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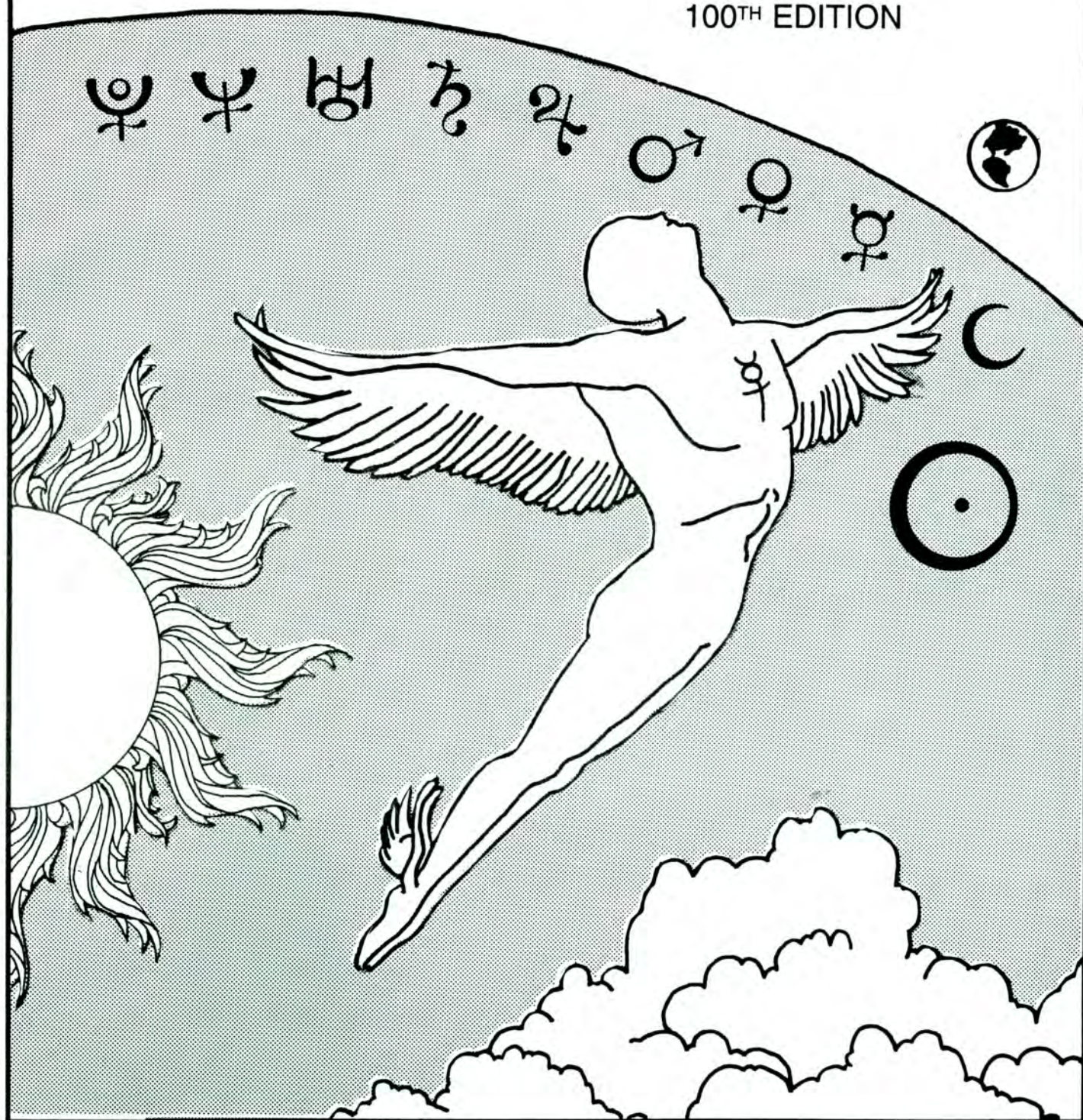
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Hll Everyone!

I'm starting this letter with a very heavy heart. I will continue to do the Mercury Hour as long as you continue to renew, donate, and try to get more subscribers. I don't want to raise the rates but I can no longer continue to put \$600 into each issue as I've done for the last four issues. Everyone is into computers these days it seems and forgets about the printed word. I realize many of you don't have computers and some really love the MH and have been with us for 15 and 20 years or more. I really have appreciated your loyalty.

I started the MH in April of 1974 25-years ago and for all this time the MH has owed no one, has paid for itself. With the big advent of computers things have been getting rougher and rougher. Now that I am alone and living on social security things have not gotten easier. I will continue as long as I can and you all hang in there with me and try helping. We need renewals, new subscribers, folks who have dropped out and people to write in longhand, typed or via e-mail, for the MH (ecuster@lynchburg.net) Enough of this. I'll leave it up to you. After all, it is your magazine, your write it, and I print it.

There will be a July issue and we will see what happens after that. Those of you who lecture or have classes could help by telling people about the MH. I am not able to travel as I once did so I am depending on "our family" of MH subscribers to keep these lines of communication open.

If you send us a disk (and a HARD COPY), please tell us what word processor you used, etc. Some disks we just can't get to open and need the hard copy.

DOROTHY CESARONE's son called the first week in February to let us know his mother had passed away in January. She had been a subscriber to MH since 1977. He didn't give me any other information. I'm sure her friends along with MH extend their sympathies to her family.

NCCR will be having a conference in Williamsburg, VA June 11th to 13th, 1999. It will deal with relocation and Astro*Carto*Graphy.

For information call: ARLENE NIMARK at (718) 377-0482.

Last but not least, this our 100th Edition. I said there will be a July issue and there will be. What do you folks want to do? Keep going or what? I'll look forward to hearing from all of you as soon as possible.

Love & Hope,

Edith Custer

Edie

Cast of Characters

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TULSA, OK
NOVEMBER, 1998

☉ ♁ ☽ ♀

My work year has again come to an end. My first free day was last Thursday, a ♄ day--the day of Judge Starr's appearance before the House Judiciary Committee. I watched every minute of it on Fox, using Committee breaks to take the dogs out and to eat. My husband is not the political junkie I am but he called home about every hour to see if anything unexpected had come up. Fox gave Starr's birth date as 21 July 1946. This birth date gives him ☉ 27 ♋ ☿ ♏ 28 ♋, both recently ☿ (facing the enemy) by transiting ♀ (deliberate deception, misinformation, "spinning"), and now ☐'d (challenged) by transiting ♏ in ♏ the sign of its fall--having a need to use restraint in appearing aggressive or angry--and ♏, therefore holding back and not being entirely forthcoming, pulling his punches. Transiting ♏ will complete this sinister ☐ to the natal ☉-♏ ☿ in January and February, 1999, while parallel his natal ☿ and contraparallel transiting ☿, which suggests a time of crisis for Judge Starr, of being at a disadvantage but getting the job done--making it happen--which is the nature of a sinister ☐. He will have the benefit of a ♈ from transiting ♄ during this period and ♄ is powerful in both ♏ and ♋. Hopefully, he will have the unequivocal support of the GOP. Starr's natal ♏ in the sign of its detriment ☿ the ☉ may have served him well during those difficult 12 hours by enabling him to keep his ego, emotions and feelings in check. On several occasions since this Committee appeared, I have been prompted to pray for Judge Starr. I do not want to live in a Bill Clinton America where moral absolutes are relative and honesty and ethics are situational, where the laws apply to everyone except him. Clinton has stated that when this is over only one man will be left standing and it will be him.

My ambitious undertakings in redoing the condo we live in has not moved very fast, as you might expect with ♏ doing his annual ♏ in my 4th house. Maybe next year I can get it finished since ♏ makes his direct station 30 December at 26 ♏ ☐ my 26 ♀ ☽. These two are ☐ from ♏ to ♀ in my natal chart. I have ♏ on my 4th cusp, ☿ in ♏ in my 3rd--a disappointment placement, so I need the energy of a powerful ☐ aspect to overcome my ♏ tendency to start more than I finish, especially in connection with domestic matters. I did, however, make some headway in getting myself up to speed

in computer communications. I have a new printer. It is a Xerox WorkCenter--a printer-copier-scanner-fax but it is still in its box. I have to acquire and install a modem then I will be ready to go. Fortunately, I now have an in-house guru since my husband has become very proficient in the use of his computer and has installed state-of-the-art equipment at his office. He handed me the manuals for dummies and idiots he learned from and I have begun to make my way around with more skill on my computer. His chart ruler is ☿ at 13 ♏ ☿ ♏ at 11 ♏, both angular, ♁ on his 6th cusp. After a long military career primarily in communications, he picked up a degree in electronics, which suggests some natural aptitude as well as interest in electronic communications. Lucky for me when I get into trouble and scream for help.

There was much of interest to me in recent back issues of *MH* that I could not find time to comment on when it was relevant, but I especially want to tell **CAMMILLE ADAMS** that the comment she made (92/21) when reading the Winter Solstice 1996 against her chart for Stonehenge was the first thing that came to my mind as we learned of Princess Diana in the crash in the Paris tunnel. At the time I read Cammille's interpretation, I recalled the Princess was the only member of the immediate royal family who, to the best of my knowledge, could trace lineage to early England since the Windsor's are rather recent, as generations go, German transplants. If this is a fact to consider in mundane interpretation, then Diana's sons possibly would connect with the Stonehenge chart.

JOHN KALUS (93/52) My understanding of the TWA Flight 800 chart would lead me to think your third possibility--which is a defective pump giving off sparks--to be closest to my conclusion which is the detonator or the device that became the detonator was in or was a part of the fluid distribution system. I have considered the possibility a small detonating device could have been put directly into the fuel tank, I don't know if this is possible since I have not discussed my thoughts with an engineer. But, my conclusion was and still remains that Flight 800 was deliberately destroyed. I know the investigation will never be actually terminated even though reports are that it has officially concluded, which means the news media should not expect any more public relations reports.

I read with considerable interest your discussion of ♏ ☿ in the U.S. Declaration of

Independence chart (91/06) and **TODD COLLARD's** comment (93/49). One revision shown by the $\mathcal{R}$ condition of $\mathcal{Q}$ -of-names is that the document is entitled "The Unanimous Declaration of the Thirteen United States of America". In addition to the alteration in the name by which it is commonly known, it's ideology has been reaffirmed and extended to include the 37 additional states that have become a part of the U.S.--an example of the incompleteness of a document with a $\mathcal{R}$ $\mathcal{Q}$.

A check of the ephemeris shows that the day Richard Henry Lee of Virginia introduced a resolution for independence to the assembly in Philadelphia, 7 June 1776, $\mathcal{Q}$ was at $10^\circ \mathcal{Q}$. Charubel's interpretation of this degree is: "A bulbous plant, just pushing its way upward from beneath the sod, and beginning to unfold itself in order to show forth its beauties." $\mathcal{Q}$ declination was $24N54$, therefore out of bounds, in a cardinal water sign, mixing emotions with reason, expressing an idea that was outside the boundaries of accepted thought and behavior.

On 11 June, a draft of the resolution was begun. Transiting $\mathcal{Q}$ at $15^\circ \mathcal{Q}$ was pulling back toward the ecliptic, returning to the action zone where it would release the energy to enable the five men who were instructed to prepare the draft to express the ideas and sentiments that propelled the assembly with optimism and high spirits because $\mathcal{Q}$ was in the terms of $\mathcal{A}$.

In the following days, as they discussed and composed their thoughts, $\mathcal{Q}$ became peregrine--their ideas and words moved into an area that was uncharted, where they were without legal standing or protection. $\mathcal{Q}$ was in the terms of $\mathcal{Q}$ indicating agreement and cooperation within the group.

On 29 June, $\mathcal{Q}$ began its $\mathcal{R}$ cycle at $25^\circ \mathcal{Q}$, declination $18N34$, parallel $\mathcal{D}$ $\mathcal{Q}$ --a benefic of the nature of $\mathcal{Q}$ and $\mathcal{A}$ --at $18N19$. Fateful words were reconsidered, debated, revisions were made that would have far-reaching consequences and $25^\circ \mathcal{Q}$ became a permanent "decision point" that can be used in connection with progressions and forecasting with whatever chart you prefer to use for the Declaration of Independence.

The draft produced by these five men was adopted by the Assembled General Congress on 2 July and the document we celebrate on 4 July 1776 is a statement justifying the resolution adopted by Congress two days earlier--something done after the fact, so to speak, an illustration of the $\mathcal{R}$ motion of $\mathcal{Q}$. Other examples of the incompleteness shown by a $\mathcal{R}$ $\mathcal{Q}$: one of those

who drafted it and voted to accept it did not sign it and not all the signers were present at its adoption on 2 July. In fact, all of the signatures except three were affixed on 2 August 1776 after $\mathcal{Q}$ had resumed direct motion, which was 22 July at $15^\circ \mathcal{Q}$ --another "decision point"--a term originated by Ivy Jacobson to the best of my knowledge since I have not encountered it anywhere else but I have found it valid.

In my work I respect $\mathcal{R}$ $\mathcal{Q}$. Sometimes the influence is hard to spot.



RITA FRIEDMANN MIAMI BEACH, FL DECEMBER, 1998

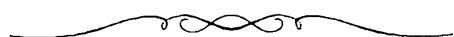
VIRGO-SUN, ARIES-MOON, LIBRA-ASC.

I just found out that a friend has an astrotwin - but not just any astrotwin. They were born in the same hospital 5 minutes apart. They lived two blocks from each other, went to school and college together, and have been best friends since birth. They've each been married twice, each has one child. One (Dawn) lives in Florida, the other (Nancy) in Paris. Dawn is a dog breeder, gourmet cook, ex-Playboy Bunny, rides a Harley, makes beautiful hand-crafted items, has a terrific website about dogs. I don't yet know too much about Nancy - except she is beautiful - as is Dawn, is also a dog lover, and she runs a nursing home. Nancy, the Paris friend flies in twice a year - Christmas, and their birthdays. Dawn's birth info: 6/26/46, 1:00 AM, Queens, N.Y. Nancy's is the same, except the time: 1:05 AM.

Edie, The 99th Edition is terrific.

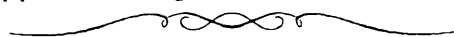
Jennie Adams (99/58), my heart goes out to you. I hope things will be better for you in the new year.

Jim Haynes (99/37) You certainly are "fine". That is one great piece. I am still laughing. ☺☺☺☺ Wishing Everyone a Happy Healthy New Year!

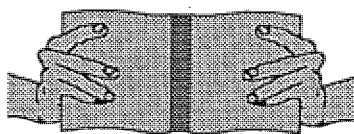


Reported to be found on a Tombstone
Memory of an accident in a Uniontown,
Pennsylvania cemetery:

Here lies the body of Jonathan Blake
stepped on the gas instead of the brake.



Maguerite darBoggia
Santa Paula, CA
February, 1999



BOOK REVIEW

A SCIENTIFIC APPROACH TO THE
METAPHYSICS OF ASTROLOGY

By Enrique Linares, Pub. Seek-It Publications, PO Box 250012, W. Bloomfield, MI. 48325, \$7.95 - paperback 166 pp., Reviewed by: Marguerite dar Boggia

This book is not only exceptional and enlightening, but it is thought-provoking! Enrique Linares was a Chemical Engineer by profession, a researcher by nature. His knowledge even covered the Ancient Mystical Teachings and metaphysics. I could not begin to expound on all of the subjects he covered in this book. He was fascinated with the cycles of the planets.

He found that by plotting the Moon's position on a graph for every Solar Return there was a repeatable cycle. In each group there were seven curves. Each group had two distinct subgroups of four curves, one and three cycles. The subseries of four cycles lasts 11 years and the subseries of three cycles lasts 8 years, making a total of 19 years, which is the whole cycle of the Moon. Sometimes there was a series of three or four cycles between the series of seven. This is so mystical. It coincides with the esoteric teachings relating to the seven types of energy known as the 7 rays, three of which are the major rays and four are the minor rays. Even in astrology we have the 4 elements and the 3 qualities.

He followed the same procedure for all the planets, but only the returns for the Sun and Mars had seven cycles. He knew the importance of the number seven through the cabalistic teachings. With Mars, there is a series of seven cycles, followed by another series of seven and then followed by a series of eight cycles. The Sun does a series of seven cycles in two signs, a series of nine cycles in two signs and a series of eight cycles in all the other signs.

His conclusion as to why only these planets make seven cycles was that they form a planetary trinity. The Sun is the predominantly positive (spirit)

pole, the Moon is the predominantly negative (matter) pole and the magnetic energy of Mars causes the two poles to unify and to produce Life. The Moon and Mars have the same direction in their cycles. The fact that the Sun has a different direction leads Linares to assert that it has a different polarity.

Linares researched the septenary cycles of 58 people. He learned that there is an identification of common characteristics of people born under the same cycle. It was also important to know under which specific cycle a person was born. He gave the delineation for the Sun, Moon and Mars in each of its cycles. John F. Kennedy was born when his Sun was in its third year of the 3rd cycle, his Moon was in the 2nd year of its fifth cycle and Mars was in the first year of the third cycle. His interpretation of the Sun in the 3rd cycle is: "There is much activity and interest in intellectual subjects, in traveling, and oratory, also in art, education and occult studies. Of the eight subjects studied, two were killed in car accidents." He included a chart of a female listing all of the events in her life in accordance with the cycles of the Sun, Moon and Mars.

This book covers so many subjects such as magnetism and the pyramids, discoveries of Greek mathematicians, the "catastrophe theory" invented in 1967 by Rene Thom; the Fibonacci series of numbers, the Golden Rectangle, information on the nature of the elements of matter, supernovas, etc. He lists a comparison of the Zodiacal signs of Leo, Cancer, Aries/Scorpio to metal, animal kingdom, organs, energy, polarity, subatomic particle, atomic particle and biblical symbolism.

I found most interesting that the three primary colors are red, blue and green. This is also expressed in the esoteric Alice A. Bailey books. I never could accept that because in school we learned that the three primary colors were red, blue and yellow. Linares goes into detail in his explanation of subtractive primaries and additive primaries and how the three primary colors produce white.

I was fascinated with the orbits of the electrons. They orbit the nucleus in specific shells or orbits. Each orbit, except the first one is divided into suborbits or subshells. There are seven shells or orbits. This coincides with the seven planes mentioned in the books of Alice A. Bailey (A Treatise on Cosmic Fire). Each plane has subplanes reaching into infinity. These planes are planes of consciousness which are within us as well as in everything whether visible or invisible. A potential universe is contained in an atom,

according to science. The Theosophical teachings state the reason for this, is because at the heart of each atom, whether mineral, human, superhuman or Divine, is a fragment of the Boundless, which is without beginning or end or even form, but which is the source of all Life. This explains how all parts (and all kingdoms) are part of the whole. Violence and bombings in one area will affect another area of life, perhaps through floods, storms, etc. The teachings further state that while the quality of that Life remains the same whether in a mineral atom or in a stupendous Life such as a Deity, it is the quantity that changes, together with the forms and vehicles for that Life. Linares demonstrates how each element is related to a zodiacal sign according to the number of electrons in its outer shell, which is very interesting. He covers the mystical tetraktys of Pythagoras and shows how the 4th and 5th octave of music relate to the signs of the zodiac. He even correlates music to the I Ching which is most interesting!

This book is highly recommended. There is a wealth of information contained therein to energize the little gray cells of the brain and to cause the heart to rejoice. I would not part with this book. (Thanks for the e-mail. Edie)

**ED DEARBORN
NORWOOD, PA
FEBRUARY, 1999**

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We have been blessed once more with a great issue!

EDITH (99/7), thank you for the information about ISAR guidelines. Exclusiveness is no stranger to astrologers. Founded in 1916, the *American Academy of Astrologians* showed partiality to astrologers who held college degrees. This was in the day before certification was in vogue. They limited membership to 30 (dues paid) astrologers, and in later years (1929) they were allied with another exclusive group in New York that taught astrology, the *Societas Rosicruciana in America* to which Marc Edmund Jones belonged for many years. The bylaws of too few groups are available to us, but there are probably several such 'clubs'.

A couple of more recently organized groups place limits upon membership. Two astrology groups founded in 1968 accepted only certified astrologers for membership. Recently rumor has it that certification is the goal of a current astrology group for its members.

Exclusiveness has its 'pros and cons'. How about requiring certified and holders of 4-year college degrees, or certificate plus Ph.D./M.D. for membership?

I would be very interested in the opinions of **M.H.** readers on this topic!

JOSEPH SILVEIRA deMELLO (99/13-14), you mention George Orwell's "1984" as required reading a few years ago. Interestingly, the *Signet* edition available in the U.S. was not Orwell's complete text. By British law, the original script of Orwell was not to be provided to readers in the United States. I obtained a British copy in a secondhand bookstore a few years back; on the original paperback cover was the statement that indicated it was illegal for copies to be sold in the U.S. So what was so really horrible in the original that we 'colonials' were not to read?

JIM HAYNES (99/23-24, 46, 62-63), "The Sidereal Corner" is always appreciated. The Lavagnini, sidereal charts are most interesting!

SONJA FOXE (99/25), the role of the Welland Canal and flow of waters of our Great Lakes is great information. Thank you. It may not be astrology, on the surface, but it provides one with a better understanding of some of the areas related to potential earthquake/land mass changes predicted by some for the not too distant future!

MARY DOWNING (99/30), William Henry Chaney (1821-1903) was one of the earlier American Astrologers, born in Maine, companion of English born Dr. L. D. Broughton, friend of Welsh born Llewellyn George, and author of *Chaney's Primer of Astrology and American Urania* (1890) a small hardback of 475 pages. [I have a copy complements of Marion Meyer Drew (1889-1974).]

Bibliotheca Astrologica (1911) reprinted in 1977 by Signs and Symbols (N. Hollywood, CA) lists on page 39 - "324 *Chaney's Ephemeris, from 1880 to 1877 inclusive. These Ephemeris contain the Daily Longitudes of Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Sun, Venus, Mercury, &c., revised from Ephemeris by Holdsworth, Raphael, Zadkiel, and Simmonite, by W. H. Chaney, 12mo. "Salem Oregon, 1877"* This text would be a rarity. The condition of the book is an important factor. According to Dr. Broughton's account, Chaney spent several years working on the mathematics of this ephemeris so as to guarantee its accuracy. My thought is that very few copies were printed, for Chaney had rather limited income or credit.

As for the life of Wm. H. Chaney, father of the noted Jack London, please contact **JOSEPH**

SILVEIRA deMELLO for more details; Joseph has done quite extensive research on both Chaney and London.

EDITH (99/34), MY 6-year-old brother died Feb. 7, 1930 from pneumonia, and just six months later my father abandoned my mother and me; I was just 8 at the time. That was an isolated instance though.

JOAN DEPCZYNSKI (99/36-37) brings up an important censorship factor. Some twenty years ago our local paper ran a weekly column by Herbert Denenberg, Esq. (Denenberg was an appointed official with oversight of insurance matters for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania during the early 1970's and was privy to insider information.) One of his columns dealt with the threat of consolidation of businesses so as to control what 'Business' would be permitting the American public to know through the press and airways. In his column; Deneberg stated about 54 groups controlled the output of public information in the U.S. He predicted that by about the year 2000, the group would shrink to 8 or 9. Thank the powers above, the Internet has thrown a monkey wrench into the plans. However, it still seems like so much of the information from the Internet is a mishmash that is still an inadequate 'savior against censorship'. We need to be ever vigilant.

Joan refers to Kt Boehrer's health and her text, *Declination: The Other Dimension* (1994). The revised reprint of her text is available from Fortunata Press, Shenandoah Building, Apt. #317, 5910 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22205 for \$21.95 postpaid to U.S. purchasers. I do not know about prices to other countries. Kt Boehrer resides at that address. She had her latest biopsy in December '98 and no sign of cancer was found; she is on the mend - slowly but surely!

SUSAN D. SIMMONS (99/38), thank you for the book review comments about Ray Merriman's *The New Solar Return Book of Predictions*. I must procure a copy!

JOHN KALUS (99/41-42), you mention that the inclusion of the Eastpoint in Clinton's chart pushed his Mars and Neptune into his 12th house. I did not run the chart but have noticed in some charts that the printer does not have enough space to print out all of the planetary information within the house into which they should fall. However, when I read the degree and sign of the planet, to me it is obvious that 'space is the culprit' and the planet, or planets, belong in the nearby house according to the degree and sign as they should. Hope I am helping!

JUNE KNIGHT GODWIN (99/43) brings up the topic of the **21st Century** ephemerides. ACS Publications (P.O. Box 34487, San Diego, CA 92163-4487) has the *American Ephemeris for the 21st Century: 2001-2050 at Midnight*. It is probably available for noon as well. June purchased the midnight edition, as I did several years ago. It does not include declinations but does have a limited Moon's last aspect in a sign listed.

As I am very interested in the use of declinations, my interest focused on a second ephemeris; *The Astrolabe World Ephemeris 2001 - 2050* by Whitford Press. It is available in noon or midnight editions but has no aspectarian. However, it does list daily declinational placements for the Sun, Moon, planets, Chiron, Ceres, Pallas, Juno, and Vesta, (no latitudes) plus time of Moon's last aspects and Ingress into each sign. The Moon's Mean Node is provided. I purchased my copy from *Astrolabe* with my VISA card via telephone (508) 896-5281 for \$29.95 plus S & H. To purchase from Whitford Press, one must go through Schiffer Publishing in Alglen, PA at phone (610) 593-1777.

T. PATRICK DAVIS (99/47) provides the *Mercury Hour* readers with an excellent reason for our continued support of *Edith, her staff, and Mercury Hour*.

EDITH is in the business world, because she must be in order to provide us with *Mercury Hour*. We can count our blessings that Edith is looking out for our interests. Her dedication and loyalty to her subscribers is such a rare commodity, I believe one would be very hard pressed to find any equal. Early renewal of our subscriptions, with some extra stamps and monetary gifts are at least one way we can express our thanks! Our letters provide another way.

TOM OWENS (99/61), thanks for your comment about declinations. Yes, the parallel and contraparallel are not 'the same as' the conjunction and the opposition. You are right in assessing them "as a strong force effecting the involved planets and blending their energies."

JAN INGERSOL deserves a big "Thank you!" for the interesting 'insights' at **(99/7, 34, 45)**.

AND TO ALL! Enjoy the countdown to Y2K!

BATYA STARK: taken from a church bulletin:
Potluck supper: prayer and medication to follow.

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MONTIGNAC, FRANCE
JANUARY, 1999**

Extract from a course of:

**21ST CENTURY MEDICAL ASTROLOGY
COURSE**

Part 1 of three

It was Aristotle who used to say: "To understand things clearly, we have to look at them from their beginning".

The beginning of medical astrology is Cosmology, and this will be our reference system all along.

Cosmology is the science dealing with the origin, the evolution, and structure of our universe as a whole. The term is used to describe the area of study that combines astronomy, astrophysics, **PARTICLE PHYSICS**, and for us, some mathematics. Cosmology is a good example of pooling of knowledge, wherein astronomers, for example combine their specialized informations with those of classical physicists, or astrologers, to gain a better understanding of our world.

Next, we must know what are "**COSMIC RAYS**": they are radiations of extraterrestrial origin, chiefly **PROTONS**, **ALPHA PARTICLES**, and other atomic nuclei, as metals, for example. Cosmic Rays include some high-energy electrons and photons that enter our atmosphere and cause secondary **RADIATIONS**. Our planet is constantly bombarded with radiations from outer space, at a rate of several billions and billions per second. From this knowledge, it is known that the entire universe is suffused by a cosmic background radiation composed of primordial photons left over from the primal **BIG BANG**.

In late 1989, NASA launched its first satellite dedicated to the study of the phenomena related to the origins of the universe. So, we do know that every living form on Earth, from plants to animals to human beings, not only are constantly bombarded by the C.R., but that we actually derive from that phenomenon.

