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HI!!!!!!

The next 7 HILLS ASTROLOGICAL CONFERENCE has been set for May 8, 9, 10, 1981 at the Sheraton Hotel, Rt. 29, Lynchburg, Va. (Right across the street from the Holiday Inn where we had it last time.) It will start early on the 8th (Friday). There will be more information in the next edition but I can tell you this much now — **Bil Tierney** will be back along with **Jeff Jawer** of Atlanta. **Sonny Del Monico** will join us from Chicago, **Chris McRae** from Edmonton, Canada, and, of course, **John McCormick** and **Dick Raines** will also be present. We will have the hospitality room as usual. More in the next edition!! Registration fee \$60 - includes banquet.

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PARA RESEARCH has asked us to announce that "PLANETS IN ASPECT" and "PLANETS IN HOUSES" was available in May in **PAPERBACK** (\$10.95). They are also going to distribute **Noel Tyl's** new book - (\$15.95). You can get them from Para Research, Inc., Whistlestop Mall, Rockport, Mass. 01966.

NASO is holding their 11th Annual National Conference in Boston, Mass. Aug. 29 to 31st, 1980. **Doris Hebel, Mary Vohryzek, Robert Hand, Jeff Jawer, Jim Lewis, Donna Cunningham** are among the speakers. For information write to: Barbara Somerfield, NASO, 127 Madison Ave., NY 10016 or call 212-679-5676.

NCGR, the Cape Cod Chapter, is holding a "MASTER CLASS IN SPHERICAL ASTRONOMY FOR ASTROLOGERS", Sept. 8 thru the 12th, 1980. The class will be held in Onset, a village within the Town of Wareham, on the mainland side of the Cape Cod Canal. Cost for the week, including classes, graphic printouts, lodging and daily breakfast and lunch, will be \$100.00 per person. Write to Jane Brown, Box 202, South Orleans, MA 02662, for more information. Teachers are: **Rob Hand, Michael Erlewine, Gary Christian, Steve Blake** and **Michael Munkasey**. I plan on attending and then doing a lecture in the area on Tuesday, Sept. 16th.

Bil Tierney's book, "PERCEPTIONS" is being completely revised and typeset this time. It will be available thru the **MERCURY HOUR** and we will announce it as soon as it is available.

The time has come when we must do some editing - not that I like the idea in the least! We are also going to have to ask you folks to limit your articles and letters to 3 double-spaced pages. If you do this then I won't have to do much editing!! We will continue to run continued articles but **PLEASE** don't make them too long.

While we are on the subject of editions, there is no way we can say what edition your article or letter will appear in. We try to do things on a "first come - first served" basis depending on the length and the space available and how much work is going to have to be done on the article to get it ready for the printer. We do the best we can but we can't please everyone no matter how hard we try so you will just have to be patient with us and hang in there. Everything gets printed eventually!

Don't forget - if you don't include a stamped addressed envelope I will assume you do not expect an answer to your letter. This is going to be even more important as the months pass with the post office threatening to raise the cost of mailing again! Our postage bills are unreal and we have got to cut back on them somehow. Your sending a stamp if you want an answer will help a lot.

There is so much material left over from this edition that we will have to publish an "Extra Edition" with the regular October edition. **ANYONE** who ordered the 7th Extra, **ANYONE** who has said they want all "Extra Editions", **ANYONE** who received the 7th Extra (mailed out in January with the regular Jan. edition) and **who paid for it** will **AUTOMATICALLY** receive the 8th Extra Edition. Anyone who received the 7th Extra and who has not paid for it as yet **WILL NOT** receive the 8th Extra (\$3.25). **IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO RECEIVE THE EXTRA EDITION IN OCTOBER PLEASE LET US KNOW NOW!** We print only a limited amount of them and I would like to get some kind of a count to know how many to print of the 8th Extra. You can pay for it in two ways, either send in your money (\$3.25) for it now or pay for it when you get it. Many have already paid for it. The "Extra Editions" are not included in the regular subscription price and must be ordered separately to start receiving them.

NCGR gave the "Level One" of their examinations at the Chicago conference. I believe 30 people took the exam. I thought it was a good level one test - even if I did make a stupid mistake! I thought the choice of time and place was an unfortunate mistake since many of us couldn't concentrate with a band playing in the next room. We started at 8:30 PM which is not the time to take a test. I am sure **NCGR** learned a lot from that exam and things will be different from now on. They had to start somewhere and only by doing do you learn. As many of you know, I am **NOT** an "exam taker" but I wanted to see what **NCGR** was offering. I learned one thing for sure - I do know how to set up an accurate chart, adjust house cusps, etc. for any and all latitudes. No big deal since

we should all know how to do this but it is gratifying to check your answers against a computer and come up with the correct sidereal time within seconds. Whether I passed the exam or not is not the important thing to me. It is the satisfaction of knowing I can make an accurate chart if I have to. The rest of the exam was multiple choices or "true or false" and some weren't really that clear and some depended on what areas of astrology or systems you worked with, if you would have a knowledge of the question asked, but on the whole they were fairly simple astrological questions. To me it was worth the \$10 involved. I also reconfirmed my conviction that I am no good working under the pressure of an exam (especially under those conditions - late at night and with a band playing in the next room!) One other thing - we were working under the pressure of someone saying, "You should be finished in 2½ to 3 hours". I don't think a time limit of this nature should be set since some work much slower than others and setting time limits sets up a feeling of competition (with others as well as "time") which only adds to the pressure and tension. One thing should be remembered - many who take these exams have been "out of school" and away from this sort of thing for a good many years. It can be a very strange feeling. It amazed me some of the errors I and others made that I am sure we would not have made if we were working under different circumstances. They were not made from a lack of knowledge, just lack of concentration!! Oh well, time marches on, and with it the experience of learning from past mistakes.....

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in New Orleans in August. One thing that puzzles me, and others have also written on this, is that no one received a confirmation on the registrations sent in to the AFA nor have people received confirmation on the checks and ads sent to the AFA (as of May 15th at least). All conferences at least send you a confirmation on receipt of your registration and on checks and ads received. Incidentally, I received the April 15th Bulletin on May 8th when 85% of the notices for upcoming lectures or whatever were already over or too late to even consider attending. Do many others find this to be true for them? There really is no sense in printing them if they are going to be over before you even get the notice of them!! The MH doesn't print any that will be over before our subscribers get their edition - we try to allow at least two weeks - depending on how your mail gets delivered!!

Remember to let us know NOW if you don't want a copy of the 8th Extra if you received and paid for the 7th.

Have a good summer and I'll talk to you again in October. One last thing - thanks for your continued support. We here in the MH office really do appreciate it and the kind words you send us. Knowing you are "out there" and standing behind us in trying to keep the channel of communication open makes us feel good about all the effort that goes into bringing you the MH.

Love and Hope,

Edith

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Auckland, New Zealand

To **Victoria Stevens** Vol. 25, p. 54. Thank you for an excellent demonstration of the principles that we describe in our article on Saturn conjunct Pluto in Leo in the 7th Extra Jan. '80, p. 7.

To **Edie** Vol. 25, p. 60. "We are trying to get some consistency in the information reported for charts" and we object to your paragraph 2. Are all the Americans so ethnocentric that they believe everyone else in the world knows the initial lettering system Americans use for their time zones? It is a better system if the time zone was given in the longitude or the G.M.T. base. E.G. EST is either Eastern standard Time U.S.A. or Australia and one is 150°E or G.M.T. +10 hrs. while the other is 75°W or G.M.T. -5 hrs. (EST U.S.A. is in zone R and EST Aust. is in zone K, from the Standard time chart of the world). Also Daylight Saving Time or Summer Time is better expressed as longitude or G.M.T. than by initials such E.D.S.T. e.g. N.Z.S.T is 180°E or +12 Hrs. G.M.T. and during summer N.Z.D.S.T. is 195°E or +13 Hrs G.M.T. (as can be seen here there is no zone for +13 hrs., so zone designations are also fallible). (We are trying to spell out the time now but since we don't get the GMT for most charts, we do the best we can. I am sure the New Zealanders and Australians are smart enough to know the time differences between the States and wherever. We always look up the time zones when we work with any chart! [and the G.M.T.!] The information is always given for the place of birth and I just check it out from there. EDITH.)

BOOK REVIEW by ROCHELLE GORDON - RELATIONSHIPS & LIFE CYCLES, Modern Dimensions of Astrology by STEPHEN ARROYO, published by CRCS Publications, P.O. Drawer 4307, Vancouver, WA 98662, 225 pages, paper, \$6.95.

Stephen Arroyo has done it again. He has come out with another great book. Only this time, it really is not a book. It is a transcription of workshop lectures given by Stephen. Lecture and feedback from the audience is included. The style is very informal and very easy to read and follow. I almost felt as if I were sitting in the room at the time of the lecture.

It is always a pleasure to hear a competent astrologer speaking. This book is no exception. Stephen has a fine grasp of astrology, and lots of experience, so it appears. His knowledge is down to earth, practical and can be understood by the reader without much difficulty. This book is lighter than his other books, but just as good. If you have not read his other books, they are basically holistic psychology oriented together with spiritual metaphysical principles of astrology, and of life itself. So is the instant book. It is about exactly what the title states: relationships and life cycles.

The astrology of relationships is covered pretty much in the usual manner: i.e., natal interpretation of the individual's relationship capacity, as well as techniques for chart comparison. The life cycles as covered by a discussion of transits of the outer bodies plus Jupiter and Saturn. If you are familiar with Stephen's work, this book will not disappoint you. If you are not familiar with Stephen's work, this book will cause you to become so.

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For those wonderful **MH** readers out there who are from the San Francisco area, Professional Astrologers Inc. (PAI) has been holding very successful informal membership meetings the second Sunday of each month. We have recently opened these meetings for guests as well, so if you are in the area or will be during the second Sunday of any month, please stop by our new headquarters at 231 E. Millbrae Ave., Millbrae, CA. Last Sunday's discussion, lead by one of our members, Vonnie Mitchell, was on esoteric astrology (quite a change for most of us). Vonnie used Albert Einstein's chart and the meeting was fascinating! I just love being in a room full of astrologers discussing charts.

We're gearing up for our Annual Award for outstanding achievement in the field of astrology during 1979. Last year's winner (for 1978) was the Digicomp Research Corp. for their DR70 computer for astrologers. Our President, Doris Doane, has asked us to start thinking about who we would like to nominate (the nominations come from PAI members around the country). We'll be sending out the ballots soon but I just can't make up my mind - any suggestions?

Does anyone have the birth data on Karen Silkwood? I don't have any information, including the place (although I think it was Texas or Oklahoma) so any information would be great.

SATURN THROUGH THE SIGNS

[This is a continuation. First part appeared in April '80 edition.]

BIL TIERNEY

Atlanta, GA

SATURN THRU THE SIGNS

In this second installment, I wish to emphasize that these delineations are "excerpts" from excerpts of my future publication, *THE BOOK OF SATURN*. Although I discussed the self-blocking expression of Saturn in the earth signs in the last installment, I will not cover the blocked types in these delineations, due to the lack of space (these interpretations are rather lengthy to begin with). But they will be covered in the published edition, along with descriptions of the over-drive types. Again, these delineations should be considered as representing strictly the principles of both planet and sign in combination, not taking into account aspects, other sign influences, or house positions involved. Although common denominators, points of contrast, and basic themes are brought out, these interpretations do not depict Saturn in synthesis with other components of the natal chart.

SATURN IN THE AIR SIGNS

Realistic, level-headed Saturn tends to operate in a highly logical, observant, and somewhat scientific manner when functioning thru the cerebral air signs. Rational, objective air coordinates itself well with purposeful, truth-testing Saturn, aiding this normally diffusive element in focussing its mental energies with an uncommon degree of concentration, discipline, patience, and self-control. The restless quality of hard-to-contain air is thus better harnessed, allowing all levels of thought-processes described by these signs to be productively applied rather than randomly scattered and dispersed. Saturn can give air a sense of meaningful direction, although not necessarily in a manner that is practical, economical, or worldly. Nevertheless, abstract, theoretical air is able to establish intelligent structure and concrete formulations of ideas when constructively channeled. Air is innately prone to circulate and spread out towards the world at large, encouraging a wide range of associations in the search for greater and more encompassing social meaning. In contrast, often aloof and exclusive Saturn demarks set boundaries in order to preserve itself from the potential chaos and lack of control that could occur by becoming too open and responsive to air's unlimited stimulation from varying influences. Thus, one with Saturn in air is less apt to encourage **personal** inter-connection, closeness, or deep intimacy when functioning thru this **impersonal** element of mental detachment. The individual with this combination may therefore appear cool, distant, unemotive, undemonstrative, or even indifferent and callous at times in any one-to-level. He may seldom trust the "intelligence" of his instinctual drives, as well as attempt to repress their spontaneous release. Nor are his intuitional urges freely recognized and acted upon without undue reservation. Perhaps at the root of all this is a profound fear or denial of that which appears irrational, unknowable, or generally beyond the reasoning power of his mind. Yet when well-managed, Saturn in air exhibits an above-average degree of mental discernment, coherence of thought, impartiality, consistency of logic, and clarity in communication.

SATURN IN GEMINI

Gemini's keen sense of logic and reason combined with

Saturn's steadying ability allows the individual to pursue serious mental interests with much effort and persistence, atypical of most Gemini placements. There is suggested here a skillful capacity for intelligent organization of facts and figures, often rendering an aptitude for mathematics and scientific pursuits **for some** individuals with this placement (other natal factors must be present for reinforcement). Life will pressure the individual to carefully structure the contents of his mind and concentrate upon developing greater mental depth. Thus, this tends to be the least superficial, light-hearted Gemini placement. There are few common denominators found between planet and sign, yet Gemini's above-average adaptability makes contrasting themes less polarizing. One common meeting-ground is that both Saturn and Gemini are realistic in their observations of life. Both seek to clearly discern factual data and dismiss what appears to be irrational. And both show little interest in an emotional approach towards life, nor do they give much credence to imagination or intuition as being valid ways of gathering knowledge. Both put a high value upon the power of reason. Points of contrast, on the other hand, are plentiful. Saturn endures in its concentration upon details, while restless Gemini is easily bored with details and seeks distractions. Gemini is mercurial in nature and eager for variation, while Saturn is slow, steadfast, and intent upon preserving the status quo if any condition. Saturn seeks repetitive, predictable, controlled outcomes while Gemini thrives upon moment-to-moment changes and is not driven to plan or organize matters in advance. Social, curiosity-filled Gemini needs liveliness and constant movement in the immediate environment while somber Saturn desires long periods of solitude, stillness, and silence in which to deeply ponder upon its serious concerns. Also, Gemini's surface-level assessments of life do not correlate well with the depth of understanding Saturn requires.

Due to Saturn's thoughtful yet hesitant nature, mental fluency and verbal facility normally are not easily developed by this person, who often is acutely self-conscious of any deficiencies or lack of training here. He may tend to view himself as being mentally inferior or intellectually inadequate for some time before he eventually learns the importance of mastering and controlling his mentality. Usually Saturn in any mutable sign helps to establish needed limits, keeping these signs from dispersing their energies over too wide a territory or in too many irrelevant directions. Although Gemini desires diversity and constant variety for its mental stimulation. Saturn here at least emphasizes **meaningful** diversity while de-emphasizing short-lived attention span. Thus, this combination encourages the individual to seek out versatility of thought within still one singular object of interest, although with elements of flair and expressiveness (Gemini). This could result in a thorough, detailed comprehension of whatever is being observed and studied for any length of time. Saturn pressures the individual to settle down and specialize in those areas where he realistically shows much intellectual promise. However, unlike the capacity for specialization indicated by Saturn in Virgo, this individual tends to organize data in his head in a manner that does not discriminate or become selective concerning what is ultimately useful and workable. And unlike Virgo, Gemini's mental interest shows less concern with the

tangible end-results of information accumulated. Gemini collects facts, but Virgo sorts them out with a keen awareness of what is functional. And so, the individual often must work harder at efficiency categorizing all ideas assembled if they are to prove to be a benefit to his understanding. Thru challenging him to do this continuously, life becomes an ongoing educational process. For those who adopt a constructive attitude here, this placement is one astrological signature depicting the "eternal student" type.

Gemini is a sign promoting open self-expression of an individual's thought processes within the immediate environment. Being a sign of the 1st Quadrant, it tends to be the most self-involved of all air signs. Note how Gemini's application of mental energy often does not allow for the full receptivity of the thoughts of others in a manner that permits deep assimilation and reflection. Being still subjectively contained, Gemini is prone to communicate **to** rather than **with** another. Thus, the individual may experience frustration in early years when attempting to verbalize his thoughts to others, due to the self-blocking, inhibiting potential of Saturn. Yet outer appearances with Saturn are often misleading, since this individual's capacity for mental development is usually quite mature for his age. Saturn in this sign does not necessarily deny intelligence, but merely tends to thwart the confident demonstration of one's mental drive to outwardly express. Caution in relating to others is present. However, if fear rather than caution becomes a motivating force (and this is better shown by aspect contacts), much of Gemini's natural inclination to want to know and learn thru random exploration within one's early environment is initially squelched. If this fear becomes deeply entrenched and thus made almost completely unconscious, the individual's outer environment may become dominated by authority figures who instill within this person then the fear of learning or the dread of asking questions about life and its many parts. This could result in mental anxiety and self-discouragement in regard to all future attempts to educate oneself. Perhaps parental figures attracted in this incarnation did not serve as open-minded, stimulating models for this individual's needed mental growth. It could be that their own narrow, rigid approach here stifled the individual's inborn curiosity. The early upbringing may have been too inadequate to promote a firm mental foundation for this person, since people he had to surround himself with might have been "tight-lipped" for the most part. The individual likely learned self-preservation by remaining uncomfortably quiet and non-expressive.

If Saturn manifests its conflict in Gemini thru over-drive rather than self-blocking, the individual may have had to struggle to compete with others and mentally perform in an early environment that presented him with almost impossible standards of intellectual achievement and perfection (with usually at least one parent excelling in an academic or communications field in many instances). When the psyche chooses to work out its Saturn dilemma thru over-drive, expect an element of resentment to operate. Perhaps the individual had to face his own inner fear of intellectual inadequacy thru the assertive mental strivings of a sibling (Gemini) as well as an authority figure (Saturn). Although frustration may have been evident with this type, mental brooding may also have been present resulting in bouts with depression and/or indifference towards early education. Saturn, especially when prone towards over-drive, tends to seek significance by remaining separate and distinct (usually psychological boundaries) from

others. When poorly managed, this type of Saturn expression could encourage the individual to stand out as being unlike the rest of the family by resisting normal learning processes (as developed during early training in school). In short, this pattern can denote the under-achiever who uses his apparent ineptness as a calculated (albeit unconscious) defense against having to fit an intellectual mould of expected perfection, as prescribed by other seemingly capable members within his close circle of influence. However, if over-drive rather than self-blocking is suspected as the source of educational difficulties (and this might be suggested by the presence of upper instead of lower squares to Saturn), the individual typically feels driven later on in life (once removed from the influence of his early environment) to prove to himself and the world his mental worth. He then is driven to make aggressive strides in his educational development (at least along specific avenues of learning). In general, over-drive Saturn (being more assertive and more in need of greater control over the environment in the long run) tends to structure itself more productively sooner than self-blocking Saturn (who tends to be habitually stifled and defeated by images from the past locked within the less accessible recesses of his unconscious).

While the individual with Saturn in Gemini is likely to be a late-bloomer in terms of communication with others (since he struggles long and hard to develop confidence and self-assurance here), he is often acutely aware of what he is saying or thinking. He thus tends to communicate with careful precision. He may feel quite accountable for information he relates to others, and therefore may become anxious about its accuracy. He would rather say nothing than make errors or be accused of using faulty logic. Sensitivity towards criticism of his thought processes is very strong. This is normally due to Saturn's fear of consequences, plus its over-concern with proper structuring and orderliness. The individual also seems to demand much coherency from others, and finds all solid frameworks of thought very appealing (especially when concepts are approved of by established authorities). His fear of appearing ignorant may goad him to obtain a prestigious educational background in due time, as an attempt to compensate for whatever he feels he mentally lacks. Being ambitious on the mental level, the individual is able to work steadily at disciplining himself to fully utilize his mind to its most workable extent. However, he needs to be careful not to allow his intellect to become dry and sterile due to a lack of integration with the imagination and/or feeling nature.

This rational combination of influences makes for the true skeptic who only recognizes those tangible facts that have been screened thru his concrete mind and have been deemed acceptable. Perhaps the individual's sense of self-preservation can only be established thru his reliance upon his ability to prove or disprove the validity of any observed data. His sense of control over his environment may come from his knack for finding meaningful, intelligent relationships between various components of thought. Saturn in Gemini may incline one to secure precise, factual knowledge of the apparent workings of life phenomena. But without the balance of spiritual perception and abstract awareness, this position tends to close the individual to all levels of reality that exist outside the limits of his narrowly-defined mental boundaries. Unless other factors denote otherwise in the chart, this person is not impressed by the belief-systems of others no matter how potentially inspirational or idealistic. Any combination of principles 3 and 10 (to paraphrase **Zip Dobyn's** invaluable astrological alphabet

system) is prone towards intellectual doubt and cynicism (which thus also applies then to Saturn in the 3rd, Capricorn on the 3rd house cusp, Mercury in the 10th, Mercury in Capricorn, Gemini MC, and all Saturn-Mercury aspects) when mismanaged. By constructively applying the drive to control and manage, the individual can expect his mind to operate at its optimum, resulting in the potential for exceptional mental achievement. He is then able to devise brilliant but workable concepts (practical genius) revealing depth of thought and mature analysis. Saturn's ability to keenly delve into matters is given additional breath of focus and scope due to Gemini's multi-facetedness. Gemini prevents Saturn from then becoming too rutbound and rigid in the learning approach. With sensible caution, the individual gives eager attention to new and untried systems of thought. One of the greatest responsibilities of Saturn in Gemini is learning the proper usage of the mind and the powers of communication.

SATURN IN LIBRA

Libra's sense of fairmindedness combines well with Saturn's concern for ultimate justice, making this a naturally judicial placement. Both planet and sign have an association with law and social order. In their pure form, both are able to operate in an impartial, unbiased manner. Saturn represents the workings of law in its most abstract, cosmic sense (thru the exercise of human consciousness) while the abstract quality of Libra's sense of justice is well-depicted by its symbol - the scales (note that this is the only inanimate symbol of the entire zodiac, suggesting principles that are not associated with either the basic animal or human nature, unlike all the remaining signs). Both planet and sign also share formality as another common denominator. Saturn is concerned with proper conduct and appropriate behavior. Libra is very much associated with protocol, civilized manners, and the social graces. Thus, both wish to act in accordance to what is socially acceptable and worthy of approval and respect in the eyes of society. However, due to Saturn's judgemental nature, the individual tends to be too stern at times in his evaluation of those who fail to follow set rules of conduct. He may feel intolerant of others who break even minor laws he himself feels obligated to abide by. On the other hand, there are also many points of contrast to consider (typical of most exaltation placements, since exalted planets are challenged to bring forth their ideal expression in a workable, responsible manner). For example, Libra is drawn towards sharing itself thru partnership while Saturn demands to function alone without the intrusion of others whenever possible. Saturn seeks solid, reliable commitment while Libra tends to remain indecisive and on-the-fence about issues. Libra can be easy-going and adaptable to others while Saturn is hard-driving and absolute. Saturn considers the harsh, practical realities of any situation while Libra reflects upon the more pleasant, refined, ideal potential.

The ambitious, striving side of Saturn can blend well with the competitive, strategic facet of Libra, giving the individual the determination to overcome (at least mentally) all opposition presented by others. This is perhaps the least weak-willed, accommodating Libra placement (not considering the Higher Octave planets). Competition, however, seldom stimulates this person to resort to ruthless, underhanded tactics, since cardinal Libra openly considers and respects the rights of others, even when in direct tensional confrontation. One basic theme of this placement is learning to develop a responsible, level-headed sense of cooperation. Compromise must be both realistic and workable for the needs of both parties involved, rather than the

common, lopsided "peace-at-any-price" approach most Libra placements are tempted to adopt. Dutiful, conscientious Saturn pressures the individual to establish a firm balance of expression in any union, with due consideration for himself and his rights as well as those of others (which again reiterates the unbiased sense of fair-play denoted by this position). Saturn helps the individual preserve his identity intact in any relationship rather than lose it thru the pressing demands of another, since this planet denotes self-preservation upon all levels.

One of the benefits of Saturn operating thru Libra is that this planet, by its very nature, puts limits upon Libra's capacity to waver and vacillate endlessly before reaching any definite conclusions. Saturn, due to its need for organization and clear-cut definition of any situation, demands concrete resolution no matter how uncomfortable. Saturn will not allow Libra to leave matters remaining up in the air for any length of time, but will dictate a direct course of action based upon a firm decision. Although both planet and sign appear at times to be too preoccupied with the consequences of any action taken, Saturn's inner strength and fortitude enables the individual to eventually make necessary decisions and then brace himself for the end results. Usually plans of action are well thought out, since Saturn carefully considers details while Libra evaluates and deliberates before acting. Libra will normally see and reflect upon the pros and cons of any issue. Saturn, being pragmatic in orientation, tries to find sensible ways of incorporating and making full use of all facets of any condition before discarding any one factor for the sake of the other (which Libra alone would be more prone to do). And if the situation demands an "either-or" resolution, the individual can be expected to choose whatever is the most practical and useful, although fair in the long run (and this especially applies to relationships).

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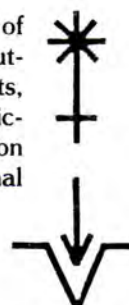


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JUNE MARSON

Seattle, WA

I see another view of the AFA Conferences, perhaps because I work for a professional astrologer and am aware of what makes the astrological wheels continue to go round, and what it takes to survive if you desire to make your living from astrology.

The value derived from speaking at AFA Conferences is incalculable. One ad, in one issue of Horoscope Magazine costs over \$400 for a half page, but it could never sell an astrologer the way he sells himself to his audience.

Over the years astrologers have done many FREE appearances, for local Astrological Associations, for Civic Clubs, for C of C luncheons, for Businessmen's Ass'ns, etc. It's still the least expensive form of advertising. It only takes time and the results are superior to yellow pages listings, or ads in local newspapers, both of which cost money.

If an astrologer is willing to speak for free for the local Astrological Assn., of which he's a member, and even donate a year to being an officer, why shouldn't he do the same for the national association he has joined? Especially when the rewards are so tremendous.

Many of the people attending AFA Conferences have motives. Some want clients, or students, a boost for their book or tape sales, and invitations to speak elsewhere. They go, and donate their time, at their own expense, because over the years it's proven profitable. They may appear to be giving themselves away, but they evaluate the returns and find it worthwhile.

Ask Publishers about book sales. If authors were on the program sales were gratifying. If the author was absent, sales were less than modest. The speakers get far more than they give.

If the AFA decided that each astrologer should pay \$100 per engagement, it would be a bargain. It's the largest astrological audience in the world. There's no media where we can buy ads that generate the business an astrologer gets from appearing at that conference.

If we adopt the premise you suggest, would astrologers then have to decide not to write for the **MH**, because they will not be paid. Would astrologers have to decline television, radio and other public appearances unless they're paid. I doubt that you can stop astrologers from appearing on television, or accepting radio spots, they clamor for the publicity.

The astrologer I work for admits that he would feel a slump, emotionally, and financially if an AFA Conference were cancelled, or if he weren't on the program. He needs that exposure and the business that comes during the following year as a result of the exposure.

I noticed that there were only five individuals from Seattle attending the conference in Atlanta, and four of those had clear motives. **Michael Caven**, selling books and promoting his own conference; **June Marson** selling the Astrology Center of the Northwest and its various services; **Marc Robertson**, selling himself, his books, his tapes; **Joanne Wickenburg** doing the same. Someone from Seattle went just for the sheer pleasure of going.

I wish I always agreed, or that I had no opinion, as I suspect I'll be hung out to dry for my attitude. My attitude may simply be a reflection of the attitude of the astrologer I work for though, so try not to crucify me.

[Dear June - The **MH** is still an "open channel" and you are entitled to your opinion [and I still love you both!]

Just one comment - it only costs the price of a stamp to

write for **MH** - not \$500 or more, depending on transportation, to speak for the AFA!! That's some "donation" being made - wouldn't you say? As for the T.V. and radio - again they are there in the area and have usually been paid by an organization to be there in the first place! June's response to my comments clarifies her letter quite a bit!

EDITH.]

Ho hum, I think I didn't get my message (meaning) across. I wasn't talking about the AFA, the organization, or its members/membership. What I was talking about was the CONVENTION.

I'm not a member of the AFA, so all I know is hearsay. Whether there are benefits from membership or not I can't vouch for personally.

DARRELL STEEN

Wichita, KS

The idea that Neptune ruled Spiritualism or God Consciousness, and Escapism, alcoholism, drug abuse, etc., eluded me for quite some time. Escapism is a negative manifestation of Spiritualism or what is called God Consciousness. God Consciousness offers an escape from the material world just as much as alcohol, or drugs offer an escape from consciousness. God allows us to cope and to understand ourselves because the knowledge that someone or something is behind us, that someone cares for us even if we do wrong, and will set us right when wrong, (karma) gives us the courage to forge ahead to try even in the face of disappointment and realize the need to try.

People who have not yet attuned themselves to Neptune's influence and who do not have a **working** idea of God in their lives, God Spiritualism or some form of sex realization, self improvement type of guiding philosophy - will most likely turn to the materialistic types of escapes not being able to face the ultimate reality that Neptune represents. It is then that this help, something that everyone of us needs, turns into a crutch. People fall under Neptune's bad side because if the every day physical realities of the material-world are considered the final reality, then there is little room to consider the Spiritual as having a prominent place, and the Spiritual or non-material realities, can be far more powerful than the superficial realities of every day living. Neptune says, "The real world is not real, because it is only transitory, that which you cannot see or touch or logically understand is far more important" which is a very confusing thing to say - especially in such a materially-oriented society. Neptune is not illusion, people are about what Neptune is trying to say to them. Neptune tells the Ego how unimportant it really is which can be especially destructive if the ego resists by ignoring this reality. If gone unchecked these kinds of attitudes can lead to insanity, hypochondria, neurosis, psychosis and a variety of problems, all traditional manifestations of a strong negative Neptune. [Cont'd.]

MARY FRANCES WOOD

Lynchburg, VA

Moon, void of course - another comment...(see **MH** Extra edition #7, Jan. '80, p. 55). I know of a third case where the contract to sell a house was signed during a void of course Moon. It, too, sold immediately to the first people who looked at it. Are there any astrologers out there who are realtors, or who know realtors and can investigate this by getting the time of signing a contract to sell a house and then finding out when the house was sold?

Judith Gee
London, England

I am reading of Lenny Bruce - not liking him at all...but amazed he is twin to our Margaret Thatcher - Oct. 13, 1925...but our Maggie T. has Scorpio Asc. and I think Lenny has Gemini for excessive talkativeness...and his drug scene is horrible. The propensity of these drugged dolts, to lose inhibitions, clothes, and senses gives point to the necessity of restrictions for general humanity. Being very Capricorn, I have predicted for years that the last 20 years of 20th Century will be very conservative and religious. Look at fanatic Iran...and now the Pope's journeys will certainly lead to increase of old fashioned orthodox religion, and not only for Catholics. People are withdrawing in horror from the Lenny Bruce scenario. The surprising increase in very orthodoxy among young Jews of the West is notable.

I have also predicted that no Aries/Sun person has any chance to come to power this century...all the planets are ranged against them. Planets in Libra - Capricorn too strong to be broken and though Sagittarius might help, Neptune the spell binder, soon out of that sign, and Uranus transit will give sudden upsets. Pluto's opposition to Aries has certainly disturbed the politicians in England...Callaghan, is an example, who lost the last election. For her birthday, October 13th, Maggie T. will have Pluto conj. her Sun! So I think she has not yet peaked in her powers! I expect big things from her with Saturn-Jupiter/Libra next year. She may well be in power to the end of the century as her Jupiter/Capricorn will receive some nice transits later on! 1990's will sure be good for her and for you too! Your Sun on her Jupiter shows both of you to be very responsible and dependable and hardworking and also successful people! More power to both of you!

I hope you will publish the following...the definite Chart for Israel. This is based on the very first Chart published in London at that time. It was published in Astrology, and the Editor was Charles E. O. Carter, whom your readers know as author of many good books on Astrology. The date is Sept. - Nov. 1948, Vol. 22 No. 3. The date of Israel is May 14, 1948 - there was daylight saving and the time was circa 4 P.M., but at Tel Aviv 3:20 P.M. and London time = UT was 1 P.M.

This gives 10.25 Libra Asc. 11 Cancer 15 M.C.

This was the exact time when David Ben Gurion, declared the STATE OF ISRAEL, giving its name.

The signing of the Declaration of The State of Israel was delayed as not all the Founding Fathers were present...and it was done in a hurry as the Sabbath Eve was drawing near, and the matter was urgent and could not wait until after the Sabbath...

I have seen some maps for 0. Scorpio Asc...which is quite attractive, but would be more for the signing than Declaration, and naming.

Note for this 10 Libra Chart...that Neptune is on Ascendant and fully shows the idealism of the nation. Also M.C. is on U.S.' Sun/Cancer...and U.S. was first to accept Israel...seconded by USSR (who had their own axe to grind and were glad to get the British OUT of Mid-East) and I.C. of 11 Capricorn is on England's birth Sun and M.C. England was born at the coronation of William Ist at Westminster Abbey, London Dec. 25, 1066. A very strong and powerful Chart, still valid...as all English Kings and Queens have been crowned in the same place, ever since.

Congratulations to **Al H. Morrison**, for his splendid work in support of Astrology and his clever handling of the 186 scientific ignoranti. He should have received help and finance from the various official Astrology bodies and groups...He seems to have been most effective. I can tell him that I fully appreciate what he has done and the reason for this. Though I am in London, England and not U.S. we still got the backlash of that matter.

I hope Al H. Morrison will get proper support from all Astrologers, though knowing that Uranus is their ruler, I expect some oddities among 'em!

Also in the October number, I am puzzled by the Vernal Equinox Chart, rectified by the Nadi Method...of which I know nothing and have heard less...This Chart gives Sun as 29 Pisces, 58'40"...yet the whole point of the Vernal Equinox is that Sun is 0 Aries 00. In Raphael's Ephemeris for 1980, time is given March 20, 1980, 11 a.m. 11 GMT = UT. The Nadi method Chart gives time as 10:38 UT... I acknowledge the power of this Vernal Equinox Nadi method chart - a real stinker. Neptune M.C. square Saturn/Virgo 7th...can mean war. The ending of illusion by the President and some act of aggression by an/the enemy.

The Aug. 22, 1979 eclipse of Sun at Washington, exact on M.C. which had so frightened Astrologers, passed off safely! Did President Carter know of Astrology as I note he was out of Washington at that date but still had a fall!

I wonder if you have noticed what a lot you have in common with Margaret Thatcher! The Same Venus in Sag. Your Sun Capricorn on her Jupiter Capricorn. Your Jupiter/Scorpio on her Saturn/Scorpio. Your Saturn on her Sun/Libra (both now transit by Pluto...what gives?) Her pro. North Node on your I.C. Your pro. South Node on her Uranus! Your radix Mercury close to her South Node. Her Mercury semi sext to your North Node. Her Ascendant close to your Descendant. You have quite a lot in common! Want to come over and understudy her!

All my very best good wishes for happiness, health and wealth! Shalom.

THOMAS WILSON

Oak Park, IL

Nov. 21, 1979

Just read "Mommie Dearest" by Christina Crawford and in there she says she was born on a Sunday afternoon, June 11, 1939. When I went to "The First Temple of Astrology" several years ago, I copied a chart of theirs of Joan for March 23, 1903 at 11:00 p.m. LMT in San Antonio, TX. I'm not sure who their source was (Penfield gives time of 22h18' and Gallo as 00h17' for Joan Crawford. Died 10:00 a.m. EDT, May 10, 1977, New York City.)

For those who have Eddie Albert's data (I can't find it now that I want it) may be interested in his son's data Feb. 20, 1951 at 12:39 p.m. Los Angeles. Source: Birth Certificate. (Eddie Albert, April 22, 1908, 11h30' CST - Rock Island, IL - Source - Penfield, personal.)

For those who have Edgar Bergen's data they may enjoy Candice Patricia Bergen's data May 9, 1946 at 9:52 p.m. in Los Angeles. Source: Birth Certificate. (Edgar Bergen - Feb. 16, 1903, 05h30' CST, Chicago, IL - Source - via Penfield and Sabian Symbols.)

I don't have Lloyd Bridges, Sr. but Lloyd Vernet Bridges III was born in Los Angeles on Dec. 9, 1941, 3:56 a.m. and his brother Jeffrey Leon Bridges born in Los Angeles on Dec. 4, 1949 at 11:58 p.m. It is not stated as Pacific Standard or Pacific Daylite time. Just AM or PM. By the way the Source for the Bridges was the Birth Certificate. (For Beau Bridges - Dec. 9, 1941, Penfield has 23h30' PST and gives the LA Herald-Examiner which stated he was born during a black-out and was delivered by candlelight. I have been adding any new information to my copy of "2001 - The Penfield Collection" and thought you might want to do the same. EDITH.)

GREGG CASTELLUCCI

Seattle, WA

Jan. 25, 1980

CRISIS IN THE NEAR EAST

Well the '80's have certainly made a dramatic entrance! What with events in Iran and now Afghanistan, it would seem that an historical threshold has suddenly been crossed as the world enters what British Minister Margaret Thatcher has been calling "the dangerous decade". It is rather curious how each decade, at least in this accelerated 20th. Century, seems to possess a quality or character distinctly its own. (Perhaps each could be correlated with one of our planetary energies...e.g. Uranus with the 60's, Neptune and the 70's...Did I hear Pluto for the 80's?)

This past decade was, for the U.S., a period of painful introspection marked by deep confusion and self-doubt. While we sought to heal the wounds of Viet-Nam and Watergate - stopped to question our own internal system and to re-evaluate our role out in the larger world - new forces arose which seemed to escape our control. As OPEC flexed its new economic muscle, the Soviets busily expanded and increasingly exercised their formidable military might (at least indirectly via the Cubans, Vietnamese, and other guerrilla groups...that Neptunian undercurrent?). The entire industrial "West" seemed to be floundering in the resultant uncertainty, unable to effectively unite itself to counter what it felt to be a growing threat to its collective security and ultimate survival.

The final weeks of the 70's and the pair of crisis in the Near East have certainly brought things to a sudden head, violently propelling us into the new - this "dangerous decade". Literally overnight we have been jolted into a new awareness...and the altered global atmosphere is indeed ominous.

There are a couple of charts related to these recent world events that I would like to share with the readers. The first is that of the U.S. Embassy take-over in Tehran. Here I must take a moment to thank Edie, who, knowing that I was closely following the crisis, was considerate enough to send me an accurate copy of the chart. The time of 10:30 AM was quoted by one of the female hostages released just before Thanksgiving who apparently had looked at her wristwatch when the "students" began to over-run the embassy compound.

The horoscope is most fascinating. Appropriately enough we have a full moon to mark this emotion-charged event, with the Moon, furthermore, standing by itself and Focal in a "Funnel" pattern....unless, that is, one wishes to take Chiron also into account, in which case we find him in exact conjunction with and thus especially highlighted by this full moon. (It seems I can't go near a chart lately where Chiron isn't trying to steal the show!) Chiron is also the only retrograde planet in the chart, but let's come back to him a little later....

The other outstanding feature of this chart is the exact conjunction of Pluto to the Midheaven (ushering in his decade?), here falling on its "hidden side". Adding to the strength of this configuration is the fact that the midpoint of the Mars/Neptune trine, which defines the main body of the planetary pattern, pins itself between these two. Pluto is therefore also brought to a special or pivotal focus in the over-all pattern, balanced, as it were, against the double Moon/Chiron "handle".

The location of the main planetary grouping above the horizon clearly reflects the public interest/concern solicited by the affair, Pluto's central and elevated position showing the extreme intensity of this worldwide focus on the crisis. Indeed

there are few events that have so thoroughly monopolized the global stage for so prolonged a period....the whole while leaving its audience hung in a state of jittery suspense (as the gold market will surely testify!).

That Pluto is in Libra would seem to suggest a special dramatization here of international relationships and global inter-dependencies (quite an understatement!), not to mention a crucial turning-point in the evolution of that most important of relationships between the two super-powers. This balanced against and funneled through our 4th. house handle reveals that it all comes back to a deeper self-confrontation for the nations involved - an ultimate coming to terms for each with its own past, etc. Here too, we have the picture of nations torn between their public image or international role and their internal or national security.

At first glance it seems surprising to find all angles Cardinal, which traditionally teaches us that the matter will pass over relatively quickly. But then we do have 6 Fixed planets (including Chiron) and the major focus or handle of the chart in a fixed sign, itself involved in the chart's only opposition. The cardinal energy, nevertheless, would accurately describe the 'crisis' nature of the situation with its penchant for sudden changeability. Our other focal planet, Pluto, lends his weight to the cardinal emphasis and, considering his placement on the angle's hidden side, we have witness to the many intriguing twists and turns this affair has taken.

Apart from considering the chart as a whole, we can also break it down to get a closer and more comprehensive look at the various parties involved by using certain horary techniques. Since the so-called "students" initiated the crisis they will be represented at the Ascendant, while the hostages per se will be located opposite on the Descendant. Here, of course, it is the whole of the U.S. that is symbolically being held hostage, and so the U.S. as a nation - its government in particular and its people in general - will be shown by the chart's I.C. and 4th house (10th from the hostage 7th). The actual 10th house would thus represent Iran, and particularly its leader, the Ayatollah Khomeini.

The major parties thus established, there are 2 techniques that can be employed, each mapping out a distinct level of significance. The first is to divide the chart into 4 quadrants, with each to represent the more 'static' or subjective state of the given party - its role within the drama, the deeper meaning held for it by the event, the inherent potentialities at hand with which it has to work. The second is to take the ruler of each angle (i.e. the house that rules each party) as the 'dynamic' signifier to show how each party steps outside of itself in order to meet the crisis objectively.

The procedure I prefer when considering quadrants is to take houses 12, 1, and 2 as the Eastern quadrant and so on around the wheel (a Jones technique). In this manner each quadrant, rather than being cut off from the chart angles, is seen to arise out of, and thus encompass, the central axis (and house) from which it gains its basic meaning. (E.g. in natal astrology the 12th of subjective self-sustainment is thereby linked through the Asc. with the 1st of identity, which it buttresses, and the 2nd of personal resources and values, through which the quadrant consummates itself, rather than being grouped with the more social 10th and 11th houses.)

Following in this manner then, what strikes the eye is the preponderance of 6 planets in the top or Southern quadrant (Iran) with each of its 3 houses (9, 10, 11) tenanted, while in

each of the remaining quadrants the emphasis is concentrated on a single house area. And so we get the picture of an Iran caught in a storm of activity and internal confusion, if not downright chaos - all the conflicting interests, the distractions, and the headaches of the Khomeini regime: the hostages, the "students", the economy in a shambles, the various ethnic minorities threatening civil war, the Russians at their back door...

For the other parties, by contrast, the matter is far more clear cut, the concern of each having a more singular focus. What strikes me as interesting here is that we have a cadent, an angular, and a succedent emphasis in the case of the militants, the U.S., and the hostages respectively. Most simply we can view this as a time-related factor - with the militants living in the past (their self-righteous demand to redress old grievances), the U.S. riveted to the present, not only on a day to day basis but, in a broader sense, its suspension at this crucial present moment in its over-all history, and finally the understandable concern of the hostages for their own personal futures - "What will become of us? What is our fate?"

As for the militants, that 12th house Neptune, as might be expected, casts its aura of mystery around them. Who are these people? Are they the idealistic college kids they claim to be, or are they professionally trained terrorists over whom Khomeini himself has no control? Just who do they serve, and what is their real mission in this drama?

The question of the hostages is tricky in another way, since its answer lies wholly in the future (Mars and Jupiter in succedent 8th). There does seem to be a connection, however, with 2 of the 3 other parties, since Jupiter is the dispositor of Neptune (the militants) and Mars the dynamic indicator of the U.S. (lord of its 'ascendant'). Their fate is thus shown as suspended between the actions of the militants on the one hand and the reactions of the U.S. government on the other.

A further inter-relationship exists between the hostages and their government since their dynamic significator, the Moon (lord of 7th), falls in the U.S. quadrant. We might then say we have a sort of 'mutual reception' (not technically, since Mars would have to be in 7th for there to be M.R. by house...and not at all by sign), but the wide square between the two would point to the obstacles at least making very difficult, if not preventing, the realization of their mutually desired goal. There might also be a clash of interests ultimately if the crisis reaches the point where the U.S. feels that its national security dictates that it take a calculated risk as concerns the welfare of the hostages (the 8th house is the U.S. 5th of risks, hazards, gambling, etc.). Mars does show the U.S. stepping outside itself to fight to protect the hostages, but it is also fighting for its national pride (Leo) which is at stake as well.

The Moon as dynamic significator of the hostages in the U.S. quadrant shows that they are wholly dependent, at least emotionally if not in fact, on their government, having little choice but to pin their hopes exclusively on its initiatives. A couple of hopeful signs as regards the fate of the hostages are the locations of the North Node in the 8th along with Mars and Jupiter and of the Part of Fortune exactly on the Descendant.

Another encouraging note is struck by the trine, though wide (11°41'), between the significator of the hostages and that of their captors (Moon/Saturn). A time span of 11½ weeks (converted from 11°41' into a measure of time) brings us to Jan. 25 which, as I write this, just so happens to be tomorrow. In tonight's news there were reports that U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim may be close to working out a package that will

lead to the release of the hostages, along with rumors that the militants are displaying signs of fatigue.

Actually, a number of factors seem to be converging simultaneously, for it was also today that the Ayatollah Khomeini was hospitalized with an ailing heart (note afflicted Sun in his house, the 10th!), and tomorrow is the day that the Iranian people will elect their first President. These two matters owe more, however, to the fact that Pluto is presently S.R. (Jan. 26) on the M.C., but the coinciding of this with the directed trine may be hinting that the power shifts currently in motion will prove beneficial to the hostages ultimately. (Incidentally, the day that Pluto made his exact transit over the M.C., Dec. 2-3, marked the 2-day referendum during which the Iranians voted in Khomeini's Islamic constitution that made him, in effect, supreme ruler for life.)

It is in the U.S. quadrant that we find the chart's primary focus or Handle, so that while the world's attention is fixed on the drama in Tehran (and now Afghanistan), its ultimate concern would seem to be the stand that will be taken in Washington or the U.S. **response** (Moon keyword). The closest aspect to this double handle (the closest in the chart, in fact) is the exact opposition **from** the Sun (in symbolic application to the other 2 because zodiacally earlier), clearly depicting the intense confrontation here and the challenge presented **by Iran** to the U.S., with fixed signs to show the stubborn insistence of each party that its demands be met, resulting in the lengthy deadlock, and the fact that it is basically a matter of pride and fundamental principles where each is concerned.

It is fitting that we should find the Sun and Scorpio to represent Khomeini and the Moon in Taurus the U.S., for he has apparently been exploiting the situation both to consolidate his power and to extract his revenge, while the U.S., so far at least, has been characterized by its patience and restraint. The Taurus/Scorpio axis also reflects the predominantly economic nature of the warfare in which the two nations are engaged.

One keyword I've been using for Chiron is 'integration' - the coming together of many diverse factors into a cohesive whole - and it has been emphatically noted that not since WW II has the U.S. public (Moon) been so united in will and purpose (fixed signs again). The crisis has also acted as a powerful catalyst in bringing about an abrupt end to the post-Vietnam/Watergate era, helping as nothing else has toward 'healing' (Chiron) that deep national wound.

Because of Chiron's special role in linking the intra-Saturnian system with the 'higher-octave' planetary realm, the 'integration' he symbolized is also a matter of bringing one's higher ideals to square with one's practical reality or everyday self-expression. The inward-turning significance of the chart's only retrograde planet would point to the need for a 'searching of soul' on the part of the U.S., here bringing home (4th house) the fruits of a policy of endorsing highly authoritarian regimes, such as that of the ex-Shah, without the least attempt to persuade democratization...a policy belying a greater concern for its own strategic and security interests (albeit a valid concern) than for the individual human rights of a whole people.

Aside from the more obvious opposition between the Moon/Chiron and the Sun is the previously mentioned 'balancing act' between this double handle and our other focal planet, Pluto. We might call this the chart's hidden or 'invisible opposition', and my personal feeling is that Pluto, although having proved to mark the truly significant developments within the Iranian power-structure, can also be taken to

One could argue, I suppose, that Russia's invasion of Afghanistan is an entirely distinct matter that should not enter into the consideration of this particular horoscope (and certainly it would help to have a separate chart for the actual invasion). But in the chess game of power politics events such as these are undeniably inter-related. Even if the Russian move was not directly or entirely an outgrowth of the Iranian situation, it was certainly facilitated by the factor of U.S. pre-occupation there.

What confirms this theory in my mind is a matter of the timing of events and their correlation with this particular chart. The dynamic signifiers of the two governments involved are Mars and Venus (not surprisingly found in a fixed square). The distance separating them from aspect is $7^{\circ}15'$, and so, by symbolic direction, we can expect **the** major confrontation or show-down between the 2 parties in a time-span defined by that same # (which seems to be working out as weeks in this case). I had been waiting to see what would occur approximately $7\frac{1}{4}$ weeks after the take-over, which brings us to Dec. 25 - the exact day of the Russian invasion! Since Venus is lord of the M.C. and dispositor of Pluto, it would seem to suggest that the government the U.S. is really at war with is that of the Soviets, which has, of course, become overtly the case since Christmas.

The other 2 outstanding planets in this chart are shown by the close conjunctions of Uranus to the Ascendant and of Neptune to the 2nd house cusp. Uranus on the Asc. would obviously signify the unexpected current trauma that has jolted the U.S. into a new awareness, drastically transforming, or rather reawakening its sense of identity. Neptune, though certainly showing the economic worries, uncertainty, etc. of

CHARLES HARVEY
 Kent, England
 January 30, 1980

Despite the labours of **Recent Advances** there is still a wealth of material buried in such old worthies as **Modern Astrology** (which began back in 1890 under the title **The Astrologer's Magazine**), not to mention Charles Carter's **Astrology** started in 1926 and still going strong.

This is the kind of project that would be of immense benefit to the whole astrological community and one in which we hope all the leading organisations will be able to share. I will let you know of the details as they shape up. At the moment we are thinking in terms of opening a **subscription list** for all those organisations and private individuals who might be interested. Any profits from the sales would go back to the organisations whose journals were being made available in this way.



JOHN McCORMICK
Bloomfield, NJ
POOR JAYJ IS DEAD!

Whence comes this **Maxine Fiel**? Surely her tofu must be laced with potent, heathen, brandies and her milk with the steaming blood of angry tigers. This is no Maxine...this is a Diana!

I am not certain what poor Jayj did to stir the lady so mightily but I rejoice that it was he and not I who invoked her wrath.

The lyrical intensity of her criticism moves me strangely and, were it not for the grey hairs that belie so youthful a passion, I might suspect that a late infatuation had overtaken me. (Spare me any gratuitous jokes about Momus and Pappus!)

A single abrasive note sounds in her early recourse to the masochistic and paranoid mutterings of Jung...a recourse that more and more astrologers find increasingly hard to resist.

It may be eminently correct that I abhor murderers because I perceive in myself the seeds of their sin but it is the **act** of murder that disturbs me more than any anti-social urges and tickles of my own.

Emerson, too, begins to grow tiresome but, in Grandma Sweeney, we may have opened a new well of sprichtworten to liven our discussions and spice our commentaries.

I regret that the sometimes Maxine has vowed to hang up her gloves. I long to hear more of her stentorian crescendo of outrage as it rises above the sullen obligatos of her victims.

Jayj Jacobs has given little evidence of a glass jaw and I doubt not that he will rise from the canvas newly imbued with the killer instinct, ready to fight, and intractably opposed to permitting his adversary a gracious withdrawal.

In any event it has been gratifying to hear language used to communicate its speaker's feelings rather than to deny that she has any. Meanwhile I'd like Maxine to know that she can put her pen in my inkwell anytime at all and that her name has been added to the brief list of people whose utterances I think I can understand.

BOOK REVIEW by MARY FRANCES WOOD, Lynchburg, Va. Carolyn R. Dodson, RISING SIGNS, Nashville, TN, Nashville InstaPrint, Inc., 1979, 111 pages, \$8.00 plus \$.75 postage.

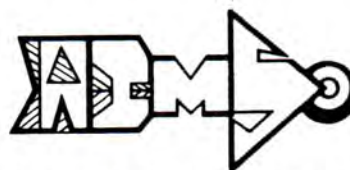
On the cover of this book is the statement that **RISING SIGNS** is "a compendium of trivia on each of the signs of the Zodiac as they appear on the ascendant of the horoscope." True - it is trivia.

Ms. Dodson has grouped the signs by quality - cardinal, fixed, mutable - and has attempted to describe the characteristics of each sign both in regard to psychological and physical traits. I disagree with her in this respect; I do not feel that one's appearance is determined by one's natal chart, but rather by one's genes. Whether you agree or not about the physical traits, this is a superficial treatment of the signs. You'd do better to buy Linda Goodman's **SUN SIGNS**, which is a lot cheaper, and is based on sound astrology.

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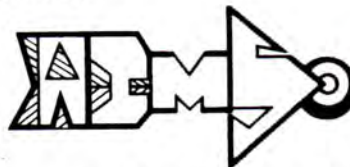


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MARION MARCH

Encino, CA

Jan. 31, 1980

The Regent Hotel, Nadi, Fiji - Stopping off 2 days on my way back to the U.S.A. It's 105° outside and the humidity is 99% - not really my cup of tea. I'm sitting in a very pretty, and thank God, air-conditioned room and thought I'd jot down some impressions of our New Zealand and Australian trip before I forget them all.

After a very long (17 hour) flight from Los Angeles to Auckland, a bunch of tired astrologers was picked up at the airport by **Donn** and **Leone Forrest**. Though we were at the height of summer (equivalent to our July) New Zealand was having a delightful cool spell. [With plenty of rain - Edith.] Auckland is a friendly and pretty city with much British influence still noticeable, especially in the flora. The New Zealanders seem a lovely and gentle people. I found them helpful wherever I went, including a three day trip to the South Island. Breathtaking scenery down there, reminiscent of Switzerland and Scandanavia.

Our group of 8 American and 1 Canadian lecturers was very well received. We were just different enough to have something special to offer to everyone. **Edie** wowed them with her after dinner speech, despite some language differences. Believe it or not we all speak English but except for the root similarity we part ways very quickly in accent and meanings. The word "root", by the way, means something totally different, as **Eleanora Kimmel** found out the hard way! **Chris McRae** also put her foot in as did **Edie**. [Nothing small about the way I do things. I did it during a radio broadcast for Air New Zealand. I thought the announcer was having a heart attack. **Chris McRae** was in the next radio booth and was listening and watching and she couldn't imagine what happened to the announcer - the expression on his face was really something to see! He quickly asked if I "would please explain what I had just said - astrologically!" Edith.] **Donn** and **Leone** worked very hard to make the conference the success it was and the astrologers coming from their school are extremely well trained. The college facilities were adequate though very spread apart. Guess some of us are not as young as the students who usually attend.

Our Australian trek was a bit different. The University where the convention was held is very beautiful and relatively new - but unfortunately not very clean and also very stuffy. Sydney in summer is very hot and humid. Some of us had been forewarned by friends who live in Sydney and were staying in a very nice motel that was air-conditioned and close by the University. The astrologers present seemed less well-trained than the New Zealanders and also a less attentive audience. As in Auckland, we had plenty of TV and radio coverage. **John Hawkins** and I made the 7 P.M. TV news, **Joyce Wehrman** got page 2 coverage in the Sunday paper and **Edie**, **Carolyn Britton** and myself had several radio interviews. In fact I had one in German which was fun. Sydney is a great big melting pot (a bit like N.Y.) with a large Italian, German, French and Greek population. They have an "ethnic" radio station which broadcasts in 41 languages.

Sydney is one of the most beautiful cities I've ever seen. A mixture of San Francisco, Seattle and a bit of Rio de Janeiro, but a large and cosmopolitan metropolis. The British influence can still be felt. Their beaches are beautiful, their "bush" is really a forest of Eucalyptus trees and other low greenery. We did lots of fun things like petting Koalas and feeding

Kangaroos, touring the stunning opera house, searching for the perfect opal in Sydney and the perfect Jade in New Zealand. We all felt kind of close after 2 weeks of togetherness so far away from home and I think we all look forward to being together again in August in New Orleans. All told it was a great new experience.

Some asides: A delightful habit of both New Zealand and Australia, there is NO TIPPING. Should you get outstanding service and 5% or 10%, you get a big smiley "Thank You". Since both countries are of more recent British descent than the U.S.A., the food is accordingly English and dull, but there are some marvelous exceptions. New Zealand has great venison. Queen Victoria sent some deer over, these lovely animals multiplied til they were such a pest that they had to kill a certain amount every year. They also have delicious smoked eel, a Dutch import, and their Crayfish (a type of Lobster) is really great. Australia has fantastic prawns and very good local fish, especially John Dory, and Whitefish. [And a fish they called Baramundi that is out of this world. Edith.] They also have the biggest and best oysters. With all these goodies and the starches they fed us at the college and University - you're right, back on a strict diet!

T. Pat Davis sent us an article from the Sentinel Star of Orlando, FL. It was written by Joy Newman of the Chicago Tribune. The article contained some information that I think more and more of us are becoming aware of. The following is a short excerpt from the article. T. Pat's note with it reads, "This is verifying what my Aquarius has always "known" and I think it is of vital importance to astrologers."

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An excerpt from the above mentioned article....."Food allergy, says Dr. Thomas Stone, is often the real cause of problems that we variously label as schizophrenia, autism, depression, manic depression, neurotic compulsion, hyperactivity, phobias, and a whole host of other diseases, including diabetes, arthritis, certain cardiovascular problems, cataracts, senility, and even cancer.

"The conventional viewpoint in medicine - and I practice conventional psychiatry as well - is that the person comes in with a symptom, whether it's depression or a headache, and you give a drug to alleviate the symptom," Stone says.

"Now, what I'm saying is that our technology has reached a point where it's possible to get at or close to the cause of many illnesses. It has been my experience that many of the illnesses that are treated symptomatically, where just the symptoms of the illness are treated, are caused by nutritional deficiencies and-or immune deficiencies or allergies. In other words, many of the conditions that are treated with drugs to alleviate symptoms could actually be cured if the nutritional deficiency or the allergy causing it were recognized."

Stone says practically all the patients he has treated by what is known as the orthomolecular approach, which he has been using for approximately five years, have shown evidence of some allergic reaction or deficiency, and he believes about 80 to 95 percent of patients with psychiatric complaints could benefit in some way from his kind of treatment.

In essence, his approach involves taking patients off foods they have reactions to, making up nutritional deficiencies with supplements, eliminating any secondary infectious processes, and supplying supportive psychotherapy."

EILEEN NAUMAN

Lisbon, OH

March 26, 1980

Re: **Bob Jansky** and his AFA proposal (April '80 edition).

I do not feel it is productive to any astrologer or a volunteered lecturer to refuse to speak at the up and coming AFA convention to be held in New Orleans. I can only give my opinions on Bob's proposal.

To boycott the convention is, in my mind, cutting off our nose to spite our face. I feel one's **attitudes** should be examined on the above point. My attitude toward or about AFA is:

1. It survives - better than any other organization we have thus far put together. Because it survives does not imply it is "best"; everything can stand change (constructive) to benefit the paying members.

2. AFA has been extremely helpful in my personal requests for medical/astrological information for our computer project which Tom Sidebottom is running in Palo Alto, Cal. N.C.G.R. (I've been a member for 7 years in both organizations) has been VERY unhelpful - and their supposed to be a full-fledged research society!

3. AFA gave me a chance to substitute at the Las Vegas convention - a new, untried, unheard-of, no-name. I spoke at Atlanta and have volunteered my services for New Orleans. This type of willingness on the part of AFA has helped to mold my opinions of them. They welcome newcomers.

4. Upon my personal recommendation, AFA has allowed to newcomers the chance to speak at New Orleans: **Jeff Green** from the state of Washington and **Carole DeMott** of Virginia.

5. My letters and/or requests have been answered promptly; I wish that sort of efficiency existed in other organizations I either presently belong to, or have in the past.

A long time ago, I felt pretty fortunate that ANYONE who was an astrologer, would take the time to answer my questions. I made a promise to myself at that time that if I ever got the chance, I would reciprocate in turn. My attitude towards astrology differs from Bob Jansky's in this area. I see the convention as a chance to "pay back" for all that I received along the way. Those who gave willingly and freely to me should not make me demanding to those whom I serve.

Like Bob, I also have traveled extensively over the last 4 years. And, like him, the costs to travel and lecture are inhibitive UNLESS an organization pays our way. Where money is made is from doing chart-work on the road; be it natal, medical or whatever the astrologer's area of expertise. What we may forget or overlook is: not everyone is within a region where an organization resides or, may not have the money to attend **at that time**.

AFA conventions create an atmosphere where, for \$45.00, one can get 5-7 days of mind-blowing information. I know several people who purposely save for 2 years just to make the convention and forego regional activities because of the quality of speakers presented at AFA. **[I would think the cost of attending is more like \$500 to \$600 for most people considering the expenses involved! EDITH.]**

My personal feeling is: astrology has helped ME a hell of a lot and I don't mind giving "free" time/travel/food bills once every 2 years BACK to the people who pay to belong to AFA. I think they deserve speakers who willingly come and give their very best. And, as Bob pointed out, we speakers get new dates because organization people come to listen to us and then, if they like us, will book us for a future tour. We DO make out on the deal, I have to openly admit.

We must keep in perspective that we're talking about: a one-week event held every TWO years. I could see getting paid for my time/travel/lecturing if it were every month, 6 months - but TWO YEARS???? Come on! I feel I owe it to the AFA - I pay my dues, I EXPECT their help (and have gotten it 100% and, I also benefit from going to conventions to LISTEN TO OTHERS - I never feel so sure of my knowledge that it can't be broadened or deepened by others.

So, I go to AFA conventions out of purely selfish reasons, too: I learn. Sure, it cost me money to go - but everyone else who is there to listen has paid, also. I guess one way to settle this is: AFA pay for lecturers but then, lecturers would be few. Every organization has its financial limits. I don't see how expenses for 100+ lecturers could be incurred and still operate AFA in the black.

It goes back to an old saying I remember and live by: nothing is fair in this world. Sure, as a lecturer, I'd like NOT to have to pay my \$45.00 (I could trade that in on the lectures I did...) when I go to the convention. But then, I stop to think that that \$45.00 may pay for postage, research, printing costs, advances to writers on manuscripts being bought by AFA - in essence, I will be repaid through various means by AFA; although, it may not SEEM apparent on the surface nor at the time.

I don't believe in undermining the basic structure of AFA or astrology, for that matter, by saying: "I quit...I'll show you...I'll be conspicuous by my absence and that will FIX everybody and the Board will listen!"

The ONLY way things get truly FIXED is to sit down like level-headed, mature adults and work at a solution that is equitable. Maybe, if enough lecturers feel as Bob, then **MH** could give the address of a chairman who would begin a petition for such a proposal and present it at the AFA Board meeting to be held at New Orleans. I once turned the city of Minneapolis on its ears back in 1970. I was outraged by the crowded bus conditions and long waits that had to be endured in -30 to -60 below weather. By myself, I got up a petition; rode every bus on my route - took it to my city council. And didn't you know - the City of Minneapolis had 3 lawyers there to try and drown me out with legal jargonese. Needless to say; I won.

Now - if one person can turn a city of 700,000 around - what can those concerned astrologers do about this injustice to their status (they feel) by AFA? Bob, if you really feel strongly about this - I'd like to see action on it through the membership meeting in New Orleans? What say you?? I believe in constructive change from WITHIN; not pot shots taken from the outside WITHOUT worthy solutions to replace the "old" way of doing things. Nothing gets changed for the better (as far as I'm concerned) through bleating, haranguing or behaving like a revolutionary. I HAVE seen change (slow as it may be) come from adult behavior, care and concern on the part of all interested parties. I guess the ringer to this is: care without ego-involvement. Compromise MUST be utilized. As I said, life is very unfair and that is a REALITY. If we are realistic, this situation must be approached with realism, practicality and tenacity. **[Elaine - you have got to be kidding! People spoke their minds in Vegas, things were voted on and accepted, and then changed once the conference was over. The members have nothing to say in this organization. It is all up to the "Board?" EDITH.]**

You make the statement: "Is it fair for any lecturer who travels extensively (as I do) to lecture for many astrological groups to vary their fees from one group to another..." First, I

would guestimate that maybe 5% of the astrologers "travel extensively" as lecturers. We're in a very SMALL minority comparatively speaking to the rest of the astro-population. I guess if that 5% walked out on the AFA convention, we'd still have a strong contingent of speakers left...on a personal note, most of the professional I know in other career areas ALL end up donating free time to some THING every once in a while. They take it as a matter of course and write it off on their business expenses and collect from IRS the next year...

I feel you've brought up an important point and one that SHOULD be properly addressed through the proper ways and means at our disposal. I do not feel one should be conspicuous by one's absence - but rather, address the issue forthrightly and within those means that the AFA will respond to.

By-Laws CAN be changed. However, one must question him/herself that if the change is made, what else will it affect in doing so? I worked long enough in corporate law to be aware of the ticklish balance that one by-law influences another. I believe AFA's greatest concern would be losing their tax-free status. And certainly, it is worth all members to consider this point. A paying corporation has a lot higher financial pressures than a tax-exempt one does such as AFA. What would the members be willing to COMPROMISE IN ORDER TO PAY the lecturers in part or fully for their services?

I think it ought to be investigated and opinions heard. What DOES AFA mean to you? What do YOU expect from it? What has AFA done (or not done) for you? Again, I feel personal attitudes towards an organization shade what we expect in return from it. In my case, I feel that AFA not be saddled financially with my travel/food/hotel costs. However, it WOULD be nice to have the \$45.00 lifted since we are working at the convention. However, putting THAT into perspective, I consider it a \$45.00 donation to AFA every 2 years plus my yearly membership dues help keep it going. I use AFA; it uses me. It also depends upon WHAT you expect from AFA. Maybe your expectations are idealistic, ridiculous, unrealistic, selfish, manipulative, political, practical, realistic, unselfish??? What? You tell me.

One thing for sure, in closing (with Leo rising on the AFA chart) one had best approach AFA with the deference due it. Leos can be dealt with positively.

CAROL CHISUM

Thackerville, OK

I was surprised to see my "little" and "stuffy" piece - of course I was proud of it, and have been teased unmercifully because my pride was such that I had written the whole book.

To Donna Shaw, p. 16, 24th Ed. Yes, when the tr. Moon and tr. Sun are in the same angular aspect as the natal Sun and Moon.

But if I were you I would check the primary directions to see if there were any aspects to planets in the 5th, (as aspects to the rule of the 5th) to determine if there is to be a 5th house matter coming up.

Madamme Hix - in one issue I noted you seemed rather frustrated in your attempts to predict children's sex before birth. I believe I would work at the time the aspect became exact than to figure on one's recollection of when conception might have occurred - and another thing the female egg survives 12 hours, the male sperm 2-3 days. So it could give you an error of 3-6 days (depending.) So I feel that the chart (providing it is accurate) with the transiting aspect becoming exact is or would be better for determining sex of the child.

For those of you who work for a living [don't we all?] I thought you might find this rather true and also put a little different perspective on a supervisor!
EDITH.

WHAT IS A SUPERVISOR

If he is pleasant, he is too familiar;
If he is sober-faced, he is a sourpuss;
If he is young, he doesn't know anything;
If he is old, he is an old stiff.
If he belongs to a lodge, members expect favors.
If he goes to church, he's a hypocrite;
If he doesn't, he's a heathen.
If he drinks, he's an old souse;
If he doesn't, he's a tightwad.
If he talks to everybody, he's a gossip;
If he doesn't, he's stuck up.
If he insists that the rules of the plant be kept,
he's too particular;
If he doesn't, he's careless.
If he looks around, he's snooping;
If he doesn't, he's unobservant.
If he tries to settle all complaints, he must have
the wisdom of Solomon;
If he worries about them, he'll soon be crazy.

He should have the patience of Job, the skin of a Rhinoceros, the wits of a Fox, the courage of a Lion, be blind as a Bat, Silent as a Sphinx. He must know all, see all, say nothing, but solve everything.

JUDITH MANCUSO

No. Olmsted, Ohio

Jan. 6, 1980

I must say, I've used the NADI SYSTEM to check for Daylight Savings Time in areas that were uncertain. It has worked out for only ONE of the times so far (never both) in the charts checked. I don't know if it **could** work out theoretically to both times or not.

Edith, found your 'Age Growth Patterns' (Jan. '79 Ed.) correlates to significant years in my life to the sign Saturn is in natally. I know this is not what you were looking for but frankly, I found this interesting. Why would it work out that way? Does it work like that for anyone else? Surely my chart can't be the only one.

Thanks so much for MH. I love it. Yes, you can get Mercury poisoning and it settles on the brain.

Enclosed is copy of Dr. Sam's birth certificate. I hope that takes care of him once and for all. [B.C.: reads 5:30 a.m. - Samuel Holmes Sheppard. Dec. 29, 1923, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.]

PAT OSBORNE

Ventura, CA

March 22, 1980

Your MH is just too much for my old Capricorn heart to assimilate quickly, but that old Aries moon keeps me trying! You stimulate my Aquarian Venus quite nicely, thank you. If I could only find that Magic Pill to relax the Virgo decanates on my Sun and Mercury, why I'd dash off a few tidbits I'd like to share with you all. The alternative might be to set up one grand conference call on our brains and support Papa Edison for eternity.

Til then, I love ya'.

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LORRAINE T. WELSH

Needham, MA

Jan. 21, 1980

Maybe you will include my name in your Astro-Twins file. I was born Aug. 4, 1928 at 5:20 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time in Brooklyn, New York. It would be interesting to compare notes with a time twin to see if there are any similarities in our lives, although I have failed to find any parallels with persons with whom I went to school who were born the day before. Nor have I been able to identify with twins born that same day and delineated by Noel Tyl in his "Teaching and Study Guide to the Principles and Practice of Astrology", pp. 386-399, under a section on Rectification.

But perhaps I am not being honest with myself and there are similarities that I refuse to see. I always find my own chart hardest of any to deal with...I can read the obvious, but there is so much I keep hidden, even from me. Also, I cannot prognosticate for myself with any degree of accuracy, as I tend to predict (for me only - I am optimistic with all others) only gloom and doom, none of which ever occurs, fortunately. My life seems not to have the dramatic highs and lows of others, or perhaps I do not react to those peaks as others do. I am content, but questing.

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Feb. 17, 1980

I'd love to complete my MH file. I need issues 1 through 10, 15, 17, 18 and Extra issues 1 through 3.

Also I need "Astrology Now" issues 2, 3, 4, and 6 of Vol. I. I will buy them or trade my duplicate "Astrology Now" issues 5, 7, 8, 10 of Vol. I and issues 13 through 16 and 20 of Vol. II.

LOUISE DONEE

Alpine, CA

Believe it or not, my car, a small camper, got "hot-wired" on Feb. 29th, the eve of the Lunar Eclipse and full moon in Virgo.

Fortunately, Jupiter (conjunct the Moon) came to my rescue (approaching car's loud horn) scared the thieves and alerted a neighbor.

I guess it figures - Saturn and Mars in Virgo are still bugging me. I have Sun, Mars and Venus in Sagittarius.

JOHN McCORMICK
Bloomfield, NJ

TO WHOM DOTH HE TE DEUMS SING?
(THAT WAS NO LAITY - THAT WAS AL H. MORRISON!)

In the April '80 issue of the **MH**, after a cautious reaffirmation of the leonina societas intimacy he enjoys with the more scholarly of the Jesuits, **Al H. Morrison**, now garlanded with the Laurels of Academe and amply larded with the Chrism of Rome, goes on, in his next sentence to deny Christ and, in discreet parentheses, Moses with the off-handed indifference one might hold in reserve to reject unwanted second-helpings of liverwurst.

Thereby freed from the suasions of both Testaments he reflects upon a matter of genuine importance that even he cannot put aside casually. He accuses 'somebody else' of having 'taken a swipe' at the Void of Course Moon and he is moved to respond.

"Nobody of any competence", he begins, courteously, "ever said that 'nothing will happen' while the Moon is Void of Course. What was said was that people act without thinking to a greater extent during such periods and often **nothing constructive comes** (the emphasis is mine) of a business or material decision made during such a period".

Whether the phrases 'nothing will happen' and 'nothing constructive comes' are not sensibly equivalent is a thought-provoking question. Surely Mr. Morrison will not insist that the 'somebody else' to whom he attributes the first of these intended to deny that the Sun would continue to shine, the rain to fall, the breezes to blow, nor Mr. Morrison to indulge his passion for finding fault.

I think it is fair to take the phrase to mean that 'nothing...(of consequences)...will happen' which differs hardly at all from Mr. Morrison's 'nothing constructive comes'.

Within the limits beyond which the resources of argument prove unbecoming we might, fairly, examine what others (whose competencies have never been questioned) have had to say about the Void of Course Moon, but, rather than tarry among the monkeys, let's move directly to the organ-grinder!

Al H. Morrison, whose love for humanity matches that of the Klingons and whose Samaritan urges approximate in benevolence those of Rumpelstiltskin had the following to say on Aug. 21, 1978.

(From Kosmos, a quarterly publication of the International Society for Scientific Research, Vol. VIII, No. 4, Summer 1979 quoting Mr. Morrison's lecture at Los Angeles on Aug. 21, 1978)

Q. Have you made any observation of what happens when a person is born on (sic) a Void of Course Moon? I have a student who was very disturbed about this.

MR. MORRISON: "YES. THOSE PEOPLE ARE A SPECIAL CLASS IN THEMSELVES. THEY HAVE A BREAK IN THEIR ORGANISM, AND EMOTIONAL DISCONNECTION, A DYSFUNCTION; AND IF THE PSYCHOLOGISTS EVER SORTED OUT THE VOID OF COURSE MOON PEOPLE, THEY WOULD ESTABLISH A SPECIAL CLINICAL ENTITY OF NEUROLOGICAL PSYCHIATRIC DEFINITION FOR SUCH PEOPLE. WE WOULD ESTABLISH SPECIAL SCHOOLS AND COLONIES FOR THEM TO LIVE IN..." The rest is devoted to a sales-pitch for a monograph on the subject.

Well dash it all! It's hard not to admire the Olympian directness of the man. Get the silly bastards off the streets!

Tuck them away with the loonies! Put them in colonies!

We must not be unkind. Mr. Morrison unaffiliated as he is with any of the neighborhood Gods, owes no fealty to the Judeo-Christian morality that, although it intrudes upon our convenience at times, remains the unique source of our ethical identities and of our proudest convictions, and restrains us from limiting further the opportunities of a multitude already benighted by the break in their organism....but Mr. Morrison is not subject to the same scruples.

The image of this Pagan Prince cavorting in Jovian abandon before the walls of the New World Molokai he has raised up from the dark recesses of his paternal concern surely must give us pause.

How reassuring it will prove for the inmates to peer out into the real world and view their Cap and Bell Messiah, rubber lance at ready, defending them from the imminent threats and vagaries of a world beyond their comprehension and from those imperceptibly vague but vicious windmills that inhabit the antic Disney World of Mr. Morrison's merry-andrew imagination.

Let us pray together that he will be moved to repudiate his past, disavow this unseemly ambition, retract his slanders, recant his heresies and post with haste to either the Font or the Mohel whereupon, having espoused Faith, he may hope, thereby, to restore to pristine whiteness the stained and tattered fabric of his immortal soul and to bring, at the same time, understanding and wisdom within the spitball-range compass of his cold, cold, heart!

DONALD MacDONALD, Jr.
Newport Beach, CA

Was Morris Udall's birth data listed in one of the old issues (1976) of **MH**? I'd like to get it. (He was one of the Democratic presidential contenders.)

JANICE M. HAMILTON
Brookhaven, PA

The 25th Edition was as great as usual.

To **Irene Stephenson**: I am enclosing the birth info on a personal case, for your reincarnation study. Male child born: Nov. 3, 1964, 2:15 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, Philadelphia, Pa. (39N57 75W11). Source: Mother and Birth Certificate. Same Male child died: Sept. 16, 1968, 5:55 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, Yeadon, Pa. (39N56 75W16).

Reborn as Female. Sept. 14, 1977, 6:25 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, Yeadon, Pa. (39N56 75W16). Source Mother and Birth Certificate.

When this child was a male, he was 97% deaf, he had to undergo "programming" for exercise. When reborn to same mother, child would automatically do these exercises on her own. She even looks like her (his?) old self.

To **Richard Nolle**: Enjoyed Expressway Astrology tremendously. (By the way where can I get that "Help Stamp Out Virgo" bumpersticker!)

To **Paul Hellyer**: The best I was able to do for birth data was the days and not the time or place for your stars, all according to "The Circle Book of Charts".

Graham Greene: Oct. 2, 1904. Nat "King" Cole: March 17, 1919. Tony Bennett: Aug. 3, 1926. Joni Mitchell: Nov. 7, 1943.

Can anyone tell me why every time Mercury goes retrograde I get a traffic ticket, (I do the same thing every day of the year, but only get the tickets during retrograde periods).

Keep up the good work (great work to **Edith** and gang).

PHYLLIS CAMPBELL

Rockford, IL

March 28, 1980

Perhaps someone in MH land would like John B. Anderson's birth information. I wrote for our local paper (an Astrological daily prediction column) and they wanted me to write an article on John B. Anderson. They asked him directly for his birth information and this is what he told them. John B. Anderson, Feb. 15, 1922, 8:55 p.m., Rockford, IL.

For those who are researching health charts, here is Male, born Aug. 13, 1949, 10:15 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, Smithtown, Kentucky. He learned in Nov. of 1979 (he didn't remember the exact date) that he had Hodgkin's Disease, which is cancer of the lymph glands. It was questioned and tested in Aug. '79 because he was being doctored for an ulcer. He still has the ulcer. He has two children, and has been married twice, is still married to second wife. He is in management for a large Insurance Co. Am interested in another astrologer's interpretation of this chart.

The same day a Female, born April 16, 1924 at 2:55 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, in McKeesport, Pa. came to me and she had Guillain Barre Syndrome in 1974. The "nick-name" for this disease is French Polio. This disease paralyzes one from the toes to the top of the head. No cure, just time heals, if that. Doctor had to do a tracheotomy and pushed the tube too far into the throat and has caused damage to the walls of the windpipe. She has had pneumonia six times since then. She also mentioned she had a bone disease. She is married and has five children. Her mate is head of an insurance company.

By the way, the male's chart wants to have first son live with him. He is going to appeal to his ex-mate by letting her know of his disease, hoping that will coax ex-mate to let son live with him permanently.

I am going to do a live breakfast show with Larry the Legend, WZUU Radio, Milwaukee, Wis. on April 1st to an audience of 400 people. I will do mini horoscopes for them. If all goes as planned, George Bush, Ronald or Nancy Reagan, and maybe Ted Kennedy will be there. Am hoping to talk to them and get their birth information. (I realize that Ronald Reagan and Ted Kennedy's birth information is available.) [but no positive time on Reagan - Edith!]

MH gets better with each issue, glad to be a part of it.

TRACY MARKS

Arlington, MA

April 4, 1980

Tracy Marks has written a lengthy article on coping with the Neptune/Saturn square (as it has been influencing planets at 18-24 degrees of mutable signs) - an article which we are unable to print because of its length. She has therefore offered to send a free copy of the article to readers of the MH who send her an SASE with their request. Box 252K, Arlington, MA 02174.

RUTH HALE OLIVER writes to say she has moved from Hollywood to:

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JACOB SCHWARTZ

Philadelphia, PA

Guess what? Temple University finally OK'd a 3-credit Astrology Course which started tonight (Jan. 22, 1980) with 15 students. A beginning at least.



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By

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This was purely a physical attraction. They both were sexy and needed to indulge themselves (100% physically compatible). They had nothing else in common.

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JOHN McCORMICK

Bloomfield, NJ

March 1980 has been a costly time. Within days we have been deprived of two of our most cherished ornaments.

Marc Edmund Jones passed into history and now, while the terrible thunder of that event continues to reverberate, he has been joined by Dr. James T. Hayes.

Were we to riffle casually through the pages of centuries our eyes could not escape falling upon four names: Ptolemy, Lillie, Leo, and Jones. Marc Edmund Jones is a legend. More than any other individual he has formed the fabric and structure of modern astrology and there is no facet of the art that has not been improved by his touch.

Dr. James T. Hayes was a gentle, scholarly man. He was a teacher with few peers. His genuine good will shone through all he did and it is a source of pride here in Lynchburg that he thought of us as friends.

Neither of these men lacked for recognition. The world understood its debt to both of them and the usual rewards of outstanding ability and well-deserved respect have been theirs.

As their orphaned pupils, we grieve in their absence, a measure made great by the value we placed upon them while they were with us. In this respect we have no cause for regret. There is some comfort in the thought that neither could be in better company.

CHARLES A. JAYNE FOR THE DIRECTORS OF ARC
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NOTICE: Astrological Conference on Techniques [A.C.T.]

A.C.T. will be held as an adjunct to the Biennial National Convention of the A.F.A. this year at New Orleans from August 3rd to 7th. It is sponsored by Michael Erlewine, Robert Hand and Charles Jayne. The emphasis of its speakers will be on: A. RESEARCH, B. COMPUTERS, and C. ADVANCED TECHNIQUES. A group of distinguished speakers has been invited, but we have been limited since only two rooms are available to us. The papers of those who are unable to attend will be published in a Special Edition of the COSMECOLOGY BULLETIN (II, #3 in the New Series) that will be available at the Conference. A number of our speakers have already accepted. Hopefully we shall have a large screen so that we can demonstrate just how a MicroComputer can aid an Astrologer. For additional information write or phone **Michael Erlewine** at his new address: 315 Marion, Big Rapids, Michigan 49307. Phone: 616-796-2483.

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SPECIAL REPORT: Excerpted from COSMECOLOGY
BULLETIN II, #2 [February 1980 - #10-11 series]

NCGR held a special meeting on the weekend of January 26-27 at the home of Dr. Kenneth and Joan Negus in Princeton, N.J. A group of some 20 Astrologers worked very hard under Sonny DelMonico, Educational Director. It was the most impressive performance by Astrologers that I have observed in my nearly 50 years in Astrology. In August 1979 nearly 50 Astrologers had created a four year Syllabus, which when implemented will do much to raise standards in Astrology. Our task was to devise the Tests at the four levels. The final development will occur in September 1980 on Cape Cod when the fifth and Professional level will be completed. Just before that weekend there will be a Master Class for 5 days on Astronomy for Astrologers at bargain rates under Steve Blake, Michael Erlewine and Robert Hand.

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[Cosmecology]

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UPDATE ON MURDERER T. BUNDY

Some new developments have arisen which those keeping a file on the multiple murderer, Theodore Bundy, will find of interest: a third death penalty, marriage, and offering a plea of guilt in exchange for life imprisonment.

May 31, 1979: The Florida execution of a convicted murderer on May 25th and a new governor not averse to signing death warrants provided the catalyst for Bundy to

appear with a signed confession of his guilt in the murders of the two Tallahassee coeds and twelve year old Kimberly Leach. He tried to trade the confession for a sentence of life imprisonment to avoid the death penalty. It was almost accepted until Bundy was said to have "muddied the waters" by claiming he was being "unduly influenced" by his attorney. Because this claim could have opened his case later for an appeal, the negotiations were discontinued by the state attorney. Nevertheless, before the cameras and in the courtroom Bundy dramatically maintained his complete innocence of these murders. (Prog. Moon 20°20 Aquar.)

Jan. 21, 1980: After the prior week was spent impaneling a jury in Orlando, Florida Bundy's trial for the kidnapping and murder of Kimberly Leach began at 9 a.m. She was abducted Feb. 9, 1978 in Lake City, Florida at about 3 p.m. and later found murdered and with evidence of repeated sexual assaults.

Feb. 5th: Carol Boone applied for a marriage license to marry Bundy. She stated that they met in 1974. The application was denied. She has been hovering around Bundy since his Florida trials began. Bundy's mother did not attend this latest trial.

Feb. 7th at 2:04 p.m. Eastern Standard Time: The verdict of the Orlando jury was announced - guilty of kidnapping and murder in the first degree. (Prog. Moon 28°48 Aquarius)

Feb 8th: Through subterfuge and finding a sympathetic female notary with the authority to perform marriages, Bundy and Carol Boone were married in the courtroom as the jury gathered to decide on the sentence they would recommend to the judge. It happened in such a manner that no one comprehended what was happening until the notary declared a legal marriage had been made. The jury was not swayed but brought in a recommendation of a death penalty a short time later. (Bundy's progressed MC opposite Moon; progressed Asc. sextile Venus and square Uranus ruling his Aquarian 7th house; progressed Venus conjunct Mercury and square natal Ascendant; progressed Moon in the 7th; transit Uranus square Ascendant.)

Feb. 12th: The judge agreed with the jury and announced the third death penalty Bundy has received in Florida. It is unlikely that the state of Florida will extradite him to stand trial for the rape and murder of the Michigan nurse killed in Aspen, Colorado on Jan. 12, 1975. The repeated trials in Florida, after he had already been convicted, are the state's way of assuring that he will not be released in later years.

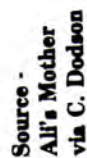
Bundy born: Nov. 24, 1946 in Burlington, Vermont (44N28.5 - 73W12.4) at 22:35 Eastern Standard Time. Data from certificate.

SENTA COHEN
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I think I mentioned previously that I have acquired a personal computer, and I am in the process of compiling a file of charts with reliable and documented birthdata. At the moment I would like to have all the information I can get on famous and infamous persons. As time goes on and I accumulate a good file, I'll be happy to send lists of this file (or specified parts of it) to anyone interested if they send me an SASE along with their request.

I am sure there are others who have taken this exciting step toward enhancing research work in astrology, and I'd love to hear from anyone who'd like to share their ideas and data. My address is above.

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UNFOLDMENT OF THE SELF THROUGH NATURE AND THE ZODIAC

By Claudette Olson
Auburn, MA

Wisdom and understanding begins when one seeks out the inner beauty within his being which illuminates in love as his radiance begins to unfold.

He then envisions in all of nature splendor and beauty within the nature of his very soul.

In the daisy he no longer sees just a mere flower but the splendor of each petal spreading itself in love for all to enjoy.

He sees real beauty glow and radiate from its golden center as it holds each petal in perfect unity, and he knows without that center giving of itself there could be no petals to enjoy.

He envisions the stalk saying so proudly, "See the beauty I hold above me so that it may shine forth in all its glory, and yet I know I am a part of that beauty."

He sees in this that God desires us as much as we desire him and that God in all of nature gives to us abundantly of his beauty and includes us in his plan. God is the center of the daisy, and we the children of God are the petals. We too can become unique, beautiful and in full bloom.

By seeking that center, then we are part of that center and that center a part of us.

It's like the Zodiac with the full circle and the dot in the centre (Θ) with the twelve departments of life which must unfold in order for us to become whole and one with our Creator. We must experience and understand each sign and house and what it entails before we can become one with God our Creator and radiate in golden splendor.

BATES McCLEAN
West Chester, PA
Jan. 16, 1980

Have you ever met 2 people separately, no relation whatsoever, and yet they look so alike or remind you so strongly of each other? When I set down their planets in the signs - there seems to be a strong relationship as to element. E.G. not necessarily a preponderance of the same sign, but of the same element. Many earth signs might be shown, one might have a lot of Capricorn and the other a lot of Taurus, but the same element will be emphasized. It is interesting to set down their planets to see how close you come to matching preponderances of elements.

"MADAME HIX"
Wilkesburg, PA
Jan. 22, 1980

To Madame Retrograde from Madame Hix:

Regarding your wittie and wonderful article, "Skylab Through The Houses (p. 25, 24th Ed.) I am still in stitches.

In return for this bright spot in my day, I would like to offer you a substitute that can be edited only by Edith.

The Three Houses that Skylab missed:

2nd.....FINANCES

3rd.....COMMUNICATIONS

9th.....LONG JOURNEYS???????

Skylab through the Second House: You spend all your survival money and usually wind up with a mountain of obsolete junk!

Skylab through the Third House: Your computer-like mind is very active and you are able to control the actions of others, even skylab itself, but, alas, only for a short period of time!

Skylab through the Ninth House: You may be almost certain that there will be a pit stop when you decide to have a honeymoon on the MOON, but URANUS could have made a conjunction, and caused your reservation at the Hotel (which you made via direct line (or other satellites)) got lost during a void of course Moon. And you will be frustrated when you find you've gone all the way for nothing!

Post Script:

I wonder what will happen when one of our Voyager Rockets fall on some unsuspecting planet (Pluto perhaps) and the residents will have no warning because we don't know whether they exist.???

Post Post Script:

There is nothing retrograde about your marvelous sense of humor. It was a delightful article, and I, for one, hope to see many more like it from you in future issues of MH.

If you are Mr. Gregg Castellucci..... "Way to Go, Gregg!"

We got a kick out of this in the office and decided to share it with you. I have a feeling we have all shared one of these days somewhere along the line. EDITH.

HOW TO TELL WHEN IT'S A BAD DAY

You know it's a bad day when:

You want to put on the same clothes you wore to a party and there aren't any.

You turn on the morning news and they're displaying emergency routes out of the city.

Your boyfriend runs off with your clone.

Your boss tells you not to bother taking off your coat.

You jump out of bed in the morning and miss the floor.

The bird singing outside your window is a buzzard.

You wake up and your braces are locked together.

Your horn goes off accidentally and gets stuck when you are following a group of Hells Angels on the expressway.

You put both contact lenses in the same eye.

You walk to work and find your dress stuck in the back of your pantyhose.

You call your answering service and they tell you it's none of your business.

Your husband says "Good Morning, Sue" and your name is Mary.

Your blind date turns out to be your ex-husband.

Your income tax refund check bounces.

You wake up to discover your waterbed has broken, then realize you don't have a waterbed.

You put on your bra backwards and it fits better.

Your only son tells you he wishes Anita Bryant would mind her own business.

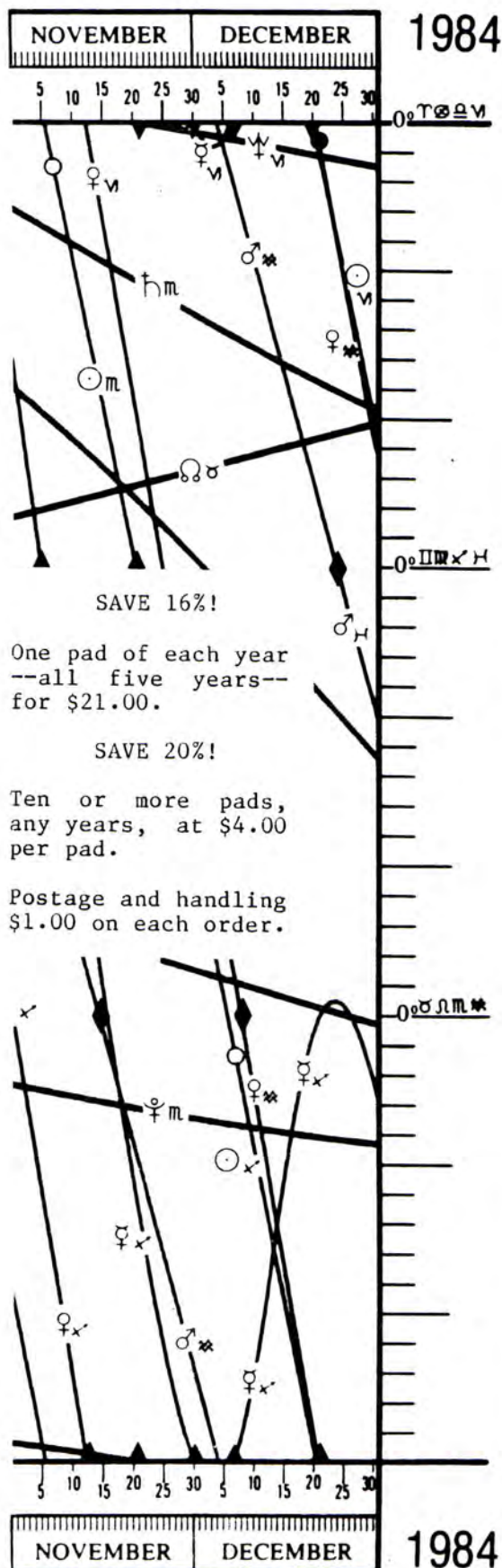
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New York, NY
Dec. 28, 1979

Teresa Weed (Jan. 7th Extra edition) p. 64: Happy that you, too, find that Saturn often brings major changes in life, but I would not say that it is always psychologically restrictive in the natal chart. Often it is quite the opposite. It may indicate restrictive circumstances which temper the character and struggles which can either make or break; it depends on the individual and how he or she meet such challenges. I, too, have found it very democratic, giving often a 'live and let live' attitude. Personally speaking, Saturn has almost invariably brought significant changes in its aspects to my natal planets.

Re the rulership of Pluto, I incline with Rudhyar towards the Aries rulership. I have Pluto rising and an Aries Sun and find my Aries planets very harmonious with Pluto who, incidentally, is my most beloved planet. I find your description of him very insightful; Pluto is 'a loner' and I never found him to be aggressive; he does things on his own, but is not misanthropic.

Bill Gordon (Jan. '80 Extra edition, p. 5). I get the feeling that you confused what I said with something somebody else said about retrograde planets, (I have a retrograde Jupiter) because you will get absolutely no argument from me, since like yourself I have never yet come across anything in available literature which convinced me or aroused my interest. Nor do I go along with the intricate 'reincarnational' theories of such placements. And certainly I have never attributed any "squashed" (your expression) influence to retrograde planets.

Re your remark about "empty houses", I was referring to the absence of a given element in a chart and quoted "Occult Astrology" by Major C.G.M. Adams, because I have often come across charts which corroborate what he wrote.

Judith Gee (Jan. '80 edition, p. 40). Say hello to Charing Cross Rd. and all those wonderful second hand book stores for me; unfortunately during the short time I was in London, I never had enough opportunity to browse in them. Thanks for the address of Warkins. I shall certainly write and ask. I understand that Adams wrote several other books and found one here second-hand...a slim little book entitled "Fresh Sidelights on Astrology".

Now to **MH** people in general: I have cast this bread-bait on the waters already several times, always hoping that it will return to me buttered, but so far have come up with no takers:

I hope that 1980 will bring forward someone who, like me, is interested in Mutual Receptions and their influence (I have four such placements, so naturally I have something of a proprietary interest), in the Asteroids (will that lovely lady, **Eleanor Bach**, please stand up?), in Minor Aspects (which are not at all minor once you get down to the nitty-gritty); the more exact they are the more astounding they become; and those intriguing UNKNOWN PLANETS of which Charles Jayne has given us tantalizing glimpses. With the little that is available about them I have come up with some very interesting things...How about it, **Mr. Jayne**? (I refrain from the more familiar '**Charles**' because we met only once and for a few seconds only several years ago.)

And last but not least...is there anyone who has done work with the Planetary Nodes??? I know that **Shirley Meier** of Shelburne, VT, wrote something about them (5th Extra edition, April '78) and hope she will find time some day to enlarge on them again. There is so little available about them...a little by

Zipporah Dobyns and a little by **Ivy Goldstein-Jacobsen**, but I don't know about anything else.

Lillian Celic: How is the research on rectification coming along? Have you made any headway?

If I may voice a wish for 1980: I hope that **MH** space will be taken up with more astrological exchange than with bickering and feuding, because this or that reader takes umbrage at something this or that contributor writes. As a forum and 'stock exchange' for astrological trading **MH** is too valuable to be wasted in such idle pursuits.

MARGY LEE ELSPASS

West End, NC

Jan. 2, 1980

Patricia Learmonth - July '79 - the captions for the joggers were funnyyy!!

About **John McCormick** - Just have to add my 2 cents. He probably wouldn't recognize me but I was in two of the same astrological societies that he frequented in New Jersey and John came over strong and intelligent. Also from a woman's point of view - a teddy bear. Keep up the banter John, it makes people think.

I love the goings-on of the Scarlet Cockerel. Also glad Hemetros has disappeared from the pages of the **MH**. I am definitely "for" all Occult Arts but an Astrology Magazine should be just that!

Edith - as a professional artist, I can tell you, whoever added that hairy, lopsided, out of proportion Uranus to your well designed new cover was not the original artist. I bet the cover designer cringes every time s/he sees the added symbol. Take the design back to the original artist; s/he will gladly put the Uranus in the composition in the proper size, style and place, so you will again have a professional cover. [I added it since the original artist is no longer around! You'll just have to grin and bear it. **Edith**.]

Moby Dick - Glad you explained your Matrix Interpretation Charts. I saw them advertised and thought "who needs them", but after the explanation - I think I probably could use them.

Edith - How about more pictures of the astrologers? Maybe each contributor could send you a picture for your files. The pictures help me to know and associate with the articles and I'm sure others feel this way too.

William L. Roberts - 7th Extra edition, p. 64 - The Higher Self Charting works like a charm for my chart.

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Nov. 19, 1979

First of all I've got to thank you for the best astrological publication I ever read. The **MH** is really great! Thanks Mercury, I can write to you and get some fresh information. You're doing a beautiful job!

In Sweden we have no magazines and only four books, except the sunsign books, so your help is really of great value. [I wrote and asked Bo if there are any books they would like to have. Perhaps one of us has a book or two we can send over. **EDITH**.]

What about astrology and diet. Is there anybody out there who knows what food to eat according to the natal chart?

COLLEEN GAUTHIER

Houston, TX

Dec. 12, 1979

You want to hear about the researches going on, right? You want to hear how it really is, right? Well, if you want to hear nothing but nice/optimistic/instant success/etc. things, you don't want to read any further. Just about the time you think you're really 'right on' - along comes one, your waaay off on.

Ex. - Homosexuals and Lesbians. Few years back, thanks to a lot of help from others, researched them (continue to add to those researches) - It is asking far too much of me (or anyone else), to pass those 'findings' on - let alone publish them! We (in Houston) are LOADED with them - all types - I don't care/want to be another Anita Bryant - nor, heaven forbid, another much worse fate. They were not BORN 'homo' or 'les', you know - the medical world has proven that to be a fact. Enough said - that research has to lie dormant - for the time being, at least. **[Don't know if I agree with the medical world on that! EDITH.]**

Blood sugar problems? How TRUE the data is/was, in '75 Windows', I don't know, **Edith**, all my time/work/energy/etc. on that research was a total waste. **IF** I had read 'Mega-Nutrients' (H.L.Newbold, M.D.) BEFORE attempting that research, wouldn't have bothered. Any ole how, NOW, I'm researching the few that have NEVER had blood sugar problems - rather, diagnosed as such.

Remember when I wrote you about the 'extra rib' people (according to article one parent is from outer space)? Well, I set out to find/conduct a research on those people. Several weeks ago, a lady from way up North was in Houston for a few days - was told about me/my researches - and came to my home, to discuss her extra rib with me. Boy, Edith! I was going to show you! By the way, her mother also has an extra rib. ALSO, conducting a research on all the babies born with 6 fingers on each hand (far more of them than the general public is aware of). Well, Edith, all you did only gave me more vim/vigor/umph! Then, last Sun., Dec. 9, 1979, my husband was reading the newspaper and CASUALLY remarked, "Do you know 1 out of every 20 people have an extra rib?" - I could have killed him! Husbands being the way THEY are, he just couldn't TOTALLY keep a straight face as I jerked the paper from him - to read it for myself. That's what it said. IF I were a 'crier', I would have flooded us out, with my tears. No, dear, I didn't throw out all my work on it (nor, my husband).

And, Edith, that's the way it goes. Six years ago, did a research on drug addicts - from all angles. Same time as one on Epileptics. IF I published the **facts**, many would say/swear I'm being negative (how come the truth/facts/reality are called negative/pessimistic AND theories/lies/etc. are called positive/optimistic/etc. - haven't figured that one out, yet).

Potential Fulfilled, Vol. One' and 'Vol. Two' - by Priscilla Gilbert - are another 2 good books - first one, all 14 died as a result(s) of accidents. Second book, all 14 survived (some involved in same accidents as first book) and she includes all their natal charts AND 'Tertiary Directions' charts AND 'Secondary Progressions' charts. Each book was priced at \$4.90 - a year or so ago. Yes, there are some small errors in them (as in almost every book?). To me, 28 more data added to 'Accidents' research. Really interesting books and think ANY Astrologer - on ANY/ALL levels - would want them to read/study and in their library.

Edith, does anyone out there in **MH** land have Maurice Wemyss' 'The Wheel of Life' volumes? I have Vol. II (2) - would LOVE to have the other volumes! ALSO - 'Science and Key of Life' by Alvidas - I have Vol. III (3), IV (4), V (5) - would love to obtain missing volumes - if at all possible.

You know, Edith, when I read in **MH** what some Astrologers write, I am so happy I had the first Ast. teacher I had - she didn't have ANY degrees, at the time, but she was a

G-O-O-D Ast. teacher - IF any one didn't know how to ACCURATELY work up a data, it sure was NOT her fault, in any way. Some dropped out of her classes and went to another one - where they sent off the data to be worked up for them (cost them twice as much, too - the classes). Here they are, bragging how many years they've been in(to) Ast. and still, can't work up data (nor much of any thing else). How would you like to have one of them building a home for you - no foundation - weak walls - they want an enormous penthouse, on top of many stories (of nothing)? Consistently, I tell them all the same story - get a good 'foundation' FIRST and then, take it from there.

TERESA WEED

Walnut Creek, CA

DIALOGUE WITH GOD

Lord, I said, "Is it wrong for me to care so much?"
"No, only to be selfish," He said.

Lord, I said, "I seem to keep saying "I know" to everything you tell me." "I know," He said.

Lord, I said, "I won't do it! I've made up my mind."
"Your what?", He said.

Lord, I said, "Please don't let me make a damn fool of myself this time."
"I have my fingers crossed," He said.

Lord, I said, "He is a man of rare perception."
"You mean he agrees with you," He said.

Lord, I said, "I wish someone would love me madly."
"Will you settle for mildly?", He said.

Lord, I said, "What can you say in the face of so much sorrow and pain?"
"I love you," He said.

Lord, I said, "I'm not as stupid as I seem."
"You could have fooled me," He said.

Lord, I said, "Why didn't I leave things in Your hands?"
"You keep forgetting," He said, "which one of us is God."

Lord, I said, "That was great! Though I didn't deserve it."
"I know," He said, "be my guest."

Lord, I said, "Did you have to hit me so hard?"
"At least I got your attention," He said.

Lord, I said, "How can you be so patient with me?"
"I have a sense of humour," He said.

Lord, I said, "I've been praying and praying for this and you haven't answered me."
"Can you take "no" for an answer?", He said.

Lord, I said, "Please let it happen this way."
"I work better from my own script," He said.

Lord, I said, "I got it all together. I'm ready to cope."
"Lottsa luck," He said.

Lord, I said, "It's been an interesting experience."
"For me too," He said.

Author Unknown

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Oct. 1, 1979

Jim Hayes: I have the same date for Sam and Marilyn Sheppard: Beatrice Redding in AA July '57 states both as B.C. (Cindy DeLee rectifies Marilyn's time to 8:49 a.m. Eastern Standard Time). Edith, the 6:28 a.m. time for Sam is given in Penfield Collection as B.C.

Henry Jackson at 3:30 p.m. Pacific Standard Time came from Kenneth Irving in AA July '76. Jansky in "Here and There" gives 10:46 a.m. PST, from "Astrological Guide to the Presidential Candidates" by Leek.

Joan O'Neil: The LD/ACD will vary 6 months between calculations made on a midnight or noon ephemeris. As secondary directions are for one day = one year, a half day = a half year. Noon is a half day later than midnight, ergo, the LD, using a noon ephemeris is 6 months later than the LD using a midnight ephemeris. No problem as long as you do secondary directions on the same type ephemeris as that one on which you did the natal math: however if you do natal with one time reference and progressions on the other time reference, the LD must be reevaluated, or you're off 6 months.

Rose Sansone: I adored the birds for sun signs, only I would interpose two of them. Gemini should be the Robin (who cocks his head and cries "Look at me, I'm the early bird and guess who has the news!") and Libra of course, the Love Birds (who are billing and cooing and huggin' and kissin' and all that stuff.)

Judith Gee: Thank you for your addition of Begin's date, of the time "c. midnight." With your calculation of Mars at 11 Gemini, apparently you're presenting this as corrected to New Style - can you confirm this? Don Borkowski in AA March '78 gave Aug. 16, 1913 OS = Aug. 29, 1913 NS.

Terrell Adsit: "Arafat, The Man and the Myth" by Thomas Kiernan, 1976, states on p. 33, "Mother went into labor Aug. 26, 1929; a few hours into the morning of the 27th she prematurely delivered..." P. 23 states, "There is no absolute information on his place of birth, a cousin says he once boasted of having all official records in Cairo destroyed to underscore his born-in-Jerusalem image." I'm still hopefully waiting for the data you said you'd send after going through my "Dirty Data" book, as I'm continually cross-checking everything I have and adding more.

Phillip Lucas: We have a few contradictions on data. Though I respect Luc DeMarre highly, I must add what I have -

Alfred Dreyfus: Constellations 1977 gives Oct. 14, 1859, 5:45 a.m. Local Mean Time, Mulhouse, "from his wife as quoted in 'L'Echo Du Mervilleux' Vol. 4, p. 429, pub 1899" quoted by Breen. "Penfield Collection" quotes the same data from Gauquelin. LMR cannot locate it in Gauquelin. "Brittanica" give Oct. 19, 1859.

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Marlene Dietrich, Church of Light quotes the B.C. "lost in war rubble, records found in East Berlin registry office, photostat forwarded to West Berlin" of 10:08 p.m. Middle European Time.

Pablo Casals, Church of Light quotes "Astrological Review" "from him", a time of 11:00 p.m. Local Mean Time. "Penfield Collection" adds that "Jansky gives 10:45 p.m. while "Pablo Casals" by H. Kirk simply states "late at night." McEvers quotes Jansky at 8:43 p.m. Local Time.

Ingrid Bergman: Aug. 28, 1915, 3:00 p.m. Middle European Time, Stockholm, Sweden, 18E03 59N20. Data: Luc Demarre quotes Hans Genuit in "Das Neue Zeitalter" Jan. 4, 1948, p. 10 "from birth records."

Alfred Adler: (Sorry, only Dirty Data) Feb. 7, 1870, 00:15 A.m. Local Mean Time, Vienna, Austria, 16E20 48N13. Dewey quotes Ebertin in MH July '76. Terrell Adsit quotes Rhudyar at

2:00 p.m. LMT. Davison in "Synastry" gives 1:58 a.m. ME'T.

Mick Jagger: July 26, 1943, 6:30 am. Double British Savings Time, Dartford, England, 0E12 51N27. "Circle" #1278 gives the date from "Mick Jagger" by J. Marks. Holliday quotes the time "stated in an interview with him" in "Scavullo On Men". Penfield Collection gives 9:45 p.m. DBST as "personal".

Edna Rowland: Did I ever need you in 1977-78 with your collection of female charts! I wrung my files dry to come up with 500 public-figure women for "Profiles of Women". I'll be eager to hear your review, as data is such a volatile subject, and I'll want to correct and publish any validated corrections. You're certainly right that all our publications contain a minimal token representation of women; that's what started me, as well as you.

ROBERT COLE

Santa Cruz, CA

April 11, 1980

My thanks to Al H. Morrison, Jim Lewis, Sally Cotton, Alma Chapin, and Edith Custer. With their assistance, I have become more aware of my spontaneity and my tendency to criticize without proper investigation. I must apologize for any bad feelings which have been generated by such hasty commentaries.

I also want to ask the readership for response in regards to this question: "Has anyone done any work with the Pluto/Neptune Shift?" Pluto abdicates rulership of the solar system every 250 years to Neptune. In Jan. 1979 Pluto moved within the orbit of Neptune and it will be there until March, 1999. Historically I have traced this phenomenon's cycle over 33 times into the past. I have found that all of the great ages of enlightenment and renaissance are incredibly coincidental with the Pluto/Neptune Shift. Any references mythologically, historically, or artistically are greatly appreciated. I hope to put the material together into a logical argument that proves we are not in a recession but we are in a renaissance.

Once again, I want to thank all the readers for their patience and understanding. Please send any information on the Pluto/Neptune Shift to me at: Astrological Services, P.O.Box 2700 Santa Cruz, CA 95063. I'll respond immediately.

BETTY PEARSON

Reading, PA

These are titles of songs that Johnny Mathis sings and my astrology interpretation that I feel pertains to them.

Why Can't I Touch You	Venus in Virgo Retrograde
More Than You Know	Mercury Conjunct Jupiter In 3rd
I Never Can Say Good-Bye	Moon In Gemini
Story Of Our Love	Mercury in Scorpio in 3rd Or Gemini On 8th
Moonlight Becomes You	Moon Conjunct ASC
Alice in Wonderland	Neptune Conjunct ASC
When You Wish Upon A Star	Neptune In 11th
Misty	Mercury Conjunct Neptune
Evil Ways	Mars Conjunct Pluto In 12th
Twelfth Of Never	Neptune In 12th
Without You	Saturn In 7th
Everybody's Talking	Moon In Gemini In 7th
Life And Breath	Sun Conjunct Mercury
Sing	Mercury In Taurus
Never My Love	Saturn In Virgo In 8th
I Need You	Cancer on 7th
All Is Well	Jupiter In 6th
While You're Young	Gemini ASC

PERSONAL WORK



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Over the years, I've learned to respect more and more the old-time astrologers. Except for their morality, they had much to commend them.

They were brief and they got to the point quickly. They helped people make decisions and they aided greatly in matters of timing. They were often used to confirm what an individual suspected inside himself.

If you have a consultation, with me, you'll find my approach similar. I look for what's most important, most timely and most critical to the situations you're headed into or the course upon which you've embarked. A reading should confirm or allay suspicions. If it shows you something you never even dreamed, there's likely to be a mistake in birth time or calculation.

A reading - just like life - is partly what you put into it and partly what someone else can help you focus on to stick to the most productive course possible.

MARC ROBERTSON & ASSOCIATES

GWYN STONEY & JOAN McCULLA

Sydney, Australia

Wish to thank our many friends through MH, also visitors to F.A.A. Conference at University of N.S.W., for data generously given for our research, using Cosmobiology. **Edith, Lois Rodden, Carolyn Britton, T. Pat Davis, Marion Marsh, Eleanor Kimmel.** Wonderful. As we are solely into research, neither wishing to do professional work; the lack of birth data given in Australia, plus some folks here, reluctant to share anything they do get, makes it a real joy to have such friends.

CAMILLE ADAMS

Bowie, MD

Dec. 14, 1979

Went to Mexico for a vacation Dec. 11th to 18th. Pluto hit Libra M.C. and Montezuma's Revenge hit me!! - Neptune on my Ascendant - Uranus applying my Mercury - Why should I not tell you, I know you would all understand - see the tears - and may I use your bathroom!!

Love you all dearly -

TOM McNAMARA

Ft. Worth, TX

CHIRON AND GROUP FUSION

Part I

These ideas should be considered in context with or as a further expansion of my ideas on Chiron in the April '80 MH (probably - as this is written in January?) and in earlier editions. Hopefully the cosmic timetable is corresponding to these intuitions. May these concepts spark your imagination and I am looking forward to all of us entering these intuitions together.

My apologies if I am not clear - these concepts need more expansion than a small article can provide. I am just a novice - so please bear with me and work these ideas.

The new planetary figure should fit the patterns of these concepts and give some light to the new age. These ideas are dedicated to **H. Eugene Adams**, my teacher who understands the value of discrimination and synthesis, who has put together a pure system of astrology, refined from the extraneous, simplified, beautiful, and complete. Also to **Edith Custer** for her pioneering work of bringing a foundation or forum to the astrological community where such ideas can be nurtured in the soil of growing understanding - a true interconnection of consciousness. Thru the MH we can take each others' pulse and become in a real sense group conscious. And last but not least to all of you, the astrologers who will plant the seed, build the pyramid, design the models and mold the consciousness of the new age.

In the beginning God ripped out his own heart and since the beginning all the parts of that heart have been seeking to grow back together. The secret of love is the sacrifice to regenerate.

The glyph for Chiron is appropriate, with the key (K) over the circle; the whole, the consciousness of the (Son) Sun. It might be a good idea to dot your eye and see the Son (Sun). This is the eye of the pyramid, the philosopher's stone, the secret of secrets, the alchemical wedding, the Holy Grail, the fusion from microcosm to macrocosm, the transcendental octave, the Master Builder, the great integrator, the transcendental love from the smaller self to the infinite whole, the Antahkarana between man and God, east and west, mysticism and science, the bridge of fusion, the seed atom of infinity, love divine.

Enter into the consciousness of each of the planets and realize their relationship to each other as the mandala of consciousness to a higher order. Experiment with these relationships and see consciousness bring it all together. The Chiron paradigm - a grand conjunction of the universal hologram. (See Drawing One).

Getting back to the symbol of Chiron should the glyph use a circle or an ellipse at the base of the (K)? The circle would be symbolic as it represents completeness - the symbol of the Sun. Maybe it should have a point in the center as does the Sun (☉), transcendental self-realization, completion and regeneration to the next higher octave. The elliptical symbol could represent the elliptical orbit of Chiron (if it so be) passing from inside Saturn's orbit (therefore representing the sphere of the classical planets ending with Saturn) and moving out to intersect the orbit of Uranus (representing the modern planets). The micro organization of the individual consciousness thru the classical planets, fusing with the group consciousness, the macro organization of the modern planets - Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto. Acting as an axis between macro and micro, Chiron being the middle point of consciousness, always a triadal relationship of synthesis. Again combining the two - how about an ellipse with a point in the center?

The triadal, the initiate consciousness which transcends duality(life, death, regeneration, the secret of the sphynx. Every divine ratio is built in the pyramid, the universal temple and the master builder of the universe. Ponder the permutations of relationship where the planets form duality, triplicity, quadruplicity, the five pointed star (all points of the pyramid - where all points of contact are points of fusion). Then the combination yielding seven, nine, twelve, and infinite. A mandala of perfection, the permutations infinite from the

simple to the complex and vice versa as the planets move along the lines of the pyramid, their relationships to each other the basis of all life and consciousness. In the totally abstract all knowledge absolute, all time - past, present and future coming together into eternity. Consider the correspondence to all metaphysical principles. The square (quaternary - Tetragram-mation), the triangle, duality, unity - (4, 3, 2, 1, = 10), these being the basis of the universe as shown in Numerology, Qabalah, the ratios of Pythagoras, etc. **The Rays and the Initiations** expounds the infinite transcendent triadal sympathy of consciousness. Chiron is a monadic signature, a resurrection, and a form of God demonstrated.

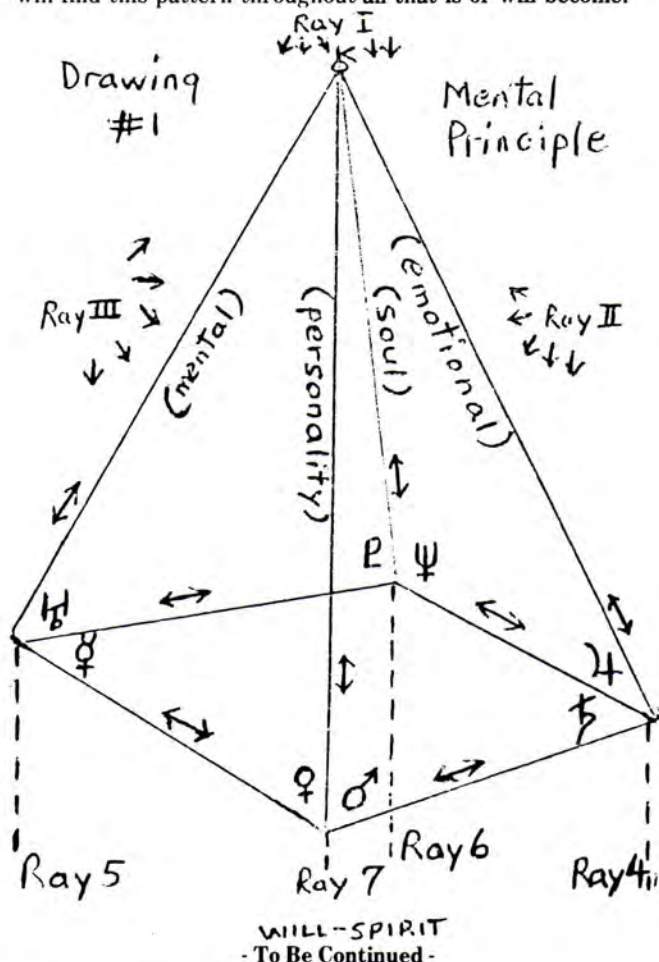
If one were to correlate the four elements of quadruplicity (the base of the pyramid) which are the building blocks of the material world with the triplicities which give expression to their manifestations you will arrive at four times three which equals twelve (astrological archetypes). If you correlate the quadruplicities' nature to its corresponding triplicity you get: fire-cardinal, earth-fixed, air-mutable. This gives three times three which equals nine (the number of initiation). The pyramid has four sides and one quadruplicity would be universal to all - water. I guess you could look at water as the intuition or universal solvent bringing it all together. Scorpio and the eighth house symbolizing the Phoenix rising from the ashes (life, death, regeneration). The regeneration of intuition from the lower psychic nature (lunar) to the higher nature (solar), where the principle of control, or mind is beginning to function. Then the regeneration of the mental nature from the concrete intellect (separative) to the supra conscious (solar) intuition (compassion-wisdom). There is a vast difference from the Atlantean - astral - solar plexus psychic to the Aryan - mental-supra conscious intuitive. For supra consciousness to be born (or to be reborn), the process of mind (Mercury and discrimination) has to be developed. The glammers of intellectual arrogance must be neutralized thru introspection and the astral glammers of psychic predominance brought into abeyance with the developing mental principle.

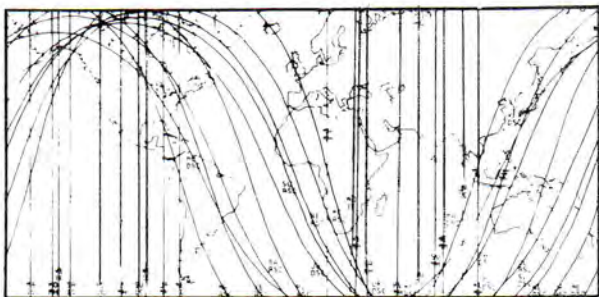
After Mercury has done his (its) thing, then along comes Uranus (Genius) and turns everything upside down (reverses polarities) and explodes the old structure - acceleration and/or destruction. This brings in a new unknown form which is death to the known or established form and to all consciousness that is attached to those forms. As we move into the New Age we will more and more recognize this catharsis. As man with expanding technology, mass media, education, interdependence and specialization reaches the crisis of reality of limited resources, the finite horizon of his material plane and a self-centered consciousness, the problems thereof become magnified. Ecology, oil, food etc. and the dawning awareness that the excessive consumption mentality of the Pisces materialist is doomed - forces new awareness. As the new generation reacts, counter culture and experimental life styles emerge - group awareness and responsibility will force dogma out and reorientation in, consciousness in, with the forces of evolution bringing cooperation and unity. But who knows how much destruction of the old is necessary before the new can be reborn (Unless these days be shortened?). A transcendental not a materialistic consciousness is necessary (spiritual new age awareness) to transcend our dilemma. Come on astrologers - come on Chiron, the transcendental reintegrator.

Notice the relationship of the planets as placed in the pyramid and see how the point of consciousness changes as it moves along an axis (or edge) of the pyramid of varying permutation relative to the other planets. These principles or

planets all supporting the matrix or mandala of the infinite consciousness of the whole. Where the planets meet at the points of the pyramid (five pointed star of man) a fusion takes place where two principles are united simultaneously with a third, and at this meeting all the principles are fused simultaneously (because all the principles have joined at the points of the pyramid) and the whole system transcended to a higher octave (through the union with Chiron).

The exoteric chart (natal) is the mandala for perfection, if you will apply what you **can** know (Chiron). After the exoteric (personality) is transcended, then the esoteric will be clear. The elements will be identified, purified, balanced, unified, sacrificed and transcended. Higher transcendental logic (the logic of infinity) brings the noumenal out of the phenomenal/objective - and the scientific approach must recognize this union as the prerequisite from which to build the pyramid of consciousness to the real purpose behind the manifestation. Instead of the energy of the Astrological Community being used to further divide itself into sub systems of procedure and separative abstracting hypothesis, using the mental muscle to stretch the fabric web of consciousness out into infinite refraction, the energy of thinking must be channeled into a cohesive union - for self reintegration and group integration - and Chiron is the symbol or key to this process. Astrology, as a mandala for perfection on the shifting sands of description, can transcend the temporal nature and expand into the oneness of consciousness in fusion. And the consciousness of the universe itself, proceeding toward self-realization of the whole as it defines its own evolution, you will find this pattern throughout all that is or will become.





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DR. J. LEE LEHMAN
New York, NY
Feb. 9, 1980

To Michele Adler: Recently I purchased a Radio Shack TRS-80 on recommendation from my brother (Libra stellium,

including Sun and Mercury in V, Gemini rising, Aquarius Moon), who has written articles and reviews for BYTE and other computer magazines for several years. I listed the alternatives to him which have good astrology programs currently available (Apple, Pet, TRS-80). He suggested the TRS-80 because of price, indicating that he would only recommend the higher priced Apple (which he uses) for people doing color graphics. He also indicated that it is possible to save about \$70 by installing the 16 K memory chips (16 K refers to the amount of memory - 16 K is necessary for accurate astrology programs) oneself in Radio Shack's Level 11 4 K machine. Since I have ready access to a computer store, I did this - it took about 10 minutes. I've been very satisfied with the TRS-80 and especially with the price. Many of the problems which had plagued the TRS-80 in the past had to do with the tape recorder used for inputting programs, and this has been largely alleviated by their current model tape recorder.

To Coleen Ward: Before I got the computer, I used a \$30 calculator with a memory and a degree conversion key. The degree key automatically converts minutes and seconds into decimal notations. By taking the sidereal time divided by 24 as the correction factor and putting this in the memory for easy access, I could calculate the planetary locations from the daily difference in the Ephemeris about as quickly as the computer does it. What does take much longer is the calculation of the house cusps, the aspects, the midpoints, and harmonics. But calculator charts (minus aspects, midpoints or harmonics) can easily be done in less than 10 minutes with a \$30 calculator.

To Mary Frances Wood: My own natal chart has a Void-of-Course Moon unless you are willing to count on applying semi-sextile (10 minutes) to the asc. I did suffer from one chronic disease - allergies - in childhood, but since I moved to New York City as an adult this problem disappeared. Score one for a health improvement while living in the Big Apple!

To Paul Grell: The point about scientific acceptance of lunar effects raised by the San Francisco Chronicle piece is interesting. During my graduate study in botany, I wrote a term paper for an ecology class entitled "Lunar periodicity in plants," which discussed some of the rather impressive literature on the subject. This topic is relative uncontroversial in the scientific literature. The point at which unbelieving scientists part company with astrologers is on the effects of the planets (Sun effects are also scientifically documented) and whether these effects are amenable to treatment within a 12 division system such as the zodiac. I agree with Bob Jansky's comment that astrology is a technology. It cannot be a science until there are some useful underlying principles about the "force(s)" involved with the interactions we see in a chart. Chemistry did not cease to be the technology known as alchemy until there were some useful ideas about the structure of matter (e.g., Dalton's atom, Boyle's description of gases). Useful in this case means a) predictive and b) testable. We are not near this transition point in astrology. This does not mean that the technology of astrology isn't important in its own right. (Remember that almost all of the equipment and manipulations of alchemy carried over into chemistry.) I might add that many natural scientists (i.e. physicists, chemists, biologists, geologists) do not consider psychology or sociology to be science either, and for much the same reason as the rejection of astrology as a science. Better to argue for astrology's accuracy than its "scientific" value at this point in time.

WILLARD P. SWADBURG, PHD
Ridgecrest, CA

Reference to **Colleen Ward MH** Xtra Ed., Jan. '80, p. 58:
 You do not have to purchase an expensive calculator that does Sexagesimal arithmetic when it is so easy to put everything into decimals. With any calculator that you can buy at a bargain sale, you enter seconds divide by 60 and minutes divide by 60 and add the degrees or hours. As an example: $10^{\circ} : 45' : 25''$. The procedure is $25'' \div 60 + 45' \div 60 + 10^{\circ} = 10.7569^{\circ}$

You can reverse the procedure to put back to sexagesimal arithmetic such as $-10^{\circ} \times 60 - 45' \times 60 - 24.84 = 10^{\circ} : 45' : 25''$.

Now you do not need to do it with a scratch pad, pencil and an eraser. Here is the comparison of the two methods:

By Pencil	By Calculator
$10^{\circ} : 45' : 25''$	10.7569
+ 3 : 20 : 50	+ 3.3472
$13^{\circ} : 65' : 75''$	14.1041
+ 40 : 40	(-14x60-6x60-14.76)
$14^{\circ} : 06' : 15''$	$14^{\circ} : 06' : 15''$

All calculations are by base ten.

For some calculations it is better to use seconds. So with $10^{\circ} : 45' : 25''$ the procedure is $10 \times 60 + 45 \times 60 + 25 = 38725$. Then to put it back to degrees, the procedure is $38725 \div 3600 = 10.7569^{\circ}$.

You can also do sexagesimal arithmetic by using a zero instead of a colon, as follows:

10°	0	45'	0	25''
+	3	0	20	0 50
	13	0	65	0 75
+		9	40	9 40
	14 ^o		06'	15''

You can also subtract as follows:

10°	0	45'	0	25''
-	3	0	20	0 50
	7	0	24	9 75
-			9	40
	7 ^o	0	24'	0 35''

All calculations are by base ten.

As for your chart you do not use sexagesimal arithmetic at all. You eliminate the use of logarithms by dividing the interval by 24 and using this decimal for correction of daily motions. Also you put the signs into degrees with 30° per sign starting with Zero Degrees Aries. As an example 1° Taurus $30'$ would be 31.5° . This makes calculating the Part of Fortune a breeze.

I have just purchased a book, "Calculating Key to Astrology" by Julian, \$4.95 plus a buck and a half for handling. I have written with a pencil a couple of notes and made a couple of minor corrections. It explains in detail all that you would want to know. I would gladly send it to you for what it cost me.

The book that you are looking for could be by Stahl-Allen, "Synetic Point Ephemeris" \$2.00, for tropical to sidereal.

If you are a beginner, there is a free course on esoteric astrology by The Rosicrucian Fellowship, P.O.Box 713, Oceanside, CA 92054. They also have a free summer school at

their beautiful campus, 2222 Mission Ave., Oceanside, CA. This school was established by Max Heindel in 1913. He developed the Calculated Date. They are Christian Astrologers.

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LYNN MULKERIN
WRIGHT INSTITUTE
Brecksville, OH

Wright Institute of Astrological Studies is looking for data on ECLIPSES. In an on-going research, our students are compiling eclipse cycles within individual charts, and are finding the incidence of this amazing transit to "hit" more often than not.

Member-lecturer, Sandy Leigh Serio has found that if the Sun is stronger in a chart, most likely the Solar Eclipse will be effective. If the Moon is the stronger of the two, then the Lunar will score for that person. But how to determine prominence when both seem to be strong?

Wright Director, **Lynn Mulkerin** notes - on that problem, that often a strong square or T-square of one luminary, will outweigh the angular position of the other. Case in point: A 31 year-old woman with 15° Virgo Rising experienced the Lunar Eclipse of March 1, 1980, in 11° Virgo, and which opposed her natal Moon in Pisces, in a disappointing way.

Her Gemini Sun is angular in the 10th; the Moon in Pisces is cadent in the 6th. At that time, she was expecting to buy a piece of property from her ex-husband, (Pisces, the descendant; ruler, Neptune in 2nd.) Venus, ruler of the 2nd, is in the 10th, Cancer and trine to the Moon and she **thought** she would get the property for the price agreed upon.

This was joint property from the marriage, and the ruler of that 4th house commodity, Jupiter, was transiting Virgo at the time and conjunct her natal Saturn. Jupiter was retrograde, as was Mercury, ruler of her 10th and her 1st! The Eclipse also squared her natal Mercury and natal Mercury and Mars - both in Gemini, are square to her natal Moon. (Mars rules her 8th house, Aries - contracts, legal matters and resources of the spouse.) Transiting retrograde Mercury was in 19° Pisces, which squared her angular Sun.

At the last minute - just prior to the Eclipse, her ex-husband decided to hike the price of the property, (Venus was transiting Aries, 8th), and she could not talk him down, neither could she raise the extra cash. The Eclipse here, seemed to divert her bid for self-security - 1st house, through the ex-husband - the 7th, or to abort it altogether. Though I imagine the deal will come up again, if only because Mercury was retrograde at the time, and passing through the 7th house.

PLEASE send any findings on Eclipses to: Wright Institute, 2136 E. Sprague Rd., Broadview Hgts., Ohio 44141. Thank you. [Lynn - Please share your findings with us at MH. Edith.]

Here in New England we don't let any grass grow under our feet. We of the New England Astrological Assn. are planning our program for next year. If any of you plan lecture tours in this area beginning in September 1980, we would appreciate your itinerary so that we could perhaps negotiate a lecture at one of our meetings.

If your itineraries are not as yet planned, please send one when you have the date set, to **Ms. Nancy MacPhee**, our new President, 456 Bedford Road, Concord, Mass.

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TOM PLATT
San Francisco, CA
April 14, 1980

Dane Rudhyar was fine. It was HOT (something rare in SF) and no place to be for a lecture last Sat. (April 12th), but Rudhyar was fine. He said he had natal Pluto in the 6th and his life has been a lot of work, and, of late, poor health. I asked him what his opinion(s) were of the coming Pluto in Scorpio transit. His answer was fairly vague - the most I got was it would be "significant", and like prior Pluto/Scorpio cycles would be seen at the time it was happening as somewhat cataclysmic, but seen as a renaissance about 500 years later. S--! We'll be around for the rough part!

But this I feel most of us in metaphysics know in our guts anyway. Something is cooking. In the "Sun is Also a Star" Rudhyar offers 3 possibilities for the Pluto in Scorpio period: 1) the extra-terrestrials make themselves known, 2) the poles shift on their axis, and/or 3) World War III comes.

On that cheerful note, I'll close!

JUDITH GEE
London, England
Feb. 25, 1980

To the various colleagues with planets 27 Aquarius, the Astrologers degree...Uranus there - **Frances Howton**, is a most original and born Astrologer! And **Joan Abel** with Saturn there, is a most responsible and sincere Astrologer - glad to meet the two charmers! It was not until my Capri Sun progressed to 27 Aquarius that I got seriously involved with Astrology!

I have found 27-29 Leo also interested in Astrology, but in an egocentric way. 29 Leo is the sign and degree of royalty, so the natives are always intent on being the centre of attraction and sometimes very radiant too! I have not known 27 Scorpio being interested and only one 29 Taurus, but not as Astrologers.

Welcome to Isaac Starkman of Tel Aviv and his Chart for Israel. The enclosed chart is the very first chart to be printed for Israel's Declaration of State by Ben Gurion... It is as near definite as possible. It comes from London ASTROLOGY - Sept. - Nov. 1948, Vol. 22 No. 3. The importance of this Israel Chart is that it is the first and earliest of all and was drawn up immediately or within a day or so by C.E.O. Carter...the big daddy of English Astrologers! The actual Declaration of State by Ben Gurion is as given in this Chart and therefore definitive. I think it is authentic and accurate...with Neptune exactly on

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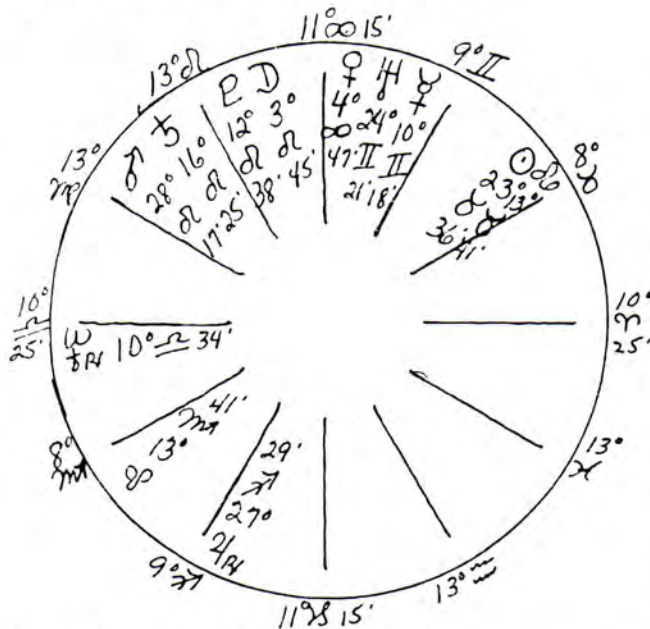
Ascendant, depicting the inspired moment...the later charts are for the times of signing, which had to wait for the various Founders to come...not all were gathered at that time. And the haste of the Declaration had to do with the fact that it was Friday and the Eve of the Sabbath and there was not time to waste...The exact trine of Mercury to Neptune/Ascendant, does show the momentous announcement...nothing else does...a unique moment in Time. The Chart for the previous midnight, when the British gave up their Mandate was for the end of British occupancy, but not for the Israel State, as it was not yet agreed on and declared.

By the way, to throw a monkey wrench into the argument on U.S. Chart - I wonder how relevant it is to your U.S. future (from then on) as the British were in occupation and fighting for the next 30-40 years...they burned the White House in 1816 (?) I do not think this Declaration of Independence, with its chancy time...was the foundation chart of the States. The chart is so inconclusive and not a bit like the spectacular growth of U.S. and its inclusion of so many nationals of different ethnic origins. Cancer/Sun, conservative, property owning chauvinist...It could only be true chart for a limited period...and the unlimited growth of U.S. is not shown in this chart. Cancer/Sun squared by Saturn/Libra...does NOT show unlimited growth and development and originality and genius...it may show the frigid prissy New Englanders, the WASPs...but U.S.'s wonderful quick mentality, genius, good heart (your aid to so many nations)...no! As someone viewing the U.S. objectively from London...the usual Chart of the U.S. does not ring true.

A word or two about the chart for Zimbabwe - comes to being April 17 midnight April 17-18, 1980...Salisbury (Rhodesia) 17S50; 31E2...it has some interesting features...with 0 Aquarius Ascendant (Placidus - Tropical). 28 Libra M.C....and ruler of Ascendant - Uranus/Scorpio in, intercepted Scorpio 10th house. This would show the new ruler Mugabe very clearly - revolutionary, quite powerful. But Uranus in 10th shows sudden changes of rulership and coups d'etat. Uranus is square to Mars conj. North Node/Leo in 7th house...so the ruler is likely to fall to the attack of enemies from other countries. This Mars-Conjunction North Node/Leo is part of a grand trine in fire to Sun/Aries on I.C. cusp and the Neptune/Sagittarius in 11th house. Now the timing is unfortunate. The tidy mind of bureaucrats give the Sun - the rule and giver of light at nadir...so the nation cannot prosper. The Sun/Aries part of the grand trine, includes the Opposition, the enemies and the Parliament. This can mean that there will be war in which the ruler is overcome and knowing the situation, I make a bold suggestion, that the whites will make war and overcome this state. Furthermore, the only good aspect to Uranus/Scorpio in 10th is Saturn/Virgo in 8th...but Saturn is squared by Neptune/Sagittarius, part of the grand trine. Both Saturn and Jupiter in 8th house would show the dependence on money from partners, or other countries and both retrograde, would be delayed and hard to come by. Money coming in, would be spent on unproductive measures...settling the poor and landless, and with Saturn square to Neptune - most of it would be wasted, by corrupt parliamentarians. It would seem from this Chart, that the whites...the Grand Trine would not tolerate their creation being destroyed and with the aid of an enemy nation would take control. Mars-North Node/Leo...Leo rules gold and S. Africa is one of the big gold exporting nations!

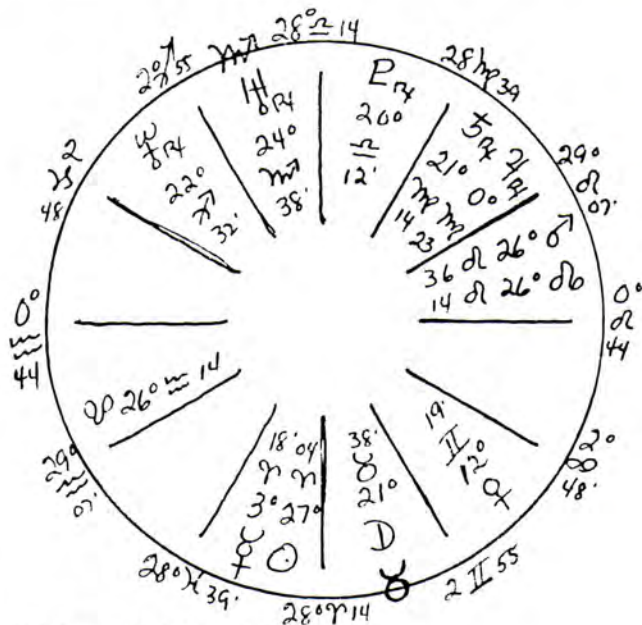
The Leo house - 5th house has Moon and Venus/Gemini...widely midpoint square to Jupiter-Saturn/Virgo in 8th. The women and girls - artists will revolt against the poverty

brought about by change of regime and have no sympathy at all with Uranus/Scorpio, and they come to despise the corrupt Parliament. Mercury/Aries in 3rd, aids the discontent. There are no good strong aspects for progress...this is a divisive chart. I doubt it lasting, with most planets occidental.



Excerpt from Magazine:

The new State was brought into existence by a declaration to that effect which was broadcast (see The Times of the next day) on May 14, 1948, at about 4 P.M. I am informed that 1 hour daylight saving was in operation, so that the equivalent G.M.T. was 1 P.M., and the local mean time (at Tel-Aviv) was 3 hours 20 minutes.



Salisbury, Zimbabwe [Rhodesia]

April 17, 1980, 12:00 midnight

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I have resisted the urge to be selective with the result that there has never been a suspicion of axe-grinding nor censorship leveled at the **Mercury Hour**. Now however we have reached an impasse.

As the number of pages has increased so have the costs of production and the volume of work here at Lynchburg. We simply can't handle it much longer. I am not sure how we will deal with the problem finally but there seems to be little alternative to a discreet editing of some of our letters to keep the **Mercury Hour** from expanding to telephone book proportions.

If that happens you have my personal assurance that the blue pencil will be wielded as gently as possible to shorten a comment without altering its meaning nor compromising its intent. We believe that our success has been a function of an indiscriminate dissemination of opinion and I am determined that any necessary editing will be prompted by length and not by content.

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McCormick, after reading this announcement, suggested that this would be a good place to begin and that I should shorten it to: **EDITING INTRODUCED AT MERCURY HOUR.**

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I received my first issue of **MH** and appreciate it very much. I would very much like you to print a request for me. I am a beginner in Astrology and so my questions will be on that level. I would like as many different replies as possible in regards to Esoteric Astrology. I would like the readers practical methods and systems and philosophical approach to such interpretations, books recommended, etc.

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To Joan Abel: In answer to your comment, two editions ago, I don't know where you got the idea I was an aficionado of facial configurations because the facts of the matter are that anyone who knows me will tell you that I have been a bottom-man for years.

While it is well known that facial features can probably only reveal whether one has a cardinal, fixed or mutable ascendant, I must admit that I have not been able to pin down (or up) this determination at the other end. Although I can say at this time that there are bottoms that could be considered cardinal, if you define cardinality as being something active. There are those that are fixed, or completely supported to the point (perhaps that's the wrong word) where everything moves in unison. And, I suppose you could assign mutable to those that seem to be all over the place.

By now it is apparent that this end of things requires a great deal of additional astro-bottom research and since most astrology conferences are about 80% female persons, I will continue this study and report all the gutsey-tussy-facts as they pass by.

In regard to your comments that I am a sexist in my request for an Astro-Girl of the month fold-out for the MH. I have to report that you are probably correct in your assumptions.

But this is only true when you consider the choice of a male subject, and this brings to mind MH's star boarder, **John McCormick**.

Now if McCormick should be the "Chosen One," the bible (MH) would need a new book of Revelations. At least to **John McCormick**, for I know there are many things that he has felt down deep, that he hasn't seen for years.

And if that doesn't turn you off, picture, if you will, a blown-up picture titled, "Baby John - in the buff - on a bear skin rug."

JIM LEWIS

San Francisco, CA

Words about the Candidates' ASTRO*CARTO*GRAPHY maps and the election:

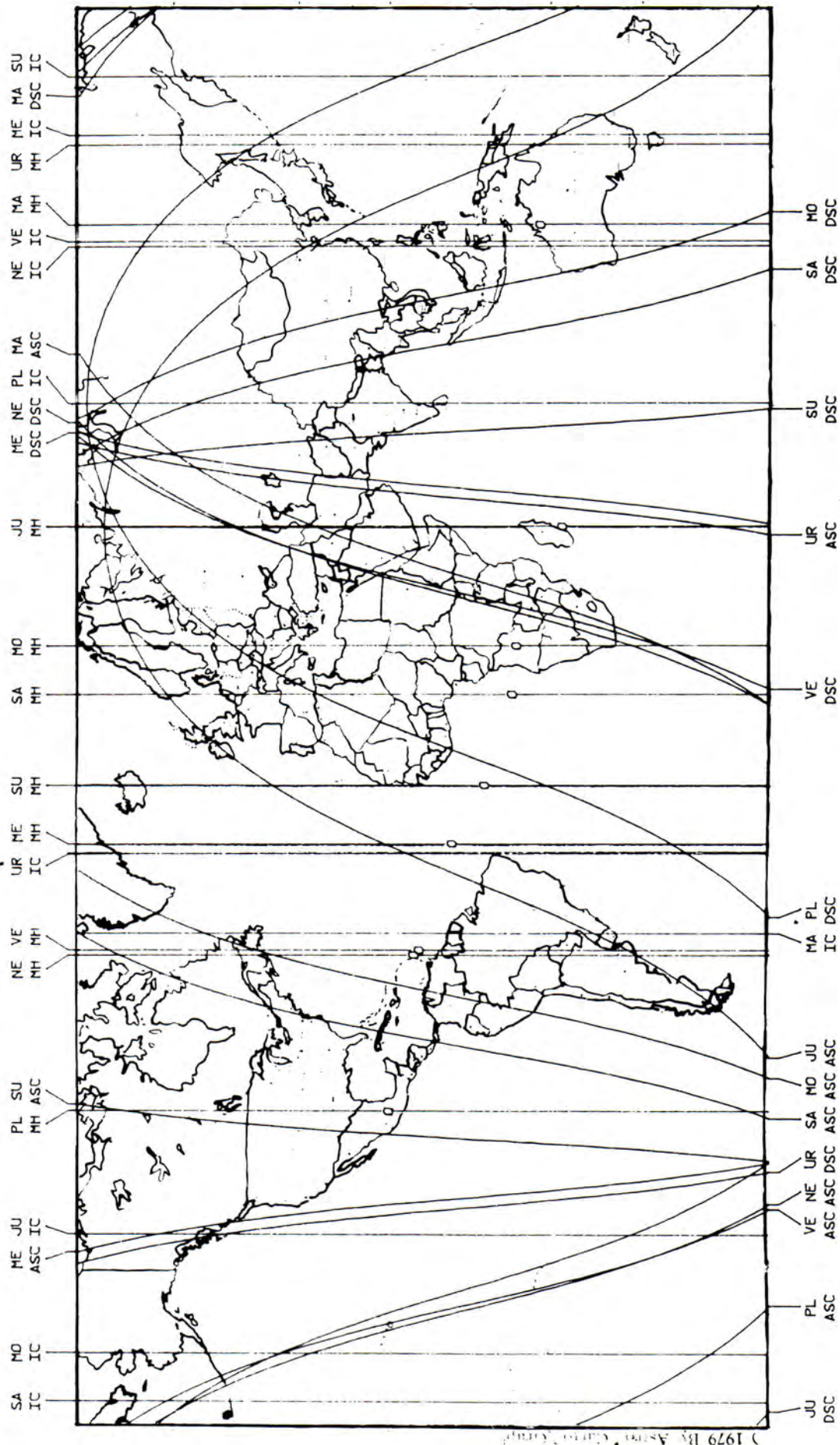
While no one likes to go on record with a definite prediction (especially someone who hasn't time to attack the problem with every solar return, PSSR, and other obscure technique in his/her arsenal) I suppose this Gemini has to put in his two cents' worth about the Presidential election. I have done A*C*G maps of the major contenders, as well as maps for all Presidents since Roosevelt. In the latter (the Presidents) one fact is consistent - each has some planet line very near Washington, and (as long time readers of MH will remember from my quiz a while back) the planet typifies the administration: Roosevelt - Uranus (reform); Eisenhower - Moon (family and chauvinism); Johnson - Mars and Sun (war and civil unrest) etc. Carter has (no surprises here) Saturn, so I can't be too astonished when his programs fail to get through Congress, his health (or appearances at least) seems threatened, and his popularity sets records on the down side. But, don't underestimate Saturn's staying power! I have piles of letters from clients who have lived under their Saturn lines that sound like a mournful glee-club, yet reiterate the same idea - "it's miserable, and, I love it!" All that talk in Liz Greene about how Saturn pays dividends in self-esteem and confidence seems to show. There was even one woman who was losing her fortune because of a bad real estate deal (the land was under the SA line) who stayed until all her money was gone (a tidy sum in six figures) because "she liked the challenge of trying to make good on a mistake", and another, who, dreadfully ill of lead poisoning, postponed leaving because she had grown so much, and "had a few things to tie up before I move on."

In the April issue of AMERICAN ASTROLOGY MAGAZINE, I wrote an article about Carter's chart, suggesting the Iran crisis is a product of his Mars line being there (along with Jupiter). If anyone would like a copy of the article, I'll send it free for a SASE (Box 22293, San Francisco, CA 94122). But, wonder of wonders, it seems that Ted Kennedy has his Mars line there too! Does this mean the lesser Kennedy gets to inherit the whole mess at some future date?

I should mention that Teddy has no lines near Washington (nor near Chappaquidick either - though his natal exact Mercury-Mars conjunction in Aquarius, loosely conjunct Carter's Mars - speaks eloquently about rashness and problems in travel). While no lines does not mean no activity, it would be the first time since prior to 1940, should he become President.

In D.C., George Bush has Mercury MH (like Gerald "Let's Make a Deal" Ford before him) so he may stand a chance. Reagan, at this date (April 24) almost a shoo-in for the nomination, has no lines in D.C. either.

What does it all mean? Well, I think Saturn trumps Mercury or nothing-in-particular every time. Moreover, as I suppose many others have noted, Carter has a close Jupiter-Saturn conjunction on his Sun near Inauguration Day, 1981! Scarcely an aspect for one handing over the reins and heading into an obscure retirement. Of course, all bets are off when it comes to if he'll finish the term; there's too much Saturn in his chart and that of the U.S.A. for a very happy four years for anyone in the White House. So far as his personal development goes, however, it looks great: quoting from Liz Greene about Saturn: "human beings do not earn free will except through self-discovery, and they do not attempt self-discovery until things become so painful that they have no other choice." Waiter, make that a double.



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How easy it is to read our aspects after they happen. If only we could do as well before the event. As always, with our own charts, there's a lot of wishful thinking involved, which makes it that much more difficult.

As a typical Leo, with Moon in Libra in addition, I was hoping to fall in love when Uranus passed over my Jupiter conjunct the 5th cusp. (Uranus comes from the 10th and Jupiter co-rules the 10th). Instead, I met a man who became my silent business partner and gave me the financial backing to open my own business. (Jupiter in Scorpio) What kind of business? Uranus - unusual Uranus conj. Jupiter crossing the 5th cusp, a dating service using video equipment - again, more Uranus - electricity. Prog. Sun is sextile Pluto. Sun is in the 2nd. The man (Sun) arrived with (Pluto) (\$25,000.00) and handed me a check to open and run the business as I choose. Prog. Venus, 11th ruler is conj. Mars, co-ruler of the 10th. A hope and wish to own my own business materializes. But where is the love I hoped to achieve with Prog. Venus conj. Mars? Prog. Sun is trine Moon as well this year. When the lights aspect each other, this can be a marriage. Is this a marriage, this business partnership to make money? (Sun in the 2nd) (Moon ruling my Asc.) Only time will tell if the love I hope for arrives.

Perhaps when Jupiter transits Venus next year (Fall of '80) setting off Prog. Jupiter sextile Venus. Or will this be more activity around the business? I'll let you know in 9 months.

LOUISE DONEE Alpine, CA Jan. 31, 1980

It was a great pleasure to meet you last Fall at a party in your honor at **Terry Krall's** home in San Diego. The endless laughter accompanying the merriment I will never forget; it literally rocked the room as you quoted one juicy tidbit after another from your book. I wondered about all that exhilaration....coming from a Capricorn. Your Leo-Sagittarian parentage gave me the answer.

I've been looking into the matter (my own brand of astrogenealogy) and find that Capricorn and other Earth persons born to Fire Sign parents (both parents) to be especially delightful people, sun-loving or spreading sunshine wherever they go.

I'd like very much to know the birth date of Richard Bach, the author of Jonathan Livingston Seagull. Does anyone have this information?

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THE DISCOVERY OF THE ASTEROIDS Part I

There are half a dozen different theories on just when the Piscean Age started. Sidereal astrologers like Garth Allen and Cyril Fagin believe the true Aquarian Age is almost 400 years in the future. They believe the Age of Pisces began in 220 A.D. Maria Crummere, a well-known tropical astrologer, says in answer to the question about when the Age of Aquarius will begin, "It is the year 2160 A.D. - the dawning, 2019 A.D." This certainly confuses matters with yet another question: "What do you mean by the dawning?" One reason there are so many different opinions is that the constellations overlap. The water from the urn of the constellation Aquarius flows out in a curve as if the wind were blowing it. A small portion of the water

"precessed in" on Aug. 20, 1953., However, just above the spray is a part of one of the fishes in the constellation Pisces, (the area from its eye to its nose,) which has not yet finished its precession. We are truly in an age of transition, when we are receiving the "inspiration" of the coming age, yet are unable to widely promulgate it successfully.

My interpretation of the "dawning" of the Age of Aquarius is this age of transition when we are feeling the effects of both ages, the waning Age of the Fishes along with the new Aquarian Age. Most tropical astrologers, however, believe that the Age of Pisces began long before 220 A.D. (sidereal zodiac.) I decided to use historical events as markers.

A few years ago I attended a workshop given by Alexander Rupert, the Swiss holistic astrologer who demonstrated the octoscope, a circle divided into eight instead of 12 houses. (Each house is 45 degrees.) I was eager to become better acquainted with this system since I had read Dane Rudhyar's book on the waxing and waning moon cycles, and how these eight phases described a person's unfoldment and achievement over a lifetime. It occurred to me that I could put this concept to work on the Piscean Age. Of course, the constellations vary greatly in size, so instead of using the popular 2,160 year span, which is only an average, I used Garth Allen's 2,156 year time span for Pisces. (Allen also thinks the Age of Aquarius was 2,175 years long and that the Age of Taurus lasted for 2,197 years.)** He projects 2376 A.D. as the start of the Aquarian Age.

The date tropical astrologer Maria Crummere uses for the beginning of the Age of Aquarius, 2160 A.D., represents one average sign span added to 1 A.D. A more valid starting point for the Age of Pisces would be the important astronomical event which took place three times in 7 B.C. - the conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn in the sign of Pisces - on May 25, October 3 (retrograde) and December 4.

By dividing eight into 2,156 years, each moon phase of the octoscope division is 269.5 years long. The twelve sub-ages of the Piscean Age is a more familiar concept to astrologers. Dividing twelve into 2,156 years results in each sub-age covering a period of 179.666 + years. A "lunar mansion" division is also an interesting concept. Each one of these moon phases is 77 years when 2,156 years are divided by twenty-eight. Thus, the waxing half moon (first quarter) of the octoscope division is the same as Phase Eight of the lunar mansion division. The full moon period of the octoscope division is the same as Phase Fifteen, and the waning half moon (third quarter) of the octoscope division is the same as Phase Twenty-Two of the lunar mansion division. Those of you who are familiar with Marily Busted and Dorothy Wergin's book, "Phases of the Moon", will immediately perceive these striking parallels and their usefulness in understanding where we have been.

The short transition period between the Aries Age and the Pisces Age probably began about the time of the Grand Mutation Conjunction on November 16, 224 B.C. with the conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn in the water element. Almost all of this time span is the Pisces sub-age of the waning Aries Age. During this period Rome conquered Greece, Carthage, Asia Minor, and Egypt.

If, as some astrologers do, we start the Age of Pisces with this grand mutation conjunction, then the Aquarian Age began in November, 1932; or more exactly, with the vernal equinox in 1933.

The first sub-age of the Piscean era was the Aries sub-age which roughly spanned the period from Augustus to Marcus

Aurelius. In the Taurus sub-age, Rome consolidated, settled, and administered its colonial provinces in the barbarian northwest. In the Gemini sub-age, the Roman Empire divided into an eastern and a western half.

The waxing half moon period ushered in the Cancer sub-age. Byzantine Emperor Justinian ordered the closing of the schools of philosophy at Athens, symbolizing from my viewpoint, the spiritual death of the ancient world.

The Leo sub-age saw the rise and fall of the Franklin Empire in the West. The Virgo sub-age (applying quincunx) completed the breakdown and digestion of cultural influences. With the end of the Carolingian dynasty, France separated its destiny from the fortunes of the Holy Roman Empire. The remnants of the fragmented Empire of the Franks disappeared into feudalism as Europe reeled under the onslaught of the Vikings, the Saracens, the Magyars, and finally the Normans. An entirely different Europe from the first quarter of the Piscean Age emerged at the full moon. It had almost no memory of the former Roman Empire, its language or its greatness. Europe was even cut off from trade with the Middle East and much of the Mediterranean world.

Following this, Europe created first a Gothic civilization and then a humanist Renaissance - all of it during the waning cycle of the Piscean era. The brilliant Arab, Persian, Indian and Chinese empires which flourished during the waxing moon phases of the Pisces Age went into a gradual decline. Perhaps it is too early to tell yet, but as we come closer to the Aquarian Age, we are seeing the emergence of the East, and a decline in the West.

The Libra sub-age coincides with the revival of law, learning and trade. The beautiful Gothic cathedrals arose at this time. The waning gibbous phase of the octoscope division includes half the Scorpio sub-age and all of the Sagittarian sub-age. The Hundred Years War and the Black Death are part of the Scorpio sub-age (separating quincunx.) Witchcraft, occultism, heresy and religious persecution also intensified. This period also marked a weakened and divided Papacy. The Sagittarian sub-age covers the period of overseas exploration, the invention of the printing press, and also, of course, the Renaissance and the Reformation.

The period from 1610 to 1879 goes from the waning half moon to the waning crescent and is aptly called, using Rupert's phraseology, a CRISIS IN CONSCIOUSNESS. How beautifully symbolic, whether on a collective or individual basis!

The Capricorn sub-age was one of nation-building and colonial and commercial expansion, while the sub-age of Aquarius advanced science and industrial technology. Now we are noticing in this last sub-age since 1969, a loss of faith in science and a turning in a new direction toward sympathetic magic and occult knowledge. (The latter may be due to the Aquarian transition.)

We are now in the balsamic moon phase, and the dregs of the old consciousness are everywhere apparent. The spiritual impulse is entirely inward during this double Piscean effect we are experiencing, devoted to reflection, analysis, and dreams of the future. We have little initiative, and we seem to have lost our will.

When you consider that Uranus will be the ruler of the Aquarian Age and the opening gun will be the Aries sub-age, it looks like we are in for an extensive period of wars and revolutions. There has been so much of this in the 20th century that I am sympathetic with several renowned astrologers who

believe that the Aquarian transitional age began as early as 1899 or 1904. They date the beginning of the Piscean Age with the period during Emperor Asoka's reign, 260-250 B.C., when he converted from Brahminism to Buddhism and made it the state religion of India. Asoka softened the harsh laws of his predecessors, regulated the slaughter of animals, and founded a famous zoo.

An important alignment of planets in tropical Capricorn occurs early in 1990. An even more critical time is the massive T-Cross in fixed signs forming in the sky on May 4, 2000 A.D. On this date, Uranus and Neptune are in Aquarius, the Earth is in Scorpio, and Pluto is in Sagittarius inconjuncting four of six planets in Taurus. ("Planets" includes the Sun and Moon.) This T-Cross becomes a grand square when the transiting Moon reaches Leo on May 11.

For a degree concept of the Piscean Age, I divide 360 in 2,156 years for the result - 5.888 + years. For a while I toyed with the idea that this might be an asteroid cycle, which would relate humanity directly to the greater age cycles. In *The Asteroid Ephemeris* - 1883-1999, (TIA Publications, c1977) there is a list of thirteen of some of the larger asteroids, giving their orbital revolutions among other data. The mean orbit of these asteroids was 4.332 years, so I scrapped my idea of using the asteroids as a degree concept. However, the asteroids are found inside the orbit of Mercury all the way out to Saturn.

To study the effect of the asteroids in depth, I decided to erect a number of discovery charts to see what the aspects in these horoscopes foretold about their effect on the human race. I got this idea from delineating the discovery chart for the planet Pluto. The cardinal T-cross of that year, 1930, has affected our self-image (Uranus in Aries,) our home and family, (Pluto in Cancer,) and the type of government structuring our lives, (Saturn in Capricorn.) The result of this has been, naturally, the re-structuring of our legal and monetary systems, and the sacrament of marriage, all ruled by Libra, the focus of the T-Cross.***

The first asteroid ever discovered and the largest ever found was Ceres, which has a diameter of 1,003 kilometers, (623 miles.) The credit for this sighting goes to Father Guiseppe Piazzi, a Theatine priest born in Italy. The time recorded was midnight on January 1, 1801 in Palermo, Sicily, 38N03, 13E23. Thus, this chart will be very close to the chart for the Union of Great Britain and Ireland; the latitude and longitude, of course, making the difference, for at that time there was no Central European standard time zone.

If we think of the nineteenth century as the era of the common man, and the emergence of women to a new and different status, we also think of it as the period when Britannia ruled the waves and she was a great world power. England is also known as the mother of parliaments.

Ceres is the only asteroid for which I have the exact time, so I decided to set up all of the remaining charts for the same time - midnight. The first minute of the first day of the first month of the first new year of the nineteenth century would be a coincidence likely to be long remembered, especially since this was thought to be the missing planet that belonged in the great gap between Mars and Jupiter which had puzzled those astronomers for so long who wanted a more symmetrical solar system.

The ascendant for this chart, 8 Libra 26, is conjunct the star Vindiametrix. 176 years of war have left their mark on civilization, and many mothers have lost their sons, and especially in this century, many women outlive their husbands.

The Moon rules the midheaven, appropriate for the career of motherhood, and the Moon is dignified in its own sign, Cancer, in the tenth house. It also makes an exact trine to Neptune in Scorpio in the second house. The Moon also squares the Part of Fortune in the seventh house of marriage, and inconjuncts Venus in the fifth house. (Neptune squares Venus.) This is not hard to interpret as little remuneration for a great amount of sacrifice, in loving and caring for the husband and the children.

There is a yod to the fifth house consisting of Jupiter, Uranus and Pluto. Uranus, ruler of the fifth house, is located in the twelfth, so she feels the experience of raising her children to be a confining one. The mutual reception between Pluto and Neptune, plus the square of Neptune to the fifth house Venus would certainly point to financial dependency, and the unlikelihood of getting paid for her job, and the difficulty of finding substitute help. Jupiter in Leo in the tenth inconjuncting the fifth house Pluto, describes, I think, the mental pressure or fanaticism she feels about doing her job right. Society places a lot of responsibility on her shoulders to do her task well.

There is also a yod to the tenth house consisting of Mercury, Venus, and the Moon. Really, the mother is the most important teacher her child will ever have. A retrograde Saturn in Leo in the eleventh house quincunxing and deposing a fourth house Vesta in Capricorn shows that the community will blame her if the child does not turn out right, but I also think it could be interpreted that other women in the same plight, (Ceres in Taurus,) could come to her aid. Ceres squaring Saturn, however, makes it tough for her to organize in any effective way to improve her working conditions.

Mercury in the third house trines the seventh house Part of Fortune. It's up to the lady of the household to educate her husband. Mercury is deposed by Jupiter, however, and she is restricted by what religion has to say about the sacredness of her role. Again, Saturn deposes Jupiter, and Saturn is in a mutual reception with the Sun. The Capricorn Sun is appropriately situated in the fourth house.

Finding Ceres in the eighth house shows how important her relationship is with other women who have children. To them she can pour out her feelings and frustrations. Fertility, of course, is associated with the eighth house of sex and regeneration. The role of the father is also a nurturing one, and there are unmarried men as well as women who are parenting their families alone, so we can no longer stereotype the role of mother as we once did.

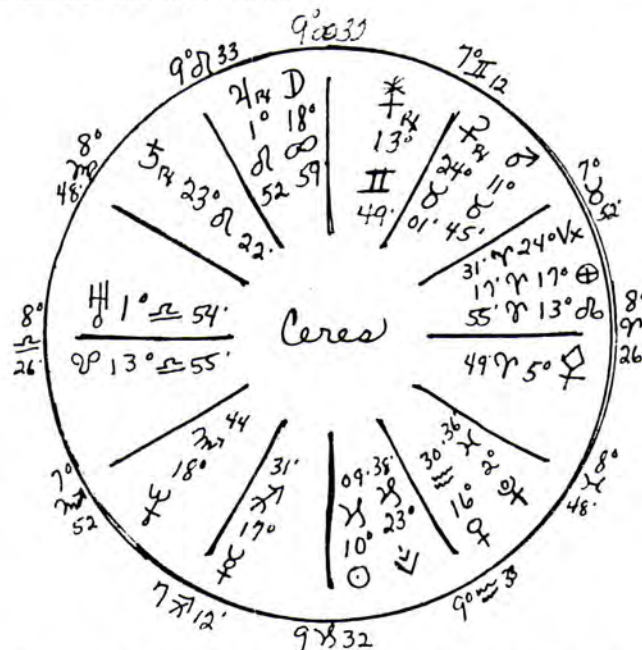
The best hours for observation at a planetarium are from 9:00 P.M. to 3:00 A.M. This is because the Sun is below the horizon at night, and if the object being viewed is high in the sky, then it will be to some extent opposite the Sun. When a planet (or asteroid) is opposite the Sun, it is generally retrograde in motion, though not always.

Now, we've all heard that woman's work is never done, but it must also mean that she is not satisfied with how she is doing her job, and is constantly changing, probing, and working on new methods to organize her work and perform her role. Of course, that is what all of us are doing here on Earth - learning and growing. Retrograde motion is only apparent, and so this feature should not be exaggerated out of all proportion. True, there is some frustration in delay and reflection which could be considered disadvantageous at times, but is unthinking action wise?

The Sun is parallel Pluto. Mother has a fixation about her children, especially the male children. She is primarily

The Sun is in the halfsum of NE/PL and NN/A. The Moon is in the halfsum of ME/VE. Mercury is at the halfsum of UR/PL. Venus is at the halfsum of ME/NN and MA/NE. Mars is at the halfsum of MO/PL and ME/A. Jupiter is at the halfsum of SA/M and NE/NN. Neptune is at the halfsum of VE/SA and

(We will continue this article and the completion of the delineation of Ceres in the next edition. The chart for Ceres is also included here. Edith)



THE SIXTY LARGEST ASTEROIDS

NAME	DIAMETER (KM.)	DATE OF DISCOVERY	PLACE OF DISCOVERY
Ceres	1,003	Ja 1, 1801	Palermo
Pallas	608	Mr 28, 1802	Bremen
Vesta	538	Mr 29, 1807	Bremen
Chiron	483	No 1, 1977	Pasadena
Hygiea	450	Ap 12, 1849	Naples
Euphrosyne	370	Se 1, 1854	Washington, DC
Interamnia	350	Oc 2, 1910	Teramo
Davida	323	My 30, 1903	Heidelberg
Cybele	309	Mr 8, 1861	Marseille
Europa	289	Fe 4, 1858	Paris
Patientia	276	De 4, 1899	Nice
Eunomia	272	Jl 29, 1851	Naples
Psyche	250	Mr 17, 1852	Naples
Doris	250	Se 19, 1857	Paris
Undina	250	Jl 7, 1867	Clinton, NY
Juno	247	Se 1, 1804	Lilienthal
Bamberga	246	Fe 25, 1892	Vienna
Herculina	243	Ap 20, 1904	Heidelberg
Themis	234	Ap 5, 1853	Naples
Arethusa	230	No 23, 1867	Dusseldorf
Eugenia	226	Jn 27, 1857	Paris
Egeria	224	No 2, 1850	Naples
Fortuna	215	Au 22, 1852	London
Camilla	211	No 17, 1868	Madras
Thisbe	210	Jn 15, 1866	Clinton, NY
Iris	209	Au 13, 1847	London
Winchester	205	Mr 17, 1913	Winchester, MA
Daphne	204	My 22, 1856	Paris
Hebe	201	Jl 1, 1847	Dresdenko
Germania	200	Se 12, 1884	Dusseldorf
Amphritrite	195	Mr 1, 1854	London
Adeona	195	Jn 3, 1875	Clinton, NY
Prokne	191	Mr 21, 1879	Clinton, NY
Siegena	191	Mr 1, 1894	Heidelberg
Aurora	188	Se 6, 1867	Ann Arbor
Alexandra	180	Se 10, 1858	Paris
Hektor	179	Fe 10, 1907	Heidelberg
Kalliope	177	No 16, 1852	London
Pretoria	176	Ja 6, 1912	Johannesburg
Lachesis	173	Ap 10, 1872	Marseille
Elektra	173	Fe 17, 1873	Clinton, NY
Minerva	168	Au 24, 1867	Ann Arbor
Isolda	166	De 10, 1879	Pula
Gyptis	165	Mr 31, 1899	Marseille
Laetitia	163	Fe 8, 1856	Paris
Juewa	163	Oc 10, 1874	Peking
Philomela	161	My 14, 1879	Clinton, NY
Chaldaea	160	Au 30, 1891	Vienna
Irene	158	My 19, 1851	London
Aglaja	158	Se 15, 1857	Dusseldorf
Julia	155	Au 6, 1866	Marseille
Hypatia	154	Jl 1, 1884	Berlin
Eleanora	153	Ja 17, 1893	Nice
Metis	151	Ap 26, 1848	Markree
Flora	151	Oc 18, 1847	London
Nemausa	151	Ja 22, 1858	Nimes
Panopaea	151	My 5, 1861	Paris
Parthenope	150	My 11, 1850	Naples
Melpomene	150	Jn 24, 1852	London
Meliboea	150	Ap 21, 1874	Pula

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IN THE WINTER OF OUR DISCONTENT

The most important astrological event ahead of us all is the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction in Libra just as 1980 turns into 1981.

This new cycle will mark the economic and social trend of the next 20 years. It will especially affect those who were born with planets in the sign Libra, it will affect the Libra house in any horoscope and it will affect us all as the impact of its economic surge moves everyone into a new set of 20th Century facts.

Every 20 years we have one of these conjunctions. Every 20 years we are propelled into a new set of circumstances whether we are ready for them or not.

Usually, we're not ready. Usually, we're so wound up in the conclusion and depression of the previous cycle that we don't even see it coming though it's taking shape right under our noses.

THERE IT IS

Do you believe that society can find a new equilibrium?

Do you think it's possible to plunge on into the unknown - leaving the past behind as if it were an ill-fitting garment - because what's ahead is so compelling, and so promising it's really irresistible?

Can you imagine that within two years the problems plaguing you today will seem laughable?

Well, you'd better, because the evidence is all around you to indicate that you will do just that within the next two to three years.

PAST EVIDENCE

These Jupiter-Saturn cycles recur regularly along an approximately 20-year dip and trough pattern.

As soon as one reaches bottom, another moves forward up the next incline, reaches a peak it isn't prepared to go over, then hurtles right down into the next trough, only to begin the ascent again.

The cycle is so phenomenal you can see it written in the historical headlines if you look closely enough.

It always affects the United States dramatically and it has coincided spectacularly with economic ups and downs throughout the world.

Let's look back to the beginning of the 20th Century to see just how pronounced this regularity has been.

Though the actual years of major phenomena may be minus or plus one or two, the new cycles are always initiated with the coming of even numbered decades and they reach their panics and downslides with the coming of the odd-numbered decades.

At the opening of this century, William McKinley was United States president and the country was on the verge of becoming a world power.

The conjunction occurred Nov. 28, 1901 in 14 degrees Capricorn at the cusp of the U.S. 9th House and very close it is

Part of Fortune.

The Spanish-American War brought us onto the world stage as an important Western power.

McKinley was assassinated two months before the conjunction was formed and Teddy Roosevelt took his place at the American helm, wielding a big stick in the Western hemisphere.

Astrologically, another legend was in the making. Portents were seen in the assassination of McKinley - in office just before the conjunction as had been President James Garfield, under the 1880 conjunction and Abraham Lincoln, in power under the 1860 conjunction.

(Astrologers have feared for the lives of Presidents in office during the conjunctions for that reason and other examples to follow. However, the 1980 conjunction occurs in an AIR sign of the Zodiac, while previous assassinations have always occurred under EARTH sign conjunction patterns.)

The McKinley cycle reached its midpoint in 1910 (November 10) at the beginning of Scorpio/Taurus, the big money signs. Women marched for the right to vote, garment workers in New York struck for higher pay and shorter hours and the income tax became part of the constitution.

(Economic watersheds are always reached right after the cycles' midpoints. It's no accident that 19th Century history records a financial panic in 1873, another in 1893 and then 20th Century history reels under the income tax in 1913, worldwide depression in 1933, recession and stagnation in the early 1950's and another economic crisis with the opening of the 1970's.)

THE HARDING CYCLE

Jupiter and Saturn conjoined again in Virgo, at 27 degrees close to Neptune in the 5th House on Sept. 10, 1921.

Would anyone, at the turn of the Century, have been able to predict the "Roaring Twenties?"

Well, they came - in a cycle of personal wealth and all-out enjoyment that was previously unparalleled for individual opportunity.

But was it all on illusion with the conjunction so close to the U.S. Neptune? Whatever anyone believed, the cycle hit midpoint on July 26, 1930 - nine months after the collapse of the stock market and the beginning of worldwide depression. This opposition occurred right on the U.S. Venus and Jupiter in the 2nd House and the 8th House - the symbols of personal and corporate wealth.

A ROOSEVELT CYCLE

No one who didn't live it doesn't like to believe it, but the great depression just did not go away until the Second World War came along to obscure it.

Jupiter and Saturn conjoined in 15 degrees Taurus in the intercepted sign in the U.S. 12th House. A Uranus-Saturn conjunction in 29 degrees Taurus followed on May 3, 1942 - one of the few times Jupiter and Saturn conjoined as two other major planets were getting ready to.

Between the two occurred the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor (the conjunction had actually come on Aug. 8, 1940) and the U.S. entrance into World War II and onto the world stage as a superpower. This was one of the biggest cycles - the most spectacular. Wealth from World War II hit unprecedented levels. The Atomic age was inaugurated. The world shook and changed. The cycle opened in a money sign, in a fateful power degree and in a karmic house of the national birth chart.

It put us on the world stage as if fate had ordained we be there. After all, only 20 years before the country had rejected

world obligations.

President Roosevelt dominated his cycle as no U.S. President has before or since. He also died in office AFTER the conjunction occurred (in previous cases the conjunction often occurred following a death or assassination). (I forgot to mention, because history often forgets him, I suppose, that President Harding died unexpectedly in office after the 1921 conjunction; he died Aug. 10, 1923.)

The Roosevelt cycle's midpoint came on April 10, 1951 in 28 degrees of Pisces/Virgo in the U.S. 5th and 11th Houses. This came less than a year after President Truman had ordered U.S. troops into Korea and Americans had discovered that the restoration of Europe was costing them \$11 billion.

A KENNEDY CYCLE

Can you, living today, deny that since the 1960's, the United States, and much of the Western World, has been haunted by the almost fairy-tale promise of the Kennedy years?

Can those of you who lived through it also remember how, just days before he was shot, the President was reviled and hated by a major segment of the populace?

The Jupiter/Saturn conjunction of Feb. 10, 1961 occurred at 26 degrees Capricorn, very close to the United States Pluto in its world power 9th House.

Kennedy promised "to get this country moving again" after a stagnant and dull late 1950's economic watershed.

He was, as we all know, assassinated in office.

I believe it would be redundant to cite what we all have experienced in the Kennedy cycle except to say that it reached its midpoint on November 19, 1970 with his political opponent of the cycle's opening in office and creating what he called a "new economics."

We are living today with the results of that new economics - with all that was propagated during that cycle's high point, during its panic slide over the top.

We have been coping with the tumble down the hill ever since and we are so wound up in the slide that we probably can't see that we've reached bottom and there's another summit looming just out of reach.

You can read about oil prices, dictators we have supported and the numbing effects of Vietnam and Watergate on the nation's will in other publications.

Astrologically, we are headed out of them even if we choose to ignore it.

The cycle ahead of us IS different because it will occur in an air sign for the first time in many years. It is possible that the president in office (and it will occur just weeks before the 1981 inauguration) will live through it.

It should also be seen as ALL the even-numbered decade cycles have proved to be - A NEW BEGINNING.

A CARTER CYCLE?

I have no idea who will be in office in 1981, but it looks more and more as if Carter may be there.

If so, HE will be a different person than the one who took office in 1976.

(In fact, the President's own birth chart shows that he is on the verge of having progressed New Moon in Sagittarius.)

For two years I have been saying that it is ridiculous to assess a person's chances for the Presidency two years before the election. This is so because every two years before an election the nation's press sets forth on a hatchet job on the incumbent and doesn't let up until events come along to set them on a new course of investigation.

It happened with Truman, with Eisenhower, with Johnson,

with Nixon, with Ford and most recently with Carter. The political pundits seem to go completely berserk in non-Presidential election years, and for the year following.

My only point here is that it may be best to remember previous cycles in terms of the men who held office when they began.

McKinley's experience is a good clue to what the first 20 years of the century was about. William Howard Taft was in office during the opposition. Maybe he characterizes the trough, and despair, of its last half.

Maybe the Harding cycle is aptly named - it was marked by phenomenal personal prosperity. But Hoover presided over its second half, which took all these things away.

The Roosevelt cycle is obvious. His name marks the world history books and even Truman who presided in that amazing cycle's trough, has left his mark.

The Kennedy cycle is so fresh in memory that many of us still walk the streets hoping its promise will come while we are affected, throughout our economic lives, by the impression that Nixon left on it as he presided over its peak and downslide.

Each one brings a new era, no matter WHO is in office - and often the person who is there is changed radically by impetus of events that rise out of the Jupiter/Saturn cycle.

Well, the old one is going. You've just about had the last of it.

IN 1981 YOU HEAD INTO A NEW ERA - comparable only to the McKinley cycle, the Harding cycle, the Roosevelt cycle and the Kennedy cycle.

Isn't that enough to light up your mind just a little when you think of the Taft trough, the Hoover downslide, the Truman tumble into events and the Nixon bounce to the bottom of the trough?

ERNESTO CORDERO

Barcelona, Spain

Ernest sent me a copy of the "Stellium" his group in Barcelona puts out. Unfortunately I do not read Spanish but his letter reads:

"As you see, I deal preferentially with cycles for historical research, - both ancient and modern.

National themes, prominent people, even alignments and so, ranks secondly for this.

1803 - (align. Sag.) No earth/weather troubles is quoted in books, at least in Spain (traditionally Sag.) and southern South America. (I'm waiting for more accurate reports), but was mundane significant as you know.

Sept. 23, 1186 - As far as I can remember, I read a world's end was predicted in London, but "only" a devastating windy weather happened at the time. I'm not quite sure since I have a lot of books to check yet because another "stellium" (9 planets on the "classical" span of 60° occurred in the New Moon on Oct. 7, 1126 - by far more interesting in worldly terms (Uranus with all evolutive cycles like in late 1983).

1127 - Godefray of Bouillon, the Crusader, became King of Jerusalem and the Temple Order's Fund (but only in 1134, Uranus and Neptune conjunct at 20 of Libra, St. Bernard lays up the rules.)

Line-ups and unions of planetary patterns come from time to time as you know, so, even part of the active humanity being "the earthquake generation", a worldly generalized catastrophe as the pole's drift doesn't seem possible in this light.

Surely you're on the way to an Astrological Nobel via the **MERCURY HOUR!**"

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**PLUTO
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PART III**

My first example this time comes from mundane astrology. The Jupiter-Saturn conjunction of 1901, immediately preceding the first World War had Pluto-Uranus in opposition across the horizon for most of the capitals of Western Europe. This was the opposition that preceded the bloodiest war in history, when neither side was prepared to yield. All the facts about World War I were fed into a computer. The answer was: "It couldn't have happened". The appalling loss of life, the reckless expenditure of materials and resources and the prolonged struggle were all rejected by the computer as something outside the possibility of rational men. But Uranus and Pluto transcended the restraints of rationality. Pluto opposition Uranus of course did not cause the war. It happened because men were not evolved enough to meet the challenge of finding new solutions to old problems by changing themselves. As Rodney Collin pointed out in "The Theory of Celestial Influence" it is a much more attractive proposition to men in the present day to try to change somebody else than to effect radical changes in themselves. Pluto challenges Uranus to effect dynamic change. The power generated by this combination needs most careful handling if it is to be harnessed for the general good especially as most human beings have a built-in resistance to change. If they will not change of their own accord then fate steps in and brings about conditions that do it for them.

The Lindbergh baby seems to have been fated. Pluto on his Midheaven squared Uranus on his descendant.

A man who played a role in line with the cosmic impact of Pluto and Uranus in combination was Yuri Gagarin, the Soviet Cosmonaut, a pioneer in the realm of space flight. Uranus was on the fourth cusp, so that he was instinctively looking for new worlds to conquer, and was squared by Pluto on the eighth cusp in Cancer. Jupiter was on the Midheaven completing a T-Square. He was eventually killed in a subsequent flight. The great composer Chopin had the trine with Uranus in Scorpio in the third house in a musical area. Pluto was in the seventh. He died at the age of 39 after a long struggle against tuberculosis but he is probably best known for his tragic love affair with George Sand after which his life broke up completely. There is a quality of all or nothing about this contact which often introduces dramatic events in the life or produces a character who is not likely to be overlooked.

Last we come to the Neptune-Pluto contact. So far I have not mentioned an important point. The outer planets remain for a long time in one sign and on this account they represent influences that percolate through a whole generation. If they are not in contact with faster moving planets in a nativity they may have little impact on the native. This is no justification for saying that they can be ignored and I hope I have given you enough examples to show that when Pluto is sharply configured

with the Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus and Mars, it is undoubtedly a potent factor in the native's psychology. Similarly if it is close to an angle (since the Ascendant and Midheaven are also very personal points) it will also have a marked effect. This is by way of a preamble to pointing out that the last Pluto-Neptune conjunction was common to nearly all the horoscopes of those who either brought about, or played leading roles in World War II. It was also present in the horoscopes of most of those who were drafted as cannon fodder in World War one, though the architects of that holocaust were of an earlier generation. The two world wars can therefore be seen as an introduction to a new way of life. Both planets are strongly universal in their action and their ultimate aim is to unify mankind. Such unity cannot be realised until man is at one with himself and it is the function of Pluto to compel men to explore their subconscious motivations, bring them into the light, redeem them and integrate them into their being so that wholeness of personality is achieved. If we do not ourselves become whole people then we cannot expect the world around to become whole. Two world wars have shown the measure of our inadequacy. There does not have to be a third world war but it must be obvious that a tremendous amount has yet to be done if the world is to be peopled with enough integrated human beings to avoid disaster.

Charles Chaplin and Adolf Hitler were born within five days of each other. The Pluto-Neptune conjunction in their case was about four degrees apart. Chaplin was of course a pioneer in the film industry, which we associate with Neptune. He also had a great deal of sympathy with the common man, which is represented by Neptune in the horoscope. These sympathies in the eyes of McCarthy and his followers were sufficient for him to be regarded as a communist, which he was not, and so he suffered from misrepresentation, which is another effect of Neptune. Hitler's conjunction fell in the eighth. Pluto in the eighth in certain circumstances is a war position. Truman, with Pluto there, was faced with the awesome decision of whether to drop the atom bomb. In Hitler's case Pluto seems to have killed out the compassion of Neptune and it was under his regime if not under his direct instigation, that the concentration camps were set up to torture and destroy millions. By focusing the minds of mankind on the plight of these unhappy victims, the need for compassion and a feeling of brotherhood was highlighted as never before so that the possibility was provided for a new dispensation in which such terrible things would never happen again. But they do, of course, and mankind may have yet more terrible lessons to learn.

We can now look at a much more pleasing manifestation of the Neptune-Pluto combination in action - that of Bernadette Soubirous who achieved the status of sainthood. She had Uranus and Pluto in conjunction although Pluto had other significant contacts. It was in close sextile to Neptune on the midheaven and square to the Sun in the eighth house. She had visions at the age of 14 and became a nun at 22. She was always of delicate health and when she died at the age of 34 she was covered in sores and tumours. 30 years later an official examination revealed that her body was free from any signs of corruption. Her desire to go her own way regardless was directed by a spirit of renunciation, shown by the prominence of Neptune in the tenth house.

Another case is that of Sir Anthony Eden, born at a time when his Sun was conjunct Neptune and Pluto. The Sun was his ruler. His career virtually ended when he committed Britain to the abortive Seven Days war over the Suez Canal. His satellitium in Scorpio in square to his ascendant and Mars

introduced too much fixity into his nature to overcome the outdated attitudes of gunboat diplomacy and British Imperialism at a time when the world was becoming ever more committed to the idea of group action as a solution to international problems. Neptune as God of the Seas probably has some connection with Canals, especially those linking oceans and so it was that Eden's destiny depended on a situation brought about by an attempt to dominate the Suez Canal Zone. I have pointed out in another context that Eden's Midheaven was in the place degree of Suez and so his reputation finally hinged on his reaction to events on this part of the earth's surface.

These examples have perhaps not brought out all the factors connected with the interplay of the two outermost planets. When they are prominently placed there can be a never-never situation in which the grandest plans are never realised. There is a desire to reach Utopia here and now. Hitler's dreams were never fulfilled although there must have been times when they seemed close to realisation. Neptune dissolves boundaries and when this function is intensified by Pluto there may be a greater need than ever to know where to draw the line and to avoid over-reaching oneself. The combination of Neptune and Pluto in the mundane sense must have some connection with submarines. The submarine menace nearly won the war for Germany. The way in which all the small boats rallied round in the evacuation of Dieppe was another Neptunian frustration for Hitler and the occasion for great euphoria in Britain.

The contact represents an ultra-sensitivity. Phantasies may prove particularly attractive and for this reason it is very necessary for the native to keep both feet on the ground. There can be an almost mystical quality about some of the experiences. One recalls the story of the angel of Mons in the first World War, when most of those on the battlefield would have been born at the time of the conjunction. At present there is a very long term sextile between the two planets and we are witnessing the growth of communism all over the world. Communism as a political doctrine falls far short of what the combination of Neptune and Pluto could mean in human evolution, the realisation of a need for compassion at all levels. It also signifies the need to face up to our illusions and because these are so very necessary to most of us in order to protect ourselves from the unwelcome impact of the real world, progress in this direction is very slow.

Pluto in the signs is a very generalised influence, relating to a whole generation. Usually Pluto forms some kind of aspect with the faster moving bodies or points in the horoscope and so we cannot dismiss its sign position on this account. Pluto will intensify the qualities of the sign in which it is placed and so there is a likelihood that those born with Pluto in Cancer will be more sensitive and moody than their predecessors with the planet in Gemini, who may be more restless on that account. Pluto in Leo is apt to accentuate pride and the affections and so we find a whole number of people born in 1947 and just before and after who have a Saturn-Pluto conjunction which seems to have involved them in some very testing love affairs. As they will be experiencing the Saturn Return about now or in the recent past affairs have seemed to come to a head with many of them.

While there may be some justification in regarding Pluto in the signs as a more generalised influence, this is certainly not the case with Pluto in the houses. While the Sun changes sign every month, Pluto changes sign every twenty years or so on

average. Because of the daily revolution of the earth on its axis Pluto changes house as often as the Sun or any of the other factors and so it becomes a much more personalised factor. It is even more important because its action can be particularly drastic, so that its house position becomes a crucial factor in determining some of the main features of the native's psychology. As a single factor in delineation it can be one of the most revealing.

People with Pluto in the first house are very much aware of themselves and as a result tend to make sure that other people do not overlook them. In some way or other they tend to be emphatic perhaps because in some way they feel isolated and therefore need to make a greater impact. They are capable of programming themselves and very much will depend upon the nature of this self-hypnotism as to the direction in which they progress. Two with Pluto rising in Cancer are Judy Garland and Liberace. Judy Garland had Venus and Pluto bracketing the Ascendant. This can make for a great deal of popularity but also for a kind of determination to indulge oneself - and sometimes a degree of self-pity especially as in Garland's case Uranus was in trine to Venus and Pluto from Pisces. Liberace has Pluto and Venus in closer conjunction and on the Ascendant. Instead of being just another piano player he has managed to capture enough interest to become a popular figure in show business by directing his appeal specially at the matronly type of audience in conformity with the sign Cancer. Pluto in aspect with Mars is a much more aggressive combination and when the conjunction occurs close to the degree of Algol one has a potentially dangerous character. In the case of a German mass murderer, Haarman, the conjunction occurred in the first house. Pluto was in the first house of the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction of 1901 which covered the Great War period. This would have been true for nearly the whole of Western Europe. The peoples of Europe were challenged by this position, (Uranus opposed Pluto from the seventh) to find themselves, to make some complete reassessment of themselves. Characters who are outstanding on account of their refusal to be pigeon-holed and who make a name for themselves on account of their strength of will often have Pluto in the first house. Among these we find Queen Elizabeth I, and Oliver Cromwell, who had Pluto in Aries, the sign of the soldier, General Gordon, born when Pluto was in Aries the next time round and who became a national hero figure as a result of his courageous but abortive defence of Khartoum and Annie Besant, also with Pluto rising in Aries as well as Uranus. She was a well known anti-establishment figure and she later directed her indomitable spirit towards helping the Theosophical Society to establish itself in the face of Victorian conservatism and scientific prejudice.

Pluto in the second house places a great emphasis upon one's attitude to property and everything that one owns. To what use are we going to put our possessions? How are we going to deploy our talents, which are probably our most valuable possessions? In the final analysis our riches depend not so much upon what we have in the bank but upon our innate earning capacity. With Pluto in the second one is likely to be placed in situations where one has to discover where one's real wealth is. There can be a crucial need to discover an absolute sense of values. To bring this about the native may be placed in situations where he is thrown back on his own resources. He may be subject to considerable financial fluctuations and, if Pluto is afflicted, lose money and possessions as a result of natural disasters or the sharp practice of others. This position often

seems to accentuate a tendency to possessiveness so that the loved one is cocooned and denied freedom to circulate freely.

There is often an element of building or rebuilding about this position. Dr. Adenauer whose efforts were largely responsible for the rebuilding of Germany after World War I had Pluto in the second in Taurus in a T-square with Uranus in the sixth and Jupiter in the eighth. I should have said a Grand Cross because Saturn in the twelfth completed the four squares. This was a position of great strength, hingeing, so to speak upon the compulsions of the second house, dominated by Uranus. Many of the principal actors in World War I would have had Pluto in Taurus. The old world was to be torn down and a new one erected in its place. A friend of mine with Taurus in the second house asked me to say on the spur of the moment how it might operate in her chart. I suggested it would give her a drastic approach to possessions and property and that in some way she might effect some kind of transformation either of her attitude to property or in relation to the property itself. She said it was a special hobby of hers to buy up old houses, rip the insides out and rebuild them. I believe Rita Hayworth had Pluto in the second, together with Jupiter. She has known financial ups and downs and must have amassed a good deal of experience in the process. When I refer to the second house and possessions I would like you to understand that this house does not only refer to material possessions but to possessions on all levels, such as beliefs. As I explained earlier, the Biblical reference to a rich man finding it difficult to enter the kingdom of heaven is mainly applicable to those who are rich in beliefs, preconceived ideas that they are as unwilling to abandon as most of us are unwilling to abandon our bank balance. True understanding depends upon a willingness to free the mind from all kinds of misconceptions.

Pluto in the third house is often the mark of someone who feels that everyone should think as they do. There can be a never-ending search for some item of knowledge that finally unlocks all the doors to progress. I have not the data readily available of all the space flights but a typical one was Apollo 14. The launching took place when Pluto was in the third house. It was an enterprise conceived with the object of solving some of the riddles of space travel. I am not suggesting that all launches took place when Pluto was in the third house but this is very typical of what Pluto in the third represents. There can be situations when the native encounters some new knowledge which either causes him completely to rethink previous theories that may have seemed beyond criticism or it may leave him totally bewildered until he can somehow grasp the significance of the enlightenment he has received; a good Pluto in the third house can denote someone who is able to show his fellows a new way of looking at a problem. On the other hand a bad Pluto can denote one who bluffs and blusters his way through life. Self-expression in the realm of communication becomes a vital issue. The condition of the mind is all important.

Drastic changes in travel can result from this position. Disraeli, whose most memorable act may have been to purchase for Britain shares in the Suez Canal, which was a vital link in her communications with India and the Far East, had Pluto in Pisces in the third. The glyph of Pisces, two fishes linked together suggests the role of a canal in linking two great sea masses. The connection of the third house with travel makes this a crucial house for an afflicted Pluto to be in. A man who died in a motor cycle crash had both Pluto and Neptune together in the third house in square to Saturn on the western angle. He was crushed by a car.

We once had a dog. It was a Welsh Collie, whose natural job is to look after sheep. We got it from a neighbouring farmer who was also able to give us Judy's time of birth. It turned out that she had a conjunction of Jupiter and Pluto in the third house in square to Mercury on the cusp of the twelfth. It was not long before we found that she had a passion for chasing cars. My wife was worried about this as she could visualise Judy being run over one day as a result of her chasing. So we built a high wire fence round the garden so that she couldn't run out in the road and when we took her out we were naturally careful to keep her out of the way of traffic. But one day she grew big enough to jump over the fence and from then on my wife feared the worst, so much so that she finally decided we should have to take Judy back to the farmer. He was pleased to have another working dog. We went back to the farm after a long period to see how Judy was getting on and asked the farmer whether she still chased cars. "All the time", he said, "when she can. She chases our lorry for miles sometimes". She eventually died of old age. Jupiter in third must have protected her, but the urge to chase, with Pluto conjunct Jupiter was very strong and the exercise probably did her a world of good.

My last example of Pluto in the third house is for the moment of a discovery. It was a discovery that we as astrologers have an enormous interest in: the discovery of Uranus. Pluto was in Aquarius and exactly squared the Ascendant. Uranus was in the eighth, no doubt the house of re-discovery, and was almost exactly squared by the Sun in the fifth.

Like all the angular houses the fourth is a very critical one for Pluto. The fourth rules our inherited characteristics, our preconditioned habits and instincts brought over from the past. Basically this indicates that they are very strong and may have a much greater power over us than we realise. It goes without saying that the atmosphere of the parental home is all important. Sometimes the early loss of a parent has a definitive effect on the outlook for the rest of the life. There is often a need to create a little private world in which one can feel completely secure. As in many other situations in life the more one builds up walls, the more shattered and exposed one feels when they are knocked down, either physically or psychologically.

These can be the people who like to establish themselves on their own little muck heap rather than play a secondary role in some enterprise of recognised worth. They tend to retire into seclusion if they cannot get the recognition and influence they need. There can be a strong emphasis on personal security. This position can accentuate any patriotic impulses and in some cases pose the problem: self or country? The person with this position sometimes wanders the earth in search of his true home, finding his true rapport in solitary places where there is no one to challenge his will. He may have to effect some radical transformation of the way in which he regards security or the role of the family. The true message of this position may be that only within ourselves can we find the haven that we seek, where our will is paramount and our defences secure.

Not every man is of course sufficiently at one with himself in order to experience this security and it is not without significance that one of those who did most to help his fellow men work towards such peace of mind was the psycho-analyst Carl Jung, whose Pluto was in conjunction with the fourth cusp.

Two notable exiles with this position were Bonnie Prince Charlie, with Mercury square Pluto, who lived most of his life on the Continent and came to Britain only at his peril, and the

Duke of Windsor, who after his marriage to Mrs. Simpson, divided nearly all his time between France and America. George III had Pluto in Scorpio in the fourth and his blind hatred for all innovations and congenial obstinacy virtually created the United States. When the monarch's horoscope shows the break up of the family, his Empire is likely to be depleted. Pluto squared the Ascendant and the North Node. Carole Lombard had Pluto in the fourth squared by Mars and she met her death in an air crash. Brazil declared Independence from Portugal when Pluto was entering Aries in the fourth house. Such a severance of family ties is typical of this placement of Pluto.

Pluto in the fifth house calls for some kind of transformation of the creative urge. There is often a desperate need to create but results may not come easily. It is most necessary when one has this position to feel that the life has been one of meaningful fulfilment. Sometimes this is equated with an outstanding position where one can be recognised as a somebody. The attainment of the heart's desire can become a crusade. In fact these people are often very good at organising or leading crusades. This is a power house and great efforts may be made in order to be in a position to wield power. Experiences gained in the pursuit of pleasure can lead one to reassess the type of enjoyment it affords and to seek for some more permanent form of true happiness. Love affairs are rarely insipid and romantic experiences may have a deep and lasting effect. This position has been described as a test of one's purity of motive. This it probably shares with the eleventh house. All the fairy tales about people being granted three wishes and finding that with the whole world to choose from they ask for things which bring them suffering instead of pleasure are about learning purity of motive. With this position of Pluto one may have to learn that the honour lies in striving nobly not in winning. Winning at all costs will eventually bring down unwelcome repercussions on the native with Pluto in the fifth. Success will turn to ashes unless Pluto is very well supported.

Princess Margaret has Pluto in her fifth house in conjunction with the Moon in Cancer and in square to a rising Uranus. She is probably the least committed of the royals towards the duties that the family have to undertake and her holiday home in the West Indies shows her taste for the good life. Perhaps to an unwanted extent her romantic life is under scrutiny. If she were not in the royal family she might have sought a career in show business. George Eliot had Pluto with Saturn in the fifth. Such was her urge to express herself that she wrote novels at a time when it was considered unseemly for a woman to write fiction, or at least it was considered unseemly in the circles in which she moved. She also had a love affair with a married man, to whom she regarded herself as married. They were together for thirty years and she regarded herself as a widow when her companion died. She later married an old friend but died within the year. There were obstacles to her doing what she wanted to do with Saturn in the fifth but with Pluto there also she did them nevertheless. Her novels always carried some highly moral message so she tried to do justice to her strict upbringing and to the demands of Saturn.

- To Be Continued -

SONNY DEL MONICO
EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR
Oak Park, IL

After months of planning and work, it is, at last, my pleasure to present the Educational Program for the National

Council of Geocosmic Research. To give you some background, I would like to tell you a little of the history behind the formation of this program.

When I was appointed as the National Educational Director to the Board of the NCGR, it was my duty to devise and implement an educational program that could be adopted nationwide by all chapters of the NCGR. I felt such a program would ultimately be more valuable if it were developed by as many qualified NCGR members as possible, rather than by a single individual. Happily, the result is a broader, more applicable, and thereby more useful approach to the study of Astrology.

To accomplish this end, I suggested an educational seminar that would bring together the very best teachers from all over the country and include participation from every chapter of the NCGR. This idea was met with enthusiastic support and approval by the National Board and led to the seminar that was held last August, 1979 at Princeton University. Close to 50 of the top teachers and Astrologers came together at Princeton and, in one very intensive weekend, devised a four-level course of study in the field of Astrology. This course outline (syllabus) is printed and is being sent to all the members of the NCGR.

This program was designed to take students, step-by-step, from a basic understanding of the symbolic language of Astrology, then through the technical and interpretative phases, thus preparing them for more advanced study. A Teacher/Student Manual will be published later this year as an instruction book as well as textbook to be used in conjunction with the course of study. The final stages of the program explore the philosophical and psychological theories that provide the foundation for the many counseling techniques and approaches present in contemporary Astrology.

At the end of January, 1980, the Testing Committee devised the examinations that will be given at the end of each study level. This testing committee was comprised of 20 accredited members of educational institutions who are also Astrologers. The examinations will be available in March 1980 for those who desire to be tested in their knowledge of Astrology and who would like to be certified by the NCGR.

I would like to thank all those who participated in and contributed to this educational program. I feel that it sets a standard of excellence in the field of Astrology and represents a logical and viable approach to the study of a vast and somewhat elusive subject. I hope that it will help move Astrology from an archaic, superstitious past to a modern, more practical and workable discipline.

VIVIAN BYRD
Palm Desert, CA

Enclosed is birth data on people with M.S. asked for by Louise Leto in July '79 issue. I would like to hear from her on the results of her research. These are **all family** and I am very interested in this myself.

Female. Born: Los Angeles, CA, June 8, 1939, 7:09 a.m. Pacific Standard Time. (No Daylight Savings Time). 118W-34N.

Female. Born: Everett, WA, Sept. 23, 1919, 4:17 p.m., Pacific Standard Time, 118W-34N.

Male. Born: Sunnyside, WA (near Yakima), March 3, 1908. No time known.

This data is all from birth certificates.

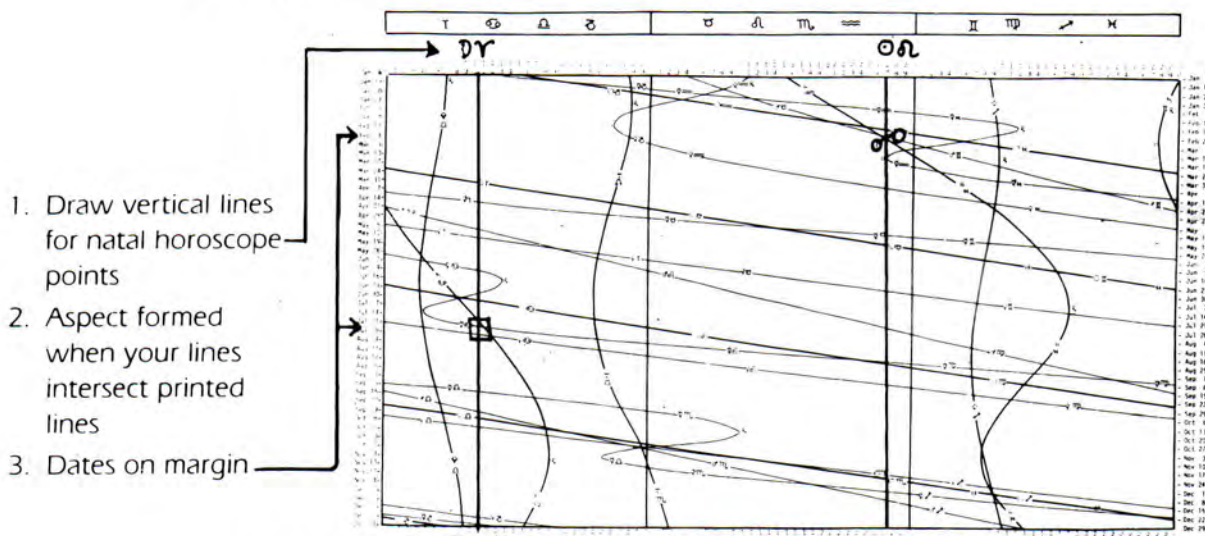
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KAY SCHOEDINGER

Vacaville, CA

March 11, 1980

My birthday present on Feb. 16th was the glorious Eclipse conjunction to my Sun, 27 Aquarius 10 and my Mercury, 29 Aquarius 58 in the 2nd house and what a birthday it was! My husband just up and telephoned **Michael Erlewine** back in Ann Arbor and ordered a 16K PET computer for me. Shortly thereafter we added the Progressed/Transits and Solar/Lunar Return tapes to use with the computer. Michael gives a wonderful natal package when you buy the computer.

So now I have answered my own questions as to the value of a computer to an astrologer. I think the greatest thing is its accuracy and the fact that with it doing the mathematics one has so much more time for study and research. I haven't begun to know what it will do. It is wonderful to be able to compare Tropical and Sidereal; enjoy Harmonics, Vertex, Midpoints and sorting at various degrees.

You can get very muddled for a while. And if you are like me you will dig out every back issue of **MH**, Astrology Now, Aquarian Workshops and other magazines and read every word all over again. It is as if my brain has opened up and wants to understand everything that has been written about Astrology. And right now...am I still under the influence of the Eclipse??

So now I have a computer that is very accurate and produces horoscopes to the minute or so. And since I have been known to round off longitudes when I wasn't sure of the minutes, I decided to order **Neil Michelson's** "American Atlas".

It arrived and with it the information that was a real **shocker!** I was born in Colby, Kansas in 1913. An astrologer made my first chart about 6 years ago and used Central Time. Not questioning this, I have used this chart with Central Time. Would you believe my chart was wrong. