me see by what natural causes

he is pleased to manifest his will unto us; it will not be unpleasant

to the studious in Astrology, if I dilate a little: Thou know

at the beginning of our Parliament Jupiter and Mars were the figu-

rators of the Honourable Members of each House, because Pisces

ascended at its beginning, and Mars was in Pisces in the ascendant. At

the beginning of this fight you may see 25. T. to ascend, the almost

degree of the ascendant of the conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter,

1644; we had for some time the work, because neither Mars nor Ur-

anus beheld the ascendant, but when 29 ascended and Mars the Lord of

the ascendant of this year came to behold the ascendant with a trine,

we began to have the better, but not totally, until the 24 of 29 ascended,

which was about 26 minutes past eight: a good signe of victory,
at what time Jupiter ascended the degree ascending with trine was

to have the ascendant of the year, culminating; and Saturn Lord of

the seventh house, and the Sun in the twelfth from Leo: also the

Mooon being disposer of the Sun in the Medialty descending; Yet I am

confident our lost was more then we know of, becausae Saturn is Lord

of the second, and Neptunus is there also, but I see it was especially in

merables as I have read in some relation or other: I could enlarge.

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This Conjunction is the weakest and least of those which chance betwixt the three superior planets, viz. Saturne, Jupiter, and Mars; and is therefore most ignorantly by some vulgar Astrologers termed a great Conjunction; it will have more then ordinary signification at this time, by reason of the first Conjunction of these two planets since that of Saturne and Jupiter 1644; as also because here is almost in every Country fit matter already stirr'd up for the influence to work upon. I omit all ambiguous words, or such expressions as may only cloud the sense of the Conjunction, but not explain it, and our common Astrological terms in Arry, and will endeavour to give my Country-men of England that are plain men, downe right dealing men, the true sense of this heavenly position, which in effect speakes thus much: That, high and mighty actions, deliberate Counsell, various intentions, are at present in Confusion, and hereafter more to be as well in England as beyond the Sea; this hath very great signification of the estates, affairs, fortunes, Kingdomes, Subjects of Kings and Princes; this foretells what the Nobility and Gentrey shall truft unto, viz. loaf of life and fortunes: and the Clergie both at home in England, and beyond Seas find most true, viz. great division both in their private and publique affaires: this intimates very many treatises with excellent words in several places of Europe; and yet in the mean time men leaving, Armies providing, money borrowing, Legerdemaine under hand, friends corrupted, and all these provisions to be ready in September or October if things hit right, else a longer time must be required. I find a most treacherous plot is cunningly hatching and covertly managed against England, and some other Christian Common-wealths, and that the European Monarchies doe generally intend in their several territories a Parley, what course every one may take for his own and Allies safeguard, all begin to be afraid. Work enough at home, I say. The Souldier, the Gentleman, and some Nobles are all to Consult and meet in Counsell, they unanimously seeme to desire peace and to be at Unity; but a secret cunning hand, a device they dreame not of, impedes all their consultations, and craftily over-rules their counsels, so that at one time they loose their labours, &c. immediately after their lands, &c. the just reward of those who desire their Country. Our Courtiers in England are like to goe together by the cares amongst themselves. Oh the unexpected treason, treachery, and unlucky failings that this figure portends to the Kings of Europe, and what infinite sufferers they shall be by means of the policies and underhand subtleties of their boseme favourites, who no sooner receive a secret from their Masters lips, but as speedily convey the sense of that secret to their Masters enemies. Et hoc est certissimum.