We will only deal with the Solar system alone, and not with the billions by billions of other Stars, similar to our Sun, which exist in our universe. What is our Solar System? It is the region of our universe that includes our Sun, its ten known major planets - which includes Chiron (♄), and their Moons and Satellites. Plus some objects like Asteroids, comets. In other words, the Sun (☉) and all the objects that are in orbit around it. You all know the order of the planets: **MERCURY** (☿),

VENUS (♀), **EARTH** (♁), **MOON** (☾) (a satellite of ☉), **MARS** (♂), **JUPITER** (♃), **SATURN** (♄), **CHIRON** (♄), **URANUS** (♅), **NEPTUNE** (♆) AND **PLUTO** (♇). The average distance from the ☉ to each planet is:

☿: 36 million miles
♀: 67 million miles
♁: 93 million miles
♂: 141 million miles
♃: 480 million miles
♄: 900 million miles
♅: 1.3 billion miles
♆: 1.8 billion miles
♇: 2.8 billion miles
♇: 3.6 billion miles

You will understand further on why I mention these distances to you (**see Lesson #6**)

Of course, we know that there are billions and billions of other Stars, many of them with a "solar system" around them, out there, in our universe. But we will work only with our system and our planets, that is plenty enough for our goal.

We now have a fairly good idea of what is the ☉'s ☉ and planetary environment. You should never forget that each planet or the ☉ emits constantly these Cosmic Rays that are hitting us, all around the clock, day after day after day, year after year ever since about 12 to 13 billions years time, which is the average, actually regarded as correct age of our universe.

HOW ASTROLOGY ACTUALLY WORKS:

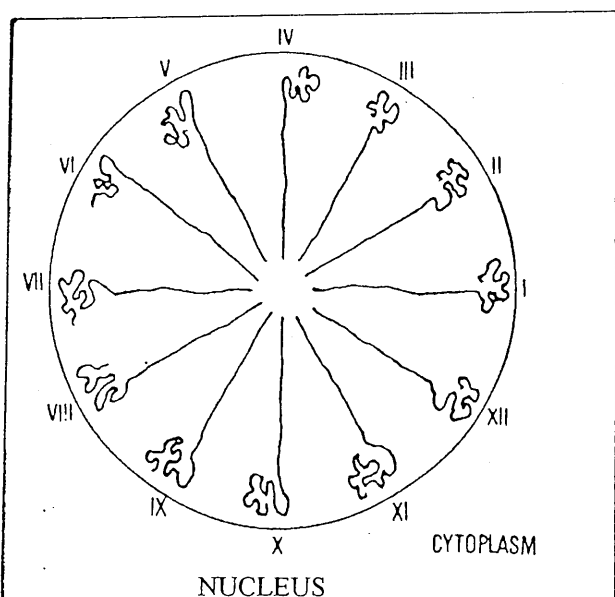
The big question has been at the core of the dispute between "official" scientists, also astrophysicists, and astrologers. And it was only in the spring of 1983 that French molecular biologist, Professor Etienne GUILLE published his book on the subject: "L'Alchimie de la Vie", or "The Alchemy of Life", showing the results of many years of work with his team. They discovered how Cosmic Rays influence the human DNA, through atoms of metals emitted by the planets, and the ☉, of course, of our system.

I will not go into details of there findings, those of you who wish to read it all have to buy his book, Editions du Rocher, France.

What is fundamental to us is their discovery that the seven metals of the alchemic tradition, or: silver, the mercury, the gold, the lead, the iron, the copper, the tin, brought about very peculiar variations in the DNA molecule. It was extremely astonishing to find that the ♀ for example, as traces in the DNA produced, at that level, changes in the genetic code...! This discovery of the specific interaction: metal/pieces of DNA came before the confrontation with the traditional data.

Then, further on, they discovered that in the physiological conditions, there was neither silver, nor mercury nor tin, nor lead, etc., but their energetic imprint on the DNA. As we all know, seven metals have always been tied to seven planets: gold/☉, silver/☾, mercury/☿, tin/♄, lead/♁, iron/♂, copper/♀. Then, during the last two centuries, we have seen the discovery of three more planets: ♃, ♅, ♁, to which three other metals have been tied to: zinc, manganese, cobalt. From November 1st, 1977, we now have ♅, to which chrome has been tied to. We will check all of that as we go along in this course, and when YOU, the students, will check, and recheck, on human beings, that this theory is valid. It is, actually, from discoveries of Etienne Guille and his team, that I have been able to discover the link that exists between our planet and human GENOMA. That, you will also SEE, by yourself, get the factual proofs as many times as you wish to.

THAT is extremely important, to be able to repeat and repeat and repeat our experiences, then how to "save people's lives", for coronarian pathologies, for instance, or others. Furthermore, Guille discovered that there is a "mini-Zodiac" in each cell of our organisms, as show by the following picture.



Schematic picture of a minizodiac susceptible to exist in each of our cells. The reception sequences are symbolised by the coiled up forms numbered from I to XII: these are those recognised by specific metals which will induce inside them changements characteristic of new conformations. The transmission sequences are shown by strokes joining to the centre of the nucleus.

Now, Guille's first popularization book, this "Alchemy of Life", goes on and on, for 245 pages, on many subjects, as cancers, systemic analysis, holopathy, etc. all subjects that, besides cancers, go outside of this discourse. But, we all understand now, how astrology works: atoms of metals linked to our planets interfere with our DNA's, sometimes positively, more often negatively, (stop and think that we have only TWO always positive aspects, and how many almost always negative ones?) Hence, from the instant that the spermatozoid has contacted the ovule, and that the fetus has started building himself or herself, the miracle of life is ongoing.. and the DNA, starts getting these influences "good or bad"Then, also, we can start observing his development, by studying the Pre Natal Eclipse of the ☉, prior to the birth day..

THE BIRTH:

What we will, from now on, call "birth" of a human baby is the very moment when the umbilical cord is cut, and this baby is becoming independent from his/her biological mother. This moment is one of the two most important in our lives, with the instant of our death. You will learn how we can discover this crucial instant with two different systems: with the Humano Cosmic Time system of forecasting, or going backwards in a life, then with the genetic method, this last one being the most reliable, because it is independent from any personal cause from the subject. By this, I mean that, with the H.C.T. we depend on memories from the person, to work backwards up to the moment of the birth. When, with genetic, the informations have been programmed from the instant of procreation, and nobody can change it, or influence it.

TIME:

As we all know, Time is the decisive factor, together with the location and the date of birth. Hence, we MUST give that all our attention.

The time that we can read on our watches, or clocks, is called "Local Mean Time". The "Local apparent solar time" or LAT is the ☉'s horary angle in this place, at that moment. It is what we can read on a sundial.

The "Local Mean Time" is a solar time regulated by the Equation of Time, or the horary angle, computed from a fictitious mean ☉. Thus, we have the equation:

Local Mean Time = Local apparent solar time + or - Equation of Time. We write "plus or minus", because this E.T. varies, from a value of 00h00m00s on the 15th of April of any year, down to: minus 00h16m24s on November the 2nd and

If you have trouble with any of these numbers, and I'm sure you may have, we can only print what we get although I did try to fix some of it, you can e-mail Guy at : penguern@aol.com or write to him at:

GUY dePENGUERN VILLA ANTARES 24290 MONTIGNAC FRANCE . He will be happy to help you.
Guy wanted it printed with this section so we did the best we could. (Edie)

Table "G" is on next page.

EQUATION of TIME: « E »=Table F + Table G

Table « F »: Computed for a bissextile year at 12h00m C.U.T.

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2	+ 3 44	+ 13 42	+ 12 11	+ 3 34	- 3 5	- 2 6	+ 3 57	+ 6 10	- 0 25	- 10 42	- 16 24	- 10 29	
3	+ 4 15	+ 13 49	+ 11 58	+ 3 16	- 3 11	- 1 56	+ 4 8	+ 6 5	- 0 44	- 11 1	- 16 24	- 10 5	
4	+ 4 40	+ 13 56	+ 11 45	+ 2 58	- 3 17	- 1 46	+ 4 19	+ 6 0	- 1 4	- 11 19	- 16 23	- 9 41	
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6	+ 5 35	+ 14 7	+ 11 18	+ 2 24	- 3 27	- 1 25	+ 4 40	+ 5 47	- 1 44	- 11 55	- 16 20	- 8 51	
7	+ 6 1	+ 14 11	+ 11 4	+ 2 7	- 3 31	- 1 14	+ 4 50	+ 5 40	- 2 5	- 12 13	- 16 16	- 8 26	
8	+ 6 27	+ 14 14	+ 10 49	+ 1 50	- 3 34	- 1 2	+ 4 59	+ 5 32	- 2 25	- 12 30	- 16 13	- 7 59	
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11	+ 7 47	+ 14 19	+ 10 2	+ 1 1	- 3 42	- 0 27	+ 5 24	+ 5 5	- 3 28	- 13 18	- 15 56	- 6 38	
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NOTE: For a NON bissextile year, on January and February, read the Date + ONE day on Table F

November the 3rd of any year, then goes down to minus 00h00m16s on December the 24th, then starts going up to "plus" 00h14m19s on February the 11th and February the 12th of any year. A small correction has to be made for non bi-sextile years, in January and February, where the date should be read "+ one day". As you can see, the value of the E.T. is far from negligible on November 2 and 3, and on February 11 and 12. We cannot accept an error of 16 minutes or of 14 minutes, from the very start of computing a Sidereal Time of birth, hence house cusps, $\oslash$ positions false by a non negligible value.

We will provide you with tables of this E.T., in order for you to correct the times as shown by watches, for this E.T. Then, and only then, can you enter this Time in your computer in order to have a correct birth chart. Very unfortunately, I have never been able to find one single astrological program which takes into account this E.T. But it is so easy to enter it before typing this time while starting any chart computing. I insist a lot on this, because, if you do not use this E.T. factor, you will NEVER be able to observe the genomas on the birth charts, and that would be too bad...

Very unfortunately, I had a real fight with some members of ISAR on that subject, had to send them the copy of Mrs. Nicole Capitaine, French astronomer at the Paris Observatory a specialist of Time from the French "Bureau des Longitudes", or the French government office which controls all the Time questions, in France and Europe. Anyone who wishes to receive a copy, in French, of her long lesson in time, I'll be glad to send it free of charge, since that is of utmost importance for any serious work in Influential Astrophysics.

From now on, we will call this discipline: "MEDAPS" or "GENAPS", for "Medical Astrophysics" and "Genetical Astrophysics". You all will become "Medapsists" when you will be through with the 21 lessons of the first degree course, then the 15 lessons of a second degree course.

It will be in this second degree course that we will deal with these fantastic "ZETTA Particles", which travel ten, twenty, thirty times faster than light..., and the Humano Cosmic Time system of forecasting, plus many more extremely useful techniques and knowledges.

Before ending this lesson, I wish to add: "Cancer is inscribed in the human genes", as had been announced and proved in a recent world congress on cancer.

To become proficient in medical astrology,

TABLE <<G>>: Computed at 12h00m C.U.T. for the non-bissextile years.

For a bissextile year, Table « F » is correct.

" G "

	B + 1	P + 2	B + 3
1 Janvier	- 7	- 14	- 21
15 Janvier	- 5	- 10	- 15
1 Février	- 2	- 4	- 6
15 Février	+ 1	+ 1	+ 2
1 MARCH	+ 2	+ 4	+ 7
15 MARCH	+ 4	+ 9	+ 14
1 Avril	+ 4	+ 8	+ 12
15 Avril	+ 3	+ 7	+ 10
1 Mai	- 1	- 2	- 3
15 Mai	- 1	- 4	- 2
1 Juin	- 3	- 5	- 4
15 Juin	- 3	- 5	- 6
1 Juillet	- 3	- 5	- 4
15 Juillet	- 1	- 4	- 7
1 Août	- 1	+ 2	+ 3
15 Août	+ 3	+ 2	+ 10
1 Septembre	+ 4	+ 9	+ 14
15 Septembre	+ 6	+ 11	+ 17
1 Octobre	+ 4	+ 9	+ 13
15 Octobre	+ 3	+ 6	+ 9
1 Novembre	+ 0	+ 0	+ 0
15 Novembre	- 3	- 6	- 8
1 Décembre	- 5	- 6	- 7
15 Décembre	- 7	- 15	- 22

astrologers have to become familiar with the anatomy of our bodies, physiology, as well as with our BASIC TOOLS that you will use constantly when practicing this fascinating discipline.

Before we go any further, wish to emphasize that we are not doctors in medicine, must NEVER prescribe anything to one of your clients, only "suggest" this or that, adding that they should consult with their M.D. before taking it? Weshos [sic] our clients that they have a "risk" of developing this or that health problem. Personally, I have always worked with doctors in medicine, suggesting to them, and to the client, that this or that "may" happen and what are the preventive measures that can be used.

FREE-WILL and DETERMINISM:

This debate has been at the very root of all astrological work. Through the study of medical astrology, we can perceive some answers to this capital question. From my former lesson on a case of cardiac problem, you understood that we can

forecast any serious cardiac problem. Which means that our subject inherited from his genitors a defect in his genome that we have been able to detect. That is "determinism", since he could not change anything about this condition. But, from the moment he decided to have me observe his birth chart, he used his free-will....and saved his life...! Thus, we see the limits of free-will: had his chart been different on the psychological level, he would not have the willpower to take this step and have his genome deciphered through Medaps and Genaps. Everyone of us has a certain amount of free-will, according to our birth chart. Then, it is up to us to use it or not.

What we must understand right now, is that nobody up to this beginning of 1999, at least can change anything to one's genome. Quite certainly, in some future time, a transplant of an activated expressed and correctly regulated gene into a somatic cell will be possible, as some other gene therapy. That is all part of the unending bioethical questions which are being debated in all countries, but with no clear answers as yet?

BASIC TOOLS:

We will only use: the Tropical Zodiac, the KOCH tables of houses plus the only two laws that I know of, in astrology: the Law of **POLARITIES**, and the law of **SENDINGS**. These two will be the subject of a next lesson.

Now, if some of you wish to contact me, you can do so at penguern@aol.com or my postal address: Villa ANTARES 24290 MONTIGNAC-LASCAUX, France, I will always answer any query about Medaps, Genaps, or other astrological subject that I know of.

End part 1 - To be continued

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February, 1999**

Roberta Strain and Todd Collard are both MH subscribers and attendees of the "chat room #1" on Wednesday evenings at 9:00 PM EST. (www.starflash.com/mercury-hour)

They had a conversation about Percival Lowell and Clyde Tombaugh, as to actually discovered Pluto and the following is Todd's reply to Roberta. Something to think about?

Edie

"Percival Lowell built the observatory in Arizona to find what he called Planet X. But he died before Pluto was discovered. Pluto's first two letters are Percival Lowell's initials. Some

schoolgirl proposed the name, I've read.

Clyde Tombaugh was an Iowa farm boy who built his own telescope and began writing to the observatory. He was shocked to be invited to become an employee and it was he who, indeed, discovered Pluto. Incidentally, Pluto was discovered no where near Percival Lowell predicted it would be found.

Hence, most astronomers believe there is another biggie out there. The problem is that something is tugging on Uranus and Neptune, pulling them out of calculated orbits. Something big with powerful gravitational pull is out there. When Pluto's size and mass was calculated, it was shown to be nowhere near the influence they were looking for to explain perturbations in Uranus' orbit.

Since 1984, Pluto has actually been closer to us than Neptune! It's orbit is so eccentric that it swings way out into the edges of the solar system, then loops within Neptune's orbit (no, there is no danger of the two colliding). It is due to swing back out beyond the orbit of Neptune and will once again be a trans-Neptunian! I don't think it coincidental that the AIDS epidemic came on strongly beginning about 1984. That's the year really serious efforts of research and lots of publicity began."

**EDITH CUSTER
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FEBRUARY, 1999**

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Jesse Ventura, the new governor of Minnesota was born July 15, 1951, 3:00 A.M. CST in Minneapolis, MN. (44N59, 93W16). This is from his B.C. via **DON BORKOWSKI** and **JOSEPH SILVEIRA deMELLO**. Lois Rodden will have it in her next edition so we can check it out. (I did and it is from the B.C. Monica Schreiner reports that Peter Padulke went to the MN. Department of Health and saw the B.C. for James George Janos, his real name. Time recorded as exactly 3:00 A.M. is reported in Lois Rodden's Feb. '99 issue "Data News.")

Jesse was a Navy Seal at one time and also Mayor of a city for, I believe, for a few years so he is no stranger to politics. Everyone knows about his wrestling career but what you may not know is that his Asc is 29II 50 and helio ♂ is 28II 21 with ♀ at 20♊ 47 in the 6th. His wife raises horses! ☾ is 3♊ 38 Δ helio ♀ 1♏ 49 in 10th. Helio ♀ is ♂ ♏. His helio ♂ in II ☐'s ♏.

Sally Harrington
Camano Island, WA
January, 1999

Cancer Asc. - Leo Sun -Libra Moon

Hi to all at Mercury Hour

These are examples of some events that happened over my life with relationship to the houses, etc.

In 1963, Pluto and Uranus crossed my 3rd house cusp, while Jupiter crossed the 9th cusp and went conjunct Saturn. Jupiter is co-ruler of the 9th. That is when I began this long journey into the study of astrology.

Jupiter crossed my ASC. exact, when Saturn hit my 10th cusp (ruler of 7th) and I met and married my first husband 30 days later. Saturn then went conjunct Uranus in the 10th, with Jupiter still in the ASC (nationally in the 4th) & we started a business that involved skip tracing and the repossession of cars for banks. We worked out of our home. Jupiter in my 4th again. Uranus rules my 8th, joint finances with partner...It was rather unusual compared to the average business.

Jupiter, Uranus and (Pluto the co-ruler of my 5th) crossed my 4th cusp & my daughter was born with all three planets in her first house, with Jupiter and Pluto right on her ASC. Jupiter is on the cusp of my 5th house nationally describing a child with a strong Jupiter influence.

Saturn hit my ASC. and my first husband's 4th cusp. We separated & then divorced. Saturn crossed my 2nd house cusp & went conjunct my Sun on the cusp. Sun is ruler of the 2nd. I went back to work, became involved with a man I met through work and put in more hours than I did when I was in business.

Jupiter came back to the ASC once again, ruler of my 6th and co-ruler of 10th, with Uranus, the 10th co-ruler trine ASC to the degree. I went into business once again. This time as a working partner with a silent partner/investor had an office but worked more than half the time from home again. (natal Jupiter in 4th). Six months later, he left me 100% of the business and moved out of town. This time it was a video dating service for business and professional people. Once again, an unusual business... Uranus in 10th...Because it was the first of its kind in Seattle, there were interviews on 3 television stations and 7 newspapers over the first year. One interview hit Associated Press and was carried in the

Idaho/Oregon regions. I was contacted by a person in Oregon who became a partner and we set up an office in Portland that she ran.

Jupiter hit my 2nd husbands Asc and we married while Saturn, my 7th ruler was conjunct my 4th house Jupiter. Saturn hit my daughter's 4th cusp and she moved from our spacious home to a tiny apartment with her new husband.

In 1990, with Jupiter moving toward my ASC once again, Saturn moved across my 7th cusp. We sold our home and moved from the city away from friends and family to a small rather isolated (compared to city life) rural Island (which I love) and began a new life. Pluto at that time was conjunct Jupiter in my 4th. We spread out on 2 acres and had a new home built. With Saturn in my 7th house, it was at this time away from family and friends, my daughter married and on her own, that we were in the position of spending much more time alone with one another, both having taken an early retirement. Despite the new home and life, it became increasingly clear just how incompatible we were.

While living a busy life in the city, where we were very involved with the many social activities through the Officers Club after my husband's retirement from the Air Force, along with all the travel we did, it was easy to avoid the spending much time alone together.

Just several years after our move, Uranus and Neptune made their celebrated conjunction in Capricorn where they continued their dance exactly on my 7th cusp, conjunct north node and in an exact trine to Venus. We had decided to sell one acre and it happened that the man that purchased it and built a home there became first a good neighbor, then a good friend and then more. At that point, I obtained a legal separation from my husband, though we continued to live in different parts of the house. Saturn crossed my 8th cusp & went opposition to my . My husband refused any financial support despite our legal agreement though he paid all the household expenses. I went back to work part time. My husband met a woman 6 years older than he. He was 12 years older than I. They dated for the next several years as my friend and I did. We became so civilized that we invited them to our dinner parties occasionally and they did the same. Sounds like a soap by now eh.

In 1995, Saturn crossed my MC and went square to my husbands Sun in his 7th house. (Incidentally, I was his 3rd wife and all three of us were Leos described by the Sun in his 7th.) T. Jupiter was in orb of his ASC. He had a sudden heart attack and was gone in seconds. Jupiter

there indicates it was an easy passing . Uranus had just touched the exact degree of my 8th house cusp in opposition to my Sun on it's first station. We had a lovely 6 years together and I will miss him. More endings making way for beginnings, At this time, I have no idea what they could be. When Uranus squared it's own place in the 10th, along with a square to Mars in the 4th, my mother and stepfather passed the same year in 96. Jupiter is crossing my 10th house in a few weeks, with Uranus having moved back to conjunction with my 8th house once again in opposition to my Sun and in square to Jupiter in the 4th. I can't imagine what's coming next with Uranus making it's 7 year transit through my 8th house.. soon to be followed by Neptune. (Thanks for the e-mail. Edie)

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JANUARY, 1999**

☉♈ ☽♋ Asc♌ Mc♏

Many moons ago I queried Edith about the use of the Geocentric Latitude in various table of houses.

Her answer: "I have no idea what you are talking about as far as the difference in the Geocentric and Geographic Latitude is concerned."

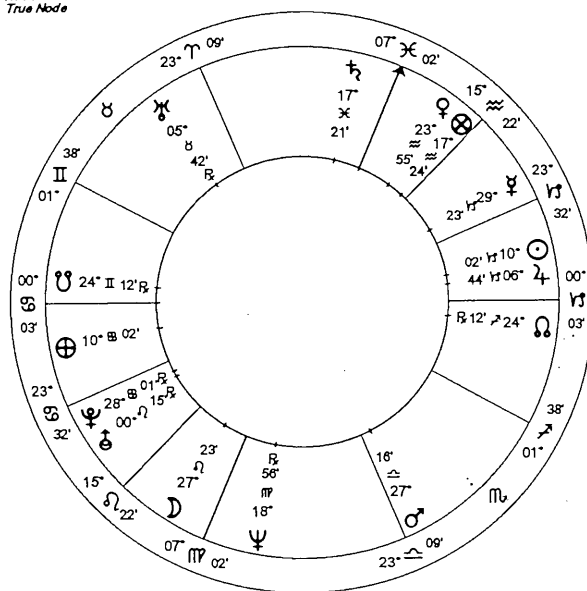
EDITH (89/54) Requested a Koch (Birthplace Tables of Houses) for a student. In reply to an offer of one by Joan Abel. Edith says: (30th EE 2nd part/49) "Thank you but at the moment I have all I need. Save it, I may need it for the next class".

Question: Does Edith or anyone use the Correcting For Geocentric Latitude tables shown in the Koch tables? It would seem logical to use Geocentric latitude when calculating Heliocentric charts with Koch houses. Some comments on the subject of the Geocentric latitude are:

Table i, Geographic and Geocentric Latitudes in the **American Astrology Tables of Houses** by Hugh Rice, reads--"This table shows the correction to be applied to the geographic latitude to obtain Geocentric latitude and vice versa. The geographic latitude is used in making geographic maps. The Geocentric latitude of a place is the angle at the earth's center between the plane of the equator and a line from the observer to the earth's center. It differs from the geographic latitude because the earth is not a sphere.

December 31 1936
Natal Chart
Dec 31 1936
3:57 PM EST +5:00
West Chester PA
39N58 075W36
Geocentric
Tropical
Koch
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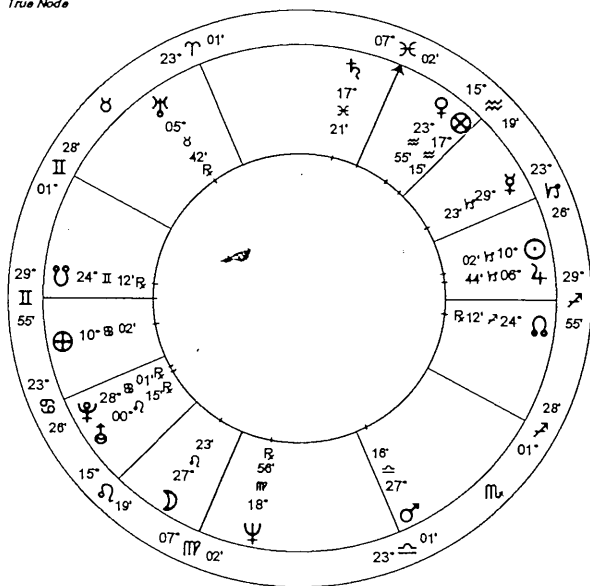


In a letter to **DAVID DOZIER** from Rex Kiernan, research director for **American Astrology Magazine**, he writes as follows--"For several years in the 1960's our practice was to print the Geocentric latitude, a practice we decided to abandon after a conference, with key astrologers regarding this matter. One simply **must use** Geocentric rather than geographic latitude when doing exacting calculations. Though we have decided to express geographical coordinates in standard form for the benefit of students who are not broken in on the correct study materials." (Date of letter - 7/22/1972).

In Bulletin Vol 56-7, 7/8/94, **American Federation of Astrologers** John Willner has this to say about latitude correction--"Thomas G. Dalton provided separate tables for making latitude corrections in his Table of Houses called "The Spherical Basis of Astrology" (written in 1893) together with a strong admonition not to ignore it. Why the question of applying this correction to latitudes should come up so often today is unknown but it is obvious from numerous observations that many modern astrologers either are unaware of the need or they have chosen to ignore it."

December 31 1936
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Page 27 of "The Astrologer's Handbook" by Frances Sakoian & Louis S. Acker under basic chart calculation the following statement reads--
"Because the earth is not a perfect sphere one more correction has to be made. The latitude must be changed slightly as given in table B on page V in Dalton's Table of Houses.

In the Birthplace Table of Houses (Koch) there is an explanation of correcting for Geocentric latitude that reads--"The earth is not an exact sphere. Its shape is rather like that of a flattened rotational ellipsoid (more colloquially--a slightly squashed rubber ball). This fact is taken into account by Geocentric latitude, which is calculated from perspective of a hypothetical observer at the center of the earth."

In his book **Progressions & Directions** Charles A. Jayne gets very specific on page 8 where he says in no uncertain words--
 "Unfortunately the great majority of astrologers do not use the correct terrestrial latitude. Geographic latitude which is found on all maps and is usually, and erroneously used by many astrologers. The **Geocentric latitude** is the correct one to use in astronomy and astrology and is always less than the ordinary geographic latitude."

The first chart uses geographic latitude for the Ascendant and the second chart uses Geocentric latitude for the Ascendant. The difference in the latitudes is (11' 22") found using the Koch tables correcting for Geocentric latitude. Noel Tyl's data is type A: from him to Lois Rodden (American Book of Charts). If you have seen and heard him, which Ascendant is more likely? Using Koch or Placidus houses--correction of Ascendant is the same.

K. T. BOEHRER
ARLINGTON, VA
FEBRUARY, 1999

I have a proposition to make. I think it would be great if astrologers at large and in general, should bestow the title of the Greatest Astrology Communicator of All Time on **ED DEARBORN**. He has done so much, contributed so much through his unique ability to bring astrologers all over the world together and in this most remarkable fashion been the activating force behind a great deal of fine work including books and articles galore.

I would love to see this happen and would be delighted if you approve and would print my suggestion in the **Mercury Hour**. I can't think of a better place to launch this suggestion and no one who could give it a better send-off than you. I mentioned this to my friend, **HAYA MURRAY**, and she agrees with me on the entire matter.

If you would rather not, please don't worry about it - I won't be offended or upset.

Thanks again for the charming and delightful card - I love cats and this one has such a really great expression on its face that I keep it stuck on my desk just to make me laugh!! (Are you listening Brian? Edie)

Must close now and catch the postman (have been doing this all my life and never caught one yet - wouldn't know what to do with one if I did catch him) Well, anyway, thanks ever so much, Edie. My love to you and a belated Happy Birthday.

