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‘Dr. Alfred Russel Wallace’s Horoscope.’

Sir,—In respect to the horoscope of Dr. Alfred Russel Wallace, referred to by your contributor ‘S.’ in last week’s issue of *Light*, and your remarks thereon, I should like to say, as sub-editor of ‘Modern Astrology,’ that in my opinion Mr. Alan Leo knows distinctly less of the achievements of Dr. Wallace than the ordinary person; moreover, I have the strongest reason for believing that he has never read the autobiography.

However, that is not the point. Mr. Leo was certainly aware of the identity of the ‘native’ whose horoscope he was discussing, and consequently anything said must be prejudiced, in the eyes of some people, by that fact; so that your comments are certainly justified. But I shall be glad if you will allow me to point out that in the two other cases mentioned by your contributor, those of Dr. Peebles and Mr. Joseph Wallace (August and October issues of ‘Modern Astrology’), two independent delineations of each were given, by Mr. Alan Leo and Mr. H. Pershouse—though not until these delineations were in my hands were they aware of the identity of the persons whose character they had been delineating; and as I myself was the only person who during that time *did* know, I am able personally to vouch for this. The comments of Dr. Peebles and Mrs. Wallace are appended to the respective delineations.

Those, therefore, of your readers who think, with you, that the remarks on Dr. Wallace’s nativity are deprived of any value because his identity was known, may, perhaps, be interested to read the delineations and criticisms referred to.

In conclusion, may I point out that Alan Leo is the name, and not the *nom de plume*, of the editor of ‘Modern Astrology.’ —Yours, &c.,

Alfred H. Barley.

P.S.—May I take this opportunity (it being the first occasion of my writing to you) of expressing my esteem for the manner in which *Light* is conducted—its liberal and fair-minded spirit and general attitude of sympathy to all, whereby it makes a worthy attempt to live up to the lofty title it has chosen?

*The Alfred Russel Wallace Page*, Charles H. Smith, 2017.