The Dragons tale so near the degree culminating, and Jupiter so poor in essentiel fortitudes, so miserably afflicted by Mars, Saturne being Retrograde in his fall, and in that house representing their Friends, Correspondents, Allies, and Affiliates, Counsell, Consultations, &c. this one, were there no more, might terrifie Kings, and affright Princes and great ones: for it plainly tells them, they shall find nothing but fallence, backsliding, delays, politike ends, discovery of their secrets, in those kindes of men before named, and on whom they shall so much rely: Could I but remove Saturne out of the
the eleventh house in this figure, or if Mercury could have been more elongated from the Dragons tail in the worlds figure; peace would instantly follow in England, and quietness in all or most Kingdoms of Europe. But Saturn is a slow and melancholy mischievus Planet, and Mercury is the more, politicke and unhurried, so that long it will be the Prince be wise and discerning, and find the treasons and knavarines of these their old Saturnine Counsellors and nimble witted Secretaries, &c. both whose counsellors are equally pernicious. The Moon and Mercury are in reception, Luna is populus, viz. the people, under that notion I comprehend those that take part with them, my, they, viz. our principal members sitting in Parliament signify'd in this figure by the Moon, Mercury, Venus, &c. begin to foresee much, perhaps some grand device; it troubles them not; the Moon applies to Mercury, as if no thing should be acted without more than ordinary care and advice; Mercury carries the light to Jupiter, and the same day Jupiter and Venus are in a friendly Triangle, a wonderfull good aspect if God give his blessing, a Maligne really and religiously penu'd, and gravely consoling on is sent by Venus, who transfers it to Jupiter, and he is Lord of the Royal house, and Venus is Lady of the sign of the fish; viz. of Maligners and Embassadours. But alas Jupiter is almost out of Taurus and now in the terms of the infortunes, that is in the clutches of such as will undo him; if two degrees give two months, what will some body doe in September or October? Immediately after this Conjunction, it is intimated, our State hath frequent meetings, for some good designe or other, the aspect shew very many conulations, and in my debates and a longing desire to accommodate, some interruption I fear, and I am certaine we shall find, because the Sun is now in Leo, a proud flate and willfull signe, and Jupiter he is in a fixed signe, Mars corrupting Jupiter's judgement, perhaps too much flandering on terms (the wicked advice of Saturne interpreting, and the obstinate willfulness of some State Counsillors causing it) may prejudice our best of expectations and frustrate the hopes of a blessed peace. However its opportune for our unwaried Honourable Members of both Houses to treat all England and till the latter end of September the face of Heaven being faire, amicable and promising their much honour thereby, &c. I well foresee if we in England treat, they in Polonia and Sweedland, and especially in Ireland, will be wondrous buffet in their Counsellors, each of those Nations is hammering upon some great designe.

(d): for any thing I see, when Jupiter is translat'd out of Taurus, the Irish may stand upon their own Guards. Its in agitation what part of Germany to enter or fall only some in the world. May not some Heels with the Bawarian, or some flame be in Catalonian, or some irruption into Norway. What will ye say if the mountainous Cabrits rise and disturb? Will it not be news, if during the Edicts of this Conjunction, or the latter end of September or in October the French Nation receive a brush, &c. with a remarkable disaster, and the Imperial's small comfort, if a pitch field be fought. Many Townes, Castles and Ports do immediately after this Conjunction surrender by treaty to our States of England, some towns in the North, and some in the West, others South-west parts of England: O Regis, &c. vos Principes, Excellent Kings and Princes (satis Europe) of all Europe, reject the advise of Saturne, and let not Mercury have the Privilege to write your letters, and then you may expect a blessing in your Common-wealths. Johs thou honourable King of Portingal, suffer not Saturne to be a Counsellor with thee; until he is admitted, I conceive, thou shalt flourish; But if I tell not the world who Saturne is, I lay nothing; he is in transmarine parts a Jewe, or Jew in England a Jewe or Sallowa: there's Mars in Olba where the Jewe or Sallowa Counsellors are, &c. or where they come in the privates of Princes; and as for Mercury who represents Kings Secretaries, find me one in Europe, who hath not a Jew either attending in household, or affliction in Counsell; if the Quadrature of Saturne and Mercury out of two Cardinal signes make not my conjecture and prediction good, let a Novice in Althelogie whip me, &c. We English pay dear for their lare and also now residence in England, to have many Princes of Europe, so shall France, and so in time the provident Holland shall lament that serpentine generation, if not heedfully prevented; so should the Pope that now is, if he had not so much Art as wit. 