(Ed has been a loyal and long subscriber to MH for many years and I agree with K.T., he should have some recognition for his contributions to the astrological community. As a matter of fact there are several astrologers who have served us over many years who deserve recognition. Edie)

JOSEPH SILVEIRA deMELLO
SAN FRANCISCO, CA
FEBRUARY, 1999

Dear *Mercury Hour*:

Which is to say, first, that you came at the right time, and with transiting $\mathcal{S}$ on my $\mathcal{V}$, no apparent help with $\mathcal{V}$ going direct, and a general funk, I have been slow to take computer in hand. Also somewhat dimwitted. Somewhere I heard that the year 2000 was to be a Leap Year. Because 2000 is not divisible by four, which of course it is. And then I saw Dei Deutsche has a Leap Year, and Rosecrution has Leap Year, and the only one who protested was **T. PAT DAVIS** and all the calendars in stationery stores end with calendars for the year 2000 with Leap Year, I guess I am finally with it. Can I trace how I got this idea? not a bit. I e-mailed Madalyn Hillis at Astrolabe practically demanding my money back for Solar Fire, and she managed to confuse me through a three message exchange until I finally got it. This year has not begun with great brio, nor did the last end that way. I do not look happily to having $\mathcal{P}$ transiting my Descendant. Everyone knows that when $\mathcal{P}$ transits an angle the lifestyle undergoes a change, and everyone knows what $\mathcal{P}$ changes may be like. When $\mathcal{P}$ transited my 4th, I moved to Texas, and spent some doubtful years there. $\mathcal{V}$ progressed $\mathcal{R}_x$ and prog σ went over natal and prog $\mathcal{H}$. But I think I said that quite some time ago.

ANNE LATHROP (99/3) just because you are first, I do not much use asteroids but have several books on the subject. I do use $\mathcal{S}$ (as in all the back pain I had last year with tr. $\mathcal{S}$ on my $\mathcal{H}$ at the same time I had tr. $\mathcal{H}$ on my $\mathcal{S}$), and I do see where it may very well rule $\mathcal{A}$. I use the outer planets as rulers of their people born in daytime, but use the old rulers for those born then, respectively, during night time. I do not use the four major asteroids since all the interpretations for them were written as though they applied only in the charts of women, and what was written did not in any way fit me. Example, I have Vesta in 7th but have known very few athletic women and no women tennis players. I find none of the top seeded women very interesting sexually. And especially not those who grunt. Nevertheless, I read all you had to say with attention as who knows when I am going to read such information again.

EDITH (99/7) I am writing this on a computer, but I am a "user" rather than a "genius" when it comes to all the tricks one can do with it. I

have not yet figured how to transport charts from Solar Fire into a text file. I think there is a new trend for editors not wanting to edit to typeset. Certainly when any editing is done in some astrological publications, we have met with total disaster. **GUY dePENGUERN** today informed me via e-mail that the wrong chart was printed with his lesson in this issue. Not to worry, he sent me the same erroneous chart when he sent me a copy of the lesson, and uttered not one word when I wrote back that it was the wrong chart and that I hoped he had not sent you the same chart he sent me. Now he tells it to me like it's News! He also corrects me when I referred to "cesquod" for the 165° aspect as a French term. He tells me it is Latin. Ah so. But the rub is that every time I use it, I confuse astrologers who think I am talking about the sesquiquad or sesquad (135°). It does not seem to be a battle I can win, so I will probably go with calling it the quindicile as Noel Tyl does, and hope I spelled it right. Loved the squib at the bottom of your letter about "Got Milk?." It is not a slogan impossible to translate; simply requires the right choice of verbs. One of our local stores had in their Christmas Card section a card saying "Felices Pasquas," which is Happy Easter.

PEGGY FLOOK (99/8) Thanks for your humorous reply. As you can see from the trouble I have had using computer changes, I have not brought up the half of it. I would like to generate smaller charts for printout and export them to my text files. I know it is possible, but it is not yet possible for a computer dunce like myself.

TROY HOLTER (99/10) Good luck with your teaching in Missoula. I was last in Montana in 1992, and found the water there some of the best I ever drank, the only other contender for honors in the water dept. being Wilson, N.C. As I arrived there, I and a bunch of people all had flat tires near a crossroads settlement, and off to the west there was a forest fire. One thing about teaching is that you learn right alongside your pupils.

BYRON WAHL (99/11) I have no trouble with "predictions" except where they do not take into account logical cyclical movement and connections to past history. Too many predictions seem to come from an astrologer's personal bias and wishful thinking, even in worst-case scenarios. The whole world picture keeps changing. Predictors have to keep an open mind. I am glad to share with you the opinion that **T. PAT DAVIS** should stay with astrology as another voice to keep astrologers within the straight and narrow pathway.

JOE TYSON (99/18) Thanks for a very readable article. I am glad you are aware of the problem of data and source in astrology. I am sure Jones was keeping things simple by not sourcing data in Sabian Symbols, but you should be prepared to find some of that as "data in use by contemporary astrologers" who simply use what is out there without asking any questions. Jones' data for Reagan is just one of those, and because of Jones' prominence in astrology, other astrologers picked it up without question. See data given in Leo's 1001 Nativities where often time is left out or place of birth is not given. Neither Jones nor Leo were in the warp of dedication to accurate and sourced data.

MARK HOLMES (99/22) Whatever orbs you use for aspects, always keep in mind that the closest orbs are the strongest. That is why minor aspects, where we do use quite close orbs, often prove to have unusual strengths. As an astrology student in the Sixties, I was brought up on wide orbs for major aspects as easier for the student to figure, but I quickly embraced shortening orbs when I saw that too many students used the wider orbs to find more and more major aspects in their own charts, especially Δ 's. No one told them the more aspects you have the more contradictions you get.

MARION MARCH (99/29) In teaching astrology, I try to make students see "here" is where they are on any map, so far east or west of a longitude, so far north or south of any given latitude. Books of any sort of tables cannot give all coordinates, and the astrologer is forced to figure his own. So much can and must be done in the head before pencil is put to paper by way of calculations. The longer systems of astrological figuring all assume that the student not rely on his own head, and I think they should, first, have confidence in their own heads. Without knowledge of where they are going, all systems are lost on students.

Also found amusing the comments on the coming millennium, whenever. In history we can see that any millennium and even 1500 brought a lot of people out of the woodwork with *strum und drang* about the End of the World, and they are out there again repeating history, feeling they should be in some spiritually sensitive centre for the occasion. We had all those people feeling they should abandon California for Colorado because California was due to fall into the sea.

MARY DOWNING (99/30) It was **DON BORKOWSKI** of Oregon, with good access to the

fabulous Powell's Bookstore in Portland, who first introduced me to W.H. Chaney, and I first lectured on America's first born astrologer (b. 1821 in backwoods Maine) at UAC in Washington, D.C. Professor Chaney was editing newspapers, writing, practicing law in Ohio when he encountered astrology. He moved to NYC for special tutoring by Dr. Luke Broughton. Chaney and Broughton were persecuted and jailed for practicing astrology, but Broughton was recognized as a proper gentleman, since he headed the NY Medical Society and was released. Chaney, a self-styled curmudgeon and very contentious languished without trial in the Ludlow Street jail for ten months. When Chaney set up his own practice, advertising that he had been a student of Broughton, Broughton felt that Chaney was trading on Broughton's name and was very much out of joint about it. But Chaney did not linger in New York. He moved west to practice in San Jose and San Francisco and in Portland. In San Francisco he lived in the same boarding house as did a lady from Ohio whom he had met at the home of a Mayor of Seattle who was his client. This lady found herself pregnant, and of the men around her chose Chaney as the father. Chaney denied this all his life, saying he was physically incapable of fathering offspring. She tried to commit suicide, publicly blamed Chaney for insisting she have an abortion and for disassociating himself from her. Chaney was exonerated by local authorities, but the story was picked up by Abigale Dunniway, pioneer newspaper publisher in Oregon, who refused to acknowledge that Chaney had been exonerated. The child, however, turns out to be Jack London who wrote *Call of the Wild* and is an acclaimed American literary figure. London was born on the day before Chaney's 55th birthday, and the two charts are worth study in that the chart similarities are quite patent. After his problem in San Francisco, he moved to Salem and Portland, OR, where for ten years he was suing and countersuing Dunniway who was not as peerless a character as she insisted other people be. Eventually he moved back to St. Louis where he had previously lived, published a Primer of Astrology which came out in small pamphlet lessons, and moved to Chicago where records show that he operated an astrology school at two locations prior to his death in the early 1900's. At the time of his death he was toothless, blind and deaf. As an astrologer, he was a very public figure, available always to lecture on any topic at any

symposium, an early environmentalist and conversationalist, even in the 1880's looking to the immediate onset of the Age of Aquarius. He made a great hobby of sending off for publicly advertised horoscopes and then taking astrologers to task for the mistakes they made in delineating his chart. He had a long running feud with Raphael's stemming from a book order for which he paid and the fact that they would not give him a refund for part of the order they never filled, and he took Raphael's to task for continually predicting the death of Q Victoria in the face of her continued life. **DON BORKOWSKI** found a bound volume of Chaney's Primer and sent it to me, and I have enjoyed studying the book as much as Broughton's *Elements of Astrology*. Indeed, he is a marvelous precursor of Al H. Morrison. For your further study, Chaney's data is 11:31 P.M. EST (or LMT) 13 Jan. 1821, Chesterville, ME 44N33, 70W06. This is the birth data Chaney used for himself. Jack London, 2:10 P.M. PST 12th Jan. 1876, San Francisco, CA 37N47, 122W26. See also *A Pictorial Life of Jack London* by Russ Kingman who explores the origins of London and his parents. I may have time sometime to send you an e-mail, but if not, this should be a beginning.

VIRGINIA REYER (99/33) I read with great interest the Karma notes and also wonder who the speaker was. But first bump in the road makes it appear I do not have a karmic Λ since I have both $\odot$ and $\odot$ below the horizon. Well, I didn't like that. So naturally I had a lot of issues with the rest of the notes, what was said as well as with what was omitted, and my gut reaction is to toss the whole thing in the dustbin. For instance, do I really read the 6th house like that? Is there a spiritual source for physical things? My 6th is ruled by α , but contains σ in α and $\odot$, $\hbar$, φ in $\mathbb{M}$. Humm, but then, those notes are for the "karmic" chart reading, and I don't have a karmic chart. Not to worry, I have always felt that $\hbar$ was sufficient enough to karma, your $\mathbb{A}$ is how you accept it, your $\mathbb{W}$ house is through what you work out your karma, and $\mathbb{P}$ where you can get help to work it out.

EDITH and CAMMILLE ADAMS (99/34) That was most interesting but I cannot help. I have always heard that when a $\mathbb{M}$ dies in a family, another $\mathbb{M}$ is soon born. And, Cammille, the e-mail address I have for you keeps coming back to me as undeliverable. Is the next issue of **MH** going to be something special due it being the 100th? That means we have had **MH** 25 years. Seems like yesterday.

I read with interest the letter of **JOAN DEPCZYNSKI (99/36)** and am doing my own study of declinations, specifically a survey of charts with $\hbar$ and $\mathbb{A}$ at zero declination. Thank **JIM HAYNES (99/37)** for "being fine" and hope to take his advice to heart.

SUSAN SIMMONS (99/38) had a note to me, and I want to report I am doing well with whatever version I have of Solar Fire. I completely concur with **T. PATRICK DAVIS (99/47)** on the wonders of *Mercury Hour*. It does seem strange that other publishers cannot emulate **MH**. Needless to say, I am amazed at the publication that does not accept the work of astrologers over a certain age and accepts computer-only manuscripts. Have these people lost the idea of what it means to be an editor? I must remind you that the generation who trusted no one over 30 is today quite advanced of that age and still alive. As I look at my compute page counter for this letter, I see I had better sign off. This does not mean that I did not read the rest of the issue, but I must resist commenting on everything and let someone else have a say. I am doing well, or "I Am Fine" as I can be considering I should have taken better care of myself if I'd had any inkling I'd ever be a Senior Citizen.

Now somewhere I read something about ballots from AFA, and what is in my mail today but just that. The difference this year is that we are to vote for the twelve nominees who are already incumbents on the Board. Formerly we voted for nine, and the nine elected voted for the final three. I wonder how this change came about and whether it is an error, I see no way of voting anyone off, and there are several spaces available for write-ins has never been a ballot feature previously. Votes must be mailed by the end of March and will be counted in April. You want me to vote for you, just say so, and I shall. I'm going to have to think about this, so I won't send mine in right away.

Defiance Gregg
Seaside, OR
February, 1999

Edie this may get there or not. Let me know next Wed. at the chat room. MH 99/7 Compliments Edith about opinion on Kosmos guidelines which eliminates all our older and wiser Astrologers who are actually the natural Astrologers, They know

their math to make a chart. What would the new ones do without the backlog of our greats who wrote with pen and paper before our new one could read. Also Edie 99/34 Cammille's six month crisis after death of loved one and yours after Vin. I had a nervous breakdown after my husband's death while going to college too soon afterwards. Ending up hospitalized before I realized I was in trouble. I left for a trip to South America and came home healed.

My brother lost his spouse of 38 years and has already lost his twin daughters due to inheritance from the mother to her daughters which his new girl friend was trying to eliminate. I feel we depend upon our spouses to a greater degree, each year we bond and when it suddenly goes without a connection to them, we are lost souls.

If anyone out there can get into the Planetarium Gazette Chat room and chit chat with fellow Astrologers, you'll be so surprised at how easy it is to do, once you get the hang of it. But it took more than a month for me to learn how. So my advice is "Don't give up, till you get there." It is worth the effort.

I believe the chat room that Defiance is talking about is: MH Planetarium Chat Room #1 at www.starflash.com/mercury-hour, on Wednesday nights at 9:00 PM, Eastern time. Edie (Thanks for the e-mail Edie)

Sonja Foxe
Chicago, IL
February, 1999
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Subject: Lilydale Assembly
4th of July 1999
X-Status: New

I am delighted to announce that I have been accepted on the faculty of the Lily Dale Assembly, a 120 year old Spiritualist Community in southwestern New York State, Chattaqua County, for the 4th of July weekend to present a feature/discussion and a workshop. The brochures will not be available until the latter part of February, too late for the *Mercury Hour* Spring issue. Following are the particulars of my presentation. I understand that there will be a Chi-Gong energy class given concurrently. Costs are: tuition, <\$35 each for Friday,- Saturday, \$59 Sunday; all three \$125> Rooms at on campus

hotels <Single \$21-\$35 per night Doubles \$25-\$44 -- camping facilities available> For further information call Joanne Taft at Lily Dale Assembly, 1.716.595-2442.

Friday Evening, July 2: (3 hours) Lecture on work in progress -- Tecumseh's Curse and the Zero Year Presidencies ... an overview of the Jupiter Saturn conjunction, a brief biography of the Shawnee Chief and his brother, the Prophet, who Cursed William Henry Harrison after Harrison's forces felled his brother twice, first at Tippecanoe (where I went with **KAYE SHINKER** as we wended our way east to the Conclave in 1995) & 1813 at Thames Ontario where Tecumseh died, some say with the rank of Brigadier General for the British. He is a Canadian hero because, well if the War of 1812 had been fought from Fort Dearborn (Chicago) there wouldn't be a Canada today ... Of course, at the time, Fort Dearborn was considered untenable (early Y2K) and the famous Massacre of August 1812 an ambush as the personnel were evacuating (I have some splendid charts), the Potowomi were splendid politicians (comes from the fumes of the Wild Onion) & sided w/Tecumseh & the British. The withdrawal of French influence here after the treaty of Grenville in 1795 and the subsequent Louisiana Purchase (1803 -- first proffered by les Grenouilles on Jefferson's birthday that year, protecting him from a really rockin' sex scandal ... when the going gets tough, the tough go shopping), I hope to consider the Zero Year Presidencies of Jefferson & Madison ... did you know that DC the city was incorporated the week of the geocentric conjunction in May 1802??? I ask the registrants to consider: Who Was Sally Hemmings' FATHER??? and offer a VERY blue hypothesis.

Saturday, July 3/3 hours &/or Sunday, July 4, 4 hours PM. A workshop (Sat) discussion (Sun): The Herstory of History ... Dianic Code. What I am doing here is "dumbing down" astrological technique (combined 2ndary progressions & converse progressions) for the (auto)biographer/historian. I hope to get some big game -- Lily Dale has a lot of panache. Each Saturday Registrant will be working from his/her particular birth date & time and that of one of the Wives of the Zero Year Presidents (throwing in Tipper Gore & Elizabeth Dole) & a lunar calendar for the birth year. I will have readout available on the Historical Ladies.

The Sunday Workshop, the participants - extrapolate their findings which will lead the class

to considered conclusions about the nature of these progressed, converse progressed phenomena such as Full Moon Eclipse Year &c. (I've done a work up on Hill-Billeez which I sent in to American Astrology & while they haven't rejected it yet ... it's been a couple/few months & I wrote a follow-up letter with another SASE & they haven't answered me ... I'm just too good, I figure). Any registrant who agrees to contribute his/her efforts to my Work in Progress will be listed as a Research Assistant & get an autographed (by all concerned) special edition copy of the book & distributor's rights if they care to make a buck or so. The projected date of publication is of course 28 May 2000 ... & I'm planning to sell it somehow at both Conventions that summer & expect it to be a polite introduction to the Academic Community as textbook for a course in "The Metaphysics of History".

**Carole Schreiber
Gulf Breeze, FL
February, 1999**

For the Spring '99 edition--my comment on the millennium and which year is the changeover is the following: (sorry I can't reference which edition the other millennium comments were in, but my huge collection of *Mercury Hours* is already packed and taped shut).

1. I think that people like zero's and are very impressed when they see three zero's, as it will be in the year 2000. But also they are impressed with even numbers and with either one zero or two zero's, as in 30th, 40th, 50th birthdays, 50th anniversary, 100th anniversary, and so forth. This is some sort of mass consciousness impression with numbers, in my opinion.

2. Whether 2000 or 2001 is the technical first year of the new millennium doesn't make much, if any, difference either, when numerology is considered: the rolling over of the digit "1" to "2" at the stroke of midnight in a little over 10 months from now will be a very impressive vibrational change that none of us have ever witnessed--with 2 in the first place instead of 1.

Because of these factors, no one really cares about the technical first year of the new millennium. I suggest people think about what the numerology vibrational change means. When the "2" kicks in--what does that mean--personally and for the planet? I hope someone who knows more

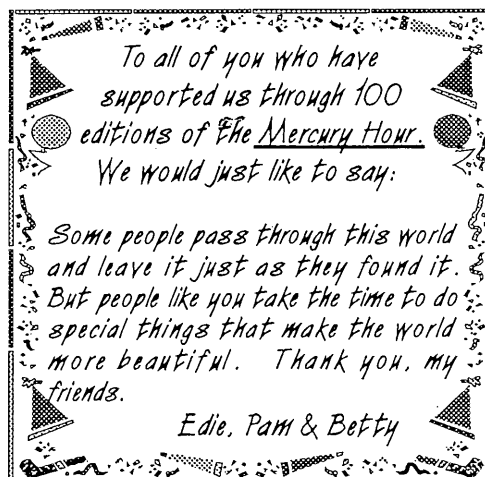
about numerology will write in and give us their take on this. (Thanks for the e-mail. Edie)

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**JOAN DEPCZYNSKI
CHICAGO, IL
DECEMBER, 1998**

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JOSEPH SILVEIRA deMELLO (99/14) I do not advocate "revisionist history", "political correctness", nor "educating students untruthfully". Those are the very things I hate and am speaking out against. I'm truly offended that you would make the remarks you did in last quarter's **MH**.

Just about everything we learn in grade school and high school history is feel-good propaganda and it often takes a lifetime to undo this indoctrination into the Conventional Wisdom (CW). I had the luxury during the past 10 years to do a lot of reading on recent wars and events because someone pointed me in the right direction with a good bibliography.

I'm trying to share a few really good books with you hardworking astrologers so that you might be more successful in your mundane work and in identifying villains as well as heroes, and I get all this flack from you, Mr. Silveira deMello! Some thanks! Most of the information - facts - reality - not propaganda, came from "Killing Hope: U.S. Military and CIA Interventions since World War II" by William Blum. In the appendix, there is a very long list of "Use of U.S. Armed Forces Abroad 1789-1945." The original title of this revised and expanded editions was "The CIA, a Forgotten History" you can get it in the library, and I wish you would. I'd be very interested in your comments.

For the past month or so, there has been much to-do about General Augusto Pinochet, former leader of Chile (11-25-1915) who just may be tried for crimes against humanity in a Spanish court. A CIA sponsored coup against Democratically elected Salvador Allende brought Pinochet to power in 1973. He is a torturer, kidnapper, murderer - famous for "disappearances." The movie "Missing" with Jack Lemmon is a true story on the "disappearance" of Charles Harman, a journalist and U.S. citizen. He has tortured and killed thousands - many pushed out of airplanes; bodies never found.

Other villains: Mabutut of Zaire; Pot Pot, leader of Cambodia's Khmer Rouge of "The Killing Fields" - 2 million; Gen. Subarto of Indonesia - his death squads killed 200,000 civilians in East Timor; the Shah of Iran; terrorist and torturer of his own people for over 20-years. All were installed or supported by U.S. CIA.

I'd like to see their charts included with Noriega, CIA asset under 6 presidents, and

Saddam Hussein who owns the people-mover system at O'Hare Airport and also Hachette publications of France which publishes Family Circle magazine and many other U.S. magazines. How come the Mainstream Press doesn't tell us about that?

Now that we are in the information age of ♁, astrologers should really bone up on recent events of the past - and face reality. Our country, via the CIA, has been a party to genocide. We have been censured in the U.N. Trials have been held. The whole world seems to know except the American people.

(Now that Joan and Joe have had their say, if they would like to continue this discussion I will gladly send the addresses to them and they can continue it privately. Edie)

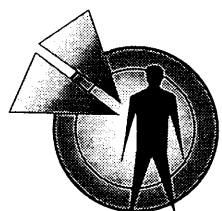
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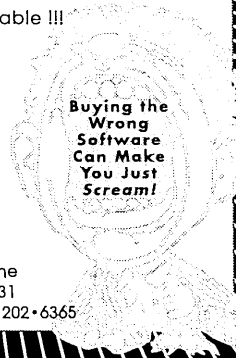
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We enjoyed the luxury of having no plans, no commitments for Thanksgiving. The only way I really like turkey is in a sandwich--sliced white turkey breast on sourdough French slathered with Miracle Whip, a handful of crisp iceberg lettuce, and a Kosher dill on the side, but we ate the traditional fare at one of our favorite eating places, along with a congenial crowd, and had a great time. Bob said he would install the necessary software in my computer so I could start using my Xerox WorkCenter. I said we would have to wait until Friday so I could pick up a modem--his look told me I was probably in error, so I said "So, what do I know!" Before the discomfort of having eaten too much stuffing and gravy and pumpkin pie had diminished, I was looking at a manual entitled "A Rookie's Guide to the Internet." Now, I am at the starting gate about to become a newbie. I know this software was installed under a ♀ ☿ but that is okay because the installation will not be complete until I have a second telephone line installed for my fax and I connect with an e-mail service, probably Juno. I will wait for ☿ to make its direct station to do the ✕ thing--making connections that enable me to communicate outside my immediate environment. Last night, I read **EDITH'S** review (95/41) of Robert Wilkinson's book on ♀. This is a subject that has not been covered by many writers.

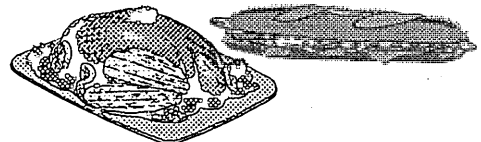
JIM HAYNES (94/8) I really enjoy the choice bits of astrological information you share with us, especially your knowledge of the 8-sided chart--the octoscope. Somewhere I have a picture of one--I don't know which book or magazine. I knew it had mundane application but I did not understand it was to be read clockwise. The next time I come across it, I will send a copy of the chart to **MH**.

(94/48) I agree with you about the value of converse charts. Doing the necessary math and learning to read them to the natal chart was part of Ivy Jacobson's course. I find they are another valuable tool, helping to clarify and to proof forecasting when I am updating one of the few charts I do natal work on. Actually, I have not discarded anything I learned from Ivy, even though I have seldom thought to use Johndro it is on my list of things to learn to use properly when time permits. In late Fall '82--my ♃ return, I contacted AFA looking for a teacher to help me put together

in the correct order the things I had learned in several years of teaching myself. One of the names they sent me was Jacobson. I already had her "Simplified Horary" and had been using her technique for answering specific questions for about five years. Her picture and some elements of her natal chart were reproduced on the frontispiece (reprint 1966). I knew her ☉ was 23 ♎--the degree of my IC. When I called her I mentioned this to her. "My course will be a good foundation for you in your work in astrology" was her response. She was right and just about every day I am reminded of something she wrote in one of her books or noted on a returned lesson.

(94/49) Thank you for the personal solar arc which is the ☉'s diurnal motion for the 24 hours following birth. I like all the fine-tuning I can get. I have really appreciated **TODD COLLARD** mentioning CEO Carter's "Symbolic Directions" which I have found quite useful in trying to come up with accurate timing. **RAE FLEETHAM** found a copy of this hard-to-find book and generously sent it to me. These symbolic directions appear to work as well in looking backward to see what transpired before an event as well as in forecasting by converse direction to help ascertain what is yet to happen. I say "appear" because I have not tried this application on a wide selection of charts.

T. PATRICK DAVIS (94/53), JOHN KALUS (93/61) I have lived 75, almost 76, years with a ♃ ☽. In addition to being in the sign of its detriment, it is on a critical degree (geocentrically speaking), at 26:15. I have ♄ on my 7th cusp. My 1st house ☽ is ♉ ☿ at 29 ♌, ☐ chart ruler ♄ 19 ♈ and ♀ 23 ♈, and ♃ ♄ in 2nd. These are the only aspects involving my ☽. In addition, my ☽ is waning in light--in a 12th house relationship to my ☉, and slow in motion. T. Pat's observations on a ♃ ☽ are a good read and they are on target. It isn't all bad--in fact, I feel I have had a good life, I have a sense of satisfaction regarding my life. I can think of many instances in which a display of emotional restraint was the better course. I know my inborn understanding that there are things that need to be done in spite of personal feelings has served me well in difficult times. My only concern with my ☽ is that being detrimented, slow in motion, waning and in an unfortunate relationship with my ☉ in ♋ in my 2nd house, it has been difficult for me to focus on the things that I have been most attracted to.



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Are you familiar with the Jungian concept of synchronicity?

The following "strategy" for dealing with Saddam Hussein can be made academically correct by calling it a type of psychological warfare ... bringing it from the politically incorrect twinkie-zone.

I am an astrologer.

Saddam Hussein and actor Jack Nicholson were both born April 28, 1937.

What this means is that their respective horoscopes are virtually identical. Can't you denote a Nicholson like swagger to Hussein's stride? Or imagine Nicholson with a mustache and a beret? Doubtless there are a couple or few people born this date in some branch of government ... Charlie Chaplin was born 4 days before Adolf Hitler. The Great Dictator a screen rendition of Hitler's version of his 1933 campaign -- Chaplin was channeling more than acting.

When I began my studies of astrology in the latter part of the '70s I soon discovered that Press Secretary Jody Powell shared a birth date with me. I experimented ... often three days after I had a thought it would appear as a headline ... I got Joseph Califano fired by yelling at the radio. There is a story to be told about the rise of Solidarnosc & the fall of Carter ... Lech Walesa is another ♌ of 1943, born September 29 ... ou sont les neiges, D'Antan.

One of my favorite sets of astro twins are Chicago's Mayor Richard Daley and Barbra Streisand.

In many ways this can be considered a practical application of metaphysical aspects of Star Wars ...

My suggestion is that Mr. Nicholson's cooperation be enlisted in the creation of a scenario (or scenarios) of a successful diplomatic negotiations w/Iraq, keying in w/the contemporary government employee ... I believe it is possible to influence Saddam in this manner by keying in to his personal timing and psychology ... in any event it should play in Peoria and help youse guys develop more nuanced initiatives other than the threat of brute force to accomplish American goals ... the maximum outcome of this is the Co-Opting of Saddam Hussein --- a bloodless coup. Nicholson can make a movie out of it as a

response to "Wag the Dog" in his version of "The Great Dictator".

I will be happy to further elucidate, explain & facilitate this concept.

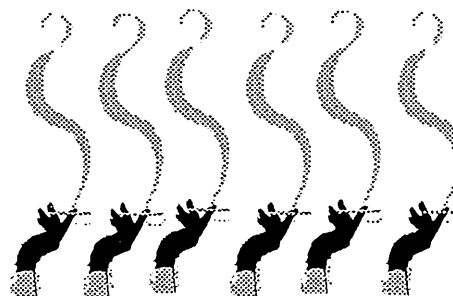


JANICE GILES
AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND
NOVEMBER, 1998

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Well, 00 II has just risen, so time to communicate! Just a quick note to apologize for being out of the loop. My problematic computer system has now been replaced and I'm back. Also on the net. Noted in a past issue that **DEFIANCE GREGG** was complaining (?) about the cost of cigarettes - they are \$6.75 a pack of 20 here. Most of it is tax, apparently only 8% of that goes to cover the Health Bill they are supposed to be responsible for so much of. Hard to take the message seriously with so much cynicism in the system. I do smoke - but now I roll my own. They put a 50 gram pack up by nearly \$6 to almost \$20 because "people were mixing tobacco with marijuana and it encourages dope smoking"!!!! Boy are they in touch! (No I don't do anything illegal.) I have noticed that many (even most) of my friends who smoke are also ♀♌ folk - not ♀♌ - mostly they are really healthy. I also suspect a wide ♀♌ in my inability (or even desire) to quit. ♀♌♌ in 8 makes me a 'considerate' smoker tho' - usually go outside - lots of people don't even know I do it. Can't smoke in offices, restaurants or enclosed places here anyway. An Asian visitor thought NZ had a lot of hookers because so many women smoke in alleyways. I would probably not be so irritable about the subject if there wasn't so much hypocrisy about it. Enough.

Hasn't rained for nearly 3 weeks and it's only Spring. We are predicted a La Nina summer with much rain and storms. Doesn't look like it so far. No Winter and last Summer was the driest in all record. The weather here gets spookier every year.



**SALLY MART
DAYTON, OH
NOVEMBER, 1998**

LIE: Thank you for your letter, and the charts. I have to tell you that I would have answered the letter much sooner, but I had some work to do because of the psychological disorientation I experienced in the first couple of hours after looking at them. I felt as though I had been splintered.

Needless to say, I relate to my birth chart as personally as I do my body. I don't know if that is healthy, but it's true, and more so than I realized until I saw the Helio and Geo charts. I've been studying astrology since I was 40 and mainly to understand myself better, so I know my chart as well as I know the lines in my hand. And I have come to think of it as a physical representation of all that I am but cannot manifest in physical form. So seeing those charts tearing away the symmetry of what I consider myself cause considerable anxiety. Am I what I thought, or am I still unknown to myself.

It's amusing to me now, but I was in a tizzy until I did some research, actually studied those charts and came to realize that we really are a conglomeration of many things, and can be seen in many ways. I found some interesting things in both the Koch chart and the Helio and I'll give you one simple example: in the Helio the planets, σ , φ , ♄ and ♅ , though moved, either sit in the sign of the planet they σ in the Placidus chart, or in the house of the planet they aspected in the Placidus. Interesting! In the Koch houses φ and ♄ sit in are not compatible with who I am, my interests, my experiences or my goals. And it would take a small book to verify that statement. I came to understand that many charts can reveal parts of what we are, but the most comprehensive of the ones I ran are the Placidus, and the Topographic, at least for myself, and what I know about myself, who I am, why I am, and where I am.

Would you believe that that study and the emotional upheavals it generated, plus the brooding I did, plus the hard mental work, crawling inside myself once more, plus my dreams, gave me an invaluable insight into something that has disturbed me since I was 20-years-old? Yes, I am gullible, and extremely sensitive to life, to people, to my own inner world. But I knew that when I was very young and decided that knowing myself, the world, and the universe, were going to be the most important goals of my life, and that the tools I needed were my mind and the contact I had with

Life itself. Because only understanding would carry me through the years and give me the strength I would need to get through those years. I still rely on those tools, and always will. So gullibility and the sensitivity, though troublesome at times, are also assets to greater knowing. My doctor, (family) called it my blessing and my curse.

I appreciate your interest in those charts I sent you, and wonder if the coincidence which had so enamored me was to lead me to the experience which I have just experienced. I say that seriously, because Life has a way of reaching in and jiggling things to bring me to a new understanding of 'whatever' that is lying on a more unconscious level, when I am sufficiently vulnerable. Had you not sent me those charts I'd still be ignorant of what I learned. And believe it or not, it really was a profound insight. One I believe ALL the baby boomers of today would benefit from, and some people from all walks of life. That is, the people who live in the industrial world who are not having to struggle simply to survive.

So I thank you, truly, for your gift, and I would like to know you, why you chose to be an astrologer, what you learned, how you view the world, if you still consider astrology a valuable aid to self-learning, what people want from you, expect from you. Have you come to see the whole picture of Life because of your astrology? Do you really believe in the soul and a life in other worlds? Have you ever experienced a visit to those other worlds? Lots of things I'd like to ask you, but I know you must be busy, and I would not intrude.

I am enclosing a check for the subscription of *Mercury Hour*, and look forward to the first issue. Haven't read one of them for some time and I enjoyed reading the articles. Very informative.

I look forward to hearing from you again.

Sally Mart: *I was always interested, from a child of 12, in astrology so I guess it chose me. I have learned a great deal about people and myself though I am more interested in others than myself usually. I also like Mundane and Weather astrology. With φ in ♋ σ the ♈ I prefer a larger picture. Astrology is much more than an aid to self-learning. I've never worried about what people expect of me, I do what I can to help them but they also have to help themselves. I never tell people what to do, just the possibilities of what they might do!*

I believe that the soul has been through many lifetimes and will continue on, not necessarily in other worlds though. I have enough problems dealing with this world and

**MARK A. HOLMES
CARTHAGE, TX
DECEMBER, 1998**

To **PEGGY FLOOK (99/8)**: Perhaps the DEA should rule tobacco...eventually.

To **ANNE LATHROP (99/3)**: I don't regard any asteroid as ruling any sign, but I think some may be regarded as having a strong association with a particular sign, a quasi-rulership. Juno and Pallas have been given rulership of ♄ along with ♀ and Vesta, Ceres and ♂ rulership of ♃ along with ♀ by some people; others say ♂ "rules" ♄ along with ♄. I would say Juno and Pallas have associations with ♄, Vesta and Ceres with ♃, and ♂ with ♃ and with ♄. ♃ is ruled by ♀, ♄ by ♀, and ♄ by ♄. All major planets.

P.S. To expand on this topic, I wouldn't give every asteroid a sign association or rulership, but I would associate 944 Hidalgo with ♄, 55 Pandora with ♄ and 1181 Lilith with ♄. These three asteroids have to do with, respectively, putting yourself or someone else forward in an effective manner, mind expansion, and dealing with the undesirable characteristics or connotations of others within a collective structure for the sake of personal achievement.

Zane Stein associates 5335 Damocles with ♄ by virtue of the fact that that asteroid, which has a peculiar, extremely elliptical orbit spends most of its cycle in that one sign, so who knows how many of ♄ traits actually should be more properly ascribed to Damocles. It seems to me that Damocles has a lot to do with politics, which is an ♄ thing, involving ideology, group think, and the desires and beliefs of the masses, and also with stress and persecution which would flow from nonconformity, which is really a ♄ thing. So we could associate Damocles with ♄.

Marianne Alexander associates Midas, which has a lot to do with how one makes money, with ♄, partly by virtue of the fact that its Node is in that sign.

To **LEE WEINREB (99/16)**: Remember what Mao Zedong said about women holding up half the sky? Men hold up the other half. Someone else not as famous has provided a better metaphor, comparing the two genders of humanity to the wings of a bird: both wings have to work right or the bird can't fly. I wouldn't make jokes or give out other "guff" implying that women were stupid, and if I did, God help me. You remind me of the rioters in South-Central L.A. back in 1991 who beat Reginald Denny to within an inch of his life just for being white to show him what Rodney King felt like

and to vent their rage. Do all white people share in slavery or the effects of racism on black people? No. Therefore, *you* and others need to get over whatever difficulties with men in your lives gave rise to this attitude, for the health of the planet.

**HAYA MURRAY
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LEE WEINREB (99/16) Sorry if I confused you. Wasn't intentional; between 1925 and 1958 I was in Germany, Austria, Italy, Belgium, France, Holland, Switzerland etc., etc. Never as a tourist or vacationer, but only and exclusively in the hope of making a buck. Have been self-supporting (if one can call the bad times that!) since I was 15 and on my own, and am still working...who wants (or can afford) to retire? Had my last vacation in 1922 it was about then that my dysfunctional family began to disintegrate, the process leading eventually to my departure from England in 1925.

As for Europe, I do have some affection for Paris and more than a little for Marseilles, but doubt I'd go back to visit them, unless there was some logical reason. But one thing is for sure: England can remain where it is, and I'll keep out of its way. Apparently you have pleasant memories; good for you.

JIM HAYNES (99/23) Though strongly tempted, I will try not to overdo my promotion of asteroids, though it was the discovery of the asteroid on my East Point that was more revelatory than anything else anyone has ever picked up in my chart...it's like a blue print of my life, and Odysseus on the cusp of my 7th house comes a close second. While the asteroid America (in my 5th house), forms a perfect T-□ with the cusps of my ♄ and DESC, eloquently underscoring how my whole life changed in 1958 when I came here.

ANNE LATHROP (99/3) I'm happy to hear that you are interested in the asteroids, but hope you will push your interest beyond the big four, because in so doing, you're missing God only knows how many wonderful revelations. I've been pioneering now for about 10 years, and never cease to take delight in what they disclose.

Playing with names in a Ruidoso, New Mexico cemetery:

Here lies Johnny Yeast. Pardon me for not rising.

VIRGINIA A. REYER
GLENDAL, AZ
SEPTEMBER, 1998
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FIXED STARS

Part 2 of two
Conclusion

I put these together a while back. What prompted me was surgery on my left eye (♄ ☿ ☿ ☐ ☽)

In the few examples I gave in Part 1 of this article do note the fixed stars and the grouping of the planets. Groupings can be activated by eclipses, the transit Nodes over the cluster at the time of the crime or by fixed stars. Most Nazis had a strong ♄ and or ♀ showing arrogance, salesmanship and success of Nazi philosophy. These examples show grouping of planets, some in the geocentric and others in the 90° wheel. Many criminals have this configuration in their charts. Ferriere and Kraft, a German astrologer named groupings of planets, including the ☿ "The Vipers Nest". The bundle of planets should include the ☿ or the ☽. Most heinous crimes have been committed by those with this configuration. Sometimes the Node ☐'s the grouping to form a grand cross to compound the negative effects. Charts can also show powerful heliocentric activity. The force of ones own free will largely determines destiny. We are all victims of our environment, families or relationships. The Nazis were all deceived by their own propaganda. The following is a quick outline for planets:

- ♄ gives interest in occultism, electricity, aviation. Gives mechanical and inventive ability, also eccentricity.
- ♄ inclines to ruin, disgrace, anxiety, melancholy. Gives interest in building, mines and minerals. Can affect health, mainly the bones and teeth.
- ♄. Success in trade and religion. Ecclesiastical preferment. Gives self-esteem. Legacies. Government positions.
- ☿. Violent death. Ruin by folly or pride. Fevers. Lack of self-control. Can cause violence and rage. Gives much strength and courage. Bearers of arms. Athletes.
- ♀ Gifts. Good fortune and happiness. Fortunate for marriage and love. Gain. Social success. Extravagant and lazy.

- ☿ Intellect. Great learning. Good in communicating and literature. Talkative. Nervous. Untruthful. Liars.
- ☽ Emotional problems. Changeable. Does not relate well with others or with the public. Loners. Wants to be praised. Unpredictable. Adventurous. Bad eyes. Affects the domestic life. Unwise or aimless moves. Selfish or self-centered.
- ☉ The ego gets in the way. They do well in the military - can rise to the top position and achieve high military ranks. Confident. great drive. Wants to showoff. Pride. Tyranny. Ruin and disgrace. Loss through children.

MIDPOINTS:

1. ♄-♄: Dignified. Conservative. Acquisitive. Retentive. Enforced change through imprisonment. Legacies. Inheritance.
2. ☿-♄: Bold. Cruel. Heartless. Adulterous. Criminal. Liar. Poverty. Few friends. Bad name. Ruin. Malicious. Thieve. Military. Accidents. Violent death.
3. ♀-♄: Slovenly (sloppy) Immoral. Shameless. Mean. Sorrow in love. Bad morals. Repulsive habits, Perverted tastes. Seduction. Stingy. Kidney problems. Late bloomer.
4. ♀-♄: Slander, Liar. Thief. Scandal. Deafness. Dry cough. Laborious thinking. Impetus communication. Stubborn. Studious. Interest in the occult. Shameless.
5. ♄-♄: Legacies. Inheritance. Fame, Angry upsets. Restless. Lack of faith. Bad timing. Unease. Good for real estate.
6. ☿-♄: Pride. High ambition. Love of power. Optimistic. Willing to take a chance. Military. Prosperity in business. Commanding. Liberal. Over extravagant.
7. ♀-♄: Happy disposition. Philosophical. Honorable. Help through woman. Legal and religious preferment. Refined. Good. Sincere. Artistic. Fortunate in marriage.
8. ♀-♄: Thoughtful. Religious mind. Writer. Exaggerated ideas. Quick. Cheerful. Broadminded. Optimistic. New ideas. Travel plans. Quick to jump to conclusions.
9. ☉-☿: Courageous. Warlike. violent death. Military. Virility. Hasty. Surgeon. Fighter. Fearless. Overconfident. Cruel. Self-made man.
10. ♀-☿: Passionate. Artistic. Sensuality. Infidelity. Shameless. Vain. Self-indulgent. Violent passion. Impulsive. A strong emotional and sexual life. Soldier.

11. ♀-♂: Combative. Destructive. Rash. Enterprising. Quick mind. Argumentative. Exaggerates. Unreliable. Mechanical. Great talker. Power of thought.
12. ♂-♂: Adventurous. Brutal. Impulsive emotions. Imprisonment. Danger to the eyes and weak sight. Injuries to the face. Changeable. Intense emotions. Strong inner tension. Marital differences.
13. ♀-♀: Psychic. Handsome. Neat. Refined. Artistic. Good salesman. Hypersensitive. Intelligent. Double love life.

A few more examples:

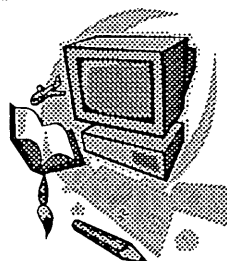
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Conclusion

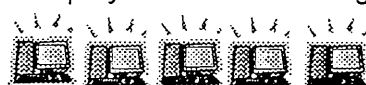
UNA CHIODINI
LARGO, FL
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I read this in my Winter copy from the GTE credit union. Hope you find it interesting.



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**DEFIANCE GREGG
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ABOUT 1999

For me personally, I have found a new environment that I had never envisioned when I left our boat Alicia. Going down every day to see what the weather does to the open ocean is our biggest hobby. Having two sons near me in my later life is a gift that I feel I owe someone up there for.

This new computer that Greg and Judy thought Carl and I needed has taken us daily to computer lab at the community college here in Seaside and given us a feeling that we may be able to find the next opportunity for Carl after all those years as a commercial fisherman, now that that era is about over. I suspect he will always be waiting for a boat to go out on or a request for help in fishing, in spite of what has happened to opportunity at sea.

When the Governor of Alaska approved of IFQ he was really approving of downsizing, just as many companies in U.S. are doing now. The ill-gotten gains on Wall Street by sending good men and women into unemployment will one day be their downfall. In the make-believe world of business, it will take until ♀ movement into ♀ at the end of 2008 before workers arise and claim their just due. It won't be by legislation, since big business and government are in the same bed making love to each other behind locked doors. They actually don't know what is happening out here in America, not with that type of occupation to keep them busy.

Since I have come to Oregon, I see what a police state can do to the young, through oversight of their lives from morning to night. They are kept in line through their children. The first act upon a grievous noncompliance with the rules is to take kids away to foster homes and force mothers to follow their instruction. It is a sorry sight to know that is happening since women have gone on their own to raise their kids. It is time for men to step back into the homes and ward off interference as they did in my dad's day and age. Perhaps it is already too late. It must have been going on for years. We were aware that it was occurring when kids were pulled off the street for smoking and wound up in juvenile homes away from their mothers. Seldom does it apply to a family of mother and father. So for all the freedoms that

women went after, they are finally coming to realize they were at the wrong end of the stick from the moment they had sexual conduct outside the bounds of a storybook romance and marriage which still goes a long way in today's society.

I suspect by the end of 1999 all talk about being frozen out of the computer world by error of judgments in 2000 will have worn itself out. Social Security will be on the chopping block or sent to Wall Street for privatization. We'll have the Privatization Kind running for President. From watching the ideas on the ballot, I will not be surprised at anything in 2000 election. Money matters are important with ♀ in ♀ and our sense of security will be all but gone before it leaves and enters ♀ where ♀ will allow us to talk about it with a sense of loss from the summer of 2001 when Gore will tell us he did it for our own good.

Astrology is being married to a number of other occult ideas on the Internet and I suppose it is just as at home there as with Astronomy. I believe from what I see in the stars our lives are preordained. Perhaps not as Carl says, God is playing a game of tag with us and it hurts like hell when we are it.

Storms that wipe out lives and homes, weather beyond expectations, accidents and hostilities toward each other seem to be part of the domain of God's harassment which we can't take to court. Nature's law will always be part of our lives and hostility toward older generations will hinder us from time to time as we now see going on in Washington, D.C. as they play with our hard won earnings put aside for security. I am sure they will hold up putting social security on the chopping block until after ♀ leaves ♀ but the idea came up pretty strong while this planetary arrangement is going on. Look forward to the rubber band affect of ♀ and ♀ in ♀ during the summer of 2001 about the security of old age incomes. Maybe we will be lucky and they will take a vacation in Washington, D.C. then.

I have found the chat room but don't understand where I am when I am there. Is it a paid subject? *(No - Edle)* This being new with a computer is terrible. And if that isn't enough I have just sent a fortune on to Astrolab software. I await the use of it now. Other than a tool for communication, a computer can be mind boggling. I love and hate it at the same time.

Best wishes to all my fellow Astrologers out in the work market where I am intending to go in 1999. Let's see if that happens. I have progressed ♂ and ♀ in the 7th, progressed chart

in ♀ which is by natal my 10th house. I would say there may be help up there to get me started again down here.

EDIE: I have just received my *Mercury Hour* magazine yesterday 12/8/98. Have read quite a bit of it already. I take my hat off to you for your article on page 7 concerning the guidelines by ISAR in relationship to we old-time astrologers with at least 30 years of experience doing charts the old-fashioned way. "Too Picky" is right. Extra helpful is what I say about *Mercury Hour* in regard to we people who are forever doing [sic] in our writing. And that Ray you spoke of asking for younger people under 35-years of age is actually a slight slap toward all astrologers. Who cares what age is when we are in the stars.

I'm going to be reading the ☿ CHRISTMAS POEM (98/64) by **SALLY HARRINGTON** of Camano, Is., WA. to whoever will be listening. It was great.

I will go through things of interest to me and respond later. I have just sent out most of my ☿ CHRISTMAS cards and done almost all of my ☿ CHRISTMAS shopping. Now I am waiting for my astrology program as the icing on the cake. My heart went out to the triplets who spent their youth in darkness about each other. No one can make up for that. I am sure that their Part of Fortune in the 1st house allowed circumstances to join them together in this lifetime (♄ ♀) in spite of their sadly placed planets and ☾ Node in that 4th house. That took ♄ (outside influence) which is becoming normal here in Oregon, as more and more kids are placed here and there outside their own homes by outside influences. I'm not sure it is forgivable.

Have a wonderful holiday and I will keep you in my prayers.

JANICE VAN SCHUYLER

BOISE, ID

DECEMBER, 1998

☉ ♈ ☽ ♈ Asc ♀

The state of Idaho has just published a list that may interest some of you who enjoy research. It is a list of convicted sex offenders..who have been released..and lists the crime committed, the birthday of the offender, and their address.

I will be glad to send a copy to anyone interested. There are about 700 listed in my county.

To **M. J. MAKRAISKY (99/5)** The information you sent was invaluable. I shall try and get the books you named. My software is the

"Dreamspell Calendar View Program" by Gary M. Cook, © 1995..with special thanks to Jose and Lloydine Arguelles. The books I have found are "The Mayan Prophecies" by Adrian Gilbert and "Mayan Pleiadian Cosmology" by Aluna Joy Yaxkin.

One of the reasons I am interested is because of the way I received this software. A long time friend of mine came and insisted on putting the software into my computer. A ♀, she was also disposing of her favorite possessions. A week later she, who had appeared to be in perfect health, was found dead in bed.

When I want information it appears in some form for me. Didn't even know I wanted Mayan information but it was forced on me anyway! Interesting re: Bill Clinton born on Toj in debt much of his life..He certainly is incurring much debt for himself...and his hands are tied because of this debt on any solution to his problems. With Solar Arc ♄ in his 7th house...and his natal ♄ going to have a return in a couple of years the man is just entering the woods.

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On Margaret Daniels grave at Hollywood Cemetery Richmond, VA.

She always said her feet were killing her but nobody believed her.

DOROTHY J. SARKA
WHITE ROCK, B.C.
CANADA
JANUARY, 1999

The Hidden Code of the I Ching. Each line is coded to a house and sign. These peak in and out.

Line 1 ☶ 6th house
 Line 2 ☵ 5th house
 Line 3 ☳ 4th house
 Line 4 ☱ 2nd house
 Line 5 ☴ 1st house
 Line 6 ☷ 12th house

House 1 ☴ K'un

H12 L2 inferior people, L5 mulberry (silk industry)
 H45 L6 lamenting
 H35 L2 ancestors
 H16
 H20 L2 woman, L4 kingdom
 H8 L1 earthen (all cardinal signs ruled by earth.)
 H23 L5 court ladies, L6 house
 H2 L1 hoarfrost (in Fall) L3 king, L5 yellow (wisdom of ☴)
House 2 ☱ Chen

H24
 H27 L2 hill (officers of court), L4 nourishment and Lunar Tiger 10° to 20° ☱ on decan wheel.
 H3 L2 maiden, L3 forest, L4 horse
 H42 L2 presents him before God
 H51
 H21 L4 arrows, L5 meat and yellow gold, L6 cangue
 H17 L6 Western
 H25 L3 citizen, L5 medicine

House 4 ☳ ☳

H36 L4 heart (of Dragon), L6 earth
 H22 L5 roll of silk
 H63 L2 woman, L3 ancestor, L4 clothes L5 West
 H37 L3 family, L4 treasure, L5 king
 H55
 H30 L3 setting ☉, L5 floods, L6 march forth
 H49 L4 government, L5 oracle, L6 panther changes spots (Public relations man)
 H13 L2 clan

House 5 ☵ Tui

H19
 H41 L6 separate home
 H60 L6 Galling limitation
 H61 L2 goblet, L4 ☴ (rules ☱) and horse
 L5 truth, L6 cockcrow (☳/☴ line)
 H54 L3 slave (of household)
 H38 L1 evil people, L6 devils
 H58

H10 L3 tiger (☶) L5 conduct

House 7 ☵ Chien

H11 L2 uncultured, companions, L4 wealth L5 sovereign's daughter, [sic] L6 commands
 H26 L5 boar
 H5 L5 meat and drink
 H9 L3 man and wife, L4 blood (of Dragon) L16 woman
 H34 L3 goat (☶ and ☳)
 H14 L3 Son of Heaven, L4 neighbor (☱/☳)
 L5 truth
 H43 L2 Arms
 H1 L3 nightfall, L5 Dragon, L6 Dragon (5 & 6 Azure spring Dragon and the Dragon of Heaven in ☵)

House 8 ☲ ☲

H44 L1 Lean pig (3rd decan animal in ☶)
 L2 fish (☵) L4 fish (as food), L5 melon (wisdom) willow leaves (of dead ancestors or oracle from the dead.)
 H28 L1 white (cardinal signs were white)
 L2 young wife, L3 ridge pole (of hut)
 L5 older woman
 H50 L2 comrades, L3 way of Life, L4 meat
 L5 yellow (☴ yellow) L6 jade (earth in ☷ was yellow and green)
 H32 L3 game, L5 character
 H57 L1 warrior, L2 magicians, L4 game L6 bed
 H48 L1 animals, L2 fishes, L3 heart (☶ in Egypt)
 L5 cold spring
 H18 L2 mother, L3 father, L6 princes
 H46 L2 offering, L3 empty city

House 10 ☶ K'an

H6 L3 king L4 attitude
 H47 L2 meat and drink, L3 house, L3 carriage L6 vine
 H64 L4 Country
 H40 L6 a ☳/☴ line of hawk
 H59
 H29 L4 bowl of rice, L5 abyss, L6 prison walls
 H4 L2 women, L5 childlike, L6 punishing
 H7 L1 Army, L2 Army, L6 prince commands

House 11 ☴ Ken

H33 L2 yellow oxhide (of wisdom)
 H31
 H56 L1 wanderer, L2 inn, L3 inn burns (☳/☶ is Fire or Egyptian RA) L4 property, Heart (of Dragon) L6 ☳/☴ line bird's nest burns or (soul goes to heaven.)
 H62 L2 ancestor, L5 western, L6 bird (dove of ☳)
 H53 L2 eating & drinking, L3 woman, L4 tree, L5 woman has no child, L6 dance
 H39

VIRGINIA A. REYER
GLENDALE, AZ
SEPTEMBER, 1998
☉ II ☽ Asc II

Part 2 of two Conclusion

I had thyroidectomy July 1969, trans. ♄ at 8 ☽ Dec. 1975. When trans. ♄ crossed 8 ♍, had severe heart problems. Was taken to Presbyterian Hospital in New York City by ambulance, placed in the cardiac intensive care unit for 6 weeks (Note my natal planets ♄ ☐ ♄ ☽) My downfall was that I had donated blood too often, while working at the hospital, this weakened my system. (Note that natal Yod, ♄, ♀ and ♄ were very exact.) I had no defense mechanism left. Along with it I had lost most of my antibodies and ended up with a white blood count between 2000-2500. Below 5000 is abnormal. I tried to return to work, but I couldn't. I feel that if ♄ is in bad aspect one should not donate blood especially with heavy aspects to 25° of II. It is the degree of Neurasthenia, 10 ☽, 26° of the fixed (a weakening and depletion of the nervous system). Individuals with this degree should be aware when there is a severe loss of fluids from the body which can be caused from bleeding ulcers, nursing mothers that nurse for prolonged time, surgeries or accidents, things like that. These people are never the same afterwards. Too much loss of body fluids is also the major cause of M.S. (Multiple Sclerosis) I was not aware of this at the time. As it is, we get smart too late.

I went to Arizona to get well. The hospital I worked at in New Jersey kept my job open for 1 1/2 years, when they insisted I return I found myself broke with no income, I did not have the money to go back. October 1980 prog. ♄ went ♄ ☐ my Asc. I got Valley Fever and pneumonia, I almost lost a lung. My low white count was no help. Thanks to yoga breathing exercises (even in the oxygen tent), I came out of it. I fractured both shoulders in a fall, found out that I had osteoporosis Dec. 1985. Trans. ♄ was at 8 ♍. Was given Premarin and progesterone-result-I got my period back which ended about one year after the thyroidectomy about 1970. I could not tolerate the synthroid medication so I gained a lot of weight. Premarin affected my breast, causing lumps and cysts requiring surgery. Consulted a new doctor when solar arc ♄ was on my Asc he took me off Premarin and Progest. I am now using

Phyto Estrogen (wild Mexican yam and Pro-Cal. (chelated Calcium) and I am doing fine.

January through March of 1997 had laser treatment on my left eye for Glaucoma. Trans. ♄ 7 ♄, I caught it right away (knowing astrology sure helps) Transit ♄ was at 7° of ♄. Then I was in a bad 3 car accident and I was the one in the middle, on March 31, 1997. I was lifted out of my seat and hit the roof of my car with my head very hard. This again affected my eyesight and hearing, and needed eye surgery on my left eye. It had developed a cataract, so they put in an implant. ♄ inclines to cataracts. I still have eye problems, also severe shoulder and neck problems. My arms and fingers go numb.

Been studying Homeopathy for about 10 years now and learned to help myself a lot. I belong to a study group and we meet once a month. We even have M.D.'s as teachers. Was put on coumadin in Oct. 1996 when trans. ♄ ☽ my natal Asc. Now...I have trans. ♄ to 8° of ☽, and trans. ♀ to 7-8° of ♄ coming up. Note that 6-7° of the fixed equals 21-22° of the mutables, in Cosmobiology and do not forget the midpoints, sensitive degrees, fixed stars and eclipses etc.

I included a few study cases:

1. George Bush, born June 12, 1924 (according to his mother) was born between 11 A.M. and Noon. Milton, Mass. 71W05, 42N15. Had glaucoma when his progressed ♄ at 7 ♄ and precessed ☉ at 22° of II-all eye degrees.
2. Rob Hand. Myopia. Born Dec. 5, 1942 Plainfield, N.J., 74W25, 40N has ♄ at 7° of ♄ with many midpoints.
3. My own mother born May 12, 1902 (no time) was used as a guinea pig after her arrest by the Nazis. They extracted her pituitary gland through her eyes with big needles. She then was totally blind.
4. Helen Keller born June 27, 1880 at 4:02 P.M. LMT, at Tuscombia, Al., 87W42, 34N41.
5. Charles Jayne, one of my teachers, had severe Myopia. Born Oct. 9, 1911 at 10:30 P.M. Philadelphia, PA. 75W10, 39N57.

With both ☉ and ☽ afflicted by any malefic, serious eye trouble may result. In case of total blindness ☽ seems to be the main offender. The ☉ rules the right eye in the male and the ☽ the left eye. For females reverse this rule. All nebulae have an evil reputation and/are dangerous to the eyes. Oppositions are especially effective.

The following is a list of some fixed stars and nebulae that affect the eyesight and retina detachment.

01 ♀ 28 Diphad. Right eye in the male, left eye in the female.
 26 ♀ 43 Vertex. Great Andromeda Galaxy, Can be born blind.
 27 ♀ 47. Great Nebulae.
 23 ♂ 05. Capulus. A double cluster.
 24 ♂ 27. Alcyone. Pleiades. Major cause of blindness.
 05 II 46. Prima Hyadum.
 09 II 45. Aldebaran., Giant red star
 20 II 54. Bellatrix.
 22 II 16. Mintaka. Double star.
 22 II 57. Nebula.
 20 ☿ 13. Castor.
 21 II 55. Ensis
 23 ☿ 11. Pollux.
 07 ♀ 16. Praesape. Especially the left eye.
 07 ♀ 35. North ascelli.
 09 ✕ 49. Antares.
 11 ✕ 42. Rastaban.
 25 ✕ 57. Aculeus.
 00 ♄ 39. Spiculum.
 08 ♄ 24. Facies.
 15 ♄ 03. Mannubrium
 24♄ 47. Capula. Galaxy.

Most of this is taken from my own files accumulated over many years.

From Devore Encyclopedia of Astrology.

Degrees of the Zodiac Symbolized by Charubel.

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The Power of the Fixed Stars by Joseph Rigor.

Fixed Stars by Ebertin.

The Fixed Stars by Vivian Robson.

Stars giving spiritual sight. A short list.

28 ♂ 52 Alcyone.
 08 II 40 Aldebaran.
 21 II 16 Orionis.
 06 ♀ 07 North ascelli.
 07 ♀ 36 South ascelli.
 28 ♀ 43 Regulus.
 23 ♄ 10 Acturus.
 28 ♄ 28 Bungula.
 12 ♄ 31 Ascella.

When ☉ ☽ ♀ are well aspected, or in configuration with ♄, ♀, ♄ or ♄, ♄. Or ♄ on the Asc or Mc at birth.

End part 2 - Conclusion

Oops! Harry Edsel Smith of Albany, N.Y.:
 Born 1903-Died 1942. Looked up the elevator shaft to see if the car was on the way down. It was.

MARION MARCH Encino, California December 1998

Hi Edie and all ye faithful readers,

I know it'll be March and nearly Easter by the time you get to read this epistle -- but here we are in sunny California, wrapping Christmas gifts and ready to put the air-condition on, since we just hit 85 degrees of heat!!!

Despite the heat, the usual holiday rush is on and I barely had time to really read this edition. So this will be a very short letter - more a "hello" than a letter.

UNA CHIODINI (99/4) What a great saying about "woman and man" -- I forwarded it to many of my friends. Thanks.

JIM HAYNES (99/23) Thank you for your nice congratulations for the Life Achievement Award. It was really appreciated.

As to my own letter (99/29) It was sent on e-mail. I know it makes life much easier, as Joan McEvers always reminds me (she's editor for our magazine "Aspects") But the disadvantage is that it does not convey underlines or bold or anything like that. So I hope that whomsoever does the final editing for the Mercury Hour, tries to re-insert that back into the letters. In my case none of the people I addressed were printed in bold. I Like it much better when the names can be seen at a glance. This time I just wrote them in Caps, and hope that you'll transfer them into Bold. Thanks

Wish I had more time for a good exchange, but did want at least to express my sadness on the discord that seems to rack our small but so precious community. We really can't afford to foster ill will amongst ourselves. We need the strength of unity to stand up against outside attacks and the strength of unity to go forward into teaching the world what real astrology is about -- not just the Sun Sign entertainment now accepted by the public.

Til we talk again, have a glorious 1999, despite a difficult August eclipse!

(To all MH writers: Since some of the e-mail does not do underlining and bold, may we suggest that you put a note at the end of your letter to let us know what is to be underlined or put in bold.)

David Meadows
Munich Germany
January 1999

It's been a couple of editions since I last wrote a letter to **Mercury Hour** due to other commitments, but after receiving the 99th edition I decided it was time I put a few lines together.

Edith:

The next issue of **Mercury Hour** will be 100 which must be something very special for you. Are you planning a special 100th edition of **Mercury Hour** to celebrate this achievement?

Marion March (98/10) I did join ACT as you recommended, but after three weeks I realized that I don't have the time available to be a part of ACT. This was made very clear to me when I returned from the Austrian Astrological Association's 90th anniversary conference in Vienna. I had been in Vienna a few days, and when I checked my e-mail I had received over 100 from ACT. I've started to write a new book, and I am also building a website for Astro*Carto*Graphy, so my time is limited for other activities.

It's important to decide what time you have available for the Internet and what you want from it, otherwise it is very easy to find yourself becoming too involved and getting nothing else done. Everybody who first links up to the Internet tries various things out, but after a few months you get to realize what is important for you.

Una Chiodini (99/28) I checked out Alan Edwall's website as I found it very hard to believe that he is giving his programs away. He now has ten programs available that are available free of charge, so I decided to download Astrowin, Elections and Midpoints and try them out. I couldn't link my ACS Atlas to Astrowin and Midpoints as the path for atlas.exe doesn't exist. I have acsatlas.exe, and when I type that in it is not accepted. I will write an e-mail to Alan and ask him about the link to ACS Atlas. Thank you for letting astrologers know about Alan Edwall's programs being freely available.

In case anyone is interested, the birth data for Gerhard Schroeder (new German leader) is now available. In *Meridian* (issue 1/99) the data given is:

7th April 1944, 10.00pm, MES (GMT = 20.00), Blomberg/Mossenbergl (51N56 - 9E05)

The time of birth was obtained from the registry office and given verbally.

Gerhard Schroeder officially became the new German leader at 11.57 am on 27th October 1998 in Bonn. Source: Abentzeitung (local newspaper in Munich). (Thanks for the e-mail. Edie)



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**LEE WEINREB
LOS ANGELES, CA
DECEMBER, 1998**



I hope everyone had a nice holiday and I wish you all the best for the New Year. I agree with you, **EDIE, (99/48)** THINGS ARE CHANGING!! Have you noticed how far the ground is now when you bend down to pick up something on the floor? The print is much too small in the phone books, too. **JIM HAYNES (99/37)** I don't know who called it THE GOLDEN YEARS. It must have been somebody at least 20-years-"old" and senile.

JOHN KALUS (99/41) I have found that with too many aspects drawn on a chart, you can't see the forest for the trees. I draw the aspects between planets, etc., but I prefer to make notations on the bottom of a chart, if necessary, Keep it simple is my motto. There is enough information in the chart without putting in the entire asteroid belt unless you are looking for something in particular.

PEGGY FLOOK (99/51) Thanks for your understanding. I think the difference between $\Psi/\mathcal{D}$ and $\mathcal{D}/\mathcal{D}$ is that Ψ is confusion. The air is cleared eventually. But $\mathcal{D}/\mathcal{D}$ is destructive. It's death and rebirth of an emotional situation and nothing is ever the same again. I have one more year to go with that transit. I'm curious to know what sign your Aunt Ida is. I'm sorry about your Mother. It had to hurt her. I think you are terrific - going to the hospital to visit Ida. I don't know if I could have done that. I couldn't expose myself to more pain ($\mathcal{A}$ $\odot$). What bothers me more than my sister-in-law is my brother, the II. I don't hear from him. I'm determined not to get sick over this and there are days when I don't even think of him. Sad to say. Thanks for telling me that "story". My salvation is that I live 3,000 miles away. Thanks, Peggy, for your understanding, advice, and compassion.

JOSEPH SILVEIRA deMELLO (99/14), glad you liked what I wrote. Stick around, I may need you again on this topic.

JOAN DEPCZYNSKI (99/36), I'm sorry that you feel that my country is not the sweet compassionate country that we're always told it is. I'll gladly pay taxes for guns, tanks, weapons to send to any country that is fighting for their freedom - as long as we don't send any American troops to do battle for them. As an American, I do understand my country the American way. I don't know who laughed at the German people when they said they did not know of the concentration camps. Most Americans cried as I did - having lost

some family in the Nazi Holocaust. Are you saying that we Americans are ignorant to the "American Holocaust"??? We killed 6 million since WWII??? My goodness, where did we put the bodies? Did we cremate them? Why don't we just blame Columbus who should have stayed home. The nerve of Queen Isabella financing his strange ideas. A secret government??? Give me a break. How about dropping this subject and talk astrology. That's the purpose of **Mercury Hour**. to quote you, "put a sock in it!"

JIM HAYNES (99/62), No I'm not moving. Just a passing fancy. I'm glad I make your month! Have a good year.

**TODD COLLARD
ROBBINS, N.C.
JANUARY, 1999**

This info just came into my mailbox and is interesting enough to relate to astrology/numerology

Date: Tue, 29 Dec 1998 13:31:07 -0500
1900 WASN'T, BUT 2000 IS?

In keeping with the spirit of the coming new year, riddle me this:

1600 was, as could have been 1200 before it. But 1900 wasn't, nor will 2100 be. Ah, but 2000 will.

What am I?

Most years ending in "00" are not leap years, but those divisible by 400 (including the year 2000) are.

The Julian calendar, authorized by Julius Caesar in 46 B.C., assumed that the year had 365 1/4 days, with a 366-day leap year added every fourth year.

In A.D. 730, an Anglo-Saxon monk, the Venerable Bede, calculated that the Julian year was 11 minutes and 14 seconds too long, an error of about one day every 128 years. But nothing was done about it for 800 years. In 1582, the accumulated error was estimated at 10 days, and Pope Gregory XIII decreed that the day following Oct. 4 would be Oct. 15.

To make future adjustments for the error (about three days every 400 years), it was decided that years ending in "00" would be common years rather than leap years -- except those divisible by 400.

So 1600 was a leap year and 2000 also will be, but 1700, 1800 and 1900 were not, nor will 2100, 2200, and 2300 be.

Roberta Strain
Middlesex, NJ
January, 1999

Without Numbers we Astrologers would not be able to calculate the tangible proof of the heavens for a person's birth; i.e., the Natal Chart. Date, Time and Place co-ordinates all consist of Numbers as do those other strategic points we manage to fill our charts with. Yet we tend to focus exclusively on the Astrological symbols and push aside the wealth of information afforded us by the Numbers of basic chart construction.

Chart construction "B.C.E" (Before Computer Era) gave us a "hands-on" working with the Numbers through math. While being a tedious and time-consuming procedure, the intimate workings unfolded slowly and cumulatively as the Natal Chart took shape degrees and minutes of those strategic points. However, we can recapture a wealth of information by following a very simple technique.

Set aside the minutes, sign and house placements. List the planets (and other points you use) in numerological sequence using 0 to 29 degrees. Do not "round off" planets to the higher degree. Geo placements in one list; Helio in a separate list. This can be applied to any chart Natal, Progressed, Returns, Events, etc. I use my own chart as an example:

Geo		Helio	
PL, SU	1	EA/ PL	1
MA	3	SA	2
MO	4	MA	7
JU	10		
VE, Asc/Desc	11		
CH, Fortuna	14	ME	16
ME	16	JU	17
UR	18	CH	18
MC/IC	19		
N/S Nodes	21	UR	21
NE	24	NE	24
SA	27		

This simple technique reveals a lot of initial information:

1. The way an individual will experience events and happenings due to past conditioning in their lives. Also the important Ages of potential import.

2. The way one will handle various projects (work or home) that need attention on a day-to-day basis, or those happenings that Life itself thrusts upon us.

3. Also it reveals how a specific event or situation, major or minor, will play itself out.

Running concurrently, it affords us the knowledge and insight of:

a) What stage or phase we are at Now via the planet that is receiving the impact;

b) What has already occurred leading up to this Now;

c) The step(s) to be taken next following the sequential order; and,

d) How the situation will be (or should be) concluded, indicated by the planet holding the highest degree.

List your own planets in numerical order and contemplate that order for a moment. Then, look at your chart. With this easy technique, your perspective of your own chart should begin to mushroom with that rippling effect. Then try it with the charts of those you know and love.

For the more advanced "Number" enthusiasts among us, consider all the "1s" in this planetary lineup above Pluto, Sun, Earth, Jupiter, and MC/IC.

A. Pluto, Sun and Earth are "1"...pure and simple.

B. Jupiter is "1" also, but through the "1" and "0" of the "10".

C. The MC/IC, through the "1" and "9" of "19", "1" and "0" of the "10", and finally the "1".

One step further: Consider "The Magician," "Wheel of Fortune," and "The Sun"...Then add "The Fool," and "The Hermit" of the Tarot.

Perhaps it is time to return to the basics and review some of this initial basic math through the use of Numbers in chart construction. No, I don't mean to sit for hours hand-constructing charts nor am I suggesting an in-depth study of Numerology or the Tarot. Just by taking a "degree-look" at your chart I think you'll be quite amazed at what you can learn. (Thanks for the e-mail. Edie)



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**JIM HAYNES
HOLLYWOOD, CA
JANUARY, 1999**

♌ ♍ ♎ ♏ ♐ ♑

The Sidereal Corner I know it is too late in the season, but I just found out for sure that the Star of Bethlehem was the ♂ of ♄ and ♃ in ♋ in 7 B.C. I think they were ♂ three times that year and I feel sure that John Maxurek must have mentioned it in his treatise of The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

I'm sure that the 99th edition of *Mercury Hour* must have been good as usual, but I have the faint, gnawing feeling that it might have been top-heavy with articles. I like to see astrologers talking, helping each other, like it was in the beginning, but I understand that what is sent in is printed and if we don't communicate, they can't print it. that is just my humble opinion. (And you are so right Jim. Edie)

MARGUERITE dar BOGGIA (99/9): I used to listen to Art Bell a lot, but when he got to telling all kinds of drastic things, I stopped. After all, the world is messy enough without drawing our attention to even more terrible things to come. I've been listening a lot to KGO San Francisco since then.

Now it finally came to me, who was the astrologer who said that she didn't find all that meaning to eclipses. Not in her life, nor in others. I personally heard her say this at one of her lectures. It was Joyce Wehrman.

MARION D. MARCH (99/29): You are so right about *WINNIFRED KEMP's* cruise. I think you have the correct slant on life. But when I try to suggest that possibly she may be incorrect, wrong in her assumption about her being ready, she thinks I am being negative. It was sweet of you to ask about my health, Marion. My hernia gives me the most trouble and surgery seems to be out of the question because of my erratic heart. Otherwise, I guess I'm in great shape. Like you, I feel better when I can work at the typewriter and not think about it. Like you at your computer.

JOSEPH SILVEIRA deMELLO, (99/31): Actually, Joe, the 165° aspect is not completely new. Maria Simms uses it in her Dial Detective, and Cheng-Yi Huang uses it in his Key to Destiny. They just call it the 165° aspect. Unless memory fails me, even Sepharial used it.

Well, whether we like it or not, the UFO aliens are with us, have landed. I don't know whether they are for or agin us, but the establishment doesn't like it. An article was

rejected by TIME magazine because the last photograph had a streak of light across it. It wasn't identified as such but was a UFO streaking across the sky at 25,000 miles per hour.

JOHN KALUS (99/42): The ASTRON has the same problem with losing the memory, but so far I've been able to do it in time. Wish me continued luck.

T. PATRICK DAVIS (99/47): Isn't *Mercury Hour* wonderful? It is the only astrology magazine that I take now, and I have long past dropped all the astrology clubs I used to belong to.

SONJA GODDARD FOXE (99/58): You are so right. What you describe is an amazingly accurate technique. If you want you can even use the quarter Moons which are also accurate through your life. You are to be applauded in bringing the technique to the attention of the astrology community. Now, in my book, that is the real purpose of the *Mercury Hour*--or should be.

Some of you may remember that I wrote about the Larson Ice Shelf (93/48) on Antarctica. I mentioned that it was said that it will break off Antarctica in about 2 years, a chunk 4,600 square miles. Well, we can junk that, I guess. Already a 75-square-mile piece of the shelf has broken off. Not only that but it is said that the shelf itself is now unstable now and its breaking off Antarctica is imminent and could break off at any time. The 75-square-mile piece that has broken off is not so bad. It's like putting half a dozen ice cubes in an almost full glass of water. All it does when it melts is fill the water to the top of a glass. The glass representing the world and its seashores. But if the complete ice shelf breaks off it's a whole new ball game. It is comparable to trying to put a dozen or so ice cubes in a full glass of water. Something has to give. This means that the beaches, seashores must find new ground with all that extra water. Think about it.

Things the government hasn't told you. In all the pictures gained by the planet ♂ recently, it becomes apparent that at one time there was actually a civilization there. There is even a picture of a building wall seen on the planet!

Over and out. If I'm lucky, this might even make the next issue. Anyway happy summer to everyone.



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JANUARY, 1999

Happy 1999! When New Year's rolls around I start thinking about life's cycles. **ROB HAND** and others have written about the astrological ages of mankind. I've found that the best way to explain the astrological theory of life stages is simply to present the applicable transit interpretations.

Age 21: Transiting ♄ □ natal ♄ - the native realizes that he/she is unprepared for adulthood. Must develop capacity to deal with the unexpected and make order out of chaos.

Age 22: ♄ □ natal ♄ - needs to accept discipline and responsibility.

Age 30: ♄ ♂ natal ♄ - the native may be overextended - with too much going on at one time. Judgment less sound than usual. ♄ ♂ natal ♄ - the individual experiences a setback or must rise to a new challenge. Additional demands made upon the native.

Age 37: ♄ □ natal ♄ - a tough year. Difficulties encountered. Be prepared to work hard and maintain a positive outlook.

Age 41: ♄ □ ♄ - influenced by delusional thinking. Your inspired thoughts may be nonsense. Stick to a conservative course. Be wary of strangers. Listen to the advice of trusted (and levelheaded) family members and friends.

Age 42: ♄ ♂ its natal place - propensity to take risks. Need to feel young and adventurous. Impaired judgment.

♄ ♂ its natal place - unusual happenings. Likelihood of engaging in impulsive behavior. This needs to be checked.

Age 45: ♄ ♂ its natal place - roadblocks to progress. Troubles, pressures, frustrations.

Age 52: ♄ □ its natal place - faced with difficulties. Dilemmas to be solved.

Age 60: ♄ ♂ its natal place - reflective in a pessimistic way. Serious attitude toward life.

Age 61: ♄ □ its natal place - Upheaval. Powerful forces can create havoc. Must try to keep your bearings through the storm.

Age 63: ♄ □ its natal place - Unexpected occurrences cause disorder. Routine often upset. Necessity of contending with a new set of problems.

♄ □ its natal place - Tendency to overindulge. Less cautious than usual.

Age 67: ♄ □ its natal place - Will meet with opposition and disappointment. Health below par.

Age 75: ♄ ♂ its natal place - Subject to restriction. Beset with obstacles. Physical vitality waning.

♄ □ its natal place - Prone to go overboard. Judgment less acute during this period.

Age 82: ♄ □ its natal place - Will strain against adverse conditions.

♄ ♂ its natal place - Confusion, worry, memory lapse. Liable to deception.

Age 84: ♄ ♂ its natal place - Tendency to overdo things. Carelessness, exaggeration, miscalculation.

♄ ♂ its natal place - Unforeseen occurrences. Irregular conditions which may be disorienting.

Age 90: ♄ ♂ its natal place - Proneness to take chances. ♄ ♂ its natal place. Contraction of horizons. Limitation, confinement.

Astrology tells us that life is a school for souls, not a joyride. God, family, friends, work, rest, play and discipline get us through.

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In my excitement over declinations and the out-of-bounds Moon (99/36), I forgot to give a definition of the out-of-bounds phenomenon to MH readers. (Thanks Edie for your note reminding me.)

The Moon is out-of-bounds (OOB) when its declination North or South is greater than $23^{\circ}27'$, the maximum declination of the Sun during the solstices of 0° Cancer and 0° Capricorn. The Moon is then beyond the ecliptic.

The OOB Moon is related to the 18.6 lunar eclipse cycle and is only OOB during half of the cycle--about 9 years. During the other 9 years, the Moon remains "in bounds" or within the ecliptic.

The Moon like the Sun, is highest in declination when in signs near 0° Cancer and 0° Capricorn. OOB Moons are always in Gemini-Cancer or Sagittarius-Capricorn.

When the North Node retrogrades through the eastern signs (Gemini, Taurus, Aries, Pisces, Aquarius, Capricorn) the Moon's declination increases and goes OOB, reaching its maximum declination of about 29° when the North Node is in Aries. This period is called a "major standstill", and the declination degree decreases gradually from then on. Years of major standstills are 1857, 1876, 1895, 1913, 1931-32, 1950, 1969 and 1987.

When the North Node retrogrades through the western signs (Sagittarius, Scorpio, Libra, Virgo, Leo, Cancer) the Moon's latitude does not exceed the ecliptic. Its minimum latitude at solstice points reaches only 18° north or south when the North Node is in Libra. This period in the cycles is called a "minor standstill". The years, 18.6 years apart of a minor standstill are 1866, 1885, 1903, 1922, 1941, 1959, 1978 and 1997.

People born in years of the OOB Moon are apt to be highly insecure, extremely sensitive, subject to tremendous pressure and vulnerable to sudden loss, especially in their own families. Those with natal Moon OOB would experience these symptoms on a continuous basis while others would only feel the discomfort during the times when their progressed Moon was OOB.

"People born during the 9 years cycle when the Moon never goes OOB are never subject to the degree of insecurity associated with either the natal or progressed OOB" (Kt Boehrer)

Many notable people have OOB Moons, Einstein for one. Because the OOB Moon often denies love and attention early in life, natives become overachievers or just plain achievers. They are likely to shun convention wishing not to be fenced in or limited by society or other persons, have a love of solitude and a need for personal freedom. They are likely to be innovators.

The OOB Moon gives, on the positive side, "the ability to exceed the potential promised in the natal chart and adds that extra punch to exceed the norm." (Martha Ramsey) On the negative side it might produce behavior outside accepted standards of society -- volatile and unstable. It is nonetheless a stressor.

Chris McRae (98/33) Thanks for the tip. I sent for a copy of Dr. Mitchell Gibson's book Signs of Mental Illness, Llewellyn, 1998. It is extremely well done and I have been using it to test many charts in my files. He combines aspects of longitude and aspects of latitude forming a new paradigm and has coined some new terms. Out-of-bounds is called "Exdels", and planets in high declinations he calls "Hidek" -- those between 21° and $23^{\circ}27'$. Lest those born during periods when the Moon is not OOB feel they are home free, think again. The planets Mercury, Venus, Mars, Pluto and Uranus go OOB and are also considered stressful. (Gibson gives equal weight to the OOB Moon and other OOB planets. On this, I would disagree)

Gibson has identified about 150 markers for five illnesses -- depression, anxiety, schizophrenia, addiction and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). He also developed a scoring system of positive to negative "elevations" as he calls them.

I have tested his markers for mental illness on charts in my files which have stumped me for years with excellent results. One case of suicide had no OOB planets but had a few high declination (Hidek) planets. His chart had about 40 markers for illness, mostly for depression and anxiety. The control group would have about 10 markers or signatures. Ironically, many sextiles and trines are signatures for illness, also conjunctions astrologers consider positive and fewer squares and oppositions than would be expected.

Tom Owens (99/61) "Jo" the young woman you speak about, born June 1, 1965, as having had an episode whereby she sought a doctor's help for a treatable depression. I checked her chart with Gibson's indicators. She has Moon and

Venus OOB or Exdek, Sun and Jupiter Hidek, Sun conjunct Venus, Sun conjunct Mercury, Moon trine Saturn, Moon sextile Uranus, Moon sextile Pluto, Sun square Mars and Sun parallel Moon, to name a few. There is very effective medication out there for depression but it takes time and patience on the part of the patient and doctor to find the right drug and the right dosage. Young adulthood is the time when this usually manifests.

Susan D. Simmons (99/39) Your son, born 1/16/69, was born during a major standstill year and his Moon is very OOB in Capricorn and square Saturn and the North Node in Aries and square the South Node, Uranus and Jupiter in Libra. Taken alone, the OOB Moon indicates lifelong insecurity and stress which may account for the weight problems.

I am not informed on fixed stars, but can offer two (males) examples of wheelchair-bound people. One, 7/13/30, a polio victim has Mars at 29° Taurus conjunct Alcyone and square Venus at 28° Leo conjunct Neptune conjunct Regulus. Another male, also polio victim, born 8/23/1922 has Sun conjunct Moon at 29° Leo conjunct Regulus. (Both have had very successful careers in spite of it.)

Virginia Reyer (99/40) No wonder you have had such a remarkable life! Your Venus and Mercury are OOB and parallel; Sun, Jupiter and Mars are Hidek; Sun and Mars are parallel, Jupiter and Mars are contraparallel. Have you considered declinations and progressed declinations when doing your chart?

Summing up: I think declinations give us so much information--important insights into the psychology, physiology and motivation of the individual that it is wise to check them prior to reading the chart the traditional way. I would appreciate feedback from those with Moon OOB.

**Sally Harrington
Camano Island, WA
January, 1999**

Hi Mercury Landers

I was reminded recently by someone who has Pluto about to cross over their Jupiter....I'd love to experience that one again. Pluto on Jupiter was a wonderful time for me..... Jupiter is in my 4th... no aspect to Pluto in the ASc..Pluto co-

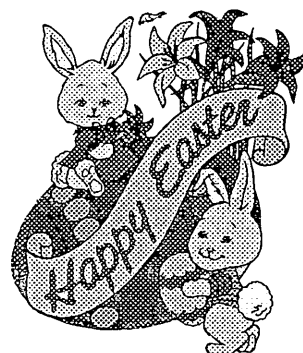
rules the 5th. We sold our house in 3 weeks, with a 90k profit.. during the housing boom here in Seattle in 89. People were standing in line and outbidding one another for a house. A friend was offered 10k more than she was asking for... It was after the earthquake in Calif... also many were moving here from Hong Kong...

We purchased 2 acres on an Island for 35k and had a new home built. We sold one acre for 60k, recouping all our initial investment, that gave us our acre free and we made 20k on the deal after costs. We bought a new Subaru, more landscaping for our property, put in a hot tub and went to Hawaii on vacation. Jupiter co-rules my 9th. Pluto in it's conjunction over Jupiter 14 Scorpio for several years moved up to sextile Venus 20 Virgo in the 3rd & trine my Asc. 19 Cancer.

The man that bought our property became a wonderful neighbor and friend. (Venus in the 3rd ruler of 11th) He took care of the property, mowing the lawn, chopping wood for the fireplace, etc. etc., when my husband became ill. My husband passed away several years later when Saturn moved up to an opposition to my Venus, then on to move over my MC, while t. Uranus my 8th ruler along with t. Neptune went conjunct my Desc. opposition my ASc.. in trine to my Venus. Some of you cardinals remember that long stay in Cap. It was a great station for me.... We became lovers/friends.... I had prog. Venus on Jupiter at that time also. Also prog. Pluto my 5th ruler was conjunct Venus at that time in the 3rd... neighbors..... and friends... lovers....

Now t Pluto is trine Sun the next 3 years... I think I'd prefer the Jup conjunction but this can't be half bad...

Hugs from Camano Island
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Sally Harrington



**Anne Lathrop
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January, 1999**

Hi Mercury Hour fellows and femme fatales,

After I sent off my contribution the other day, I realized I had wanted to mention "The Astrolabe World Ephemeris 2001-2050" published by Whitford Press (4880 Lower Valley Road, Atglen, PA 19310 Phone: (610) 593-1777 Schifferbk@aol.com) or available through Astrolabe (1/800/843-6682, astrolabe@alabe.com).

This ephemeris makes a person want to positively rush through the next couple of years so we can get right into the 21st century. Here's the deal, its got everything all on one page (can have midnight or noon ET). Longitudes of Sun and all the planets, two positions for the Moon, the mean node. So far, so what, you might be saying. Get this, the same is provided for the 4 major asteroids and Chiron. Still saying so what? Declinations are provided for the whole lot on a daily basis. The lunar information is all available, phases as well as sign changes.

All the positions are state-of-the-art as far as computation goes, and the pages are beautifully organized. If you are used to using the Michelsen ephemerides, you will miss the sign changes for the planets and the true node, perhaps, however, I wouldn't think of not having the Michelsen ephemeris (I have them in almost every room of the house and in my automobile...).

Robert Hand has done the usual concise explanation of what the ephemeris contains, some technical details and how this ephemeris compares with others available for those who are interested in the small variations in computation.

I am sure Ed Dearborn, the declination king, is going to mention this wonderful ephemeris too. He alerted me to its existence and I ordered it from Astrolabe within the hour, had it three days later.

I am glad I forgot to mention it though, because in the meantime, Robert P. Blaschke's book on progressions "Astrology: A Language of Life, Volume I - Progressions" has arrived, hot off the press. I haven't read the book as it only arrived today, but it captured my attention long enough to look like its been read by a couple different people!

Robert Blaschke is a sensitive and scholarly astrologer. I like his work a lot, have even

had an astrological reading done by him, with which I was very pleased.

This is really the first book on progressions that has appealed to me in a long time. Actually, there are very few available, outside of the classics done by Alan Leo, Zip Dobyns, and Doris Chase Doan--at least they are the ones that come to my mind.

The interesting thing about this book is that it approaches progressions holistically, or should I say as a unified study of the chart, and of the life process. Secondary progressions, often the only used by an astrologer are shown as the Sun Earth perspective, tertiaries as the Moon Earth and minor as the Moon Sun. We see the beginnings of a cohesive system for using progressions, and means for understanding just exactly what the minors will divulge symbolically. It might have taken a year or so of studying someone like Alan Leo to get to the same place Blaschke and Robert Hand, who wrote the excellent Foreword, deliver us in a few minutes of reading.

Aha, we say, let's see where this is going to lead, now that I finally have a way of comprehending what tertiaries just might be about.

You get the idea. The book is a page turner!! There is plenty of practical information sandwiched between the philosophical and spiritual dimensions of Robert's thinking. There are some very very simple explanations of how to use the three different approaches to progressing a chart and Robert gives a lot of his counseling "tricks of the trade" for our benefit, if we want to streamline the work with clients and deliver greater precision. (I have been the beneficiary of his counseling, now he divulges the structural details...)

I won't go on as I want to leave myself some time to finish pawing through the book. It can be ordered from the publisher Earthwalk School of Astrology, PO Box 341, Lake Oswego, OR 97034 ewastro@pdx.oneworld.com 1-800-778-8490. The book is \$18.15 USA or 20.95 Canada and abroad. This includes shipping.

Aren't you all glad I left the centaur-bodies out of this Mercury Hour?? Another one has been discovered, that makes nine of them so far.

By the time you read this Neptune and Pluto will have changed places so maybe we will stop dragging these new participants into our neighborhood!

(Thanks for the e-mail. Edie)



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Quite a few inexperienced astrologers tend to guess that my Sun-Pluto conjunction has put me on some kind of power trip. This is not true. However, I am fascinated by people who have power, especially as I am one of the least powerful people there is. The more I look at President Clinton's chart, the more I realize how uncommon it is. I've seen my fair share of people who have four planets in a sign. It can be intense and overwhelming. But Clinton's chart is the first I've ever seen of anyone who has two sets of four planets in a sign. On the surface, it seems like it would be pretty rare, indeed. So, the obvious question arises: has anyone out there ever come across an astro-twin of the president? What were they like? What houses are their stellia in? In fact, anyone born between August 10th and August 24th of 1946 would also have 4 planets in Leo and 4 planets in Libra. So if anybody out there has any examples, please write about them in the MH. I'd love to read some letters about that double stellium.

Most long-time readers know that I politics has fascinated me since the Kennedy-Nixon election of 1960. Professional wrestling has interested me nearly as long. Naturally, I was amused by the candidacy of Jesse Ventura for the governorship of Minnesota. I remember when Jesse wrestled in the Pacific Northwest in the late 1970's and early 1980's. In fact, I have actually seen him wrestle on local TV and in person in both Portland and Salem. One of Lois Rodden's correspondents got Jesse's data from his birth certificate. His real name is James George Janos, which he has never changed legally. He was born July 15, 1951 at 3:00 a.m. CST in Minneapolis (44N59, 93W16). The time gives him an ascendant of 29:50 Gemini. An argument can be made for either that or a 0 Cancer ascendant. Planets and sensitive points (e.g. ascendants) at 29 or 0 degrees of a sign are a blend of both signs and have all the insecurity and lack of foundation that a person of mixed heritage has. (Think of "Star Trek's" Mr. Spock and how he could never really deal with his human half.)

When Jesse was wrestling out here, he had stringy, shoulder-length blond hair. He always wrestled as a bad guy ("heel"), and almost always

in a tag team. Jesse was always the meaner, nastier and dumber half of the team. His first partner in Portland was a fat, talkative Native American called "Apache" Bull Ramos. Ramos would never let Ventura speak in interviews. Whenever he would try, Ramos would slap him across the chest and tell him to "Shut up and pose." Ventura would merely flex his arms and roll his eyes. Ventura and Ramos had a falling out, and Ventura then teamed up with "Playboy" Buddy Rose. I actually got Rose's data from him before a match once. His real name is Paul E. Perschmann, born November 27, 1952 at 9:06 p.m. CST, Omaha, Nebraska (41N17, 96W01). Rose was able to lure Ventura away from Ramos by promising him that he could talk during interviews. They were a fairly nasty team, which lasted until Rose was tricked into breaking Ventura's arm. Rose went to high school in Minneapolis, and one can presume they knew each other for years.

Jesse Ventura certainly has had an uncommon career path, and I can usually have a laughing fit, realizing that Minnesota actually elected him to be governor. But if I lived there, I would have voted for him.

To Edith Custer (99/7): Let me be the next to offer my congratulations on your 100th issue. I can't conceive of how much work it has been. I would like to hope much of it has been a labor of love. Georgie & I certainly appreciate your hard, and often unthanked, work. On a personal note, Issue #100 also marks our 20th anniversary as subscribers. I have little or no use for many of the astrological organizations out there. If any of them cared about me for any reason than just a source of annual dues, I just might join, but first, they'll need to show me otherwise. And Edith, you have shown me that you care. I can only second your remarks about the tyranny of some magazines and their computer requirements; I quit dreaming about submitting articles to *Mountain Astrologer* for that reason. I do have 3 computers now: my 1982 Osborne museum piece, a 386 given to me by a most respected friend and a 486 I bought off my desk from a former employer. None of these has Microsoft Word, which is just about considered *de rigueur* for communicating with publishers. Fortunately, my son recently bought a Gateway 2000 with a Pentium II chip and some decent peripherals, including a scanner. If need be, he can scan hard copy into MS Word and transfer it to disk or email. If the "Ray" you refer to is Ray Merriman, we already know that he takes his birth

on Christmas too seriously. The only question is whether he is merely full of you-know-what or chock full of it.

To **Georgie Borkowski** (99/10): It is so good to see you in the MH again. There are probably no more than 5 astrologers that I deem to be worth listening to, and the number is growing smaller by the day. Thank heaven you're always going to be one of them. Thank you for being there to talk with me when I need some direction. I know it's hard to come back to the MH when so many people either use you to further their own agendas or else attack you in a cheap and cowardly attempt to get to me. But I feel that your being back can benefit a whole lot more people than just myself.

To **Peggy Flook** (99/8 & 51): Regarding the true versus mean nodes, I'll agree with about 98% of your letter. I used the mean nodes from 1971, when I got started in astrology, to 1979, when I bought a copy of the American Ephemeris. It lists both, and I switched to true nodes at that time. Then, I switched back to mean nodes in 1982, when that was all that my computer would supply. I actually have quite a discrepancy between the two. My mean North Node is 0:06 Aries, but my true North Node is 28:43 Pisces. Using the mean nodes, I have a very wide--but functional--T-square involving my Uranus at 7:57 Cancer. For example, following a New Moon at 3 Libra in September, 1973, two college friends (S. Node in Libra in the 9th) drove out from Iowa to visit me. I joined them on a short trip (N. Node in Aries in the 3rd) to the Washington coast. At the coast, I sprained my ankle (Uranus). If my true node worked, perhaps only one person would have visited, and I might have brought one of my friends on the trip. I definitely would not have sprained my ankle. The upshot of my 2% disagreement with you is that I'd start with the mean node first, and then try the true node.

I think your rectification and research is pretty darn good. Regarding my use of that 8:51 am time for Mr. Clinton, that is the generally accepted time. I'm not against rectification's, as long as we know what the B.C. time is. In any case, that Taurus Moon must be in the 8th house for the reasons I gave on 98/60. I like the idea of Mars in the 12th. Not only has sex has gotten him into trouble, but it would also explain his fear of military service. I just wish George Bush had said, during the campaign, "I dodged the draft legally; I joined the Navy." As the owner of a triple conjunction, I've found that they can easily be

treated as a unit, so it might not make much difference which planets are on which side of the ascendant. With Clinton, I'm finding the helio planets to be fascinating. He gains three planets in water signs: Saturn at 29 Cancer, Mars at 0 Scorpio and Jupiter at 2 Scorpio. Still, using the B.C. time, there is nothing in the 12th house. Could that be why he gets away with so much of this baloney scott-free?

To **Lee Weinreb** (99/16): The refrigerator, both the door and inside, is Georgie's province. I'll usually store one or two soft drinks on the door, and that's it. If I need to leave a message for myself, I'll either write on the calendar or post a sticky note on my computer screen. By the way, did you hear how the blonde hurt her navel? It seems blond men are just as dumb.

To **Sonja Foxe** (98/25): That was a good and interesting letter. I tend to concur that Gore just might have a change of heart after the 20th of January. I have misfiled Gephardt's data, but if Gore accedes to the presidency, I'd expect him to pick Gephardt as V.P. I recall that Mark Lerner felt that Gephardt's chart was the most compatible with the U.S. chart. However Lerner prefers the Rudhyar chart for the U.S. that has Sagittarius rising. That Sag. chart is utter garbage, but then a lot of Rudhyar's garbage gained a cachet of respectability from his truly good stuff. If the USA really did have Sag. rising, we would embrace foreign language instruction in our schools, evangelize the metric system and be a more integral part of the international community. I also agree that Hillary needs some kind of rectification work done; I don't think much of that 9:00 p.m. time, either. She is a nasty piece of work.

From your letter, I have deduced that you were born September 30, 1943, presumably in Niagara Falls, NY. What is the rest of your data? I'm fascinated by doing synastry with people I elicit a strong reaction in.

To **Mary Downing** (99/30): William (W.H.) Chaney was one of the great pioneers in American astrology and metaphysics. He was also a nasty piece of work in his own right and more than just a little bit wacky. For instance, he once seduced--and impregnated--a woman during a seance. He claimed that he couldn't have been the father, as his chart proved he was sterile. For what it's worth, the baby grew up to be Jack London. Chaney lived in Oregon in the 1870's in both Salem and Portland. In Portland, he taught astrology to Llewellyn George. Llewellyn published an analysis of Chaney's chart on p. 132

in the A to Z, and even agreed that Chaney's chart showed him to be infertile. What his chart shows me is that he was rather bright and could attract women through his intelligence. Which in fact, he did. Chaney was born January 13, 1821 at 11:30 p.m. LMT near Chesterville, Maine (44N33, 70W06). Joe de Mello has lectured on Chaney and London at AFA.

To John Kalus (99/42): If Dole or Perot had been elected, I might have expected some kind of a health problem. Kennedy and Ford were also both inaugurated on VOC Moons. Kennedy, of course, died in office, and Ford's presidency just never amounted to a hill of beans. If Tsongas had been elected in 1992, he could have died in office. I used to wonder why Kennedy's death didn't affect me much. I did have enough sense to save newspapers from that date. In re-reading the newspapers, I discovered and then remembered that my dentist had been killed in a car crash on November 21, 1963. I had had a dental appointment scheduled for the 22nd, but his receptionist called my mother to tell us about the accident and cancel the appointment. The presidency is abstract; dentists are personal. Later I had a very good dentist (born June 17, 1934) who became mayor of Salem. Imagine, a politician who put his hand in your mouth, as well as your pocket.

Regarding aspect lines, I was trained not to bother with them. The "A to Z" had Llewellyn George's peccadillo of lines pointing to the house where he felt the planet actually worked. Experience has shown me that's even more unnecessary. The little grid in the corner of a chart blank should be sufficient. (Thanks for the e-mail, Edie)

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I do miss your front page renewal notation. When the *Mercury Hour* arrives it is the first thing I open. Can't wait to see what our friends are doing and sharing.

I know how important an accurate birth time is but what does one do when there are 3 times floating. My father put my birth in his Bible as 6:00 A.M. 12/21/14. My birth certificate says 6:45 A.M. My two aunts who assisted the doctor said about 6:07 and not later than 6:10.

They said the 6:45 was the doctor's watch as he sat over a cup of coffee after cleaning up.

I was a 9 pound first baby and my mother had a long difficult labor. Jim Lewis felt 6° ✕ 48 was correct.

The middle of September '98, I caught a cold - before I could get over it I had another - this continued until the end of December so I feel that was the time E conjoined my Asc. (3 months with colds)

Sorry I have no computer or any other goodies!

Thanks for a wonderful magazine.



**SUE SIMMONS
HONOLULU, HI
FEBRUARY, 1999**

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It is probably past the deadline (I couldn't find a mention of the deadline in the Jan. issue) but if not I would like to put in the following.

We had **ZIP DOBYNS** here to speak and give consultations in early January. She spoke on Clinton's problems and the world situation and peppered everything with asteroids. Everyone loved it. I now have a mailing list of people who are interested in astrology lectures and readings. If anyone is planning a vacation in Hawaii and would be interested in giving a lecture, workshop or readings, please let me know. My address is P.O. Box 11904, Honolulu, HI 96828, phone (808) 942-5626. e-mail is sueastro@gte.net.

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PEGGY FLOOK (99/54) Regarding President Clinton's birth data. After checking birth records, mother Virginia responded by letter to astrologer Shelley Ackerman that her son was born William Jefferson Blythe IV on August 19, 1946 at 8:51 a.m. CST in Hope, Arkansas (33N40 - 93W35'30) by pre-planned Caesarean section.

When his mother was asked before checking records, her memory of the birth time was "around 7:30 a.m." The general time span after dawn was also confirmed by the relative driving the mother to the hospital that morning. The birth time fits the common time slot for pre-planned Caesarean births preferred by doctors. This birth data has been widely published and is not a "suggestion" from **DON BORKOWSKI**.

Your comments indicate you did not keep the record of sources and qualifications on the birth data; it is being repeated so you can do this and reduce confusion.

The 3:44 a.m. birth time for the President you mentioned popped up early and has not a shred of evidence supporting it, so I hope you will also make a record of this to reduce confusion in the future or banish it from your file. As one who has spent thousands of hours and dollars pursuing the original information on our Presidents' births, these unidentified speculative birth times floated about by astrologers are a real pain in the you-know-what! As the years pass, they become a greater problem to research.

The President had the critical Caesarean birth, but he was also born into a family crisis as his father was killed in an auto accident about 11 p.m. CST on May 17, 1946, close to Sikeston, Missouri, three months before his son's birth.

William Blythe III was a traveling salesman with children from earlier marriages. His tombstone states a birth on February 27, 1918 so he shares the same Feb. 27th birthday with grand-daughter Chelsea. English genealogists were able to trace the "Blythe" family roots back many hundreds of years. The "Clinton" name was taken by the President from his stepfather.

If you study the charts of Presidents who come under extreme fire, with a background dotted with flak, given and received, who are intensely competitive, such as Presidents Nixon and Clinton, you look to geo and/or helio Mars for close aspects

to one or both angles of the chart. Nixon had a very tight helio Mars at the nadir, opposing his MC and square his Ascendant. Clinton has a tight conjunction of geo Mars to Ascendant and a square to the Midheaven. Both men have been described as having a "character flaw."

If a severe attack on their status or character arrives then recedes, then the Mars/angle aspect is probably a progression then effective, making it one of the methods pertinent to rectification, although it does not work with solar arc.

Now we are deluged around the clock on multiple channels of communication with a bumper crop of "talking heads" dissecting the President and wildly speculating to fill time. What this means is that anyone becoming President can be expected to have an over-supply of Mars linkages. This will drive off those who could be splendid Presidents but who will not tolerate the abuse of themselves, family, and friends before the entire world, as the situation has become. It also means a greater emphasis on helio Mars.

In January 1996 I was asked to write an article to be published prior to the November 1996 election. Who would be elected President? Projecting Clinton's chart to January 20, 2001, when a second term would be over, multiple signatures were observed that he would be making a major home move then and not earlier. I used both geo and helio, secondary progressions and transits. Also seeing multiple Mars aspects of great significance in the interval and thereafter, it was not difficult to predict his remaining in office - but the period would be filled with strife and trauma of nearly every type possible, intermingled with successes.

The absolute worst aspect was helio Mars progressing into the square of his Leo Sun. Hostile males would surface with intense ferocity in the public arena intent on destroying him. The aspect was exact when Monica-gate peaked. Then Saddam Hussein put his 2¢ worth in. Astrologers ignoring heliocentric and secondaries would never see this major aspect - a keynote of the era making history.

As an example for comparison, husband Jack was age 19 when his progressed helio Mars squared his natal Aries Sun/5th. He also got caught in worldly affairs and found himself an inexperienced foot soldier dropped into Belgium in 1944 with hostile males actually shooting at him. Arriving without winter clothes in 20° below zero weather, his group confiscated whatever could be found to keep warm as he had no shelter for six

weeks, sleeping outside in the snow. Nevertheless, his body temperature remained warm enough (thanks to Mars?) that he never even got sick when many others froze to death. The worst the hostile males inflicted on him was in the infamous Battle of the Bulge when they shot off a buckle on his boots, and the aspect peaked.

With his helio Mars-square-Sun a lot of lessons are learned one would prefer not having to learn, leaving Mars scars on the psyche at the very least. An unforgettable episode in the life of major consequence is signified.

Using Koch, President Clinton has both geo and helio Mars in the 1st house, with geo Mars in Libra and helio Mars in Scorpio. Revisiting the interpretations I gave for these dual system combinations back in 1982, long before I ever heard of Bill Clinton, I was pleased with the accuracy obtained once again. They reflect the intensive research I gave to the project. Reference is to my book-length research report, "Interpreting Geo-Helio Planets," but the other reports made also demonstrate the value of the approach taken to pioneer a different dimension.

The reports are still available through me, but are dwindling with no plans to republish. My research projects have been abandoned. The trash man is kept busy hauling things away. The disincentives have become overpowering.

Dear Peggy, the Received Wisdom: "nothing can happen that isn't in the natal chart," if I remember correctly, was coined before Uranus, Neptune and Pluto were discovered, which gives a solid clue on its nonsense ratio, plus pointing out the remarkable ability of humans to rationalize after the facts become known.

Isaac Starkman
Tel-Aviv, Israel
January, 1999

Election day in Israel will take place on 17 May 1999, and the second round on 1st June. I succeeded to rectify the charts for the two main candidates: Ehud Barak, the leader of the labour party was born on 12 Feb. 1942, 03.06.32 UT, 32N06' 34E53', rectified from "early in the morning" from his mother as given in his biography. Benjamin Netanyahu, leader of the Likud party, was born on 21 Oct. 1949, 07.16.48 UT, 32N04' 34E46'.

Analyzing the charts with Lunar Cycles alone, it is most clear the Netanyahu will be the

winner and Barak the loser. These cycles seems never to fail if the following rules are applying:

1. All the various Lunar Cycles should be precession-corrected.
2. We must to compute both the post-natal and the pre-natal (converse) cycles.
3. If an event occurs more than 14 days after the preceding lunar, the Demi-Lunar cycle must also be computed.
4. Both the Lunar Return and the Kinetic Lunar has to be calculating.
5. The cycles should be computed for the place of residence at the operational time.
6. We should consider only the appropriate planets and nodes close to the angles. Here are some examples:

For Netanyahu, in the Converse Lunar Return, calculating for 14 Apr 1900, 13.00 UT, there are no less than 4 planets and the Nodes very close to the MC/IC axis: Venus, Pluto, Jupiter, Uranus. In the Kinetic Lunar casting for 20 May 1999, 09.46 UT, the Sun is conjunct MC. In the Converse Kinetic Lunar, casting for 24 March 1900, 07.13 UT, there is a triple conjunction of Jupiter, Uranus and Node right on the Asc.

For Barak, in the Converse Kinetic Lunar, casting for 18 Nov. 1884, 11.18 UT, Mars close to the MC and Saturn exactly on the IC.

As far as I know, the only programs that enable us to calculate all the above cycles are Nova and Polaris (which enable to compute other important cycles like the Asc-Lunar). With CCRS92 one can cast only the post-natal charts which means that one can see only the "half picture". With the excellent Solar Fire, one can calculate all the cycles but, to my regret, not the Kinetic Cycles. Transits for 2 June 1999, 01.00 UT, the estimate time for the results:

For Netanyahu, Sun on the Desc, Jupiter 135 Asc orb 7', Mercury 120 Moon orb 42', Uranus conjunct cusp 3 (topocentric). Converse transits are most effective. Calculating for 11 March 1900, 13.34 UT: Jupiter con. Asc orb 8', Uranus con. Venus 4'.

For Barak: Uranus and Node 90 MC, Neptune 180 Pluto orb 2'. The converse date is 24 Oct. 1884 05.13 UT: converse Neptune con. Saturn and 90 to the Sun, Sat 120 Sun. Further analysis of the Primary directions in Topocentric system together with the secondaries shows that Nethanhayu will continue to be the Prime Minister of Israel. (Thanks for the e-mail. Edie)

**Anne Lathrop
Lebanon, CT
January, 1999**

Mary Downing, I saw your note about the Chaney book 99/30 and responded directly to Michell and Robin, directing them to Weiser's Antiquarian for a quote. Al H. Morrison was very interested in this astrologer. If you are interested in knowing more, I could probably dig through my files. Let me know.

Troy Holter, (99/10) I'm looking forward to a report on your Black Sheep classes in astrology. After studying for 25 years you must be like a volcano ready to spew with all kinds of wonderful information!

Marguerite dar Boggia, as usual I relished every word of your two pieces. (99/9,48) I was never fortunate enough to hear Art Bell's show, nor motivated enough to visit the website. I have an aversion to web sites, they are too slow for me. My impatience factor seems to be tripled by the internet. So I was very glad for your chart data and the analysis.

I look forward to your pieces every quarter because you can be counted on to deliver a juicy tidbit! I am totally dependent on people like you who act as scanners for what I call the "real" news.

Virginia Reyer, I enjoyed your two pieces (99/40,14) relating to biographical and fixed stars, very interesting indeed. However the karma one (99/33) escaped me as I couldn't get past the rules. I didn't understand the rule about Sun below, Moon above horizon for the female. How does this work if the Moon is actually below horizon?

Susan Simmons, (99/38-39) am I to gather from what you say about the Verena Bachman lecture on Liluth that there are three Liluths? There is the Liluth for which Ivy Goldstein-Jacobson published an ephemeris, there is Asteroid Liluth (1181), there is the Dark Moon Liluth, and then there is the Liluth you are talking about??? I have been considering the Dark Moon and Liluth (point in lunar orbital relation with earth) as one and the same.

There is something very pesky about this Liluth character. Every time I think I've put her aside, she pops up again. The French seem to use the names Liluth and Dark Moon interchangeably for the orbital point. Jacobsen's book is actually entitled The Dark Moon Liluth in Astrology. However she seems to be talking about an actual second moon in orbit around the earth. Certainly

her Liluth occupies a different zodiacal address in my chart than the Dark Moon/Liluth given in SolarFire for instance.

Then we get into the story of Liluth. This is another can of worms which I have just finished superficially exploring yet again. A friend sent me quite a long file of various texts collected off the internet. When I got done with that I was ready to close the case for the moment. Then I have my leisurely read of Mercury Hour, a month after its arrival, and voila, Liluth drops in again!! You have got me so curious that I will probably have to get the lecture tape, so thanks for including the address.

As for asteroid Hygiea, I would really like to know exactly why those particular asteroids were included in the SolarFire start-up point selection (the other being Astraea). I'll quote what Martha Lang-Wescott says so you can get started: "Medical concerns and health (Especially issues related to FITNESS) "Hygiene" and cleanliness." This is from her list of glyphs and keywords p 196 in Architects of Time.

Joseph de Mello, always good to get the next installment from your end of the planet. I was intrigued with what you had to say about the "new" aspect (99/31) popularized by **Guy dePenguern...**. This sure looks like the classic "Johndro aspect" to me no matter what dePenguern and Tyl choose to call it, it has been around and carefully studied for a long, long time. Al H. Morrison repeatedly and insistently begged the astrological community to look at the efficacy of this very important aspect. I think I probably have Johndro's original book on it near my desk downstairs, but I have been busy another of his books "The Astrological Dictionary and the Self-Reading Horoscope," so that's the one I have within arm's reach of me now. I keep in nearby as I would dearly love to feed all his planet-words into a program where I could sort them several different ways.

I guess I'll go down and get the book I'm thinking of. Well, it is called "A New Conception of Sign Rulership," not about the aspect. It's too cold in that part of the house for a real hunt, but I am sure AFA still sells L. Edward Johndro's books. If you are really interested in this aspect, I strongly recommend going back to Johndro's original work on it.

I have been very interested in Johndro's concepts off and on through my studies but the two that have stuck with me are the geodetic MC and the Johndro aspect. You are the first person I

have seen refer to this aspect since Al H. Morrison, its chief proponent died in 1995. Thanks for bringing L. Edward Johndro back into focus for me! Now maybe I'll get to work on my vocabulary project!!

