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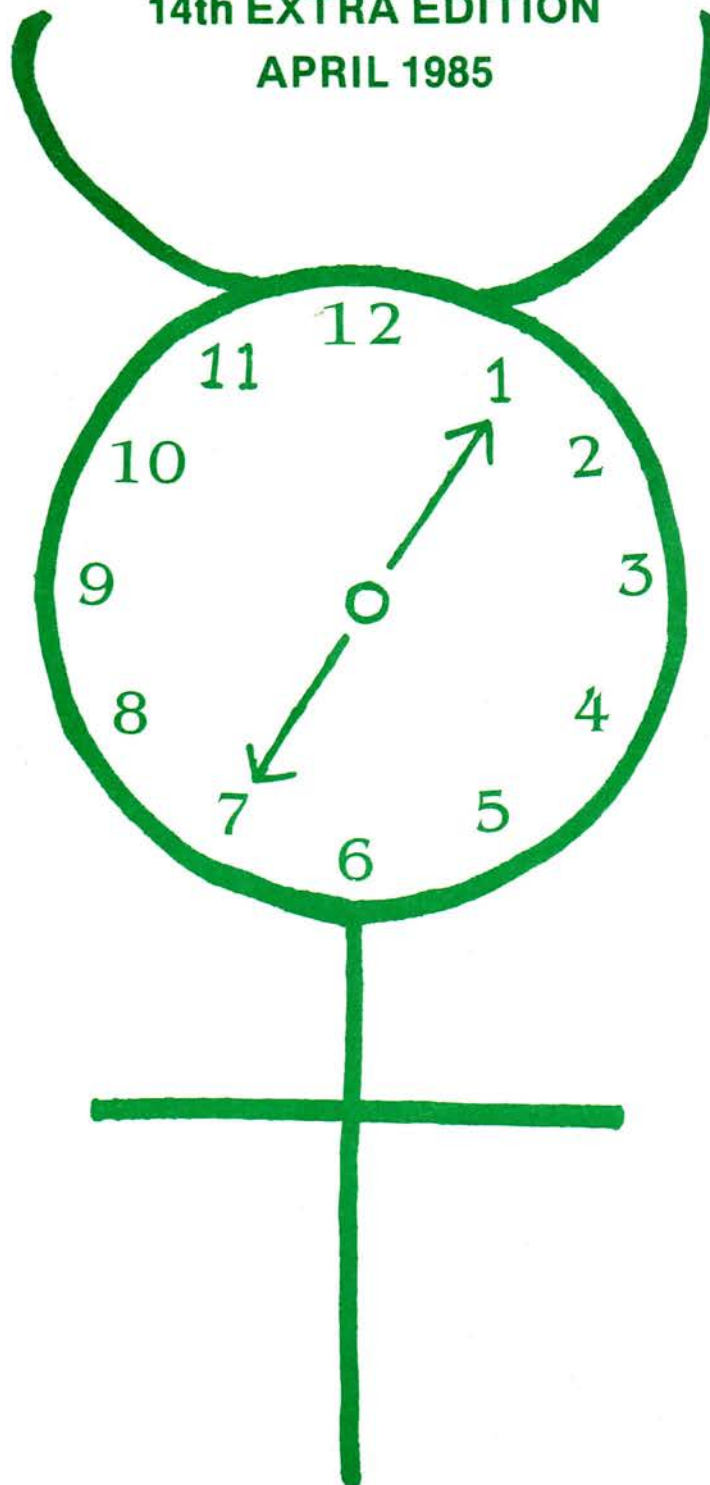
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HI!!!

I think, as usual, that I said all that needed to be said, in the letter in the regular edition.

I am hoping to get to **Barbara Somerfield's** conference in Miami Beach the 1st of March (I'm writing this on Feb. 4th!) and will tell you about it in the next edition. Hopefully I will see many of you there.

Shirley Kleppe has done the art work for the change of planets on the cover of this Extra edition and also on the regular issue. She does some lovely work and you will be seeing it off and on throughout the **MH** in the coming editions.

I had been telling the folks in our area, since last July, that the coming winter would be a real beauty. Although many were skeptical, especially since it was so warm for the first 10 days of the winter solstice, they wound up seeing the potential of astro-meteorology very quickly after that. With all of the planets in the southern part of the chart, the southeast and southwest and just plain south, were anything but pleasantly surprised with the weather conditions they had to suffer through. Snow on the cactus of Arizona, frozen oranges, San Antonio with a lot of snow, snow all through the southern part of the U.S., ice and sleet storms. The entire country in a deep freeze. I will never doubt the ability of Mars in Aquarius to bring "cold" again. Combine that with the Sun conjunct Neptune and Mercury conjunct Uranus for the "wet" and "wind" and it has been one real hard winter for many. Up to this time, Lynchburg has been spared the snow and ice, but we have had record low temperatures. Lynchburg is in a real funny position when it comes to weather. It really is unpredictable here. The weatherman kept calling for 4 inches of snow or ice and sleet and it never materialized. All around us they had it, but not in Lynchburg. It seems we are surrounded by mountains on 3 sides and the weather really has to come in that open side for us to get the effects of it. The cold gets through but not the snow. The radio all day has been issuing travel advisories for this area, with snow, sleet and ice predicted by midnight. At the moment, in Lynchburg, the sun is shining brightly and it is 35 degrees at 2:30 p.m. At this point, your guess would be as good as mine as to whether or not it will materialize.

Has anyone looked at the Spring Equinox chart as far as weather goes? **Dot Willis** has an article on it in the regular edition. I have a feeling that it is going to be a little damp with the Sun square Neptune, both angular, the Moon in Pisces, also angular and Cancer rising. Another aspect I am not fond of in that chart is Mars in Taurus opposing Pluto by 17 minutes! The helio aspects are not that bad, so maybe it won't be as difficult as it appears outwardly. Mars does oppose Saturn but it isn't angular. The only angular planets are Venus and the earth. Time will tell!

Here is hoping you all have a wonderful Spring....

Love and Hope,

Edith

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BARBARA BRANN, Kansas City, MO

Sept. 22, 1984

Joyce Wehrman (Oct. '84, p. 20). Finally! I've found somebody that agrees with me about the nodes. I've been telling astrologers locally that I've found the nodes to be active every time I've received unexpected money or tax refunds. I've even mentioned this at a lecture that Joan McEvers was giving here in Kansas City this past year, but as always, everyone looked at me as if I were a little daffy, and didn't know much about astrological symbolism. People get so locked into certain ways of believing, and then forget to notice what is happening around them. It seems somebody somewhere came up with the idea that the nodes have to do with relationships, everyone else said, "Yea that sounds like a good way to use them," and then never again watched them for anything else but that. Thank you for concurring. I figured that if it were so consistent each time in my chart, then I couldn't or shouldn't be the only one noticing this phenomenon. By the way my nodes are in Sag./Gemini in the 1st/7th houses, so money signs and houses were never involved, thereby leading me to believe that it was the nodes themselves that were responsible.

Sometime back somebody asked whether or not anybody noticed that Vesta has a lot to do with separations. I decided to look back in various charts, and yes indeed, Vesta was very prominent each time there were separations involved. The other thing that I noticed was that the separations seemed very painful if Vesta were involved.

I too was very happy to read about IAO as was J. Silveira deMello. I hope some day that I can visit IAO. My visit to the AFA headquarters in Tempe, AZ was very disappointing. IAO is doing what AFA should.

Wendy Hawks Oct. '84, p. 11. Glad to see your correct chart for the discovery of Pluto. Imagine my surprise upon visiting Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff this last Aug., and finding that Percival Lowell not only didn't discover Pluto, as I had been led to believe, but had actually been dead several years when it was discovered. I also agree with your using the Feb. 18th chart as opposed to Jan. 21st. Just because it had been photographed, doesn't mean it had been discovered.

Joyce Wehrman, I just went back through the charts of my sister-in-law and brother-in-law. Her node is 19 Libra his is 17 Libra, (obviously their composite node is 18 Libra). In June of 1975 they received their first monthly check from an oil company that was quite large (large five figure sum is all she would say) due to a large gas deposit being discovered under their land. At that time Saturn was between 17° and 20° Cancer and Jupiter between 17° and 21° Aries. Though I don't know the exact date that they received their first check (I've been trying to get her to go back, and look this up for a couple of years now) I would be willing to bet that it was sometime around the middle of the month when Mars joined Jupiter at 19° Aries. Although my sister still receives monthly checks, a few years back (again I can't pin my sister down on the dates) Shell Oil brought her oil company to court, and after a long trial the well was changed from a gas well to an oil well, and her monthly checks have decreased dramatically, though again she won't say what the figures are. Five planets and 2 asteroids in Taurus, but she's as secretive as a Scorpio. For those interested, her info is May 6, 1940, 10:50 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Detroit, MI, 83W03 42N20, and his is June 15, 1940, 8:42 p.m. EST, Detroit, MI. Although other factors are at play besides the nodes, I feel that the nodes play a significant role, and should not be ignored because somebody once said that they have to do with relationships. Does anyone else have any verification about nodes and money?

MARK MELTON, San Diego, CA 23 Sept. 1984

I suspect that MH readers are weary of the prolonged controversy between Geoffrey Dean and myself over the methodological problems of the astrological sign contests. Our most important differences may boil down to a difference in scientific philosophies - Dean seems to be a reductionist, whereas I am prevalently a holist in the realms of astrology, geology, and geomorphology (the last being my field of specialization in graduate school), fields in which it is difficult to construct meaningful, crucial, experimental tests. I doubt if I

can add much about the philosophy and methodology of science, that Dean has referred to as "legerdemain" (The Astrol. Jour., Summer '83, p. 205, line 23), but would refer Dean (and anyone else who is interested) to an excellent source: "An Introduction to Logic and Scientific Method," Morris R. Cohen and Ernest Nagel, 1934 (and probably later editions), Harcourt, Brace Co. Chap. xi and xiii are especially relevant in the present instance.

Upon re-reading some of this material - after nearly 35 years - I cannot find any major contradictions to what I have written about the methodology of testing the astrological signs for validity (MH 31st ed., p. 8ff; 32nd ed., p. 49ff). So I continue to believe that Dean is largely ignorant of basic philosophy and methodology of science, despite his claimed experience in "scientific and technical editing (MH 43rd ed., p. 41). Unless he has had specific formal education in that area he is unlikely to have picked up more than a smattering in a normal post-graduate career, since the methodological problems in chemistry and physics are less complex than those in, say, geology and certainly astrology.

Most of Dean's comments (ibid.) on my reply (MH 41st ed., pp. 17-18) to his comments (Astrol. Jour. Summer '83, p. 205)...are petty or incorrect. Regarding the "lie" that I had run out of space (MH 43rd ed., p. 42), I find his tone obnoxious and unprofessional. On the word processor that I use, I cannot tell what the pagination will be until after the file is formatted and printed. More to the point, after writing about 2 1/2 pages of text I found that I had greatly exceeded the 1 to 1 1/2 small pages allotted to each letter to the editor in The Astrol. Jour., so my running out of space was in reference to the published text. I expect an apology from Dean on this point - no I don't expect it, but I should get one, nevertheless.

One of the features of Dean's style that makes his work so distasteful to read is his frequent distortion of the original, followed by some sneering, derogatory comment. In an effort to show that he had accurately represented my earlier position (MH 31st and 32nd eds.) in his article in The Astrological Journal (Astrol. Jour., Summer '83, p. 205), Dean compares three quotations, which are indeed accurate. However, he neglected to include his summary of my position, which reads:

"Melton also points out that the astrological hypothesis is not a hypothesis at all but a generalisation of observable facts, yet the astrological hypothesis is still not subject to proof by scientific method. In other words he is saying that observations cannot be observed. A curious view."

No, I did not say that "observations cannot be observed," my position is, along with Plato and quite a few others, that observations, and more particularly summaries or generalizations based on observations, cannot be proved. A proof involves deductions from first principles, axioms and postulates, as in algebra, geometry, and the like. Raw observations can only be repeated, reobserved, and not always that, but that does not constitute proof. Similarly, "laws," which are generalizations of many observations cannot be proved, unless they can be deduced from a more basic law and set of axioms. It is proper to use the term "verify," or some equivalent term, in such a case. Whether Dean is disingenuous or merely ignorant, he certainly cannot be trusted to summarize fairly what someone else has written.

In his point No. 4 (ibid.) Dean Says:

"(4) Melton says that the scientific method will not provide proof. Melton stresses the words proof and proven. But since neither appears in any of the rules for any of the prizes, his point is irrelevant."

Oh? I'll have to take Dean's word that proof was not a stated requirement of the first signs test as I do not have a copy of them at hand. However, here is what Dean said with regard to some of the entries in that contest (9th Extra, pp. 24-25):

"...Furthermore it does not meet the standards of proof (my emphasis) specified by us, for example the above sequence is not unambiguous..."

"No one picked horse No. 5. Verdict: the entry fails because it does not meet the standards of proof required."

"Verdict: the entry fails because it is a hypothesis, not a proof."

If Dean did not state that he required rigorous proof in the

contest rules, he certainly did require them in fact - and that is another example of what I called "dirty pool," since he asked for it. This is unfair and demeaning to the whole idea of the contests. In the next contest rules Dean changes his requirements to "demonstrate," and later to "validate." There is no effective difference between "prove" and "demonstrate" as both are usually taken to mean to make logical deductions from more basic theorems or laws. There is a large difference in certainty between prove and demonstrate, on one hand, and validate, verify, or confirm, on the other, which are judgements based on experiments. And, usually, remarks appropriate to one are inappropriate to the other. It is easy to see that Dean consistently confuses the two, but he in fact always **requires** the certainty of a rigorous proof, even though that cannot be attained by scientific, experimental method. I'm not inclined to give him the benefit of the doubt - he is either sloppy or disingenuous. One can be hopeful that the panel of judges will be more aware of these issues than Dean has been.

In discussion of **T. Pat Davis'** contest entry prior to that in the most recent issue of **MH** (viz. **MH** 9th Extra, p. 25; **Astrol. Jour.** Summer '83, pp. 204-205), Dean used a probabilistic argument to defeat her presentation; if he had another counter-argument it was unknown to me. Dean states (**MH** 43rd ed., p. 42):

"...This negates Melton's implication that we demand only statistical reasoning."

This was in reference to a letter he sent privately to T. Pat Davis. And yet, Dean himself brought up the requirement of a statistical/probabilistic test. He wrote:

"However, what she should have done, but didn't, was to check whether the matching could be explained by chance. This point is **crucial** (emphasis mine) because,... So before anyone can claim that signs are valid because a match exists between charts and events, they have to show that the match cannot be explained by chance."

If this does not mean that Dean requires a statistical or probabilistic test against all entries it's hard to see what it does mean. Again, this is one of those hidden requirements, not stated in the explicit rules, that Dean (for whatever reason) likes to bring up against every entry as the whim suits him. Without explicit standards that the judges must adhere to as well as the contestants, such ad hoc rules can be multiplied indefinitely, ruling out the possibility of having any winning entry.

Dean did not address the question that I raised, about the validity of any probabilistic model when the phenomena are non-random (e.g. events in a life and the movements of planets), and hence the specific probabilities he obtained are questionable (9th Extra, p. 25). Dean apparently objects to applying the same strict standards to his own criticism that he applies to the entries. In the rules for the latest contest (op. cit. p. 209) Dean gives "statistical artifacts" as one of the possible non-astrological factors which could arise to invalidate an entry. Let us suppose that an entry obtained a statistically significant result, with a probability level of .0000000001. For all practical purposes this is virtual certainty. But, Dean could still claim it is a "statistical artifact" as such things do happen (a Type I error) and weasel out of declaring a "win."

I shall have to admit that I cannot find the specific quotation that I remember, viz. that a 3-word description was disallowed in one of the entries as being vague. This would have been another example of ad hoc rules. However, I have some comments about the rule that **all** the signs must be validated. I believe this is quite unfair. Perhaps Dean can propose a single experiment for a contest entry to prove the validity of all the natural chemical elements.

This will be all I have to say on this entire matter, unless Dean or someone else has a new thought or question.

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Re: Point 2 made by **Geoffrey Dean** (**MH** Oct. '84, p. 41) on whether I am a "colleague" of **Mark Melton**. Geoffrey has had no occasion to learn that Mark is not a professional astrologer. Mark is a professional geologist, geomorphologist, professor,

and so on. Mark's list of credits is lengthy, with one of the more recent credits being a guest lecturer at Oxford University in England where he presented a seminar on geomorphology and historical science. Since we are not associated through being in the same profession, Mark properly disclaims being a "colleague" to a professional astrologer. Nevertheless, Mark is an expert astrologer, but this talent is one of many.

Our friendship has lasted over 10 years, despite living on opposite coasts. From the beginning, Mark and I have shared information from our separate backgrounds of experience or expertise, as people do when they value a relationship.

Other points made by Geoffrey in the Oct. '84 **MH** could be brought up, such as the several times he used the word "proof" in his critique of my contest entry, but it might lead away from what I hope is the primary goal: that of establishing the most reliable elements in this maddeningly complex study. I prefer to go on record, once again, as supporting Geoffrey's attempts to test astrology. A discussion of methods and terminology is necessary, and to have the pages of **MH** open for it to be conducted before so many interested people is of inestimable value. Thank you, **Edith**, for creating this open forum.

BARBARA BRANN, Kansas City, MO Sept. 16, 1984

While traveling through Arizona this summer I discovered that the Navajo Indian Reservation observes Daylight Savings Time, though the rest of the state does not. I don't know how many years they have been doing this, but it is not reflected in the second edition of "The American Atlas" from A.C.S. Perhaps somebody living out there could look into this so that the next edition would have this discrepancy corrected.

J. Silveira deMello, 13th Extra, p.14 - I too have Saturn at 16° Scorpio, and on Jan. 2, 1984 I too broke a toe. It was the toe next to my little toe on my right foot. I don't remember the time however. Interesting correlation though. This is my first Saturn Return (may they be few and far between) and with it I have had one root canal done, with another needed, and I was to go into the hospital for an ovarian cyst removal on Feb. 8, 1984. The cyst was first discovered several months previous during T.Jupiter square my natal Mars. The surgery was cancelled, however the day that I was to be admitted into the hospital since the doctor, not wishing to perform any unnecessary operations checked me over one last time in her office, and discovered that the cyst had disappeared on its own. This was confirmed by a colleague of hers. Work has been very intense this whole year with Saturn in orb and I've been very worried about my father's health, since he nearly died Oct. 22, 1983 from arrhythmia, and a heart attack. (T. Sun conj. T. Neptune both semisquare T. Mars conj. T. Venus all in aspect to his 27° Cancer Sun and 0° Taurus Asc.) And, my 5 year old son nearly drove me nuts when T. Uranus squared his N. Saturn and wouldn't do ANYTHING he was told, requested or cajoled to do. Oh well, it will all soon be over. (My natal data for those interested is Sept. 7, 1955, 12:35 p.m., Detroit, MI 83W03 42N20).

Also, you requested information way back in Apr. '83, p. 5 for more on Kevin's chart published in July '82. (My maiden name is Goggin.) When Saturn hit the M.C. the first time, he learned that his company was having very bad financial problems. With the 2nd transit, the company filed for bankruptcy, and he was without a job. At this point, he moved back home, returned to college and is now pursuing an engineering degree. With his Jupiter Return at 3° Capricorn lasting so long, he has found a part-time construction job on the side that pays under the table, as well as carrying 16 credit hours. As for his health as an infant, my sister said that her delivery was no problem, and Kevin was as healthy as an ox from the time he was born. I'm afraid that it has been too long of a time to remember how he responded to the eclipse you asked about, but as for the 9th house transits, he had to travel with his job to Florida and Wisconsin. He hated it though cuz he loves being near his family, friends and familiar surroundings. When he returned from Florida he had the worse case of Acne I've ever seen.

Moon Moore, I wish to tell you how much I appreciate all the information you have included in your "Book of World Horoscopes." Now I don't have to convert house cusps to my

favorite house system (Koch) as you have already included them, as well as Placidus, Campanus, and Regiomontanus, and I don't have to look up the asteroids in my ephemeris. I know that those interested in heliocentric and midpoints will appreciate their inclusion. This Virgo with Scorpio rising appreciates all the work and research that went into compiling these charts. Thank you.

Betty Lundsted in your new book "Planetary Cycles" you have a sample chart of a woman named Jane. My marriage counselor for my first marriage is nearly her Astro Twin, born July 21, 1937 also. Her rising sign and degree are very close. Jane's is 11° Leo, and my counselor's is 3° Leo. The planets are all in the same houses. I wonder if these two would like to be put in touch with each other? Also, I'm curious if Jane ever did go on into a counseling position, either formally with a degree, or informally with astrology or any of the other things she studied for her own improvement? I've seen Sun conj. Pluto near the Asc. in the 12th and 1st, interested in psychology many times. Moon conj. Pluto in the 12th also, though it appeared to me that they had a harder time understanding themselves than the Sun/Pluto people. Nina, the counselor entered the field late in life though I'm not sure exactly when.

Linda Reiner, July '84, p. 23. You were wondering about names corresponding to the chart. My name means barbarian, foreigner or stranger and I have 5 planets in the 9th house of my chart including Pluto my Asc. ruler. My son's name is Brian which means strong. He is a Capricorn Sun in the 2nd house conj. Mars also in Capricorn, and he is strong. So these names and charts do connect. The funny thing is though that my mother tried to name me Debby and ever since I can remember if somebody forgets my name they will call me Debby 9 times out of 10. I'm not sure what the name Debby means, but it must connect with me also to follow me around like that. I do like Barbara better though.

Sometime back, people were submitting titles of songs with their sign correspondences. Recently I've fallen for a song about love with which I wish to share the words with **MH** readers. It seems like a song written by somebody undergoing a Pluto trans. to Venus, or by a Scorpio personality.

LOVE IS A STRANGER by Eurythmics

Love is a stranger in an open car. Tempt you in and drive you far away. (Repeated)

And I want you and I want you and I want you, so it's an obsession (repeated)

Love is a danger of a different kind. Take you away, and leave you far behind.

And love love love is a dangerous drug. You have to receive it, and you still can't get enough of the stuff.

It's savage, and it's cruel, and it shines like destruction, comes in like a flood, and it seems like religion.

It's noble, and it's brutal, it distorts, and deranges. And it wrenches you up, and you laugh like a zombie.

And I want you, and I want you, and I want you, so it's an obsession.

It's cute, and it's clever, and it's so sleek by design You know it's jealous by nature, false, and unkind.

It's hard and restrained and totally cool

It touches and it teases as you stumble in the debris

And I want you, and I want you, and I want you

So it's an obsession (repeated)

This item appeared in "Kodakery," the Eastman Kodak Newsletter to employees and retired personnel - received Sept. 25, 1984. Edith.

DISC CAMERA CAPTURES FLYING SAUCER

A photograph of what appears to be a flying saucer recently was printed in color across the front page of Verdens Gang, one of Norway's widely read daily newspapers.

The accompanying caption explained the picture had been taken by Pal Kristian Vaag on the west coast of Norway. He saw the UFO (unidentified flying object) moving slowly across the sky at a distance of 450 to 750 feet and estimated the "ship" to be 33 to 50 feet in diameter.

Vaag rushed indoors to get his camera and the UFO was still there when he returned. He snapped a picture with his Kodak disc 4000 camera. Shortly after, the UFO changed color from shining silver to gray and disappeared "as if someone had kicked it," Vaag told the newspaper.

The paper followed up the initial picture the next day with 2 full pages on the event, including a five-column picture of Vaag holding his Kodak disc 4000 camera. The picture outline identified the camera and explained how simple to use and how automatic it is.

The processed film and enlargements made from the negative picturing the UFO had been closely examined by Royal Norwegian Air Force experts, who could find nothing indicating that the photograph was phony, the newspaper reported. The experts confirmed that the object pictured appeared to be about 33 to 50 feet in diameter.

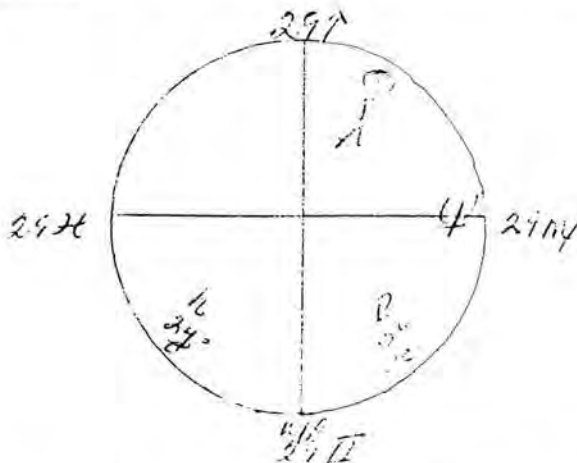
The newspaper later published more information. The disc film had been scrutinized by the strongest electron microscope in Norway, which confirmed that there were no mechanical or chemical flaws in the film.

The disc film has now been sent to NASA (Natl. Aeronautics & Space Admin.) in the U.S. for its opinion on the phenomenon. Its reply is awaited.

CAROLE FARMER, Saline, MI **Sept. 20, 1984**

Last Sunday, I attended an NCGR, Ann Arbor Chapter meeting at the home of Leigh Daniels, President. **Diana K. Rosenberg** from the NCGR New York Chapter was there to teach Uranian astrology, a 5-hour workshop. There was only one other student in the class, and the cost was only \$10, \$7.50 for an NCGR member.

Having an 8° Sag. Sun, I have had Neptune transiting my Sun sign for the past 14 years. My Asc. is 29° Pisces and the MC is 29° Sag., Neptune is at 29° Virgo on the Desc. During the past 14 years, I have had many kinds of mystical experiences which served to dissolve some of the more dogmatic parts of my Sag. nature. I believe that Neptune works primarily on the emotional astral body and that although, it many times is difficult to translate into objective terms, that the experiences it brings can dissolve the parts of the present personality structure that may be limiting a person from an all-encompassing expression of their nature, therefore, making the nature more compassionate, more empathetic, more pliable and fluid. This class in Uranian astrology provided such an experience.



I went to the workshop with a chart hastily grabbed at the last minute when leaving. As most astrologers, I have many charts, computerized and handwritten. I put no conscious thought into the chart that I took, but found that when I arrived that it was a chart that a friend of mine had made up for me many years before and that it contained the Witte Uranian planets. This was a main focus of the workshop. Previously I had known nothing of these planets.

This "synchronicity" had the effect on my consciousness of "take notice" "pay attention to what happens here."

The workshop was extremely satisfying in that it was very well-planned. The teacher discussed the history of Uranian astrology, gave reference materials, gave informative information on the meaning of the Uranian planets, explained the 90° wheel, discussed the meaning of 17 basic midpoint combinations, and ended by having the students put their own charts on a 90° wheel.

Diana emphasized that the Uranian planets enhanced the theme of the basic chart and sometimes explained events that could not be otherwise explained for the natal chart using traditional planets. Esoteric Astrology (p. 6) (an Alice Bailey occult classic) states that there are probably 70 hidden planets. I had a rather strong emotional reaction to these Uranian planets. To me, the "feeling" of these planets was much like my emotional reaction to the asteroids. They had rather mythical tone to them. I sensed that they related to a different space or a different time from the traditional planets. Yet in my own chart "fated" events had taken place when the points, were hit off. So they did affect the practical life situation.

The most important impact of the 5-hour workshop came however, in a discussion of the 90° wheel. Ms. Rosenberg noted that on the 90° wheel that the Sun and the earth were conjunct. This rather obvious fact made a profound impression on me. **Ray Merriman**, my astrology teacher uses the analogy of the Sun as the master and the planets as the servants of the master to help the student interpret the chart. Linda Goodman in her Sun sign books emphasizes the importance of being your Sun sign; and instinctively this has always seemed right to me. As a Sag., I have always felt that being the teacher, the traveller, the philosopher brought energy to me and integrated my total being.

The 90° wheel concept, however, makes the points square to the Sun, and the earth point which is opposite to the Sun became integrated as one point. My mind moved from those 4 points, becoming one, on the 90° wheel to the picture of the 4 points being in a grand square on the 360° wheel. If you think of your feet on the earth and the Sun at your head and the signs square to your Sun on each arm you get a picture of this relationship. Specifically for the sign of Sag., using the Gemini approach, ground the Sag. energy and helps to express it. For example, the teacher grounds the teaching by the use of the short anecdote, [analogy, the joke, the personal experience, and spontaneity. The good teacher continues to be the student. The teacher gathers new bits of information from a book, a magazine or a conversation, to enhance the teaching. The effective teacher studies communication to present the subject taught. The energies square to the Sun, the Pisces and the Virgo energies, are used to gain an emotional rapport or understanding of the audience on one hand and to organize and analyze the teaching on the other.

The class also helped me to understand another part of my chart which has always been troublesome. The most difficult part in my personal chart is when transits hit my 29° mutable angles. I always feel quite nebulous on those days. I just am not all there. I might be in a situation socially and I feel that I just can't respond, that I am in such a strange space that some part of me has dissolved, that my total being is so fluid that I cannot relate in a practical sense. But in addition to this, I always feel that not only do I have a sense of Neptunian dissolution, but I also feel like a part of me is literally dying. In the practical realm, old situations do dissolve and die away. After the transit, I always feel a renewed energy and positive new lease on life. Practically, new opportunities present themselves. This occurs time after time when the personal planets transit these points, and dramatically when Saturn transits these points. Through the workshop, I found that I had a Saturn-Pluto

midpoint on the 29° mutable or 89° point on the 90° wheel, and that emphasized the feelings of death or the end of things, while my natal Neptune on that degree gave the feeling of dissolution, that I felt. It explained also the fact that events did melt away in my life when that point was hit and my destiny did change. I also found that I had some positive midpoint configurations in the early degrees of the cardinal signs and that caused the feeling of rejuvenation.

From my experience with Neptune in my Sun sign, I believe that this planet may be considered a malefic because it does dissolve much that is the structure which is connected to the energy base or that which is considered to be essential to the nature. The essence of Sag. never left me during the 14-year transit of Neptune. I still get a lot of mileage out of travel, teaching and philosophy. They still integrate my being. But much of my personal life structure that was attached to those activities 14 years ago have been dissolved. I have been forced to confront the negative Sag. qualities and hopefully some of the dogmatism, the "do it big or not at all," the "I'm an authority and if you don't like it I'll leave," has dissolved.

Study of the 90° wheel, presents an opportunity to view points of action. I see these actions can be building tools and these actions may be necessary to build new avenues of expression when the Sun has been "afflicted" by transits.

Back to my title, "The Small Way." Personally, I like the grandiose classes at conferences that draw large audiences and hopefully make lots of money for the speakers and sponsors so that there may be more conferences.

What happened was a 5-hour class - a teacher - a group president - two students - \$10 for a non-member - \$7.50 for a member...For me it provided a foundation that I know I will use even if,

"in a small way."

PAMELA SHEARER, Taos, NM **Oct. 1984**

L. Carol Irvin: You might be interested in exploring harmonics. I know very little, but do believe that your 18° series of aspects all fit into the 9th harmonic, and 3rd and 6th harmonics, I think. I enjoyed your article.

Ronald Dawson: You would not want to hear of gloom, what with Libra Sun, Leo Moon, and Mercury and Venus conj. However, Mercury (the mind and speech), is in Scorpio and the 12th house, saying get to the bottom of this, research the subconscious, don't avoid the issues there, and that means encountering some gloom. I have just recently finished a few years transit of Pluto on my Mercury, which is what you're dealing with in part, and I understand your depression and anxiety. You maybe are even questioning your sanity. And with Saturn having recently been on your Mercury, too, the questions have been serious, heavy, even fearsome. Pluto and Saturn make it seem so relentless and so isolating, not a condition that a Libra Sun, or Leo Moon, or Mercury conj. Venus, takes willingly to. And while transits do pass, your natal Mercury in Scorpio, in the 12th, does incline you to depth of thought, which, if morosed about in, can bring in gloom. (There's nothing wrong with a little gloominess you know; it can help one appreciate being happy.) Anyway, to move on, Uranus' transit of your Saturn says your identity structures require some change, just in time for the approach of your 2nd Saturn return. It all adds up to now being the time to do some self-confronting and accepting. The stuttering may be part of what you get to deal with in this process, as Mercury is involved in speech, and its 12th house placement indicates some subconscious pattern involving, because it's in Scorpio, vindictiveness or resentment. A square to the Moon indicates a stressful relationship with a possibly overwhelming or all-powerful mother or mother-type influence. Its trine to Mars in the 8th brings some kind of abuse, anger, or power-play into the picture, and Uranus in the 4th house backs this up to me. If the child is a victim, he might easily be afraid to speak. If the child is the manipulator, stuttering may be a form of revenge, creating frustration, etc. In any case, now is the time to deal with all this and the other issues that must be pressing on your mind these recent months. If the North Node does indeed indicate what you get to learn in this lifetime, yours in Gemini relates to, among other things, speech and the collection of data, so to speak. The higher power does have its lighter side - it is ok, if not easy, to laugh, even at the gloom. Well, chart reading goes on and on, of course. I hope this little bit does help a little bit. (I know you're feeling hopeless - you left Jupiter out of the chart!)

I could use a little moral support with Pluto myself these days. It is sitting on my South Node, coming up on my Sun, with

Asc. and Moon next in line. Saturn has just passed but still influencing my Asc., and will be on my Moon at the birth of this baby. At this point my husband and I have split, and I am trying to do enough charts, sewing and spinning to make ends meet. The snow is 2 weeks early and I've still got 9 unsplit cords of wood. (At least it's there to split!) Now, that I write it out, it doesn't seem like so much, huh. Maybe I'll just take tomorrow off and build a snowman with the kids.

I nearly forgot - for those who like examples. A man near here had a motorcycle accident the day Pluto turned direct. It turned direct right on his Sun. Saturn conjoined his Mercury, and Uranus was within 2° opposition to his natal Uranus. Pluto on Sun and Saturn on Mercury are in the 1st house, and bring in the Moon, and a very close natal Mars-Saturn conj. (10') in Cancer, and in the 9th house. Uranus is currently in Sag. The accident happened less than a mile from his home, and resulted in his having part of one leg amputated, a pelvis broken in 4 places (9th principle) and the very near removal of his arms (8th principle). In addition, prog. planets were closely involved. I cannot find a logical reason why the idea of prog. planets should work, and so am endlessly amazed that they continually do.

BATYA STARK, Denver, CO **Nov. 1984**
AN ASTROLOGER'S CREDO*

From the very instant humankind first crawled out of the cave of transcendental isolation and looked skyward, the thrust of cosmic consciousness has been evermore in the direction of mindful universality. This is the **true** experience of the vast collective unconsciousness, which has led us, ever-striving, toward the focalization of our potentialities within a contextual perpetuation of our manifest destiny. And it is to that very socio-enculturation with its greater emphasis on the collectivity that the **truth** of astrology needs must address itself.

It is little wonder, therefore, that the paradigm of traditional, event-oriented astrology as espoused by certain outmoded practitioners of this esoteric art, is so thoroughly desynchronized within the totality of the Aquarian Age. Genuinely forward thinking astrologers have realized that their art is a process of actualization which materializes on the plane of transcendent manifestation. They are thus constantly challenged to recapitulate the organic wholeness of their innate potentialities, rather than merely dwelling on the superficial exigencies of a mundane universe. Moreover, these innate potentialities, being both invisible and indivisible are dualistic in nature, for they express a phase of atomistic interdependency that supersedes all other cyclic proclivities which are all too often ignored by an infrastructure which seeks to bind the soul into a specified consciousness. In this lies the true significance of the ritualistic variance of which the "ancients" so often spoke.

What question could be more important than those of a cosmic nature, and who better to answer the heart's yearning cry for the maximization of experience within a greater WHOLE. This is the true mission of the New Age astrologer: To promulgate the repolarization of planetarized consciousness within a meaningful collectivity. Therefore, the utilization of archetypal symbolologies toward this end will surely signal a breaking of the organically bound limitations of our interrelationships and reintegrate our archetypal understanding of FREEDOM. And thus, will the true transformative potentiality of astrology manifest into an integrated world consciousness. Generically speaking, we will then become a functioning part of a greater organism devoted to the enculturation of enlightenment heretofore unactualized in our socio-cultural milieu.

*Macbeth, V, v, 26-28.

WENDY HAWKS, Chicago, IL **Oct. 30, 1984**

What a grand time I had at the Oct. 26-28 NCGR Convention! And, I thoroughly enjoyed our chats at the Halloween Party and over lunch.

On your advice I bought Michelsen's Heliocentric Ephemeris, and got some brand-new insights into the nature of my being. Geocentrically, I have a T-square - Jupiter/Pluto in

Leo oppos. Moon in Aquarius, square Mars in Taurus. Heliocentrically, the picture changes quite radically - Venus in Sag. oppos. Saturn in Gemini, square Mars in Pisces. No wonder I value learning so highly! And no wonder I've attracted a number of Picean-type men (both positive and negative in character!).

During **Jake Schwartz's** lecture it was said that **Rob Hand** once mentioned if one has a "hard" Helio/"soft" Geo chart, one is exteriorly calm, but internally turbulent. With a soft Helio/hard Geo chart, the conditions are reversed. In my case, I have a T-square either way! However, my Geo T-square is in Fixed signs, while my Helio one is in Mutable. While it's not a simple matter to be objective about my own chart, I suspect the Mutable "T" is softer than the Fixed - there's more flexibility, I think. These days I'm reasonably calm on the inside, although it has, in the past, taken a considerable conscious effort on my part to develop this state of being.

Neil's lecture on methods of dousing was more interesting than might have been expected. You can douse for the conventional things: water, oil, gold, etc. You can also douse for a suitable location to build a home - simply by applying a dousing rod to a large map! In addition, you can even douse for a known or unknown birth time...this I find appealing. You can douse for radiation levels, too, and for those of us who frequently work in front of a computer screen, Neil suggested having a box of baking soda on top of the terminal in order to cut down the radiation level.

I came away from the convention feeling more knowledgeable. Not only have I had my initiation into helio astrology, but I also now know how to construct a geodetic chart, and have learned a little more about Jung's theory of synchronicity. I also purchased new books on Chiron, Rune Stones, and astrological secrets of the ancient Hebrew sages. Boning up on all this stuff should hopefully keep me out of trouble during the winter months!

All the very best to you, **Edith**, and to your fine staff at the **MH**. I earnestly await the next issue of your super magazine.

DALE HUCKEY, Eugene, OR **Oct. 24, 1984**

To **Hugh Jeffcoat** (Apr. '84, p. 19): My reference to the earth-centered universe of the ancients was merely a reminder that they weren't as infallible as some astrologers think. Your suggestion that their astronomical ideas were pretty good "given their limited perspective" only reinforces my point. I suggest that their astrological ideas, too, were pretty good "given their limited perspective." Their astronomical system, which you characterized as "a pretty good empirical observation," was nonetheless overthrown during the Copernican Revolution of the 16th and 17th centuries. Even ingenious ideas based on all the known facts can be found wrong in the light of subsequent advances in methodology and reasoning. Is astrology, surely a more subtle, complex and difficult subject than astronomy, exempt from this kind of progress? Are signs, houses, rulerships, progressions and astrological symbolism any more set in stone than epicycles, crystal spheres and the earth-centered universe? The "continued very good applicability" of the ideas handed down to us is no longer an uncontested fact. Astrology is beset with anomalies - right answers from wrong charts, several works-just-fine rectified times for a single chart, the inability of astrologers to agree - pointing in the same general direction. The **illusion** that astrology "works" is based on our knack for covering all bases with a multiplicity of interpretive factors, not on astrology's objective content, which is meager.

As for the Gauquelin work, you appear to share the common misconception that it pertains to career choice, which is not what the Gauquelins have been saying. They've pointed out that their distributions are nonrandom only for **eminent** professionals, not for ordinary professionals in the same fields. Thus the diurnal position of Mars had nothing to do with whether or not you **become** a professional athlete, but does affect your chances of success if you **are** one. Nor are the Gauquelins so naive as to think that the "Mars effect" applies only to athletes, or is the sole factor in athletic success. They see it as a psychological trait, one which happens to be

favorable for athletes and soldiers and unfavorable for artists and writers. Thus the use of professional success as a distinguishing category is hardly an "unfortunate mistake," as you suggest. The fact that the Mars effect does make a difference for these categories enables us to ask what kind of effect would make **that** kind of difference.

I have tentatively, for instance, characterized the Mars effect as "unlaziness," the physiological/psychological ability to get going and keep going. The athlete who has the "will power" to push himself in practice day after day, to put out maximum effort from beginning to end in athletic competition, has a consistent advantage over otherwise equally talented competitors. And this same quality might be a detriment to successful writing, which perhaps requires a more passive, feelers-out orientation to the world than the less reflective, more active quality of the Mars effect. This doesn't mean that an athlete with Mars "angular" will inevitably be successful, and will be unsuccessful without it, nor that a writer will succeed only without it and will fail if he has it. Obviously, there is more than one factor in athletic success or writing success, and in fact the strength of the statistical approach is it enables us to ascertain the effect of a single factor in a multifactor situation. Thus we would still expect an ordinary athlete with Mars "angular," who is not successful due to a conspicuous lack of the other factors that contribute to athletic success, to nonetheless display the self-starting tendencies I associate with the Mars effect and as a result to do better than he otherwise would have done. And we might expect a Mars effect writer, successful in spite of that effect perhaps due to an unusually favorable confluence of other factors, to display his Mars effect energy by being unusually prolific, as is the case, for instance, with Dane Rudhyar. But most of all we would expect a characteristic Mars effect to show up when Mars is appropriately located for all those people who don't belong to one of the Gauquelin categories. Those categories were the means by which the Mars effect was discovered, but it isn't limited to them by any means. Thus Henry Kissinger and ex-President Ford, both of whom have angular Mars, are both noted for being hard workers and self-starters. And one of my housemates, who has Mars on the Dsc, is a constant flurry of activity. She gets an incredible amount of work done, though that is not the ultimate measure of her worth, any more than the lack of the Mars effect is a measure of mine. The point, I think, is that any given aspect that can be shown to have a definite effect is going to be favorable in some circumstances and unfavorable in others, and the right use of astrology may be in determining what those effects are, what those circumstances are, and acting accordingly. Statistics is **one** approach which can be useful in this regard, although, and this may surprise you, it is not my own preferred approach to astrological research.

To return to your opening statement, it may be that a more empirically precise astrology is indeed the desire of many astrologers, but that desire, if it exists, has yet to be effectively implemented. Perhaps I am merely impatient. Signs of change, such as the founding of **MH** and the publication of "Recent Advances," are in the air. But a more thoroughgoing change is needed. Indeed, as I suggested in my letter to **Mark Melton** (Oct. '84, p. 12), it may be that the form of reasoning characteristic of the current astrological paradigm actually subverts the empirical impulse. Astrologers might wish to be empirical, to base their conclusions on facts rather than preconceptions, but they will have to learn a new way of thinking before they can do so effectively. A great many astrologers reason very much like Ptolemy, for whom the following is a typical example: "The nature of Mars is chiefly to dry and to burn, in conformity with his fiery color and by reason of his nearness to the Sun, for the Sun's sphere lies just below him." His astronomical facts underlying his astrological conclusions are wrong - the limited perspective already referred to - and his reasoning is not very good, though it was undoubtedly very good according to the standards of his time. But standards change, and the direction of change in this instance insures that we no longer need feel in awe of "ancient wisdom." We are already better astrologers than the ancients,

if for no other reason that that we are now becoming capable of seeing through to the core of traditional astrology and grasping its bedrock fallacies. That presages a quantum leap to a new level of understanding, one that will, in my opinion, invalidate basic conceptions which it has heretofore been unthinkable to question. That's what happened during the Copernican Revolution, and astrology in the 20th century, particularly in the latter part of this century, has experienced a comparable upsurge of interest and is in a comparable state of ferment. We can become part of the rearguard and resist the paradigm shift that I believe is happening, or we can join the effort to contribute to the radically new kind of astrology that is emerging phoenix-like from the ashes of the old.

JOAN ABEL, New York, NY

Dec. 2, 1984

Have you noticed, in your researches, that when a transiting planet (especially a big outer one) gets within a few degrees of LEAVING a house, it kicks up a sort of "farewell" party? I've noticed that in other people's charts, and now I think Neptune's kicking up a mass o' gas in my 10th!

JIM HAYNES, Hollywood, CA

Oct. 20, 1984

Something's been bothering me for 5 years and I think it's about time I got it off my chest. Maybe it's a small thing, and yet there may be a moral here. I make a lot of mistakes, but I try to stick to the facts, ma'am. What I'm trying to say is that we shouldn't be so hard on the hospitals to give us correct birth time if we don't keep our own facts straight. This is in reference to the plane crash on May 25, 1979 in Chicago of Flight 191 on takeoff in which it is reported that 272 people were killed. I remember when I used to work at United Air Lines that we stressed safety and when one of our planes went down it was a personal sorrow, which continues to this day with me. Two articles were written about this incident in the AFA Bulletins and the names are not important here, although they are top astrologers, one I consider to be a good friend, and the other I have never met but I know she is an excellent astrologer. But the point is that both articles reported the plane to be United Air Lines Flight 191. But the fact is that the plane belonged to American Airlines, a fact I just verified by American Airlines themselves. This may be a small item of reporting here, but what if the item had been a wrong person, city, or event?

MARC PENFIELD, Hollywood, CA

Nov. 25, 1984

Now, for the dilemma of Pres. Ronald Reagan's birthtime. According to the NADI System of Rectification, these are the times that he could have been born during the early morning hours: 2:06, 2:54, 3:48, 5:03, 5:30, 5:57 and 6:36 a.m. If you prefer an afternoon birthtime, then the times are 1:32, 2:20 or 3:14 p.m. Using the morning birthtimes, the first three yield a Sag. rising, the ensuing three give a Capricorn Asc. and the final one has Aquarius rising. The afternoon times all give a Cancer Asc. Since the major purpose of his administration, and what historians will judge him on, is the financial situation of the nation, I personally feel that the Sun should be placed in the 2nd or 8th house. If you prefer a morning time, then the MC would have to be between 7 Libra and 10 Scorpio, the Ascendants ranging somewhere from 15 Sag. to 14 Capricorn. All afternoon birthtimes here given would place the Sun in the 8th house. The only morning times when the Sun could be in the Koch 2nd house are either 3:48 (MC 13½ Libra, Asc. 20 Sag.) 5:03 (MC 3½ Scorpio, Asc. 8 Capricorn or 5:30 a.m. (MC 10½ Scorpio, Asc. 15 Capricorn). From my basic research, the morning birthtimes given (3:48, 5:03 and 5:30 a.m.) all have something to offer. Of the afternoon, only the first two (1:32 and 2:20 p.m.) give any definitive clues.

The events I used to base my conclusions were:

June 1932	Graduation from High School
until 1937	Sportscaster in Des Moines
1937	First movie in Hollywood
Jan. 25, 1940	Married Jane Wyman
1948	Divorced from Jane Wyman
March 4, 1952	Married Nancy Davis
Jan. 1967	Governor of California
Jan. 20, 1981	President of the U.S.A.
March 30, 1981	Assassination attempt

My personal favorite of all birthtimes, morning or afternoon, is 3:48 a.m.

Another interesting thing I've found, is that the number of the Administration often corresponds to basic numerological axioms. For example, Reagan's administration is No. 40, which equals Uranus. If indeed, 13½ Libra is rising with an Asc. of 20 Sag., then Reagan, who is an Aquarian fits right into the picture, with the Sun and Uranus in the 2nd house.

Carter (39) Jupiter, semi-square the Asc.
 Ford (38) Moon, Ford was a Cancer.
 Nixon (37) Sun, trine the Asc., in the 5th house.
 Johnson (36) Mars, rising in the 1st house.
 Kennedy (35) Saturn, in the 10th house, conj. the MC.
 Eisenhower (34) Neptune, semi-square the Asc.
 Truman (33) Venus, conj. the MC, Libra rising, Sun in Taurus.

Roosevelt (32) Mercury, Virgo rising, Gemini MC, Mercury inconj. the Asc.
 Hoover (31) Uranus, square the Asc.
 Coolidge (30) Jupiter, sextile the MC
 Harding (29) Moon, sextile, the Asc.
 Wilson (28) Sun, square the Asc.
 Taft (27) Mars, conj. the MC, Scorpio rising
 Roosevelt (26) Saturn, semi-square the Asc.
 McKinley (25) Neptune, rising in the 1st house.
 Cleveland (24) Venus, conj. the MC
 Harrison (23) Mercury, trine the MC
 Cleveland (22) Uranus, trine the Asc.
 Arthur (21) Jupiter either sextile/trine the Asc. depending on whether you use the year of birth as 1829 or 1830.

Garfield (20) Moon, sextile the MC
 Hayes (19) Sun, semi-square the MC
 Grant (18) Mars, square the Asc.
 Johnson (17) Saturn, trine the MC, Sun in Capricorn
 Lincoln (16) Neptune, rising in the 1st house (Sag. rising) or conj. the MC (Aquarius rising).

Buchanan (15) Venus, Sun in Taurus
 Pierce (14) Mercury, sesquare the Asc.
 Fillmore (13) Uranus, square the Asc.
 Taylor (12) Jupiter, semi-square the Asc., Sun in Sag.
 Polk (11) Moon, opposite the Asc.
 Tyler (10) Sun, rising in the 1st house, square the MC.
 Harrison (9) Mars, opposite the MC
 Van Buren (8) Saturn, rising in the 1st house.
 Jackson (7) Neptune, trine the Asc. (wide).
 Adams (6) Venus, sextile the MC.
 Monroe (5) Mercury, square the Asc.
 Madison (4) Uranus, in Aquarius
 Jefferson (3) Jupiter, inconj. the Asc.
 Adams (2) Moon, sextile the MC, inconj. the Asc.
 Washington (1) Sun, sextile the MC

If I had the birthdates, and correct birthtimes, for the opposing candidates at the time of each election, it would be quite elucidating to decipher which candidate would win the election. The next administration will be a No. 5 = Mercury, so the candidate will probably have Mercury in aspect to either the Asc., MC, have Mercury in Gemini or Virgo, in the 3rd or 6th house, or himself/herself be a Gemini or Virgo. Let's wait and see, OK?

JOHN R. VANDERVEKEN, San Jose, CA Oct. 23, 1984

To **Pat Lewis** (Oct. '84, p. 5). I would like to mail you something in answer to your call for help of June 13: I could not find the time. I'll try to communicate directly with you in a couple of weeks.

To **Loretta Pearce** (Oct. '84, p. 7). Thanks for giving the epilogue of the Stuart family tragedy. Could it be possible to find now the birthdata of the criminals and the death data for Cloran; also the time of the sentence condemning Giambi, June 14, 1984. When you first published the crime in the 11th Extra, p. 14, a list of all the aspects and midpoints within 1° of orb to the Asc. and the MC of the event's chart...there were about 240 of those contacts for each angle!!! My idea was to sort those points in Parans, so to reconstitute the sequences of the actions

within 8 min. of time, and so, maybe, have a glimpse at the motives of the killer. Because of the complexity of the problem, the total ignorance of accurate birthdata for the victims, the time-consuming process to be used, I felt I was in a dead-end and I GAVE UP. However if we could have now the essential missing data we could make the work "a posteriori" and probably develop a system or technic to be used in solving future problems.

To **Joyce Wehrman** (Oct. '84, p. 21) about reading Karma "as a good game" you are right. I came to the same conclusion after I attended a lecture on the Moon's Nodes and Karma. I'm afraid we (most of the time) try to find a Karma "excuse" for our present failures. "Character is destiny," said Max Heindel.

When you say to a guy: "You are driving much too fast" and he answers "The other drivers are afraid when they see me speeding, and they yield the way!" And when later you learn he died in a car accident, you know the seed of that accident was in his character, he has collected the "reward" of his arrogance, "cash and carry"...

To **Delphine Jay**, to **Zane Stein**, to **Al H. Morrison**, about **Lilith and Chiron**. Did any of you ever have the opportunity to find in a chart a conjunction of the 2 factors, and what it means? Here is one: Cota, Fernando Velasco born Aug. 10, 1948, time not known. Chiron conj. Lilith both in square to Sun, and sesquiquare mid-point Venus/Uranus. A "nice guy"...one time convicted as rapist in El Paso (Texas) and kindly "recycled" in our civilized world...linked to the abduction and murder of 2 women, suspected for the disparition and murder of at least 5 other women in San Jose, in a 5 weeks time. Shot and killed himself when checked by road patrol for erratic driving. The body of a woman who had disappeared 2 days earlier was found in his van. Cota had converted part of his apartment into a torture chamber...this is obviously a case of "untamed devious and erratic hidden sex drive"...

JIM HAYNES, Hollywood, CA 20 Dec. 1984

The inauguration of Pres. Reagan for his second term will soon be a thing of the past, showing the accuracy of my July prediction of his victory, as I also predicted his victory in Aug. 1980. Since I am still battling 1000 for my first two attempts at this sort of thing, perhaps I'd better quit while I'm ahead.

Loretta H. Pearce, Jan. '85, p. 47: I agree with you heartily. When I was studying Tropical, and again when I got into Sidereal, I was told to "Make your returns where you are, but look at the natal angles." I did, and after awhile I didn't even make the natal angles, with disappointing results. I awoke from my slumber after reading an article "At Home or Abroad" by John Mazurek, once the Director of the San Francisco School of Sidereal Astrology. And I said to myself: Hey, maybe I'm missing something. This was a natal/residence return article about Isadora Duncan, the dancer. She was born in San Francisco, but died in Nice, France, maybe 7,000 miles away.

The natal chart "foresaw" her death and how, for Mars was in the 4th house in close aspect to the Asc. The return for Nice, France shows Mars, Saturn and Pluto ineffective in cadent houses with Uranus and Neptune weak by interceptions. But in the natal return chart, Mars is angular in close square to the Asc., with Moon in the 7th - life hangs in the balance - and Sun opposite Saturn from 8th/2nd houses, Saturn also being on the 8th watch cusp of death in the Octotopos chart. Isadora Duncan died when her long-fringed shawl caught in the spokes of a wheel as it pulled away, instantly breaking her neck.

If you wish you can check it out for yourself: Isadora Duncan, born May 27, 1878, 2:25 a.m. Pacific Standard Time, San Francisco, Calif. 122W25 37N47. She died May 28, 1927, at Nice, France, 7E17 43N42. It is also interesting that she died one day after her birthday, when the Asc./Desc. axes were reversed.

This got longer than I expected, or wanted; but the main thing, it seems to me: you are born with one name, one set of fingerprints and you don't change either, just because you move far away. Why change your chart? I think one's birth chart has a strong affinity with us and, apparently, I'm not alone in this. Lydia Schmuser, a smart "thinking astrologer," upon seeing a return at a location, instead of natal return, said:

"Excuse me, but this is someone else's chart."

Mollie Sommer, p. 51: I am in perfect agreement with you. I think all rectified time should be given with the original time. Then we can either agree, or disagree with the writer - at our option, not theirs. How about it, **Edith**?

Diane Zeines, p. 59: Well, I'm human, too, and sometimes I get sexual fantasies, too. But I didn't think you'd be interested in those. I like your letters and your outlook on astrology.

Zan Key, p. 59: On the accidents I think you hit a gusher. Your Mars/Node (North) conjunction seems powerful. Try Mars aspected to Moon or even natal Moon and see if that shows up in arrests or accidents. That combo is supposed to be strong in those areas, but I haven't had a chance to check it out for myself.

