

## Over the Rainbow in 2019

*The Multinational Group had organised a conference « Over the Rainbow » on astrology and the planets and their portents of the future for us. The conference took place on 15 January at the bookstore UOPC, which opened their conference room to us.*

We have all heard of astrology and most of us know which zodiac sign we are, but what it means to be a Capricorn, an Aries or one of the other twelve signs, few of us know. And even if we knew, would we believe in it? Well, for my part I am a half-believer, or rather I was. After having listened to the very interesting speech by Christiane Nastri, I am much more convinced that astrology can actually help us plan our lives.



*Christiane Nastri second from left*

Christiane Nastri is a Belgian astrologer, born in Antwerp. After classical studies she became a translator before turning to astrology. Her speciality is astrocartography: By drawing up a chart of the world she shows if you are living in the right place.

Christiane started out by giving us an outline of the terminology used by astrologers, and she told us about the planets and their different characteristics, and how they all belong to one of the four elements: fire, earth, air, and water.

Then we learned that this year is indeed a very important one, because from March the planets will be in the same position as they were in 7.500 BC. At that time, people had just started cultivating the soil. People were concerned with producing enough food for a

growing population. And what do we see today? That food is also an important issue, and that we are very concerned with agriculture.



*The astrological clock, St. Mark's Cathedral, Venice*

Thus, climate change is the most important issue nowadays, and we get frustrated that not enough is done about it, but Christiane reassured us: In September 2020 humankind will understand that climate change is a serious problem, and we will start doing something about it.

In fact, we are in for some major changes in our society when Jupiter and Saturn come together and join Pluto. At the same moment Uranus travels into the earth sign Taurus: the technical and electronic changes speed up the world economy: So be prepared, this drastic, irreversible upheaval takes seven years.

So far, it was mostly about the future and we, the non- or half-sceptics, could still have some doubt if all this will materialize, but then Christiane went on to tell us what the planets say about some of our political leaders, i.e. Donald Trump. According to the planets, he is unpredictable, extravagant, a shrewd manager, who does not care about his opponents. His ascendant in the sign of Leo sits on is a fixed star, Regulus, which means « little king ». There we find Mars,

the red planet, which has given him his orangey hair! So, the planets seem to be describing Trump. Apparently, some difficult time is in store for him this spring. We'll see.

Theresa May has also been analysed by Christiane. She is a Saturnian person, which can be seen by her rounded back, her bent skeleton. January 15 was a crucial day for her, the day of the vote in Parliament for her Brexit plan. According to the planets she would lose! And she did.

The UK as a nation actually is under the influence of transiting Saturn, which means separation. When Neptune soon goes over their south node the British people will have to give up their dreams and illusions.

Emmanuel Macron, a Sagittarian on a Taurus moon with a Capricorn ascendant, means well, but has lost popularity because he has remained aloof.

This ties well in with what the astrologers have seen in the planets for 2018. A problem with communication, the rulers not listening to the people, and the two sides disagreeing.

Christiane ended her conference by giving us the outlook for the coming year for all the twelve signs of the zodiac. I am sure every one of us took note of what was said for our particular month, I did at least. I have been warned that I will put on weight at the end of the year, so I had better start doing fitness right now.

Many thanks to you, Christiane, for an enjoyable afternoon where you introduced us to this fascinating and interesting subject. Also many thanks to the organisers of the conference Monique Seber and Mapie Doux and their team from the Multinational Group. The coffee and tea with "Galette des Rois" ended the talk with an appropriate sweet touch.

Many thanks to the UOPC Library who graciously opened their elegant auditorium for our Association des Femmes d'Europe.

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