Jewes are perishing out of all essencial dignities, and Mars the souther influence over the decaying Nobility and Gentry: the Clergy and Episcopal may go to wrack, nor do the Lawyer thrive, or doth learning advance; the Conjunction is adverse to all these mens qualities, &c.

That which I mean of the Jesuites, I also intend the same judgement of the right Seelards, the herbrand and incendiary of the Protestant Religion; it may be doubted whether Jesuites or Seelards is more knave and most destructive to any Common-wealth they inhabit.

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Augwst the 21., the Sun surn doth Eclipse, the figure whereof followeth, because it hath great relation to this present Conjunction.

The very degree of the fourth house in the Conjunctionall figure is the place eclipsed and very near the now degree ascending. If any great person now in action and house have the 6, 8, 9, or 10 of Virgo ascending in their Nativities, let him, her, or them either make his, her, or their last will and testament, or commit their honour, if they are of that quality, to trust for their persons to an honest strong Castle commonly called a prison. The Mid heaven of this Eclipical Scheme is the very degree of it, the present Conjunction of Jupiter and Mars. Admiranda pronuntio eventurae Anglia & aliquidus Regionibus per hanc Conjunctione & Eclipis Harmonium: Verily I may pronounce some wonderful things to happen to England, and some other Regions by the harmony of this Conjunction with the Eclipse. And although I am not ignorant of