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Quite a long time has passed since my last letter to **MH**. I have received some very interesting letters from readers concerning my questions about agoraphobia. I don't have an answer as to its cause (astrologically or otherwise) and I am still under its nasty spell. I would like to share some of the conjectures posed by the astrologers who wrote to me. My understanding of astrology is fairly limited, so some of the data was foreign to me, but I will try to give what I got from it.

There seems to be several theories about the actions of Saturn. The first attack for me happened at the end of my Saturn return. I have Saturn conj. Neptune, conj. the midpoint of Mars/Uranus. Pluto is sextile and a Sun/Moon conj. semi-sextile this **Shirley Meiers** position.

John Vanderveken has postulated that the New Moon of Sept. 17 for St. Paul (Sun conj. Moon conj. Asc.) in square to Nept. at the 4th house cusp was a very important event to trigger the attack. The conj. of the luminaries occurred at the exact midpoint of natal PL and Sa/Ne at the sextile of the natal New Moon at the square of the prog. Sun. I'm not sure I understand all of this and I hope John will have a chance to see other agoraphobics' charts.

Saturn/Neptune discussed the cardinal T-square with the 6th house rulers being the focus points in 2 agoraphobic charts she has studied. I have a Sun/Moon/4th house conj. in Scorpio and the other person has Pluto in Leo in 4th house. Her condition began when T PL hit NE in her 6th (focus of the T-Square) and mine when T PL squared Mars which is on the 6th house cusp. We both have Moon conj. Sun, she has Ne in 6th, I have Saturn conj. Nep.

Dale Huckleby wrote that the Saturn return probably did have something to do with the onset of the agoraphobia. The transit was nearly partile in Sept. '82 when the first attack happened. He sees a possible connection to Saturn being in its "period of obscurity." He said he was going to write more on this in **MH** so I will let him describe his findings.

Don Borkowski saw the Jupiter/Moon opposition as being significant. With Ju in the natural Sag. house, wide open spaces would be appealing; freedom desirable. But with Sun in 4th it emphasizes the need for a Cancerian "shell." Mercury is in Sag. in the 4th owning both traits at the same time. The sq from Sun/Moon to Pluto/12th and Asc. emphasize that the need to reconcile these two parts of my life could create psychological problems.

I'm not sure how well I described the different theories presented by each of the writers, but this is some of the information I have received. Maybe it can help other astrologers looking into the problem of agoraphobia. If anyone has any other information, I would love to hear from you. My birth data is Nov. 16, 1952, 11:37 p.m., Freeport, Illinois.

I want to thank all of you who shared your insights with me and hope that someone might be able to give me indications of when things might start changing or of what steps I can take to get cured. I would love to hear from other agoraphobics as well.

BATYA STARK, Denver, CO

Nov. 1984

A strange astronomical phenomena occurred over Denver a few nights ago which was only visible at this altitude, and therefore I wanted to share it with all my fellow **MH** devotees.

Let me preface it first by saying that you are all aware, of course, of Mercury's Moon which is never retrograde, even when Mercury is. Well, **three** additional Moons of Mercury have now been sighted! Astounding! In fact NCAR (the National Center for Atmospheric Research) which is headquartered just outside Denver at first denied any such sighting, saying instead that it was swamp gas. But since the nearest swamp is over a thousand miles from here, very few people believed them. The AFA, however, issued a statement saying that: "We should all respect authority, and if the Federal government says there are swamps in Denver, then surely this evidence is incontrovertible."

However, to esoteric research astrologers such as myself, all this came as no surprise. For years I have been waiting patiently for this sighting to take place. I ran outside and quickly made the necessary observations in order to calculate an ephemeris, and would be sending it along with this report except that my dog ate it. And so, for the time being, **MH** readers will have to wait until they are once again sighted (which according to my calculations should be on Nov. 17, 1992) for the ephemeris to be complete.

Meanwhile I can tell you about the mythology of these new moons (which are not to be confused with New Moons which occur monthly and cause dogs to howl, psychos to go off their nuts and drunks to break furniture). As foretold by Nostradamus, these are indeed, Flopsie, Mopsie and Cottontail. The original non-retrograde moon being Peter. They are all benefic except Peter, who steals radishes. And since we get so many valuable insights from mythology, it will be no surprise to you that these new gods in our celestial pantheon prove beyond any doubt that the planet which we now call MERCURY was originally called McGREGOR. I therefore wonder if you might consider changing the name of the **Mercury Hour** to the **McGregor Hour**? What a terrible confusion that would cause. No doubt even greater than the one when Hershel changed its name to Uranus. Well, astrology survived that controversy, and I am certain will survive this one.

For the time being, all I can share with everyone out there in **McGregor Hour** land is the data of the sighting and hope that someone else will be able to add to the compound wisdom.

Sighting: Nov. 6, 1984, 11:26 a.m. Mountain Standard Time 39N45 104W59

Flopsie: 26°15' Cancer - Mopsie: 7°04' Gemini - Cottontail: 12°34' Capricorn.

Peter, as you know, remains hidden behind Mercury (**McGregor**) and was therefore not sighted.

Everyone should put them in their charts, because with only 2175 asteroids we will eventually run out of new things to add to the birthchart. Let me know what you find.

DON BORKOWSKI, Salem, OR

23 Dec. 1984

In the past year and a half, **Georgie** and I have been involved with having our gifted son's intelligence evaluated. We have both been through the evaluation ourselves. We were tested by an affiliate of the SOI Institute under the method of J.P. Guilford's Structure of Intellect. Guilford's most basic, concise book is "Way Beyond the IQ." Mary Meeker has also elaborated upon Guilford's work. The Structure of Intellect is a model of thought processes that identifies the components of intelligence. It is believed that if the more fundamental components are exercised in a pure state, intelligence can be taught. Also, the ramifications for astrology are immense. If an astrologer becomes familiar with the SOI concepts, s/he can make great gains in understanding, the self, the client and astrology itself. If I may quote liberally from a pamphlet called "A Beginner's Reader About J.P. Guilford's Structure of Intellect" by Mary Meeker, "the Structure of Intellect is a model of intellectual abilities," described by an **operation** acting upon **content** to give a **product**. While the correlations between the Structure of Intellect and astrology probably exist, I still don't know them all, and I am enjoying getting my thought processes provoked.

The operations are cognition, memory, evaluation, convergent production, and divergent production. Cognition is

the most fundamental operation, meaning simply awareness or comprehension. We all can define memory, but memory is an intellectual operation, as it is the recall of information saved for future use. Evaluation is another familiar term; it is synonymous with decision making and the use of judgment. Convergent production is the ascertaining of the one correct answer, where more than just recall is needed. Much schoolwork is keyed to convergent production, even to the point of stifling creativity. Divergent production is the expansion of information toward many correct solutions.

Contents can be described as figural, symbolic, semantic, or behavioral. Figural contents include shapes, sounds, tangible things and things taken as a whole. Symbolic content is represented by such things as letters, digits, glyphs and other codes "in which the elements have no significance in and of themselves." Semantic content refers to words and ideas, whether reference is made to tangibles or intangibles. There is an element of abstraction insofar as two people might picture totally different images of the same word. Behavioral content refers to thoughts, feelings, emotions and non-verbal information.

Products deal with the way contents are organized; products are described as units, classes, relations, systems, transformations and implications. Units are single items. Classes are groups of units that have something in common. Relations are connections between items of information. Systems are structured collections of items of information. Transformations are the changing of given information into new information. Implications refer to cause and effect and also to applying known thought processes to new situations.

At any rate, I can't teach a whole philosophy in a few short paragraphs. Some of the keywords I've mentioned will ring many bells in astrologers' minds, e.g. transformations and Pluto, systems and Saturn. I really believe, for example, that astrology should address all 120 combinations, not just those with behavioral contents. Also, the greatest stumbling block to all sciences is the barrier established by ignoring divergent production. It puzzles me that astrologers can revel in all the differences in humanity, yet be dogmatic about their own pet techniques. Nonetheless, I do recommend reading Guilford and Meeker as a first-class eye-opener.

AL H. MORRISON, New York, NY **21 Dec. 1984**

Jan Walsek: To answer your query - The Alcabitius or classical house system describes more closely the way of life the native tends to choose in the absence of social order, or relative absence, rather, since we can't quite escape other people. That is, what the native is most inclined to do if nobody else has to be taken into account.

The GENERAL DRIFT chart describes exactly what a native will do during a time in which there is literally nothing to do, as waiting-for Godot, or an arrival of somebody who has decided not to keep the date, or for a jet that one cannot board until it arrives and is ready for boarding.

The Placidus system is thought to be an effort to improve on the Alcabitius system. Where the Alcabitius system defines intermediate cusps by moving the Asc. over a period of time, the Placidus system moves the MC to create the intermediate cusps. Thus, the Placidus system shows us more of what the native does while taking society, other people, into consideration. MC is one's actual status in society. Alone, as in the ideal Alcabitius concept, there is no society to take into account, so the focus is more on the Asc.

Equal houses are merely a way of abandoning effort to even estimate house cusps. One either takes the Asc. or the MC (both of them readily and certainly observable on a fair day in any Stone Circle, obvious), and makes all the other house cusps be harmonic-like reflections of the starting point, merely a set of arbitrary aspects to the starting point. Here, the free individual has to start and proceed and end with **me first** (Asc.), where those bound into any lack of freedom are stuck with echoes of not so much 10 house (MC) as 4th house, the opposite: **Just what are you, anyhow?**

In high latitudes intercepted houses are common in all systems other than equal house, as the shape and tilt of our

planet require unequal arcs. I think Equal House is largely a shirking of the learning how to delineate intercepted signs. I find when two or more signs are intercepted in the same house (any system) that delineation is quite challenging.

Campanus and Regiomontanus are both based on arbitrary divisions of flat hypothetical planes slicing through the center of our planet. I get the impression that Sidereal Astrology works more accurately with Campanus Houses. William Lilly used Regiomontanus Houses.

Koch Houses seem to me to reveal more of the native in the sense the psychoanalyst discovers. The inner person, not always or even often visible to the casual beholder, is revealed routinely. This is a more subjective sort of view, what the native feels is more important, more real.

I am sure that Walter Koch had no idea that his way of computing intermediate cusps would work this way. He was merely seeking to refine the idea of time-based house systems to remove what he considered to be a geodetic (mathematical) error in the Placidus system. In Germany Edith Wangemann has examined vast numbers of event charts and has compared different house systems, and has found statistical proofs that the Koch system's intermediate cusps are more exactly involved in events, describing rail, automobile and plane accidents more exactly than any other system. I have here in New York witnessed incidents of street violence, attempted stabbings, that sort of thing, with Uranus or Mars exactly on the Koch 3rd house cusp, as specified in Edith Wangemann's accident cases.

I have found that when the purpose of the chart is elective, and has to do with installing some religious order or arrangement related to ritual, the Porphyry system is more appropriate. There are too few instances of this sort of thing to justify any firm dogma - just that it seems to me in my experience that Porphyry here works better.

The house system I use for a given consultation depends on what the situation is, what the client is like, what the client perceives the situation or problem to be. Usually, Placidus, as most ordinary activity, at least in big cities, involves the social order and coping with other people as (usually specific) individuals. When I get ambushed into something resembling psychiatric first aid, I go to Koch houses.

Adele Knudsen: Thank you for the kind words in MH! In delineating a Natal chart, I look for the sign, house, and aspects of the Moon. If it will make no further Ptolemaic aspect before leaving the sign, that merely adds another factor to the delineation. The House still mentions the field of interest, circumstances, conditions in which the native copes with public expression; or, the stage on which the immediate emotional response is played out. The Sign still shows the function fulfilled by all this emoting, emotional stress, the emphasis the native will place on the role that must be played, some way or other.

The natal Moon void of course merely takes away from the native any direct, explicit 'tool' with which to do the job, any 'method' for guidance in the role-playing/acting/behavior. Lacking this equivalent of equipment, naturally the native tends to be insecure about it. As Dona Spano points out, the native can reconcile this sense of insecurity into a feeling that one does not really need all the material stuff that props most people up. (It's a nice article. I am going to reprint it.) The net result is the greater security of being really free. Paradox.

Reading a Natal chart is not done by the same rules as Horary, Elective or Judgements of Events, at all. You never lose quite the ambience in a Natal chart of the general ties in qualities and elements shared by Moon and planets. The lack of applying aspect merely tells us more of stress to be coped with and made constructive.

Don Borkowski: I have no experience of the 19th century, but I remember in the 1920s that Memorial Day and 4th of July Parades in North Little Rock, Ark. generally began at 10 o'clock and wound up about 1 p.m. I remember big Armistice Day parades in Little Rock in the 20's (real machine guns firing blanks from army trucks) beginning around 10 a.m. and running on into the mid-afternoon.

I was partly mistaken on the sequence of Pluto symbols.

Sky & Telescope has just printed an article showing a P L combination proposed in 1930, but not the presently used form. There is no information at hand on when that change happened.

JUDITH GEE, London, England 16 Dec. 1984

Gilbert Navarro and his Horary Moon aspects, most interesting...thanks. Also shall read *Along the Tarot Path* by **Fran Rosen**...all very informative.

Esther Moldauer writes of Chiron influence for U.S. Presidents and claims the same for Israel, but gives no data, so can't check up. Fancy being checked up on article I wrote in 1956, have completely forgotten this, but Colin Wilson was born in Leicester...and if I wrote, London, was error or oversight, have forgotten by now, nearly 30 years on!

Don't want to tangle with Christianity, but Jesus was not a Christian and was a conforming Orthodox Jew. It would have been bizarre in the extreme to have a Last Supper BEFORE the Seder Night. Did he know he was to be killed? No the theology is very tangled...and have always read over many years that the Last Supper was the Seder night.

To **Frank Jakubowsky**: again won't argue about the Eclipse, I can only quote scientist on this...and if Frank differs...so be it! As the Gospel was not written until 100 years later, it is all very hearsay and suspect.

Indira Gandhi's chart was an old one, and came I think from the Hindu Astrology magazine, but think this could be checked up with the murder date of that unfortunate lady...please do so.

Frank Hughes letter is of major interest. He is correct in the NOW contention, as we only live NOW...we act, think, live NOW. We experience NOW and from reports of other dimensional experiences, it is the same NOW. But he is wrong about TIME as we experience NOW in the framework of TIME. Time is very real, as I have written in other letters...it is a measure and it is measured by Astrology, rotation of Earth, orbit of Earth round Sun and cycle of Moon. Outside the Solar system there is no Time as we know it. We do indeed live in our past, it is always with us, and we live towards the future, which is a continuum of the past. Otherwise, no birth, growth, decay...no development of human, animal and nature. All mystics exhort us to concentrate on NOW and not lose ourselves in daydreams of the future. Take no heed for the morrow. Now we have this light of understanding we can grow and develop into a new and renewed Realism.

Lois Rodden chides me for saying Moon Square Uranus means divorce...and cites clients or people she knows who marry happily and for long periods with this aspect...I stand corrected...but have not met this in my experiences.

Best of good wishes, health, wealth and happiness to you and you-all fellow Mercurians!

AMY FRANCO, Atlanta, GA Dec. 26, 1984

Diane Zeines (Jan. '85, pp. 57-58): You made some excellent points in your response to **Bill Haneen's** remark concerning how "experience has shown any seasoned astrologer, etc." Each person is different and is capable of using his free will to vary his reactions to the natal chart configurations, transits and progressions. **Robin Armstrong** makes a good case in his letter (p. 52) about 3 people with the same chart. He put it beautifully..."The music was the same, but they each had a unique way of dancing to the tune." I have seen and heard about similar cases - the most dramatic example being 2 charts with Uranus conj. the Asc. and aspecting most of the other planets. One man has been in jail most of his life and the other is a pioneering surgeon.

Related to this, I am very uncomfortable with **Penny Bertucelli's** article (pp. 44-45) where Herbert Pavels demonstrates Adolf Eichmann's moral character and guilt by analyzing his natal chart. This is a very dangerous practice. (In his excellent book, "The Astrology Game," **Dean** discusses the possibility of lawyers using astrological data in future trials.) I know of a case here in Atlanta where one astrologer tried to get another astrologer kicked out of the Society because she was "unfit" due to certain aspects in her natal chart. She got the support of an unscrupulous psychologist who also misuses astrology, but fortunately, the lady under attack was not

intimidated. As a result, the other woman left the Society and has not attended a meeting since. (She has been busy with another astrological society.) Taken to its logical conclusion, judging people from their natal charts could lead to sending those with "bad aspects" to death camps. Eichmann himself would have loved it.

I have also been the recipient of an unfair astrological judgement. After studying astrology for about 5 years, I decided to have a "professional" interpretation by a man from whom I had taken an astrology class. I think he meant well, as he was a good teacher and one of the pioneers in astrological computer programming, but he did not know me and wound up projecting his moral garbage on me. He began the session by stating, "The best accomplishment you can achieve in this life is to stay married." He felt that because I have Uranus in the 7th house trine the Moon and both sextile Venus that I had spent my "past lives doing drugs and having sex" and that my Capricorn Asc. and Saturn semi-square Venus meant "it was time to stop it" and that I should "have about 5 kids to stay out of trouble." My ex-husband, who was listening, stood up and said, "I think you've got the wrong chart there!" The astrologer looked puzzled and had completely changed his attitude toward me by the end of the session. He was amazed that someone as hedonistic, "spiritually immature" and unfocused as myself knew as much as he did about chakras, energy and yoga. But those things should not have mattered, anyway. The client is not there to impress the astrologer.

Also, my past life readings before and since that time do not support his theory. One of the consistent problems I have had is a lack of self-confidence, a fear of taking credit and responsibility and not enough faith in my spirituality to teach it to others. One of my quests for this life is to tackle these problems. It appears to me that being married with 5 kids would not help me to develop the qualities I need. (I'm not knocking mothers. I'm simply content with one child.)

To change the subject - Trans. Jupiter has just conj. my Asc. and I feel "simply marvelous." But I am concerned about gaining weight. I remember **Diane Zeines** wrote about how she has gained and I just saw an old dear friend who has an earlier degree of Capricorn on his Asc. and he has gotten so fat I hardly recognized him! I have noticed that people who are permanently (disgusting) thin don't gain with this transit. Since trans. Saturn sextiled my Mars and Asc. I lost 8 lbs. (a lot on a 5' 1" frame). When helio trans. Uranus squared my natal helio Mars (rules my 3rd house) a drunk lady crashed into my car. As a result, I met a chiropractor who has changed my diet and has gotten me involved in Kundalini Yoga - which is very vigorous and has not upset me psychically.

The last time Jupiter was in my 1st house I gained 20 lbs. in one month - but then, I was under an incredible amount of stress since I had gotten into very serious legal trouble the day trans. Saturn squared my natal Sun. I'd had it coming to me, as this was the inevitable result of activities stimulated by trans. Neptune's conj. to my Moon and trans. Pluto's conj. to Venus. (The day Neptune conj. my Moon, I, naive 16, went to a party and drank a glass of orange juice that had a mega-dose of LSD. I had flashbacks for a week.) Jupiter's protective influence was working, evidently, as I went to Court but not to jail.

I also just had my first Saturn return and I feel wonderful. It's hard to describe; I feel more confident, at peace, grounded and in touch with my purpose. I feel that it was painful when prog. Moon conj. my natal Moon 2 years ago - But I was also beginning to experience trans. Neptune's square to natal Sun. I had to confront tons of garbage in my psyche - and release it.

Another subject - I had wondered why so many people have told me that they had nervous breakdowns at age 19. It may be connected to the first Uranus/Square at that point in life. But I got another clue from **Pat Geisler's** RKM tape Nodes and Parallels. The trans.lunar node returns to its natal place at age 19.

But then again, "Any seasoned astrologer" would know that! Uh-oh; I think one of those naughty past-life urges is coming on...pass the paprika! I gotta shake-and-bake!

I had promised myself to be quiet for a couple of months and not write to MH since I used so many paras in this last issue. But there are some intriguing ideas presented in the current issue and I'm unable to keep my promise. I'll try to be brief, however.

Diane Zeines sent in an interesting article concerning the opinions of someone named Kenneth Gartner Ph.D. I wish it were custom for people to put down their full Ph.D. so you could know what they are "doctors" off Mr. (Dr.?) Gartner said that Sun in the 12th on a query chart meant the astrologer became the secret enemy and should not read the chart. I have recently come across something very pertinent to this in the book I am currently studying: "Prasna Marga," translated by Prof. B.V. Raman from a manuscript dating from the 1650's.

The question of what charts to read and not to read is a critical one for an astrologer. This dicta states, however, that the astrologer's OWN state and condition can be read from a Sun posited in the 12th house. Placement of Saturn in the Asc. in a FIXED SIGN is a chart which you are cautioned against reading, or reading with great care and attention. Saturn in the 7th Desc. usually indicates that the answer is not yet firm, so patience and delay is needed, with the query re-presented at a later time. After all, if, as Eastern philosophy suggests, we're creating much of the future as we go, there are moments in which the balance can be tipped in either direction.

The 12th house as "secret enemies" is quite common in the Far East: opposition 6th for open enemies. Seventh is a bit ambiguous too, since "partners" can become enemies, secret or open, so one must examine the chart for relationships between the 7th and the 6th/12th lords.

Indeed, we are supposed to be trained to be objective, but Prof. Raman does remark in his preface to "Prasna Tantra" that we have certain moral responsibilities. Questions about ailing fathers, for instance, should have their answers cautiously given. The motive of the querent should be examined by the astrologer.

Queries are sometimes put dishonestly, or insincerely. Such questions should not be answered. Here is the profile of one such question: Moon in the 1st, Saturn in a quadrant, and Mercury combust. In other words, no "test" questions for fun should be put.

Surely any astrologer worthy of the name and long-since graduated from cocktail party games would know that anyway.

Since Sun has a natural interest in the 9th, house of the "guru" or wisdom-giver, as it were, it seems to me that it might be interesting to its position in query charts in relationship to the astrologer - I mean, for every chart. I hadn't thought of this before, but I shall give it a whirl.

Salome Levi: Please accept support for your position from me. I'm so tired of this society bowing down before every pronouncement of "therapists" of one sort or another. In these days especially, when the schism and self-doubt in the whole psychological world is being guarded from the public eye, it seems to me that we need even more to be cautious of a group which 1) defines our "illnesses;" 2) sets up tests to see how "well" or "ill" we are; 3) designating the long-term treatment which is 4) remunerative to them as long as the illness persists. The cry for "accurate scientific data" has become, as well, a farce when so-called breakthroughs are reached on a basis of as little as 40 case studies ("Passages"). Astrology rests on the basis of millions of case studies, over thousands of years! Match that.

Charles C. Montgomery: The "authorities" you quote who ascribe the birth of astrology to 400 BC are probably British who can't bear for anything to have happened while they were still running around in bearskins. There are charts extant in India given for examples in astrological treatises which show the sky as it was 5000 years ago, and which positionings have been verified by modern computers (just so you don't think it's only a claim). These examples show an already functioning astrology, which predicates some years' experience prior to these examples.

Several marked bones, which markings delineate the lunar cycles, have been discovered by modern scientists: one

30,000-year old bone, called "The Blanchard Bone," is from France; another, an eagle bone from about 15,000 years ago, while others, more elaborately marked, date from 7,000-10,000 years ago. Please see the book, "Echoes of the Ancient Skies," by Dr. E.C. Krupp.

What we call "ancient civilization" in the West always stops at Egypt, it seems. Our education is so tied to European concepts, that we forget the Europeans discarded (when they did not destroy) evidence which did not suit their needs as colonial masters around the world. You would think we would sympathize with the colonials, but we still identify with the masters!

Joyce Wehrman: Of course, you are absolutely right, the entire chart is karmic. But there are two factors you may not have thought of: first, you don't always have complete control once you enter this manifestation. Once you take the plunge, you can be at the mercy of your mother's bad doctor, for instance. Secondly, you may have had to compromise factors within a chart to reach those more important. This is why frequently the personality manifestation will be a war with the long-term needs of the soul - and, if we're not properly helped in youth, create more undesirable karma.

Use the South Node as indicator of talents already acquired and accessible for the native in this life: the North Node will show the abilities being laid up for future use, just like money in the bank. But you are right again, since it's unprovable, in ANY case, it should be remembered that DHARMA replaces KARMA.

Zip Dobyns: In re, the "manifesto" for professional astrologers: Astrology is not a philosophy, it is a LORE. The relationship between celestial and terrestrial phenomena is not "postulated" - it EXISTS! Witness the Sun's physical effect on life.

Ted George: "Lilith" was the name of the woman Satan created, in ancient religious writing, to tempt Adam away from Eve.

Judith Gee: We have some of those ancient cairn-type monuments here in the neighborhood (Berkshire Hills) from my ancestors, American Indians. Each of them is topped by a white quartz stone, and their alignment is currently being plotted, but slowly, since there is no money. Five thousand years is not the oldest, however, see above.

Jeff Jawer: this is the most significant comment in the whole edition! (p. 40). The whole idea of mitigation is the RE-DIRECTION of planetary energies. The SUPPRESSION of energies will not work, as your client has discovered!

The chart that shows that certain energies will appear in the life at a certain time. Ignoring them or suppressing them will not make them "go away." This is why it is necessary to re-channel them in the directions you wish them to take. Your client could have re-channelled the heavy Mars' energies by increasing her athletic activity; remodeling a room in her house; meeting a new man (not necessarily sexually!); seeing more of her brother; beginning a new activity with enthusiasm - all of these and more, related to the houses the transits affect.

This is the essence of mitigation and propitiation, in a very real and PRACTICAL sense. It also presupposes a deep knowledge of the symbology of each planet, its "portfolio" of interests, and the importance of its position and house lordships on the natal chart. Please trust the charts to be a real and valid exposure of life in the real world, potential events on the way - not just a "perception" of energies. It's not just questions of "owning" transits and not "projecting" them on others: it's a question of what do you want them to represent in your life.

You cannot always redirect energies as you wish. Some lessons can't be escaped. My teacher, Daw Hla Than, teaches that information given once or twice can be easily mitigated or avoided; but information given three or more times MUST have some effect and can't be totally avoided. I have found this statement to be correct in my experience. Try it!

Dr. John Gay III: I sympathize with you completely in your Psychic Fair experience. There doesn't seem to be any way to guard that the participants of such events will maintain a high standard. The line between sincere "psychic sensitivity" and cunning seems sometimes dangerously slippery. I witnessed,

for example, a young man giving public readings in astrology when his only training were basics from his own chart, taught by his clinical psychologists. We must jealously guard the reputation of our discipline.

K.H. Gaul: Can you use an encouraging word? My father and my grandfather were alcoholics, the type whose only choice is that of the first drink. (Probably some of that Mohican blood.) Both swore off and stayed off: it can be done. My father was adorable/terrifying to me when I was a child, depending upon whether he was himself or "that other man." He stopped drinking when I was 5 and I'm now 50. Find the afflictions to your Jupiter, plot them and be prepared. I'm sorry I don't do Western Astrology, or I would be happy to be of help to you if I could. But remember, as Daw Hla Than said to me, we are all students together.

To Everyone: Can we consider ourselves as CONSULTANTS rather than COUNSELLORS? Very few of us, in my opinion, have the training and ability to counsel. We are rendering an educated opinion, given a set of particular facts. Very few of us, I hope, keep our clients coming back for an hour or more a week, on a regular basis. More trust in the charts and more objectivity in our delineations should be goals: not hand-holding our clients through their daily difficulties. We should be interpreters of the signposts, not crutches through recuperation periods. Send those in need of counselling to those who have the training and inclination for it. Stop and think: those who counsel have NEED to counsel...because they may have been the cause of the illness.

I agree that queries should have a money-back guarantee. I do this myself.

This is brief?! Edith, I apologize. I wanted to add some more on the Gemini/Sag axis in the U.S. chart (just look at us), but don't dare take any more time and space. What a lovely service you provide!

STANLEY KUSTESKY, New York, NY **Sept. 28, 1984**

Another exceptional issue of *MH* has arrived, providing a day of reading but months of thinking. Astonishing as always.

I must direct myself primarily to **Marion March** (The Many Faces of Pluto, Oct. '84, pp. 2-4). My congratulations to you on a lucid, well-written and most interesting examination of Pluto's influence in modern life. There are, however, several points you raise which I cannot ignore because I think they markedly undercut the case you make for how to interpret and utilize Pluto's powerful energies. What I am about to discuss should not be taken as negative criticism; rather as asking you to consider some other alternatives.

I firmly believe Pluto must be brought into a personal perspective if it is to have any reason (along with Uranus and Neptune) for being placed in **any** natal chart. You set up a perfect synthesis of Pluto's subconscious significance in the first half of your article and then dismiss it by hiding behind that popular "generational" saw, and the idea that its "transits through the signs...is too long to have personal meaning and should be viewed in a historical sense..." If we ignore the personal significance of Pluto, I believe we ignore and abdicate our personal responsibility for power over our own lives as signified by Pluto, as well as our individual ability to make changes (Uranus) and the ideals we choose to follow to attain illumination (Neptune). If we elect to only see these 3 planets as "generational," we are headed back to the astrology of the 17th Century when, technically, they did not "exist" as working forces. To put them in our charts and only see social significance is just as misleading because it makes us onlookers instead of participants in the unfolding history of mankind. It says that Fate is our master and not the other way around. Yet I often wonder if trying to backdate these 3 into other eras isn't misleading us because it causes us to sometimes crossover and confuse mundane (and therefore global) meanings with personal ones. I'd like to cite some Jung to you to illustrate my points and line of thinking (especially since he's the darling of astrologers, quoted by many yet read and understood by very few). See in particular, his "Collected Works," Vol. 9-1, Chap. 3, "Concerning Rebirth," Part 2, "The Psychology of Rebirth," sec. 2-d, "Identification With a Group," pps. 125-127, as follows:

"To experience transformation in a group and to experience it in oneself are two totally different things. If any considerable group of persons are united with one another by a particular frame of mind, the resultant transformation experience bears only a very remote resemblance to the experience of individual transformation. This is due to the fact that, when many people gather together to share one common emotion, the total psyche emerging from the group is below the level of the individual psyche. If it is a very large group, the collective psyche will be more like the psyche of an animal, which is the reason why the ethical attitude of large organizations is always doubtful. The psychology of a large crowd inevitably sinks to the level of mob psychology. If, therefore, I have a so-called collective experience as a member of a group, it takes place on a lower level of consciousness than if I had the experience by myself alone. That is why this group experience is very much more frequent than an individual experience of transformation. It is also much easier to achieve, because the presence of so many people together exerts great suggestive force. The individual in a crowd easily becomes the victim of his own suggestibility. It is only necessary for something to happen, for instance a proposal backed by the whole crowd, and we too are all for it, even if the proposal is immoral. In the crowd one feels no responsibility, but also no fear.

"Thus identification with the group is a simple and easy path to follow, but the group experience goes no deeper than the level of one's mind in that state. It does work a change in you, but the change does not last. On the contrary, you must have continual recourse to mass intoxication in order to consolidate the experience and your belief in it. But as soon as you are removed from the crowd, you are a different person again and unable to reproduce the previous state of mind...

"It will be objected to this essentially negative evaluation of mass psychology that there are also positive experiences, for instance a positive enthusiasm which spurs the individual to noble deeds, or an equally positive feeling of human solidarity. Facts of this kind should not be denied. The group can give the individual a courage, a bearing and a dignity which may easily get lost in isolation. It can awaken within him the memory of being a man among men. But that does not prevent something else from being added which he would not possess as an individual. Such unearned gifts may seem a special favor of the moment, but in the long run there is a danger of the gift becoming a loss, since human nature has a weak habit of taking gifts for granted; in times of necessity we demand them as a right instead of making the effort to obtain them ourselves. One sees this, unfortunately, only too plainly in the tendency to demand everything from the State, without reflecting that the State consists of those very individuals who make the demands..."

This extended quotation amply demonstrates the issue I take with you. The process of "expanding consciousness" means to literally become more aware of everything - the self, the world, the universe, God. Jung often expressed his process of analysis as "in-dividuation," i.e. taking all the diverse ideas, emotions and experience inside us and uniting them into a cohesive whole, **inside** the self. The more deeply I have explored Jung, the more I understand his concept of the Collective Unconscious as, again literally, the Mind of God. The archetypes are the timeless symbols through which we can locate the unique spark of divinity within us. This process was not possible in preceding eras of history perhaps **because** Uranus, Neptune and Pluto were not "active" energies in human affairs. After the discovery of Uranus in 1781, technology activated by electricity freed us to pursue new levels of creative accomplishment and individual expression. After 1843, with Neptune's discovery, social awareness evolved to a greater level (that period being regarded as the "second Enlightenment"), building quickly to the American and French Revolutions which culminated in World War I - the end of monarchy and the establishment of more idealistic democratic-socialist states. Pluto's discovery has, since 1930, made us see the earth as a much smaller place in regard to the rest of the Cosmos, and forced us to look to the hidden forces

around us, i.e. the subconscious powers that **really** make our lives happen. I think Pluto's variable speed, rather than making its symbolism "slow, deep-probing and far-reaching" actually intensifies it, demanding us to expand our thinking and emotions; not letting us hide behind the so-called security and safety of the past. The threat of nuclear annihilation alone should be sufficient to demonstrate that clinging to outmoded concepts or avoiding the emerging ones is to become paralyzed.

Your remarks on children also raise strong objections to my mind. The personality **never** stops forming, but the logical inference from your statement that "the higher vibrations of the transcendentals are only achieved after the personality is formed" is that there is a point in time, like magic, when a self emerges and all is right with the world. In point of fact, psychological theory has demonstrated that there are personality stages that emerge right up to the grave. Your disparagement of children's energies and abilities is alarming if not hazardous to consciousness raising. Every child is an individual and **can** be expected to fulfill some unique function. Isn't the entire point of Astrology to enable us to become unique individuals in the first place? To help us become what we have the potential to become? And doesn't that process start at birth? The last time Pluto was at top speed (Libra, Scorpio, Sag., c. 1725-1765), the world witnessed an incredible surge of child prodigies in all fields of endeavor, men and women who changed the flow of history by setting standards we still hold up to awe and admiration. Evidence now shows us another spate of prodigies (in the performing arts, math and computers - so far) that would indicate the power of these outer planets at early ages. True, as you say, "Pluto is not the key to a person's total personality or behavior..." but, I hasten to add, in our present era it is an energy that is leaving subtlety behind and rubbing our noses in the Plutonian extremes of life and death. In another essay of Jung's (from Col. Works, Vol. 10, "The Role of the Unconscious," pps. 17-18), he gives us a working definition of Pluto's personal significance: "...I like to visualize the unconscious (Pluto?) as a world seen in a mirror: our consciousness presents to us a picture of the outer world, but also of the world within, this being a compensatory mirror-image of the outer world. We can also say that the outer world is a compensatory mirror image of the inner world. At all events, we stand between two worlds, or between two totally different psychological systems of perception; between perception of external sensory stimuli and perception of the unconscious. The picture we have of the outer world makes us understand everything as the effect of physical & physiological forces; the picture of the inner world shows everything as the effect of spiritual agencies. Then, it is no longer the force of gravity that welds the stars together, but the creative hand of a demiurge, love is no longer the effect of a sexual stimulus, but of psychic predestination, and so forth." As you have described Pluto in the first half of your article, I believe you have perfectly delineated the major points of what Pluto means personally to each individual. The "generational" considerations have validity, but as Einstein often said, "God is not malicious. He does not play dice with the Universe." We would not need Pluto or Neptune or Uranus if there were not some larger purpose in God's Mind. We are given a choice by Pluto: to transform our personal lives and begin to affect the world; or sit by as idle observers, watching the world slip from our grasp and possibly be shaped by individuals or forces that could have been stopped had we chosen to act.

WING NEWLAND, Atlanta, GA

Jan. 1985

HOLIDAY HOROSCOPE

ARIES: Watch your temper today. An unexpected encounter with your Aries ex could end with a visit from the police. And don't tell me you don't remember him - you lived together 3 weeks!

TAURUS: Making it with the boss' wife is an unnecessary gesture at this point - you'll get that promotion without dipping your pen in the company ink. Don't let work goals interfere with your personal life today - send you wife and mistress flowers.

GEMINI: I don't have any idea what you should do today. Go shopping, watch the soaps, see a new movie, go to work, talk to your hairdresser. Frankie's having a sex change operation, and you won't believe what he heard about Mary last night!

CANCER: Your mother's health is getting worse. Of course your absence is aggravating her condition! Who paid the phone bill, typed your thesis and bailed you out of jail? No wonder you feel guilty!

LEO: You charming devil, that humanitarian service award is sure to be yours - and no one will ever suspect you did it just for the publicity!

VIRGO: I'd be constipated too if I had to look at that filthy closet! Close the kitchen cabinets and take a bath, you'll feel better.

LIBRA: You could start, I mean, find yourself in the middle of a disagreeable discussion between your boss and an associate today. Don't panic, just be yourself - smile and nod your head often.

SCORPIO: So what if everyone looks at you when you walk into a room! It's a planetary phenomenon not a criminal activity.

SAGITTARIUS: What possible advice could I offer someone who knows everything?

CAPRICORN: Don't be stingy during the holidays - Even that special hooker in your life needs extra cash for Christmas gifts. Better yet, buy your wife some pretty silk scarves and let her tie you up.

AQUARIUS: How can a white bi-annual, macrabiotic sorceress living with a black mayor live a normal life? What do you expect honey, utopia?

PISCES: Your past lives aren't compatible, but he puts up with your drinking binges! Get mystical - it's the Jesus season - take a break from those gloomy vibrations for a few weeks!

FOR YOUR REFERENCE FILE

IMPORTANT FIXED STARS

DIFDA 2 Taurus 11 - Unfortunate. Can energize, cause self-destruction, nervousness.

ALPHAERATZ 13 Aries 55 - Fortunate. Intellectual, active, independent; brings honors.

MIRACH 0 Taurus 01 - Fortunate. Brings beauty, fame, devotion, prosperous marriage.

ALMACH 13 Taurus 50 - Fortunate. Magnetic, success in Venusian occupations.

CAPUT ALGOL 25 Taurus 47 - Unfortunate. Violent, tax collector or 'karmic' debts.

PLEIADES 29 Taurus 36 - Unfortunate. Danger of accidents, violence, many tears.

ALDEBARAN 9 Gemini 24 - Fortunate. Martial, eloquent, courageous, powerful.

RIGEL 16 Gemini 26 - Fortunate. Honorable, famous, wealthy, humorous, inventive.

BELLATRIX 20 Gemini 53 - Unfortunate. Sudden dishonor, shrewish in female chart.

CAPELLA 21 Gemini 28 - Fortunate. Love of novelty, powerful friends, curious.

BETELGEUZE 28 Gemini 22 - Fortunate. Honors, riches, ingenious, artistic, charming.

ALHENA 8 Cancer 43 - Neutral. Imaginative, artistic, easily hurt.

SIRIUS 13 Cancer 42 - Fortunate. Faithful, ambitious, proud, passionate, wealthy.

CASTOR 19 Cancer 51 - Neutral. Clinging vine, studious, sudden fame and loss.

POLLUX 22 Cancer 50 - Unfortunate. Danger from poison, blindness, disgrace, crime.

PROCYON 25 Cancer 24 - Unfortunate. Careless, injury from animals, very showy.

REGULUS 29 Leo 26 - Neutral. Idealistic or destructive, but always 'regal'.

DENEbola 21 Virgo 14 - Neutral. Critical, detail oriented, little imagination.

SPICA 23 Libra 27 - Very Fortunate. Wealth, fame, honors, glamour, inspiration.

ARCTURUS 23 Libra 50 - Very Fortunate. Riches, reknown, prosperity through travel.

ACRUX 11 Scorpio 29 - Occult. Religious leanings, Astrology, magic, mystery.

AGENA 23 Scorpio 24 - Fortunate. Honorable, moral and promises good health.

ANTARES 9 Sagittarius 22 - Unfortunate. Headstrong, fatalistic, injury to eyes, ruinous.

WEGA 14 Capricorn 56 - Fortunate. Generous, lucky with tangible assets.

ALTAIR 1 Aquarius 23 - Neutral. Confident, ambitious, sudden but ephemeral fortune.

MARY MacKENZIE, Portland, OR Oct. 22, 1984

The Oct. '84 issue just arrived and I liked the new additions of the "I Need Data" column and other useful sections; I'm sure in time many readers will have occasion to consult these.

Many thanks for your editorial remembrance of John H. Nelson (not John R., a misprint, but I know we're referring to the same person!). I too heard that he passed away in May of 1984. He was a very special person; as a forecaster for RCA's engineers of international shortwave quality who used heliocentric planetary aspects he was unusual; as a gentleman with fine practical and scientific experience who chose to co-exist with, rather than attack astrology, he was almost unique. He did not "run down" subjects he had no knowledge of just to stand well with his peers and this made him a philosopher, certainly a rarity today.

Late in his life Nelson's radio forecasting work had an impact on my own thinking and writing and I corresponded with him.

In 1979 I (as well as my husband who was really the "prime mover" here) passed the difficult FCC test required to become an amateur radio operator in the U.S., that is, what's called a "ham" operator. It has been a lot of fun, especially when conditions are right, to communicate via Morse code, or voice, with people across the world in Europe, Australia, Japan, even, occasionally, on board ships.

My husband and I entered the radio world when the solar cycle was at its peak (late '79 to early '80) and now, of course, we are "bottoming out" in the quiet sun period; hopefully we'll see an upturn in '85. From the first it was obvious that the solar cycle absolutely dominated ionospheric conditions, and that these conditions, which make most non-satellite ham operating possible, need favorable cosmic "vibrations" to make good (or any) ham contacts possible. And yet in most of the ham magazines and other published sources in this country this truth is only referred to in passing, as kind of a quaint footnote to the promotion and sale of ever-more sophisticated (and expensive) equipment the magazines strive to popularize. Most of the magazines have columns based on computerized projections that give forecasts of conditions, projections that don't consider cosmic factors beyond seasonal ones and these forecasts are unreliable.

Dissatisfied with the forecasts, I read various books and magazines, looking for better ways. I have been interested in astrology, mostly as a writer, since the late '60s, and references to Nelson's most generally available work, "Cosmic Patterns, Their Influence on Man and His Communication," published by the AFA, and "The Propagation Wizard's Handbook," published by 73 Inc., intrigued me. He was making use of planetary placements and nodes. After studying his books I decided to see if I could learn from other ham operators more about the practical uses of the Nelson method, his heliocentric means of forecasting ionospheric conditions. I also started

making my own observations and forecasts.

Early in '82 I placed an ad in the "Strays" columns of "QST", published by the American Radio Relay League, the official U.S. ham organization; my ad asked for correspondence with any ham who had used the Nelson method or who was interested in it. I should add here that a study of the early development of ham radio, when it was open to the ideas of all, encouraged naive idealistic thoughts in my mind about how open the field of amateur radio is to individual innovation today - more about this later; for now, let's say that these thoughts helped motivate me to contact others with the hazy notion of "improving" propagation forecasting for ham radio.

Very few letters came in - I did learn that Nelson (who lived in New Jersey) was a very popular speaker at ham clubs in the New York area and that he had many admirers. Only a few had actually tried his method, though; some scented "astrology" overtones which put them off; others just thought it was over their heads - this in spite of the wonderful clarity of his books, and their immediate usefulness for anyone with a heliocentric ephemeris, a general coverage receiver and some patience (the addition of a telescope is useful, but not really necessary). In fact, the Nelson method asks for a certain attitude, rather than a certain amount of money, etc., and perhaps that is its failing; in these times money seems to be at the root of all creativity, if you'll pardon that revision of the old saying!

The most interesting result of my ad was a correspondence that began with a Brazilian ham whom I address as "Cruz" (his full name is Luiz Rodrigues Augusto da Cruz). A professor of sociology at a Catholic university in Recife, as well as a translator in the French and Spanish languages, Cruz did not question the "astrology" sound of the Nelson method but at once suggested that between the two of us we set up an informal research project to test the method.

A lot of work began; I started to analyze daily heliocentric charts using the Nelson method (I have no computer) and based on my own radio experience forecast conditions on specific frequencies of long distance (DX) ham contacts; I mailed these to Cruz in Recife. Though mail to and from Brazil is erratic, we managed to learn quite a bit - Cruz wrote to inform me that the on-the-air results were better than he'd foreseen and asked me to send other forecasts for specific months.

I have corresponded with the fine author of "Recent Advances in Natal Astrology," Geoffrey Dean, about this, and he informed me that our project did not use data from enough consecutive days (a year's worth would be needed) to make a good statistical statement, and I have no doubt he is correct - but the spirit of ham radio is a "rule of thumb" spirit, i.e. if it's a method that works, that helps one's operating ability, then use it even if it isn't statistically "pure." Truly remarkable results have been achieved with such weird non-conforming antennas as the "Windom," even with non-antenna antennas such as bedsprings or the metal bodies of trailers, objects a statistical approach would totally ignore.

With experience, I began to modify the Nelson forecasts - especially, I began to introduce some lunar factors which I've found to be important as influences on "radio weather" (I'm not the only one to discover this, of course: Harlan True Stetson, an MIT Professor who was a friend of Nelson, and German science writer Karl Rawer both collected observational data to prove the Moon's radio influence). Cruz found the later forecasts to be an improvement over those that were purely heliocentric. After the completion of our project, which was really quite a simple one, and in response to Cruz's request, I sent a concise statement of the modified Nelson method developed specifically for the Southern Hemisphere, so that Cruz could learn to do the forecasts himself - he praises the method from the point of view of a developing nation where even wealthy individuals don't have much money, as it only requires an "attitude" and a few simple tools.

Just recently he wrote that the statement I sent will be published in a new Brazilian ham magazine, in translation "Radio and Electronics," published by Appolon Fanzeres.

As is obvious, I've not made any money from this activity.

But it has been interesting and curious and in '83 I wrote a letter to J.H. Nelson telling him how his method was being used and appreciated by Cruz and myself and many interested persons in Brazil. I also told him about my background in astrology and ham radio and that I had found it useful to introduce lunar factors into his excellent method.

In his reply (dated Oct. 6, 1983) he apologized for his delay in writing, said he was not feeling well at age 80. He also wrote:

"You are right in that not very many people are willing to tackle this project - too complicated and scares them off. Glad to hear that a few are trying tho, especially somebody with knowledge of astrology too. Big help...I myself use only Helio because Geo scares me off as too complicated with so many, many aspects. I agree with you regarding some influence from the Moon.

My rules in 73 Book are very scanty and inadequate for serious research but I did not want to get too long-winded. I make very considerable use of "harmonic bisections" but did not mention it in the book. Bisections are extremely strong and when they occur with the Hard Angles we have stronger effects. Note I said Harmonic Bisections and that means plus/minus 15° - plus/minus 22.5° - plus/minus 30°. Actually plus/minus any of the harmonics I use."

Nelson closed his letter recommending a reading of an article about his work in the Aug. '83 issue of "Cycles Magazine" as it helps confirm the theory "scientifically." "Best article I have seen," he adds. I read the article and it does give some of the "statistical dignity" observational studies seem to require today.

At the moment I am a bit discouraged about spreading the Nelson method and/or my modifications, but believe in time my enthusiasm will renew. The U.S. ham magazines proved not to be interested in this no doubt to them freakish innovation (the creative freedom of ham radio's early days has tended to congeal into dollar signs). But I know the Nelson method works very well - I've used it dozens of times in its simplified form and believe it's more sophisticated form would work even better - and it works splendidly with the addition of selected lunar and geocentric factors.

If any of the readers of MH are interested, I can describe some of the specifics required in this astrology-compatible means of propagation forecasting in some future issue. [Thank you Mary for sharing with us John H. Nelson's letter and for telling us about your work with his methods! Any ham operators out there who want to know more or may have something along these lines to share with Mary? Edith.]

DALE HUCKEY, Eugene, OR Oct. 22, 1984

The evil typo goblin has struck again. [Errata - He certainly has in the form of the typesetter who extends sincere apologies.] In my reply to Mark Melton in the Oct. '84 issue, p. 12 the next-to last sentence in the first paragraph should have read, "Since Mark DOES know where the Ng is...", not "does NOT KNOW." I was startled to find myself listed among MH's longtime subscribers. I hadn't realized! My support, at least, is easy enough to explain. I get something from MH that I can't get anywhere else. The MH was a network of communication long before that term became popular. I've never made any bones about my feelings for MH, and I've re-upped several times when I didn't know where the money for next week's meals was coming from. Some things are indeed more important than food and drink! Here are some more unsolicited opinions...

To Dr. Milton K. Ozaki (12th Extra, p. 57): Astrologers aren't really goof-offs, but they are a part of the classical astrological paradigm, which says, among other things, that "every astrological method yields results." Learning astrology means more than learning the appropriate set of facts and theories. It means learning to think like an astrologer, which means (unconsciously) covering all bases so as to perpetuate the illusion of astrological infallibility. This enables a lot of beliefs to stand, such as your belief in the effects of Sun in Taurus, which are otherwise unsupported by evidence. Your objection to astrology's multiplicity of factors and opinions is

valid, but I wonder if you realize the consequences of taking it seriously. It means that much of what you believe in is probably invalid, that astrology as a useful and verifiable body of knowledge is still in its infancy. This makes for an exciting future but an unsettling present, which perhaps explains why so many astrologers find it so difficult to see what might otherwise be obvious.

Al H. Morrison's full-page satire of Dean's contest on p. 40 of the Jan. '84 edition, like other astrology-is-a-language arguments, misses the vital point that astrology is more than just a language. Like other languages, it enables us to express what we think we know, and as such it is incorrect, as Al suggests, to speak of its validity or invalidity. But that still leaves the knowledge per se. Arguing that astrology-as-a-language cannot be invalid obscures the point that the knowledge it conveys can be. Astrologers who use the language argument seem to want to evade accountability. The point is, only by critical evaluation, not blind faith, can we determine which of our concepts work and which don't.

To Joe deMello (Mar. '84, p. 27): We need to synthesize the meanings of the various factors into a whole when using astrology, but how can we determine what each factor contributes to the whole except by analyzing it separately? This requires two steps. First, if one facet of a transition previously occurred 20 and 40 years earlier, and another 7 and 15 years earlier, we can tentatively assign them to transiting Uranus and Saturn, respectively. Second, your Uranus-Uranus transit may coincide with a Uranus-Venus transit, but someone else's might coincide with Uranus-Mercury. Each of you will experience a set of effects which will recur at 20-year intervals, which will be partially similar, because both compound cycles contain Uranus-Uranus, and partially different due to the differences between Uranus-Venus and Uranus-Mercury. Extracting the differences leaves us with the effects of Uranus-Uranus per se. In delineation we start with a set of individual factors which we synthesize into a whole. In research we start with an undifferentiated whole which we analyze into a set of individual factors. We need to differentiate, in short, between synthesis and analysis, which are different intellectual processes applicable to different ends.

Your generous praise of my letters to Borkowski and Oliver was welcome and appreciated. As for a Clinic for the Unexplained, if you're talking about satirizing some of our more thoughtless practices, as I was doing with my tongue-in-cheek Part of Conglomeration, I'm all for it. I've already said my piece, so why don't you take a crack at it. I'll look forward to seeing what you can come up with. P.S. You might claim to have discovered a planet, Simpson, that our telescopes are incapable of finding, make a few absurd claims about its position and motion, and then "clarify" what you mean by dreaming up some more absurdities. Whoops! It's already been done.

To Charles Montgomery (Oct. '84, p. 17): Your common sense attitude towards transNeptunian planets is a breath of fresh air, in contrast to the credulity that usually accompanies discussions of hypothetical planets (I tried it and it really works!). Regarding the birth of astrology (on p. 20 now), which you say was no earlier than about 400 B.C., long after the "final dunking" of Atlantis, my information pretty much agrees with yours. T.S. Kuhn, in "The Copernican Revolution," writes: "Before the 2nd century B.C., ancient records show few signs of a fully developed attempt to predict the details of terrestrial affairs from the observed and computed positions of the stars and planets." Prior to that we had omenology, not astrology.

To Richard Schulz (Apr. '84, p. 32): Thanks for the kind words! When you disappeared from the MH several years ago I was afraid you'd dropped out of astrology entirely. I'm glad you didn't.

To Bill Haneen (July '84, p. 2): I was not amazed that Saturn's hard-angle transits to Venus so frequently coincided with marriage. I was amazed that astrologers persisted in saying that the relationships were occurring "in spite of" the Saturn transit, which indicates the tenacity with which some astrologers will cling to traditional concepts in the face of

evidence to the contrary. This applies to you also. Apparently unable to imagine any alternative to Saturn's traditional meaning, you "solved" the problem by relegating it and other transiting planets to triggers, which is not as original or controversial a step as you claim. In fact, progressive astrologers are currently moving in the opposite direction, away from the archaic idea of transits as triggers. And that makes you much more a traditionalist, and much less an innovator, than you seem to realize.

Well, enough is enough, I said, reacting to the umpteenth piece of silliness from one of our fringe elements while leafing through the 13th Extra, and I added a subtle (!) potshot at said element to the end of my reply to deMello. But there's always the other side of the story, and a few pages further on towards the front, on p. 46, my faith in human nature was restored by a typically sane and readable letter from **Erin Sullivan-Seale**. Not to load too much on Erin, it is nice to know that there are astrologers who can consistently think themselves from point A to point B without getting lost, and who are intellectually responsible with a sense of humor to boot. Way to go, Erin, and way to go, all of you! And that's enough unsolicited opinions for one letter.

JOYLYN HILL, Denver, CO **Dec. 13, 1984**

Al H. Morrison, (p. 40): If our government has the right to make a two-headed monster of a "National Seal," it must be remembered that this was done only 52 years ago, and had been rejected before that time. Certainly, the American people never got to vote on it.

Joan O'Neill (p. 50): The symbology of the pyramid has been erroneously interpreted for so long, that what it really meant has been just about lost. Because the capstone or cornerstone was separated from the rest of the pyramid, we were told by so-called authorities of occult symbology that this meant that the destiny of America or the task of the Founding Fathers was incomplete, and that our government will be changed, (they claimed, of course made more perfect) in the future.

If that had been true, and had the pyramid actually anything to do with America, then there would have been only a few tiers of stone and no capstone at all to symbolize incompleteness or an unfinished work. To show how contradictory the claim of incompleteness was, the number of tiers of stone was chosen to be 13 to better enable the Illuminati agents to snow the American Congress with the idea that the 13 original states were being inferred. To prove that the separation of church and state is being symbolized, recall what the ancient Mexican pyramids and the Mesopotamian ziggurats looked like. The temple for religious ceremonies was on top, and on the invisible government side of the National Seal, which pretends to be something American, you see the All-Seeing Eye in the cornerstone which is supposed to be "God."

The claim of "incompleteness" makes great propaganda for the big push in 1989 for a new constitution. This is supposed to come out of a new Constitutional Convention. As you know, only two more states are needed to ratify the Balanced Budget Amendment, which will force a Con-Con. Americans have been completely swindled by this Con job. Congress, or any state legislature, can legally live within a balanced budget requirement, and then go borrow the money it needs for more spending programs. That way, instead of being in debt several trillion dollars, the federal government would be quadrillions of dollars in debt. As it is now, interest on the national debt amounts to a horrendous 30%.

It will take two years to organize this Con-Con, and it can stay in session as long as it wants to, being funded with our tax money. You can forget about voting for any of the delegates. They will all be appointees. Congress and the state legislatures will have the say about who attends, with input by the mayors and governors. Special interest groups, not to mention back-room manipulators will have their influence, too.

In March 1988 there is a conjunction of Saturn and Uranus in the 1st degree of Capricorn. Then in July of 1989, Saturn conj. Neptune in 11° of Capricorn, so the Con Con is no pipe dream.

Frank Hughes (Pg. 47, 44th ed.) Another Peter Pan existence. Don't worry about the future, forget about the past, and live for the NOW.

Your attitude must be symptomatic of the California culture, or as the saying goes, anything can begin at a party in California, and usually does. It's not even an animal's existence. They do have memories, and they do have to prepare themselves for the coming winter.

When is this childish oriental mysticism going to end? People who think they either can or should try and reach some kind of mythical Nirvana or nothingness. People who expect other people to provide excitement and meaning for them.

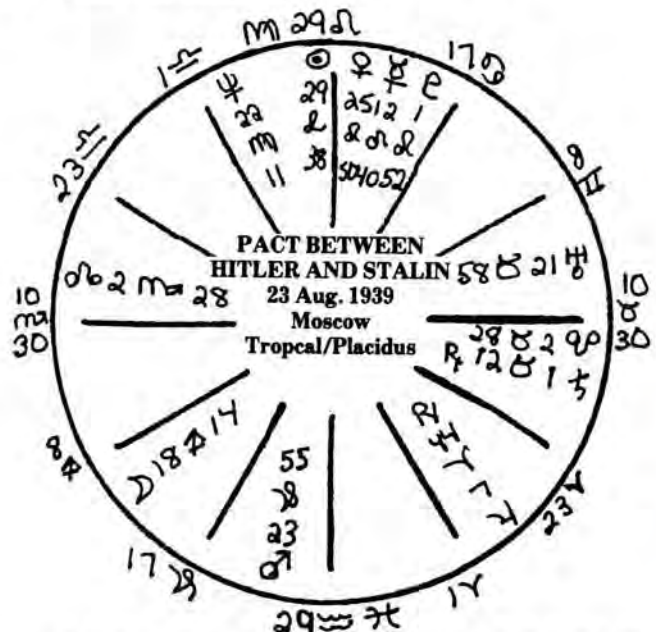
You might as well be a robot or a slave. No memory or education is necessary; it's all done for you. Just push a button or take an order. But then, who cares? Obviously, you're going to remain single and will not be raising a family. If you're not needed and don't plan to contribute anything to society, well, it's your life. The NOW comes to an end sometime, you know. You are going to die like the rest of us.

Nothing to mourn, however. There won't be another generation of liberals, not with contraception and abortion available.

JUDITH GEE, London, England **26 Aug. 1984**

I enclose the Chart for the Pact signed between Hitler and Stalin, 23 Aug. 1939 in Moscow, which is still valid, as all Europe has suffered from this Chart and still does. It led directly to the death of 6 million Jews, and millions of Russians, Gypsies and other Europeans. It has now been revealed that this Pact was instigated by the NKD (now the KGB) the Secret Police of Russia as they realised that Russia was not armed or ready to fight Hitler. Russia was about to sign a pact with France and Gr. Britain to fight Hitler...but in the most extraordinary revolution of the age, Stalin signed a pact with Hitler to carve up Europe, give Hitler a free hand in West Europe and grab the Baltic States and half of Poland. They bought time - to rearm. They were also afraid of the welcome the Germans would get from their people. When Hitler did invade 18 months later in June 1941, the elders of the villages of the Ukraine, greeted the Germans bearing salt and bread, welcoming them to get rid of the hated communists.

Hitler went through Russia like a knife through butter, but did not know the great spaces of the country and was defeated by logistics and General Winter.



I apologise for not giving the correct Chart, but give the midday Chart which holds much truth for this public event. The Pact was actually signed and negotiated by Molotov of Russia

and Ribbentrop of Germany. And in this Chart, with Scorpio Asc. and ruler Mars/Capricorn 7th house would be Taurus and ruler Venus/Leo representing Germany. Even with this Noon map, the rulers in 3-9 houses show their inferior position. Mars is exalted in Capricorn and trine to the illusory Neptune/Virgo in 10th. It is interesting that only recently the signer, Molotov has surfaced in Moscow and now in his nonage (90s)! Longevity.

Venus/Leo would show Ribbentrop, who was a champagne salesman! Luxury and show. Note the two rulers are inconj...not much love lost here. The Pluto/Leo is square to the Nodes...and So. Node is conj. Saturn. As ominous a portent as can be.

For Astrologers who dislike the Grand Trine, notice this one in earth signs. Mars/Capricorn trine Neptune/Virgo trine Uranus/Taurus...all inimical planets - and they do show the terrible success of events. Great gains for Hitler - and great and permanent gains in land and territory for Stalin. There is even a wide Fire trine, with Moon/Sag. and Mercury-Venus/Leo with Jupiter Aries. Sun/Leo in its last degree was trine to Hitler's Sun/Aries. So it was a great triumph for him, personally and as ruler of the Germans.

This horoscope led straight to Yalta...but also to Israel and it is strange to see how it foretells the event of Israel 9 years later...after the most terrible sufferings of the Jews. Sun is on Israel's Mars and the Grand Earth Trine, includes Israel's Sun/Taurus by 2°...Mars being exact. Pluto is 1° from Israel's Moon. Mercury is on Israel's Pluto! And Venus/Leo falls within 2° of trine to Israel's Jupiter and sextiles Israel's Uranus.

How very odd. It is only by hindsight that we can see the link of events. Astrology shows us the web of fate in its making and weaving.

MAKA GRANTHAM, Fairbanks, AK 19 Dec. 1984

This is one of those classic Alaska mornings (2:15 a.m.) that the combination of too much darkness and too much late evening coffee has turned my "insomniac" mind into a whirlwind of thoughts and ideas.

What is predominantly on my mind, and has been for months, even years, is the extreme need to discuss the sign Taurus and the planet that most influences this sign. Let me start from the beginning of my thoughts.

In every book I read on Astrology, astrologers have just accepted Taurus' influencing planet as being Venus, for what grounds I really don't understand, except that perhaps astrologers figure that all of our influences **MUST** come from our surrounding heavens. Bear with me while I attempt to explain my viewpoint.

In my heart, I **absolutely** believe that Earth is the influence on Taurus. Isn't it agreed by astrologers around the world that Taurus is, without a doubt, the most stubborn and obstinate of all the signs? That Taurus is also practical to a fault? Taurus is unequalled in patience and, most resourceful and acquisitive? Isn't it true that Taurus' priorities in life are money, food, and sex? Isn't it also true that Taureans tend to evaluate people by what they have?

Now let's start at the beginning of my capsule list. What makes them so stubborn and obstinate? Couldn't that be attributed to our own Earth's powerful gravitational influence. Gravity is, of course, **our most** stubborn and obstinate force, thank God, and it tends to keep our feet on the ground, so to speak, which is so very practical in make up. Next, isn't it true that we as human beings **are** patient plodders continually searching and recording our progress, step by step, century through century, never tiring of the idea that the truths we seek are through patient understanding of our vast universe.

As far as Taurus' resourcefulness, why shouldn't they be the most resourceful. They have all our natural resources at their fingertips. They have the most practical understanding of all Earth's resources, being influenced more strongly than the other signs. We are, each of us, influenced by an aspect of every planet.

Just think about the priorities of Taurus. All of them, (resources) money, food, and sex, are so basic and all are **essential** to all life on Earth. Then finally, it would only stand to reason that what most influences a Taurean would also be what is most valuable to them. Hence, the importance they place on (Earthly) material possessions, wouldn't you think?

I probably could go further **Edith**, but basically I've said what's been on my mind, and if you have a response to this I would be deeply appreciative to hear it - pro or con. The beauty attributed to Taurus - Weren't we a garden in beginning.

One other thing; Placing Earth's influence on Taurus leaves only one other sign without a planet (force) of its own - Virgo.

Do you suppose there's a possibility of another planet way out there somewhere that we just aren't aware of at this time. Isn't that a stimulating thought!?

J.SILVEIRA deMELLO, San Francisco, CA 11 Dec. 1984

Since I last wrote, I have lectured twice. I got a bit ticked at Sepharial and Fagin. In Fagin's Solunar book, he gives as an example the chart of Cardinal Ratti and says that ~~no~~ astrologer could have said that he would some day have become Pius XI. Well, for heaven's sake, it was perfectly plain to me, Mars midheaven, Jupiter-Venus 10th (in Placides), and five in the 11th house, but Jupiter Venus in Campanus make it seven in the 11th. Now good old Sepharial had a chart of a female imbecile born 15 min. earlier in England and said that anyone born that day would have had the same configurations and also be an imbecile. But that 15 min. in England became an hour and 15 min. in Italy, much more of a difference. Then Fagin did a solar return and said: well there you have it plain to see, his solar return for the year he was elected shows it very clearly. And so it does. But so do the progressions.

This past weekend I did Mario Cuomo. Time was given in AFA Bulletin as 10 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time, 15 June 1932, Jamaica, New York (but then they gave a wrong longitude). In 4 years, his Sun will be right on Jupiter, and in 6 years right on his Asc. This year his MC prog. to his 4th quadrant midpoint, and his Asc. prog. to his 1st quad midpoint. Both lectures were very successful. People just sat there and wanted more. Now I have to worry about what to do for next time. Luckily two of the other lecturers had undertaken Indira Gandhi. I had done her twice for this group years ago and had been very unsuccessful because I chose to heap criticism on a female national leader. But I am always getting my ass in that sort of a sling. Did it with Blavatsky and Besant in those hallowed halls (the Theosophical Society). But the charts are right there clearly showing what difficult ladies all three indeed were.

Here is the paper today, Dec. 11, with a new planet called VanBiesbroeck 8B in the constellation Ophiuchus, between Scorp. and Sag., I looked it up in my astronomy book. Near Serpens and in the Labors of Hercules. Says Robeson, "drives away poisons and cures venomous bites." Ophiuchus is a northern constellation. According to the newspaper, it is nine-tenths the size of Jupiter and 30 to 80 times as massive. Although the press release was from Washington, D.C., the discovery was made in Tucson by a team led by Dr. Donald W. McCarthy, Jr., Dr. Frank J. Low, and Dr. Ronald G. Probst. Of course there is some discussion about whether or not it is a true planet. The most likely thing is that this new discovery is the "sun" of a totally other system outside our solar system.

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A quick note to relate a helio Venus-prog. Moon experience. I had begun corresponding with a previously unknown astrologer. She sent me her chart and I noticed her prog. Moon just leaving a square to helio Venus in Cancer in her 1st house. Writing back to her, I told her of the aspect, gave her the date it had been exact, and asked if she could relate any event to it. A quick response was received. She had purchased chocolates for Halloween distribution. Overcome by the temptation of having the usually banned sweet in the house, she had literally gorged herself. The results showed up quickly on

her face. She then stated, "This is confirming my faith in helio. I never really took it seriously before, but I think you have something important going."

To **Joylyn Hill**: After a study of Robert E. Lee's chart, my personal inclination, at least at this time, is to give him a Virgo Asc. and Gemini Midheaven. If this should happen to be correct, transit Uranus (ruling his 6th) and prog. helio Mercury would have been crossing his Midheaven while Saturn was transiting in a square to it and about to cross his Asc. in Virgo, for that fateful night in his life when he was forced to choose between the north or the south. It was a decision made late on Apr. 19, 1861 from Arlington House, perched high on the bluff overlooking the government buildings of Washington, D.C. (now part of Arlington National Cemetery). Lee was in a "damned if he did and damned if he didn't" position. Pres. Lincoln had asked him to take charge of the Union Army. His first son had the Sun in Virgo; a daughter had the Moon in Virgo; his famous father had the North Node at 11° Virgo. The handsome General, always so neat and precise, achieved the phenomenal record of never having earned a demerit at West Point. Nevertheless, he was also daring and bold (Mars rising?). Helio Mercury in Scorpio, with the Mercury ruled signs on his angles, and square helio Venus in Aquarius, does certainly point out the crushing disappointments he endured in his professional stature. He picked the losing side; he was a traitor to the Republic his family had helped establish.

Also to **Joylyn Hill** (P. 37, Jan. '85): Rulerships of signs, houses, and planets were allocated to various part of the body as the result of observations that there was a cosmic connection. While these may not always seem logical to us, the universe carries a bigger stick. It would seem prudent to listen and concede to its authority.

Jan. '85, pp. 14, 45, 56: "Horoscopes of the U.S. Presidents," compiled by Doris Doane before labeling the quality of the data became such a hot issue, contains mostly speculative horoscopes. They should be studied with an awareness of their precarious basis. While they were timed with solidly respectable astrological logic for that time, advancements in astrology since then could demand a change in the birth times selected. For example: Pluto's position has been corrected, and the dynamic response of world leaders to the heliocentric positions is becoming known.

Some of the Presidents and their wives were born before the calendar change. The two birthdates of George Washington are usually given, but no clarification has been found on the birth date of wife Martha, or the other ladies. I have sought in vain for the rule followed in the encyclopedia and other biographical sources. None has been found in "Facts About the Presidents," either. Dates are given throughout with no reference to the calendar, whether old style or new style. (Astrologers get no respect.) Since there was an 11 day difference when Martha was born, the problem cannot be ignored. If someone has validated the correct dates, or the rules followed in these matters, passing on the information to colleagues would be greatly appreciated.

Pres. U.S. Grant was so sensitive to helio placements, common for public figures, that I found his horoscope easily corrected to a birth time of 6:33 a.m. Eastern Standard Time (11:33 GMT). This is only a slight variation from that shown in Doane's President book, but it changes his Midheaven from Capricorn to Aquarius.

To **Don Borkowski**, p. 39, Jan. '85: Regarding your grandfather's birth in Bryan, Ohio on July 4, 1887 and the doctor being called from the parade to attend the birth. Parades could not begin until everyone got their chores completed; even doctors had livestock (a horse and buggy was essential). Those on outlying farms had to have time to harness the team and get to town by wagon.

The Independence Day celebration was usually the biggest community social event of the year and included parades, picnics, political speeches, games and fireworks - in that order. The parade got everyone together and it was followed to the meeting ground where the other festivities could be held. Late morning, or before the noon lunch (called dinner then), is the most likely time the parade was held. Milk-cow owners had to

leave around 4 in the afternoon for the second milking (those who lived close by returned) and so the late afternoon was a time period dominated by children playing and adults socializing. Neither parades nor political speeches would have been scheduled for this late afternoon period when the men had gone home to do the milking, with many needing to take the family with them because of the distance involved.

Members of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) would most certainly have dominated in the parade and in the scheduling. I'm not sure but what this once huge organization has passed out of existence. The Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.), with headquarters in downtown Washington, D.C. (probably sufficient for addressing), might prove to be very helpful. They have a world of information at their fingertips.

The following we found in a school paper we received recently.
THE TATE FAMILY

Ever hear of the Tate Family? I was introduced to them recently. There's the head of the family, DICTATE, who wants to run everything; Uncle ROTATE, who wants to change everything around. His sister AGITATE likes stirring people up whenever she can. Nephew IRRITATE rubs people the wrong way, and nieces HESITATE and VEGETATE pour cold water on every proposal.

Then there is Aunt IMITATE, who is all for buying something new just because someone else is doing it, and of course, DEVASTATE will always throw a monkey wrench into the works.

You are sure to know the Tates, for they are on every committee, live on every street, join every club, travel on every plane, and work in every factory, shop and office.

Watch out that you don't become one of them.

anonymous

ARLENE ROBERTSON, West Chester, PA Dec. 26, 1984

Thanks for the Helio chart. Found it fascinating although I'm not sure I'm interpreting it correctly. What do you do about your natal Sun? Just disregard it? Am I a Libra now? However, I do think Mercury in Sag. suits me a lot more than Mercury in Pisces since all my life I've been searching after knowledge, never having gotten over being deprived of a college education. Is the Moon where it's supposed to be? Still in Virgo? I'd feel funny letting go of that Virgo Moon. It's gotten me pretty far! Also I liked Venus, still in Taurus, but conj. the mid-heaven. Nice. Also Mars in Leo seems a little bit better than Mars in Cancer which I never really liked. But Leo? I don't think I'm Leo-aggressive somehow. The rest was the same except Sat. in Gem. (which I always liked) is closer to Pluto - just 11° apart. And Pluto's in the beginning of Cancer, not tail end of Gem. which sure makes a difference. Sat. and Pluto - story of my life. Now I've got Mercury opp. Venus with the Moon in Virgo making a T square, instead of the old T square, Merc. sq. Sat., opp. Moon in Virgo. Really have to give that one a lot of thought. It's certainly an interesting concept.

EILEEN O'CONNELL, Quebec, Canada Aug. 11, 1984

I enjoy reading MH very much and have some interesting data I would like to share with other astrologers. But first, I would like to find my Astro-Twin. I was born Feb. 8, 1947 at around 8 a.m. EST (9 Pisces Asc.) 73W34 45N31.

For more information on any of the data I have, write to me at: 4244 Prince Charles, Chomedey Laval, Quebec, Canada H7W 1Z2, and I will be happy to inform you.

(1) A set of twins born June 6, 1949. Male born 1 a.m. mentally retarded (accident at birth) and a Female, 1:20 a.m. (normal) born in Antwerp, Belgium and now living in Quebec.

(2) A boy born May 17, 1966, 8:32 p.m. EDST, 73W34 45N31, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Moved to Toronto in 1977 - Aug. - was injured in freak accident (football) and broke his neck and is now paralyzed from the neck down. Accident occurred Sept. 12, 1983 at 6:30 p.m. EDST, 79W25 43N42, Brampton, Ontario.

I have access to other twin births and mentally retarded children and adults, but not the time for those retarded.

T.PATRICK DAVIS
Jan. 19, 1985

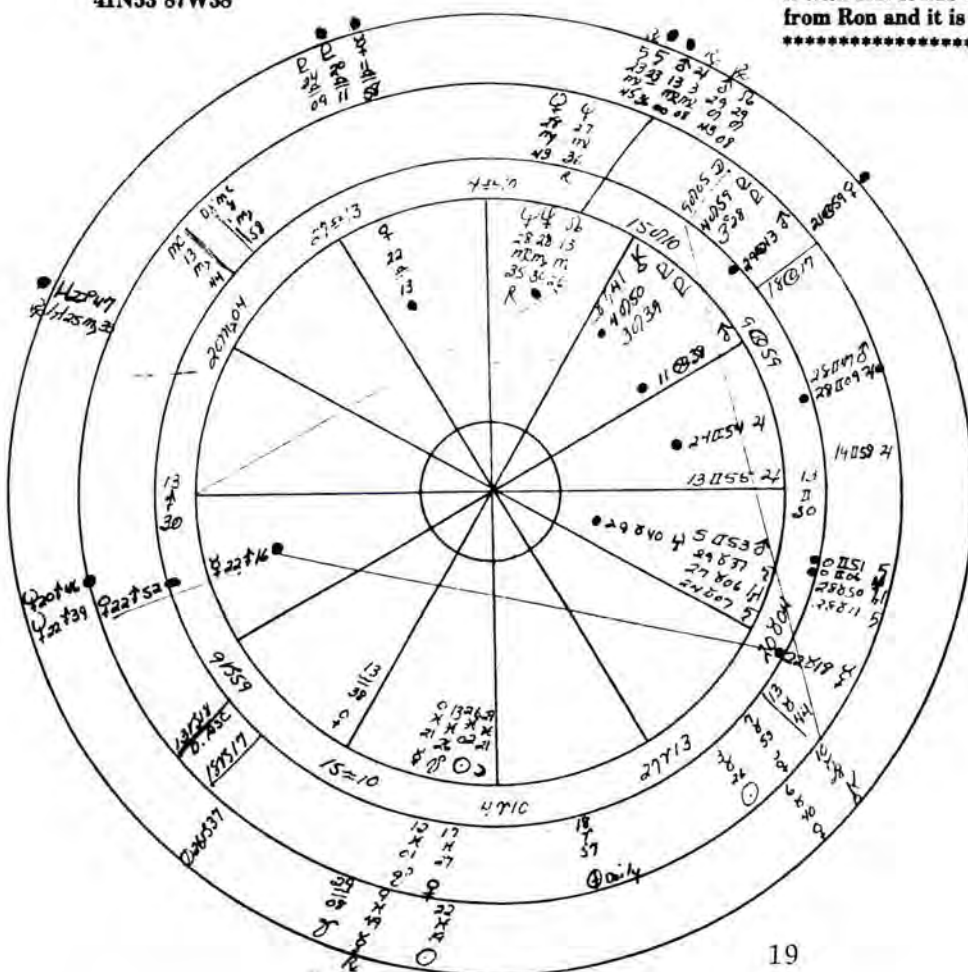
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Lois Rodden wrote and stated that she had contacted Edgewater Hospital in Chicago to establish their code of recording birth times. She stated that the historian was firm in stating that they had followed the law and recorded the birth of multiple murderer John Wayne Gacy in Central Standard Time. This would give him a 3rd house Sun-Moon, rather than the 4th house Sun-Moon we all thought most likely. Goofed again! I really thought the 4th house Sun looked more appropriate. I haven't had time to get the chart out and restudy it.

Putting Chiron into charts regularly now is really perking my interest. It has been kind of like the helio - the aspects are so exact and meaningful that it is hard to discount. It is decidedly the sign of Libra brought into the picture. Example: I have the chart of a woman with Libra on the MC and a Libra Sun only a couple of degrees from the MC. Her mother died unexpectedly of a stroke, and she was immensely fond of her mother; she was the apple of her mother's eye and had been spoiled almost impossibly. The prog. MC. was square an 8th house Node...and that is quite expected. The remaining aspects all centered on Chiron, which was placed far enough away from other patterns to allow the aspects to stand out. In addition, transit Chiron was exactly opposing her Midheaven. Hmmmmm!

I'll enclose a quickie chart I did on Gacy some time ago - for when he was convicted. I just got out the file. Hmmm! Prog. Moon conj. Chiron in the 8th; Libra on the MC. Remember I draw planets as one reads: top to bottom, and left to right. [The solar arc Asc. was also square trans. helio Pluto. Edith.]

John Wayne Gacy
Multiple murderer of young boys
Mar. 17, 1942
0:29 a.m. CST
Chicago, IL
41N53 87W38



CORENE WENTWORTH, St. George, Canada Dec. 18, 1984

To Marion March, Adele Knutsen and Mollie Sommer re Jan. '85 issue. Thank you for your replies. Marion, I have your book and have just written to Astro-Analytics for information on tape. Adele, letter to you in mail. Mollie, my example for you:

Female, Nov. 3, 1968, 10:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, Toronto, Ont. Canada, **Unaspected Sun** in 11th in Scorpio which rules Leo which is intercepted in 8th! Powerful STELLIUM in 9th Pluto, Mars, Jupiter, Uranus; YOD formation Neptune, Mars conj. Pluto and Moon which I believe is V.O.C. Mercury is at the M.P. OF Neptune and Mars-Pluto conj. in the YOD. Mercury opposes Moon-Saturn conj. in the 4th. The child is mine. We have had our problems. You mentioned in Apr. '84 issue that **Eugene Moore** "believes they (unaspected planets) have a Uranian quality because they're unpredictable." I can certainly confirm that!

If anyone wants to give their opinions on this one...fire away. By the way, she has Venus on the Asc. - a real charmer! I have Pluto in the 5th!

RONALD DAVISON Surrey, England Dec. 1984

A special thank you for continuing to send the MH and congratulations on the way in which you continue to keep producing most interesting and entertaining issues.

For me the highlight of a rather quiet year was the evening organized by the LODGE to mark my retirement from the editorship of the Quarterly. The Hall was bursting at the seams. I was presented with a very fine arm chair, which now occupies pride of place in our living room.

I have spent the last few months translating Hirschler's book on medical astrology from the French. It should appear in the first half of 1985. Also in the pipeline are some "collected essays" and a very long overdue book on Solar Returns.

[Ron had written the above on a Christmas card to me and I felt that many of you out there would be interested in sharing it with me. It has been a long time since we have seen or heard from Ron and it is good to know he is as busy as ever. Edith.]



**PUBLISHED BIRTHTIMES FOR
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Tampico, Il**

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Sources for events are: **Ronnie and Jesse: A Political Odyssey**, Nancy by Nancy-Reagan, **"Where's the Rest of Me?"** by Ronald Reagan, **Profile of Women** by Lois M. Rodden, **National Enquirer**, numerous issues, **New York Times**, **The Real Reagan**, by Frank vander Linden, **Reagan: The Man the President** by William H. Smith.

Feb. 6, 1911 - Born in Tampico, Il. Son of Jack and Nelle Reagan.

1914 - Moved to Chicago. Later moved to Galesbury. Bronchial pneumonia at an early age.

1916 - Able to read newspapers aloud. Nicknamed "Dutch" - father said "he looked like a fat Dutchman."

1918 - Lived in Monmouth, IL. Saved baby birds and nest, winning plaudits from Audubon Society. Dentist put in 3 or 4 lead fillings.

1918-19 - Winter after WWI armistice. (Nov. - Jan.) mother near death with influenza.

1919 - Moved back to Tampico. Nov. 22, 1919, Solar Eclipse at 29 Scorpio.

1920 - Moved to Dixon (90 miles west of Chicago). Lived there til 1932.

1920-21 - Started wearing black rimmed glasses due to poor eyesight and difficulty in reading.

1922 - Found father dead drunk one night.

1924 - Sept. entered North High School. Height 5 ft. 3 in., weight 108. Wore huge horn rimmed glasses.

1926-32 - Summer worked as lifeguard 7 days a week.

1927 - Sept. Student body president during senior year at high school.

1928 - June graduated from North High School.

1928 - Sept. entered Eureka College. Failed to make football team as freshman.

1928 - Nov. 27, protested cutbacks in curriculum at Eureka as freshman class representative on strike committee.

1931 - Dec. 24, father received blue slip firing him from job as Christmas gift.

1933 - Jan. became sportscaster at WHO Des Moines, IA. Received \$75 a week.

1932 - Jun. 7, graduated from Eureka College. Major in Economics.

1932 - Fall, (Sept.-Oct.) hired as play-by-play announcer WOC Davenport, IA. Received \$10 a game.

1937 - May, took screen test. Accepted 7 year contract at \$200 a week. Drove from Illinois to California by automobile.

1937 - June 1, signed by Warner Bros. Made film debut as a radio announcer in "Love is on the Air."

1940 - Jan. 25, married Jane Wyman in Glendale, CA. (Jane D.O.B. Jan. 4, 1914, 1:00 a.m. CST, St. Joseph, MO.) Portrayed George Gipp in "Knute Rockne."

1941 - Jan. 4, daughter Maureen is born in Los Angeles, CA at 3:23 a.m. PST.

1941 - May 18, father died. (Born July 13, 1883.)

1942 - Appeared in "King's Row." Highlight of film career.

1942 - Apr. 14, entered Army as 2nd Lt. Cavalry.

1942 - Apr. 19, sent to Ft. Mason, San Francisco. Toured with U.S. Army Air Corps.

1945 - March, adopted a son, Michael.

1945 - Dec. 9, discharged with the rank of Captain.

1946 - March, returned to movie making.

1947 - Testified for House on UnAmerican Activities.

1947 - June 20, hospitalized for virus pneumonia in Cedar of Lebanon Hospital, LA. (Near fatal illness.)

1947 - June 27, Jane Wyman (wife) lost baby. Only lived 12 hours.

1947 - Nov. 17, elected as president of Screen Actors Guild for the first of six terms.

1948 - May 5, filed for divorce.

1948 - July 19, divorce final to Jane Wyman.

1949 - June 19, broke right leg in four places during a baseball game. Hospitalized for three months.

1950 - Sept.-Nov., campaigned for Helen G. Douglas. Senate race against Richard Nixon.

1952 - Mar. 4, married Nancy Davis at Little Brown Church in Los Angeles, CA. (Nancy D.O.B., July 6, 1921, 1:18 p.m. EDT, New York, NY.)

1952 - Oct. 21, daughter Patricia born at 2 p.m. PST, Santa Monica, CA.

1954 - Feb. 14-28, acted as M.C. and performed song and dance comedy skits at Last Frontier Hotel, Las Vegas, NV.

1954-62 - Hosted General Electric Theatre on T.V. Spokesman for public relations program.

1958 - May 20, son Ronald Prescott born at 8:04 a.m., Los Angeles, CA.

1960 - Made 200 speeches for Nixon.

1962 - Switched political affiliation to Republican Party.

1962 - Jul. 25, mother died. (Born July 29, 1885.)

1964 - Appeared in "The Killers," his final film.

1964 - Oct. 27, gained national attention through T.V. speech, "A Time to Choose." Spoke on behalf of Barry Goldwater, Presidential candidate.

1965 - Published autobiography titled "Where's the Rest of Me?"

1966 - Nov. 8, elected Governor of California.

1967 - Jan. 2, 12:10 a.m., Monday, Midnight plus 23 minutes ceremony on T.V. sworn in as Governor. Actually had taken

the oath of office the Tuesday before.

1967 - July 31-Aug. 6, in hospital for surgery. Gall-Bladder, Urinary tract, Prostrate.

1968 - Made last minute run for Republican Presidential nomination. Defeated by Richard Nixon.

1970 - Reelected to second term as Governor of California.

1976 - Narrowly defeated for Republican Presidential nomination by incumbent President Gerald R. Ford.

1980 - July, won the Republican nomination for President with George Bush as running mate. (June 12, 1924, 11:45 a.m. EST, 42N15 71W05)

1980 - Nov. 4, elected 40th President of the United States.

1980 - Son Ron married.

1981 - Jan. 20, inaugurated at 11:57 a.m. EST, Washington, D.C. 77W00:30 38N53:21.

1981 - Mar. 30, assassination attempted at 1:25 p.m. in Washington, D.C. Bullet wound in chest near heart. Hospitalized until April 11, 1981.

1984 - Acclamation, Dallas, Texas, 11:00 p.m. CDT.

1984 - Aug. 14, daughter Patty married at 5:17 p.m. PDT, Los Angeles, CA.

1984 - Aug. 22, renominated by Republican Party for President.

MARY ELLEN GLASS, Baltimore, MD Sept. 11, 1984

Now that Pluto has finally entered Scorpio for good, I would like to offer my personal relationship with death for the education of those who may not be too familiar with Scorpio energy. For the record, my birth data is: Oct. 25, 1944, 2:58 p.m. Eastern War Time, Chester PA. I have 3 planets in the 8th house in Scorpio, all square Pluto, and have spent the last 5 years actively concentrating on Pluto in preparation for this transit.

All my life I have been concerned with death. Well, at least since 1st grade at Immaculate Heart of Mary elementary school. The Catholic Church in the good ole (pre-Vatican II) days, had a morbid concern with death. As we walked in the door, scared to death of all the tall grim people in black, we were faced with a gory rendition of the crucified Christ...blood streaming from the wounds on His hands, feet, side and head. Pictures of the Sacred Heart (bleeding of course) and a weeping Madonna were standard issue. We were carefully instructed about how Christ "Died on the Cross for you and your sins!" Now in anybody's book that's a pretty heavy trip to lay on a bunch of 6 year olds...I still have trouble handling it at forty.

Things got even better though. By the time second grade rolled around, having been initiated into the Sacraments of First Penance and First Communion, we were ready to get down to the nitty-gritty of the death scene. Enter "Lives of the Saints." How noble and courageous they were! They were boiled in oil, burned alive, shot through with arrows, tortured and maimed in an infinite variety of ways. Granted, these tales had a purpose. The purpose was to teach us that being baptized Catholic made us special and that the only way to get to heaven was to be true to our Faith (no matter what the provocation). Even as a child I was somewhat of a realist. I knew that if sainthood depended on being good, I'd never ever get a shot at beatification. Look at poor St. Maria Goretti...carved to pieces for defending her virginity. I didn't know what virginity was, but I sure as hell knew it wasn't worth getting carved to pieces over!

Then, at 9 years old, death jumped into my world. The following poem explains my child's reaction to that event (Don Borkowski please skip):

It used to worry me greatly that God provided no heaven for dogs or cats or Protestants.

My father was a Protestant and he died when I was very young.

At nine years old it's hard to know your daddy isn't there where only Catholics go.

And to know, deep in your heart that they were wrong.

They HAD to be!

But they couldn't be wrong, now could they?

When they were all grown-ups and so much smarter than I?

And after all....God was on their side.

I know because they told me.

And then it worried me greatly that they wanted me to be like them when I could see them for what they were:

People whose lives weren't working very well.

And I came to distrust them, they who had lied before and would lie again.

Then freedom came when I saw them for what they really were.

People who were trying their best and knew no other way so that even a child could lead them.

And now it worries me greatly that others will believe

There is no heaven for dogs or cats or Protestants.

Since writing that poem I have come to see that Vatican II has made the world of difference in the approach to teaching religion in Catholic schools. The Crucified Christ has become the God of Love. Holy Communion is not so much the eating of the Body and Blood of Christ, but the sharing of a ritual meal. I've also come to see that it is not the "Truth" which has changed, merely the emphasis. While reassuring for future generations, there are those of us left to cope with this negative programming. Through all my study I have come to realize that I do not fear death at all. What I fear is the process of dying. And that is an entirely reasonable fear when kept in proper perspective. I have learned, through personal experience that there are times when death can be a welcome friend whom we greet with open arms. For some of us, making peace with death can lead to a greater celebration of life.

Pluto's entrance into Scorpio heralds many events on a worldwide scale, but its energy can also be used by each of us to enter into our own hidden depths, stripping the veils from our eyes in the process. Some of us, during this psychic striptease, may even be lucky enough to tap into the ultimate reward...absolution.

WILLIAM L. LINDEN, Kew Gardens, NY Aug. 1, 1984

I am happy to answer Judith Gee's request for discussion in the 13th Extra. To begin with, the article cited makes it clear that one of the premises used by Humphreys and Waddington to hit on their date for the Crucifixion was the assumption of Good Friday was "the eve of the Passover." Yet she seems to be implying that they **proved** exactly that. A syllogism can not prove one of its own premises. The interest of their findings is, rather, that it gives support to the traditional date of A.D. 33.

Her main point is that if the Last Supper was on Nisan 14 and not 15, it was not "valid," and that this "entirely invalidates our religious ceremonies."

I really just do not follow your reasoning. What does it mean to say that an event is "valid?" When I sit down to dinner, I do not ask whether it is "valid" or not. The Gospel states that on Maundy Thursday certain actions were done and certain things were said. It might or might not be useful to ask whether this is true or not; I do not see any sense in asking whether, assuming the account is true, whether they were "valid" or not.

And I do not see what on earth (or in heaven) this has to do with the "validity" of meeting for worship on Sunday (because it is plainly stated that "Christ was risen early on the first day of the week"), or any other day; or of baptizing, following the example of Jochanan bar Zachariah; or confirmation, matrimony, ministries, church schools, etc. etc. etc.

I have to guess (because of her vagueness) that she means one of two things. Perhaps she feels that tying the date of Easter to Pesach is "invalid." This appears utterly irrelevant, as the feast is on Sunday for reasons named above.

(I leave the East-West-Celtic disputes over the exact age of the Moon for those who understand them.) Or she means the communion rite. Again, utterly irrelevant. We observe it, not

because it is an imitation seder, but because Christ commanded "Do this in remembrance of Me." I do not see how a command of God incarnate depends for "validity" on whether he said it on Groundhog Day or the 4th of July.

If you try to counter this by saying that the Gospels are inaccurate and the Creeds are wrong, that is one thing; but that would in turn "invalidate" the Gospel account used as the basis for the British astronomers' conclusions.

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Horary Astrology says, accordingly, if 3 months before your birthday, you consider what you want accomplished for the next year, safely having a secondary wish, on your birthday the wish you wish for may come true. Four months later will be when you may wish to send in the secondary wish, having had too many problems with the first one. Six months later the most formidable problems will arise, making you see clearly the negative of your wish. If you can hold out, you will find you have what you wanted and when three months before your experience too. With the help of some friends, I present a list of ours and others philosophies, goals, and religious beliefs that we hear and read about, all placed in Astrological House order.

1. House of Self...Everyone should completely and successfully express all his talents in every artistic mode of his desires and receive worldwide approval and admiration as he desires.

2. House of Values...Wealth, health, and happiness are yours, and my God wants you to have them. If you believe, you can prove your belief to God by sending in your check to ME at Channel —, and I'll tell God to give you everything you want.

Or, the whole earth is here for our personal benefit to use and to rule. Anything goes in love, war, and making a profit.

Or, the whole earth is here for us to preserve as it was before man.

3. House of Communication. To SEEK Knowledge or "THE TRUTH" is everyone's highest purpose.

4. The House of Home...The family is the most important unit of society and the world is one big family of brothers and sisters.

4. contd. We are here in a material world to learn about material things. We collect things so others can admire our taste and tenacity. We collect — (works of art, cute baskets, money, salt and pepper shakers, books, especially on Astrology, music, trips, conquests, Nobel prizes, old clothes, or real estate).

5. House of Children and Speculation. Increase and multiply and fill the earth and thy children shall raise up and call you - blessed.

Or, some live to win big at every form of gambling known to man and devil.

6. Health and Service...Physical fitness is next to Godliness.

The runners "high" and the aerobic "lift" are the true union of energy and the cosmos, once achieved only by the mystic in deep meditation, Tai Chi dances or Yoga trances.

When we are holy enough, we will meet our Master and be initiated and become a disciple by serving humanity and healing everybody.

The body is a temple - No smoking, no alcohol, no preservatives, no white sugar, no unnatural ingredients, clothing or sex.

7. House of Partners Philosophies...I have the right to find and secure someone who will take care of me and all my needs and wants in the manner in which I wish to become accustomed.

Or, I have the right to fulfillment in complete and meaningful relationships with my "twin souls" and "soul mates," and other partners as desired for my own well-being.

8. Eighth House Philosophies...All men have the right to completely and frequently express themselves in any sexual mode of their ever-changing desires and to expect and to

receive all others' approval.

Everyone should have complete faith in anything "channeled" from the highest sources; our guides, interplanetary travelers, Jesus, the Archangels, —, etc.

Life is an illusion of space and time. There are alternative realities, and what you believe is what you get, and what you see - ain't.

The only thing you can count on is death and taxes.

9. House of Philosophies and Higher Education...Everyone needs to return to traditional religions; Christianity, speaking in tongues, Yoga, Ancient beliefs, pyramid power, or the Nature ceremonies of the natives or pagans.

Or, everyone needs to reject that part of the faith of his fathers and of his childhood which is inoperable and culturally depriving, to renew his faith in today's practical standards of situation ethics.

Everyone should study any philosophy or religion taught by your Major University (Phil. 301 & Wld. Rel. 352) so they can be discussed intelligently.

It is important to attend the correct "wine-tastings" (adults), "keggers" (teen-agers), or "slumber-party" (children), as they are the ceremonial celebrations of modern times.

10. The House of Public Life...Some people are meant to have and use POWER, to control everyone, everything, and everywhere (including you, my dear!). Power, both overt and covert to the strong, now and forever. Amen.

The one who controls the cameraman controls the masses.

Or, some of us special people are meant to float through life, not touching the earth and all its filth and sordidness. We avert our eyes and rise above it all.

11. The House of friends and humanities goals. Everyone should be a busy, constant friend, be everyone's equal, and on everyone's guest list.

We need to "raise humanities consciousness," the "higher consciousness" and "the Christ consciousness" or "Let's get HIGH!"

12. The life you are living today is the result of KARMA. If it hasn't been painful, it will be soon, because you are GUILTY. If not from this life then from a past life, and if not from the past, then there is COLLECTIVE GUILT! So your every thought, word, or deed is weighed, judged, and recorded in the Akashic Records (St. Peter's Big Book?). So it's best not to do anything without weighing the possible consequences for your and your children's next thousand lives.

Or, everyone has to suffer, because the highest good is achieved only by suffering and bearing your crosses (squares?) cheerfully. Nothing is free - you get what you pay for and you really don't deserve much!

Or, none of it makes any difference anyway, because we're all going to be blasted away (nuclear disaster), fall off (earth-tip), freeze to death (Glacial ice-age and CO2 imbalance), spun-off (Halley's Comet) or be taken over by the — (Russians? Liberals? Minorities? Humanists?!

If I left out anyone's current belief system, please let me know, and I'll add it.

Yes, I do accept and respect others' philosophies, religions, and belief systems, because I firmly believe in them too.

DR. MARK A. MELTON, San Diego, CA 22 Sept. 1984

To Dale Huckleby: Frankly your comments (Oct. '84, pp 12-14) about symbolism, the NG, and "where you are" display carelessness and fanaticism. I am fully aware of the correct definition of "NG" but I am at a loss as to know 1) why you think that "where you are" on the celestial sphere is a unique, meaningful concept. It isn't. You're at the center. As I said, and I'll repeat, it is a matter of choosing a specific center of projection. You have also tried to pull a fast one: Your original statement was, I believe, "The NG is where you are." Your latest statement is "where you are" in the zodiac. These are not equivalent. My response was to the former assertion.

I do, quite seriously, question your dogged, manic adherence to the NG (I would feel the same about any other point) without adequate testing. I have never seen an **exclusive** test of the NG, that rules out the MC. The successful (?) tests of the NG that I have seen, that you have shown me, are not exclusive (and cannot be if the Asc. is considered, because a conjunction with, or any aspect to the NG necessarily involves the Asc.). In short, it is a pointless position.

As for symbolism, my remark was in response to your "...the trouble with astrology is symbolism," or some such. That is an over-broad and careless statement, which is why I jumped on it. Yes, there is no doubt that sloppy use of symbols (as well as stereotypes, definitions, levels of abstractions and so on) is one of the faults of astrology. I certainly do not need from you a lecture on the ambiguity that arises this way, as you can doubtless remember many discussions we have had about it. A major part of our mental processes is symbolic, so we cannot avoid symbolism. It is essential that we keep our uses as nearly as possible on the overt, conscious level. Astrologers that I respect are fully aware of this pitfall, try to avoid it by parsimonious use of aspects, pseudo-planets, and orbs, and generally maintain a skeptical attitude toward their own conclusions. I admit that for the majority, attempts at empiricism are frequently a sham, but I would maintain that the fault is largely with the user, not the system itself. You go further and say that self-deception is necessary, i.e. built in; I say this is ridiculous.

I have had remarkable success in rectification with the MC (as well as the Asc.) by progression and checking against records (unknown to me at the time). I have got 4 solid and one or two more iffy successes, out of 7 or 8 determined trials. If this sounds sloppy I feel no need to make excuses. Since the probability of one success by pure chance is very small, nominally 1/1,440 for getting it to the minute or 1/206 for getting it to within plus or minus 3 min., then the onus is now on the critic to show either fraud or a very unusual series of coincidences. The largest "error" I've had amongst the successes was about 3.5 min. I doubt if this will work for anyone who is not well known to the astrologer, so fully controlled or standardized conditions are simply unattainable - it's not a realistic condition. It is furthermore no surprise to me that attempted rectifications for strangers or public figures not personally known are seldom consistent.

These results do not rule out the NG as an independently important point, but I have not found it necessary to use it. I would be open to using the NG if I were shown that it is indispensable. I feel that Dale's major calamity in life is in not considering any possibility other than the correctness and infallibility of the NG. And the fact that he judges all persons on the basis of their adherence to his special orthodoxy is a sign of monomania. He may feel that a complete revision of the framework of astrology is in order, but he must now produce a self-consistent substitute and show that it has superior predictive and explanatory power. [OK fellows - from here on in you are on your own! Seems to me you two have been arguing these points for years - before MH even? Looks like nobody has won yet! I'm sure you know each other's addresses, if not, I can forward any further exchange if you wish. Edith.]

JOYLYN HILL, Denver, CO Sept. 22, 1984

I enjoyed Ted George's article on John F. Parker, (pp. 47-48) but I have a few questions. Why didn't he give the birth date of the man since it is not universally known like Lincoln's? Knowing that Parker had Sun in Taurus and Moon in Gemini is not enough. (J.F.K. had his Sun in Gemini and Moon in Virgo.) I would like to do more with the chart. Without a daily ephemeris available earlier than 1850, how could we pick out a date "about 120 years ago?"

Ted George describes Lincoln as coming "from another place and was put on the earthly plane that was difficult for him to adjust to." What other place? I'd like to relate some suppressed history of the war which will dispel some of Lincoln's Neptunian reputation.

We've all heard of Andersonville; there was even a T.V. program on it some years back, but hardly anyone knows of the

Point Lookout federal prison which was a concentration camp for both civilians and soldiers. Since the North had plenty of food and medicine and did not lack for transportation, there was no excuse for the torture and starvation. Bolsheviks could not have more effectively liquidated the descendants of the Founding Fathers who lived along the lower Potomac and who had the wrong sympathies. Their homes were destroyed, but a few escaped from the northern Virginia-Maryland area before they would have been captured.

Everyone has heard of the Atlanta-to-the-Sea campaign, but that was only half of Sherman's march. There was a sound military and strategic reason for taking Atlanta since it was an important railroad center, but there was no military value in Sherman's campaign from Savannah to Columbia for the reason that the nearest Confederate army was hundreds of miles away in North Carolina. The undefended city of Columbia, S.C. was first sacked and then burned. The war against civilians was simply political vengeance against the first state to secede. Half of the state's assets were destroyed. Lincoln is best remembered for his rhetoric "with malice toward none and charity for all." We would be a little shocked if we came back a hundred years from now and saw Lyndon Johnson held in the same esteem that Lincoln is now. L.B.J. never jailed newspaper editors that he didn't like, however, under "the aid and comfort to the enemy" excuse.

In Nov., 1863 Lincoln unilaterally (without a vote from Congress,) called for a national day of Thanksgiving to celebrate the victories of Gettysburg and Vicksburg. Called Yanksgiving in the South, nobody ever connected it with the Pilgrims until some Mass. legislators proposed that it be connected with their annual commemoration of the founding of Mass. Bay Colony.

While the South didn't make a hero out of John Wilkes Booth, they did make a heroine out of Mary Surratt, whom they considered innocent. (How many of you have ever heard of the Dalberg conspiracy which nearly succeeded in killing Jeff Davis and his entire cabinet?)

For those who would be interested in Mary Todd Lincoln's horoscope, it can be found on p. 40 of **Marc Edmund Jones'** book, "The Scope of Astrological Prediction."

What do the Statue of Liberty, the Jefferson Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, and Mt. Rushmore have in common? They are all idols upholding the state religion of equality. With the exception of the liberty statue, which was shipped from France disassembled in crates after the Centennial Exhibition was over, and intended for a museum, all the other monuments were created during the Neptune in Leo period. Thus they really represent the ego of the American public, rather than the men themselves, for we have never worshipped our rulers like the ancient Egyptians did. Honoring famous men by naming streets, avenues, and boulevards after them is fine, and there is nothing wrong with a statue or effigy no larger than lifesize at the graveside, or one in a city named after the hero, but we have really gone overboard. As much as the French revered Napoleon, they erected an Arch of Triumph for him and a tomb effigy; they didn't carve up a mountain to create an image of his face.

MARGUERITE DAR BOGGIA, Los Angeles, CA Sept. 17, 1984

For some time I had been trying to determine whether President Reagan was born at 2 a.m. or 2 p.m. I looked at all the progressions for the incidents in his life. After I determined that the time was close to 2 a.m., **Zip Dobyns** said that Catherine de Jersey had telephoned Nancy Reagan a long time ago and was informed that the time was about 2 a.m. Apparently some Hollywood astrologers decided that 2 p.m. fit him better and rectified his chart. At the time of his assassination the progressed Sun quincunxed his Asc., squared Uranus while transiting Uranus conjuncted his natal Asc. Prog. mars semi-squared his natal anti-vertex, while transiting Mars squared it.

My article in *Kosmos* Vol. XIII #4 gives the progressions at the time of the election for President Reagan, V.P. Bush, V.P. Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro.

What amazed me about Mondale's progressions is that

transiting Saturn will set off his prog. Asc. opposition Saturn at the time that Zip Dobyns suggested as a possible economic collapse! and in early 1987 his prog. Sun squares Saturn. This is about the time the U.S. prog. Sun quincunxes the natal Sun which was the aspect in 1929. Zip Dobyns publishes a quarterly journal called *Mutable Dilemma* for \$12 a year which is excellent. Since the Pisces 1982 issue she has become interested in financial and mundane astrology. She has also written in her journal on the Canadian charts and how their economy ties into that of the U.S. Anyone who wishes to subscribe can send for information to: CCRS at 838 S. 5th Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90005. She has back issues available.

The solar eclipses on Nov. 22, 1984 and May 19, 1985 could activate President Reagan's prog. Mars square Asc. and prog. Sun conjunct Saturn. Transiting Saturn in the Spring of 1985 could activate his prog. Sun conjunct Saturn, while transiting Pluto opposes the conjunction. Barry Lynes in his books, "The Next 20 Years" and "Astro-economics" compares Feb. 19-21, 1985 to Oct. 24, 1929! He publishes his own books. They are \$15 each plus postage.

The eclipse on May 19, 1985 at 28 Taurus affects the chart of President Reagan and those of his family. It is also on V.P. Bush's M.C. and Mercury, ruler of the 1st, which inclines me to believe that Reagan will be reelected. Something might happen to him and Bush could assume more power. The degree of this eclipse is exactly on Alcyone. In *The Secret Doctrine* it is mentioned as one of the stars in the Pleiades and it is supposed to be the star around which our solar system revolves!

ISAR which publishes *Kosmos* will be having its 17th annual conference in Los Angeles County **June 7th to 9th, 1985** with such notables as Noel Tyl, Michael Munkasey, Francoise Gauquelin, Carolyn O. Britton, George Noonan, Zip Dobyns, and many others. Two weeks before that period, from May 24th to June 6th, 1985 there will again be a research effort at the home of Zip Dobyns. Anyone who has data and a theory they want to test is invited to write to The International Society for Astrological Research, Box 38613, Los Angeles, CA 90038, stating what they would like to do, what they might contribute and what they hope to learn from this experience.

CHARLES C. MONTGOMERY, La Quinta, CA Oct. 1, 1984

If eclipses mean anything at all they mean that there is a cycle of 18 years and 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ days in the lives of everybody. (Is that true?) That period equals the length of time between two eclipses in the same cycle. It equals approximately nine Mars cycles and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Jupiter cycles. Therefore to establish any validity to the eclipse (Saros) cycle you must eliminate all Mars and Jupiter elements from your interpretations. How many astrologers infatuated with eclipses do that? None, I daresay.

And how many look back 18 years and 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ days in the lives of their clients to see if there is any correlation? Considerably more, I daresay, and if they do they must find little or no comfort.

For example in my own life (I know more about it; so I have a right to use it as an example) since I was born I have "suffered" 8 eclipses conj., square or in opposition to my Sun, given an orb of 3°.

The first was a square and happened on June 8, 1918 at 17 Gemini 16. It preceded a rather pleasant period in the tumultuous events of my adolescence. I got to be a patrol leader in the Boy Scouts. Any of you eclisphobes out there who would have warned me against that?

The next square was on June 8, 1937. Here we come to something suggestive, except that the eclipse **followed** (and so was not an "omen" of) the preceding traumatic experience. It preceded an uplifting violent emotional triumph. Quite inappropriate to a square to the Sun. As a transit it might be considered appropriate, even though several days too late, but as an omen it was a dud.

Meanwhile there came a conj., on Sept. 10, 1923 at 17 Virgo 06 (conj. my Sun). It preceded a period of new adjustments to college life, which was anything but unpleasant. In fact I found it quite delightful. Does that sound like an eclipse conj. the Sun as laid down in the rules of the literature?

The next conj. was on Sept. 10, 1942. It preceded a period of

increased self-assurance and independence, plus dramatic increase in income - far from catastrophe. As a transit it meant nil.

Before I go on I should explain that I have kept a diary ever since Jan. 1, 1922; so I can look back with certainty as to what happened on the crucial dates.

Going back to the third aspect of an eclipse to my natal Sun, we get to an opposition. Pretty dreadful, wouldn't you expect? Especially since it was the closest of all aspects to my Sun, which is at 14 Virgo 21. On March 5, 1924 there was an eclipse at 14 Pisces 49. What did it presage? Not a damn thing, as my diary makes quite clear. I was a sophomore in college, and perking along just like a sophomore is supposed to do. This, the closest of all aspects to my Sun, brought absolutely nothing at all - just the routine of the kind of life I was living.

On March 7, 1932 there was an eclipse at 16 Pisces 53. That was close to an ominous opposition to my Sun. What did it bring? In less than four months I married my beloved and gorgeous blond and turned out a straight "A" average in law school.

An opposition at 16 Pisces occurred on March 7, 1951. It preceded a period of my greatest expansion, which afforded me increased independence, both personally and financially and in terms of worldly success.

There was another opposition on March 7, 1970 at 16 Pisces 44. It preceded another period of increase in worldly success, genuine public recognition - even acclaim. As an omen it really fell flat.

Out of all eight "fearsome" aspects to my Sun, only the eclipse of June 8, 1937 comes close to accord with the rules usually given for eclipse interpretation - and the trauma was **before** not after the eclipse.

For these reasons I consider any consideration of eclipses in astrological forecasting to be a superstitious hangover from ancient omen reading. Any of you who disagree with me can write me at: P.O. Box 682, La Quinta, CA 92253. As I have said before I file vituperation in the circular file, but will spend hours on well reasoned argument or apt examples. Come on **Barbara Cameron!**

DAILENE LEMBECK, Mesa, WA Sept. 5, 1984

Writing and rewriting my Astrological Code of Ethics has brought about some heavy soul-searching on my part. Do I really believe these statements or are they just worthy goals?

For example: Do I really "Accept and respect all others' religions and philosophies?" Others' personal philosophies and purposes are temporary, and yet they all seem to be, at least to that individual, an upward growth that all others should birthday you begin next year's wish you will be on a new wheel of fortune, a new cycle had begun without any thought of last year, it may be forgotten by then.

In the course of a year, I have reached my peak, and my depth. I had what I wanted but meanwhile the negative of Neptune area, the conjunction of Prog. Mars to Natal Mercury in the 7th and prog. Mercury Rx at 13° in Capricorn the 8th has given me a new nerve disease called Myasthenia. Tales go from complete disaster to remission but no cure. The muscles and nerves fight instead of cooperating and muscles deteriorate. You become weak and your eyes won't open.

What do I wish for this year? Courage? I wouldn't know how to identify it. So I take one day at a time instead of a year. If I wished, it would be for a computer to make Astrology so much more fun. I read **Diane Zeines'** March 22nd letter. I wore a smile through it. She was so like all of us. It seems everyone's chart has its pitfalls. Even when there are Trines or Grand ones they can be negative in that life is so easy you can't take the falls. The ones who have the Squares can meet the challenge because they've got nothing to look forward to but some more of the same. I always sit alone and write out all the information I can get out of a chart before I speak with anyone. I'd rather not know the person first. It's always nice to know a person abstractly so that when the person speaks and asks

questions you know how the mind of that person will act on what you say. When they leave I give them what I wrote. They always say, "It's just like me." But I have taken from other Astrologers to finalize what I know. Then I think, "How much of an Astrologer am I?" I've studied for 15 years. I was so sure Neptune meant Spiritual Assistance, creative ways to be poor and the ocean, that I came here. It gave me spiritual activity and church and friends like myself but it also gave me a hidden disease from which I may eventually die. Will Alaska with Venus Mid-Heaven assigned there by astro-chart give me peace of mind? Will it help if Jupiter, Mercury and the Sun are nearby...whereas I have Uranus and Neptune on the east coast. I'll find out. I know I have come into life with Neptune in my 3rd house which gave me a Catholic upbringing and a large family along with introvert mind and ability to get good marks without knowing what I was learning. Will I go out the same way? I wonder if all Scorpios are feeling Pluto influence beginning in their life. This whole change in my life is pretty heavy. It took Diane's comments to pick me up. My wish next year is for a computer, rather than courage. It's more tangible. [How about dropping Defiance a line? She could probably use it about now. Edith.]

LYNNE RICH, Buffalo, NY 24 Sept. 1984

Glad to see a special AFA/AFAN supplement. Thanks, Edith, for your effort to keep politics and communication re: astrology in separate compartments. And, thanks again for MH. What a unique and wonderful forum for us astrologers.

Barbara Cameron, Oct. '84, p. 12: Psychic Fairs - around this area, Western New York State, psychic fairs must include in their advertisements: For Entertainment Only. Having spent 10 years as a practicing astrologer and almost twice that as a serious student, it riles me to be considered for Entertainment Only. On the other hand, it is hard to take something called a psychic fair seriously. My experience (and I did participate in a couple years ago in another city when I was first starting out) has been that these occult smorgasboards do little more than perpetuate the stereotype image of psychics (and astrologers) as being kooks. However, I suppose the psychic fair debate will go on. It's like the debate over the value/lack of value of daily Sun sign horoscope columns. There are those who feel Sun sign astrology serves no purpose and there are those who feel it, at least, gets people curious enough to probe deeper. These diverse points of view can be applied to psychic fairs also.

"Can it be that the future of Astrology in the U.S. will lie under the domination and definition of psychologist?" To this I say - not if we don't let it. Although many Americans seem to have a fascination with both formal and pop psychology, I hear more and more from both professionals and clients (of psychology) that it just doesn't work. I'm not intending to make any sweeping accusations or conclusions about psychology. But I do sense rumblings within that field - rumblings about something being amiss or left out. Could be that Western psychology is a little too left-brained, but that's only part of it. Until we have a helping profession that is based on the concept of Personal Responsibility (we create, choose, and are responsible for our individual world), I don't want to be associated with and won't be dominated by psychologists or any other "ists" that are in vogue in our society. I'm waiting, sometimes impatiently, for the day people begin to recognize the metaphysician astrologer. Until then, astrologers must deal with the limbo of being Not Psychics/Not Psychologists. If we keep repeating what we are not long enough and often enough maybe we'll finally get the point of what we are across - Astrologers.

Ingrid Stamatson, Oct. '84, p. 65: I have both a Sun and M.C. at 0° and, like you, "remember feelings but tend to forget events very quickly" and I have to live in the present/future. I have only recently (at 37) learned to let go of some of the left-over feelings I've been carrying around as excess baggage from childhood experiences. No sense hauling around feeling if

you can't remember the event and, most likely, neither is appropriate to my adult life anyway. In any event I think 0° keeps you from getting stuck in the past and always looking forward. I'm one of those people who always wants what's up ahead and never wants to go back. (Thanks to 0° Sun - conj. Uranus.)

BESS TORNELL, Forest Lake, MN Oct. 7, 1984

I am very happy to read more and more on people's experiences with hard aspects. Thanks to all who have contributed. As we astrologers look at the charts of our clients and see some of these hard aspects transiting the planets, we know there will be serious situations coming up, but what? A Saturn Return can be difficult but how and what way? The planets, signs and houses have several meanings in themselves it's difficult to pinpoint it exactly.

I have one client who had natal Uranus 3° Cancer in 4th, working in 5th and trans. Mars 3° Leo in 6th. Turned out when she got home on this day, her dog came running out of the house, over to a mother rabbit with several little rabbits, killed a few of them. She became so excited, suddenly, unexpectedly and tried to separate the dog from the rabbits. Who would believe this aspect would be dealing with small animals and rabbits at that! It was quite an ordeal for her and the poor rabbits - This sharing of experiences can be helpful to all of us especially the beginners. The good as well as the difficult aspects.

Sally Smart: Thank you for sharing your experiences with some of the difficult aspects. Very interesting indeed and helpful in learning how these aspects affect us. We never can learn enough.

Judith Gee: I love the way you delineate your charts, thank you. Please keep sending in more. I'm learning much from them.

Diane Zeines: You wanted to know about the astrologer's Sun being in client's 12th house? I'll share my experience. I did myself in. I had a neighbor across the street who was a student of mine. She confided in me of serious financial problems and asked if I could tell in her chart what she could do to earn extra money in the home. She still had a youngster at home and couldn't go out to get a job and wanted something temporary. She was a Leo with Leo Rising and Sun in the 12th house. I'm a Leo with my Sun in 9th in my own chart. Since I realize most Leo's are creative I asked what she enjoyed doing. Baking fancy sweet breads and rolls. I told her of some of the people I knew and read about who started a good business in baking at home. I told her I would try to help her get a start. I've always been on the chubby side (Scorpio Rising) and had to diet every now and again losing very little even on liquid diets. My husband died only months before and here is where I wouldn't and couldn't eat because of my grief and lost weight where I felt proud of myself and felt good about the loss.

I began ordering bread and rolls for myself, neighbors and friends who have helped me during my grief and sorrow, telling them and hoping they would also order from this girl. Results: I was the only one buying. The girl herself didn't try to get orders on her own and depended on me. I put on all the weight I lost plus more.

Then I saw they had a brand-new big snow-blower and new snow toys for their children that I felt I couldn't afford myself and my grandchildren. That was it, no more would I help. If they wanted to have everything and be in debt they can try to manage on their own.

It's now 8 years and I still can't get off my weight and I find it difficult to get up enough will power to put in the effort. I cry each time I think of it.

MARION D. MARCH, Encino, CA Oct. 3, 1984

Just got through giving my husband a surprise party for his 60th birthday...70 people and 14 heart attacks later I am finally back in business and just weeded my way through the Oct. '84 issue of MH. Probably missed a lot, but here are some answers to questions that I found:

To Edith in the beginning - Geraldine Ferraro's birth data was published in the Data Exchange Column of AFA Bulletin

No. 6 (June 1984). The correct information is born Aug. 26, 1935 at 21:00 zone +4 (9:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time) in Newburgh, NY (41N30 74W01) according to her Congressional Office who state that they checked with her mother.

And while we're on data - here's Mario Cuomo (also from Data Exchange Bulletin No. 9) born June 15, 1932 at 10:00 zone +4 (10:00 a.m. EDT) in Jamaica, Queens, NY (40N43 73W47) from him personally in letter to **Betty Marks** dated May 21, 1982.

To **J. Silveira deMello** on p. 19 regarding the Nodes. Neither node is "truer" than the other. As the Moon orbits around the Earth, it does not do so in a smooth motion, but with wobbles called perturbations. The Mean Nodes are figured as though there were no perturbations, evening out the orbit by taking a "mean" average. The True Nodes are refigured every time there is a wobble in the orbit by calculating a new orbit for each perturbation. **Neil Michelsen** prints the daily motion of the True Nodes in his American Ephemerides and the monthly position of the Mean Node, which is easy to calculate by subtracting 3 and 1/3 min. per day or 10 min. every 3 days. The True Nodes move backward and forward alternately. They can move back as little as 2 min. in one month or as much as 2 1/2°. But over the years their motion is always backwards. Liking my calculations as exact as possible, I immediately opted for the True Nodes when I first discovered them, and for quite a few years now have both nodal positions in many of my charts. To my great surprise I found as many important events to coincide with the exact positions of the Mean Nodes as those of the True Nodes. In fact some earthshaking happenings like birth and death and marriage and such has been in closer aspects to the Mean than to the True Nodes. Any other Astrologer with similar experiences? I'd be most interested to know.

To **Esther Moldauer** on p. 28 re a Gauquelin experiment: I have heard that same statement from Francoise Gauquelin and Michel personally, quite a few times in fact. But I have never seen the actual documentation. This was done quite a few years ago to the best of my recollection.

To **Pat Oakley** on p. 29 re if intercepted houses always stay intercepted: I think you answered your own question when you said that in your progression for the last few years no houses were intercepted. Actually you can calculate in your head, using 1° per year, when the interception will change. If you have 12° of Gemini on the cusp and Cancer is intercepted in the house, by age 18, approx., the house should have reached 30 Gemini or 0 Cancer, freeing Cancer from its intercepted placement. The next question you may wish to ponder on is the meaning of losing an interception. Were any planets intercepted? What importance does the ruler of the house play in the chart. If Cancer really happens to be intercepted, or Leo, it is always important, since the Sun and Moon naturally play a large role in any horoscope.

I'm sorry I missed Chicago, glad that summer is over, looking forward to winter and our usual skiing trek to Gstaad, Switzerland and visit to my favorite city Paris, France (this year with a side trip to Israel, if all goes as planned). Hopefully none of the doomsday economic predictions I read about in **MH** this time around will come true!

JUDITH GEE, London, England 15 July 1984

Further to my article about that Golden Day when 'Alice' was begun 4 July 1862, circa 3 p.m. on the River Thames at Oxford, England...you published the chart in 13th Extra, p. 10. Well it has been established that the day was not so sunny but wet and windy, yet in recollection of both Lewis Carroll and Alice, remembered it as a Golden Day.

I have been reading a book about Alice and her life and family - the real woman, called "Beyond the Looking Glass" by Colin Gordon (born 1944). Published by Hodder & Stoughton, London 1982. This is an entrancing book, large and fully illustrated with many of Alice's own sketches, and many photos by Lewis Carroll of Alice and sisters. It also gives Alice's birthdate - 4 May 1852 - and she was born in the shadow of Westminster Abbey, London, though lived her young years in Oxford. She married in 1880 and had 3 sons. Two were killed in

World War I, 1914-1918. Alice died 16 Nov. 1934 after being feted in New York in 1931. Her son died in 1955.

All these years the archives of Alice and her family lay untouched, until recently her granddaughter called in Colin Gordon to do something about them...hence this book. The book lacks sufficient correct birthdates...but Alice's is given. Alice was Alice Liddell and was one of 10 children. Her father was a clergyman and held important posts and published a Lexicon that ran into many editions. Her father was born 1811 and died 1898, and her mother was born 1826 and died 1910 so that between them her parents spanned a century. Alice married a man called Reginald Hargreaves in 1880...he was born the same year as Alice 1852...he died in 1926...and they lived very happily and she was much in love from her letters. This book is a time capsule, giving Victorian thoughts, morality, ideas and their lives from their own words and sketches.

Alice Liddell Hargreaves birth planets for the day, 4 May 1852, GMT Noon:

Sun 14 Taurus 7, Moon 22 Scorpio 7, Neptune 11 Pisces 3, Uranus 4 Taurus 59, Saturn 8 Taurus 21, Jupiter 18 Scorpio 52 Rx, Mars 10 Leo 55, Venus 29 Gemini 20, Mercury 7 Taurus 14, Pluto 0 Taurus 15, North Node 10 Cancer 56

Alice Liddell Hargreave's death, 16 Nov. 1934:

Sun 23 Scorpio 27, Moon 24 Pisces 3, Neptune 14 Virgo 19, Uranus 28 Aries 31, Saturn 21 Aquarius 52, Jupiter 7 Scorpio 54, Mars 16 Virgo 50, Venus 22 Scorpio 50, Mercury 4 Scorpio 29, Pluto 26 Cancer 29 Rx, North Node 4 Aquarius 40

Alice's own birth Venus 29 Gemini is within 1° of the 4 July 1862 chart of Venus 28 Gemini. Note the strong Taurus and Scorpio emplacement of planets in Alice's chart...a very pragmatic and practical young girl - as Lewis Carroll depicted her...she just had adventures, but was not herself imaginative. He was!

On the day of death Jupiter opposed the birth Mercury - 7 Scorpio to 7 Taurus. Venus was conj. Sun at 22 Scorpio 23 and this was the place of the Noon Moon at day of birth. Mercury 4 Scorpio was opposed to birth Uranus 4 Taurus on the day of the death.

Mercury in the 4 July 1862 chart is 10 Cancer 50 conj. with Alice's North Node! Fame and publicity - how neat! And N. Node 4 July 1862 is square to Moon 24 Pisces Noon position on day of death. Publicity again, but adverse, fatal.

SHEILA CONRAD, Los Angeles, CA Oct. 1984

Jeff Jawer, p. 40, Oct. '84. Yes, I definitely agree with you that transit energy must be owned, not avoided. Participation is another matter. Many times there is a fine line between where your responsibility ends and another's begins. We, and those around us can reflect a transit energy only at the level of our respective involvements or developments. Choice and free will in our reactions? Yes, as long as we have the knowledge of the transit implications.

For example, I recently experienced a transit of Mars and Neptune to square my natal Nodes. On this particular day, the Moon was also approaching this point, so it was my time of the event. Normally, problems with women would be considered a byproduct of this combination of energies. However, within 15 min. of the Moon making the exact aspect of conjuncting the South Node and squaring Mars and Neptune, I had 3 separate encounters with 3 different women. With one woman I worked at solving a problem in our friendship to the satisfaction of us both. From another woman, a perfect stranger, I received a compliment on a piece of jewelry I was wearing. The third encounter was with another stranger who approached me, never identified herself, and asked me to leave the restaurant because my friend and I had been there too long! Where did I go wrong? It would appear that I was on my way toward elevating the meaning of this transit, but the last incident left me embarrassed and confused as to why I was part of such negativity.

After much Piscean self-examination, I have come to think that it just wasn't all my fault. Yes, I was in the right place at

the right time, with the right planets whirling around me, but it was her choice to approach me with her venom. I do not have the power or will to control another's response. I was gracious to her, although I wanted to crawl under the table. I could have defended myself, but I hadn't done anything wrong, just to be there too long. (Just to BE THERE?)

I choose to turn this into a positive through my understanding. Philosophically, the ripples always keep moving. And somewhere in time this meeting will mean something, some small change perhaps, in the ripples of her lives, just as it already has affected mine. There is meaning in everything, a forward motion to each contact that we have with each other. How we respond to the planetary challenges is our personal power measurement.

AL H. MORRISON, New York, NY **Oct. 1984**

It has come to my attention that there is confusion about the U.S. Dept. of Labor's official text, having the force of Federal law (Regulations).

The Dictionary of Occupational Terms began in 1934 as a make-work New Deal project, to give writers something to do, and to create needed information the government had never bothered to gather. I took a minor part in this initial draft, as a student in college.

When Congress of Astrological Organizations (CAO) began trying to find projects that would help the status of Astrology and Astrologers, Joyce Greer in Memphis, TN chaired an ad hoc committee to get the listing of Astrologer in the D.O.T. changed. It said then, and still says now, something like: **Entertainers. Work mainly outdoors, wear brightly colored costumes. Recite a spiel which takes about 3 weeks to memorize.**

The ad hoc committee of CAO met in the office of a Mr. Weinstein, Editor of the D.O.T. (he had just brought out a new edition, not yet delivered to him from the printers, with the definition unchanged.) We showed him that we are not clowns, but rather normal-looking business/professional people. We explained something of the ways in which we work, the kind of clientele we have. We showed him some of our working materials, charts, and the like. We were promised a revision of the D.O.T. to fit our definition of 'Astrologer,' said he would put it first into a supplement that goes out from time to time, updates, corrections. He promised us a definite revision in the next edition of the D.O.T. (around the year 2001, if it takes as long as the last edition did). He also required of us that we supply documentation to support our proposed official U.S. government definition of 'Astrologer' in the D.O.T. However, before we got that assembled and presented, it became necessary to dissolve CAO, 14 March 1979.

So, the official U.S. government definition of 'Astrologer,' with the force of Federal Law (Regulations, issued under an enabling Act of Congress), is still the same, in a word, CLOWN. This has the advantage that as long as it is there (there is another official such directory for the guidance of the President and the Executive branch that says the same thing, in other words), no astrologer can be sued for MALPRACTICE.

An entertainer who fails to entertain sprightly enough is simply an inept clown, rather than an Emmet Kelly. (If you do not recognize the name, you aren't old enough, or never went to the circus as it was, once upon a time). The next thing is that any definition change will lead, by bureaucratic redtape growth, into STANDARDS.

At the minute STANDARDS, no matter who sets them, or how derived, ALL, EACH, and EVERY astrologer within the area covered, whether it be a village, a city, a county, a state, or the whole country, will be subject to CIVIL SUIT alleging MALPRACTICE.

That is, if the village enforcement people think a DR-70 is Standard, then any astrologer who uses something else, or calculates by hand, will be subject to suit for Malpractice. If the country authority gets the idea that tertiary lunar progressions are IN, then any astrologer who fails to do tertiary lunar progressions for each and every client can be busted for Malpractice. In the Medical profession, where standards are complex and highly technical, so many Civil Suits for

Malpractice have come to court that the entire profession is changed, beyond recognition. For example: just barely able to save a woman's life, very serious medical crisis, the surgeon had no option other than to leave her navel an inch or two off center, for technical reasons. Necessary, unavoidable. She sued and collected a judgement of nearly a million dollars. It was found by a jury that having a misplaced navel was caused by Malpractice.

A couple of years ago I had a bit of shrapnel cut out of my hand. It had been there for decades, not causing much bother at first, but gradually getting to be a nuisance as it built up a mass of scar-tissue around itself. It was such a simple operation it required no X-ray, even. The surgeon refused to even look at my hand, or to operate, or to even pull out the stitches later on, without a second other surgeon with him, for the record, to make sure there would be less basis for a suit for Malpractice.

So, anywhere, any time, anybody gets installed any Licensing (it is impossible to create a license without setting Standards), (or any other official measurement system equating to Standards), then any and all astrologers suddenly would become subject to Civil Suit for Malpractice. Every not-quite-perfect prediction (or misunderstanding by the client) becomes a misplaced navel, to be compensated by the astrologer. Every computation of any chart would have to be done by more than one astrologer, likewise the explanations of the charts to the clients, just to make sure there will be no Civil Suit for Malpractice.

It is one thing if an umbrella organization, such as CAO was intended to be, including representation from all of the entire astrological community, to explore the process of improving the official U.S. Govt. definition of Astrologer, but it is quite another thing for an individual or a group (however wealthy) without consulting the entire community of all astrologers, (not just an executive director or a board) to move in politically to impose any Standards, or any 'suggested ordinance,' or to propose any form of licensing.

Since there exists no body of Law authorizing any person or group or corporation to test or examine anybody, issue licenses or credentials, any such act would be an illegal act, unconstitutional.

FRANK JAKUBOWSKY, Oakland, CA **Sept. 30, 1984**

Jeff Jawer: Oct. '84. Let's say I planned to take a walk outside in the sunshine, but changed my mind and stayed instead inside. The yellow joyful ray that would have warmed my back, instead falls on the grass. It does not circle the world looking for another back to warm.

Let's say Mars is shining brightly with its rays of red. And then again I changed my mind and stayed inside again. The red ray of Mars that would have hit my head, falls on the grass. It does not circle the world looking for another head to hit.

Oh, oh, I hear the mental wheels awirling round across the MH land. In sync they're saying, I'll look in my ephemeris and find when Mars is angry with its rays of red. I'll shut the door and pull the shades down tight and stay instead inside.

No, no, it will not work. Cause Mars even at its night position will send its short space rays of red up through the earth and through your floor and zap you good. (Hey Girls, stop your giggling. I'm trying to explain some serious new principles.)

Oh, oh, I hear the mental wheels a grinding in reverse. Did not I stay inside avoiding that there yellow joyful ray that would have warmed my back? 'Tis true, 'tis true, the yellow joyful ray warmed not my back, but that sun short space rays cut through the walls and zipped through me. I avoided just the visible light spectrum. The radio long waves and short x-rays and short space rays of Sun still travelled through my body.

Let's say Mars is shining brightly with its rays of red. In my ephemeris I see a bad aspect. Oh my, oh my, what shall I do? If I put on a cap on my quick anger, then I'll shine with angry rays of red. And all of those around by me will feel my angry rays of red. And angry, angry they'll all be.

No, no, that's not the way for me. I'll let that short space rays of Mars just zip through me, and fall on the green grass.

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Hi! I'm Judy Goodwin, and I've been researching name symbology now for a little over 3 years, ever since I saw the Gemini-Sag. Pattern in a client who had Christ in her but was born to lean more to the kar. I don't want to use her name here, but it was a moment of real awe. That's the source, by the way of the **ah** in symbology, when you get it. Getting it can be physical, as in Aries-Scorpio patterns, or intuitive, as in Aquarian patterns.

I've been studying reincarnation and giving workshops on it as well, and I do present the symbolic name patterns of the mosaic of our lives. I, for example, came in during this age to be a know-it-all, and I am a portion of the soul energies of William Wordsworth, because my will was to discover what words were worth; Johannes Kepler, because my hand was to keep learning; Emanuel Swedenborg, because I was sweet and boring, doing nothing but metaphysical research when I met God, or Emanuel; and my grandmother, Rose Ellen Harber, because I harbored the keys to this creation until this lifetime, so I could be the aforesaid know-it-all.

That's now name symbology works. The soul vibration is captured in Astrology, Numerology, our physical beings and our names. The key to it is understanding that our Creator had quite a sense of humor and was a pun master. That's why I call my book **THE ASTRO-PUNOLOGY OF NAMES**. The completed manuscript will explain name etymology through The Kabbala, the archetypes of the Hebrew Alphabet, The Urantia Book (a cosmology) and traditional word etymology, as well as Astrology and Numerology, so I'll need a lot more research and time to finish it. But just in case Pluto's transit through Scorpio and Neptune's through Capricorn prevents me from sharing what I've learned, here's a sample of some of the puns I've researched. If you have any flashes of awe or want to share some unusual names, please write.

SAMPLING OF THE RESEARCH FROM THE ASTRO-PUNOLOGY OF NAMES

NAME	PUN/EXPLANATION	ASTROLOGICAL SIGNATURE
Abraham	A bra ham	Cancer and Fire
Adam	Add am; A dam	Aries, Scorpio
Alan, Allen	Allen; All land	Aries, Capricorn, Aquarian
Albert	All burnt out (After the last fire sign)	Capricorn
Alexander	All explores the and area (All being All That Is)	Aries Libra with Venus/Uranus aspects
Alfred	All for the red (of emotion and fire)	Water, Fire
Alice	All ice; skates through	Splash pattern
Amy	Aim, me - in another version	Aries, Libra
Andrew	And rue	Aries, Libra & Pisces
Ann	And (seeking connections)	Aries, Libra & Capricorn
Anthony	And though knee	Aries, Leo, Scorpio
Arnold	I run All That Is	Gemini-Sag.; Leo-Scorpio
Arthur	Author; but art hurts	Leo-Capricorn;
Augustus	August us; but it all goes to dust again	Scorpio-Pisces
Barbara	Bar and bar the awe until you get it perfect	Aries, Scorpio, Pisces
Bernadette	Burn the debt	Scorpio, Pisces
Bernard	Burn, heart	Aries, Leo Scorpio
Betty	Better it	Taurus, Scorpio
Beverly	Bevel it	Gemini, Capricorn, Aquarius
Brian, Bryan	The Brain; Brine in the And	Gemini, Scorpio
Bruce	Bruised, but the B (weakness) is a ruse. B is a 2; weak	Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius
Caesar	Seize her	Libra, Scorpio
Carol	Caring about the All	Water, with outer planets blending with personal planets
Charles	Char less (Cook, eat less)	Cancer, Scorpio
Celeste	Celestial	Sagittarius, Pisces
Christian, Christine	Christlike	Sagittarius, Pisces
Cindy	Sender	Scorpio
Clifford, Clifton	Fords the Cliff	Cancer, Scorpio, Sagittarius
	Towards the One (reaches unity) on the Cliff	
Daniel	The And yell	Aries, Libra, Scorpio
David	Day divide	Virgo, Pisces
Dennis, Denise	Wants his/her Den nice	Cancer-Capricorn with a beauty planet
		Aries-Libra problems
Diane	The eye is on the And	Pisces
Donald	Don of All; done all that	Cancer, Aries
Doris	Door Rise	Sagittarius; Aquarius
Dorothy	Door of the Thigh	Cancer, Scorpio, Aquarius
Douglas	Do you good at last	Gemini-Sag.; Scorpio-Capricorn
Edgar	Editor, guard it	Gemini, Sagittarius, Pisces
Edmund	Editor of the world	Gemini, Sagittarius
Edward	Editor of The Word	Gemini, Sagittarius, Capricorn
Eleanor, Lenor	El knower; le noir (Fr. for black)	
Elien	Alfing; the El Lens	Virgo, Scorpio

Elizabeth	El eyes on Beth (El stands for the Master Race who incarnated on Earth; Beth is the Hebrew letter for which the archetype is "home")	Cancer, Sagittarius
Emily	A mill hand	Earthly
Earnest	Gene (The gene of our Earthly incarnations was a desire to find love here)	Capricorn, Aquarius
Eugene	Faith, the Fairy	Cancer, Libra
	Frank sis	Gemini, Sagittarius, Pisces
Fay	For the Red	Gemini, Sagittarius
Francis	Came on the ray of the El (The race of Elders who seeded this planet)	Water and Fire
Fred	Spiritual (G is a 7, the number of the spiritual seeker) and Aisy	Sagittarius, Pisces
Gabriel		
Gary	Gene of Eve (In the beginning was the Word (Mercury, exalted in Aquarius),	Gemini & Fire
	Georgious	Cancer, Libra, Aquarius
Geneva, Genevieve	Gee you're old	Venusian, with Leo, Scorpio and Sagittarius
George	Glory in the All	Cancer, Capricorn
Gerald	G regulator; gregarious	Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius
Gloria	Grace	Fixed Cross
	Hands	Pisces
Gregory	Hairyness (bestiality) is old	Gemini
Grace	Heather	Aries, Scorpio,
Hans	(H) El lens	Capricorn
Harry, Harold	Overy	Sagittarius
	Her butt	Aries, Scorpio, Capricorn
Heather	How are you doing?	Scorpio, Capricorn
Helen	Hug (Old Ger. for Heart)	Fixed Cross
Henry	One Aims (J is a 1)	Leo
Herbert	Chain (Desire to reproduction)	Aries, Leo
Howard	Geography frees the John	Aries, Leo, Scorpio
Hugh	Own the J	Taurus, Gemini, Sagittarius
James	Choice	Scorpio
Jane	You do it yourself	Aries, Scorpio
Jeffrey, Geoffrey	Jewels	Splash Pattern
John, Jack	Gathering	Aries, Cancer, Virgo, Libra
Joan	Kin	Fixed Cross
Joyce	Key to the vin (wine)	Aquarius
Judy	Church (Scottish)	Gemini
Jules, Julia	Kind to look at	Aquarius, Pisces
Katherine, Kay	Lion's ray	Libra, Aquarius
Kenneth	Lender	Leo
Kevin	Leo plus Nerd	Scorpio
Kirk	Leo poles	Leo, Pisces
Kyle	Lexicon	Mars, Leo
Larry, Lauren	Lord of eating	Gemini
Linda, Lynn	Low is	Taurus, Cancer, Sag., Pisces
Leonard	Loose the ah	Scorpio
Leopold	Loose seal; loose sender	Aries, Leo, Scorpio
Lex	Month of May and Ma	Gemini, Cancer, Capricorn
Loretta	The Ma ray	Cancer, Capricorn
Louis	More G or eat	Aries, Cancer, Capricorn
Lucille, Lucinda	My arc and Ma	Cancer, Capricorn
Mae, May	Ma are there	Gemini
Marie, Mary	My calling	Fifth House outer planet connections
Margaret, Marjorie	My child	Aries, Virgo, Sagittarius, Pisces
Mark	The Mountain's coming	Cancer, Virgo, Aquarius, Pisces
Martha	The panny who sees it all	Scorpio, Capricorn, Aquarius
Michael, Michelle	Kneeel: Knee of the El	Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces, Aquarius
Mitchell	Nine (Water) Ah	Cancer-Capricorn;
	N (5, freedom for self-expression) or Ma	Leo-Pisces
	Hope to heal ya	Cancer, Virgo, Pisces
	Me or my son	Cancer-Capricorn, Scorpio
	Owing	Scorpio
Montgomery	Patrician: the Pa trick (Saturn esoteric ruler of Gemini)	Gemini, Capricorn
Nancy	Pall	
Neil	Piggy	Scorpio, Pisces
Nina	Pierce the valley	Cancer, Sagittarius
Norma, Norman	Pater	Virgo-Pisces
	Gallop (lover of horses, traditional etymology)	Aries, Capricorn
Opelia	Ray child	Libra, Sagittarius
Orson	Royal Ph (as in ph balance)	
Owen	Rich and old	Cancer, Pisces
Patrick, Patricia	Riches are hard or dose	Leo, Aquarius
	Robber: Row of Bert	Taurus-Scorpio, Capricorn
Paul	Roget's Thesaurus	Taurus-Scorpio, Pisces
Peggy	Rosy	Scorpio, Sag., Capricorn
Percy	Truth	Gemini-Sag., Aquarius
Peter, Pierre	Sally forth; Say Rah! (trad. ety., Princess)	Leo
Phillip	I am the El	Aquarius
	I'm on the And ray	Aries, Leo-Aquarius
Rachel	Ses bastion	
Ralph	See's or C's (communicates) more	Aries, Leo, Scorpio
Reginald	Sharing	Aries-Libra, Gemini, Cancer
Richard	She lays	Pisces
Robert	Shell-like	Aries, Scorpio
Roger	Surely	Aries, Cancer, Pisces
Rose	Spend? Surely	Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces
Ruth	See the id is a need	Aries, Leo, Sagittarius
Sally, Sarah	Steps with the power in	Taurus, Capricorn
	Stew artists	Leo, Pisces
Samuel	Sue the sand	Aries, Scorpio, Cap., Aquarius
Sandra, Sandy	Tailor	Cancer-Cap., Gemini, Pisces
Sebastian		Aries, Gemini, Scorpio
Seymour		
Sharon		
Shells, Celia		
Shelly		
Shirley		
Spencer		
Sydney		
Stephen, ven.		
Stewart		
Susan, Zanne		
Taylor		

Teresa	Tear easier	Virgo
Theodore	Theo (God) Adore	Cancer, Aquarius
Thomas	Too Much (like a twin)	Sagittarius, Pisces
Timothy	Time of the thigh	Gemini, Taurus-Scorpio
Troy	The royal	Sagittarius, Capricorn
Valentine, ino	(Be my) Valentine	Capricorn
Verne	Vert (French for green) healing power	Leo, Libra
Victor, oria	Victor	Taurus-Scorpio, Virgo
Vincent	Vin sent	Scorpio, Sag., Capricorn
Virginia	Virgin til I get into the ah	Gemini, Pisces
Vivian	Vibrant	Virgo, Scorpio, Capricorn
Walter	We'll alter this	Gemini
Wanda	Wanderer	Scorpio, Capricorn
Warren	Warring	Cancer, Sagittarius
Wayne	Waning of the Moon	Aries, Scorpio
William, helm	Will I am	Cancer, Scorpio
Yvonne	You're fond of me, aren't you?	Aries, Leo, Libra, Aquarius

JOAN ABEL, New York, NY **Jan. 17, 1985**

Below re the Jan. '84 MH:

For y'all who, like me, are trying to rectify their charts by transit, Uranus must have hit my MC on Dec. 12, as it was the only day in that time frame when anything special happened. First, I fell down in the street (loud fanfare!) - no, I'm not on the bottle, I hadn't even had lunch yet! Then my mail included a letter from my #2 favorite actor, Nigel Hawthorne. I'd written him asking his birth time, and he wrote back a lovely note, confirming that I'd guessed aright. (He has a wildly dynamic chart, and from what I hear, is a very nice guy. Of course, anybody with Venus and Jupiter in Taurus in the 10th house can't be all bad!) And third and lastly, I was contacted for a job interview. It was the sort of job I'd have leapt at 10 years ago, but I guess secretarial work no longer excites me. Hmmm...Anyway, my MC is around 14 Sag., which according to Koch, has my Asc. at 0° Pisces, which I can well believe.

Some death data for anyone who collects such things: born July 18, 1937, 12.25 a.m., Detroit, MI, died Nov. 1, 1984, Long Island, NY - male. An old friend and co-worker of mine, and gay lover of an even older friend from high school days. Had been living on disability benefits for the past couple of years due to severe arthritis in his hands (he was a commercial artist and designer). The pain led him to drink heavily, and he finally died of walking pneumonia. He'd been nervous and in precarious health in all the years I'd known him.

I've been corresponding for many years with a "Christian (to my mind, all Catholics and Protestants are Christians, but he's of the born-again variety) who has Jupiter in Gemini in the 9th house - he lapses, goes back with renewed fervor, drops out of religion again - anyway, he's studied astrology but during his periods of devout religious discipline, condemns astrology as being outside the sphere of God, the work of the devil. Have any of you out there run up against that sort of criticism, and how do you reply, refute and rebut?

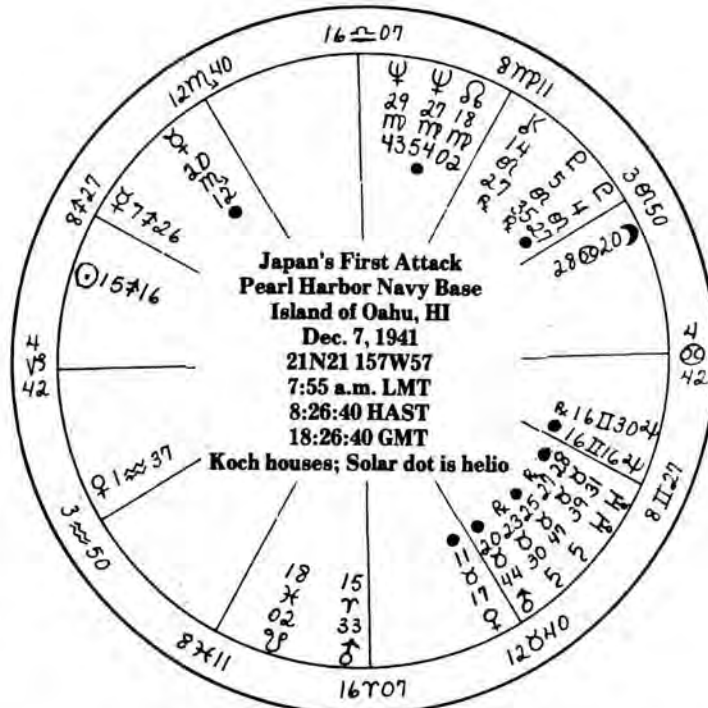
To Catherine Sherman: Re your inquiry on Meryl Streep's birth data, I've just ransacked my back-issues of Dell Horoscope, as I remember her being the subject of one of their "Who Is She?" columns. It's the Oct. '83 number that gives June 22, 1949, as her birthdate, but time and place of birth aren't given. It's only in recent months that Dell has "smelled the coffee" and printed the natal chart of the "Who" in that department. Perhaps if you write to Dell (1 Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, New York, NY 10017), they might be willing to give you the complete birth data.

Edith! Thanks for the page of photos. Ye Gods! It's almost time for the Aries issue!

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Interesting data has resurfaced in some old files inherited from astrologer Ethel Strange, who was active during the World War II era. (Astrologers should always make provisions in their wills for their files, manuscripts, etc...)

Ms. Strange had carefully typed direct quotations from contemporary newspapers regarding the outbreak of war for the United States and then filled in some of the precise timing through a visit to the reference room of a public library to read the Congressional Record. Additional information will be added here through my own resources. Distributing this data through MH seemed advisable because its readers are among the most dedicated astrologers.



The attack on the Pearl Harbor Naval Base in Hawaii had been planned for many months. Sunday morning was chosen by the Japanese because only minimal crews would be at their stations. The first attack was Dec. 7, 1941 at 7:55 a.m. with the time standard being local mean time for Honolulu. There are some unanswered questions on the exacting position used for the center of the calculation. The Naval Base was a distant suburb to Honolulu. The chart presented is closely similar to that calculated by Dane Rudhyar and found on p. 9 of the March 1942 issue of American Astrology. I have added the heliocentric positions and Chiron.

The second attack was at 11:29 a.m. Local Mean Time, followed by more at 11:59 a.m., then at 12:22, 7:15 and 9:10 p.m. LMT. All of these attacks were on the Island of Oahu and were directed at the Naval Base, the Kaneohe Naval Air Base and Hickam Field Army Air Base. This was reported by Eugene Burns of the Associated Press, stationed at Honolulu, after censorship was lifted on Dec. 11th.

The mass confusion and the rumors of invasion by Japanese soldiers dressed in American uniforms, among many other types of rumors spreading like wild fire across Oahu, and reported to me by military personnel there during the attack, does not seem readily apparent in the chart. The Aries Mars at the Nadir for the beginning is appropriate. The helio Mercury in Scorpio opposite Mars in Taurus certainly describes the sensitive awareness of the brutality and destruction which began that day. Helio Mercury is moving to oppose Saturn and Uranus while Mars is moving into the conjunction with the duo in the physical resources sign of Taurus.

Events broke rapidly, and so only the one chart is presented. It can be turned in the mind to accommodate the different circumstances arising.

Two hours and fifty-five minutes after the first attack, the Japanese issued a formal declaration of war against the U.S. and Gr. Britain. Unfortunately, no further details or description was given. Transferring the time to the government offices in Tokyo (35N45 139E30) we get a Midheaven of 25°49' Virgo (Neptune close to the MC), and the Asc. is 10°47' Sag. (Sun in 1st). The Moon is in the 8th house at 29°49' Cancer. The Taurus stellium is in the 6th.

There was a preposterously ridiculous delay in getting the news to the President because it was a Sunday. I do not have the time when President Roosevelt was finally informed. If someone has this time, I would appreciate receiving it.

Congress convened the next day. On Dec. 8, 1941 at 12:07 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Pres. F.D. Roosevelt left the

White House to officially inform Congress that a state of war existed. He began speaking at 12:31 p.m. EST and spoke exactly 8 minutes. He returned to the White House at 12:55 p.m. EST.

The House and Senate acted immediately and prepared a resolution for the President's signature. It was signed first by House Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas, and then by Vice-President Henry Wallace.

The President affixed his signature to the Declaration of War against Japan on Dec. 8, 1941 at 4:10 p.m. EST in Washington, D.C. The Moon had crossed Pluto and was 12°05 Leo; it had been opposing Roosevelt's Aquarian Sun. The chart has now turned to a Midheaven of 15°15 Aquarius with an Asc. of 8°11 Gemini - the degree of helio Mars and Uranus in the July 4, 1776 Chart of the U.S.A. The Sag. Mercury is setting on the western horizon; Jupiter is in the 1st and the entire Taurus stellium is locked up in the 12th house. The war against Japan was given second priority over the war in Europe, it should be remembered. Supplies were so desperately limited that priorities had to be set and our friends in Europe were accommodated first. Those caught in the Pacific felt they had been abandoned, and they were for quite a while.

Three days later, on Dec. 11, 1941 at 3:05 p.m. EST in Washington, D.C., in a quick reaction to Germany and Italy declaring war on the U.S., the President signed the Declaration of War against Germany and Italy. The time lag was only a few hours. The Midheaven for this signing is 2°07 Aquarius with an Asc. of 22°19 Taurus. Helio Mars, at 22°59 Taurus, is only minutes from an exact conj. with the Asc. The remaining Taurus planets and Jupiter in Gemini are in the 1st house. Action proceeded rapidly. The Moon is now 20°04 Virgo; helio Mercury has completed its opposition to the Taurus planets and has entered Sag.

Few people then, or now, realize how close we came to losing in the early part of the war. We were so unprepared; so much had been lost at Pearl Harbor. The can-do spirit of the American people and the President's buoyant spirit of optimism were of vital significance in helping us hang on until resources could be developed.

World War II could not end until the Japanese surrendered, and Japan gave no hint of capitulating - even after the first atomic bomb was dropped on the country Aug. 6, 1945. So, a second atomic bomb was dropped. This seemed to encourage them to face facts, but it was still days after the second bombing before they would concede (Aug. 15th).

The official surrender documents were signed on Sept. 2, 1945 at 9:04 a.m. Japanese Standard Time in Tokyo Bay 35N40 139E45 with the brilliant Gen. Douglas MacArthur presiding. Helio Venus was transiting at 7°04 Gemini: conj. the Asc. of the chart when we declared war against Japan, conj. helio Mars and Uranus in the U.S.A. chart, and trine the Aquarian Sun in Gen. MacArthur's natal chart.

Final note: Mars is in Aries-Taurus in the attack chart, and even though the interpretation was written for individuals, it seems appropriate for the circumstances of this historical event. These two sentences are found in the book, "Interpreting Geo-Helio Planets," "The sense of fair play seems to be thrown out the window when the acquisitive bug hits. They ride roughshod over anyone getting in their way."

Try some of this and the following data, the Helio charts in particular, on a chart for 4:50 p.m., July 4, 1776, 75W10 39N57. [This chart is from Sibley drawn in 1785 according to AFA Research Bulletin #3. Barry Lynes uses 4:47 p.m. and feels that is correct chart.] Edith.

Japan declared war on U.S.A and Gr. Britain Dec. 7, 1941 at Govt. Hdqt. Tokyo, Japan 35N45 139E30 at 12:21:40 Japan Standard Time or 21:21:40 GMT (presumed). No time standard given or place announced.

Pres. F.D.R. signs Declaration of War against Japan Dec. 8, 1941 Washington, D.C. 38N53'18 77W00'36 at 4:10 p.m. EST. 21:10 GMT.

Pres. F.D.R. signs Declaration of War against Germany and Italy Dec. 11, 1941, Washington, D.C. at 3:05 p.m. EST. 20:05 GMT.

Japanese Surrender Ceremony World War II, Sept. 2, 1945, Tokyo Bay, Tokyo, Japan 35N40 139E45 at 9:04 a.m. JST. 0:04 GMT.

DEE DAVIS, Arvada, CO

January 1985

As the new year unfolds, we are taking a walk through the field of prediction that is usually left to weather forecasters, economic analysts, and psychics. This is not foreign territory; to us as astrologers what we have been doing on a personal level, we are also able to do on a national level.

Major changes that did not wait until we turned the page of the calendar to 1985 are 1) the strong government enforcement on drug trafficking to its criminal source, 2) arming the law against alcohol abuse-witness the discussions about "2 for 1" Happy Hours, raising the drinking age, and group education against drinking, 3) continued transplant experiments such as artificial hearts, baboon hearts - with said results for awhile, and 4) we have begun to see greater financial restrictions placed on the fees charged by doctors and hospitals - this will continue through 1986.

The entertainment industry is in for a major shift. Are you ready for this? A strong leaning to the classics headlined by new entertainers. There will always be a nostalgia by each generation for the music of the era. Music and the arts will go through a renaissance for some years to come. We will see more money spent on these creative pursuits.

Our views on sports are changing-we are changing our attitude about running, we will not be so outdoorsy, and we will spend less on spectator sports.

More turmoil in the airline industries and computer companies, hue and cry from the public over telephone companies and the U.S. Mail.

More laws written against the criminal to bring justice back into balance. The real force of this won't be seen until Fall.

We will cut back on foreign money coming into this country. The motto again will be "America for the Americans", returning to home ground the manufacturing of products. We will see more and more done through what is called the "cottage industries". We will see heavy restrictions on Government debts, income, and Social Security. People will start screaming about Government waste, and by the end of 1985 action may be taken to correct this. Frustration regarding taxes and revenues - may see flat tax late 1985.

We will see the reactivation of the Monroe Doctrine.

More pollution control. Major effort placed on the total elimination of toxic waste, although it will be several years before this is accomplished.

We will see a closing of the doors on immigration and refugees.

President Reagan will have a major health problem.

In DENVER, the investigation of removing certain authorities from the bench will continue till August.

We will see strong activity in IRAN in July; a change of leadership in January of 1986.

CUBA will experience financial problems.

CANADA may change some of their laws on foreign investors.

MEXICO will be setting strong goals again for schooling, law enforcement, and drug crackdowns. They could see another major tragedy having to do with oil.

FRANCE will have more strikes by the people. Economic crises in the Fall.

There are going to be more mass deaths around the world as those we have seen in ETHIOPIA, INDIA, and MEXICO CITY.

Worldwide terrorist activity will continue; FRANCE a target. Our embassies will be in danger in May, September, and the latter part of November.

The RUSSIAN people are experiencing a painful awareness of what they lack - they want the finer things of life. Russian spy activities will be disclosed in 1985.

Wishing you a Happy and Prosperous New Year, we are
Emilie Kelso, Dee Davis, Mary Tennant and Cindy Cominiello.

GERRI JACKSON-POSCHÉ, Grosse Pointe, MI Oct. 22, 1984

Well, here I am again. I've been a subscriber for several years but haven't written until this month...twice! Thank God for **MH** and **Robert Hand's** "Planets in Transit." Don't know what I would have done without them for the past couple of months. They have saved my sanity and prevented me from doing some really stupid things! (Actually, I know I prevented myself from flipping out and flying the coop to who knows where...but with a lot of help from the above-mentioned friends!)

How many others in **MH** land feel like they "are on a ride in the desert on a horse with no-name" but periods of lots of physical and mental pain (or at least drain)??? I know it will stop...please just hurry up!!

Have been reading "Astrology. Old Theme/New Thoughts" by **March** and **McEvers**. Cracked up when I read their thoughts about Saturn in the 3rd inconj. Neptune where the person receives the wrong name, there is confusion about the name, or they change their name. I have a twin sister. We have never gone by our given names...but nicknames. My sister changed her name to her nickname legally. I was told by my mother in adulthood that she had intended to name me Germaine instead of Geraldine, after an old friend, but she remembered the name incorrectly. A childhood friend of hers had been named Germaine. My mother passed over a year ago. I was at a Spiritual Frontiers Retreat in April listening to a well-known Canadian medium whom I had never met. She stopped in the midst of her lecture, peered at me intently, and said, "Your mother wants you to know that she is well and happy and you should especially remember you never received the right name at birth." Can you believe that!! We have Saturn in 17 Aries in the 3rd inconj. Neptune 18 Virgo in the 8th. Birthdate July 17, 1938, 7:42 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, 42N24 83W06.

Another interesting experience is that I recently read somewhere, I think in the **MH**, that Libra represents African countries and Pluto in the 9th can represent relationships with dark-skinned people, among other things. Although Astrology is my primary interest, I became a direct voice channel starting Feb. 17, 1979, 11:30 p.m., EST, and this phenomena was precipitated by a dream in February when a black man appeared in a dream leading a parade of undefinable people. He came up to me and shook my hand and stated he would be "working with me" if I would give him permission. He said "he was learning, too." He has appeared in several other dreams, most recently 3 weeks ago at which time he said "we would be going back to school again soon after I got myself re-centered." He was sitting on the steps of a huge columned building at the end of a long, dry, dusty road. He said the school was called The College of Luxor.

Oh, the joys of the unconscious or whatever...imagination or not...it does send hope. For all of us of 1938-1939 vintage who have been through a long dry spell...I do believe there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Thank you all for being there. Do keep writing and, **Edith**, please keep publishing. You have no idea how many a dark night the **MH** has seen us through!

AMY SHAPIRO, Gloucester, MA Dec. 1984

The following are all responses to the 13th Extra.

Judith Gee, p. 10: So enjoyed your Alice in Wonderland chart and analysis. You're a terrifically stimulating **MH** contributor. I noticed that the "Alice..." chart has a rare mutual reception between Neptune/Aries and Mars/Pisces both in the 5th house of creativity. This speaks effectively of an adventuresome and fanciful story, intended to enchant children. It is also representative of the drug-induced states in which Alice was able to experience herself in various forms within different worlds.

Moon Moore, p. 44: Hello, brother! Here's a thought re the naming of Pluto's "other half." Swygard's "Clarion" conveys the 'light bringer' concept - similar to Isabel's use of the 'Minerva' concept. By contrast, "Charon" conveys a distinctly 'burned-out' feeling - not unlike our death-before-rebirth

experience here on Earth. I, too, occasionally have a client request a regression, then be blocked, only to find that they need something else more, i.e., time to just be integrated with Spirit for a here-and-now energizing and healing.

Barbara Novak, p. 1: Re: the seeming irony of Uranus ruling a fixed sign. Consider "fixed" as representing power rather than stuckness, and Aquarius makes a lot of sense; isn't knowledge power?

Al H. Morrison, p. 12: I find your writing to be brilliant, focused and highly educational. Thank you for sharing your wisdom!

J. Silveira deMello, p. 14: I'm sorry to hear about your mishap. How's the leg?

Barbara Koval, p. 14: Amen to your concern for our level of personal integrity as much as professional knowledge.

Judith Gee (again): The "matriarch" is one of a dying breed; families today with more than 2 children are more the exception than the rule. Perhaps this reflects the generations having Uranus in Gem., Can. and Leo, choosing freedom and individuality over family ties?

Emily Browning, p. 28: Thanks for getting me motivated to focus on sesquiquadrates. Perhaps the far-mid-point configuration of 2 planets in square aspect with a third at 135° to both could be termed a FUNNEL if it doesn't already have a name. It would be an easy name to remember since the shape of a funnel is like that configuration. Also, since "funnel" is both a noun and a verb, it sets the tone for a constructive interpretation of the energy flow of that pattern. How about a consensus of opinion from **MHers**?

J. Silveira deMello, p. 58: Thanks for your comments re AFA 1974 Convention. I hadn't realized that dear Marcia was similarly dishonored. I had the great privilege of working with Marcia on her "Journeys Into the Bright Worlds" in 77-78 and couldn't help feeling a strong blend of both love and concern for her. Her aura was so unworldly - or should I say other-worldly? I fully expected that if anyone could de-materialize it was she. What a gem. As far as meditation goes, sometimes it seems that while we as a society cherish our freedom to speak, we are unnaturally and disproportionately threatened by someone exercising their freedom and right to silence!

ELAINE WILLIAMS, Glorieta, NM Jan. 1985

Response to Jan. '85 edition.

To **Don Borkowski**: Re: what time a small town in the 19th century Mid-America would be holding a 4th of July parade, would be "church-time." It would be after all the chores were done, babies fed, everyone had time to get ready (no bathrooms) and also coming from a distant farm as some did, a lunch would be packed and include water drawn to take. A time of 11 a.m. would probably be the earliest estimation.

To **Jim Haynes**: Re: Birth times and early/late risers, I happened to be born at 1:00 a.m., and am an early riser till I decide to lay in bed awhile sometimes. Early environment sets these habits as well as, earlier, habits of the mother during pregnancy. I do not think birth chart info will get it entirely, but then what do I know?

To **Loretta H. Pearce**: Thanks for your Pisces remarks; as a Pisces I appreciate it. But more than "Sun-Sign Astrology" can be included at Psychic Fairs, parties, fundraisers and what-have-you; I do transits on birth positions in a very short time. (Major ones).

To **Joan O'Neill**: In my research on Crime and Astrology I always used the Event Chart because it is my belief that birth charts alone do not show criminality. I put the birth chart positions around the event charts (especially since time of birth not known). But this particular research was short-lived (3 years), so my opinion doesn't carry too much weight. I specialize in event charts (horary) so tend to use them always first with any event and the Birth Chart to back it up.

FLORENCE BERCUT, Honolulu, HI Jan. 1, 1985

The configurations of the Stars may be an older profession than the "Oldest Profession."

Charles C. Montgomery. You write that the authorities on the subject of the birth of Astrology assign no earlier date than

400 B.C. Prof. Sayce, editor of the "Dawn of Civilization" by G. Maspero, is one authority for saying that the positions of the stars were plotted out in ancient Egypt as early as the 13th century B.C. Some authorities are of the opinion that there was astrological knowledge long before the Assyro-Babylonian period. Such knowledge was found on cuneiform tablets of the ancient Harrans and of Aramaea about 14th century B.C. Check out "Transactions of Soc. of Biblical Archaeology," Vol. III.

The Babylonians practiced Astrology from the earliest date of history. Rulers consulted Astronomers for their favorable dates on projects.

Sargon the Agade flourished 3,800 B.C. and his campaigns are replete with Astrological phenomena on which the successes of his campaigns depended.

Moreover, in the drawings of ancient Egypt circa 1318 B.C. we find art work depicting astronomical myths and astrologically assigned. Since civilization dawned, no doubt, the observation of heavenly movements and the correlation of what occurred on Earth went side by side. The study of the relativity of Heaven and Earth seems almost innate in mankind.

Extensive study and research on the birth of Astrology would undoubtedly disclose some very rich and amazing materials not only in our Aryan Age but also in the eras of Atlantis and Lemuria. So let's keep our minds open and mutable.

AMY SHAPIRO, Gloucester, MA **Jan. 1985**

Comments from Oct. '84 issue.

Al H. Morrison, p. 5: A point of clarity: My attorney confirms - yes - our right to communicate astrologically is protected by the free speech First Amendment to our Constitution. However, income derived from using astrology is of course taxable.

Diane Zeines, p. 5: I wonder who had their Sun on Kenneth Gartner's 12th house, and what dark corner of himself they illuminated for him!

Bess Turner, p. 5: My Part of Find turns out to be my Des. I'm happy to say that I consider my husband to be a "real find." Ironically, one of our more popular issues/games is the misplacing and finding of things - not to our conscious amusement but probably significant somehow. Curiously my husband's P. of Find is his 4th cusp, since he has a stellium on the MC including the Moon and Mercury (Asc. ruler). Wouldn't you know, his wonderful Cancerian mother can always be relied upon to have whatever obscure item he might need.

Alan Richter, p. 7: Enjoyed your discussion about the Parts - an overwhelming subject at best, and one that reminds me how much I've yet to learn.

Barbara Cameron, p. 12: You've touched on some critical issues relating to astrology's public image. I feel astrology's rightful domain is one that combines reverence with discipline, an image that neither the Psychic Fair nor psychiatrist's chair quite convey. We know that astrology has predictive overtones, yet it is the individual's character that determines his or her destiny. That we are able to develop our character, if we so desire, is a prerequisite to effective psychotherapy. Yet to me, astrology begs answers to questions that go beyond behaviorism and that the field of psychology hasn't yet matured sufficiently to ask, such as "Why was I born? And why to these parents?" The depths of astrological symbolism address such poignant questions and it behooves astrologers to confront them with the client, using all of the data available to us along with our intuitions. While I would prefer our public image to be nearer to psychologists than psychics (no offense to psychics, please!), most psychotherapists would need to significantly alter their vision of life in order to incorporate astrology into their work as it is far more than a simple assessment tool. In the meanwhile, we can at least continue educating the public beyond Sun-sign astrology. As for the media, I've had a couple of favorable experiences on T.V. and radio talk shows, taking the inevitable calls for spot readings with only solar data. In response to requests for predictions, I consistently probe the caller to learn his or her attitude and predisposition, then shape my response with an eye toward transiting trends - keeping the

vernacular simple and as positive as possible. While we mustn't side-step the rough spots as far as transits go, we must be mindful of the fact that our words are powerful seeds, and that to predict misery or suffering in a person's future is unconscionable. While pain may be necessary for an individual's growth - it's not the goal of life, nor would we focus on its anticipation. But you know all this...

More thanks to **Dale Huckleby, p. 12, Carol Irving, p. 14, Charles Montgomery, p. 17, Joyce Wehrman, p. 20** and others for such stimulating reading.

Zip Dobyns, p. 27: I support your definition of astrology and the Code of Ethics you propose.

Jeff Jawer, p. 40: I'm curious to know if your client's Mars transits, that she experienced as others' anger directed against her, was an opposition, since oppositions are usually experienced through others.

Mary Perdue, p. 44: You dismissed my observations as insignificant... "not...a link;" did you first check your progressions at the times of birth of all your children and grandchildren to see if you had a similar occurrence? Indeed - your 5° Gemini family theme is significant, yet different in meaning than what I was discussing. It was with reference to the concept of the Rule of Hermes that I found my connections to be of sufficient interest to share with MH readers. That my first born's Asc. was oppos. my Prog. Sun and my second born's Asc. was conj. my Prog. Sun is at least a curious coincidence. Any other Moms checked this out? Of course there are numerous other connections between my son's and my natals - but that was expected.

Manfred Groeger, p. 56: Thanks for your thorough demonstration of Hermes Rule/Balance applied to Rectification - something I'll have to work on further.

Edith, p. 64: It was great to see your listing of long-term MH supporters - quite a super-star family.

DON BORKOWSKI, Salem, OR **1 Jan. 1985**

Here I go again. I wrote my response to the Jan. '85 issue on a Mercury Rx, and I forgot to include everything I wanted to say. With the version of AGS's Astro-Star I that my computer runs, I can only enter birth times to the nearest minute. That has probably been in my best interest because I can easily see me Virgo-ing myself to death, trying to rectify my time down to the second. Yet it hit me that if I felt like I had to quibble about something, I could try to compute my birth place to the nearest minute of latitude and longitude. Now, this is a necessity that astrologers who were born out in the country, such as **Dale Huckleby**, usually remember to handle. But many city-born astrologers just take the coordinates of the center of town without question. I don't claim that it will make an earth-shaking difference, but the difference can be noticeable in cities with a large land area. And some people may be surprised that large populations and large land areas do not necessarily correlate. For example, San Francisco has twice the population of Portland, but half the land area. I will even go so far as to say that finding the closest latitude and longitude is more worthwhile than finding the birthtime to the second. Just in case it might possibly help someone, I was born in Portland's old St. Vincent's Hospital on Westover Rd., with the coordinates of 45N31 122W43. The new St. Vincent's on Barnes Rd. is at 45N30 122W46.

Speaking of birth times, I used to feel that an astrologer who kept his/her birth data secret was hypocritical and/or voyeuristic. I have mellowed my stance a little bit in the past few years. I figure that if those astrologers really want to keep their birth data secret, they should avoid counseling or any other activity that would enable them to learn other people's birth data. Then, I know there are some good reasons for secrecy out there. **Chris McRae** told me at 7 Hills in 1983 that revealing her birth data, and consequently, her age, would be detrimental in her other, non-astrological profession, and I applaud that honesty. I would like to see some responses, regarding their rationale, from those who keep their birthtimes private. I publish my birth data periodically in these pages. In this very letter, I even gave my exact latitude and longitude. If

any numerologist wants my full name, they can drop me a line. If any palmist want me to xerox my hand, they can drop me a SASE. Still with all this data available, none of the scores of **MH** readers I've offended over the years have been able to use my chart against me. That old chestnut is bunk.

Joan O'Neill's comments, in the July '84 edition, about karma and reincarnation ring true, and those individuals who have criticized her feelings are over-reacting. I do believe that, if an astrologer is so inclined, and if s/he is willing to specialize in the topic, karma can be deduced from the astrological chart. But karma is a serious and complex topic that does not lend itself to superficial analysis. The inherent hazard in karmic astrology is the almost total inability for karma to be verified. How does one tell if a client's strength and weaknesses are karmic in nature or their own doing in this lifetime? Certainly, it is difficult. The difficulty of ascertaining whether or not karma is operative also leaves the topic open to severe abuse. If a person doesn't want to face up to an issue, it is so easy for them to cop-out and claim that it is their karma, and then do nothing about it. Hell, just because a person is aware of his karma, he is not exempt from it. It is never too late to try to improve one's karma for the next time around, so let's wake up and smell the coffee.

I do deal with karma on an astrological level, only as a last resort. Sometimes, but very rarely, a situation can only be explained by a karmic approach. Let me give an example. I know a man, in his early 30's, who has a net worth of over a million dollars. His wealth is all inherited, and he is uncomfortable that he never worked for it. Remarkably, his 2nd and 8th houses are empty. My approach to karmic astrology is an amalgamation of the works of **Alan Leo**, **Isabel Hickey** (?), and **Press Roberts** and of my own opinions. Rotating the chart to put the 5th house cusp on the Asc. will show the sum total of all the past incarnations, not just the most recent one. Rotating the chart to the 9th cusp shows the most likely course for all future incarnations, taken as a whole. In my example, the man has a crammed 6th house, which is the 2nd from the 5th. With early Virgo on the cusp, it contains a triple conj. of S. Node, Mercury and Venus in mid-Virgo, Saturn in late Virgo, and a conj. of Moon and Neptune in mid-Libra. In a nutshell, in past lives he probably worked like a dog for a little compensation. What little money he earned, he probably shared unselfishly. And he likely died before he could ever have used it himself. If one can accept karmic astrology, it makes sense, but I've never presented my theory to him.

To **Amy Shapiro**, Jan. '85, pp. 35-36. In reading your comments to **Diane Zeines** in the Jan. '85 issue, I feel that you have some worthwhile points regarding the differences between reading and counseling. I don't believe though, that astrology can be dichotomized between the level of counseling and the level of a personal interest or hobby. Nor do I believe that astrological research can't make "a valuable and satisfying contribution" to natal astrology, if I understand the sense of your sentence correctly. There are a good deal of other things that astrologers can do, such as teach, lecture, or write. Personally speaking, I believe that even as much as I would like to be a full-time professional astrologer, I would be unable to insure my intellectual integrity if I had to depend on astrology to put food on the table. There would always be too much temptation to go for the easy buck by telling clients only what they wanted to hear. Also, I doubt that I have the right kind of personality for counseling. I have tried to read for people, but I've found that I can't read blindly. I need a two-way, verbal exchange to even accomplish reading for someone. I tried working for Clancy Publications, providing written delineations, but I got fired in very short order. There was just no way that I could elaborate for 2000 words of trite generalities, without knowing where the "customers'" heads were at. That was for natal readings; how Clancy expected to do annual forecasts based on such fluff was really beyond me. One woman did ask a very specific question. A simple "yes" was all she needed, but I was still expected to grind out 2000 words. Arrgh! I see my true role as being that of an astrological technician. My goal is to be able to serve the world of astrology by observing

enough methodologies to evaluate their applicability and worthiness. With that foundation, the astrological counselors will be able to select the right tool for the right job.

To **Edith**, Jan. '85, p. 26. I liked the layout of the photos. The near juxtaposition of **Jack Fertig** and **Noel Tyl** was interesting because both men have the same degree rising.

Dear Don: After reading your 5th and 9th houses ideas of Karma I looked at my chart. That was the first mistake I made! The 5th on the Asc. gives me Virgo rising and N. Node in the 1st house. It sure screws up my 7th...gives me Mars, Uranus and the S. Node in there. Would say I may have had a bit of difficulty dealing with partnerships in previous times? Haven't learned much this time - but you have to give me an "E" for effort in the partnership line! My 2nd house has Saturn and Jupiter in it, using the 5th as the Asc. That sure figures! Now we go to my 9th cusp - Capricorn rules it and Sun is in it. If that is what my future incarnations are going to be like I have two choices - don't die or don't come back! I wonder if I really needed this information? **Edith.**

BARBARA MAY, Tucson, AZ

3 Jan. 1985

Eeks! I sat down to write you and discovered a pink slip in the front! Enclosed check to cover one year's renewal, First Class, please, I like to get **MH** before everyone else in town has theirs! It's worth every penny! **Edith:** it's not fair to send out the **MH** during the holidays, when we all have so much else to do, knowing we'll all drop whatever we ARE doing to read it! I did! It's been ages since I wrote and I now have all these old issues carefully marked, notated and otherwise dogeared from careful perusal.

The Jan. '85 (already!): I'm very impressed with the series by **Fran Rosen**, "Along the Tarot Path." I've had a sort of casual acquaintance with the Tarot for over 10 years, but these articles are so clear and easy to read! Thank you and **RKM** for publishing them for the rest of us!

Jeanne Trevino: wherever you are in Texas! Was interested in what you wrote about your 2nd Saturn Return and Helio. I've been collecting data on transit Helio Saturn, which I'll present at **Edith's** 7 Hills Conference this June. Would you be interested in sharing any of your experiences? As Madame X or something??? What you wrote validates all my info so far: Helio Saturn's transit to natal Geo Saturn is highly significant. Seems to work with the other Helio planets as well, trans. natal Geo placements. But Saturn carries a bigger club.

Marc Penfield: I missed finally meeting you at SWAC by an eyelash, but did have the chance to see a copy of your newest book, "Horoscopes of the Western Hemisphere." When do we get to buy a copy? It looked wonderful. Was intrigued by what you wrote about the Japanese correlating personality and blood type. (I'm Rh Neg. AB12) I can more or less go along with everything you ascribe to AB except when it comes to the elements, which gives Water to AB. I'm neither shy nor insecure, and I'm not self-deprecating. I'm a LEO!

Marion March: I'm so glad to hear you're using the Mean Nodes again! I tried the True Nodes, too, realizing the Mean ones may not be as accurate. This is an old saw: but they seem to work better, don't they? Thanks so much for continuing to keep us all up-to-date with your Data Exchange in the AFA Bulletin! It's been a real Godsend more than once for me.

Amy Shapiro (re: **Joan O'Neill** July '84, p. 3). You sent me back to the July issue to see what Joan wrote about reincarnationists and karmasists. She was quoting **Joylyn Hill:** "Reincarnation and karma have never been scientifically proven. It is all just metaphysical speculation at this point." I liked your answer Amy S! But part of the metaphysical philosophy is also to always allow the other person to be right, if that's important to them. FACT: Most of this planet's population does happen to believe in reincarnation and the Law of Karma. FACT: Joylyn is absolutely correct in that neither has been scientifically proven. Here's another "fact" that we all live with every single day of our lives: THERE IS NO SCIENTIFIC WAY TO VALIDATE ASTROLOGY! But we

believe in it. What has been ignored here is a Jupiter principle: FAITH! There is also no true way to "prove" that Christ, or Mohammed, or Buddha ever walked this earth, we only have hearsay evidence to this. Another metaphysical "truth" is that whatever we resist in our lives is something we need to take a second look at. The resistance itself is trying to tell us something. NB. I think your answer was beautifully worded, Amy Shapiro! and I am opinionated enough to say so. I can live with that label! When I first went public as an astrologer, at my first public lecture I was challenged with "All astrologers are opinionated." My answer was "Relative to what?"

Don Borkowski: Hi! You asked a question about one of your grandfather's birth times, and what time of day would a small town in 19th century middle America hold a 4th of July parade? A great question! Something like this came up for me some years ago, and an elderly relative said it depended a lot on WHERE, but that they had parades on the 4th of July in Kansas 8 to 10 a.m. in those days. Moved to California in the last century, and the 4th of July and Rose Parades started between 8 and 9 a.m. local time. She said they wanted to get the parades over in time for the big meal of the day which was noon to 1 p.m. I'd suggest trying some times from say 9 to 9:30 a.m. on your trusty computer and see what looks right. Do you have a good photograph to compare an Asc. to?

Jim Haynes: Vis a vis correspondence to birth times and easy rising times. I was born at 9:34 a.m. and don't like waking up at dawn. My husband, born at 2:41 a.m. loves it. We fit your mini research, too. What an interesting thought! Come to think of it, both our daughters fit as well: a preferred late riser was born at 11:59 p.m. the early riser born 2:37 a.m.

Frank Spelic gave the best laugh of the whole Jan. '85 issue! Encore!

Loretta Pearce: On Return Charts to natal location as opposed to true location...If you are talking about Solar Returns, the ones that work best for me are done to true location of the individual. But if it's a cyclic Return, say a Mars or Saturn Return, then I'd agree to go to the natal location as a primary. Why this is so doesn't make any sense, but holds up well under the test of time. I've tried all of the above both ways. Of course the timing is refined if you add the Helio planets.

I'm also concerned about what appears to be a conflicting statement about **Astro*Carto*Graphy**, which I agree is terrific! But what **Jim Lewis** does for us is to indicate what planets will be angular IN A RELOCATION CHART!!! Case in point: my husband was considering a transfer to Hawaii several years ago. A*C*G looked fantastic, as he has half his planets ruled by Venus, which becomes angular in the Islands. A locality chart for Honolulu plopped the S. Node of the Moon in the 10th, and that was the situation he found there. The A*C*G and actual locality chart are meant to go hand-in-hand, I think. You say A*C*G is very impressive and follow that with the statement you aren't impressed with locality charts. (?) Neptune is conj. my N. Node right now in the 3rd house, so I'll give you the benefit of the doubt...did I misunderstand you???

June Marson has a super idea about a Q & A column! I love it! Why not include this pronto! In answer to your question about when does a Prog. New Moon occur: it has always been my understanding the Prog. New Moon takes place when the Prog. New Moon comes to the exact conj. with the Prog. Sun. Using the Lunation Cycles concept, that Prog. Moon is always in a "phase" which describes the condition at the time in the life. **Neil Michelsen** does a "Lifetime Lunar Phases" very inexpensively, which gives ephemeris dates and prog. dates these all take place, and is handy to have. Neil has a full page ad on the very last page of the Jan. '85 issue, giving his address, etc. I personally think the Prog. New Moon phase is highly significant, as like any New Moon, it's the time we start over again in many areas of our lives. Fortunately, my husband and I had this New Mooning thing happen the same year, in 1981 together!

Mollie Sommer: re; Hospitals giving out eclipse birth info. You asked the wrong question! Our 1st granddaughter was born about 7½ hours after a Solar Eclipse in Oct. '77. In talking to the nurses and ward personnel, I found out the hospital

nursery had been empty for 3 days prior to the eclipse, and one woman was giving birth within minutes AFTER the eclipse was total. The next day when we went back to the hospital to visit our daughter and new granddaughter, there were 9 more babies in the nursery! They knew by then I was an astrologer, and I said we astrologers think births near an eclipse is riskier than at other times. They volunteered the data that the mortality rate is high 2 or 3 days PRIOR to the eclipses but drops to almost nothing as soon as the eclipse is over. Unless you develop a rapport with an obstetrics nurse, I'd suggest watching the Vital Statistics column in your local paper. Here in Tucson they publish name of baby, parents, sex of child and time of birth. Right under that is the Obits. You can find all this out without calling a hospital, but if you want to do that, ask how many live births on a certain (you don't need to tell them eclipse day) day, that you're doing research for a term paper. They think you're a struggling student, and are very helpful. You also might want to write **Dorothy B. Hughes**, 3502 W. Lawton St., Seattle, WA 98199, as I've been sharing eclipse birth data with her for some time. She's researching eclipse births, and is eager for anything you might have on ones who survive especially.

That's about it from Sidewinder's Gulch here in Tucson, where the senses are confused by the intermingling of the sweet smell of cactus and the indescribable aroma of old javelina breath. (Belker on Hill Street Blues hasn't smelled anything yet!) I chained myself to this typing table to get this thing written, and have chafe marks on both ankles now. From the sunny, but chilly Southwestern Deserts...Vaya con Dios.

DIANE ZEINES, New York, NY Jan. 1, 1985

This letter addresses the Jan. '85 issue.

Fran Rosen (p. 5): I am looking forward to your articles on the Tarot. It's too bad the religious fanatics can't see that it is their subconscious that is picking the cards. I've had people tell me they would leave my apartment if I took out my Tarot cards. That's because of Satan, of course.

It was also nice to hear that you don't read the cards reversed. I have always hated doing that and stopped after about a year of studying. I decided that the cards were designed to be right-side up and that there were enough "negative" cards to give you the proper reading. Somehow if you use the reverse meanings, then that presumes that all the cards are positive in their upward direction. Enough about Tarot; someone will surely complain that **MH** isn't a magazine to be talking about card reading.

Darbie Golden (p. 24): I never have taken the Myers-Briggs indicator to determine which of 16 types I am. Could you tell me how I can go about doing this? Also you asked "Do you perhaps give more information to friends and family than is prudent?" No, I am very discreet with my information. Maybe in my early days I wasn't, but now I am very cautious in what I say. Let's face it, even your friends want to deny that they have to participate in their own lives. They want to hear that some planet is doing it to them; then they get cute and say, "So when is Saturn going to go away?" But they don't want to learn the lessons of Saturn. But that's the difference between people who would rather go to the doctor and say, "Give me a pill and make it go away," and the other kind of person who wants to find out why he got the disease in the first place. So I've become very cool about stuff now and I really have to "read-into" what I'm being asked.

Joylyn Hill (p. 37): I'm one of your fans (enjoyed your letter on Martha Washington) and I really enjoyed your discourse on the signs and the parts of the body. I'm not ready to switch my allegiance from the traditional to your new ones, but I must say that you were pretty logical. However, this Pisces always was a sucker for anyone who said her feet were pretty. I have these cute little feet which I always thought were pretty sexy, so I'll stick with my Pisces ruler for now. I guess the traditionals felt: first sign = top of body, last sign = bottom of body.

But one of the main points you made which I think is important to expose over and over again is when you said "You see the system is not honest." That is true for so much of

astrology and we just go along with things because they were "passed down."

Frank Spelic (p. 42): Mike Douglas (who used to have his own talk show) is a Leo, not a Taurus. His birthday is Aug. 11, 1925 born in Chicago, Ill. (according to the Almanac). He has also said that he is a Leo. By the way, this is HIS 2nd Saturn return too and he has just written his autobiography.

Loretta H. Pearce (p. 47): Your letters are always interesting and I laughed when you mentioned Mars in Libra "are inspired to murder rude people." That's me for sure. If someone is rude I practically jump on their bones. I'll keep harping at them until they can't take it anymore. It's hard for me to let go of that anger; it takes work to be rid of it.

Joan O'Neill (p. 50): I would be very interested to hear any of your findings about serial murders. I guess that must make me a pervert, eh? I often "see" people symbolically (without their outer bodies) and once when I saw Ted Bundy on TV, he didn't have a heart! There was just a grey slate across his chest where the heart is supposed to be. It gave me the chills.

Okay, Aquarius, you're ALWAYS right. I'll give you that one. On the other hand, how come my Virgo girlfriend is always right? And my Cancer friend - he's always right too. Ohmigosh, and my Leo brother - HE'S always right! Oy vey, what to do? I guess that must mean you're all wrong and Pisces is always right! Right? (Okay, don't answer that.)

Beth Koch (p. 30): I have always observed people's behavior without telling them what I see in their charts. But I do a lot of talking to people about what's going on with them. It's something I almost can't help doing. It just happens naturally. People just seem to talk to me about their problems and if I happen to have their chart, I'll talk to them about it. If I only have a Sun or Rising, I'll just give them a general idea of what the issues may be for them. Usually, they respond in the positive and we end up talking about what's going on with them. But it all happens spontaneously. I don't officially do readings and I don't have any conscious need or desire to "do good" or "serve."

SUE SCOTT, Portland, OR Oct. 30, 1984

Judith Gee, Apr. '84, p. 34. I possess a bundle chart. It starts with Uranus at 10° Gemini and continues through Neptune at 1° Libra; approximately 112° total. This is 7° tighter than the Earl of Craven's chart. I have a small collection of bundle pattern charts. **Marc E. Jones** limits the bundle configuration to 120°.

The tightest bundle chart I have is contained in 79°. This child was born in 1980 so it's a little soon to research for data. I've noticed that these charts are usually lacking in one or more of the elements. Many celebrities' charts contain stelliums. One of the most outstanding is Anne Morrow Lindbergh with 7 planets in the 10th house. But her chart is **not** a bundle.

A theory of mine is that since we choose our time to reincarnate perhaps by choosing this narrowed-down, tunnel-vision chart we are trying to concentrate our learning experience in one small area of life.

Since my chart lacks earth and water I feel the pattern helps to keep me "down to earth." In my imagination I see myself as a hot air balloon, air and fire. Bumping and drifting along wherever the winds blow with no ties to earth.

One more thing I would like to call to your attention. At the latitude and longitude given for the Earl of Craven's Geo chart in Trop. Placidus there should be two or more intercepted houses.

As usual the MH going is great. Off hand I can't recall consistently receiving so much enjoyment for such a paltry sum.

JEANINE VANDAVEER, Danville, CA Jan. 1985

Enjoyed the review by **Amy Franco** on the quincunx aspect. It has been a puzzle to me as well why this aspect hasn't received more attention. It was introduced to me first as part of a yod and that was about it - little more seemed to be known about it. As I began to study charts, however, it was far from a minor aspect and became very important, particularly in death, accidents, and health. It seemed to me to be of the nature of the

planet Uranus in that it was irritating, sudden, and action often came unexpectedly, out of the blue, and difficult to understand at the time. The semi-sextile is not as clear cut to me, maybe because I am not really looking for it, so will begin looking for similarities. The inconj. obviously needs to be looked at and worked with more.

To **Pamela Shearer** and **Diane Zeines**: After many years of working with the chart, it became clearer to me as well that the Sun sign energy, particularly, indicated something for the individual to work with and learn about rather than just indicating or delineating the personality as in the cookbook approach to astrology. People often had difficulty in expressing that energy well and either exhibited too much or not enough. It was as if they had incarnated to learn about how to express the energy and become familiar with it. We put such an emphasis in this country on the Sun signs (to our detriment as it lessens our total understanding of the birth chart, I think). The chart is a circle, a gestalt, a whole, and our work is to blend these energies to make them a whole in order to function well. The Sun is just part of that, but often a difficult to understand part as we get to know ourselves better.

To **Helen K. Hickey**: Thanks to you for sharing the information on **Isabel Hickey**. The more I learn about astrology the more I value what she taught and realize she was far ahead of her time in regard to astrology and we are just catching up with her in some ways. I draw more and more on what she taught about many things and it is comforting to know she had her doubts and problems too. She was and is a source of strength to many. I know her life wasn't easy, as she was the first to tell you.

JOAN O'NEILL, N. Arlington, NJ Jan. 28, 1985

Thought this was interesting for MH readers, this is from the book "Henry Ford and the Jews" by Albert Lee and the quote is from p. 85. Ford had issued a retraction in print on his stand against the Jews disclaiming his anti-Semitism, everyone was speculating as to why he had such a change of feelings, various reasons came up but the one that interested me was this: "An answer that is as good as any of these comes from William Richards, who pointed out the **Astrologers Guild of New York** statement that Ford should no longer insult people because Jupiter and Uranus were over his Neptune, and Mercury was in his 3rd house." This all happened in 1927. Does this sound familiar to anyone that is associated with The Astrologers Guild of New York?

Saturn Return - the big one (2nd), I guess I blew this one too, along with the Jupiter return. Would you believe I have natively Saturn sextile Jupiter and you know what they say about that one - endings and new beginnings. Great! I'd sure like some new beginnings but I have a Saturnian obstacle in the house, what else but a Capricorn husband. Cautious, cautious, cautious, as everyone knows. All kidding aside I am trying to make adjustments in my life and get rid of some of the debris materially and spiritually. With this 2nd Saturn Return I have these feelings that are hard for me to put into writing but they are really nice thoughts. I don't feel like life is passing me by. I am looking forward to the next half because there are always so many interesting things out there that I have not experienced and would like to.

In the Jan. '85 issue, **Diane Zeines**, p. 57... "it's actually quite liberating to me to not have to believe everything I read..." You said it Diane and that goes for metaphysics too. It's like a relief and for me it's a relief to hear someone else express the same thoughts. You are so right Diane, believing everything is so limiting. I guess this could also tie into my 2nd Saturn Return. I feel free for the first time in my life.

ESTHER MOLDAUER, Woodmere, NY Dec. 17, 1984

Loretta Pearce: You are so right about a Neptunized Mercury in Pisces being an indicator of auto-immune disease and allergies. Your husband's problem, drug sensitivities and food allergies is likewise explained by his Neptune on his Virgo Asc. This is the same combination of ingredients. In addition, his Virgo Asc. acts like an angular Mercury as well, giving him still another indicator of problems. Hope you both get help.

DONALD ELAM, Austin, TX

July 26, 1984

Here is an unusual story of a near tragedy involving a new-born infant as reported in the Austin American-Statesman newspaper. When not quite 16 hours old, Loren Faith Sepeda (not yet named at the time) was abducted from her mother's arms by a young woman (18 yrs. old) who had recently lost her own new-born child. Through the efforts of a concerned community the baby was recovered and returned to the rightful mother the following day during a solar eclipse.

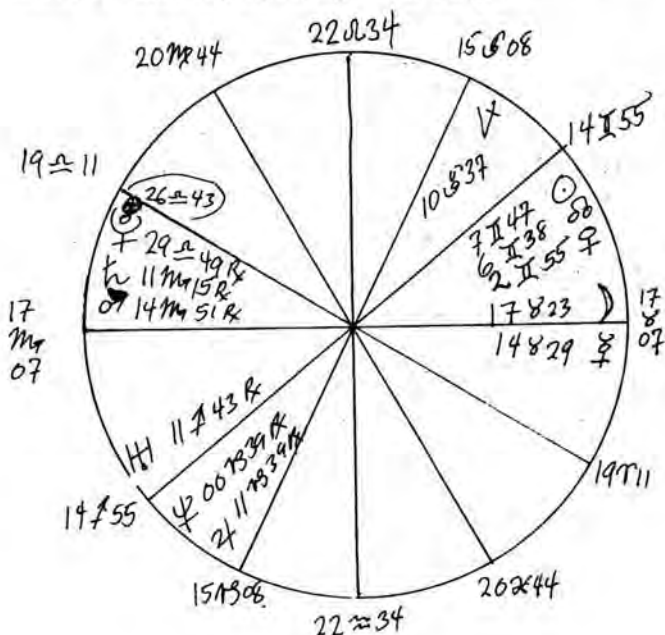


Chart #1
Loren Faith Sepeda
May 28, 1984
6:44 p.m. CDT
Austin, TX
97W47 30N18
Trop./Koch

part of peril: 14 Ma 13
" treachery: 10 II 23
" catastrophe: 21 8 27
" captivity: 23 8 51

h/H = 26 Ma 29
O/D = 27 8 36
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The baby's chart shows extreme concentration in the 7th and 12th houses. The rulers of the Asc. are located in the 12th house and the ruler of the 12th is located in the 7th. The part of fortune is in the 12th conj. Pluto and the part of peril is also in the 12th conj. Mars; Mars and Pluto co-rule the Asc.

All the personal planets are in the West within an arc of 23°, neatly opposing a similar arc (empty) in the 1st house; this arc is enclosed by the remaining 6 planets, all retrograde. The western planets are further united by the mutual reception between Mercury and Venus; the eastern planets are dominated by Mars, closely conj. the Asc. and exactly opposite Mercury, the Sun-ruler. This configuration shows restlessness and removal. Moon opposition Mars shows rash action and the opposition to Saturn shows the lonely mother. The part of treachery is opposite Uranus and conj. the Sun; Uranus being on the midpoint Jupiter/Saturn which reads "a sudden change in circumstances" (Ebertin). Also remarkable is the configuration Sun/Moon opposite Mars/Uranus and Saturn/Uranus. The combination of these malefics points to sudden stress and separation.

Chart #2
Abduction
May 29, 1984
10:30 a.m. CDT
Austin, TX

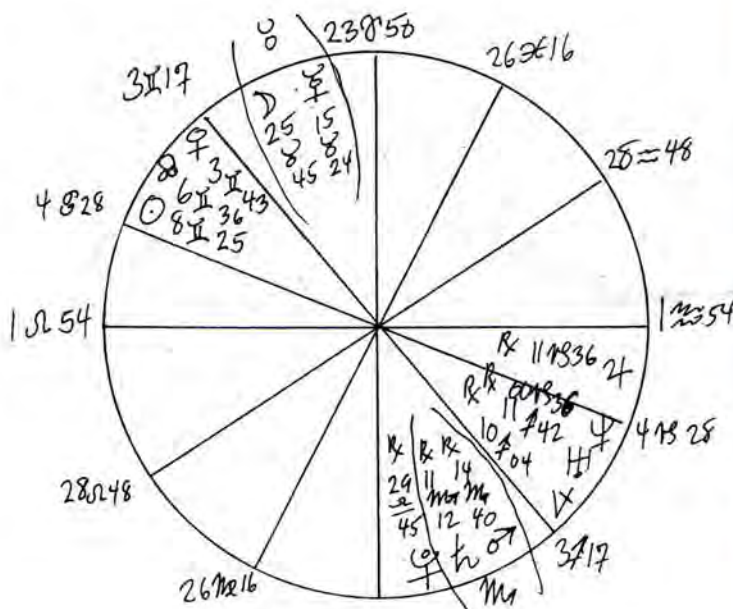
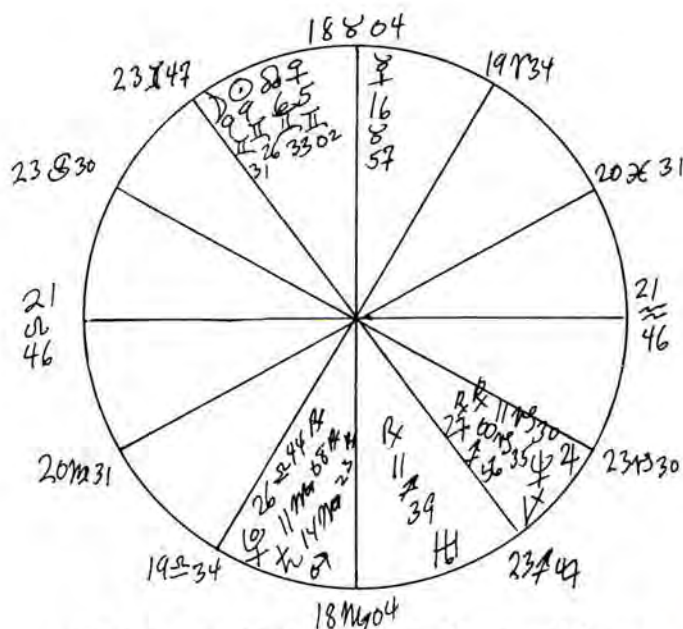


Chart #3
Return
May 30, 1984
12:00 p.m. CDT
Austin, TX



The baby was abducted during the Moon's void-of-course period approximately when also conj. Algol and applying to the apex of a Yod involving Neptune and Pluto. Also the MC at the time of abduction was conj. exactly the part of captivity in the natal chart.

Moon void-of-course meant nothing to worry about and the baby was returned on the following day within minutes of a solar eclipse with Mercury and the MC conjunct the natal chart's Moon. Mercury of children comes to the mother-Moon in a happy ending, but one wonders what fate has in store for the rest of Loren's life, begun so eventfully.

JIM HAYNES, Hollywood, CA

Oct. 5, 1984

The MH never ceases to amaze me and the Oct. '84 edition was no exception. Notes on the issue:

Elizabeth Buywick, p. 4: Your Sidereal chart was extremely interesting to me, and as I didn't feel I could squeeze it into the column of the MH I note the pertinent points. Cheer up; I have seen much worse. While your chart has its difficulties, it also has some saving points, or at least in my opinion.

<u>Natal Chart</u>	<u>Natal Chart</u>	<u>Novien Chart</u>
SO NO 29 AR 48	MO 27 SC 42	SA 27 AR 18
MC 24 TA 34	VE 27 CP 22	UR 26 CP 33
FORTUNA	SU 10 AQ 02	<u>Solstice Pts.</u>
19 GE 09	MA 21 AR 33	PL 25 TA 04
UR 9 CA 37 rx	<u>Novien Chart</u>	UR 20 GE 23
PL 4 LE 56 rx	SU 0 TA 18	SU 19 LE
E.P. 22 LE 34	MO 9 CA 18	<u>s.a. Directions</u>
AS 26 LE 26	VE 6 CP 18	MA 19 TA 05
JU 5 VI 30 rx	MA 13 AQ 57	NO 27 SC 20
NE 8 LI 20 rx	JU 19 GE 30	MO 25 SA 14
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Although I don't use the South Node, I always know where it is, but when I say Node, I always mean the North Node in the tradition of the cosmobiologists. However, the South Node in your case was interesting because in this chart it fell into the 9th house instead of the 8th.

Your MC opposes MO/SA and conj. the sol. Pt. Pluto, as well as squares the Asc. which explains why you have crises. Fortuna conj. Novien JU and sol. Pt. Uranus, giving you a measure of luck in your activities, a lucky chance, a fortunate escape. Uranus, powerful on the chart's ASC/MC Midpoint sextiles Jupiter, again giving you luck in life. The luck is accentuated by Novien Asc. Moon angular to Novien Venus, Moon being conj. natal Uranus. E.P. = Uranus/Neptune shows you can be depressed at times. Sol. Pt. Sun = JU/PL gives you success in mental and physical activities. Sol. Pt. Sun is at T-square with s.a. Mars and natal Saturn, shows you are alert to dangers in life. Novien Saturn squares Venus trines Asc. and is quincunx Moon and s.a. Node, but Asc., Moon and Node are all in lunar mansions ruled by Jupiter, giving a saving grace.

Sun conj. Novien Mars gives you energy, Mars trines E.P. - do some accomplishments come easy?

Another reflection of danger area - Novien Sun conj. the fixed star Algol. Do you have teeth problems? Novien Uranus conj. Venus trine sol. Pt. Pluto - sudden problems with love, health or your work? Right now (Oct. 2) s.a. Moon trines Asc. Mars, and you're a leader in your family I'll bet. I suggest you use caution as always, but your chart does have good points, as I said, too. I'd say you are in the right activity with sol. Pt. Uranus conj. Novien Jupiter, Fortuna in the 10th. That sounds like an astrologer to me.

Bess Turner, p. 5: Thanks for the Part of Find; I'd seen it mentioned a lot but never how to find it.

Joyce Wehrman, p. 20: I had the pleasure of hearing you once - at the Aquarius Workshop dinner - I think you spoke on the trends or forecast of 1983. I was intrigued by your self-confidence, magnetism and wit. Your not being asked to speak at the AFA convention was definitely AFA's loss. Having some personal friends who are also excellent speakers makes me wonder who did speak at the convention! I am not a bit surprised to hear that the Node is used as a Money indicator, for I have used it (North Node) for years, too, and have found it to be a good timer of all sorts of events. Thanks for your wisdom on the 90° dial for earthquakes and any transit triggering the natal chart. I wonder if you have ever observed a strong Pluto in a miracle!

Judith Gee, p. 37: Enjoyed your letter of wisdom. I'm glad that you also stress the stars, as well as the planets, and in astronomy I learned that the Egyptian pyramids and Stonehenge, as well as other places, all have solstice and equinoctial alignment!

Barbara Kraft, p. 37: I have several books on Chinese astrology and though I haven't used it yet, I plan to as soon as possible. I am high on Chinese Astrology by An Nguyen. Seems great. What is your experience in Chinese astrology?

L. Carol Irvin, p. 65: Good thoughts on Chiron. Yes, it could be a higher octave to Earth I guess. Especially since it seems to mean your Quest in life, as one of its important indexes. P. 14, I was also interested in your minor aspect letter: C.E.O. Carter said once that there was probably a valid aspect every 15°! I haven't followed that up but it's an interesting idea.

Carolyn B. Miller, p. 66: Thanks for The Astrology Hour - when I can get it. It's great. An interesting question: family patterns. Watch how often you see one sign of a parent's chart on one of the angles of the child's chart. Or one of your planets in the same sign as one of your children's. In close conj., my daughter's Jupiter is on mine, her Uranus is exact to my Mars, and my Venus is on her Asc. Also in conj., my son's Sun is on my Uranus, his Pluto is on my M.C. and his Chiron is in exact trine to my Chiron!

WAYNE TURNER, Glendale, CA 15 Oct. 1984

First - thanks to **Adele Knutson** (13th Extra, p. 9) for her response to my request for suggestions about the mundane significance of Scorpio. Since that letter, written in Oct. of '83, I've accumulated a pile of newspaper stories about financial deregulation and a resurgence of capitalism worldwide. The most remarkable example is the program reintroducing free enterprise into communist China, although similar quiet revolutions are going on in many other countries - Egypt, Sweden, Italy and Turkey to mention a few. Freedom-loving Uranus is very appropriately passing through the sign often associated with finance and economics, sidereal Scorpio. Neptune's passage through this sign during the 70's can be described by four big, black, oily letters...OPEC! There was great concern that the unprecedented transference of wealth to OPEC members would destabilize the international financial structure. Partly as a result of the increase in the price of oil, debts of Third World Nations soared from \$90 billion in 1971 to \$626 billion in 1982, as **Marguerite Dar Boggia** mentions on p. 48, Oct. '84. (Hello Marguerite!) This debt is a very dark cloud hanging over our heads. A further note on Neptune's entrance into Sag. and school reform: A program has been introduced in the schools of the U.S.S.R. to improve worker training and instill a stronger commitment to communism, according to the *Wall Street Journal*, 13 Apr. 84, p. 1.

Just as **Frances Moore Lappe's** "Diet For a Small Planet" articulated a major theme of Pluto in Virgo, Prof. Robert Axelrod's recently published "The Evolution of Cooperation" (Basic Books, NY 1984) may be a definitive statement of Pluto (evolution, transformation) in Libra (cooperation). The Oct. issue of *Science* '84 contains an exposition of Axelrod's research and potentially revolutionary findings, as well as an invitation to participate in a national experiment in cooperation.

Although I use the constellations and sidereal signs as a symbolic backdrop for the planets, I've also found tropical positions to be valid for measuring transits. For example, the Asc. of the U.S. chart that I use is 15Virgo35 at Washington, which was crossed by Mars as U.S. troops began their liberation of Granada, as the chart on p. 70 of the Jan. '84 MH shows.

Going back to the Apr. '84 ed., p. 5. **Genevieve James** wonders if there is a "relatively easy and reliable way of judging the potential contentment of a couple together." Happily, recent research by **Thomas Shanks** reported in the June '84 issue of *Astro-Psychological Problems* gives an answer to this perennial question, from a strictly astrological perspective. If both partners have their Moon in cadent houses, especially 12 or 9, they are more likely to be happy together. This is in accord with the **Gauquelins'** findings concerning the lunar temperament.

After reading **Hugh Jeffcoat's** criticism of the Gauquelin's research (Apr. '84, p. 19), I would like to point out to him and all others who think along similar lines that the best argument against the Gauquelins' conclusions would be a failure to replicate their results in independent tests. If Jeffcoat would collect a sample of several thousand timed charts and subject them to the proper statistical tests, he would be doing astrology a great service, just as the Gauquelins have done with their pioneering efforts.

Pat Trowbridge (Apr. '84, p. 42) and **Barbara Cameron** (Oct. '84, p. 12) mentioned the crises of faith that many astrology students (and some teachers!) apparently encounter. This is a typical response in any religious conversion process. The reason is that you are expected to believe without truly adequate experience. "Astrology works!", never mind the contradictions! This crises does not occur for those who approach astrology as a theory to be tested rather than a faith to be embraced - the attitude of Saturn versus Jupiter.

For example, I have put **Mani Jehan's** new asteroid "Elevator" to the test (July '84, p. 36) and find it significant in the charts of carpet weavers and spontaneous nose-bleed, using a highly sophisticated computer program that generates a psychic ephemeris. Thanks Mani, for your insightful and provocative piece!

On the page below the Cast of Characters in the 13th Extra is **Edith's** reply to A Rev. Zinkowich concerning the anti-religious nature of Astrology. I think that when you used the adjective "innate" to describe a horoscope, Edith, you meant "inanimate." Aren't words fun?

Jewell Fahey's Glossary of Astronomical terms (13th Extra, p. 20) was welcome. A few points of clarification... astronomers generally refer to the equinoxes and solstices by the month in which they occur, ie. March Equinox, June Solstice, etc. This is because the seasons are reverse in the Southern Hemisphere; our winter is their summer. Occultations occur when any body passes through our line of sight to any other body, ie. the Moon may occult Jupiter, or Jupiter may occult Regulus, a star near the ecliptic. (Yes, this is the same words as in "occult" science, meaning "hidden.") An occultation of the Sun by the Moon is of course an eclipse. The definition of stationary should be amended to read "...just before and just after...opposition." Those are the major points.

To **Frank Jakubowsky**: You close your letter on p. 21 of the 13th Extra with this statement: "Astrologers need not be concerned that they can't explain a scientific basis for astrology, because it requires a new discovery." I think that to explain Astrology scientifically will require a completely new paradigm of what is "scientific." We may very well see this paradigm shift in the next generation of scientists. Your suggestion about electromagnetic radiation shorter than Gamma Rays being responsible for astrological influences and other things is unfortunately impossible. The shorter the wavelengths, the less able a ray is to penetrate matter. Our atmosphere protects us effectively from most radiation of wavelengths shorter than visible light, including ultraviolet, gamma and x-rays. Radio waves, on the other hand, are much longer than visible light waves and can easily penetrate thick walls, or lightyears - thick clouds of galactic dust. This is why radio astronomers can "see" the core of our galaxy while optical astronomers can't, and x-ray astronomers must have their telescopes above our atmosphere to see anything at all.

For **Mary Perdue** (13th Extra, p. 28): You mention your Neptune Asc. conj. as indicating a longing for a forgotten home. May I suggest that you read "The Sufis" by Idries Shah, which offers some guidance on where to find "home."

Raymond Sollars (13th Extra, p. 29) states that "...[Pluto's] effects on the orbits of the other planets was the factor which led to its discovery." Actually, with the discovery of Pluto's Moon Charon, it is now known that his mass - estimated to be 0.253% of earth's mass according to the 1984 Astronomical Almanac, p. S7 - is much too small to cause any significant perturbation of the orbits of the outer planets.

Joylyn Hill, same page, may be interested in knowing that in ancient times the following numbers were assigned to the planets: 3, SA; 4, JU; 5, MA; 6, Sun; 7, VE; 8, ME; 9, MO.

("Amulets and Superstitions," E.A. Wallis Budge, Dover, 1978, pp. 394-397). For understanding the astrology of the Hebrew alphabet of 22 letters I recommend Irving Friedman's "Book of Creation," a translation of the "Sepher Yetzira" published by Samuel Weiser in 1977. The best Tarot deck that I have seen for understanding the intent of the original designer is published by The Philosophical Research Society, was illustrated by J. Augustus Knapp with Manly P. Hall, and is known as the "Knapp-Hall" Tarot deck.

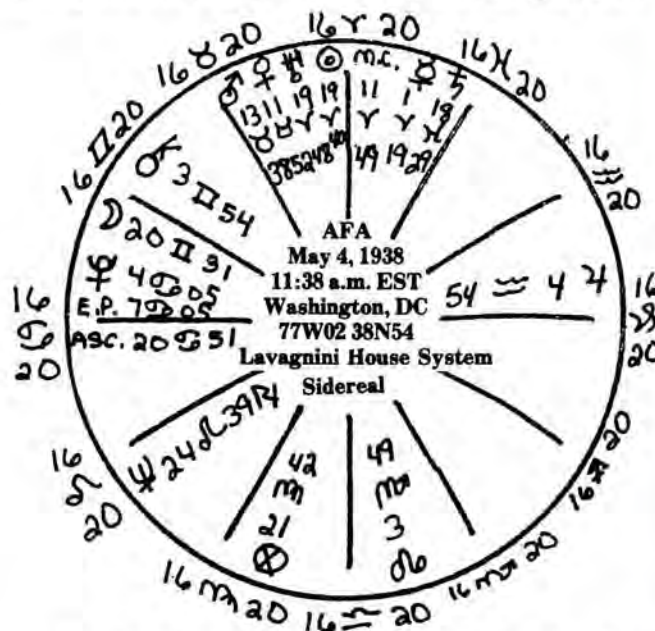
On to the Oct. '84 issue -

Of the several score Astrologers I've heard lecture, **Marion March** is near the top in my esteem, and her article on Pluto shows why (p. 2). It is thorough, informative, and interesting. However, I will leave her with this tease: "Pluto is like a volcano, (Volcanic is a synonym for the word Plutonic)..." is in her last paragraph. Our word "Volcano" comes from the name of the Latin god of fire, Vulcanus, who was associated with Libra in classical times. ("Star Names," Richard Allen, p. 275) of course about 25° of tropical Scorpio now covers sidereal Libra...

Paula B. Stanger's poem Neptune's Child is one of the best I've seen in MH. Truth is beauty.

JIM HAYNES, Hollywood, CA **Oct. 7, 1984**

Enclosed is a sheet which has the Sidereal AFA chart and the AFAN chart done in the Lavagnini house system which is my characteristic method. I'm almost sorry I did it, because have been "happy" and complacent with the AFA workings all these years and now I find that all is not what I thought it to be.



Taking the AFA chart, the first thing I notice is the Sun/Uranus conj. to both the MC and the Zenith. The last time I saw a Sun/Uranus conj. was in the Howard Hughes chart, but on the Asc. In Aries, it would seem to me that AFA is a business venture begun with vigor for the strict purpose to make money for its originators.

Venus/Mars in Taurus shows the love affair of the people who believed in them, and it brought the organization from the brink of bankruptcy to the black - yes.

Saturn in Pisces in the 9th clearly shows the publication smokescreen, that is, secrecy, tight hold on all rights, and with the Moon square Saturn from the 12th, more secrecy and the eventual distrust and lack of confidence of the people. Mercury is strong on the 9th, being stationary, and in Aries rules with an iron hand when it comes to business.

Neptune in Leo in the 2nd shows the clouded issue where money is concerned; there is always a veil about how much money AFA has, the non-profit smokescreen, etc. Though Jupiter trines Chiron, showing a Quest of helping the people in the organization, the generosity for the people is always fluctuating (Aquarius) and just can't seem to be consistent.

The Quincunx right in the beginning with the exact degree of Chiron and the Node suggest trouble or crisis is evident at the start, at home, and eventually, the home was moved to Tempe.

Again the secrecy with the secret planet Pluto in the 12th, and the insistence of doing things just how they want and the others be damned.

I haven't thought too much about the AFAN chart, but I can see immediately that their Quest of Chiron in the 12th is to bring values out of the closet and into the open. Chiron is conj. the East Point so it is a matter of deep concern.

Venus is in the 3rd: AFAN has a good communication with the people and also compliments the MC where its job seems to be aboveboard. The thoughts and feelings (Moon Capricorn 9th) is cautious and patient, but persistent and trines the Asc. and Saturn in the 5th of enterprises, a serious undertaking indeed.

With Uranus on the Horizon angle and opposite the E.P., the subject in hand is clearly astrology for the people.

Neptune in the 7th in Scorpio seems to indicate to me the doubt of the people who have more or less taken the stand of wait and see. The health of AFAN seems to be directly the result of the ambition and energy of the people who started it and support it (Mars/Fortuna Libra 6th).

The creative idea is good - Sun in Leo, and it seems to be a good business project - Mercury conj. Jupiter.

CHARLES MONTGOMERY, LA QUINTA, CA Oct. 1984

Re: Uranian Planets: I goofed (Oct. '84, p. 17) *Mea culpa!* You printed just as I charted. But I transposed the symbols for Cupido and Hades. I also omitted the name of Apollon at the symbol .

However those inaccuracies do not detract from the accuracy of my position that the fantasies of Witte and Siggurn totally missed the real planet, Pluto. In my series in American Astrology Magazine I called the Uranians just a troop of Hell's Angels that obscured the vision of Witte and Siggurn from seeing the Big Rig, Pluto, which was there all the time. This lack of vision on the part of the Hamburger Kids detracts from their reliability. If they were so smart, how come they missed the Big Rig? The ancient and honorable discipline of astrology should not be cluttered with such nonsense.

To Wendy Hawks and Marion D. March for their contributions to a greater knowledge of Pluto!

To Al H. Morrison: Your argument about taxing and regulating astrology is legal sophistry. The practice of astrology is not an exercise of free speech: it is a profession just like the law, which I have practiced for over 50 years. But to try to eradicate astrology under the pretext of regulation is quite another matter. I consider that heinous.

To J.Lee Lehman: Your question about the relative strengths of Astro*Carto*Graphy MC/IC lines and those of Asc/Dsc-brings to my mind an often overlooked factor - the little squares on the MC/IC lines mark the strongest points of all.

To Dale Huckleby: Your "Ng" is the 10th cusp in Morinus house structure. During his lifetime Edward Lyndoe touted it as a real hot spot - especially in tertiary progressions. As a matter of celestial mechanics it is the true Zenith, but not the Nadir, which is directly opposite.

GERRI JACKSON-POSCH, Grosse Pointe Shores, MI Oct. 1984

I have been an enthralled MH reader for 2 years now and eagerly look forward to each issue.

I have been wondering how many readers are fortunate enough to be using the Digicomp Astrion 80 Computer? I have had one for almost a year now and love it! The people at Digicomp were very helpful whenever I needed advice and I recommend the computer without reservation. One does need the printer though as the machine readout is very small. My only complaint is that the printer does not always line the charts up well every time...but most times it does. The computer is portable with its own case and very convenient. If one wants a dedicated machine, the Astrion is well worth looking into. I got mine with all of the modules and I haven't yet begun to use all of its capabilities. I do miss the regular

computer readout on a screen...for some reason those screens just turn me on...but the advantages outweigh the few disadvantages. I've heard some people aren't fond of the small printout and that Debbie Merriman calls it the "Supermarket Chart"...but I guess it will be awhile yet before one computer has all of the advantages in one machine!

Computers are flourishing in the Detroit Metropolitan Astrological Community...the most prevalent being the VIC 20 or Commodore 64 with Matrix programs.

I just finished a weekend being glued to a tape recorder with six tapes from Astro-Analytics that I would like to recommend...Robert Jansky's "Fun With Delineation" series and Jeff Jowers "Relationships" series. Very informative, clear, and easy to hear!

Have any of you read the book, "And I Don't Want to Live This Life" by Deborah Spungen, Fawcett Crest Books? It's the biography of Nancy Laura Spungen written by her mother, who founded POMC (Parents of Murdered Children) in the Philadelphia area. Nancy Spungen was an extremely bright (Benet tested Very Superior) girl who was born with cord wrapped around her neck and required a total blood transfer at birth. Her life was one of torment from day one and she was diagnosed as schizophrenic in childhood. She became heavily involved in the drug scene and became involved with the Punk Rock entertainer Sid Vicious during the last two years of her life. She died at age 20 - allegedly murdered by her lover who died shortly afterwards of a drug overdose. Her mother felt that she probably manipulated Sid into murdering her as she pleaded to die most of her life beginning at age 9 or 11. It's a heavy, tragic book but tremendously insightful into the life of this seriously disturbed girl and loaded with specific times, dates, and places. Nancy Spungen was born Feb. 27, 1958, 6:52 a.m., eastern Standard Time, 39N57 75W10.

I am a twin...and interested in looking for another twin to see if their life parallels my sister's and mine, especially since 1978. What a phenomenal, exasperating, wonderful and awful 6 years it has been...but I wouldn't have traded them for anything in the world! Just as long as we survive them and I think we will! But that's another story. Would love to hear from anyone born July 17, 1938, 7:42 p.m., EST, 42N24 83:06.

WILLIAM HOSCH Gary, IN Oct. 17, 1984

We, in the astrological community, are imminently concerned with the seed pattern of being - the radical chart - and the process of becoming through the unfolding of potential by transits and directions. Indeed, astrology is at the center of this dichotomy between stasis and change that has separated the 'hard' sciences from the humanities since the time of Newton.

The Newtonian revolution introduced some extremely powerful analytical tools, like calculus, that opened up the way for the formulation of the laws of dynamics (the physics of being) and which enabled man to quantitatively analyze many simple closed physical systems. However, as powerful as the scientific revolution was, it failed to incorporate the qualitative growth inherent in many complex chemical systems and all biological and social entities. Indeed, although some attempts have been made in biology, medicine, ecology, and sociology, they have not been able to enter into the Newtonian deterministic framework. This is not due to insufficient research of basic principles, but rather an inherent element of unpredictability due to a creative streak that resides in any higher, more complex system.

The absence of much scientific absorption with questions of becoming during the 19th and 20th centuries are readily understandable when the scientists are viewed in the perspective of their social milieu, the Victorian age. It was a reactionary period following the American and French Revolutions in which fear of any change engendered a rigid value system. It was a period in which theories that supported static or gradual orderly change were apt to arouse the least opposition from entrenched social classes. i.e. Ideas of a stable geology with mountain building consuming millions of years and stable formations were popular to the exclusion of Wegner's ideas of continental drift. Darwin's ideas of slow

incremental changes in species was obviously far less threatening than discontinuous jumps in evolution would have been. Today, Darwin's ideas of gradual evolution through slow continuous change is being replaced by the concept of 'punctuated equilibrium' in which species are stable for long epochs until they encounter a strong challenge in their environment and undergo evolutionary transformations.

It has been left predominately to the philosophers to develop the themes of becoming; such as Whitehead's writings on process, Bergson's on duration, and those like Smuts, Kunkel, and deChardin who share an evolutionary perspective of the qualitative transformations that can not be reduced to simple deterministic formulae. However, there are scientists working on these themes today and this long prelude has been to introduce you to the work of Ilya Prigogine. He won the Nobel Prize for chemistry in 1977 for his work on the thermodynamics of nonequilibrium systems and his Theory of Dissipative Structures. Dissipative; referring to their being open to the outside and requiring energy input to maintain their coherence. Many chemical and all biological systems are dissipative. For example you require the intake of oxygen and water as well as food and must return waste products to the environment, hence an open system.

From Ilya Prigogine's book 'Order Out of Chaos' I'd like to quote from the forward by Alvin Toffler, "Summed up and simplified, they hold that while some parts of the universe may operate like machines, these are closed systems, and closed systems, at best, form only a small part of the physical universe. Most phenomena of interest to us are, in fact, open systems, exchanging energy or matter (and, one might add, information) with their environment. Surely, biological and social systems are open, which means that the attempts to understand them in mechanistic terms is doomed to failure."

By being open to the environment, any dissipative structure is subject to fluctuations in its energy flow and when these fluctuations become too great for the system to damp out they are driven from equilibrium conditions. When the viability of its structure is threatened it reaches a critical juncture or turning point which Prigogine terms a bifurcation point. At this time, the system is no longer deterministic and multiple paths open up for the system to follow in order to reach a new level of equilibrium. The system may fail the challenge and cease to exist under sufficient stress, or it may incorporate the new energy and self-organize at a higher - or more inclusive - level of order from which it will follow a predictable world line until the next bifurcation point is reached.

In dynamics time is operated on the same as a physical coordinate and is referred to as reversible, that is, events may be run backwards or forwards with equal validity. In thermodynamics, however, time symmetry is broken and time acquires a direction. It is no longer reversible. The initial breakthrough for the 'physics of becoming' was the formulation of the Second Law of Thermodynamics, often referred to as the heat death of the universe, which theorizes the eventual loss of any energy gradient through the equalization of all thermal states and thus to complete disorder - termed entropy. Reconciling the Second Law of Thermodynamics with the evolutionary spiral of life, which is away from entropy and toward increasing complexity and order, is central to Prigogine's work.

These ideas lead to very wide ranging implications for us as both individuals and as a species, and the analogy between the pressures that we undergo periodically (timed by transits and directions) and that enable us to transform ourselves with Prigogine's bifurcation points is obvious.

Order Out of Chaos. That phrase has been haunting me, and I believe there are two specific linkages between Prigogine's ideas and astrology:

First, the quintile aspect of 72°. From Rael-Rudhyar's 'Astrological Aspects'; "Mind at the level of the quintile or Vibration Five does not mean mere memory, or the simple (or even complex) association of sense perceptions into intellectual patterns, no matter how superficially satisfying or even exciting such activity may be. When fully developed, it leads to truly creative (not merely productive) activity-that is, activity

in terms of creative spirit, activity therefore transparent to individual purpose."

"Moreover, since the quintile is the first aspect of the evolutionary series not also found in the devolutionary sequence, it contains the potentiality of victory over nature or materiality, whose tendency at this stage of the devolutionary process is toward disintegration and uniformity (entropy)."

"Thus, Vibration Five, Mind, can operate on one of two ways: in terms of purely material, intellectual or selfish desires (regression), or by expressing one's creative genius (progression or forward evolutionary motion)."

Secondly, the new discovery Chiron. From Lantero's book 'The Continuing Discovery of Chiron' she quotes Richard Nolle on Chiron; "the ability to perceive order in chaos by adopting an unusual perspective...Chiron augurs chronic disruption in the normal functioning of organic systems."

"It may well be that the self-evident trends toward isolationism during these years will ultimately be seen as a NECESSARY PURGATIVE PHASE in a healthy trend toward ULTIMATE GLOBAL UNITY."

Using the U.S.A.'s chart, as researched by Barry Lynes, you may note the exact (to the minute) biquintile between Pluto and Mars. It has primarily manifested in aggressive and ruthless aggrandizement and monopolization of world trade by multi-national corporations and international banks: Pluto, in the 2nd house in the sign of Capricorn, indicating the concentration and structuring of immense wealth, and Mars, in the 7th house in the sign of Gemini, exemplifying the aggressive trade alliances that have enabled America to nearly monopolize the exploitation of world resources through the ruthless pursuit of profits to the neglect of global social-economic responsibilities. I believe, however, that the potential exists for America to take lead in forming more equitable trade arrangements to develop and share world resources. It is cause for hope that when Chiron transits over America's Mars in 1986 it may catalyze such a process.

Chiron offers the vision that we can heal the world. Chiron's position at 1° and 9' of Taurus, is part of a larger pattern involving America's Sun, Asc., and M.C. Together, they define 4 points of a very tight pentagram. The Sun biquintile Asc. and quintile M.C. is clearly expressed by America's open projection of itself to the world - warts and all.

The Sun located in the 8th house in the sign of Cancer, and Chiron, located in the 5th house in the sign of Taurus, form a quintile which is exemplified, nobly and ignobly, by a creative drive to integrate and manage the world's resources and monetary system into a single coherent global unit - Pax America. A further indication is Chiron biquintile to both the Asc. and M.C. and America's dolorous penchant for sermonizing to the world. Notably, just before the turn-of-the-century America's Sun will have progressed to an occupation of the empty point of the pentagram and could conceivably light a blaze that will illuminate the next century.

NANCY ANNE HASTINGS, Concord, MA Oct. 1984

I've worked with the secondary prog. Moon and the 90° dial since 1974. It does show up in events, and is quite reliable for rectification. Midpoint pictures (in the Uranian style) show consistently for events. The Prog. Moon may fill in the side of a midpoint structure - PMoon + R Mars = R Saturn - or be at the midpoint of two other positions - R Saturn + R Mars = PMoon. When an event is indicated, the three planets involved will form multiple connections. In other words, if PMoon + R Mars = R Saturn, you might also have R Moon + Solar Arc Mars = Solar Arc Saturn, or P Saturn + Solar Arc Mars = R Moon. The key here is that the same three energies are combined in several patterns within one week in time.

Whenever I do a 90° analysis, I find four different colors of pens or pencils, and put natal, solar arc, secondary progressions, and outer planet transits around the dial. (I also write in a color key so that I know which is which.) I don't pay too much attention to patterns that only show up once. I don't have the time to worry about whether or not my client is going to sneeze or trip over the dog. Pneumonia or a broken hip will show up in at least three combinations of the same planets.

It takes the prog. Moon about 7 years to go 90°. Don't estimate this - figure out WHEN the prog. Moon was at the middle of this mess before. Then find out what the client was going through at that time. This helps define the "tone" or feeling of the event. When you have the cycle as a background, you have a headstart in determining the exact meaning of the combination this time around.

The best way for you to begin a study of the Prog. Moon in the 90° midpoint structures is to indulge in some pretty heavy hindsight astrology. Get out the dates of events you can verify, with a chart you feel has an accurate birth time, and get to work. The examples in my book "Secondary Progressions, Time to Remember", Weiser, Inc., York, Me 1984 are spectacular on the 90° dial, but that was beyond the scope of the book. (One of the most common comments about the book is that it is BIG.) Anyway, you can use those charts to see what I mean by the triple hits with the planetary pictures. Just add the positions of Solar Arc and transiting planets to the secondaries and natsals given in the book, put them all up on the 90° dial, and have fun!

STANLEY KUSTESKY, New York, NY Oct. 18, 1984

Some additional thoughts on the Oct. '84 MH:

To Diane Zeines p. 5 (and to you, too). I agree with the idea that we "attract" compatible charts. I also find that if I become interested in a particular phenomenon, e.g. stelliums, grand squares/trines, missing elements, etc., suddenly a whole raft of individuals with those types of charts are on my doorstep. I'm usually able to satisfy my curiosity as well as give sound advice - even to persons whose charts would not be regarded as meshing comfortably with mine. As my practice has evolved over the years, I've found that the easiest way to deal with so-called incompatible charts is to determine what the client wants at the time of the reading. That is to say, what problem or aspect, or personal crisis is causing them to seek advice at this time. (This method works with compatible charts, too.) Using this type of focus makes my job easier and satisfies the client's immediate needs. Instead of pretending to be the omniscient Answer Man, I defuse that false pressure before it starts. I long ago recognized that I cannot discuss every aspect of a chart in 90 minutes, let alone 90 hours, simply because understanding a natal chart completely takes a lifetime - on the client's part, as well as mine. Longer than 90 min. leads to psychological burn-out and, especially for the client, information overload. While at one time (early on) I just couldn't refuse a client, I've learned the power of the word "no," and have no compunction about referring clients to more competent aid (which means sometimes therapy or analysis) or to other astrologers who definitely would be more compatible to them. I believe my highest ethics are to see that my clients are served to the best of abilities; should I clearly judge that a reading from me not to be in a client's best interests (or mine, for that matter), I do not hesitate to refer them to someone else. After all, aren't we supposed to put the client's benefit as the prime goal of our work?

To Zip Dobyns (pps. 27-28). I have a generally favorable reaction to your letter on the professional Astrology discussion held in March 1984. In general, I think any steps to further communication between the various astrological groups is to be highly applauded, especially regarding the issue of cross-certification. The code of ethics proposed is simple, clear and direct. I believe the majority of practicing astrologers already function with these "commandments" self-evident. What does disturb me though is the proposed nonsense definition of Astrology. It's a collection of condescending academic buzz words that may not qualify as English when strung together in a sentence; more like bureaucratese or legalese or any of the other contemporary "-eses" making the rounds these days. I think this definition should very seriously be rethought because at core Astrology speaks to the heart and soul, moreso than to the mind. To reduce, as I believe the suggested definition does, the power of Astrology to "postulates" and "relevant phenomena" is to miss the boat entirely. In effect the possible definition translates "As Above, So Below" into a string of polysyllabic nonsense words, inefficiently using 20 where 4 are so eloquent. I would think

that astrologers are well aware of the considerable religious heritage we carry, i.e. religious in the sense of recognizing a Universal Mind (God) that gave us the order of the Heavens as a guide to the larger affairs of His Universe. To eliminate that idea, possibly in the name of professional respectability, is to disavow the basic essence of our craft. Man didn't create the Heavens; God did. A definition of what we do with charts must recognize this fact - it is not an assumption, except in the confines of scientific enquiry. If we are merely becoming a business of reducing charts to a statistical numbers game, then we lose touch with the Source behind them. I am not anti-science or scientific method; rather, I advocate that we start using empirical data somewhat differently than we have been. But this strays into another topic, namely the better design of astrological studies. The point is, I think, that any definition of Astrology must freely embrace, in very simple terms, the force of "As Above, So Below." I suspect that trying to attain better professional status by ignoring our noble antecedents will not work to our advantage. Psychology, in strict definition, is the study of the soul because "psyche," in Greek, means "soul," not mind. That's a convenient permutation which has only served to mire that profession in literally unprovable theories - all, I suspect, in the name of respectability. Likewise, Astrology derives from the Greek "astrologos" - literally, "telling of the stars;" one who is an astrologer originally meant a practical astronomer, one who makes a practical application of astronomy to human senses. I don't think we've ever really strayed from the original Greek conception. Thus, while the proposed definition may be an attempt to satisfy all parties, it is in my opinion, an innocuous, condescending piece of drivel that employs large words to say nothing of value that hasn't been said much better in the past with simple words.

BARBARA CAMERON, Gr. Barrington, MA Sept. 1984

An opinion on Dr. Lee Lehman's remark - The Soul does not have a sex, only the personality, and the body. Sometimes homosexuality is a habit (sexual expression can be habitual), sometimes it is a result of incomplete incarnation; sometimes it is an adolescent tendency; and sometimes a natural inclination of both personality and/or body. So varied manifestations can't always be seen but some tendencies, whether acted upon or not by the personality, can be delineated. It is a deviation from the norm whatever else it may be, and whether karmic or by choice, it will be possible to be seen sometimes.

We look at the soul - body - personality (emotional mind) - the mighty triad, all of which contribute to the chart.

JOY KAJAN-BASILE, Hackensack, NJ 3 Oct. 1984

John E. Daniel, Oct. '84, p. 63: The issues I raised in my letter to ANS of July 11, 1983 remain unaddressed. Neither Benjamine nor Drake advocated the use of overlap in astrodynes; at all times precision was stressed. My April '84 letter to MH cites 132°; your use of the more accurate 131.5° is both revealing and disturbing, since my birthdata is not common knowledge.

As long as you diagnose the physical conditions of others and prescribe hundreds of milligrams of minerals without knowing the person, without benefit of their birthchart and without knowledge of their medical history, you are in no position to question the integrity of another. I refer to the fact that you did so behave on June 6, 1981.

Edith: I'd be happy to help you with new subscriptions. No need to spend postage on sending forms, I picked one up at the AFA Convention and have made photocopies. You should have received the first one by the time you read this.

Annie Hershey, 13th Extra: In our Fall lineup of astrology seminars I've scheduled the McKay murder from the data you supplied of the baby whose father crushed him to death 29 min. after birth for not being physically perfect. It is eerie to note that the baby's Sun at 5° Cancer 31' is 28 min. from the approaching square to his 5° Libra 59' Asc.!

Pat Geisler, Jan. '84, p. 58: Thank you for sharing your AIDS data with me. Some months ago I purchased the C-64 and have been busy entering information for future research, so I

appreciate your input.

Ruth Eichler, July '84, p. 46: Yes, I have noticed that my sense of internal power stems from the house placement of Pluto: I've also noticed that it's the place to which I am continuously drawn, again and again to restructure that environmental area so as to create wider vistas. First the catharsis, followed by an elevated mode of living in that particular area. Your insight has been most helpful.

Dr. John F. Gay III, Oct. '84, p. 43: Like yourself I favor separating astrology from psychic fairs but for different reasons. It would be impossible for astrology to separate itself from the occult because of its very nature. Is there another tool comparable to a horoscope that can expose a person's very soul? In that regard alone, it is occult, bringing to view that which is hidden. Our only recourse is to educate the public. For starters we might try the Dewey Decimal System. Under subdivisions for Religion and Sects is listed "Demonology, Spiritualism, Horoscopes, Witchcraft, Magic, etc."

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John R. Vanderveken: I have the May '75 copy of American Astrology you are looking for and will send you a copy of the article if you write to me at the above address. I don't want to sell the issue as I have all the set from 1974 onwards. I had forgotten all about the "Ancient Concepts" and want to thank you for some really great re-reading.

Does anyone out there know where I can locate "Symbolic Directions" by Carter? This book is out of print but I would like to buy one if available.

Ted George, Oct. '84: Your letter in response to Waldrop's article should be memorized by all Astrologers working in the media! Perhaps this would solve the "bumbling" of most media answers to the questions posed by the investigators of Astrology. It would certainly help if all teachers would explain the difference between the Tropical Zodiac and the constellations and moving zodiac. Once this is clear in a student's mind they have a firm foundation when the questions come. Your letter was clear and concise and should be reprinted in as many journals, etc. as possible. Thanks for your insight and the reminder that we should have our own facts straight!

Professional Astrology Discussion, Oct. '84: I was very interested to hear of the agreements reached at the discussion. This is a great step forward for the cooperation between astrological groups we all hope for. Now that the AFA has been accepted by the PAI Accreditation Committee I will send in my application. I could just not face one more test!! Thanks PAI and those involved in making it happen!

And thanks to you **Edith** for another jam-packed gem of MH!

DIANE ZEINES, New York, NY Oct. 26, 1984

I've been sick for quite awhile and I haven't really had the energy or inclination to write, but here I am. Thought you'd gotten rid of me, eh?

This year I read a novel called "Warday" by Whitley Strieber and James Kunetka. It is written in a journalistic style and the authors travel across the country in the year 1993 to see what effect the War of '88 has had on all of us. Not a pleasant subject for a book, I must say, but a fascinating and compelling novel nevertheless. The only reason I bring it up is that these two writers actually give a date for the war. So in case anyone is interested in exploring this, the date of Warday is Oct. 28, 1988 at 4:45 p.m. (DST, I assume). The location is a little difficult because the first hit is over Brooklyn and Queens, so I just used the coordinates for N.Y.C. - 73W57 40N45, zone 5+. I'm not too good at reading mundane charts so I'd be interested to see if the authors have picked a date that would reflect a holocaust.

Thanks to all who answered my last letter about "What Makes An Astrologer." I'm not sure that my question really came across as seriously as I meant it, but I am too tired to hash it out again. I feel the issue is much deeper than the answers I received, but that's okay because I have answered my own question for myself and I definitely do consider myself an

astrologer, whether I do readings or not.

To **Ingrid Stamaton** (p. 65). No, Dec. 31st was not my "Dump on Aquarians Day." No, what I was really doing was poo-pooing all those good things that we hear about Aquarians and all the bad things we hear about Pisces. And I will defend other signs as well. **Lee Lehman** thinks we're always dumping on Virgos, Scorpios and Capricorns. And I really understand what she's talking about. I mean, if you read all the astrology books - even the so-called enlightened ones (the expensive textbooks), you'd think that it was some kind of privilege to be born under certain signs, and a curse to be born under others. I'm so sick of the cliches - both the good and the bad - about the Sun signs. Aquarians are **not** all brotherly love. Virgos are **not** all picky and fussy. Capricorns are **not** all ruthless. And Scorpios are **not** all sex-crazed. I know some Virgos who are sex-crazed. Some Pisces who are humanitarians. Some Aquarians who are ruthless. And some Capricorns who are - yes, this is true - wishy-washy!!! All these silly little descriptions just teek me off because we seem to "like" certain signs more than others and so we give them better qualities. I'm just tired of it because it's so damn stupid. If you didn't fit my description of Aquarius, then fine. All I was doing was showing the dark side of Aquarians. They do have one, you know. Why do Scorpios only get to have a dark side? Why is it that Libras, for example, are always so wonderful and Capricorns are always so miserable and melancholy? Could this really be true? Could all people born in late Dec. and early Jan. be ruthless enough to sell their mothers down the river? Are all Libras mediators? What about the ones who are constantly trying to pick fights and then try to get out of them? Does that still make them mediators or instigators? What about all those out-going Pisces I know? You know, the ones who have two homes and lots of money? Can they still be the wishy-washy wimps the books say they are?

I think you get my drift. Let's remember that each sign has two sides, the God side and the Shadow side. I was NOT just singling out Aquarians. I just happened to be answering a letter that mentioned Aquarians and Pisces, so I chose those signs to expose some of the silly lies we tell each other about astrology. I've been studying astrology since I was a teenager and I was always a little embarrassed to tell people that I was a Pisces because we were supposed to be so quiet and shy and wishy-washy. And then people would say things like, "Oh yes, you are a combination of all the 12 signs." (Give me a break.) Or, I'd read that we were the "dust-bin of the zodiac." Please, pick up after yourself because this Pisces does not want all that dust. No wonder we're so paranoid and such martyrs!!! (That was a joke, folks.)

Well, that's all I have to yell about today. Can't wait for the next MH. And I'm still one of those who votes for 6 issues!!!!

TRANSCENDENCE

Sent in by Terri Kerins of Rockville Centre, NY
[Written by a student of hers.]

Isn't it absolutely marvelous!
Whether I walk through the corridors
Within the temple of the "universe"
Or examine a flake of dust upon the floor of the earth
I discover one world, after another--

And I'm also blessed with a mirror of my soul
Whose reflection reveals a candle
Within a virgin darkness
Whose light left behind an untold shadow of death--

But, whose opened grave becomes a womb
Of endless rainbows to the island of other souls--

By John De Carlo



LINDA REZNER
San Ramon, CA

THOUGHTS ON TURNING THIRTY
or
A FIRST SATURN RETURN

Sobering thoughts crossing my mind
A lifetime review of a brief span of time.
Assessing intentions, results, motivations...
Such a bountiful spread needs deep meditation.
At crossroads I stand between "Youthful" and "Young"
An end of beginnings, a new life begun,
AND AN "INKLING" THAT THIS
HAS JUST BEEN A "DRY RUN".

"To all things there's a season,"
I've seen that so clear;
A time for laughter, a smile, and a tear.
Aimed for high mountain summits,
Crashed to valleys below,
LEARNED, "IN AUTUMN YOU REAP
IF IN SPRINGTIME YOU SOW".

I've been walked on and trodden over
And learned to move on,
I've been criticized and challenged,
I've lost and I've won.
I've been right, I've been wrong;
Been weak and been strong,
With each failure I've grown;
Each success been spurred on,
BUT I'VE NEVER REGRETTED
ONE THING I HAVE DONE.

I've known love of some others, A frustration or three
Been in situations not intended to be.
Given birth, reproduced, and held to my breast,
Responsibilities a lifetime will never let rest.
I've lost loved ones so dear,
San Grief and it's sear,
Felt jealousy, hatred, envy and fear.
Been alone in a crowd...in a crowd when alone,
Savored long conversations, quiet talks until dawn,
Met some I forgive and known some I've admired,
Been in limbo, been bored, been restless, Inspired!
OF LIVE'S VARIED RELATIONSHIPS
I'LL NEVER GROW TIRED.

Traveled out and beyond my own sphere of living,
Seen poverty, wealth, seen talking and giving,
Done "Nothing at all", been lazy, stalemated,
Craved excitement, sought new things,
Broken down and created.
Understand life is simply what your thoughts make it.
I've known faith, I've known God,
Walked through Nature's quiet splendor,
Seen compassion and caring,
Felt sympathy rendered,
TO THE SPHERE'S HARMONY
I'VE RESPECTFULLY SURRENDERED.

It's been bountiful as I have stated before
With a step and a pause I break open the door
And excitedly anticipate thirty years more!!!!

MARC PENFIELD Hollywood, CA
THE STATE OF ISRAEL

Oct. 7, 1984

It has recently come to my attention, after reading the book entitled "Mundane Astrology" by Michael Baigent, Nicolas Campion and Charles Harvey, that there are possibly two horoscopes for the State of Israel. The most often used chart for this country has had 10 Libra rising with a MC of 11 Cancer, which was based on the erroneous assumption that Summer Time was in effect when that nation declared its independence on May 14, 1948. Due to the Sabbath beginning later that day, the proclamation of the new nation had to take place before sundown, even though the British Mandate was to end at midnight. After years and years of working with charts of all countries of our globe, I've come to the conclusion that the correct one is not when the session begins, but when some definitive action takes place, such as signing a document, or in the case of Israel, when a verbal statement is made.

The two times, therefore, in question are when Parliament began at 4 p.m. (2 p.m. Greenwich Mean time) or when David Ben Gurion slammed down the gavel proclaiming that "the State of Israel is born" at 4:37 p.m. (2:37 p.m. GMT). Summer Time was not in use. The two charts have different MC's and ASC's, so let's look at five of the most important events in Israel's history by progressions and transits to see which chart is the best one to use.

The events I've chosen are: The First Arab War which began on May 15, 1948, the Second Arab War which began on Oct. 29, 1956, the Six-Day War which began on June 5, 1967, the Yom Kippur War which began on Oct. 6, 1973, and the signing of the Peace Treaty in Washington on March 26, 1979.

Event #1 - The First Arab War (Solar Arc 0:00) May 15, 1948. No difference between the natal positions, except for the Moon which was at 9 Leo when the fighting began at midnight on May 15, 1948. Chart #1 has a semi-square of Mercury to the MC and it rules the 9th house, and placed in the 8th house. Chart #2 has Moon conj. the MC, also ruler of the 9th house. From these two charts, no definitive conclusion as yet.

Event #2 - The Second Arab War (Solar Arc 8:06) Oct. 29, 1956. Chart #1 has a prog. MC of 3 Leo 14, approaching a conj. of the Moon, the Asc. having just progressed into Scorpio. Chart #2 has a prog. MC of 12 Leo 07, conj. Pluto in the 10th and sesquare Jupiter in the 3rd house. The Asc. is 7 Scorpio 45, approaching a square to natal Moon/Pluto. Trans. Venus on that day was 27 Virgo (sq. Jupiter), Jupiter was 23 Virgo (sex. Sun) Uranus was 6 Leo sq. transiting Sun at 6 Scorpio, Neptune was 0 Scorpio and Pluto was 0 Virgo. An overwhelming evidence for Chart #2.

Event #3 - The Six-Day War (Solar Arc 18:24) June 5, 1967. Chart #1 has a prog. MC of 13 Leo 32, just past the conj. of Pluto and the prog. Asc. is 9 Scorpio, sesquare natal Uranus in the 9th house. Chart #2 has a prog. MC of 22 Leo 25, within 4 min. of a conj. of natal Mars/Saturn, both in the 10th house. The Asc. has prog. to 16 1/2 Scorpio square Saturn, ruler of the 3rd house of neighbors. Trans. Jupiter on that day was 2 Leo 14, and when the war ended 6 days later, it was 3 Leo 20, within 41 min. of a conj. of the natal MC of Chart #2.

Trans. Pluto at 18 Virgo was semi-square to the natal MC and trans. Jupiter. Israel gained a lot of land on the west bank during this war, including the Old City of Jerusalem. Jupiter rules the 2nd house of assets. Another case for Chart #2 being the correct one.

Event #4 - Yom Kippur War (Solar Arc 24:20) Oct. 6, 1973. Chart #1 has a prog. MC of 19 1/2 Leo, semi-square natal Venus in the 9th house. The prog. Asc. is 14 Scorpio, square the natal Saturn/Pluto midpoint. Chart #2 has a prog. MC of 28 Leo 21, just past a trine to natal Jupiter, the prog. Asc. being 21 Scorpio 10, more than a degree away from natal Mars/Saturn. Trans. Mercury was 5 Scorpio (square the MC of Chart #2), Mars was 7 Taurus, Jupiter 2 Aquarius, Neptune 5 Sag. and Pluto 4 Libra. Another overwhelming case for Chart #2 being correct.

Event #5 - The Peace Treaty (Solar Arc 29:38) Mar. 26, 1979. Chart #1 has a prog. MC of 24 Leo 46, just past the square to the Sun but sextiling Uranus in the 9th house. The prog. Asc. was 18 Scorpio 17. Chart #2 has a prog. MC of 3 Virgo 39,

approaching a sextile to natal Venus, the prog. Asc. being 25 1/2 Scorpio, semi-square natal Neptune. Trans. Sun on this date was 5 Aries (trine the MC of Chart #2) and Venus was 27 Aquarius, sextile natal Jupiter, ruler of the Desc. of Chart #2 or the Asc. of Chart #1. Take your pick, no conclusion possible with these transits or progressions for this event.

With the current fiscal crisis evolving in Israel at this moment, I feel that Chart #2 with about 1 Scorpio rising is the correct one, over which Pluto is currently transiting. Neptune just having passed Jupiter in the 2nd house (Chart #2) points to the rampant inflation of their currency and the many devaluations that have taken place in the past few years. Saturn in its 1st house doesn't augur well for Israel in the next few years, especially when it enters the 2nd house of Chart #2 in early 1986. Right now, the prog. Asc. of Chart #2 is 29 Scorpio until Jan. 1985.

Finally, if you look at the charts of the U.S.A. and Britain to Israel, more comes to light. In Chart #2, the U.S.A. North Node is within 3 1/2° of a conj. to the MC of Israel, our Moon squares its Sun, its Mercury is conj. our Uranus, its Uranus is conj. our Mars, its Venus is conj. our Venus and Jupiter, its Neptune is widely conj. our Saturn, and its Jupiter is sextile our Moon. And to add evidence of what I believe to be the correct MC for the U.S.A. (15 Leo 55), the Saturn of Israel is conj. our Midheaven, lending an aura of responsibility to the picture.

Looking to the chart for England (1066), their Neptune is conj. the Sun of Israel, Uranus is on Israel's Jupiter (Britain gave Israel her freedom). In the 1801 chart for Gr. Britain, its Jupiter is within a 2° of a conj. of the MC of Chart #2.

DOROTHY B. HUGHES, Seattle, WA Nov. 9, 1984

I had an interesting encounter this morning with a young plumber of all things. From the minute he came in the house our conversation was constant. His place of business is about 6 blocks from where I had my shop for 12 years on Queen Anne Hill. He remembered it and after he had seen my little Gemini bank on my desk by the telephone, he said "So you are a Gemini." I said yes, they are all crazy. I can say that because I am one. He said that not only was he a Gemini but also was an identical twin. He and his brother are identical in physical appearance, he told me but apparently diametrically opposite in character.

I don't know if students are interested in twins but I have always found it fun to try to explain the differences in character between two people who are born so closely together. I remember back in the 1950s at an AFA convention someone gave a lecture on a pair of twins in which she used the natal chart as that for the twin born first and the 7th house for the 1st house of the second born twin. I don't know what one would do in the case of triplets or quadruplets. In any case it was an intriguing idea.

Of course, I asked this young man, George, for the birth data. I assume that the times are correct.

George and Jerry - June 19, 1951. Pontiac, MI 83W18 42N38. George - 6:10 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Jerry - 6:17 p.m. EST.

George to me fits the Gemini image - have you ever seen two of them get together? They can't seem to talk fast enough. Quick moving and very handy with his hands - said he had tendonitis in his right elbow - also was very careful about his knees. Fresh, frank and open. Smiling eyes.

He said Jerry never smiles, is a hard driving business exec. of some kind making \$100,000 a year. Very devious and even if he knows an honest way to accomplish something, he will try to find a way to do things in a devious fashion. Tense, tight and always on the ball for business and that is just about all.

My husband was a twin also but a fraternal twin rather than identical. One would have known they were brothers but would never have thought they were twins. Mother Hughes was not sure about the absolutely accurate times of their births as they were born at home. Their birthday was May 7, 1899 in Basin, Mont., 112W16 46N16. Harry born first at approximately 12:30 a.m. Mountain Standard Time - Edwin born at 2:00 a.m. MST. Of course, they were different as night and day. Harry

died when he was 68 of cancer of the throat. Edwin died Mar. 18, 1971 at approx. 6:30 a.m. Pacific Standard Time of kidney failure, just under 72 years. Edwin was an aeronautical engineer. Harry was a taxi driver, bookkeeper, and went from one job to another through the years. Was on the dock at Pearl Harbor when it was bombed with no other weapon than a ball point pen as he used to say. Edwin started work with Boeing when they had 20 engineers in 1926 and worked for 42 years at different positions with them through the years. Harry, with Mars in Leo in the 7th was very feisty and difficult to get along with. Edwin with Pisces rising was a very quiet and unassuming person.

So perhaps some of the teachers could use these for classes. Give the students some of the characteristics of each twin and let the students try to fit the correct horoscope to the correct twin.

JOAN O'NEILL, No. Arlington, NJ Nov. 12, 1984

Thought this was interesting. I am reading this new book "The Jesuits," History and Legend of the Society of Jesus by Manfred Barthel. Sitting on the library shelf it just caught my eye and there must have been a reason that I picked out this book because I found something about astrology in it. P. 194-A German Jesuit named Father Schall was sent to China in the early 1600's. In 1644 he was appointed astronomer royal, Director of Peking Observatory and responsible for regulating the lunar calendar and casting the official horoscope for the Imperial family. The modern ephemeris tables used by Chinese astrologers were based on observations provided by this German Jesuit.

I'm glad to see that the enlightened astrologers are not happy with John Wayne back in the White House.

Oct. '84, p. 18, **J. Silveira deMello**. You did not understand my feelings about "Karma." I have no argument with Karma, life is one big karma. My objections are those who use the word loosely and try to force their way of thinking on you, therefore astrology becomes dogmatic and ends up like organized religion which has nothing to do with Christianity per se. And that goes for past lives too. I've been in contact with many astrologers who have done this and it really disgusts me. They make everything black and white and life isn't like that. They act like they know the answers to the mystery of life, which isn't so or else we would not be on this earth plane.

Besides my Saturn return I'm having a Jupiter return, good? No! Saturn in a water sign, Jupiter expansion = unexpected water problems in my home. I have Roter Rooter living with me now. Phooey on Jupiter return.

The last MH was so good. I've learned so many new things, like the article by **Alan Richter** on Part of Fortune and the one by **Charles Montgomery** on the Uranian Astrology.

I would like to thank **Joan Abel** for the agoraphobic information. That's what is nice about the MH, everyone shares.

J. SILVEIRA deMello, San Francisco, CA 13/Oct. 1984

There is so much to respond to in the Oct. '84 issue. I wanted to wait until my Saturn return was over so I could report on that, but then I would not get my reply in until too late for the next issue. I can see the hell of it, and perhaps this Saturn return is making up for the mild one years ago.

First things first, **Carol Rushman** (p. 42). Please tell Bill Wood that I am still at the same address and miss hearing from him. I have not heard from him in a long time, and the Milwaukee phone book has been no help in finding him. It was heartening to have a positive report on astrology there.

Yes, indeed, **Joy Kajan-Basile**, (p. 9), **John E. Daniel** (p. 63) is right and you do owe **Astro-Numeric** an apology. You are obviously unaware that when Horace Howe put together the material for his service that he was very much in touch with Doris Chase Doane, and she made him very aware of all the many systems used by astrologers. Doris herself has written a book about cosmodynes. The client has the option to choose any system the client wishes when ordering from Astro-Numeric, and there are many astrologers who do not find 132° too wide an orb for a trine aspect from an angular luminary. I do not understand your anger. I still say that with directions or

progressions, the wide orb of that trine will manifest eventually, and you write as if you do not see that.

Barbara Cameron (p. 46) was great at opening Pandora's box. I took a look at my own cosmodynes to see what my computer values were. To my amazement, Mars was listed tops for harmony, and to anyone who has followed my recent letters, I need not say that Mars certainly has not been acting nicely to me this year. Jupiter is listed rather low but harmoniously, but it has been so unproductive this year that I couldn't say one way or the other on that. Saturn is listed as mediumly discordant.

Let me say that I am having my 2nd Saturn return in the 6th house. There are tremendous problems at work to the point where I am actually out seeking other employment. The last touch of Saturn return will be the 18th, but two days before that, Saturn will be on my diurnal descendant. I expect no delay in Saturn's manifestations. We are currently losing two co-workers to better and less tense jobs elsewhere, bring to six or seven the number we have lost in the past year. Everytime we have a loss, I am asked to fill in. This is going to mean working six days a week mainly at a desk which is not my own, while my own work backs up. It also will put me in direct touch with a supervisor whose Sun and Mars conj. my Saturn. Of course I will get paid. This Saturn return is almost exactly sextile my natal Jupiter which is also due to return this next month. If it were not for Saturn, I would never feel my Jupiter. But whenever I have made extra trips to the bank, it is also because I have done the work to produce the money.

I have no argument with the orbs of cosmodynes. My argument is with the concepts which establish those values, the astrological thinking which is somewhat in error. I do not agree that the Sun conjunctions always enhance. We say "combust," and surely that should supply a clue about how we should think: the Sun is burning up the efficacy of the planets it may combust. How can this be a plus value? Are trines always benefic? Are they not permissive, too? Are squares or oppositions always discordantly energizing?

I very much enjoyed the thoroughness of your letter, but it does open up a can of worms. And coming right after **Edith's** little benefic and malevolent, too. And then we get the interesting letter from **K.H. Gaul** (p. 48) asking for help. I would like to help, but in the face of all this other comment, I wonder what help I could be if I am in the middle of restructuring and experimentation. After 20 years of astrology, I find there are yet new things and new ways to look at a chart.

Astrology is an on-going study, an absorbing study. (Unfortunately my intense interest in it, KH, does not keep me off the streets.) But you could write me anyway. I have a huge correspondence, so I could only do once a month to you, but maybe others will fill in, and **MH** itself will fill in.

KH, my chart data is 6:04:16 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, 3 Nov. 1925, Newport, RI. Your own birthday must be somewhere around mind, either two years ahead or more likely 26 years later. I forget who once said years ago that had I been born earlier in the day I might have become an alcoholic. I have lectured on astrology and alcoholism, thinking it might help some friends of mine members of AA. But then I was informed that AA does not want its members to have recourse to any other therapy or practice than itself. Alcoholics did not come to my lectures, but astrologers and people who work with government agencies on alcoholism did, so it wasn't a total bust. I would certainly like to look at your chart, KH. If your Scorpio Sun and mine are conj. perhaps we are meant to be in contact and it will probably do both of us good. Nothing like trying to teach in order to learn more.

Other astrology students are having problems synthesizing all the available astrological information, so you are not alone. And still there are new astrology books being published, more and more to read. But one needs someone with whom to argue these things out, and that is where **MH** is so beautiful. how nice that the letter on ISAR from **Marguerite Dar Boggia** follows yours.

Another worm from out of the can. My Sun is 5° behind Saturn, and Mars is 18 back of the Sun, no natal aspects. There is an old dictum that if planets are not in natal aspect, not much

should be expected of them when they progress past each other. I can tell you this is not so, having had Sun conj. Saturn, having had Mars conj. Sun and later conj. Saturn. And I am sure anyone else out there with similar constructs is going to agree with me. You all know **Camille Adams** and I have the same birthday, so there's one.

Pat Oakley (p. 29), your natal chart always remains the basic chart. You owe it to yourself to study that natal chart in all house systems to see which is more the you that you know. By progression, interceptions will change, depart, return, and the years they do so are significant years for you, but the basic you is still the natal chart. Progressions are what you go on to acquire. Interceptions vary house widths. Wider houses are areas of greater importance to you. Look at the chart of Greta Garbo some time as a wild example of this. I think planets in interceptions are fenced off from the opinions of others. I find that clients seldom ask about affairs of houses where they have no planets. Does anyone else out there find this is so or not so?

Speaking of Saturn returns, John DeLorean had his on 11th Sept. A week later, his attorney announced DeLorean's marital separation which is now going into divorce. His Saturn return was in his 7th house.

I want to say that I appreciated **Marion March** and **Wendy Hawks** on Pluto. Also **J. Lee Lehman** (p. 43) on AIDS. The wrath of God is self-righteous bunkum. When I think of God, I like to think of both dignity and humour. Mankind gets itself into its own pickles, God and Satan notwithstanding. Some of us are old enough to remember the polio epidemic. I hope AIDS will peak out soon. But now we are in different times, and in the current religious revival we are witnessing religious backlash and a heaping spoonful of intolerance.

Stanley Kustesky (p. 21) an excellent and very overdue analysis of the AFA chart. I was delighted to see positive support for **Diane Zeines** from **Joan Abel** and **Barbara Cameron**. Liked the Neptune poem by **Paula B. Stanger** (p. 25). Thank you **Paul Mahler Dam** for data on the Queen of Denmark. Do you have data on her husband and children?

And, oh heavens, last but not least, **Al H. Morrison** (p. 28), Aries rising is no more capable of caution than Gemini or Scorpio or whatever. Isn't that bumbling impetuosity practically an Aries virtue? With Pluto and Saturn now transiting across the way, and Mars back then, one could expect to get carried away, or that at least things could get a bit iffy. I am very curious to read your book but am probably going to have to resort to some subterfuge to get a copy. It probably won't be available in book shops, and by golly AFA won't have it, and if I ordered it direct, you would probably return my order unopened. On the other hand, maybe I shouldn't get it so that I shall never be accused of plagiarizing. You've got to watch me, baby, for a last-life reader once told me that I was the reincarnation of LaoTse the famous Chinese plagiarizer. Old karmas never die.

Of course I've left out somebody despite going through **MH** quite thoroughly. I always read everything in **MH**. And I will report on Saturn later. I hope it means a new job rather than the loss of a close friend (which is how I am interpreting the diurnal charts for next week). So more later, and my thanks to everyone in **MH** land.

IVY M. GOLDSTEIN-JACOBSON, Temple City, CA Dec. 1984

When someone you love lets go with a blood-curdling scream that would wake the dead, it shall be natural for you to dash to his side asking in frightened tones SO WHAT'S WITH YOU? and for him to moan piteously "I've got me a headache!"

According to Dr. L.I. writing in the Los Angeles Jewish Bulletin it is standard procedure to prescribe one (1) simple aspirin right away. When one doesn't do the trick, you take two (2). After say a week of untold agony unwillingly shared by all, you take some strong compound along with another prescription to cure the ulcers the aspirin caused. Now that you have two medicines it gives you a good start although it will of course disrupt your liver, and if infection develops you will need penicillin, which will damage your red blood corpuscles and spleen causing anemia: another medication is taken to cover that up but with so many by now your kidneys undergo a

serious breakdown that can be quite embarrassing: it is now time to take some antibiotics which are known to destroy our resistance to disease leading to a flare-up that involves all of your symptoms, and this you handle with sulfa drugs and also have the kidneys drained from the plugging-up in general because of the systemic build-up of poison.

Now the medications are so confused they won't do what they're supposed to do, which can give you a real headache your family shares.

SO WHAT'S WITH YOU?

AL H. MORRISON, New York, NY

Dec. 1984

The notion of playing soft music behind astrological discourse comes from the 60's, in Montreal. The city police had clandestinely recorded John Manolesco's reading to a detective - Manolesco thought it was a newspaperman - and the equipment inadvertently picked up the music from a nearby FM station. The background music made impossible the illegal editing of the recording. I sat there in court listening to it being played, and where they had cut out some of Manolesco's remarks, the piece of music was mutilated, so that all could hear that the recording had been falsified.

Then when Katey and I interviewed the English-speaking young people running an astrology bookstore in downtown Montreal, they were not only very careful what they said to us, they had Bach concerti playing bright and clear to make damn sure we were not going to be able to falsify any clandestine recordings of their commentary.

I have recommended this in print a number of times, as a protective measure against dishonest, selective law enforcement entrapments, edited tapes presented in Court as complete, unedited tapes.

Matter of perspective and situation, of course. But soft music does NOT sabotage a clear speaker, generally speaking.

DR. MILTON K. OZAKI, Sun Valley, NV

Dec. 21, 1984

Many years ago, a famous guy named Bertrand Russell said this: "One of the problems of life is the fact that the ignorant are invariably cocksure, while the intelligent are beset with doubts." I suppose that explains the huge amount of drivel which appears between the pages of MH...

I read each issue with amusement, and feel that I ought to cast one more stone: Virtually all your writers praise your accomplishments as a publisher, but this sure is because they are ignorant of the publishing process. To produce a magazine like yours once every 3 months involves hardly any skill at all; indeed, with minimum equipment, it could easily be produced weekly. You print letters dated 4 MONTHS before they appear in print, and, to my astonishment, you don't even seem embarrassed by the lapse! Shame on you. You should learn to wiggle a lot faster.

I have spent many years researching astrology, and I confess that I am baffled by the huge number of so-called practitioners who continue to use the Tropical zodiac and the Placidus houses. They are astronomically in error to such an extent that "aspects" are simply impossible. No doubt that explains why they resort to so many minor aspects, saying that they "work." But this makes their readings more psychic than accurate, and it is not surprising that anyone skilled in mathematics or astronomy laughs at modern-day astrology!

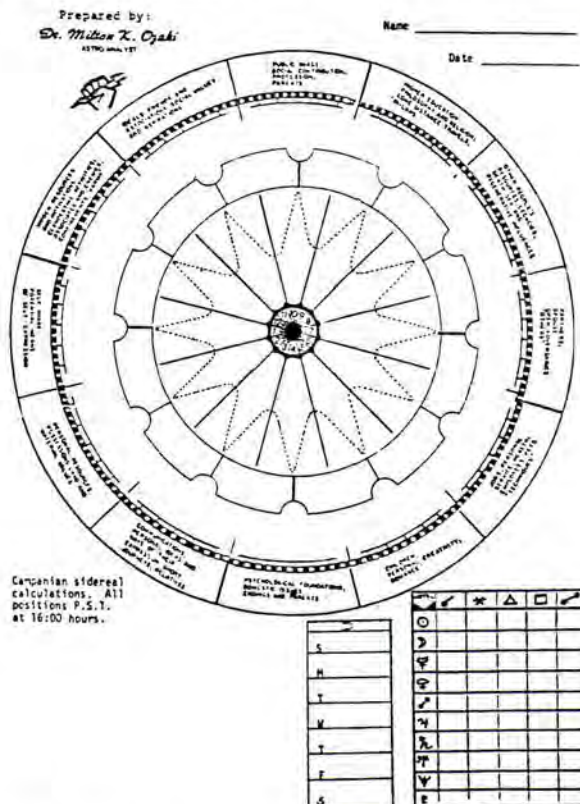
Since I am getting old, I want to pass on two "things" which I have found to be important in the making of predictions:

1. The position of a transiting planet within a house does not gain full power until it reaches the house's mid-point. (I am attaching a copy of the chart which I use.) At first glance, you will probably consider this unbelievable; but observe closely - and you may be astonished.

2. Most astrologers calculate the Planet Rising when preparing a natal chart, but it never occurs to them that this factor is of constant importance when attempting to predict daily occurrences. I have spent months of tedious calculation to prepare tables (at 20 minutes intervals) for Reno, Nevada - and, of course, the same labor would be required for each specific

locality...but it is worth it, particularly if one is interested in calculating winning periods. It is my personal opinion that this factor is paramount to any attempt to calculate favorable periods in any specific day.

Well, with that off my chest, here is my check for another year's entertainment....



Dear Milton:

Thanks for your entertaining letter. I am sure many will be as amused with it as you were in writing it! We are so pleased you find us entertaining and hope you will continue to do so for a long time to come.

I think I had better clarify a few issues for you though. What you consider "drivel" many others do enjoy. Not everyone can be brilliant, me least of all. I doubt if it is brilliance that people are looking for in subscribing to the MH. The entire premise of the MH is simply for people to communicate with each other, say what they feel like saying, be themselves. Most folks don't care when something is printed - just so long as it is! You would be amazed the correspondence that has developed between the various subscribers. I guess most of them just enjoy the ability to write and know that they will be heard. They like to argue, to ask questions, feel that they are a part of the astrological community. I think in this sense the MH renders a service that they can't get somewhere else. I certainly am not embarrassed by the lapse of time between the time the letters arrive and when they are printed. After all, we go to the printers 2 months before it is mailed so you have a 2 months' lapse to start with. A lot of folks write as soon as they get the new edition so that involves another 2 months. We do the best we can under the circumstances. You can't fault a gal for trying and we sure try! You must also take into consideration the fact that all of this work is done by myself with 2 part-time helpers. All the correspondence, the recording and file-keeping, the typesetting, the paste-up and the "stuffing", zip code breakdown and packaging and finally lugging it all to the post office. The only thing done out of the office is the actual printing. I would love to see you do it any faster under these conditions. Besides at my age - I can't wiggle any faster! By the way, I have never claimed TO BE A PUBLISHER - I simply say I publish the MH. My subscribers

are not the ones who are ignorant of the publishing process - it is "little old me" but I think I am better off this way! Guess you will just have to take us as we are and continue to be entertained.

One more point - you certainly are entitled to your opinion. If Campanus and Sidereal are your bag, fine. Personally I don't understand what the big deal is over which house systems or kind of zodiac. I like Cosmobiology where there are no houses and working with the Heliocentric placements - where the planets actually are in the sky as they revolve around the Sun. When I use a house system, I use KOCH and yes, I do look at the Geo placements also, but find a lot more accuracy and truth in the Helio placements. Now I ask you - does that make me any less of an astrologer because I don't work the way you do? I don't think so! I have heard for a good many years that a house actually is quite potent at its mid-point. Again, this is an opinion. As far as the chart you sent being unbelievable or me astonished - I have been in this business over 20 years and working with the MH almost 11 years, nothing to me is unbelievable or astonishes me! You should read some of my mail...John McCormick used to say, "There is nothing new under the Sun - Lilly said it all many years ago." I sure am glad you got that all off your chest and now you can sit back, relax, and enjoy the entertainment for another year. Did you ever hear Marc Edmund Jones comment on entertainment? He said that when someone came to him for counseling and was serious about it he had one fee, if all they were looking for was entertainment - he tripled the fee...Here is hoping you have a real terrific year and will write to us again soon. [Let's hope we can keep you amused!]

Love and Hope,
Edith.

DON BORKOWSKI
23 Dec. 1984

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Thank you, Edith, thank you, thank you, thank you. I most sincerely hope that the absence of poetry in the current edition was a matter of policy and not just a happy happenstance. Also, I have nothing against Fran Rosen; her astrological contributions are pretty good. However a continuing column, as contrasted to an occasional letter, on the tarot has no place in an astrological magazine. Here in Oregon, astrological bookstores usually flourish until they deviate from the subject. Then they fail in very short order. If someone wants to publish "The Tarotist's Tarot Magazine FOOL HOUR," let them, but I hope they would keep astrology out of it.

It has taken me some time to get this letter written. I have virtually decided not to comment on the Oct. '84 issue in order to concentrate on the Jan. '85 one. I had heard the news about Marc Robertson, and was going to comment on that, but it's not news anymore. I had his birthtime as 5:44 a.m., rather than 5:48; so I don't know which represented a more-recent rectification. In any case, Marc had an exceedingly Saturn-dominated chart, having Capricorn rising and a 1st house containing Jupiter, Moon and Mercury in Capricorn and Sun in Aquarius. He also had Saturn in the 2nd in Pisces in a focal opposition with Neptune in the 8th in Virgo. It seems that I could always spot Marc's fans among people who also had prominent Saturns. Among other interesting factors, transit Saturn played a role in Marc's passing. Transit (diurnal) Saturn was 14:00 Scorpio, and using the time I had, Marc's MC was 14:22 Scorpio, and his prog. Placidian 8th cusp was 13:54 Scorpio.

To Dr. John F. Gay III, (p. 61). Your letter is appreciated. I can attest to personal experience within these very pages that rationality and/or truth is well-ignored. My contributions to MH had their humble, well-forgotten origins in 1979. It wasn't until I got crude, obnoxious, and theatrical in 1983 that I really got some kind of audience. Even then, a great deal of people took my letters only at face value. I have also been ignored by a couple of major astrologers in public situations, and I was very dismayed and angered. I have discussed and worked out the situation in an adult manner, with one of them. The other one doesn't ignore me anymore, either.

To Anyone: Speaking of well-forgotten writings, I am willing to buy back any copies of "Signs and Parts in Plain English" by Press and Ima Roberts and myself, if anyone doesn't want their copy any longer. I want to be able to supply copies for friends I have made after my book went out of print. Please write or phone me if you want to sell your copy.

To Lois Rodden (p. 59). You are one of my personal favorites, but I do have a point of gentle disagreement with you. Of all the Victorian astrologers, Alan Leo was probably the least judgmental and the least fatalistic. Granted, some of his earlier writings showed more of these traits than the later ones, but at least he moved in the right direction. In 1971, Press Roberts once told me, "If Alan Leo said shit's green, I'd believe him." That's hyperbole, of course, but Leo was thoughtful and sincere, even if it led him to some incorrect conclusions. For instance, Alan Leo rectified his chart to put Saturn at 27 Leo on the Asc., to reflect the hard times he had had in his life. Actually, his unrectified chart, with early Virgo rising, as presented in Marcia Moore's "Divine Science," was probably more accurate, as it better explained all the detail he was capable of. I contend that Alan Leo was probably responding to the not-yet-discovered Pluto's square to his Leo stellium from Taurus. It would also explain his uncharacteristic but most judgmental remark that "Taurus is the worst sign of the zodiac." Actually, if one wants to single out a fatalistic, judgmental astrologer of the "old black-pit-school," Max Heindel was in a class by himself. On a different topic, I was extremely shocked and dismayed when Neil Michelsen rejected your "American Book of Charts," Vol. 2.

To Diane Zeines, (p. 59), I really don't blame you for beginning to hate Jupiter. It rules your 12th house. Everyone has additional meanings attached to transiting and progressed planets, that are not given in textbooks, but are based upon house rulerships. Saturn rules my 2nd house, and it has given me raises.

To Joylyn Hill, your article on Martha Washington was good, your article on Robert E. Lee was good, and your article on Washington's Inauguration was good. However, there was an article about astrological rulerships of the body (pp. 37-38) that bore your name. Did you really write that? Or did someone in the MH office accidentally put your name on some of Ted George's BS by mistake?

Mr. Don Borkowski

Dec. 29, 1984

Dear Sir:

With reference to your remarks about our material appearing in the MH from time to time, we wish to advise you that we are a group involved in the research of ancient cultures; their legends, scriptures and myths involving heavenly bodies.

For all of the history of the human race as far back as can be traced, the way people looked at the universe had a profound affect on their behavior, and they used the stars to tell them what made their world the way it was. The sky for these people served as a tool, and the motions of the spheres oriented them in time and space and gave them a great sense for cyclic occurrences. The sky was a practical tool to help them survive these cycles. Modern primitive man has, for the most part, lost touch with the heavens as our lifestyles today do not permit us to live daily with the sky. True, astrologers and astronomers are vainly trying to recapture this knowledge, but they have barely scratched the surface. Today, both astronomers and astrologers are more preoccupied with the mathematics and mundane applications of the stars above rather than seeking to find the spirituality of the spheres known to these ancient cultures.

All ancient cultures knew of, and used, planets that we have only recently discovered, and other that we have yet to discover. Our group has spent many, many hours researching ancient documents to uncover these lost objects in space rather than waiting for our technology to catch up to theirs. We have gathered a great deal of information but only a small fraction is sent to the MH since there are only a few readers with the spirituality and historical insight who can relate to, or appreciate, the information. We are not surprised, therefore,

that our material evokes bizarre responses from individuals such as yourself.

For example, and from a purely practical standpoint, why should there not be a planet ruling the sign of Leo. Furthermore, what would be so astonishing to discover that the dual planet Mercury has a twin.

Though you have from all appearances set yourself up as the self-styled spokesman for the readers of **MH** we do not consider it necessary to convince you of the legitimacy of our endeavors. If you are naive enough to believe that we only now have reached the pinnacle of achievement in science and technology, then nothing that we may write of those things that remain to be discovered could convince you of their existence. It will take many more years for our technology to catch up with the knowledge of cultures that have existed thousands of years ago. We are truly primitive human beings.

The source material for our manuscripts is not for publication. If you wish confirmation for anything we have written, you are welcome to spend the many hours researching the information as we have done. Your request for the writer's natal chart to prove the affects of these unknown spheres was asked more in mockery than as a genuine request for information, and it is therefore denied. However, if you wish to further investigate our work, we refer you to the following books that can be obtained through the AFA in Tempe, Arizona, as follows: "The Lives you Live as Revealed in the Heavens;" "Uranus-Neptune-Pluto: The Spiritual Trinity" authored by the writer; and "The North & South Nodes: Guideposts of the Spirit" by C. Bohannon.

Yours truly,
Ted George
Jacksonville, FL

RUTH WEILAND, Aptos, CA

Dec. 26, 1984

I am sending a check for \$1.75 and hope that you still have some of the AFA/AFAN supplements listed in the Oct. '84 issue of the **MH**. This was not something I intended to get immersed in but I sent in my membership check to AFA for renewal and inclosed a note (not keeping a copy) just saying that I was reserving judgment on the AFA and renewing with reservations, that I hoped the AFA could get its act together and fulfill its promise and its potential...I got an extremely defensive letter back with my check returned from Mr. Cooper etc. Since then I have sent him a letter saying roughly that I could support the goals and aims of the AFA but had definite reservations about the leadership. Incidentally in his letter he stated that the AFA had "its act together" - no source of course, etc. Very strange. I do have copies of all subsequent letters and should you want them they are yours. I did get a letter then renewing my membership and asking me to be specific about my complaints - which I duly answered, quite specifically.

I have not followed the brouhaha that closely - too many other distractions like work, but not being left alone in my woes I guess it behooved me to find out what is going on. One of the questions was why, when they advertise a membership of 4500 the leadership has changed so very little in the last 8 years. Well, anyway I think I opened mouth and inserted foot. We'll see.

NAN BURKET, New Windsor, IL

Oct. 20, 1984

Darlene Kruse, p. 3: I, too, was a member of the AFA for one or two years when I first began to do astrology. I remember calling the AFA in Washington once while I was a member and found their attitude arrogant and demeaning. I didn't renew either, like you didn't.

There's a thing to remember here - that attitude is not the sort of thing that brings in new members. I decided at that time that I could be an astrologer even if there were no AFA but the AFA would be nowhere without members. I simply made my protest by not renewing and I'll bet there are many, many astrologers out there who feel the same way.

It's possible the convulsions the AFA is suffering now are death convulsions. The organization may have committed suicide.

Dr. John F. Gay III, p. 4: The AFA was there first??? So what? Do you drive a Model T? Seriously, Dr. Gay, the AFAN preferred to go through proper channels hoping it would not come to armed combat - trying for a bloodless coup, so to speak. Didn't work.

Barbara May, p. 5: Continue to read the ads in **MH** PLEASE!

The Neil Michelsen/AFA confrontation is insulting to any astrologer with a measurable IQ. I would be ashamed to be a member of any organization that acted in such an immature manner. If, as **Joseph Silveira deMello** says, the people who could help AFA are leaving it, maybe they don't want to be associated with it either.

Remember folks, you don't need the AFA half as much as it needs you.

Hang in there, Neil.

ANN REQUA, Newport News, VA **Jan. 1, 1985**

Like most Astrology buffs I've read lots of old books and new books which describe the native's appearance by Sun sign. To clarify the matter in my own mind I've conducted an informal study for the last 3 years. I work in a public library and handle new memberships several times a day. Each new member must show an ID which generally has a birth date on it. I have time to check for the Sun sign and look at the individual. The results of the study are that you can't see the Sun sign in the superficial looks. Only occasionally is there a noticeable correspondence. It seems the Asc. sign has **much** more influence on the appearance than the Sun sign. This isn't a new idea, but does contradict many venerated authors who give detailed "tendencies" for each Sun sign.

Another advantage of my library work is instant research. A reference question about the Declaration of Independence turned my attention to the sequence and timing of the events for the birth of the U.S. Many Astrology sources give a time of very early A.M. and a Gemini Asc. for July 4th. A case can be made for July 2nd according to letters from John Adams to his wife. (The decision for independence was made that day.) But, the vote was taken on the Declaration document on July 4th and that has been accepted as our birthday. All the sources I've seen, Adams' letters, Jefferson's diary, and the books written by historians on the events agree that the voting took place in the late afternoon. There were no meetings in the middle of the night. The afternoon time corresponds to a Sag. Asc. Rudhyar proposes a 5 p.m. birth time.

On a more practical level, the Moon was void of course New Year's Eve here on the East Coast until 7:37 p.m. Our party invitation was for 8 p.m. I told my husband that getting there at 8 would be a waste of time - things would be barely starting. For various reasons (3 teenage daughters going in 3 directions), we arrived at 8:45. Indeed only 2 couples preceded us. Things were very quiet. The rest of the party arrived just after we did. Moral of the story: don't plan a party to begin on a void of course Moon or right after the ingress. People need a chance to get organized after the void period.

ZANE STEIN A.S.C. **757 E. Main St., K-201**
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Halley's comet will spend most of 1985 in the sign of Gemini, and will oppose Uranus 3 times that year - in Feb. May, and Nov. So, if you will be having transits of Uranus to any of your mutable planets or cusps, Halley's comet will provide even more unexpected experiences for you. Of special interest to many will be the 3rd opposition, about Nov. 6, 1985, in the 17th degree of Gemini/Sag. - because only 2 days later, Chiron will be conjunct Halley's Comet in the 14th degree of Gemini - and the Moon will set this off the same day from Virgo. The year 1985 will definitely not be a boring year.

To **Darbie Golden**, Chiron square Saturn has shown itself to be an initial tendency to over-rely on reality and structures - but once a person realizes that reality is not an absolute, and realizes that no structure is permanent, this aspect will enable one to try procedures, and work on problems, that other people feel are impossible, or even things others do not think of. In

other words, once a person with this aspect is able to accept the idea that nothing is permanent, they can go outside of 'accepted practices,' and truly accomplish the unbelievable. As Robin Williams said, as the title of his album, Reality is a Crutch. (He too has Chiron square Saturn.)

To **Helen T. Wark**, we at the ASC have been doing a running study of the Chiron Corp. (which, by the way, has Chiron prominent in its Incorporation chart.) If you would like more information on them, and their research, write me and I will send you what we have on them. (For those interested, Chiron Corp. is listed in the O.T.C. stock market, and is currently less than \$5 per share.)

To **Judith Gee**, how about this idea for the beginning of the Aquarian Age - just like signs in a person's chart have cusps lasting 3°, why not assume that the ages also have cusps. Since each degree of precession takes about 72 years, the cusp of an age would begin about 216 years prior to the actual age. Now, if we allow the cusp to begin the year that Uranus was discovered - 1781 - this makes the start of the age about 1997. (It also would mean that the last 30' of the sign commenced about 1961 - thus the beginning of the sixties!)

To **Mary H. Perdue**, Chiron being conjoined by the prog. Moon definitely can be a form of healing, for it provides an opportunity to take a major step into a new area of some kind, which can drastically alter one's habits, or enable one to break free from certain fears. Many people have a major experience with doctors, hospitals, or healers at this time. The opportunity for healing is present - but the person must come to realizations about themselves, and the way they have lived in the past, so that they can make changes for the future. Possibly, the transiting Venus could act as a trigger, bringing the progressed aspect to fruition earlier. It usually is a time when a person can do very small-scale healing, anyway, for Venus tends to bring a desire for calmness, and serenity to the person, which is usually essential for healing to take place. (Haven't heard from you in awhile, Mary. Drop me a line.)

To **Joylyn Hill**, it is possible that not all of the traditional assignments of signs to body parts are valid, but I feel that holes exist in your logic. For example, take your logic about Capricorn ruling the feet, because they are mostly skin and bones. Using this reasoning, Capricorn must also rule the majority of the head, because of the skull bones; the fingers, and other parts of the body. As for the feet being the part you "worry about the least," perhaps that is true in your case. But everyone I know is very careful taking care of their feet, avoiding getting them in situations where they can be easily injured. They are the object of great oration with multitudes of glamorous shoe styles. They are the object, also, of many sexual fantasies involving submission and slavery. True, they are the foundation for the body - but isn't the 4th house the foundation? If we use your logic, based on that phrase, the feet should be ruled by Cancer.

Just one more case - the throat ruled by Neptune? For starters, I have many cases of throat infections, and tonsillitis, which tie directly to aspects involving the person's Venus. In my own case, I have Venus conj. Pluto in the 6th house, and have had bouts of tonsillitis, and general sore throats, on and off all of my life. As for your logic - true, liquids enter through the mouth. But the liquids are ruled by water signs, not the channel or container. Taurus is the aspect of Venus that holds the liquids, and channels them down to the body. If Neptune ruled the throat, the liquids would probably go through the throat lining directly into the system. Look at the stomach, ruled by the water-sign Cancer - many liquids DO just this, once they enter the stomach. I feel your intentions were excellent, but I do not think you considered the arguments on a deep enough level. Using your logic, I truly could make a case for anything.

To **Al H. Morrison**, I am watching very carefully this year, as my true nodes will progress direct during the next few months. I can already feel the urge toward re-organization - I will let you know how it all works out.

Frank Hughes, I like your comments on NOW. They were right on the mark. You may be interested to know that 'now' has been suggested as a keyword for Chiron, since the planet

sits between Saturn (the past) and Uranus (the future). By standing on Chiron, you can see both other planets; by focusing one's attention on the here-and-now, one can make use of the past, and create the future, but not be submissive to either one.

To **Jan Walsek**, I have made a study of Mars transits to my own 6th house cusp in 10 different systems, and found definite events correlating with 8 of the 10 systems, but each event was on a different level. I can't clearly define the categories either, but definitely see each system working on some level.

To **Diane Zeines**, your perceptions about transits are right on the mark. Saturn will always bring something - but not always events. In many cases, it brings something that is totally internal. And, in some cases, what Saturn by transit shows is simply a more mature way of viewing something, or a more mature attitude. This may be just internal maturation, or it may be the result of many small, seemingly insignificant events that slowly bring about the maturation of the person.

To **Amy M. Franco**, just thought you might like to tie in the fact that Chiron was discovered in 1977, the year you attribute to the punk movement. As for phobias - I used to have a terrible fear of heights. Then, in the summer of 1973, I forced myself to climb to the top of a carnival ferris wheel, to help them dismantle it before they left town. After that, my fear was all but gone. If you would like, I can give you my birth data.

To **George A. Ball**, about the astrological abbreviations - who can I contact to have an international agreement on the abbreviation for Chiron?

To **Neil Michelsen**, if the AFA revoked your membership, it only goes to show that they do not know a true astrologer when they see one. You have made major contributions to the field, and your services are an asset to all.

ELAINE WILLIAMS, Glorita, NM **Dec. 28, 1984**

On Psychic Fairs: You haven't yet heard from a Pisces with a Leo Moon and a Sag. Asc. OK, I agree with people "cleaning up their act" wherever necessary. But let me plead for tolerance of each other. As our field of work is more accepted than in the past, let's allow for varying paths to the same highway, and circumstances. The following is mine: a professional Psychic Astrologer with 10 years experience, doing Birth Charts, Solar Returns and Event Charts. Being a secretary on the regular job, I need to earn money from my Astrology work. For isolation, I live in the mountains - you can see the Pecos wilderness from my window. But it limits contacts, especially commuting to work, often with riders.

The New Mexico Psychic Society, highly professional, screens participants at their Fairs and insists upon positivism and ethics. I do stress positive thinking from background in Science of Mind; and participate in these Psychic Fairs every month. I not only contact people, but feel it is worthy work. I do not "prophecy." I proclaim to every person I see, in fact, that the current trend of any esoteric/occult/Astrology/numerology, etc. is to simply help the person take a look at their life - evaluate, and make decisions based upon self-responsibility. Some of us who participate share with one another; also I do work on a voluntary basis with problem teenagers, especially on drugs and alcohol. (This is my own thing.) Some of us seem to move through the more "psychic" path, some do not. We'll all "arrive" if we so choose, is my belief. At the wonderful conference held at the La Fonda in Santa Fe last Fall, there was such a perfect balance between the technology approach of **Robert Hand** and the Astro-drama approach. The balance and the tolerance there can be carried over into every left brain/right brain comparison. There is always room for both. I strive for accuracy in calculation, but the sum is always so much greater than the parts!

DIANE ZEINES, New York, NY **Dec. 28, 1984**

Well, I must thank all the people who were kind enough to answer my letter on "What Makes an Astrologer." Most of the answers were interesting and helpful, however, there were a few that missed my point completely. I'm not going to go into what I said in that letter because I feel that I have come to terms with whether or not I am an astrologer. I think I was asking something that I just couldn't put it into words properly.

What I was NOT asking for, however, was **how** to do charts. I am not a beginner and I felt that many of the answers I received were condescending, albeit not intentionally. I was not asking to be "convinced" to do readings, nor did I need a How-To course. I already know how to do readings. I am not some tactless slob who doesn't know how to be sensitive to people. The feedback I've gotten has always been good. I started doing charts for money in Jan. '75 and charged \$10. Then everyone said I was cheating myself, so I started charging \$20. Eventually I raised the price but I never went over \$50 for a reading.

In answer to the person who asked me if I thought \$50 was (as I expressed in my letter) a "measly sum" to charge, my answer is yes, I do. In New York City, \$50 is a pretty low figure to charge for a reading. My former chiropractor had 2 readings: one was from a well-known astrologer (whose name escapes me - but it's Maria something-or-other from Texas). I don't know what she charged him but she was once on the David Susskind show and announced her fee as \$250. The second reading that he had was from Felicia Rose, who I thought was excellent, and she charged him \$105. Both these astrological readings were given in 1982, so for all I know these people may have raised their rates. And they are not the only ones charging this kind of money; I personally have paid anywhere from \$40 to \$90 for readings that lasted approximately 1½ to 2 hours. I think people should get whatever the public will pay them especially if they are good at what they do. After all, how could one make his full living just from astrology? How many astrologers do just that and nothing else for a living? Not many. And personally, I couldn't live on less than \$400 a week (take-home), so astrology will always be a second career for me.

Also, I am the kind of person who has to **love** something in order to do it for very little (or no) money. (When I was singing professionally, I received very little money but I had my full-time job so it didn't really matter. And I love singing enough to do it for free.) I do free readings all the time, but that's for friends. That's how I keep "in shape" astrologically, and my friends and acquaintances think I should be doing charts all the time. I just don't want to. However, I wanted to think of myself as an astrologers since so much of my life is spent on astrology. I am presently more interested in research than counseling and I am currently working with Equal Houses a la Grant Lewi/*Moby Dick*. With the help of **Dale Huckleby**, I have been looking at the charts of entertainers. My specific interest is the Period of Obscurity.

I suppose one would at least have to be **paid** for doing some kind of astrological consultation in order to call oneself an astrologer. I didn't call myself a singer until I got paid for my singing. And I didn't call myself an astrologer until I got paid for my consultations. However, I know people, for example, who have never published a word, yet they call themselves writers. I know artists who work on their art everyday and sell none of it. The still call themselves artists. So I think the answer to my question is a hard one to tackle and I apologize for throwing such a big issue everyone's way and expecting real answers. And I think when I say, What Makes an Astrologer, I am also saying, what makes you want to be an astrologer? But I see now that that question as as unanswerable as why someone wants to sing, or dance or paint. It's a drive toward something that is difficult to understand. (Side note to **Amy Shapiro**: "Passion for serving" sounds too noble and egotistical to me. I don't like elevating what we do to some ethereal or magical and special thing.)

So I wasn't asking **how** to do readings. Or what attitude to take when doing them. I was asking how NOT to have to do readings and still be able to honestly call myself an astrologer. I don't need to be told to be kind and compassionate and helpful. It's almost like a slap in the face to have to read that. Hey, I'm a Pisces - how mean could I be?

Each person has to be true to themselves. You know if you aren't an artist, or a singer or an actress. So there is the question of what qualifies you to say you are "something." Is it that you say you are that thing or is it that you need certain credentials to call yourself that thing? Who is to say that you are or are not an astrologer (or a singer/actress/dancer/artist/

Writer)? There are many of you out there who are doing readings but who may have very scanty astrological and counseling credentials, at least by public standards. Then again, according to yourself, you may have lots of credentials. Who really can say that you are qualified? I was doing readings 6 months after I formally started studying astrology and all I did was parrot my teacher. I didn't mess up anyone's head but was I qualified? Oh sure, I know there are some who will say that we only draw to us those people who we are qualified to help. So I probably didn't draw to me people with terrible problems. So I did okay for what I was capable of at the time. But it has taken me almost 10 years to sound like myself, with my own ideas. I feel much more stable emotionally and mentally now and the things I talk to people about now are based on current and past trends in their lives. Now I can approach people from the point of view of someone who has explored herself and has mature experience and personal spiritual development to contribute. (Even my singing has improved since I was in my 20's because now I sing with real feeling rather than imagined feeling.)

One letter in the Jan. '85 issue was about 3 people who had the same exact chart. The astrologer said two of the people were twins and the other one was just a coincidental reading with the same chart. All three people were different but she spoke to them about Saturn going through the first quarter of their charts, and each one related very well to what she was saying. Well, that's pretty much what I've been doing. I look at which quarter of the chart the outer planets are and, mainly using Saturn, I am able to tell them where they've been and where they're going. And it works. It works for me and it works for them. But, still, I am not formally declaring myself an astrologer. I don't have cards made up or anything like that and I don't advertise.

The kind of counseling I'd like to give and try to give is a combination spiritual/psychological. But the reason I don't do readings, besides not having any free time to do them, is that I haven't got the patience to go through all that detail. Currently, I'd rather work on my music.

Well, I think I've had my say and I hope I haven't insulted anyone. I really did appreciate all the answers. They were very interesting to read and in some cases, very helpful. And I know your hearts were in the right place. Thank you for letting me have my say.

JACK TAUBE, Northridge, CA Jan. 7, 1985

Re Ivy Goldstein-Jacobson's reply to Joseph deMello, Jan. '85, I can to some extent verify her statement about recalling past lives. My birthdata July 23, 1927, 2:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time, New York City. Neptune in the 4th house, I can recall several past lives as a Roman soldier, an Astrologer, a participant in a Napoleonic battle and as an aviator. It's as if I'm "seeing through a glass darkly." The memories are stimulated by something I might see on TV, or in the course of travel in Europe where I get verification.

SALLY SINACORE, Niles, IL Nov. 5, 1984

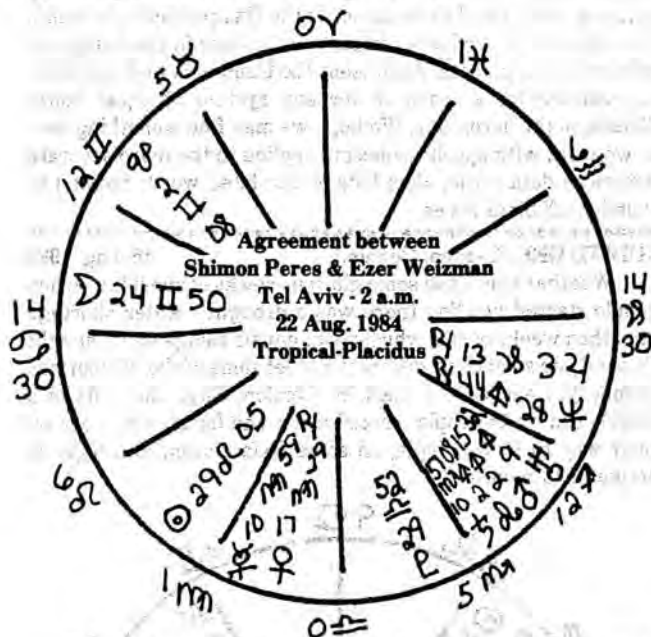
A bit of a "tid-bit" I heard on the radio. The nice thing about going to sleep with the radio on, is that about 3 a.m. one gets to hear all the news stories that are not "worthy" of prime radio or television newscasts.

A woman detective from the Seattle, WA Police Dept. was being interviewed on WIND radio at approx. 3:00 a.m., Monday, Nov. 5, 1984. She is an author and has been doing research on "serial murders." She stated that this summer the entire law enforcement network in the U.S. will be participating in a computer hookup, whereby anytime a murder is discovered without a ready suspect, all information would be entered into a computer by way of a very detailed information format, including among other questions, the victim's sex, hair color, hair length and the **phase of the Moon** at time of death.

Isn't it funny how the authorities frown on astrology, but never realize that the phase of the Moon in relation to happenings on earth IS astrology! Thought you might enjoy this info.

22 Aug. 1984

I enclose the chart for the agreement between Ezer Weizman and Shimon Peres in Tel Aviv, at 2 a.m., 22 Aug. 1984. An historic event...Ezer Weizman was a follower of Begin, but withdrew from his government, not liking the policies. He founded the Air Force. He has kept out of politics for some years...and though he is well known he is something of an enigma and dark horse. He did not answer when I wrote asking him for his birthdata, some years ago. But I found out in the International Who's Who that he was born in Nov...have forgotten the year, if you care to look it up.



Shimon Peres is the leader of the Labour left and has never held highest office, but has been prominent in politics for many years. His policy is for talks with Hussein of Jordan...(will he talk though?) and standstill in the West Bank. How he will bring Israel's finances to prosperity is anyone's guess. No socialist has ever managed to run any country with prosperity. But the Likud have let the finances run away with them.

The Horoscope is very interesting and of importance and, as they say in Horary Astrology - valid...that is the middle degree rise on the Asc. In this case 14-15 Cancer which is close to Israel's own M.C. Moon 24/Gemini is on Israel's Uranus and is ruler of the 1st house, and sesquiquadrate to Saturn, ruler of the 7th. First house would be Peres, who is the leader of the party and 7th house is his partner, Moon in 12th, and Saturn/Scorpio in 5th. H'm not so good, sure to be disagreement. It is on report that Weizman wants the Foreign Office...which would be 5th house, Sun/Leo suitably is in 2nd house and is on the place of Israel's Mars. The chief concern is money matters. Third house of communications and public opinion holds Mercury/Virgo retro. alas square to Israel's Mercury/Gemini. Though in its own sign it is sub-ruler to Moon/Gemini in 12th. Much underhand secrets and rumours galore. Venus/Virgo also in 3rd, so the young people will be directly affected as students and as workers...will they agree with the 2 Big Daddies?

Pluto/Libra is singleton in 4th house, but with good aspect to Sun and Neptune. If this denotes the Opposition, - Likud - they will have plenty of support. They may be the heirs to the political confrontation...Bide a wee!

Fifth house is in some ways the most interesting holding, Saturn/Scorpio, So. Node conj./Sag. and Uranus/Sag. Saturn square to radix Pluto - whoever if indicated or is denoted by Saturn, he is traitor or betrayer of the Pluto ideals. Weizman,

who shifted from Likud to Labour...? and is Sun/Scorpio?

Sixth house are the workers and Labour Party generally, a society or politics of menials. Not bosses but servants. This holds good for every country. It holds Neptune/Sag. on the place of Israel's radix Jupiter - no wonder the finances are so bedevilled, bewitched and bewildered...the illusions of Neptune press hard...their money is not the real stuff expected in other countries...more like fairy gold that melts away as you look at it in the light of day. Jupiter/Capricorn is inconj. to radix Moon/Leo. The grim reality of Capricorn can hardly make any impression on the people's fancy and desire for the good Leo life!

Moon/Gemini in 12th house and on Israel's Uranus - but in 12th...what hidden secrets? What devious notions are the people to be fooled with? What conditions against Public Welfare will be promulgated? It is ominous that the ruler of Asc. is in 12th house - and adverse to Saturn. I'm wondering if there will be any kind of secret police activities? All planets except Moon are under the Horizon...and No. Node in 11th house of Parliament may make for some free speaking...if that will help, which is doubtful. I can see neither greatness, nor glory in this Chart, though it is valid - with the middle degrees Asc., Sun on Israel's Mars, Neptune on Israel's Jupiter/Moon on Israel's Uranus and close prog. Sun, I fear a sea change into something new and strange...the Kabbalists proclaimed this year to be an evil year...so it seems.

Will not comment on U.S. politics, but a man whose Mercury is on my Sun is bound to appeal to me!

BOBBI ADAMS, Youngstown, OH Aug. 27, 1984

Hi out there! I have had some pretty hectic months starting with Nov. of '83. Well things have finally slowed down to a place where I am able to get caught up on reading all the issues of MH that I've put aside. Imagine my surprise when I saw my name popping here and there. I had completely forgotten about my letter in the 38th ed., p. 54. Thanks to all of you who so kindly answered my plea for help, as the names are to numerous to mention I will just say thanks to all, your hints and encouragement has and will continue to keep me from giving up.

Working with the transits as they pertain to my own chart has really been a big help; thanks Edith. I really gained a lot of confidence in myself the other day as I sat there trying to figure out why I couldn't get my thoughts together. I was really feeling speeded out, then my husband called to tell me his van broke down and my car was going to have to be in the shop for a few days. I said to him, gee Mercury must be Rx, sure enough it is! I'm still feeling flakey, but good about myself.

Would like to find my Astro-Twin, if anyone out there is willing to admit such a thing. Birth data Oct. 28, 1952, 9:30 a.m. 80W39 41N06.

To Diane Zeines (P. 40, July '84): My daughter has her Sun in Pisces and I must agree with much you have said on the subject, at times she can be very lazy, unless of course it's something she really wants to do. And I know she can take care of herself, even at 7 years old. I have my Moon in Pisces in the 3rd, we tend to communicate on an emotional level. She as well as my 11 year old son, (Sun in Capricorn) have both showed an interest in astrology, which will probably lead to some interesting encounters with their teachers in school, as they both go to Catholic school. I would like some opinions on how old a child should be before they begin studying astrology. I myself wish I'd started much earlier than I did.

Edith: I too vote for 6 issues a year. Like many beginners out there I cannot afford many of the books and have gained much from so many of the articles in MH. There's always something of value to add to my notebook in every issue. Thanks again to all.

Hugh Jeffcoat has gone to some lengths to explain why he questions the results of the Gauquelin research. (Apr. '84, p. 19.) In particular Hugh objects to the rounded off birth times and the emphasis on professional groups.

However, only the early work of the Gauquelins dealt exclusively with the relationship of planets to profession. The majority of their later work centered around personality traits. An exhaustive search of the biographies of thousands of people isolated prominent traits for each professional group. These traits were tested across ALL professions, not just for the group where the traits appeared to be of most importance.

From this testing a group of keywords emerged for each planet in relation to personality. These keywords and the accompanying statistics have been reported in a number of technical and popular books, but by far the most concise and easiest to read is Francoise Gauquelin's "Psychology of the Planets," published by Astro-Computing Services. (\$7.95) This book briefly summarizes the Gauquelin research to date and lists keywords that were individually tested and found significant for each planet. In my opinion, every astrologer should read this little book, for it contains the most empirically accurate planetary information to date.

Hugh challenges us to predict the future profession of infants using the Gauquelin research as criteria for judgement. But even the Gauquelins do not say this is possible. Francoise Gauquelin has stated personally to me that while it is now possible to predict certain personality characteristics with some accuracy, it is not at all possible to predict profession. The Gauquelins believe that the significance of their findings is in the area of personality, not in the ability to predict occupations.

The apparent positive results of the Gauquelin research notwithstanding, there are some problems that have to be worked out. The original work was done in the French language, which makes exact replication in another language difficult. Anyone who has labored over the complete Gauquelin trait lists (translated from the French) notices immediately that many words on the lists are ambiguous with many possible shades of meaning in English. Some of these translations would almost surely never be used by biographical writers.

According to Francoise, the English translations were obtained by using a French-English dictionary and the first translation of each word was taken to eliminate bias. This may be a scientific approach, but it is not a very accurate way to get the exact English translation of each French word. There is also some overlapping of words on the trait lists for different planets. Probably some of this overlapping is incorrect and the result of having more than one planet in a key area. In short, the longer Gauquelin trait lists are somewhat messy and redundant. The much briefer lists in "Psychology of the Planets," however, are concise and probably highly accurate descriptions of planetary influences. These lists are still incomplete and as yet there are no trait words for the Sun, Mercury, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto.

Our ISAR research group here in the East San Francisco Bay Area is working to eliminate some of the confusion found in the longer Gauquelin word lists. We have grouped together all words in each list with similar or related meanings, and have come up with basic concepts supposedly associated with each planet. Most astrologers will agree that working with concepts is a much better idea than working with hundreds or thousands of isolated words. We are now ready to test these concepts on the American data collected by the Gauquelins, which has been recorded from birth certificates and is not rounded off.

The Gauquelins tested the diurnal (time) circle for significance. The diurnal circle uses the M.C. as the culmination point and the division marker between the Eastern and Western Hemispheres of the chart. We will be testing not only

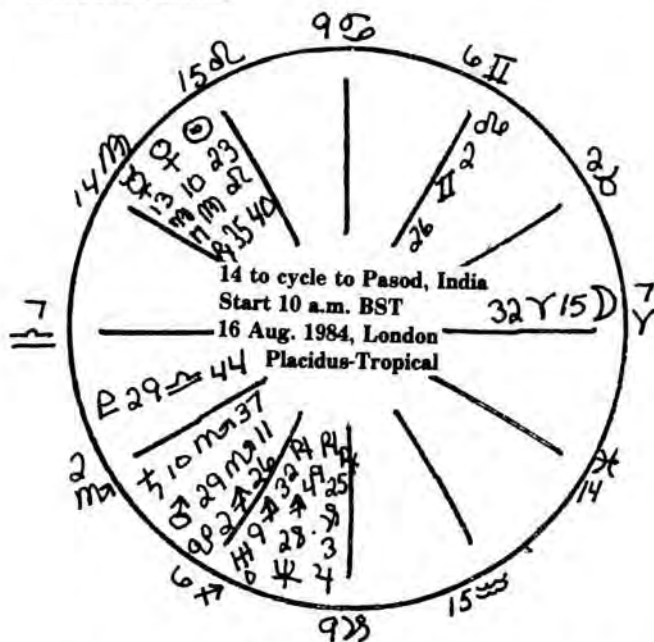
the diurnal circle, but also the zodiacal circle which uses the nonagesimal (zenith) as the culmination point. Thus we will be running a direct comparison of a quadrant system and equal house, though we will be testing general distributions and not exactly marked houses. When we have our results we should have a fairly exact picture of how diurnal patterns for each planet compare to zodiacal ones.

Our results should provide some evidence either for or against the existence of the zodiac. If the use of the nonagesimal as the culmination point gives strong patterns, the evidence will indicate that there may be a zodiac out there that can be statistically measured for significance. If the only strong patterns are in the diurnal circle, as the Gauquelins have found, the evidence will be for the importance of time in the rising and culmination of planets. At present the Gauquelin findings show no evidence for a zodiac or for any system of equal house division of the horoscope. We hope we may find something new as we work with specific concepts applied to the more accurate American data rather than lists of unrelated words applied to rounded-off birth times.

JUDITH GEE, London, England

16 Aug. 1984

Weather here - had some glorious weeks of sunshine - when people started howling there was a drought - water shortage etc...then weeks of rain which about equals things up. I thought I'd send you something different and let some of the Mercurians prophesy. I enclose the chart for London, Eng., the start of a bicycle run by 14 people - mixed males and females who are on their way to Pasod, India, on some Oxfam stunt and hope to arrive in 10 months.



They start at 10 a.m. BST from Parliament, London, Thursday 16 Aug. 1984. Libra Asc. with Pluto/Libra in 1st house, so an unusual mission. Pluto sextile Neptune - a suitable zany scheme - idealistic and unrealistic with high hopes and many illusions in the travel area. Second house has Mars anorectic and also Saturn/Scorpio and So. Node., alas this will be a costly ordeal with much expenditure of money, and I fear, actual privations. Mars leaves Scorpio to move to Sag. and meet the So. Node/Sag. in a few days. The route takes them through Europe, Istanbul, Damascus, Jeddah and Karachi. It is supposed to last 10 months, will it? An Aquarian venture of a band of mixed gender with Sun/Leo, Venus/Virgo and Mercury/Virgo in 11th. Venus is sextile Saturn so the women will do much to ease the journey.

Third house has Uranus, Neptune and Jupiter, all Rx...the journey may be aborted or take much longer with quite unexpected hazards. Not sure the girls will stay the course as Venus is just separating from sq. to Uranus. An unexpected and unforeseen factor will break the journey. The Moon/Aries and parallel to Mercury is in 7th. Suitable for adventure and meeting the people. Moon rules the Midheaven too so the people will be many and varied. While Saturn rules the I.C. - the end of the venture, and ruler Saturn/Scorpio is in 2nd house and sextile Venus. Venus rules the Asc., so it is quite possible the band of people or some of them will arrive at their destination. We must wish them the best of luck and I wonder what other Astrologers will predict. And for sure, there will be one or more books out of this venture! That 3rd house.

AMY FRANCO, Atlanta, GA **Aug. 22, 1984**

Esther Moldauer: Thanks so much for recommending "North and South Nodes" - 6 RKM tape set by Michael Lutin. I am finding the lunar nodes to be very important, particularly in my work to uncover the client's vocational ideals. (Until listening to Mr. Lutin's work, my favorite reference was Buz Myers' tape set on the lunar nodes. Anything by Buz Myers is worth the money. But I recommend that you take notes when you listen to his tapes - he gives out so much information so fast, that your sides will ache from laughing and your head will be spinning when it's over. Then you will need to listen to it again.) If there was an Academy Award for Best Performance on a taped lecture - I feel that Michael Lutin would win for his acting out the paradoxes that the lunar nodes symbolize. As Mr. Lutin states, the South Node is our Achilles' Heel, where we try to cover our feelings of inferiority in an artificial way - where we create an image to hide an unfillable void. Some examples Mr. Lutin provides include: South Node in the 7th house (Libra) - "I have a friend who is very creative, etc., and he lives alone. No - he has a girl friend. No - he lives alone. No - he has a girl friend." South Node in the 5th house (Leo) - "image" of the great lover. As in the Soap Operas - often seen having coffee with friends and saying, "You wouldn't believe what that bum did now." South Node in the 4th house (Cancer) should never watch The Waltons on TV and South Node in the 7th house (Libra) should avoid movies like "Somewhere in Time" and "Love Story." Since the Nodes also represent relationships, we tend to kick one another in the South Node. Integration of the Nodes is a life task, and is never completely resolved. As Mr. Lutin states, "You can't go to the Mayo Clinic and have your Nodes removed."

Lutin also brings up another fascinating observation about relationships on the tapes. He states that as Pluto has been transiting the last degrees of Libra, people have not been available to start new relationships. Each person is still dealing with unresolved issues of power and control in at least one major relationship. Many people had thought that they could lock these feelings in a closet, but are now having to face what they did not care to confront previously. Until there is completion of the power issue, people do not have the energy free to begin new involvements. Lutin states that Scorpio will intensify the unresolved conflicts to where the relationship can become an arena for total war.

To **Jay Jacobs:** I appreciate your article in Vol. 41, pp. 45-47, on the history of the various House Systems. I find the Koch House System to be most effective for me, but it helps to understand how the different systems were created. I really enjoyed the opportunity to meet you at the AFAN Convention.

T. PATRICK DAVIS **6096 Masters Blvd.**
July 30, 1984 **Bay Hills, Orlando, FL 32819**

GEO & HELIO MARS-TO-MOON ASPECTS IN 150 CHARTS

Some years ago, when I first began to mention my interest in helio and my unconventional method of inserting the helio

planets directly into the traditional geo chart framework, **Jim Eshelman** was properly skeptical. At that time I admit to having serious apprehensions about it, too.

Jim challenged me to produce evidence that the Earth's Moon was interacting with the helio position of Mars. Since the Moon is a satellite of Earth, it is truly a super geocentric position. Because of this, Jim felt that this would be a convincing demonstration for the validity of mixing the 2 systems. Well, Jim's challenge for evidence cannot be produced for helio any more satisfactorily than for geo.

What was it that convinced astrologers jillions of years ago that geo Mars linked in precise relationship with the Moon was a potent force? Repeated observations with similar results. Nothing else which seemed to fit the circumstances. Predictable results, of course. Helio would have to be treated similarly with our present stage of technology. There is always the bedeviling problem of coincidence, but that problem haunts nearly everything in astrology.

As I proceeded with my study of the solar dimension, I saw examples of apparent interactions between geo Moon and helio planets in individual charts. Some were very impressive! Within the context of the individual chart, with its criss-cross of energies represented, the helio Mars and geo Moon conjunctions and squares had convincing features. Eventually, I reached the point where I wanted to add them up in groups - just out of curiosity. This is a report of that process.

GEO & HELIO MARS TO MOON: NATAL AND PROG.

Natal Chart: ORB 3° Prog. Chart: ORB 1°

50 Male murder victims.
 50 Female murder victims.
 50 Mixed sex non-murdered.

NATAL & PROG.	MALES	FEMALES	MIXED	TOTALS
Geo aspects.	21	27	22	70
Helio aspects.	20	33	19	72
TOTALS	41	60	41	142

NATAL & PROG.	MALES	FEMALES	MIXED	TOTALS
No aspects.	20	10	21	51
Only geo.	11	9	13	33
Only helio.	11	15	11	37
Both to Moon.	8	16	5	29
TOTALS	50	50	50	150

NATAL & PROG.	MALES	FEMALES	MIXED	TOTALS
No aspects.	20	10	21	51
One aspects.	19	23	19	61
Two aspects.	11	14	8	33
Three aspects.	0	3	2	5
TOTALS	50	50	50	150

GEO MARS-MOON	MALES	FEMALES	MIXED	TOTALS
P. ♃ TO ♀	4	5	3	12
P. ♀ TO ♃	4	5	4	13
P. ♃ TO P. ♀	2	5	2	9
TOTALS	10	15	9	34

HELIO MARS-MOON	MALES	FEMALES	MIXED	TOTALS
P. ♃ TO ♀	6	3	2	11
P. ♀ TO ♃	3	5	4	12
P. ♃ TO P. ♀	7	4	3	14
TOTALS	16	12	9	37

NATAL & PROG.	MALES	FEMALES	MIXED	TOTALS
Type of aspects				
♂ ♀	3	5	5	13
♂ ♀	6	8	4	18
♂ ♀	1	5	4	10
♂ ♀	1	5	8*	14
♂ ♀	8*	11*	7	26*
♂ ♀	7	6	4	17
♂ ♀	6	10	4	20
♂ ♀	4	7	4	15
♂ ♀	5	3	1	9
TOTALS	41	60	41	142

Three groups were selected. Only 50 individuals were in each group but I thought it might be enough to see trends, while recognizing that no sample is EVER really big enough! Looking for what would seem to be fertile soil to inspect Moon-Mars links in the natal and progressed charts led to the type of groups selected.

The first group consisted of male murder victims. The second group was female murder victims and 13 were wives murdered by their husbands. Within both of these groups were people of good and bad character, mixed in race and background, and some with no chance to comprehend that they were about to be murdered. Many did know and were thoroughly terrorized. Uncertainty on many of the cases does not allow the 2 types of circumstances to be separated.

The third group was added for a point of comparison. Both men and women are included. A few were famous, but most were average citizens whose health or circumstances brought death before the actuary tables said they were ready. Heart related problems are heavily represented but no cancer patients are known to be in the third group because this file is maintained separately. Babies were left out of all 3 groups because I wanted progressions to have time to develop characteristics. No murder victims are known to be in this third group.

Both the natal progressed charts were studied, with progressions being calculated by the day-for-a-year method. Solar arc directions were not inspected. Calculations were made with a DR-70 computer but each chart was hand drawn so that the geocentric and heliocentric could be seen in the same circle of houses. Different colors of ink keep the 2 systems separate in appearance. Charts were selected on the basis of the quality of data and not because they did or did not have Mars-Moon aspects. Other patterns were being investigated simultaneously and results will be given later.

Tight orbs were maintained: 3° for the natal chart and 1° for the progressed chart. One of the first things noticed in the totals is that the female murder victims have so many more aspects than the other two groups. Only ten of the female murder victims lacked a Moon-Mars representation, while the other two groups had double that amount. What this means, as one important point, is that a Moon-Mars aspect is not a requirement! So comforting to know! A number of women were victims of violent murderous sexual assaults. The Mars-Moon element is often found in these charts, but only as a single factor among many supportive patterns.

Multiple aspects were not uncommon when both the natal and progressed chart was considered. The reputation of the square aspect is maintained in the figures and the sesqui-square showed surprising and unexpected strength. The semi-sextile aspect was noticed as invariably being integrated into a complex pattern and rarely appeared to be functioning along.

It is when the geo and helio are separated for totals that it is possible to see that those not using helio in horoscopes are missing aspects of potentially immense significance. More of these people had helio-Mars-to-Moon aspects than they did geo-Mars-to-Moon aspects. Is this chance? Is this coincidence? The bottom line is that I cannot "prove" that the helio-Mars-to-Moon aspects are effective; I just find a lot of them which seem appropriate for the circumstances.

I am not a statistician and have no intention of spending the huge quantities of time required to become one. I'm not really convinced that statistics, as presently practiced, are suitable to the intricacies of a horoscope. Nevertheless, simply adding things up can often provide clues, direction, or confirm observations. Readers are invited to play with the figures and comment. Maybe others will see something I missed. Good grief! Astrology is SO COMPLICATED!

BARBARA CAMERON, Gr. Barrington, MA Aug. 8, 1984

I'm still on a high from Chi: the electricity there was so powerful that I think I floated for the entire time. Rooming with Annie Hershey helped keep me elevated too, since her powerful Sun/energy infects everyone around her. My own head swelled

fit to burst when it turned out that my 3rd book on mitigation techniques was out and added to the other 2 in a little family. Funny how books seem to equate to children. But children are the product of 2 souls and they grow on their own, parasite-like, until they demand exit, to continue their growth in the outside world. Books are not only more truly your own (if anything can be "your own"), but CEASE to grow once they are released! They may grow in effect, but the moment to add just one more sentence is passed and they are crystallized in form.

I'm excited about the third one because it is a survey of usable mitigation techniques, practises not done much here in the West but quite common in the East. Astrological information is never supplied in the East without the means given to modify or increase the potentials: they see little point in knowing the future potentials if you can't do something about it! I was taught mitigation techniques side-by-side with astrological techniques, so in my mind they go together. It was hard to come back here and find that, not only were they not used, they were not even discussed! Of course, unconscious mitigation goes on all the time - through colors, directions and gems - but it is the CONSCIOUS use of this information which turn astrology from passive to active.

The tenor and quality of the convention participants was truly invigorating to me. Admittedly, the contrast is probably stronger to me since I was forced to miss the last one, making it 4 years since I went. But I found the questions and interest expressed in my own lectures more professional and more serious than I had in New Orleans. My own scholarships and knowledge felt stretched in directions which showed areas of new expansion. Furthermore, the lectures I attended gave me specific and usable information which I can incorporate into my own methods immediately. That's an unexpected bonus, since I use Hindu and Burmese astrology far away from the mainstream here.

Each time I asked where you were, Edie, I was told I had just missed you...you were in the bookstore just a half hour ago, etc. So I'm sorry we didn't get together. I had hoped to express in person my admiration for your continuing dedication and hard work of publishing the MH. This is such a unique magazine, it must reflect a unique personality!

I was running so fast from one thing to another that I didn't get much chance to follow the AFAN progress. I hope that their organizational "birth pains" were not too horrendous and that they were pleased with their own conference results. It's natural that several national organizations should exist in such a large country, I think, each with a different emphasis and each contributing to the general cause of advancing public knowledge and use of astrology. What is essential is that courtesy and respect be maintained mutually between all groups, for when we emphasize our disagreements publically and with vengeful anger, we repel many more people than we attract. That serves no one.

Attempts to promote astrology as a religion are also unfortunate in my mind. A statement such as, "Astrology is the Bible of the new Aquarian Age," is not only threatening to millions and thus defeats its purpose, but is also blatantly untrue and brands its speaker as uninformed historically. Astrology is not and has never been a religion. Its name says what it is, namely, "knowledge, lore, and/or study of the stars." It has been used - and still is - by priests, ministers, and practitioners of many varied religions, but that use does not make it a religion. There are no rites, no rituals, no tenets, no prayers. Each of us brings our own religious outlook to its use: even the agnostic or atheist can use it, although I don't know how they can maintain their stance if they use it truly!

But we all need to know and feel the manner in which astrology transcends all boundaries, whether national, language, governmental, or religious, to understand how we

are united throughout the world in the study called, "The Divine Science," that attempt to relate humankind to the Infinite. This transcendence crosses even time itself in the longest unbroken handclasp in history.

Won't someone out there write the definitive unbiased history of astrology? Colin Wilson wrote a terrific history called, "The Occult," but he wisely left astrology out. How badly we need someone to redress the balance, putting the proper name to people such as Kepler, Bacon, and Franklin: **ASTROLOGERS!**

SHIRLEY OLIVER, Santee, CA **Aug. 11, 1984**

All 13th Extra:

To **Jewell Fahey**: This is in reference to your article "Your birthchart and past lives." I do not believe or disbelieve in reincarnation. Nevertheless I found your ideas very thought-provoking. You say the Moon is a clue to the previous plane of existence. It is intriguing to me that I am a Gemini and Wales is ruled by that sign. I have always had a longing to see Wales. Descriptions of the country and the personality of its people strike a responsive chord in my psyche. I particularly have a nostalgia for Cornwall but this is in England. Perhaps Scorpio rules Cornwall - do you know? My Moon is in Scorpio. I always thought of Wales as being a Scorpio country. But in a book I read that this is not so. Scorpio is said to rule Cardiff which is in Wales. Could be that Cardiff is similar in atmosphere to Cornwall. The sign and planets in the 12th are said to also be a clue to a previous life. I have Virgo there and have feelings of homesickness for Heidelberg, Germany. I have never been to any of these places but my dream one day is to do so. [I also have Virgo on the 12th. I have never had any particular longing to visit Germany but I have immediate ancestry from there and for some strange reason, almost every time I get involved with groups doing regressions, when the group finally lands some place together, it's usually Germany. Jewell.]

To **Lynette Voorhees**: Long time ago I read somewhere, that one twin will be the 1st house. The other twin will have the 7th for the Asc. Therefore the disparity in personality. One twin, according to this idea, would have Sun in the 1st and Moon in the 5th. This can account for her friendly, always moving outgoing character. More of an extrovert. The other would have Pisces as the Asc. The Moon would be in the 11th and square Saturn in the 8th. This can account for the sober and intense attitudes and difficulties in friendships. Pluto and Saturn in the 8th gives a double Scorpio emphasis. Forgetting about this theory, Sarah the 6:30 a.m. child has Venus and Mars practically on the 12th house cusp.

Mars and Venus here, at their worst, signifies repressed anger, a manipulator, self-destructive, shy, sensitive with a need for privacy. I realize that I am isolating chart factors. In no way am I saying that all this will necessarily manifest. The names, to me, fit their character. I think of a Melissa as happy and charming. Sarah seems somber. The twins are fraternal. It is likely that since there were 2 eggs fertilized there were 2 different conception times. Some say, I don't know, that the time of conception has an influence on the person. Guess you heard about the woman who gave birth to twins. One was white and the other black. She admitted to having relations with a white man and a black man in the span of one week. So it appears that conception times can be apart in time.

Twin births are perplexing. However so many do lead similar lives. Things are relative. Perhaps in astro-twin relationships there is more of a similarity than meets the eye. One person may take over a multi-billion dollar company and enjoy wealth and prestige. The other finally manages to get his own shoe-shine stand. To him this is the ultimate. Then too, we use our aspects in our own special way. The twin with Moon in the 5th in square to Saturn in the 2nd could value and have

strong inner needs to be buoyant, expressive and friendly. The Moon would rule the 11th. The other more closed up. Maybe fearful of letting loose. Capricorn on the 5th. Sarah would also be responding more to the Moon square Pluto. The loner type. There is the Pluto bit you were looking for. The Moon squares Saturn in a Pluto sign. I hope others will try to solve this dilemma. I may be all wet. But I gave it my best shot.

To **Robert Chadwick**: I couldn't agree with you more about your statements in regard to Gauquelin. I wasn't aware before of the sloppy way he arrives at birthtimes.

To **Don Borkowski**: Could be you arrive at 12 hours off in your rectification is because of polarity. For instance a heavy transit in the 4th so often acts like it is the 10th. But I'm sure that you are aware of this and have taken it into consideration. Stelliums are difficult because I have observed that the ruler of the stellium can be the key to the whole thing. For example there are a bunch of planets in Virgo. One would expect that when this sign is activated the stellium goes off. But the ruler, Mercury, may be in Sag. Nothing may happen. When Mercury is kicked off the Virgo is incited. Or can be vice-versa. I am very impressed with your accuracy on Gerald Ford's birth time.

To **Lynette Voorhees** again: Sorry but forgot to include these words before. Still on the twins. **Buz Myers** in his book "Lecture Series" says that Aquarius on the 12th (Sarah) is a dictator type and unbendable. There is a fixity. Melissa with Leo on the 12th would have a big ego. The Leo traits sit behind and motivate the Virgo Asc. One of these days will locate the article that explained the reversal of Ascendants. I have a lot of boxes stored way up in the rafters of the garage loaded with old astrology material. Am in the process of slowly but surely weeding it all out.

If anyone cares to write me my address is: 9207 Inverness Road, Santee, CA 92071.

JOHN R. VANDERVEKEN, San Jose, CA **Aug. 28, 1984**

To **Jan Van Schuyler** (13th Extras, p. 39) about Rabbi Joel C. Dobins and the starting of the Aquarian Age. Like most people speaking and writing about the Aquarian Age, it seems the Rabbi does not know what he is talking about when he decided from his own authority that the Aquarian Age began Jan. 1, 1981. The Vernal Point is still in Sidereal Pisces (thus Pisces Age) and exactly today at 5 Pisces 28' 40 1/2"...at its average retrogradation rate of about 50" a year, it will reach the last degree of Sidereal Aquarius (Aquarius Age) in the year 2376 A.D. This gives us 391 years left to deal with our Piscean Age at hand. Amazing to see how many people today, most of them hardly able to anticipate situations in their own everyday lives, feel tremendously qualified to write theories and prognostications about this Aquarian Age, still out of our reach.

ROSELLA HAYNES, Lovington, NM **June 17, 1984**

Jim Haynes: MH Apr. '84, p. 49 - you ask about Ivy's book: I was referring to her "Natal Correspondence Course" - not a book. Wish she would write another book, this beautiful lady's knowledge is incredible.

To everyone connected with MH - **MERCURY HOUR** is worth its weight in gold. Bless you.

BRUNA SERROTTI, Astoria, NY **Aug. 9, 1984**

To **Jack Fertig**: Answering your question addressed to me in the 13th Extra, pg. 4: "How do we do a chart for an event on the Moon?" You asked the right person because I can direct you to where you can find an illustrated Map for Man's first landing on the Moon. The AFA Bulletin, Lunation, Sept. 19, 1971, Vol. 33, No. 9, Pg. 8, you will find the chart on this page. It is titled "Man First Sets Foot on the Moon." The article begins on pg. 7.

I had sent in the following question to the Forum Corner: "Do men walking on the Moon have a Locality Chart there?" This chart was calculated by Edgar Maedlow of Berlin. For further information I suggest you write to Mr. Cooper at AFA.



Here are BIRTHDATES and INITIALS from our MH subscribers looking for folks born on the same date. Please send self-addressed stamped envelope and ISSUE it appeared in when requesting information to: Marion Mueller Mendez, One Jones Dr., Morristownship, NJ 07960 or MERCURY HOUR.

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
2, 1912 BDeV	1, 1951 KA	1, 1926 GM
2, 1924 NC	2, 1930 MAM	1, 1947 MLH
2, 1936 JK	3, 1925 CA	2, 1918 RF
2, 1937 AT	8, 1919 MSR	2, 1951 MJB
3, 1934 AM	8, 1955 JB	3, 1930 DL
4, 1949 MTT	9, 1945 SH	4, 1937 JS
5, 1946 PM	10, 1941 RG	5, 1942 PCLaV
5, 1951 MD	11, 1926 RS	6, 1955 JR
7, 1928 RED	11, 1955 JER	6, 1946 JB
7, 1955 GK	12, 1919 JH	8, 1928 EH
9, 1927 DIG	12, 1952 MEW	9, 1927 MAS
9, 1939 NJB	13, 1933 JM	10, 1939 SMcF
10, 1914 LS	13, 1961 BM	10, 1948 LT
10, 1929 VO	14, 1921 JVS	10, 1952 MB
11, 1926 BL	14, 1943 HH	10, 1954 DLM
11, 1955 LBF	15, 1946 SB	12, 1924 MS
12, 1908 HTD	16, 1948 JMA	13, 1924 DD
13, 1917 RGY	17, 1943 RK	14, 1922 GRF
14, 1952 KT	17, 1952 CW	16, 1902 EHF
15, 1936 DW	19, 1939 BJR	16, 1911 RS
15, 1939 JLL	19, 1942 PB	16, 1935 JM
16, 1925 MP	19, 1953 NAL	16, 1937 EH
16, 1930 FLad	20, 1947 LS	16, 1950 IS
16, 1946 BVC	21, 1923 DG	17, 1946 AC
16, 1951 SP	21, 1928 GMH	17, 1983 A&C
17, 1952 SC & SS	21, 1949 RK	18, 1922 BK
17, 1946 SP	23, 1926 AMA	18, 1923 EJ
17, 1957 JMH	23, 1934 PO	18, 1944 DR
19, 1938 HP	24, 1933 JM	20, 1939 DAN
19, 1941 DE	24, 1940 LS	21, 1914 AM
19, 1952 RC	25, 1931 PM	22, 1924 LB
21, 1948 NC	25, 1936 RFO	25, 1921 RDM
21, 1955 JKG	26, 1914 LD	25, 1922 GHR
23, 1954 EB	27, 1909 JB	27, 1941 LHC
23, 1955 DC	27, 1939 ST	28, 1910 HH
24, 1916 OH	28, 1918 RFC	29, 1925 SK
24, 1932 DC	28, 1933 LG	30, 1942 REH
26, 1910 MS	28, 1940 EMS	31, 1935 AJ
28, 1941 PSW	28, 1961 LMCM	
28, 1945 NBW	29, 1941 BSO	
28, 1957 DW	30, 1920 DSW	
29, 1925 JG	30, 1922 MRDeL	
31, 1928 LV	30, 1950 WL	

SUSAN ALLARD
Jan. 24, 1985

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To Diane Zeines, Jan. '85: I would love to know your birth data. I'm also a Sun in Pisces Saturn opposite in Virgo. I had lots of similar feelings about the responsibility of doing readings. This in combination with stress in my personal life resulted in a 6-year hiatus from being involved with astrology on any level. I've only decided within the last year this is truly my first passion. Freely correspond with me at the above address. My Sun is the Cancer decedent and I'm flat.

Ruth Eichler: Yes, my limited use of Pluto's house placement does appear that it's a personal power point. My Saturn in the 6th house. When I was exercising strenuously

(running, dancing, lifting weights 12-15 hours weekly) and not eating any sugar, beef, or preservatives), I felt the best and in total control of my life. Pluto is inconj. my Sun and also sextile my Moon and Neptune in the 8th - a very tight Yod with no more than a degree involved.

Let me also take this opportunity to say what a marvelous speaker you are. I attended two of your workshops at the AFA Convention and was totally enthralled!

Robin Armstrong: I found your info on the 3 Astro-twins fascinating! I would love to know more.

AL H. MORRISON: For whatever it's worth, I heard Bob Jansky speak approximately 10 years ago about nutrition. He considered Neptune to rule alcohol, sugar, tobacco, caffeine and drugs. All substances that we humans become addicted to in some form. When an alcoholic goes dry they'll substitute sugar in some form, large amounts of coffee (an average of 20 cups). It was said at an AA meeting according to American Health Magazine, a person can increase the amounts of cigarettes they smoke daily. The personality is unchanged totally - the form of addiction is changed. I feel this is one reason why as astrologers we can look with empathy and try to help those that have addiction problems because how many of us don't have them - coffee, drinks, colas, sweets, cigarettes, etc. I enjoyed your letter.

Zane Key: I had 2 traffic tickets in 1984 and can give you the info if you want it. One I paid, and the other the police officer didn't show up. They were both within an 8-month period. The last tickets I received were within an 8-month period in 1978. I understand the psychological manifestation - but have never really dissected it thoroughly astrologically.

Amy Franco: Loved your letter and your use of Rolling Stones in the use of house preponderance. I'm looking for something for a 15-year old with Sun, Moon, Merc. conj. Uranus, Jupiter in Libra in the 12th whose only concern is being with friends socially and looking good!

Marc Penfield: Enjoyed your analysis of blood types. We have A, B, +O in our house. Does it make a difference if your negative or positive? I'm a negative with 6 air planets, also Asc. with one earth planet and one earth house occupied. Glad to know I have a little earth coursing through my veins and arteries.

Joan O'Neill: I agree about Libra's swaying. My daughter has Sun, Moon, Asc., Mercury, Jupiter and Uranus in Libra and she doesn't sway at all. I also agree about Aquarians knowing they're right. Could that be my Asc., Mercury, Jupiter and Venus talking?

To All: Remember health is a balanced triangle of mind, emotions, and body. When one of these is unbalanced illness results.

DEFIANCE GREGG, Anchorage, AK January 1985

Having come into an Astrologically active area of my Astro*Carto*Graphy chart I have improved greatly due to a new doctor with some miracle drugs. It was great reading this issue of MH. I'm back at college again. Alaska gives free tuition to Seniors over 60 so I am taking advantage of the great opportunity. Thanks to Gilbert Navarro's Horary Moon I have quicker access to those facts when doing the daily forecast. I also noted Fran Rosen's Tarot.

My son and I have discussed Astrology from a Biologist point of view which I've asked him to communicate. One thing we both feel is that as long as Astrology is on Occult with Devilism and witchcraft, Numerology, Tarot, etc. there is no way a scientific community can take it seriously and there will always be fear from Christians who see it as a Devilcraft merely by the placement of it on bookshelves. Now that we are a course in many colleges and we have psychologists who use Astrology in relationship to knowing their clients better, why can't we make an effort to move about the store? A suggestion is away from occult and religion into psychology or Natural Sciences...Maybe we can be more friendly to Astronomy since they have a lot of data useful to our needs. The U.S. Navy works with Sidereal Time and has books out for it. Perhaps one of our Astrologers will come up with wordology that will give

us an entirely new category. I get the concept of Probability Science as one. It is always only probable cause and effect that we study. It is not exact and is only exact as the person who makes the interpretation. Probability Science is an active one. Why can't we be part of it and get our books moved. We can always predict that it will probably be a wonderful day filled with optimism when the Moon is in Sag. and conj. to Jupiter can't we? And look for an argument when Mars is on the war path.

I am trying to convince the kids that Astrology works by mapping out our week's progress and looking back to see how far off we are. Neil Michelsen's computerized charts are very helpful. But my question of the day is this...

If we take into consideration the sidereal time at the place where we are at that time, which chart comes into the most prominence. The natal chart's Asc. with transits to it or the Mundane chart of the place with the planetary placements of that day and its Asc. Where then does the Transits to the natal chart compare to the elements which we find in a prog. chart. It is nice to use the prog. chart as a view to the year as a whole but does it also relate in some way to the transits being made on the natal chart. And how cumbersome can all these aspects be in making a statement about probability:

Here is what Gregory says,

"Astrology, as I understand it, relies in certain influences or 'forces' which act on individuals both at the time of their birth and continually throughout their lives. These forces emanate from the planets of the solar system as well as from the Sun and the Moon.

There are a number of problems that occur to me as a scientist which leads me to skepticism. One is the nature of the 'forces', the other is the 'locking' of a personality at the moment of birth.

Forces of any nature, whether electromagnetic or gravitational have a tendency to dissipate as they move outward from a source for instance, at about 6,400 KM from the center of the earth (the earth's surface) I weigh about 190 lbs. At a distance of 384,000 KM or around the distance of the Moon, I would weigh around .08 oz. The rate at which my weight would continue to decrease is geometrically proportional to my distance from the center of the earth. This phenomenon is universal as far as I know for all forms of energy. Even if the force of Astrologers is neither gravitational or electromagnetic it would still require that each planet contain a power source of unimaginable magnitude to have any influence on earth creatures. When considering such a proposition it would be wise to throw this force into the balance against that of the earth, Moon and Sun it is like throwing an eyelash on one side of a balance with an elephant on the other.

My second objection, the freezing of personality at the moment of birth, gives me even greater cause for doubt. I would have found some claim about the assortment of genetic information during sperm and egg production more credible. I am led to ask if there is some agent of personality which remains malleable throughout prenatal development but crystalizes at the moment of parturition? One of the peculiarities of living things is their refusal to follow a fixed pattern of development. The gestation period in humans is quite variable. The rate of cellular differentiation is different in each individual. What principal unique in its predictability, marks birth as the climax of personality development? Human personality is a quixotic phenomenon. It is affected by trace elements in our diet, by the social and physical environment. It is not tractable to the methods of science. We study it through statistics which gives us only probabilities.

No, I am not ready to dismiss Astrology. I am however left with strong reasons to doubt its validity and draw the logical conclusion that it is probably unfounded." (Greg's birthdate Nov. 12, 1946, 5 p.m., New Jersey.)

Would the Astrological community please address Gregory's comments. I know he has an open mind. I know we look forward to comments.

EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS TO MICHAEL ERLEWINE

By JOHN MCCORMICK

Nov. 24, 1978

The 'professional' consulting astrologer has a limited amount of time to devote to a client. All clients fall into two broad categories: one-timers, and chronic consultants.

For the one-timer most astrologers usually provide from 1 1/2 to 2 hours for the interview. This permits a delineation of the Natal Horoscope, a look at the progressions for the year in question, and a smattering of transit analysis. Whatever the personal convictions of the astrologer may be he is almost constrained to follow this format by the nature of the situation.

For clients who visit on a regular basis, the astrologer can exercise his genius and virtuosity in a variety of combinations depending upon a number of factors, not the least of which is the limits within which his genius is measured. Honesty demands that it be recognized that the astrologer is, more often than not, someone who either had no profession of his own or who failed at the one for which he was trained. These people have found a refuge in Astrology when they could find none any place else. Here they can posture and pretend among others like themselves without running any risk that attention will be called to their shortcomings by their peers whose credentials are as shoddy as their own.

This, of course, accounts for the frequently encountered attitude "I don't use Primary Directions ... my researches suggest they are inadequate" (no one ever asks what the mysterious researches were) or "The Placidian System has always given more accurate results in my experience." One is always tempted to ask "More accurate than what?", but, after a few years on the scene one also learns to keep his mouth shut.

I had a school for a time a few years ago. No one came and I had to close it up but I was besieged by prominent astrologers for 'private evening lessons' to which they could come without having to admit that they had anything to learn to other students they might encounter in a class ... and many of them had successful schools at the time! I am not bitter about it but neither can I agree that the world is filled with marvelous, thinking, people. They are sheep for the most part and, if I enjoy a certain popularity at the moment it is because I cause them no discomfort ... I don't challenge them ... if they have a Sun-Mercury Opposition in the Natal Horoscopes I don't mention that I have never seen one before ... as one lady said "it might be the result of unusual circumstances"! They sense, of course, that I am not entirely stupid and they like to think that we are all of a stamp which is, in most cases, to their advantage not because I am so damned brilliant but because they long for an acceptance that they denied themselves by refusing to listen in grade school. I commiserate with the poor bastards ... it really wasn't their own doing. They were led to believe that what they were doing was exactly what a red-blooded American boy or girl should be doing, playing ball, leading cheers, eating hamburgers, reading comics, watching TV during all of which time I was god-damned well studying myself into an early grave. Now they envy me but they would not be willing to endure what I endured to alter their lots.

Cleverness is not at a premium in Astrology although it is admired (or given lip service) from afar. Hand's 'Parans', your 'Local Space' and my 'Altitude-Azimuth' work demonstrates this quite adequately. Everyone gives a long, low, whistle at the complexity of what we have undertaken and then gets back to the comfortable security of Secondary Progressions and Placidus. They envy our skills but ignore our results and perhaps, that is as it should be (I have reactionary leanings.).

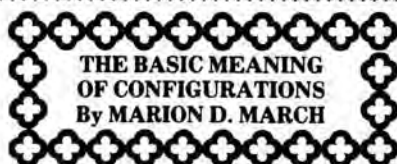
If there is profit to be had from Astrology it must come from the pockets of the practitioners and these are notoriously empty except for the ladies whose interest in the subject is underwritten by solvent spouses. It is to these few fortunate individuals that all of us must look for our profits. We lecture, give workshops, and discuss, ad nauseam, the eminence of the old easy, comfortable ways, over the would-be innovations of scholars. We employ the "three f" philosophy: flirting, flattery,

and I'll tell you the other when I know you better.

I believe that the **MH** represents the **very best** that can be done journalistically with **any** hope of survival. I formulated its philosophy (which is to appeal to the vanity of its subscribers) and it has worked admirably. As time goes on and the subscribers become accustomed to its presence we will be able to alter it little by little into something better ... not very much better, but a little ... and the Phenomenas and Searches and Astrology News will be long forgotten while we will survive as long as we care to do so ... for we haven't tried to educate anyone: something that astrologers will resist with a determination that would be widely admired were it exercised toward more distinguished purposes.

Excerpt from "John from Beginning to End".

Available through Mercury Hour.



According to Webster's dictionary, the word "configuration" means 'the relative arrangement of figures or patterns formed by such an arrangement', or under definition No. 2: 'Gestalt'. Strangely enough both these definitions fit the astrological interpretation of the word "configuration" to a tee. In a horoscope it is simply three or more planets joined by aspect that in so doing form a definite pattern. But the second definition 'Gestalt' serves to explain the all pervading and nearly always powerful force exerted when a configuration is found in a chart.

There are as many configurations as there are aspects: and logically, "Major" configurations are formed by "Major" aspects. In this category we include the **STELLIUM** consisting of conjunctions: the **GRAND SQUARE** (or **GRAND CROSS**) consisting of squares and oppositions: the **T-SQUARE**, again made up of squares and oppositions: the **GRAND TRINE** formed by trines and personally include the **YOD**, formed by inconjuncts and sextiles, under major configurations.

Since we are dealing with aspects, we need to establish allowable orbs. Unfortunately there are nearly as many opinions on this subject as there are astrologers. Therefore I can only give you my subjective opinion - the orbs that work for me. I allow 7 degrees for conjunctions, oppositions, squares and trines. I might stretch this by 1 or 2 degrees if the luminaries are involved or if I am dealing with a Grand Configuration. I allow 5 degrees on sextiles, 4 degrees on inconjuncts (quincunxes) and 1 or 2 degrees on all other aspects. As before, I might give a degree or two if I am dealing with the luminaries or a Configuration. But regardless of what orb is used, just remember that the tighter the orb, the stronger the effect. As people mature or become more evolved, they respond to wider aspects, but since we do not know this until the client or friend sits with us, it is wise not to stretch the orbs too far.

In order to understand any configuration, be it "Major" or "Minor", we first have to understand the basic and underlying feeling of the aspect involved. Therefore to grasp the true meaning of the **STELLIUM**, we need to know the basic meaning of the **CONJUNCTION**.

In Astrology everything always relates back to the Flat chart with Aries rising. Taurus on the 2nd house and so on. So when we think of a **CONJUNCTION** we should visualize two planets closely linked in the first house of Aries ruled by the planet Mars. Aries, Mars and the first house represent drive, action, initiative, intensity and a certain amount of self-orientation. Now multiply this feeling by placing more than one planet in the first house, and you will well understand the keywords usually assigned to a conjunction, namely, **emphasis, new activity, intensification and concentration**.

If you comprehend the basic feeling of the conjunction, you will find it easy to grasp the meaning of the **STELLIUM**. Instead of just two planets working in the first house of Aries and Mars, we are dealing with at least three, sometimes four or

5 planets all working with great drive and intensity. Obviously this gives tremendous impact and emphasis to the native involved. Since the first house is always considered personal, a congregation of planets will heighten the focus on the personality and 'self', giving us such keywords as 'self-centered', 'self-absorbed', etc. With so many planets pulling the native in one direction, he is usually very one-sided and rarely has trouble deciding which direction to take. Of course this means that he finds any kind of compromise difficult. Since the **Stellium** always reflects that first house feeling, we need to remember that it will also reflect on the appearance, regardless where placed and however far removed from the Ascendant or Sun. The greatest difficulty of handling a **Stellium** arises when it is aspected by progression or transit. With a relatively short time the progressed or transiting planet touches off the entire **Stellium**, one after the other, and even the strong individual will at times find it hard to stand up under the barrage.

To give you a brief illustration of how a **STELLIUM** can work, let's take the horoscope of **Louis Pasteur**. He has a very tight stellium of five planets in Capricorn in the third house, the house of expression. Keeping in mind the intensity, drive and initiative generated by a **Stellium**, we now add to this the rather serious and practical feeling of Capricorn. Saturn, the ruler of Capricorn is at 3 Taurus in the seventh house of partners and the public, (his lab partners played an important part in his life or research). Since Saturn trines the **Stellium**, we know that he was able to use the energies in positive and constructive ways. In this **Stellium** we find the Sun, always considered the 'heart of the chart', Mercury representing the mind and reasoning ability: Venus, depicting our affections and social urges is also the ruler of the Ascendant, thus drawing his outer personality and body into the **Stellium**. Also included is Uranus, planet of awakening and inventiveness and Neptune, planet of creativity and inspiration. Therefore, as so often happens in a **Stellium**, nearly the entire personality, potential or "Gestalt" is formed by this configuration.

The second major aspect to consider is the **OPPOSITION**. Based on the qualities, we are now dealing with an Aries/Mars/1st house with Libra/Venus/7th house. The fire of Aries joined with airy Libra can produce a warm breeze, or a firestorm, depending on the rest of the horoscope. Also both Aries and Libra are considered active and therefore in greater harmony with each other. The test here is that "I" oriented Aries is reaching out to "we" oriented Libra and only when Aries learns that "No man is an island" can imbalance become balance. The awareness of the 'other person' brings a stop to the see-saw motion and makes the two polarities work as one. Thus the opposition still creates certain tensions but is much easier to handle than the square. Our basic keywords for the opposition are: **awareness, outreach, balance, cooperation and conflict**.

Now let us transpose this basic feeling of the square and opposition into our next major Configuration - the **GRAND SQUARE** (**GRAND CROSS**). Here all four qualities have to be represented, be they cardinal, fixed or mutable. A Grand Square consists of four planets, two of which square each other and the other two oppose each other. Since squares produce challenges, tensions and action, they can be out 'stumbling blocks' until we learn to deal with them and convert them into 'building blocks' or 'stepping stones'. In order to achieve anything in life, we need a certain amount of challenge or tension that spurs us into action - therefore squares are very necessary and important in a chart. So are the oppositions that teach us to become more aware and relate to others. In the case of the Grand Square we are talking of four planets interrelated with each other, thus as we learn to deal with one we are forced to deal with all four of them. These four planets will be placed in four different houses, thus involving four areas in our life and they might rule other houses drawing in even more areas and therefore again showing us how a configuration can become an overpowering, all encompassing part of forming a human being.

Since a Grand Square involves four squares and two oppositions, we are obviously dealing with a person capable of tremendous effort and activity. How this effort or activity takes place depends greatly on which quality and which house is in-

volved. **Cardinal** produces quick action, **fixed** is more deliberate and **mutable** depends much on the action and reaction of others. Of course nobody can be constantly active, therefore the Grand Square is often compared to a windmill; capable of tremendous output and action when the wind blows, but rather idle in between. The wind, in astrological terms, would be any progression or transit aspecting any one of the planets involved in the Grand Square.

Of the three qualities, the **CARDINAL GRAND SQUARE** is probably the easiest to handle. Cardinal stands for motion, finding and solving problems; here you have the 'doer', both effective and purposeful. But in order to function at its best, the Cardinal Grand Square needs an outlet - a flow to or from one of the planets involved in the Grand Cross. Without this the Cardinal Grand Square with its constant need for motion can work itself into exhaustion or self-destruction.

The **FIXED GRAND SQUARE** is the most difficult of the three to handle. Fixed signs are purposeful, they like to plan everything and lay a good foundation on which to build. They need to be self-motivated, from the inside out, therefore if there is no flow to this Fixed Cross, the native can become rather repressed or emotionally frustrated. Artistic hobbies are most helpful to overcome some of these frustrations.

The **MUTUABLE GRAND SQUARE** adds to the problems inherent in mutable signs. Namely indecision, scattering of energies or working at cross purposes. Whereas the fixed signs depend on themselves, the mutable signs depend on others in a way that their lives are often not in their own hands. Flexible, they bend to the wishes of others. Undecided, they ask for everybody's advice and end up more confused than ever. With flowing aspects this can lead to a very pleasant life, because the art of getting along really lies in the art of compromise. Without flow, they end up wasting most of their potential.

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Atlantis, a now submerged continent in the north Atlantic Ocean, extended from the Caribbean to the Canary Islands. It was named Atlan, from Mt. Atla, the largest of many active volcanoes on this land mass. The name Atlantis is Greek, meaning "daughter of Atlas", and Poseidon is Plato's name for the capital city, named for Poseidon (Neptune), the first king of Atlantis. (Atlas was Poseidon's grandson.) In the south Atlantic between South America and Africa, there existed a sister island called Luna or Daitya. It is often included as part of Atlantis, having subsided in one of the three catastrophic inundations which eventually submerged all of the dry land in the Atlantic except for the high volcanic peaks.

The empire of Atlantis, the largest the world has ever known, consisted of 12 provinces, represented by a crown worn by the Emperor which had 12 spikes or speakrs. (The crown on the head of the Statue of Liberty has seven spikes.) The other nobility wore headbands made from sealskin, beards, shoulder length hair, and clothes of a deep blue color. Commoners wore short hair and were tattooed.

Besides the mother continent and Luna, the other 11 provinces were in order of their colonization: north Africa from the Mediterranean to Nigeria, including the area now called the Sahara Desert, which was then an inland sea surrounded by fertile plains and marshes with abundant game; the area now called Mexico and Central America; a large part of South America which is now Brazil, Bolivia, Peru and Chile, colonized through the Amazon River Basin; Egypt; the Iberian peninsula (Spain and Portugal); the islands of the western Mediterranean, Sicily and southern Italy, (at that time joined by dry land), plus Crete in the eastern Mediterranean; Etruria or Liguria (northern Italy); Illyria (Yugoslavia) and Greece; a portion of northwestern Europe now called Britain, France,

Belgium, Holland, and Luxembourg; parts of the United States along the main river valleys and basins, but not the Great Lakes and northern parts, which like Canada, Alaska, and Greenland, were glaciated; and lastly, Helgoland, which included the German Rhineland, Denmark, and the southern tip of Sweden, plus an area of the North Rhineland, Denmark, and the southern tip of Sweden, plus an area of the North Sea and the Baltic Sea which has now subsided. Most of Scandinavia was glaciated.

The people in the eastern hemisphere were not primitive. A Bronze Age culture existed all the way from Scandinavia to Nigeria. Arts and crafts were well developed.

Before the last inundation, (the Biblical Flood,) about one person in seven on Atlantis was of Amerindian origin, and in Poseidonius about one person in four out of a population of seven million was a slave, conquered and subjected from all parts of the empire. Thus, while the majority were Caucasian, a considerable part of the inhabitants of the sunken mother continent were of other races. Even in Egypt, we see the red hue employed in paintings of Egyptians. There were some red men in Africa, and some black men in South America. There were inhabitants of Luna who were descendants of Lemurians who migrated across Africa from a sunken land in the Indian Ocean.

The original religion was Sun worship. Though the names differed, the religion was similar in North and South America and in Egypt. Later in its history, Atlantis established a school of philosophy is Poseidonius called the College of Total Knowledge. Here the science of astronomy and the true astrology were born. Because the arts and sciences were not divided as they are now, this academy of philosophers and theologians created a new religion for a caste society.

The most important of the new caste religions was the worship of Mars. In time, this included more than just the military and the police; it also adhered to by some of the rulers and priests. One particular dynasty, whose most infamous ruler was one called the "Black" Emperor, (so-called for his occult powers, and not his skin color,) tried to impose this religion on the whole populace, creating in the process a division among the provinces leading to civil war. "The Children of the Law of One" (the one Sun God,) under the so-called "White" Emperor, a rival claimant to the throne, fled with the defeated armies to the four other provinces where the Sun religion was dominant - Egypt and the Americas. Unwilling to employ the most nefarious weapons of warfare for ethical reasons, centuries past before this dynasty was overthrown with the aid of most of the eastern provinces: Greece, Illyria, Egypt, North Africa, Spain, France, and in the west, Mexico and Central America. Most of the provinces became completely independent and never returned to the rule of Atlantis. Only the people living in Etruria and the Mediterranean islands in the eastern hemisphere, and Mexico and Central America in the western hemisphere remained in the empire.

The old Sun religion was restored in a rigid, orthodox form, and a Council or Senate created which could overrule the Emperor in declaring war and administering the provinces.

Uranus and Mercury were the religions designating the groups we would call scientists, engineers, technicians, and tradesmen. They were a heterogenous group of intellectuals of many varied backgrounds who settled anywhere in the colonies that their skills were needed. They were not happy under either the dynasty of the "Black" Emperor or under the rule of the restored Sun religion after the end of the civil war. The emphasis on military rule, with all its elitist tendencies manifesting under the Mars religion was repugnant to them, especially the barbaric subjection of the masses. The Uranians became contemptuous of the orthodox Sun religion, viewing it as superstitious, tradition-bound, and anti-rational. The Mercury advocates could not understand the new attitude of the state to their beliefs. Their pride in their occupation, which was hereditary, was considerable. In addition, their caste assured them of their status in the world and that of their children, and their children's children.

The purpose of the priesthood guiding the re-education of the people of the empire, was to create one god out of many,

with one emperor over all, with one law applying to all, and not a set of laws for each caste. Numerically small, and widely scattered, the intellectuals were powerless to resist the new order of things. However, the people whose patron god was Mercury formed a secret brotherhood whose purpose was largely to exclude any presumptuous outsiders from learning the secret processes and skills of their trade.

Bereft of the religious and cultural significance of their unique status in society, many of the Uranian scientists disavowed a belief in any god, covertly, if not overtly. Cynically, they outwardly accepted conversion to the Sun religion, and if after this public acknowledgement they were found to be expressing heretical opinions, they had two choices - death or exile. Exile came with a price: each Uranian was to train several assistants, usually from the lower classes, providing all the financial support he was able to this task of teaching before he left Atlantis. Thus did Saturn usurp the power that was Uranus'.

Greek mythology preserved two important facts in the post-Atlantean world. First, the revolt from Uranus, the "Sky-Father." This referred to their cultural ancestry on Atlantis or in the empire of Atlantis. The Sky-Father, of course, refers to the airborne transportation of those times, a fact preserved in awe in later legends. The father-country was overthrown, mutilated, blinded, or "put out" of power and forgotten. This is, of course, what happened to Atlantis. Astrology is traditionally associated with the planet Uranus, another way of showing its Atlantean origin. It became an arcane science. Uranus is the higher octave of Mercury. Uranus was the teacher and Mercury was the pupil. Since the newly created replacements owed their positions to the state, they were considered safe and loyal. Fearing the loss of their lucrative positions, which were not inherited, these Saturnians or elevated Mercurians were a cautious, circumspect breed anxious not to lose the favor of the priesthood. As society became less secular and more ecclesiastical, the children of the Mercury parents were trained in religious schools from the age of seven to the age of fourteen, at which time they could be apprenticed to their father's trade. Thus did Mercury become the servant of Jupiter, for with the submergence of Atlantis, the largest religious groups in Europe and Asia were members of the Jupiter and Saturn cults.

When resistance became disruptive, and the "brain drain" of the emigrating Uranians became alarmingly detrimental, the priesthood modified the monotheism of the Sun religion, and created a family of gods. The children of the one god, the Sun, or the Children of the Law of One, as all subjects were to become, were to obey their father, and treat each other as brothers in a spiritual sense. One case was not satisfied with this, and insisted that their cult, the Moon religion, and their goddess be given a higher status, since the majority of their advocates lived in the loyal provinces. Thus the Moon became the wife of the Sun. The hierarchy could do without the services of the Uranians, but no one wanted to give up eating.

The Sun priesthood was almost equally divided for and against the compromise, and before the issue was resolved, Atlantis experienced the catastrophic earthquakes and volcanic eruptions which broke up the mother continent and sank it beneath the waves.

In northern Europe and northwestern Asia, the Celtic, Nordic and Teutonic peoples had an Earth religion which worshipped the form of all substance (matter) as well as the force which animated the substance (soul! life). However, the influx of Mercury and Uranus immigrants, as well as the Jupiter religion of their southern neighbors was so strong that their hierarchy of gods included Wodin (Uranus) Thor (Jupiter) and Loki (Mercury) as chief deities. Later, as trade grew with Illyria, Greece, and Asia, the Saturn religion began to show an influence.

The only other people of the old Atlantean empire which retained the Earth religion in any real strength and prominence were the North American Indians. Instead of a Mercury, Jupiter, Uranus blending, however, they were most greatly influenced by the Sun religion from Mexico and Central America, and by the Moon religion of Florida.

After the submergence of Atlantis, the Celts created a sizeable empire built on trade and commerce with the "opposite continent" as Plato termed it, and as we call it, the Americas. Similar words in the languages, and even in the writing, (Atlantis invented both pictorial writing and the alphabet,) show this connection in striking form. The mysterious dolmens and menhirs erected on three continents by the Celts prove they were not a backward people.

The Jupiter religion, present in southern Europe, and later in Asia, was a religion of material success. The gods favored those who helped themselves, quite literally, in terms of the profits from trade and construction. From that point on, they moved gradually into the priesthood either by money or marriage, or both.

At first religion was divided into arcane and mundane. Peculiarly, the once materialistic technologists and scientists drifted into the arcane school of knowledge in the postdiluvian world. There were two reasons for this: their withdrawal from the pressures of everyday leadership in order to study, and also the decay of scholarship. Their knowledge was "too incomprehensible" to the uneducated population. The type of education offered the children of the Mercury caste was of poorer quality than in Atlantean times, and education was too expensive for the children of other castes engaged in agriculture. Jupiter now became the sky-father, since the air and the world of lights, (stars and planets) hovered over all, and Jupiter was to determine, through his priesthood, how knowledge was to be used in the world. At first the reason given was ethical - the knowledge would be dangerous in the wrong hands, (Look what happened to the wicked Atlanteans,) but later the secrecy imposed on scholarship was done for political reasons.

What remained of civilization in the postdiluvian world became rigid and stratified. Most of the people were engaged in agriculture, some in business. The Moon and Saturn, of course, are traditionally associated with both. The Saturn religion was originally adhered to by only the most down trodden of the Atlantean masses, including the slaves, which said in effect, work hard, be obedient, and your masters will reward you. Question anything, and your luck will change - for the worse. The Moon religion, which originated on Luna from Lemurian immigrants in very ancient times, was present in Florida, the Aegean and Mediterranean islands, North Africa, Arabia, and Ethiopia.

We must remember that the prominence of the Moon and Saturn religions at this early period were largely due to the Cancer-Capricorn Age, which lasted from approximately 8,677 B.C. to 6,528 B.C. This epoch was succeeded by the Gemini-Sagittarius Age, 6,528 B.C. to 4,379 B.C. Mercury and Jupiter were the rulers of that age. The Sumerian civilization, therefore, which began at least as far back as 5,000 B.C. in the Gemini Age, is younger than the agricultural societies which began in Illyria (Yugoslavia), and Anatolia (Turkey) no later than 7,000 B.C. Contrary to what most of 20th century archaeology has said, that civilization moved from east to west, more recent excavations point to a west-east flow of culture.

Major religions of the Cancer Age included three phases of the Great Mother religion, the pastoral fertility religion of Pan, and the cult of Oannes, a culture-bearer from the West. Pan, an ugly little man with a merry disposition was depicted with horns, a tail, beard, and a goat's body from the waist down. Oannes had a fish's body from the waist down. He was supposed to have appeared from the sea and taught man how to cultivate seeds and make cloth.

Jupiter became the religion of the rich and the rulers, while most of the people retained the older, Saturnian religion. It is interesting that Saturn's day, Saturday, was a national day of no work for the population. These religious holidays were simple for the average workingman, devoted to traditional observances and oral recitations. Saturn, planet of old age, tradition, poverty and strict rules was appropriately celebrated on the roofs of houses. (The streets were too narrow, dark, and dirty.) Important festivities were celebrated on mountain tops, again appropriate to Saturn and Capricorn. It was considered bad luck to break the seventh day or sabbath day, (Saturn was

the seventh planet,) several thousand years before the Hebrews were a race of people who came from this part of the world.

The Neptune religion was not an important religion outside of Atlantis, Egypt, Crete, Greece and the Mediterranean islands, and Italy. Interestingly, Olokun (Poseidon) among the Yoruba people in Nigeria was the god of the sea and earthquakes. The Roman god Neptune was first only a god of inland waterways and lakes. Only when the memory of the deluge had faded, did the ocean fade from its monster image, as the home of monsters. The most refined and benevolent aspects of the Neptune religion manifested in the Temple Beautiful (devoted to the arts,) and the Temple of Sacrifice in Egypt and Atlantis.

According to the Greeks, a land in the far west called the Islands of the Hesperides, (Florida and the Caribbean) was where one could find the Fountain of Youth and eat the golden apples (oranges or lemons). Florida probably had a lunar religion rather than a Venusian one. Perhaps, as Velikovsky suggests, there was no planet Venus in the ancient past. The Greek Aphrodite, (Venus) was once goddess of the Moon. She arose from the sea. At any rate, except for the social life in the coastal cities, Florida remained rural, or unexplored swampland. (Much of the old seacoast lies under water, now, part of the continental shelf which contains underwater caves, riverbeds, and springs.)

Was there a Pluto religion? Today, we associate the impulse of Pluto with a materialistic denial of life after death, and a concomitant emphasis on human sexual behavior, as if one were a substitute for the lack of the other. (Some of this sounds like the Sons of Belial, as Cayce termed them.)

It has been accepted, perhaps on slight grounds, that Atlantis was further advanced in nuclear physics, genetics, and telecommunication than we are. We have been told that they could transport heavy objects with sound waves, light rays, and anti-gravity. Others say, these weren't Atlanteans, these were extraterrestrials.

Much more negatively, however, Atlantean scientists supposedly tampered with the human bioplasma and chromosomes, experimenting, some say, with a subhuman species having some animal characteristics. If we are to believe that centaurs, minotaurs, harpies, etc. actually existed, for what purpose were they created? A cheaper source of labor than robots, machines or slaves? Doubtful. A form of punishment for dissidents? Human reproductive instincts gone mad? If so, are we capable of the same thing, or has this been "read out" of our genetic code by dedicated spiritual workers in the Temple of sacrifice, both in Atlantis and Egypt? In one of his former incarnations as the High Priest, Ra-Ta, Edgar Cayce speaks of this work of body purification carried on both in Atlantis and in his country, (Egypt). This lifetime supposedly occurred circa 10,000 B.C., perhaps in the Virgo-Pisces Age, (12,975 to 10,826 B.C.). The obsession with human-animal miscegenation may have created the story of Eve and her temptation with the serpent. "Serpents" in those days, walked instead of crawled. Serpents, of course, are emblematical of Scorpio and Pluto. "You will not surely die," said the Plutonian scientist as he began his experiment on Eve long ago on a vanished continent. Hmmm.

Other uses for domestic human-animals, "The Mixtures" as Cayce speaks of them, could have been as guards or protectors of property and treasure. The legend of Circe, the enchantress in the Homeric myth (suggests) something grimmer. This sorceress was reputed to have changed men into pigs. A new dish for bored tastebuds? The cannibals of New Guinea call it "long pork," and it is true that human flesh, when cooked, most nearly resembles pork. Maybe one of the reasons lost in hoary antiquity, for the religious ban on eating pork, was a fear of committing sacrilege. Even in Christian times, the eating of horseflesh was considered a sure indication of paganism.

We live in Piscean times, ruled by Neptune - certainly imaginative enough. Almost any scientist reading the above would laugh out loud. "Anyone with the intelligence to understand the principles of such feats, if they were possible,

would never do anything so perverted. Cut out the science fiction." Neptunian forms of government are democracy and socialism. But Plutonian forms of government are totalitarian, and we don't know, but maybe extraterrestrial, divine or diabolic, who can tell? In the control of a mad ruler like a Hitler or a Stalin, who knows what atrocities could occur?

The public buildings and the homes of the ordinary Atlanteans, according to Plato, were built of stone blocks which were colored red, white, and black in different patterns. Probably the positioning of the different colors represented the different castes. Everyone except the privileged classes wore tattoos, a more permanent means of identification than the cards we carry. Only in democratic Piscean times have caste or class distinction become blurred, and egalitarianism been able to emerge.

Red and black were sacred to the Egyptian priesthood, black being mundane and red being arcane. The hierophant and those serving him wore white, the spiritual or esoteric color. What a reverence for the lost culture the survivors had! This has come down to us today and is used by the Catholic Church to designate the ordinary priest who wears black, the cardinal who wears red, and the pontiff who wears white.

Madeira and the Canary Islands were discovered in the 14th century by the Spaniards, and the Azores Islands were discovered in the 15th century by the Portuguese. The ancient buildings on these islands, (some in ruins) showed this very same color scheme. Most of the Guanches (natives), however, lived in huts, and their culture had greatly retrogressed. They were tall Caucasians with big heads and lots of hair - probably the only pure-bred Cro-Magnon people left before they died out. They were afraid of the water, had built no boats, and were astonished to find that anyone else had survived the Flood besides themselves. They wore clothing and tattoos, used metals, had writing, and their pottery was very much like Central America's.

On one of the islands in the Azores stood a mysterious stone statue of a man on horseback facing and pointing toward the west. A strange inscription was written on the base which, of course, the Portuguese could not read. All they could find out about it was that it was called Cates, as they pronounced it, a word which has no meaning in either Spanish or Portuguese, but which is closely similar to a Quechua (Incan) word meaning, "follow me."

The statue was ordered destroyed by the King of Portugal in the 16th century because it inspired too much curiosity, speculation, and superstitious awe. In dismantling the statue, the figure was broken, and the pieces were thrown into the ocean. The base of the statue with the inscription disappeared. To this day, no one knows what happened to it.

Atlantis sank somewhere between 11,500 and 4,800 B.C., but for many thousands of years the area of the Sargasso Sea was almost impassable because of the seaweed and mud. With the disappearance of Atlantis, the Gulf Stream could now reach northwestern Europe, bringing a milder climate.

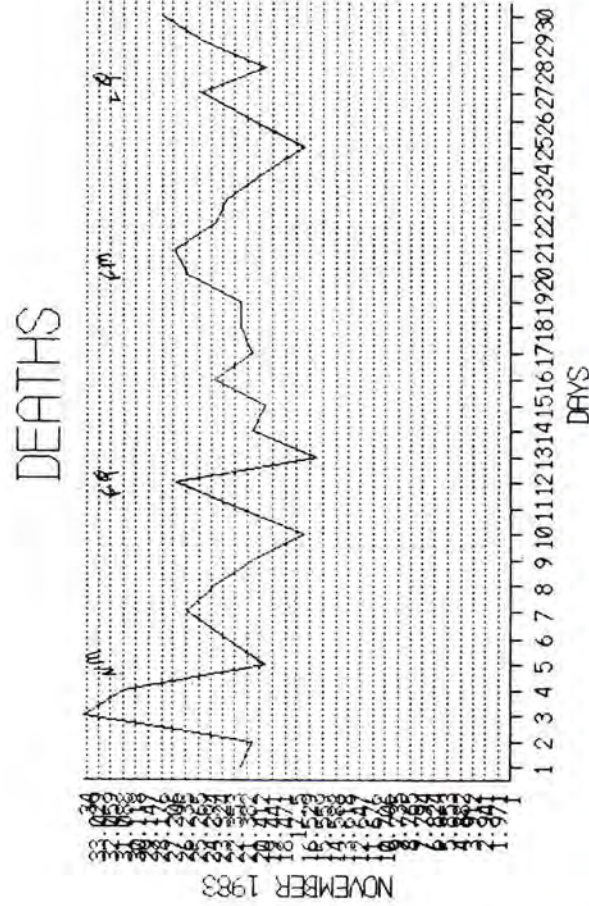
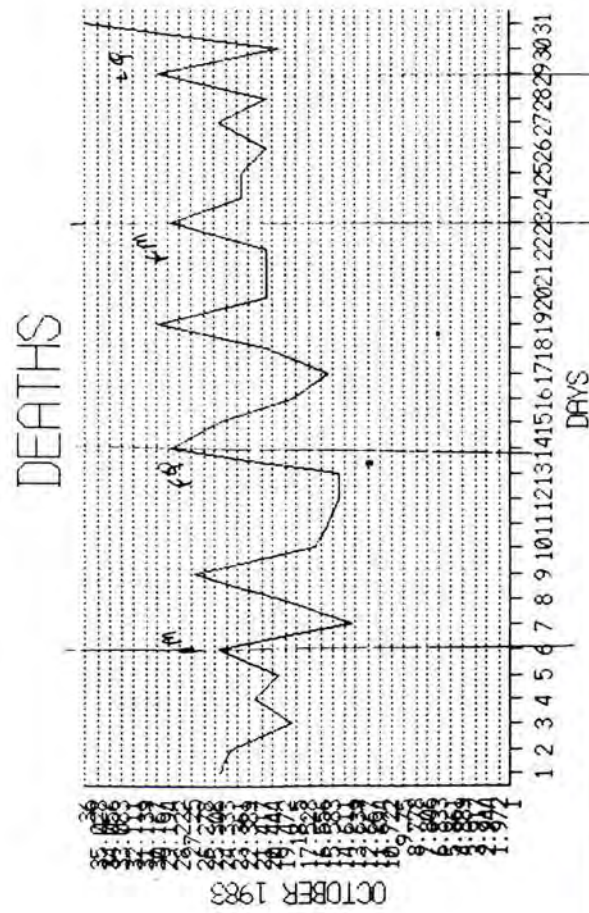
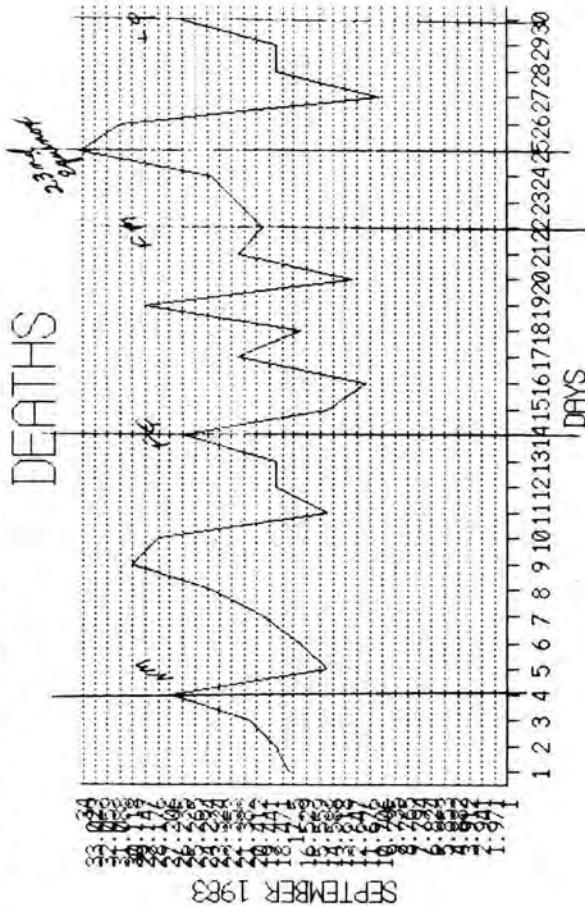
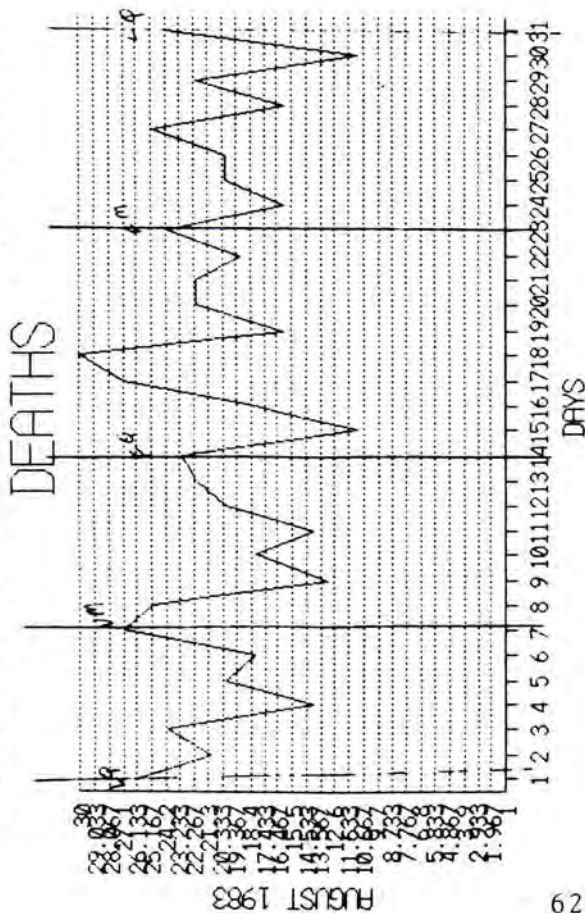


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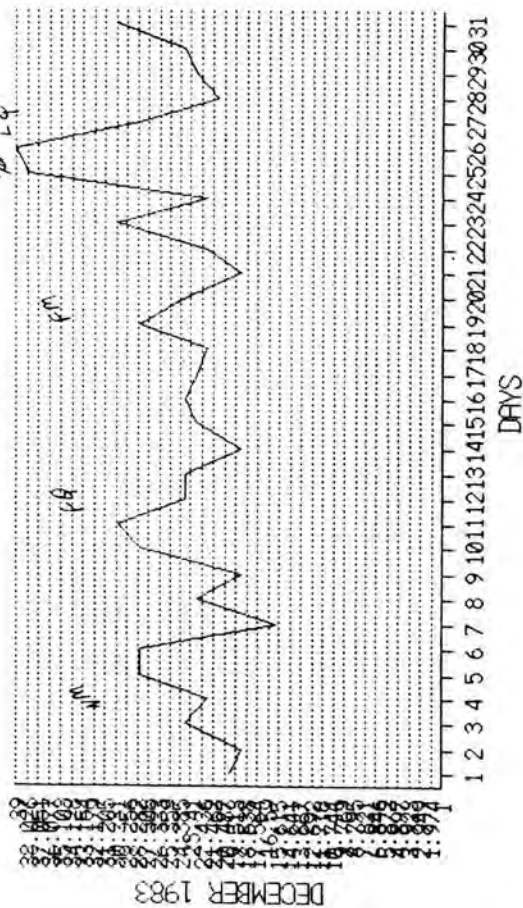
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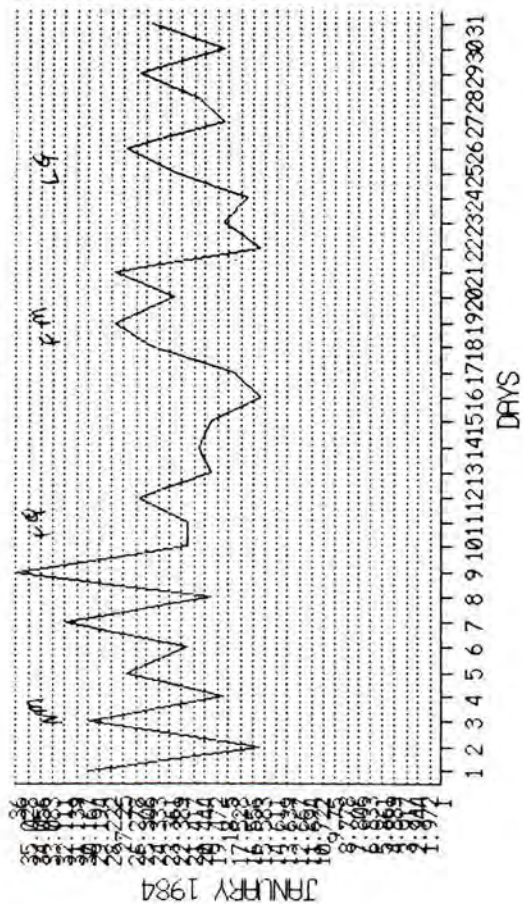
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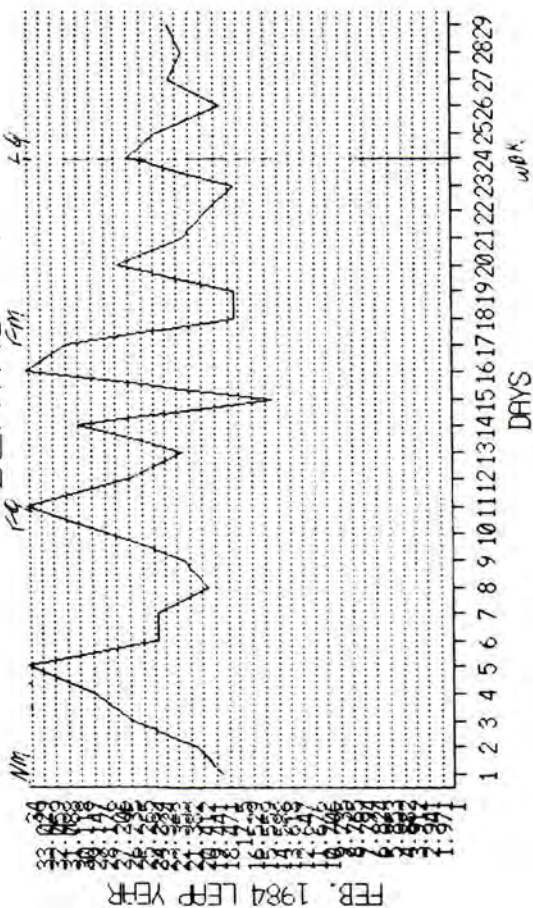
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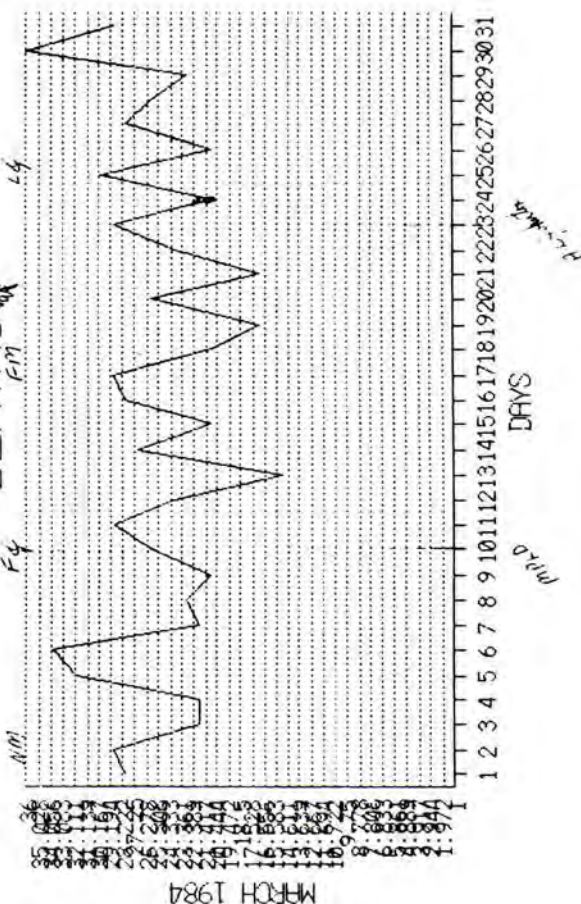
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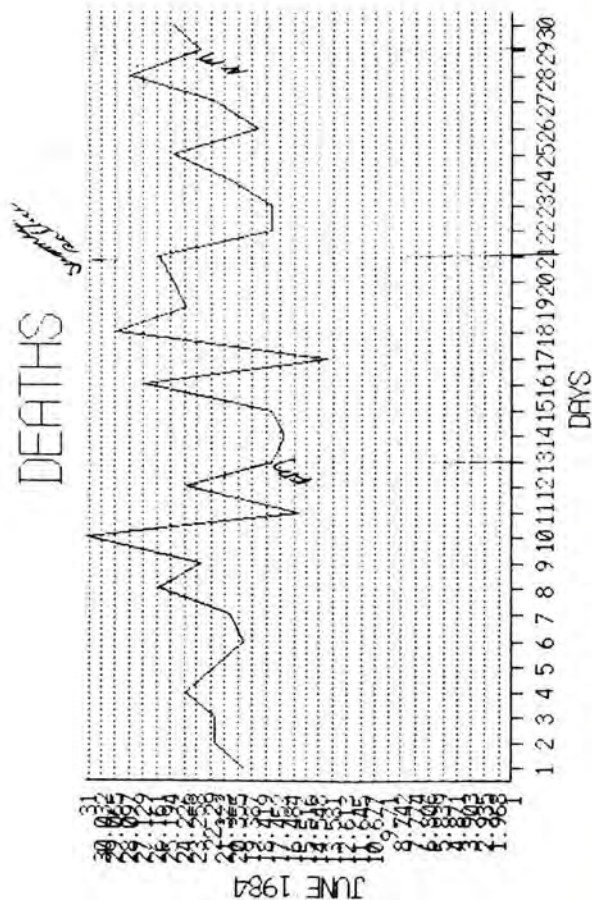
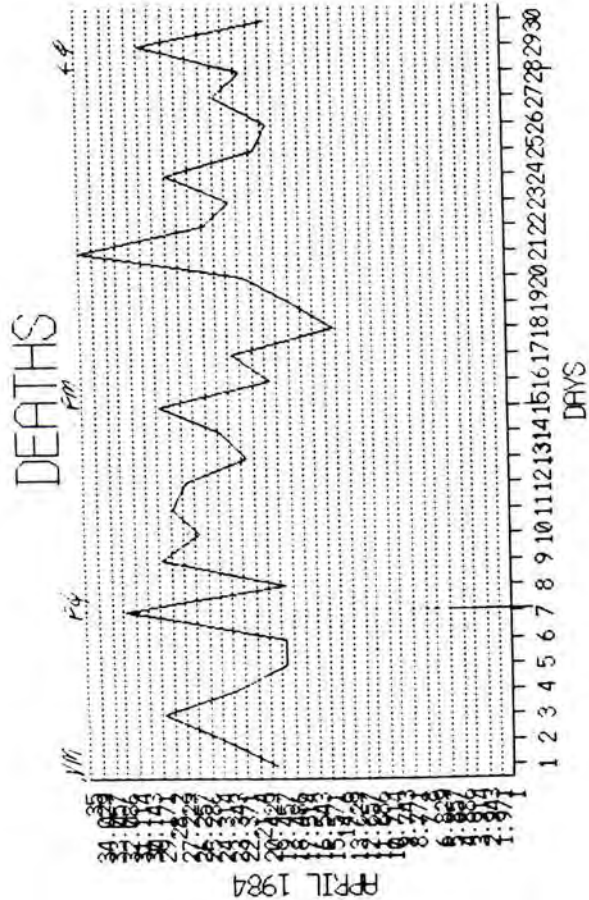
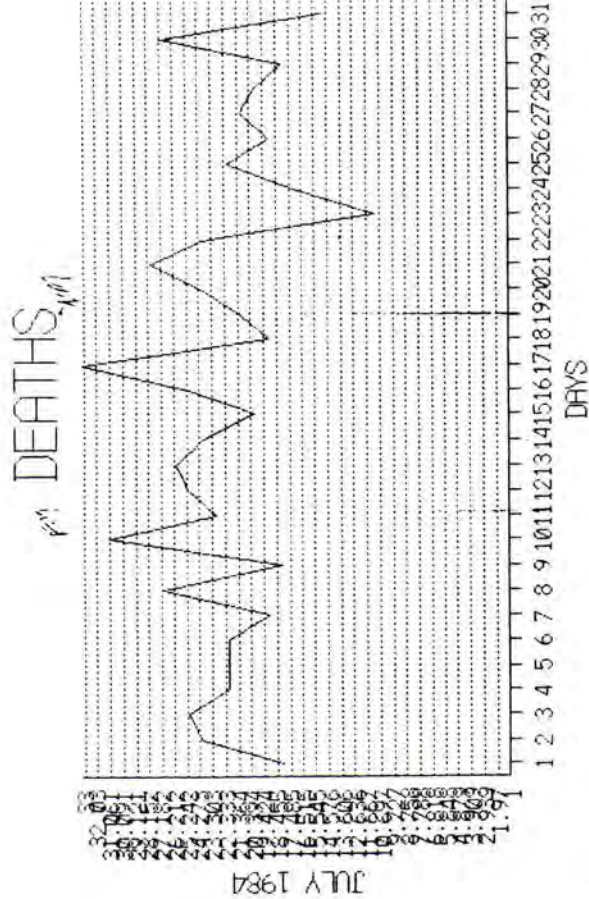
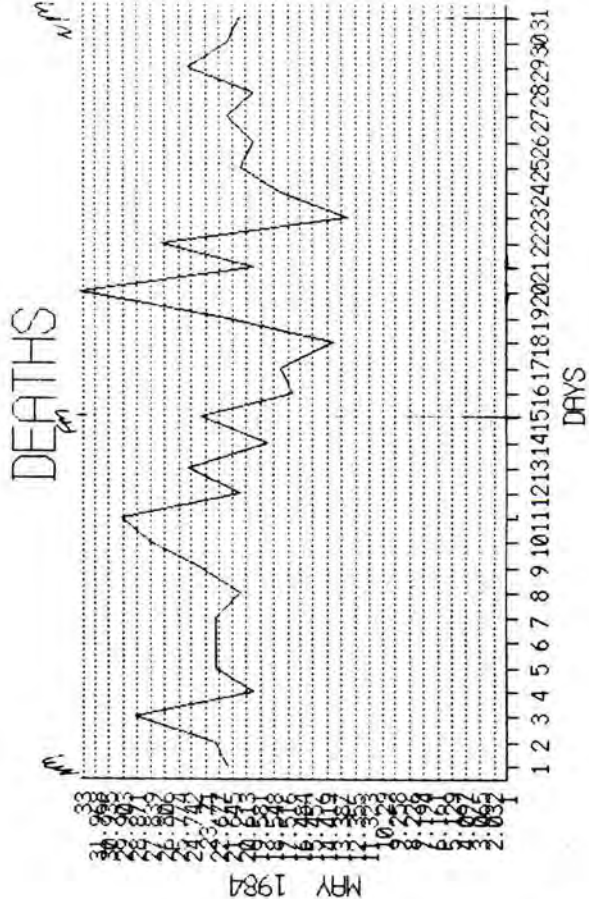


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MISSION	ORBITER	SCHEDULED LAUNCH	SCHEDULED LANDING	CREW
STS-1	Columbia 1	04-12-1981	04-14-1981	2
STS-2	Columbia 2	11-12-1981	11-14-1981	2
STS-3	Columbia 3	03-22-1982	03-30-1982	2
STS-4	Columbia 4	06-27-1982	07-40-1982	2
STS-5	Columbia 5	11-11-1982	11-15-1982	4
STS-6	Challenger 1	04-04-1983	04-09-1983	4
STS-7	Challenger 2	06-18-1983	06-24-1983	5
STS-8	Challenger 3	08-30-1983	09-05-1983	5
STS-9	Columbia 6	01-28-1983	12-08-1983	5
41-B	Challenger 4	02-03-1984	02-11-1984	5
41-C	Challenger 5	04-06-1984	04-13-1984	5
41-D	Discovery 1	06-25-1984	07-02-1984	6
41-E	Cancelled	-----	-----	-
41-F	Discovery 2	08-29-1984	09-05-1984	5
41-G	Challenger 6	10-01-1984	10-09-1984	5
41-H	Cancelled	-----	-----	-
51-A	Discovery 3	11-02-1984	11-08-1984	6
51-C	Challenger 7	12-09-1984	-----	-
51-B	Discovery 4	01-17-1985	01-24-1985	7
51-E	Challenger 8	02-12-1985	02-17-1985	6
51-D	Discovery 5	03-18-1985	03-24-1985	6
51-F	Challenger 9	04-17-1985	04-24-1985	7
51-G	Columbia 7	05-30-1985	06-06-1985	5
51-L	Challenger 10	07-20-1985	07-09-1985	6
51-I	Columbia 8	08-08-1985	08-15-1985	5
51-J	Atlantis 1	09-20-1985	-----	-
61-A	Columbia 9	10-14-1985	10-21-1985	8
62-A	Discovery 6	10-15-1985	-----	-
61-B	Challenger 11	11-06-1985	11-13-1985	5
51-H	Atlantis 2	11-27-1985	12-04-1985	7
61-C	Columbia 10	12-23-1985	12-30-1985	5
LAUNCH SITES				
61-A = 1 (KSC) Kennedy Space Center - Cape Canaveral, Merritt Isl. Brevard Co., FL				
62-A = 2 (VAFB) Vandenberg Air Force Base - Santa Barbara Co., CA				

THE NODES OF THE PLANETS

MERCURY - annual increment 42.6"

1900: 17°11' TAURUS	1940: 17°38' TAURUS
1910: 17 17'	1950: 17 45'
1920: 17 24'	1960: 17 52'
1930: 17 31'	1970: 18 00'

VENUS - annual increment 32.4"

1900: 15°46' GEMINI	1940: 16°08' GEMINI
1910: 15 51'	1950: 16 14"
1920: 15 57'	1960: 16 20'
1930: 16 03'	1970: 16 25'

MARS - annual increment 27.7"

1900: 18°57' TAURUS	1940: 19°16' TAURUS
1910: 19 02'	1950: 19 20'
1920: 19 07'	1960: 19 25'
1930: 19 11'	1970: 19 30'

JUPITER - annual increment 36.7"

1900: 9°28' CANCER	1940: 9°53' CANCER
1910: 9 34'	1950: 9 59'
1920: 9 40'	1960: 10 03'
1930: 9 47'	1970: 10 09'

SATURN - annual increment 31.4"

1900: 22°47' CANCER	1940: 23°07' CANCER
1910: 22 52'	1950: 23 12'
1920: 22 58'	1960: 23 18'
1930: 23 03'	1970: 23 23'

URANUS - annual increment 18.0"

1900: 13°29' GEMINI	1940: 13°41' GEMINI
1910: 13 32'	1950: 13 44'
1920: 13 35'	1960: 13 47'
1930: 13 38'	1970: 13 50'

NEPTUNE - annual increment 39.4"

1900: 10°41' Leo	1940: 11°07' LEO
1910: 10 47'	1950: 11 14'
1920: 10 54'	1960: 11 20'
1930: 11 00'	1970: 11 27'

PLUTO - annual increment 48.8"

1900: 18°57' CANCER	1940: 19°30' CANCER
1910: 19 05'	1950: 19 38'
1920: 19 13'	1960: 19 46'
1930: 19 22'	1970: 19 54'



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