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Nine O'clock Ecstasies! NOCTURNAL PLANETARY RITES A FEATURE OF THE LONDON AUTUMN SEASON



Mr. Aleister Crowley
Editor of *The Equinox*, who
devised the ceremonies

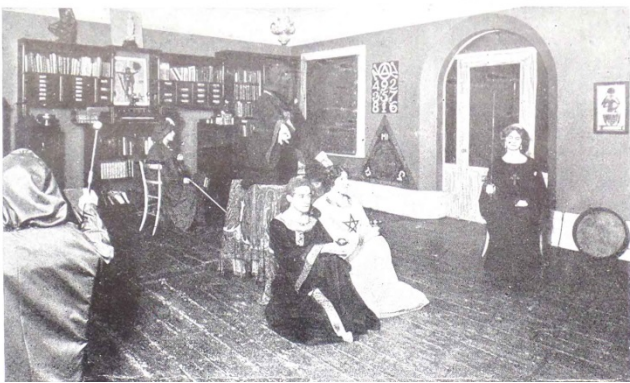
The first of a series of seven rites, each dedicated to one of the planets, is to be held at the Caxton Hall, Westminster, on Wednesday, the 19th (Saturn night), at nine sharp.



The Rite of Saturn
Suicide of the Atheist

You are requested to attend in black or very dark blue for Saturn, and similarly appropriate colour-schemes in turn for other planets. The general object is to produce in the subject a carefully selected "ecstasy." In the case of Saturn, you should become, as you watch the rites, austere and melancholic; in Mars,

of course forceful and fiery; with Venus—but why labour the obvious?



Jupiter, the inmost soul, enthroned in the ever-revolving wheel of the three great principles—and so forth

Sufficient has been said to indicate that nine o'clock ecstasies will be an unusual and exciting experience. To obtain admission, one must communicate with the "Guardian of the Flame" himself, in the flesh, Mr. Aleister Crowley, the poet (compared with Coleridge, Shelley, Keats, etc.), and Editor of "The Equinox," 142, Victoria Street.



A Scene from the Rite of Luna

Artemis is being invoked by Pan. The former is the mysterious Virgin Mother of Eternity, and Pan is the Holy Spirit of Matter, from which union springs Humanity, the crown child of the future—and all that