of that in Proloco, viz. Nibil nacent Eclipse in ipsa regionibus in quibus non videtur, viz. Eclipse hurt nothing at all to those Regions, wherein they are not visible. Yet cannot I consent unto him, or allow that his judgement for true, either in particular mens Nativities, or the general accidents of the world; having found the contrary in my practice and experience: For as in every Eclipse either Solar or Lunar, there is privation of light more or less, so doubtless (if Eclipse work anything, which all or most of the Learned contes they doe) there can be no Eclipse whether supterranea or superficiale, but it shall operate more or less, more violently and conspicuously it shall be above the Earth, with less flitter and more obscurely if it be not visible, I mean upon those Countries subject to the signe and quarter of Heaven afflicted: At the time of this Eclipse Mercury discloseth the two Luminaries: Celses motus insignis; & in humanae legis celeritatem, indistincta & calidum ad eaque adponit: sed cum propi salutem volueris, vento ete inordinato, torrentia, fulmina, biaus, terra mortu & fulgura: In this Eclipse Mercury pranotes suddaine motions, celerity, painefullesse, craft, policy and subtilty in agitating hume affairs, and managing mens actions; let us in England beware of shuffling and jugling, of packing and crafty fyle pretences, for Mercury tell us all this; but being near the Sun beames, and so to combustion, he flits up suddaine winds, thunders, lightning, opening of the Earth in many places, earth-ques (this you must understand in Countries usually subject to Earth-ques) fire breaking out of the Clouds: My private fancy or judgement is, because Mercury being Lord of the Ascendant and partly of the tenth house, and he is combult and afflicted by the Sunne Lord of the twelfth house, it doth premonstrate the Captivity of some King, Prince or Commander or Commanders in chiefe of Armies, Cities, Townes and Cattle, or of some eminent person and persons; The day of the Eclipse shall no sooner come but the effects of this Eclipse shall immediately shew themselves, because it is in the ascendant and in conjunction of the nimble Mercury, who is exceeding swift in his motion, and will enforce the actions depending of the Eclipse and conjunction to operate like a furious whirlwind: so that it may seeme, there will be frequent Messages, multiplicity of negociation, plentiful emission of directory Letters to this Country to that City, to this State, to this King, to this Embassadour, that Agent, all this European part of the world
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in consultation what to do: No State of Europe: without ease, terror and mistrust; doubtfall which way to flee: a cause, or with what Prince or Nation to make league, all in suspense where the cloud of these impending misfortunes shall fall; its good to be wise, and he is very prudent and foreseeing that can defend his own territory either from internal intestine or exterior invasion, especially now and until 1647. Nor do I see any reason to adjoin to Homer, who will have those places especially passive which are under the same tygeon or triplicity wherein the Eclips falls, as for example, because this Eclips is in \textit{v} an earthly signe, some would say, \textit{Paris in France} must begin the dance, and therefore all those: that have either \textit{v} or \textit{g} descending in their Natives must be r for the effects of this Eclips, for this his divine of the effects by several quadrants upon several Countries \textit{Cypriana} judiciously finds fault: I should rather conceive that those Countries and men subject and borne under \textit{K} being the opposite signe to the signe of the Eclips; and those in quadrate, \textit{v}: \textit{Sagittarius} and \textit{Gemini} shall have principal share in the effects of all of this solar Eclips; what Countries those are, you may read in every common Almanack. This Eclips tells our Parliament that they shall get into their caldron and position many of their principal enemies, but they must then take care to keep them: do not \textit{Mercury} dispute both of the Sun and Moon, and is not he in his own house with the Dragons head; I like not \textit{Saturn} in the ninth house, will some novelties discover or sectaries arise in Religion, or will some unpridy Agents shew us good horsemanship, and to disturb our Parliamentary Patriots: But now again I return to the purport of the Conjunctional influence, from which I have falsely but not improperly deviated, for I well know the two Luminaries either put forward or retard any of these Conjunctions; for God placed them for lights, that is to give us understanding especially in heavenly judgments by their feite, place and being: Some, and they not small Clerkes averse, with whom I freely join ye, I see: \textit{Conunista iuvat \& Martini Tartar, defensionem Civitatis, mortem quondam magnum, plagias malas, cornificationes \& tonitrua significat: \textit{v}: the meeting of \textit{Jupiter} and \textit{Mars} in \textit{Taurus}, foretells the destruction of some Cities and Townes, the death of certaine Noble-men, much raine the season of the year considered, lightning and thunder: \textit{Album az:} \textit{diff. 2. lici 3. de Conunil, tell us, Quod Mars lovi conjuncit, significat illud, quod...
Some good store of rich treasure, or acquisition of some moneys they expected not, some Countries and Townes, Castles, &c. It shewes corruption in some principall Earle, or Baron, or Generall, or Camp Officer, it shewes failings in the Irish and Welsh, impoverishment, or mutinies either in Paris or some Countries in France, and some Eastern Countries from us, it shewes much unwillingness in many of his Majesties friends to doe him further service; and that in the Couriers consultations there is no agreement, no assuredness; it tells his Majesty there's treason where he least suspects it: some great persons must suffer by death, either by beheading or otherwise: of some Embassadors signified by Mars Lord partly of the fifth that shall address themselves to his Majesty in August upon the tryne of Venus and Jupiter, if not the latter end of this July Moneth.

It tells our State they shall have the proffered friendship of many men: a black or a red mans friendship they may suspect; let them trust according to knowledge: its laboured to corrupt some of their Officers. In regard Jupiter is Lord of the sixth house and in affliction of Mars, it may denote suddeaine violent Fevers proceeding from blood overheated, griefs and consumption of the lungs more then usual, but not any Epidemicall disease, the Plague or the like, perhaps the French pox will be active in October.

During the Retrogradation of Jupiter and his being in the latter degrees of Taurus which will be from the second weeke in September until 24. March next, it will goe hard with the Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, Lawyers and Philisitians, I doubt this Scheeme points out one principall Philisitian for a strong enemy of the Parliaments. The 7. November next the Sun and Jupiter in 2 6. and 26. Mercury come to opposition, it will question some great person. The 11. of December, 1645. Jupiter and Sol come to opposition, and the 18. of the same Jupiter and Mars in the last degrees of 2 and 2. The 16. of April, 1646. Mars and Jupiter come to a square, Jupiter in the first of Cancer, Mars in the first of Aries; off goes some bodies head, if such professions be then in practises. The third of November, 1646. Jupiter and Mars meet againe in the eighth of 3 a violent but Kingly signe: that conjunction may produce some more able person, the present being dulled.

FINIS.