

A Moon Beam Thru the Tunnel
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The Tunnel Thru the Air is mysterious and contains a valuable secret, clothed in veiled language. These are Mr. Gann's own words in the foreword of the novel. I have had the good fortune to discover a part of this secret. The reason for writing this article is to display the depth of his writing and inspire others to investigate its mysteries.

Have you ever considered the title of the book? The Tunnel Thru the Air or, Looking Back from 1940? Strange, isn't it? The title will, however, give us two clues. The first is the slang spelling of the word through, the second is the year 1940. The last date in the book is in 1932. I was also puzzled by the fact that the subject of the title, the Tunnel, played merely a minor part in the plot. The story could have worked well without this artifact.

There might just be a hidden meaning here somewhere...

Another curious fact is the frequent use of the number 69. Robert Gordon was born on 6.9.1906. He occupied an office on 69 Wall St. and the Jonah key is on page 69. What if Mr. Gann was hinting at the Zodiacal sign Cancer, which is symbolized by this figure? When I consider the Jonah parallel, that the Son of man (would) be three days and three nights in the heart of the Earth, I cannot help thinking about the moon's disappearance during a lunation. It is invisible for three days and three nights. You could also say that it is in the heart of the Earth as it is placed directly between the Sun and the Earth, just as the voice of our heart receives the light of our Lord. The Son of man, Jesus, was the perfect reflector of the light from above. Cancer is ruled by the Moon.

On page 177 we find the first encounter between Robert and an astrologer. Robert wants to know how and when he will meet his Marie, and Professor Joyful, as he is called, tells him that they will reunite in New York, since this city is ruled by Cancer and his radix Venus is in this sign. On page 248 there is the letter from the Canadian astrologer who points to the heavenly constellations at the time Marie disappeared. Venus was about to change signs from Cancer to Leo and was separating from, among others, Mars. In the last sentence of the letter, he said that a progressed conjunction between Venus and Mars would bring her back. There are several methods for progressing a horoscope and progressing alone is not accurate enough to explain why they would meet at that date in 1932. What the statement does, is to throw some light on the association between Robert and Mars. The association between Venus and Marie is already well established.

If you cast a horoscope for the time and place Marie wrote her farewell note to Robert (June 5, 1927 - 3 a.m.), you will find that Venus and Mars is within orb of conjunction in the sign Cancer. They would not share this sign until August 1932! There would be several conjunctions between the two planets, but none in Cancer as viewed

from the Earth. But what about the incident in Paris, mentioned on page 241, where Robert was sure he saw Marie?

If you look up your Heliocentric Ephemeris you will find that in the latter part of February 1929 there was a conjunction in Cancer! No wonder why the morning was sunshiny !

I hope you see the pattern here, but one important question remains. Why did they reunite around 11 a.m.

on August 30, 1932? Why that date and that time? Mr. Gann was careful to write 3 a.m. on the farewell note.

Could we not suspect that the timing of the reunion should be as accurate?

It is here we must confer the moon. If you cast another horoscope for the exact time and place of this final event and check out the position of the moon you will get the answer. The Moon is at the exact same spot it occupied when they were separated! This event is called a Lunar Return, just as any anniversary date is a Solar Return.

Mr. Gann must have been doing some detailed planning to mold this plot together!

But it does not stop here.

Now it is time to look back to the title.

The Tunnel Thru the Air. Doesn't it strike you that there is a similarity between this title and The Lunar Return ?

It sure made me take a closer look. The only problem appeared to be that you'd need an extra r . Hey, wasn't there a subtitle? I grabbed my game of Scrabble and wrote the whole thing, subtitle, numbers and all across our coffee-table.

I tried several possibilities but nothing made sense. What about the number? Maybe it could be 0419 and point to some important page? No, the book is only of 418 pages.

Suddenly it dawned on me. Numerology! The numbers are letters, just as letters are numbers! Using the Pythagorean method and replacing zero with the letter o , it took only ten more minutes before I had the solution. The new title that emerged made sense, no letters were left over and it seemed I had the original idea for Mr. Gann to write the book! Why he would start with the mother, Amelia Gordon, and why he would end it as he did. Do you want to know the hidden title? Here you go: From the Lunar Return, looking back to his mother.