

astrology. The major part of the book is historical, dealing with the ancient world, the Middle Ages, St Thomas, Dante, Kepler, and the renewed interest in astrology today. In this part of his book the author gives very clear arguments in support of Kepler's view that the Star of Bethlehem was a conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter in the Fish, a rare conjunction which actually took place on three occasions in 6 B.C.; these conjunctions were the means of leading the wise men to Bethlehem.

The second part of the book discusses the relationship of astrology to medicine and psychology, in which considerable use is made of Jung's archetypes. Here, it is obvious, we enter almost uncharted territory. The twelve types into which modern characterologists divide men—have they any significant relationship to the twelve signs of the Zodiac, the twelve tribes of Israel or the twelve apostles? Is there any inner connection between the twelve 'tribal' miracles in St Mark (cf. A. Farrer: *Study in St Mark*, c. 15) and these other twelves? These are some of the problems which Rosenberg's book raises in the reader's mind—as well as the problem (pp. 212-213) as to whether the malaise of our day is not connected with the ending of an astrological epoch and a consequent 'shifting' of the dominant archetypes in man.

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SAINTS AND HEROES FOR BOYS. By Doris Burton. (Sands; 6s.)

Girls will enjoy reading of the seven saints and heroes as much as boys. The first saint in the book is a girl, St Joan of Arc. The others are men, St Thomas More, St Francis Xavier, St Vincent de Paul (one wonders why he is not given his title of saint at the head of his chapter like the others who have been canonised), St John Bosco, Father Damien, and Father de Foucauld. Each chapter is a complete story, not a biography, for that would bore most children.

These stories are simply and delightfully written. Adventure is the keynote, as we are told on the paper jacket, and there is no attempt to improve the occasion or to draw a moral. These people speak for themselves. They found their joy and their adventures in the service of God. A fine book for children because so natural. FLORENS ROCH

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF UNBELIEF (Rockcliff; 7s. 6d.) is a subject that surely demands attention in modern times; and Dr H. C. Rumke, of Utrecht, has made a beginning of a study here. But it is only a beginning, for 'belief' for him is simply adherence to a truth unsupported by reason; and religious unbelief is of course another form of belief. So he analyses this general idea of religious belief into seven ascending stages and applies this to unbelief.