I've probably exceeded my two page limit so I will draw quickly to a close. Thanks again **Edie Custer** Astrological Angel for bringing **Mercury Hour** into yet another Springtime! And **T. Pat Davis**, don't get discouraged. Good ideas seem to hit particularly thick walls, but when they finally get through all that resistance turns into acceptance en-masse! (Thanks for the e-mail. Edie)

Roberta Strain
Middlesex, NJ
January, 1999

Sun Asc Mercury Pisces Moon Leo

The past few issues of MH have the flavor of MHs of yesteryear. Have thoroughly enjoyed them.

Joe Tyson (98/37, 99/17): Thanks for the refresher of the Chart Types. Perhaps you should consider addressing the "Irregular" type chart and add it as an Addendum to your 2-part article.

Starr Austin (98/26): I like the birthing of a planet. Makes sense and affords another perspective. My 2nd house cusp connected with SA almost at birth (or at least close 2 minutes after). Then quiet till 3.25 years when the 5th cusp hit Chiron (and my brother was born). MA, ME at 6 yrs; Pars Fort, SU at 9 yrs; NE at 13 yrs; then a gap. Almost every 3 years like a full JU cycle. Interesting.

Edie Custer (99/34): My dad and step-mom were killed simultaneously in an auto accident late July 1978. (Cause a drunk driver). Six months later, Jan/Feb. 1979, I hustled my 18-yr. old daughter into secretarial school before she knew what had happened. And I had bought an Astrological mail order book business. These two happenings I wouldn't deem a "family crisis" in view of the July 78 traumatic incident.

My mom died mid-Nov. 1983 with barely 1-1/2 months warning. June 1, 1984 we moved from the family homestead (35 yrs for my husband) to a newer home.

Virginia Reyer (99/33): Thanks for sharing your 1960 notes on Karma. The assessment of Pisces is quite accurate...and forever challenging...but in fact, it makes dealing with the

other chart factors somewhat easier. (Thanks for the e-mail. Edie)

ED DEARBORN
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DECEMBER, 1998

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I have not received word yet as to where one can get Kt Boehrers revised *Declination: The Other Dimension*. I understand the first edition is out of print. I will let you know when I know the address!

An update on the health of Kt Boehrers from her home in Virginia indicates that she is on the mend, slowly. She had throat surgery in June. Her doctors seem to be troubling her by requesting that she go to the hospital for tests, repeatedly, to verify that her cancer is cured.

She enjoys mail but is very busy, so please do not anticipate a reply; I'm sorry if I have worded that poorly and apologize. Please write to her with a card, at least! Her address is:

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Concerning the Y2K problem, with a lesser impact than the 'biggies' on our way is *the absence of a leap year in 2000 A.D.* It may very well be a 'no show', and for many people March 1st may not arrive until March 2, 2000. I wonder just how many programmers have anticipated that one? That date is about 14 months away and to overlook the absence of a Feb. 29 in 2000 could play havoc on a minor scale.

On 'the declination front' we have this note. **JOSEPH SILVEIRA deMELLO** is finalizing his work that involves the placement of ♄ within 1° of the ♀/♈ axis (0° N/S 00' declination). He plans to include many charts with the interpretive phase of the research.

The recent issue of the *Mercury Hour* meets the high quality that you set for each and every issue. Thank you again for 'being there' and 'doing that'!



Susan Manuel
Falls Church, VA
January 1999

Hi Edie,

I just e-mailed you an article from the New York Times about the Y2k computer bug, because I know you're following the subject. As astrologers, I think we should be able to see the dates when this bug could cause problems.

I'm sure that some problems will be evident before January 1, 2000, because all of these computer systems will have to be tested during 1999 to see if the Y2k problems have been fixed. As astrologers, we should be able to foresee those periods of time when any disruptions, breakdowns and failures will be most likely to occur.

Testing done during the spring when both Mars and Mercury are Rx could bring many problems to light, so there should be time to fix most of these before the year 2000 begins. Since aspects between March 10 and April 3, 1999 favor identifying problems and fixing computer programs, I hope that many systems will get fixed then. However, some of the really tricky Y2k problems that are hard to identify and fix because of things like arcane code, confusing computer terms and routines, plus hidden or invisible problems that exist in embedded systems, will probably come to light during the period of challenging aspects that occurs in late April and early May 1999.

I tend to expect some serious problems between April 20 and May 14, give or take a few days, when computer systems are tested. It will probably take a few serious failures and system breakdowns to identify the more difficult problems. Again, bugs that come to light during this 3 or 4 week period have a good chance of being fixed by January 1, 2000. If they can't all be fixed in time, then we must find a way around them, a way to avoid them, until the fix is in place. Businesses, industries and government agencies that can pass a series of system tests in April and May will be in good shape when the millennium arrives.

So far, as I've looked at the Y2k problem from an astrological perspective, it seems to me that the week of the total eclipse in August '99 is another significant period that may correspond to a time when systems will be tested, and more unsolved Y2k problems will come to light. I say this because the eclipse occurs as part of a grand cross involving the outer planets, which suggests that large-scale systems will be affected. Here's how I have been reading the planets in the grand cross: Uranus in Aquarius symbolizes computer

networks. Uranus in Aquarius also symbolizes groups of people, so an impact on society can be expected. The problem is two-fold: it is technical and it is social. The computer code itself has to be fixed, and, in the process, some failures will occur that could affect large groups of people. Will we have social chaos or will we be able to maintain social cohesion when these failures occur? That is where preparation and planning come in.

In August '99, Mars in Scorpio will complete the grand cross. Mars, Sun and Uranus are all in their own signs then, thus all three are strong. Mars may cause trouble, but it also takes actions to solve problems. I certainly plan to be prepared to withstand some Y2k problems in August, but I don't expect them to be long-lasting.

Saturn is also part of the upcoming fixed cross, and the Saturn-Uranus square is long-lasting. In the most general sense, Saturn symbolizes time itself, and here we have a problem of time--the date, and the way computer programs read the date. That's what has to be fixed. Also, Saturn will be in Taurus, a money sign, so I think that the biggest problems will be financial. My guess is that people will worry most about their money, wondering if they will be able to get cash from their bank, if their paychecks will come on time, or if their mutual funds will be okay. Besides money itself, Taurus refers to commodities such as food, so people will wonder if there will be food in the grocery stores. It is in these areas where I believe people are most prone to worry and possibly panic. Even if most of the computer problems are actually fixed in time, people's fears and concerns about financial security can still cause problems.

Of course, Saturn in Taurus also refers to the huge amounts of money necessary to fix the computer problems. That will put a strain on business, government, and other institutions. Recession is certainly a likelihood during the entire period of the Saturn-Uranus square. Another financial angle: the lawsuits that will be brought as a result of Y2k problems, damages caused, and the resulting demands for huge financial settlements.

To some extent, the fear of potential problems seems greater than the problem itself. If too many people respond in an irrational fashion based on their fear of problems, things could really get chaotic. However, from everything I've read, it should be possible for most individuals in this country to make a realistic assessment of their vulnerability. We can each call our bank, our power company, our grocery store, and find out if

they are Y2k compliant. We can educate ourselves about the probabilities, realistically assess the situation in our community, and plan accordingly.

Business, industry and government are well aware of their legal and political liabilities. They cannot get away with saying problems are fixed if they're not. It is in their best interest to be open and honest with the public.

As astrologers, we can also look at the horoscopes of individuals to see if and when they may be affected by some Y2k problem. For example, my horoscope for January 1, 2000 looks okay, but there are some other periods of time when I may want to be prepared for a few problems. So, I think we should each be looking carefully at the aspects in 1999 as well as 2000 to see when systems may be most vulnerable and when breakdowns, disruptions, delays or other inconveniences could occur. If we have clients who are worried about this problem, we can give them some useful, timely information that is tailored to their specific situation. At least, that's what I intend to do.

A keyword I would apply to the Saturn-Uranus square is mobilization. The Y2k problem requires a well coordinated, large-scale mobilization of forces. The Y2k problem is global, but the United States must take a leadership role. I think we are doing that, but time is of the essence. I am reminded of another Saturn-Uranus aspect, that of early 1942 when the U.S. had to quickly overcome the shock of Pearl Harbor and mobilize for war. Despite dark days in the early months of '42, by June we had turned the tide in the Pacific with our victory at Midway. If we could accomplish that, then, surely, we can cope with a computer bug.

I hope your holidays were merry and warm, and filled with love and good times. My very best wishes for the New Year to everyone,

Susan

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Dear Susan:

In response to Susan's Y2K I wrote the following: Edie.

First of all I believe in being safe rather than sorry.

I have gotten a small kerosene heater. You don't know what to believe these days. I am also putting up some supplies and since my home is all electric I would be able to heat some soup or something on top of the heater. Don't forget the manual can opener! I spoke to one of the guys in

City Management the other evening and he said City Hall is ready but they are not so sure about their vendors. They haven't been replying to the inquiries. We have ice storms here, not snow and power can go out very quickly so most of us in this area have battery operated lights. I put in a generator when Vin was so ill and needed oxygen 24 hours a day. I could probably get gas for a week or so but after that - who knows. Some say 90 days will be needed, others a month. That's the major problem, no one knows for sure and we aren't getting much information from the government. Jerry Falwell has put out a video tape (for \$29 or so) telling his "people" to get prepared and how to do it. This was on the TV this morning. A knowledgeable friend feels there is no way things will be ready in time because they all started too late. Ironical that he feels Social Security will be ready by June of '99 BUT Telecommunications won't be, which services SS and many other of life's necessities for the senior citizens. I am quite concerned about the whole mess but I don't want to go crazy either. I'll be 76 on Jan. 5 1999 - if that gives you a clue. I will also have that eclipse on Aug. 11 hit my Moon dead on at 18 Leo and conj. Neptune at 17 Leo and square my Asc. at 17 Taurus. The eclipse will hit in my 4th house. Pleasant to look forward to.

At any rate I think you are dead on with your interpretation of the chart for Jan. 1, 1999. With Saturn in Taurus there is bound to be money problems. I did a chart for Lynchburg for 1/1/2000 and with The SN, and Neptune in the 10th. and helio Saturn conjunct the Moon things are not looking very good. (Transits that is.) Also in the transit chart The Moon is in opposition to Saturn. I use a bi-wheel so I can put both the geo and helio transits on one chart and one thing I noticed were the inconjuncts for 1/1/2000 at 1 minute after Midnight. (I allow 5 deg. for them.) You mentioned the Sat/Uran square but how about the Nep SN conj? There is nothing we can do about this mess except hope for the best and be prepared in case it isn't.

One problem with the chart - you can read it for a lot more than the Y2K. Will it be the weather, just financial, the Y2K or what?

Let's hope 1999 will be pretty good and people will be prepared for 2,000. There is another date you might think about 9/9/99 - what will the computers do with this one since some programmers used it to indicate "the end" of something.

Oct 1, 1999 is the start of the fiscal year for the government - OH goody! I think we shall be

hearing a lot more on this subject long before 1/1/2000???????

All my best wishes for a healthy and happy new year. (and write when you get a chance, please).

Edie

**CATHERINE HALCOMB
BEULAH, CO
JANUARY, 1999**

Hi! Happy 1999 ☺ to you *Edith* and all *Mhers*. Just wanted to let you know that the **Cosmobiology Research Foundation** is putting on their 12th Biennial Cosmobiology & Astrology convention in Scottsdale, AZ, June 25 - 27, 1999. The subjects covered will range from Cosmobiology to Traditional Astrology to Uranian to Vedic to Asteroids to Declinations, and the proficiency level is from beginners to advanced & professional. Workshops will provide hands-on experience with these topics. There will also be a complimentary (free) workshop on introductory Cosmobiology on Friday morning, June 25th.

Some of the speakers will be: Bonnie Armstrong, Penny Bertucelli, Diane Flack, Dennis Flaherty, Helen Garrett, Dennis Harness, Sat Siri Khalsa, **ELEONORA KIMMEL**, Martha Lang-Wescott, Chris McRae, Maritha Pottenger, **MARIA K. SIMMS**, **NELDA TANNER**, **ANNE VICK**, and Arlen Westergaard.

On Thursday, June 24th, there will be pre-conference sessions by Martha Lang-Wescott on Asteroids. Penny Bertucelli on Uranian Astrology, and Dennis Harness on Vedic. June 28th will have post-conference sessions also. The convention is being held at the Regal McCormick Ranch in Scottsdale, which has PGA golf courses, tennis & volleyball courts, swimming pools, a lake with paddle-boats and canoes, plus fine dining, and is only 20 minutes from the Phoenix airport. Prices range from a single day's sessions and exhibits at \$40, to all three-day's sessions, exhibits, Proceedings Book, Saturday banquet and seven other meals at \$195 (late registration is higher). Of course walk-ins are welcomed for single-day sessions. Great hotel price of \$79 (one or two persons) per night. contact people are Nelda Tanner at (520) 636-4550 or rlg@northlink.com and Catherine Halcomb SWPX50A@prodigy.com or write to Cosmobiology Research Foundation at: P.O. Box 1844, Englewood, CO. 80150-1844 for more information.

This convention promises to equal and no doubt will exceed our last one in satisfaction and organization. With all the 'stuff' going on lately, we'll have some fresh perspective to offer.



Janice Giles
Auckland, New Zealand
January, 1999

Bess Tornell (99/28) re you comment about Revelations in the new testament. Yes, it does look astrologically symbolic and as I too tend to look at life through an astrological lens that is my first reaction too. However, I have recently been reading Barbara Thiering's book "Jesus of the Apocalypse - the Life of Jesus after the Crucifixion". You may recall her controversial earlier book released in the USA as "Jesus and the Riddle of the Dead Sea Scrolls" which raised some storms in theological circles? Anyway, in the "Apocalypse" book, she details her understanding of the code behind the new testament which is consistent throughout and seems quite credible as far as I can tell. Her understanding of Revelations is that it is a coded history of the politics of the time of the early Christian church and that it describes real people and real events. It had to be coded in this way to maintain the beliefs of the general populace in the divinity of Jesus and the miracles he performed and to hide the fact that Jesus crucifixion and resurrection was actually a carefully organized plan to increase the popularity of the new religion. It is quite an extraordinary book in her academic credentials and research are impeccable. I do recommend a read if you are interested. Unfortunately, she doesn't name any astrological codes which would be nice for our belief system!

For those that are interested, its official - Virgo sucks! An object, M87 in the central galaxy of the constellation Virgo, has been identified as a black hole. There are some great pictures and more detail available on <http://www.nrao.edu/pr/m87big.html> (Thanks for the e-mail. Edie)

BATYA STARK sent us the following:

The trouble with being in a rat race is that even if you win, you're still a rat.

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JANUARY, 1999
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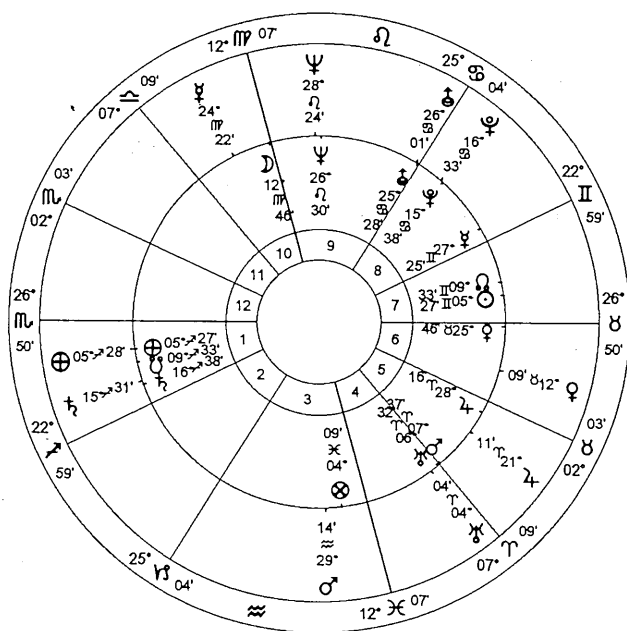
Part 1 of two

JACK KERVORKIAN

This is an attempt at Jack Kervorkian's chart. His birth date had appeared in a newspaper article, no time was given. With all the recent publicity, I thought to give it a try and rectify his chart. His birthday is May 26th, 1928 born in Pontiac, Michigan. Pontiac Michigan did not go on EST 'till 1931. I came up with 6.10 P.M. CST.

Inner Wheel
 Dr Jack Kervorkian
 Natal Chart
 May 26 1928
 6:10 PM CST +8:00
 Pontiac MI, USA
 42N38 083W18
 Geocentric
 Tropical
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 True Node

Outer Wheel
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I use Placidian and Cosmobiology in my work. Kervorkian's Asc is at 26.50 ♍, a fixed sign; ruler ♄ is in the 8th house, intercepted. The sign ♍ is deep, intense, persistent, with a strong character. 26° of ♍, according to Charubel shows the native to be a very determined individual and 27° of ♍, that the native will take an active part in public life and will exercise a great influence on mankind. I cover both degrees as his Asc is 25.50°. Both degrees are in the ♏ decanate, and ♄ ruler

of ♏ is ☐ to the Asc. There is a T-☐ with Asc ♄ and ♀ in fixed signs, and another in common signs with ☊, Mc ☐♂, Node (♏) and ☊. Node (♏). The midpoint of ☊/♂ is 11.02° of ♍. ♂ in the 1st house ♏ is solstice ♀ ♄. ♂ ♏ he keeps to himself. He feels rejected, out of his circle, reluctant to adjust. The Mc is at 12.07° of ♍, has to do with work and health. According to the degrees by Donna Henson (to which I refer a lot) shows an individual working with chemicals and poisons. The keyword here is: I serve: The 10th house has to do with career, reputation, Fame or Notoriety, also Fate.

He has ♍ on both the Asc and the 12th house, he can be his own worst enemy. It also shows that he had ♍ rising in a previous life, and now has to redo it. With both the 6th and 7th house in the same sign his work may bring involvement with the law in a service capacity. ♄ is the ruler of the 10th house and also of the 8th, brings him and his work before the public and into the news.

♄ is the chart ruler in the 8th along with Trans-♄ in ☐ to ♄. We have ♄ at 6.32, ♂ at 7.37, and Hades at 8.34, and Admetus at 8.34° of ♏ ♂. Hades signifies all that is unpleasant, including dead bodies. He is the Lord of Death, he can kill or suicide. Admetos is endurance, is the: Brick-Wall: is specialization. Both Hades and Admetos share the same attitude and malefic intent, colder and more shrewd. ♄-♏ is revolution. In the pioneer of ♏, is impulsive and daring. Loves a challenge. ♄ rules the 3rd house and ♂ ♂ is a mentality which is sudden in action and revolutionary. Refusal to tread the beaten path. Ideas are in an independent and unconventional way. Nervous stress. ♄ is a nonconformist, is against rules and regulations. Destroyer of useless and archaic laws that hamper progress and modernization. Investigates life thoroughly. ♄ in the 9th house is lawlessness. ♄ rules whatever is illegal and immoral. Is anarchism, is suicide, is the lawbreaker.

♀ is at 25.46° of ♏ ♂ Caput Algol, the most evil Star, causes a violent nature, decapitation, hanging, causes death to the native or others. Deals with masses, tends to be secretive ♄ is ☐ ♀ at 26.30° of ♏ ♂ Adhafara, also an evil Star, imparts the native to turbulent actions falsehoods, crime and deceit. It is also associated with poisons and liquids, ♄ ♀ if assisted suicide, ♄ considers the other person (not necessarily for the better - considering the position of ♄). The most revealing aspects are the midpoints. They tell the story. Here are some of them:

♄/♄ = ☊

♄/♄ = ♀ ♄

$\sigma/\mathcal{P} = \varphi \Psi$

$\odot/\varphi = \mathfrak{h}$

$\mathfrak{h}/\Psi = \mathfrak{h}$

$\mathcal{A}/\Psi = \varphi$

$\mathcal{P}/\text{Node} = \varphi$

$\odot/\mathfrak{h} = \mathcal{D}$

$\odot/\mathfrak{h} = \text{Mc}$

$\odot/\mathfrak{h}/\sigma = \mathfrak{J}$

$\odot/\mathfrak{h} = \mathcal{D}$

$\mathcal{P}/\mathfrak{h} = \Psi$

$\mathfrak{h}/\mathfrak{J} = \Psi$

$\mathcal{D}/\mathfrak{J} = 10.10^\circ$ of $\mathfrak{G} = \text{Node}$

$\mathfrak{h}/\mathfrak{J} = 27.06^\circ$ of $\mathfrak{Q} \sigma \Psi$ (also aspects Usa $\mathcal{D}$)

$\mathcal{P}/\mathfrak{J} = 11.36^\circ$ of $\text{II} \square \text{Mc}-\mathcal{D}$

Declination: (I only cover a few) Note that natal φ is out of bounds = + 25.39°. $\odot$, Node, $\mathfrak{h}$, $\mathcal{P}$ at 21°. The Karmic Asc is at 24.06° of $\mathfrak{G} = \odot/\mathcal{D}$. Adjusted calculation date, also called Noon date, is Nov. 26, 1927.

Prenatal eclipses: Solar = May 19, 1928 at 28.18° of $\mathfrak{X}$. Lunar = Dec. 8th, 1927 at 15.31° of II .

Kervorkian came into the news in June of 1990. Here are some of his progressions for 1989 to 1990, from Noon date along with some transits.

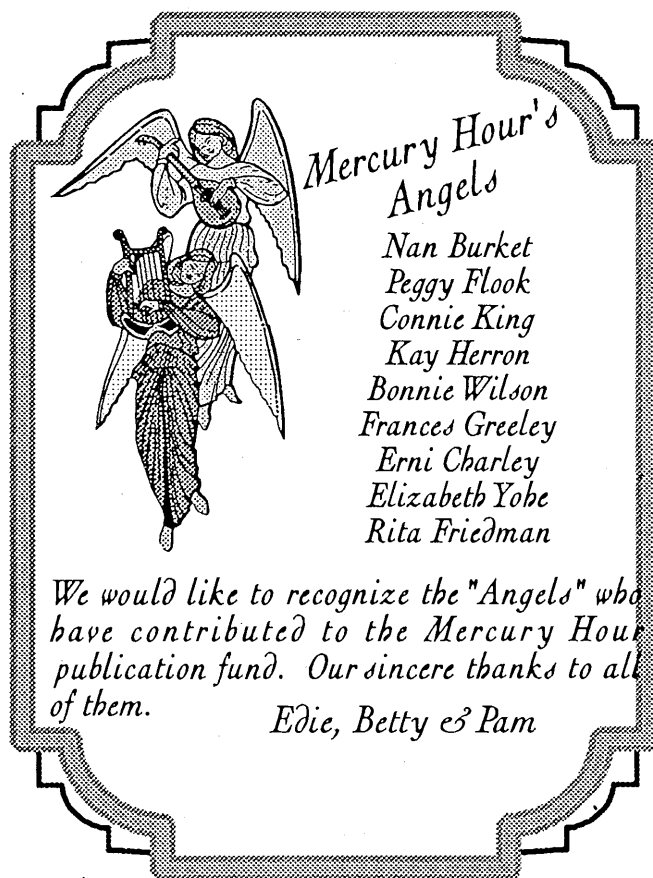
Progressed Asc Nov. 1989 is 21.20° of $\mathfrak{V}$. Mc 17.08 $\mathfrak{M}$. Progr. Asc at 21 of $\mathfrak{V}$ is solstice the natal Node, also is σ trans. $\mathfrak{h}$ in $\mathfrak{V}$. Progr. $\odot =$ at 4.40° of $\mathfrak{Q} \sigma$ natal 9th house along with a solar eclipse Jan. 26th, 1990 at 6.34° of $\mathfrak{M}$ also across 3rd and 9th house. Progr. $\odot$ is solstice 26° of $\mathfrak{X} \sigma$ Algol Transit $\mathcal{A} = \sigma$ natal $\mathcal{P}$ transit ($\mathcal{A}$ in $\mathfrak{G}$) Transit Ψ in $\mathfrak{V}$ is ρ natal $\mathcal{P}$. Progr. φ at 16.24° of $\mathfrak{G} = \sigma$ progr. $\mathcal{P}$ at 17.10° of $\mathfrak{G} \sigma$ trans. $\mathcal{A}$. Progr. $\sigma =$ at 22.02° of $\mathfrak{X}$ is σ a black hole at 21.30° of $\mathfrak{X}$, to do with suicide. Trans. $\sigma =$ in $\mathfrak{T}$ and moves from 0 to 23° during June of 1990. Trans. $\mathcal{P}$ in $\mathfrak{M} \sigma$ progr. Mc at 17.05° of $\mathfrak{M}$. Progr. $\mathcal{D}$ in $\mathfrak{X}$ moves from 11.39 to 21.50° (about 1°/month) Can't be specific with σ as I do not know the date in June of 1990, when he came into the news.

Solar Arc $\text{Asc} = 26.03$ of $\mathfrak{V}$ $\text{Mc} = 11.20^\circ$ of $\mathfrak{M}$. $\varphi =$ at 26.38° of $\mathfrak{Q} \sigma$ natal Ψ . Solar Arc $\varphi = \sigma$ the Karmic Asc and $\mathfrak{h}-\sigma \sigma$ natal $\odot$.

Moving to 1993-1994 progressions and some transits again using the Noon date. Kervorkian had a progressed Full $\mathcal{D}$ at 9.06° of $\mathfrak{M}$ equal to Aug. 1st 1928 at 9:30 A.M. CST for Pontiac, Michigan. The progr. Full $\mathcal{D} = \square$ progr. $\mathcal{A}$ at 9.06° of $\mathfrak{X}$. ($\odot/\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{A}$). $\mathfrak{J}$ progr. = 10.06 $\mathfrak{X}$. Progr. $\text{Asc} = 27.05^\circ$ of $\mathfrak{V}$. Progr. $\varphi = 24.41$ of $\mathfrak{G} \sigma$ Karmic Asc . Trans. $\sigma = 25.21^\circ$ of $\mathfrak{X} \sigma$ Algol and natal $\varphi \text{Mc} = 21.58 \mathfrak{M}$. Progr. $\mathcal{D}$ Nov. Noon date 1993 to 1994 Nov. moves from 00.52° of $\mathfrak{M}$ to 13.48° of $\mathfrak{M}$.

Solar Arc $\text{Asc} = 0.50^\circ \mathfrak{M}$ Trans. $\mathcal{P} = 26^\circ$ of $\mathfrak{M}$. ρ natal $\varphi \sigma$ natal Asc . Transit $\mathfrak{h}$ and transit Ψ are σ in $\mathfrak{V}$, also σ Karmic Asc Progr. $\mathfrak{h}$ went $\mathfrak{R}$ at 7.24° of $\mathfrak{T}$.

End part 1 - To be continued



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This morning I had a reply from Noel Tyl who writes he has used for a dozen years 10:35 A.M. EET Amman for K. Hussein. Thought I would report this new time while we wait to see what we might get from, say, Lois Rodden. I will try to call her today and see what she has to say.

I thought I had this in Chartwheels but could not find it, however, it was in my file box. Natal data K. Hussein of Jordan, 2:30 A.M. EET, 14 Nov. 1935, Amman Jordan, 31N57, 35E52. Did secondary prog. and non-processed sol ret and both very interesting to show what is going on right now. You might want to check it out for yourself. Source of birth is as published some years ago and used by Howard Hammitt Jr. who used to run astrology studies at local Theosophical Center.

Helio Ephemeris

April 1, 1999 - June 30, 1999

GMT + 0:00 Tropical Helio Long	The Earth ⊕	Mercury ☿	Venus ♀	Mars ♂	Jupiter ♃	Saturn ♄	Uranus ♅	Neptune ♆	Pluto ♇	Chiron ♁
Apr 1 1999	10°△49'	10°♌50'	10°♏08'	22°△53'	11°♊03'	05°♏49'	13°≈24'	02°≈16'	08°♏43'	28°♌47'
Apr 3 1999	12°△48'	16°♌48'	13°♏23'	23°△49'	11°♊14'	05°♏53'	13°≈25'	02°≈17'	08°♏44'	28°♌52'
Apr 5 1999	14°△46'	22°♌36'	16°♏37'	24°△45'	11°♊25'	05°♏57'	13°≈26'	02°≈18'	08°♏45'	28°♌56'
Apr 7 1999	16°△44'	28°♌16'	19°♏52'	25°△41'	11°♊36'	06°♏01'	13°≈28'	02°≈18'	08°♏46'	29°♌01'
Apr 9 1999	18°△42'	03°♏52'	23°♏06'	26°△38'	11°♊47'	06°♏06'	13°≈29'	02°≈19'	08°♏47'	29°♌06'
Apr 11 1999	20°△40'	09°♏23'	26°♏21'	27°△34'	11°♊58'	06°♏10'	13°≈30'	02°≈20'	08°♏47'	29°♌10'
Apr 13 1999	22°△38'	14°♏53'	29°♏36'	28°△31'	12°♊09'	06°♏14'	13°≈32'	02°≈20'	08°♏48'	29°♌15'
Apr 15 1999	24°△35'	20°♏23'	02°♏51'	29°△28'	12°♊20'	06°♏19'	13°≈33'	02°≈21'	08°♏49'	29°♌19'
Apr 17 1999	26°△33'	25°♏53'	06°♏05'	00°♌24'	12°♊31'	06°♏23'	13°≈34'	02°≈22'	08°♏50'	29°♌24'
Apr 19 1999	28°△30'	01°♏27'	09°♏20'	01°♌21'	12°♊42'	06°♏27'	13°≈36'	02°≈23'	08°♏51'	29°♌28'
Apr 21 1999	00°♌27'	07°♏05'	12°♏35'	02°♌19'	12°♊53'	06°♏32'	13°≈37'	02°≈23'	08°♏51'	29°♌33'
Apr 23 1999	02°♌25'	12°♏50'	15°♏50'	03°♌16'	13°♊04'	06°♏36'	13°≈38'	02°≈24'	08°♏52'	29°♌38'
Apr 25 1999	04°♌22'	18°♏43'	19°♏05'	04°♌13'	13°♊15'	06°♏40'	13°≈40'	02°≈25'	08°♏53'	29°♌42'
Apr 27 1999	06°♌18'	24°♏46'	22°♏21'	05°♌11'	13°♊26'	06°♏44'	13°≈41'	02°≈25'	08°♏54'	29°♌47'
Apr 29 1999	08°♌15'	01°≈01'	25°♏36'	06°♌09'	13°♊37'	06°♏49'	13°≈42'	02°≈26'	08°♏55'	29°♌51'
May 1 1999	10°♌12'	07°≈31'	28°♏51'	07°♌07'	13°♊48'	06°♏53'	13°≈44'	02°≈27'	08°♏55'	29°♌56'
May 3 1999	12°♌08'	14°≈18'	02°♏06'	08°♌05'	13°♊59'	06°♏57'	13°≈45'	02°≈28'	08°♏56'	00°♏00'
May 5 1999	14°♌04'	21°≈24'	05°♏21'	09°♌03'	14°♊10'	07°♏02'	13°≈46'	02°≈28'	08°♏57'	00°♏05'
May 7 1999	16°♌01'	28°≈53'	08°♏36'	10°♌02'	14°♊21'	07°♏06'	13°≈47'	02°≈29'	08°♏58'	00°♏09'
May 9 1999	17°♌57'	06°♏46'	11°♏51'	11°♌01'	14°♊32'	07°♏10'	13°≈49'	02°≈30'	08°♏59'	00°♏14'
May 11 1999	19°♌53'	15°♏08'	15°♏05'	11°♌59'	14°♊43'	07°♏14'	13°≈50'	02°≈31'	08°♏59'	00°♏18'
May 13 1999	21°♌49'	24°♏01'	18°♏20'	12°♌58'	14°♊54'	07°♏19'	13°≈51'	02°≈31'	09°♏00'	00°♏23'
May 15 1999	23°♌45'	03°♊28'	21°♏35'	13°♌58'	15°♊05'	07°♏23'	13°≈53'	02°≈32'	09°♏01'	00°♏27'
May 17 1999	25°♌40'	13°♊30'	24°♏49'	14°♌57'	15°♊16'	07°♏27'	13°≈54'	02°≈33'	09°♏02'	00°♏32'
May 19 1999	27°♌36'	24°♊09'	28°♏04'	15°♌57'	15°♊27'	07°♏32'	13°≈55'	02°≈33'	09°♏02'	00°♏36'
May 21 1999	29°♌31'	05°♏23'	01°△18'	16°♌56'	15°♊38'	07°♏36'	13°≈57'	02°≈34'	09°♏03'	00°♏41'
May 23 1999	01°♏27'	17°♏10'	04°△32'	17°♌56'	15°♊49'	07°♏40'	13°≈58'	02°≈35'	09°♏04'	00°♏45'
May 25 1999	03°♏22'	29°♏23'	07°△46'	18°♌57'	16°♊00'	07°♏44'	13°≈59'	02°≈36'	09°♏05'	00°♏50'
May 27 1999	05°♏17'	11°♏54'	11°△00'	19°♌57'	16°♊11'	07°♏49'	14°≈01'	02°≈36'	09°♏06'	00°♏54'
May 29 1999	07°♏13'	24°♏33'	14°△14'	20°♌57'	16°♊23'	07°♏53'	14°≈02'	02°≈37'	09°♏06'	00°♏59'
May 31 1999	09°♏08'	07°♏06'	17°△28'	21°♌58'	16°♊34'	07°♏57'	14°≈03'	02°≈38'	09°♏07'	01°♏03'
Jun 2 1999	11°♏03'	19°♏23'	20°△41'	22°♌59'	16°♊45'	08°♏02'	14°≈05'	02°≈38'	09°♏08'	01°♏08'
Jun 4 1999	12°♏58'	01°♏14'	23°△54'	24°♌00'	16°♊56'	08°♏06'	14°≈06'	02°≈39'	09°♏09'	01°♏12'
Jun 6 1999	14°♏53'	12°♏31'	27°△07'	25°♌02'	17°♊07'	08°♏10'	14°≈07'	02°≈40'	09°♏10'	01°♏17'
Jun 8 1999	16°♏47'	23°♏11'	00°♌20'	26°♌03'	17°♊18'	08°♏15'	14°≈09'	02°≈41'	09°♏10'	01°♏21'
Jun 10 1999	18°♏42'	03°♏13'	03°♌33'	27°♌05'	17°♊29'	08°♏19'	14°≈10'	02°≈41'	09°♏11'	01°♏26'
Jun 12 1999	20°♏37'	12°♏37'	06°♌45'	28°♌07'	17°♊40'	08°♏23'	14°≈11'	02°≈42'	09°♏12'	01°♏30'
Jun 14 1999	22°♏32'	21°♏25'	09°♌58'	29°♌09'	17°♊51'	08°♏27'	14°≈12'	02°≈43'	09°♏13'	01°♏35'
Jun 16 1999	24°♏26'	29°♏41'	13°♌10'	00°♏11'	18°♊02'	08°♏32'	14°≈14'	02°≈43'	09°♏14'	01°♏39'
Jun 18 1999	26°♏21'	07°△27'	16°♌22'	01°♏14'	18°♊13'	08°♏36'	14°≈15'	02°≈44'	09°♏14'	01°♏44'
Jun 20 1999	28°♏15'	14°△48'	19°♌34'	02°♏17'	18°♊24'	08°♏40'	14°≈16'	02°≈45'	09°♏15'	01°♏48'
Jun 22 1999	00°♏10'	21°△46'	22°♌45'	03°♏20'	18°♊35'	08°♏45'	14°≈18'	02°≈46'	09°♏16'	01°♏53'
Jun 24 1999	02°♏04'	28°△25'	25°♌57'	04°♏23'	18°♊46'	08°♏49'	14°≈19'	02°≈46'	09°♏17'	01°♏57'
Jun 26 1999	03°♏59'	04°♌47'	29°♌08'	05°♏26'	18°♊57'	08°♏53'	14°≈20'	02°≈47'	09°♏18'	02°♏01'
Jun 28 1999	05°♏53'	10°♌56'	02°♏19'	06°♏30'	19°♊08'	08°♏58'	14°≈22'	02°≈48'	09°♏18'	02°♏06'

**DEFIANCE GREGG
SEASIDE, OR
DECEMBER, 1998**

☉♈ Asc II

JANET WADE (98/52) In going through the 98th Ed. of **MH**, looking for e-mail addresses for later use, I came across your request for input. At first I had to read it more than once because it seemed so mentally disturbed, perhaps to big changes...loss of steady employment, loss of mother and fear of loss of father and perhaps it is all that. However, with the arrangement of planets within your natal chart there is good many planets in the 8th house in the Koch arrangement which says other people's resources means a lot to your life. It is in this house you are most fortunate and put the most energy. With ♄ dominating the 7th house family members are most important to you and your source of income may be lessened now that you have walked away from your previous position. It is my feeling that you are in good stead with a dog of your own.

You are not alone in going to the police and getting on their avoid list. I had a much younger woman who feared that she was being followed and asked for assistance in Juneau, AK., and the police thought of her as a mental case because she began to blow it out of proportion which you are doing now. I was not there when it was happening but I was there to give her support when she spent years thinking about getting even by even taking the city to court. You are going up a fool's alley when you go without your father to see the police. Never go unattended, either by a friend or a member of the family. If you have neither recourse, perhaps you will do best by accepting the fact that it is a form of obsession which grows stronger the longer you stay alone. My dearest Aunt went through similar situations and she was what I call a ♀, ♀, ♀ and if you notice your most attention in the 8th house is a ♀ house. That is honing in on just one area of your life instead of expanding which age should allow us all to do. Rather than mellowing out, you are honing in. I suspect your job with the government was tremendously rewarding with facts and more facts and probably much honing in on particulars. It is a natural habit. Just because you are afraid is not to say you don't have good reason to be. But if you have a nice dog and your father wouldn't mind, perhaps this is the year to be along with all of us and make a move from where you are into a new environment. Somewhere where you can make new friends and yet write and keep in touch with

other friends from your past. Also, look up relatives from years ago. You'll be surprised at how big your family is once you start looking for old addresses. They want to know how you are. Perhaps even visit with you. In New York City my Aunt had padlocks and locks galore and seldom went out. She moved to New Jersey to be near her brother, my dad, and although she still had a habit of locking doors, she had only one lock and her house was always visited by friends and neighbors and family. She forgot what she was afraid of because she had to feed chickens, take care of her dog (which she didn't have in N.Y.) and was often in the garden enjoying what she grew. She healed herself of fear of someone coming in on her. Give yourself more time to realize your Mom is near you always and watching over you and that your Dad will never be gone for long. There is a period of adjustment on both sides of life and death until a link can be made to communicate. As ordinary people we do not know how our family shows themselves to be there. Sometimes it is just a thought that may bring a smile to your lips, other times it is a push in another direction. Remember this, with your chart life will never be as easy as it is with others even though you may feel you are well off financially. Start working with the empty houses of your chart, getting another home or making improvements (like an alarm system etc.) Get in touch with fellow workers (6th house) visit with people who serve you, such as the butcher, baker and candlestick maker. Go to some church or other and make a friend of the minister or priest (9th house) and start some type of work at home (12th house). These are houses you have very little interest in, so it will all be very new and exciting and keep your mind blooming like a rosebud.

Hope you stay away from the police department for a while. If not, send over a cake or a box of candy for the copper on the beat rather than dealing with the sergeant who must have had years of bad news to deal with. Don't be afraid and don't be retired. Be semi-retired.



JINDRA JOHANISOVA

CZECH REPUBLIC

Sun Pisces, Moon Virgo, Asc Virgo

Though I haven't written for some time now, I can assure you that I enjoy receiving every issue of *Mercury Hour* and read it from cover to cover every time. It occurred to me recently that *MH* readers might be interested in a short article written by one of my astrological colleagues that shows how the recent total eclipse of the Sun on August 22, 1998 influenced the events in Russia.

Richard Stribny, the colleague, observes that it obviously affected Russia quite profoundly also because in the chart erected for the moment of the eclipse for Moscow, the eclipse falls directly at the Asc. of the chart at the end of Leo.

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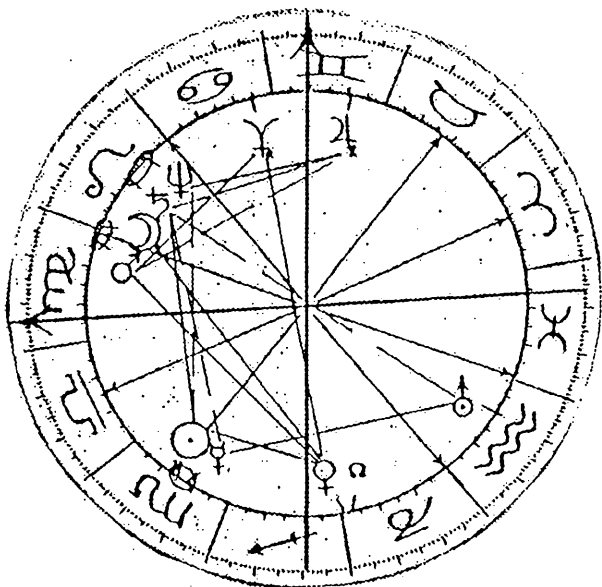
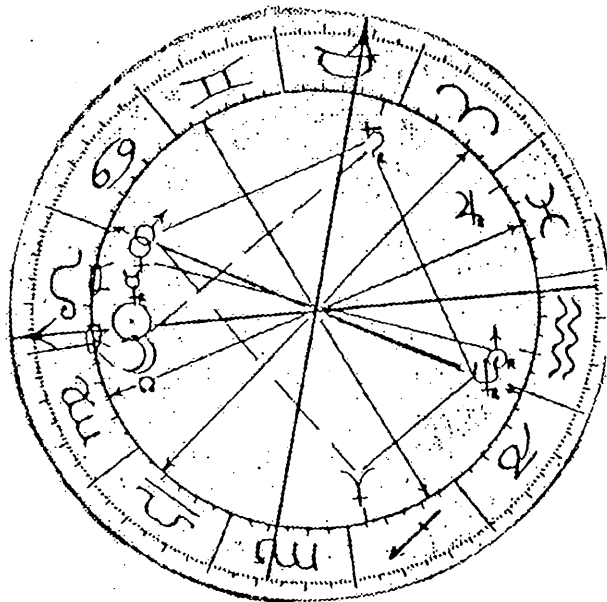


Chart of Russia

"The other important factor" he says "can be seen in the chart of Russia which is believed to be still valid. Nicholas Campion in his "Book of World Horoscopes" writes that there can be little doubt about the importance of this chart, made for November 8, 1917 for 2.12 local time (0.12 GMT) for St. Petersburg. It is the moment when the Bolshevik Red Army arrested members of the Temporary Government there and since that moment St. Petersburg--then the Capital of Russia--was under communist rule. This time is confirmed from two sides. First - we can read about it in the book "History of the Russian Revolution" by L. Trockij in which it is mentioned by the commander of the Red Army who arrested the Temporary Government members. Second - it is the time that can be seen at the clock in the room

of the Winter Palace where the arrest took place which stopped exactly at this time. To this day the guides there say it was the moment the revolution took place."

Moskva



Eclipse Chart

When I compared this chart with that of the eclipse" Richard goes on "I was convinced that it is still valid for contemporary Russia because at 29° of Leo where the eclipse occurred the Moon can be found. And the Moon in mundane astrology represents the people who are now suffering in Russia most of all. (By the way, the conj. of the fixed star Regulus at 29° of Leo with the Moon is a symbol of overtaking the power by the people). Besides - the progressed Sun was in an exact opposition to Neptune at the time of the crisis. It is well known that this position traditionally brings chaos into the political and economic systems."

The eclipse was fully visible in Indonesia that was adversely affected by it, too. According to Ptolemy, the effects of an eclipse last four months. As we can see from the present events in Indonesia they obviously do.



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JANUARY, 1999**

☉ ☿ ☽ ♀ Asc ♋ MC ♌

Virginia Reyer (99/34), Mark Holmes (99/35) and Susan Simmons (99/38) on Lilith. Would also like to know others thoughts on Lilith. The Black Moon Lilith is in my Gemini 5th conjunct natal Moon which makes some sense. However, I prefer the asteroid Lilith which is conjunct my Ascendant and close to both my mother's sun and MC. My mother's middle name is Lila which is a derivative of Lilith and I know how much I am like her (mother) - so I feel more resonance personally with the asteroid Lilith. Pallas Athene sits on the other side of my Asc - which I find interesting as they are so different to each other - they both oppose Pluto and square my Sun & Mars. Surely we don't need a hypothetical Lilith as well??! How do others make sense of these different Liliths in their charts?

Susan Simmons (99/38) - not surprised to hear a Void of Course Moon tape came out blank. Was the lecture given on a VOC Moon? I have often noticed at talks/lectures/seminars that there is a definite energy shift when a VOC Moon goes into the next sign. The audience suddenly seems to become engaged with the subject and respond/participate more. Talks on a VOC Moon can feel very flat if you're the speaker - it feels like no-one's listening.

Also, **Susan, (99/38)** you write of a Jeff Green lecture which speaks of the method of determining conception through the natal Sun/Moon angle. I am curious about this as this seems to be identical to the work of Dr Eugen Jonas, a Czechoslovakian Psychiatrist. He was led to his theory by the high failure rate of the rhythm method of birth control. However, conception can only occur within a very few hours of ovulation - so the Moon phase can't 'work' if ovulation has not occurred. According to Geoffrey Dean's book, "Recent Advances in Natal Astrology", in which he explores the evidence supporting various astrological theories, the "majority of independent workers have not confirmed Jonas findings". Ebertin checked over 150 of the charts sent to him by Jonas and found that many of them were wrong. Another 3 year study involving 500 women gave only a slight but negligible correlation. Sex of the child compared with Moon position at conception gave an accuracy not better than chance. However, Dean does offer one interesting study (3 actually) which revealed

that there is a 15% higher than average chance of all boy families when the fathers have Moon in a cardinal sign and 15% higher than average chance of all girl families if his Moon is in a mutable sign.

I spent a large part of my adult life trying to have children and explored this one thoroughly at the time. I was pretty upset, on doing heaps of graphs/charts etc.. to discover that the hopeful Moon phase would not coincide with my ovulation cycle (like clockwork) until I was going to be well past viable age. I eventually figured (much treatment later) that with my Moon in 5 (children), exactly square Saturn in 8 (conception), it was never going to happen - couldn't be clearer. Well, much time has gone by and for the last few years in my work as a counselor I often have clients with fertility issues. I don't use astrology in this, even though I'd like to at times - and would love to do some astrological research on the subject. What I can say from my own experience and which is certainly mirrored in the experience of my clients is that they will do just about anything to have a child. Perhaps I am being cynical, but I bet his hypothesis sure brought Dr Jonas plenty of desperate clients.

Peggy Flook (99/54) re chart cusps on Sept 21 '98. Well, the transit cusps would be just about identical because its Equinox - equal day and night - Sun into Libra. Charts at Equinox look like that, more so the closer to the Equator. Clintons chart had also progressed almost to Equinox date - hence the match. However, you gave me an idea. Maybe its worth it for those people who have a birth date applying to an Equinox and can check out their progressed charts with that transit Equinox date to see how it works for them. Or maybe we can all check out our progressed chart date and see if that time of year has any particular significance for us? Nothing profound for me last year with this theory though.

Well, that's it from me for a while. Happy New Year to all at MH. (Thanks for the e-mail. Edie)

**GUY dePÉNGUERN
MONTIGNAC, FRANCE
DECEMBER, 1998**

ERRATA

It's me again: on the text of my cardio lesson (99/31) I made an error: The DATE of birth is that on the chart, not "04 July", but well "24" July etc.....Thanks for correcting this error.

EDITH CUSTER
LYNCHBURG, VA
JANUARY, 1999

JANUARY 1ST 2000

☉♊ ☊♏ Asc♈ Mc♊

For January 1, 2000, the major midpoint transits for the Lynchburg area in geo will be:

♋ 25 ♀ = ♄/♈

♌ 11 ♂ = ☊/☉ ♌☉/♈

♈ 10 ♂ ☉☉/♈ (also ♈♂♂)

☊ 9♈ = ♌/Asc and ☉♈/♊

♈ 14 ♀ = ♀/♋ and ♂♈/♊♂♂☉♈/♊

♊ 3 ♀ = ☊/♋ and ☉/♈☉♈/♊ and ♀/Asc☉♋/♈

(♊ will also be ♂♈)

♊ (helio) 3 ♀ = ♂/♌

To continue this scenario the "Part of Catastrophe" in geo is 9♈ 39♂ the ☊ and ♂♈. Helio ♂ at 29♈ 38 is ♂ the "Part of Death." How's that for a goodie? Geez! and we haven't gotten thru 1999 yet.

Okay, okay, it's time to get back to reality but I ran a lot of charts and I was just curious, wanted to see what they said. The directions and transits to Lynchburg's natal placements don't look any better.

SUSAN MANUEL, in a letter to me, mentioned that the end of April 1999 (20 to 30th) the helio aspects include ♂☉♊, ☉☉♊, ☉♈♈, ☉♈♈ and ♂♈♈. I noted that in July of '99 helio ♈ will be ♂♌ for almost the entire month with ♈ at 9♈ and ♌ at 9♈ and then of course there is the solar eclipse at 18♈ in August. We have a lot to look forward to in '99.

I listened to the President's "pie in the sky" State of the Union address. I timed his speech as starting at 9:10 P.M. EST - Washington, D.C. on January 19. The geo chart had 17♈ 29♈ Asc☉ the Mc at 15♈ 43. Helio ♀ at 16♈ 31♈ both the Asc at 17♈ 29 and helio ♂ at 20♈ 58. When you look at Clinton's natal midpoints and the planets aspecting them from the speech chart, using a 1° orb only, it is quite revealing. Helio ♂ is ♂ the ♂/♈ and ♌♈ his ♄/♈.

In the speech chart the Asc at 17♈ 29☉'s the Mc at 15♈ 43, both ♄ ruled. ♄ is in the 5th at 19♈ 50♈ the Asc but ♂ the Mc.

Any ideas? The Democrats thought it was a good speech and the Republicans - well, you know!

Incidentally, the August 11th '99 solar eclipse will be ♂ Clinton's ☉/♌ midpoint.

Roberta Strain
Middlesex, NJ
January, 1999

THE ELEMENTS...

Two new chemical elements have recently been discovered. Here for the first time is a description of their properties.

Element Name: WOMAN

--Symbol: WO

--Atomic Weight: (Don't even go there!)

--Physical Properties: Generally round in form. Boils at nothing and may freeze any time. Melts whenever treated properly. Very bitter if not used well.

--Chemical Properties: Very active. Highly unstable. Possesses strong affinity to gold, silver, platinum, and precious stones. Violent when left alone. Able to absorb great amounts of exotic food. Turns slightly green when placed next to a better specimen.

--Usage: Highly ornamental. An extremely good catalyst for dispersion of wealth. Probably the most powerful income reducing agent known.

--Caution: Highly explosive in inexperienced hands.

Element Name: MAN

--Symbol: XY

--Atomic Weight: (180 - 250)

--Physical Properties: Solid at room temperatures, but gets bent out of shape easily. Fairly dense and sometimes flaky. Difficult to find a pure sample. Due to rust, aging samples are unable to conduct electricity as easily as young samples.

--Chemical Properties: Attempts to bond with WO any chance it can get. Also tends to form strong bonds with itself. Becomes explosive when mixed with

KD (Element: Child) for prolonged period of time. Neutralize by saturating with alcohol.

--Usage: None known. Possibly good methane source. Good samples are able to produce large quantities on command.

--Caution: In the absence of WO, this element rapidly decomposes and begins to smell. Thanks for the e-mail. Edie)

**DEFIANCE GREGG
SEASIDE, OR
JANUARY, 1999**

♈ 28 Asc II

After reading January 1999/99th edition
of *Mercury Hour*:

M. J. MAKRANSKY (99/5) I read your reply to **JAN VAN SCHUYLER** concerning Mayan Calendars. Having been in South America in the 70's I was in awe of their culture and beliefs which seemed so like Egyptian beliefs in spite of their Spanish culture.

EDNA BESSEX (99/6) Your tribute to Meriam Perego was a beautiful remembrance of an Astrological friendship. How lovely that happened in this lifetime to both of you.

DR. ZIP DOBYNS (99/6) I have put the URL # aside. My e-mail is defiance@west-connect.com.

EDITH CUSTER (99/7) I read your articles with interest. What I first asked if the chat room cost a fee. So far I have not been asked to be a paid member anywhere on line and hope it doesn't come to that because of my limited income. My server is \$17.50 a month. Someone in Florida told me that there is no server where she is and she pays for that service in Virginia. I think all of old folk getting on line will lead to nothing but misapprehensions about the operational costs involved. So far I have been to the chat room but not on a Wednesday evening because of circumstances which come up.

MARGUERITE dar BOGGIA (99/9) Thank you for the article on Art Bell. He is well received in Alaska by my friend Connie in Anchorage and she called me about his program going off the radio. I never did have an interest in radio, except when all other sources of entertainment were out. We were so much into talking books on our radio/stereo combination, that the radio had to take second place aboard Alicia. I am going to copy your article and send it to her this week and she will love me for my effort.

JOE TYSON (99/17) The arrangement of planets in the person's chart is the first thing that comes to my mind before I even examine the Asc. I learned the types of arrangements which you wrote about, in my first book from the Faculty of Astrology in England. I have since lost books, so I was pleased to see your arrangement doesn't understand the person with a completely different arrangement and that may keep an invisible wall of misunderstanding between them.

MARK A. HOLMES (99/2) In your reply to me, I did see that Star Trek program. I suspect our

servicemen and women view dropped bombs as make-believe hits now, rather than the death dealing blows upon people who were alive before they dropped the computerized bombs. Like kids at Intendo games they divorce their mind from reality in order to believe in what they are doing.

JIM HAYNES (99/23) Two weeks before CHRISTMAS I bought the Solar Fire \$ program from Astrolabe, using the cover of *Mercury Hour* for its e-mail address. I still get personalized calendars every six months to cut down on work for my own use. I have enjoyed having a hand computer from Astro-Logic. She was so accommodating to me, I felt as if I was having personalized service from the owner of the company.

DON BORKOWSKI (99/24) I do not know how it is now, but back in 1968 when I came back from Thailand asking questions from God about what happened in my life and found answers on my own in Astrology, I realized that Astrology and my religion is mystically tied together to assist me here on earth. Most Astrology in England was Placidus back then and I love that type. I am a subjective introvert and Placidus opened doors for my own insight at first. Mine was a spiritual search for answers after my husbands sudden and unexpected death on his job. I found no answers until one day when I cried, "Ah!" I could forgive God then and we have gotten along much better since. I do believe I cannot relate to Koch because of early training but also because it does seem to be outer-directed. I try to be objective but cannot get passed myself to be that cool sort of person needed for objectivity. Koch is a good system for US. I have no qualms about the Equal system either but it is harder to predict with.

LILLIAN HUBER (99/19) My hats off to Mayor Bill Campbell of Atlanta, GA for declaring an Astrology Day in that city. I am copying that article of yours and sending it to the Mayor of Anchorage and the Representative of OR. It's about time they realize in other states and cities what type of income Astrology generates within the business communities. Having over 1500 Astrologers for that trade show was wonderful for the other Astrologers around the country. As Astrologers who are limited by circumstances we can only thank outgoing Astrologers who have promoted our art.

I finally got a copy of Astronomy and its article "ASK ASTRO's" question was "What is the difference between Astrology and Astronomy?" Answer: Astronomy is the science that investigates objects and processes beyond earth while

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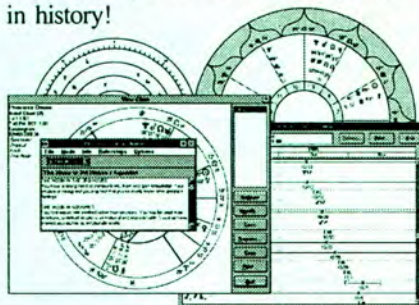
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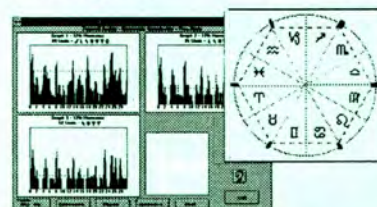
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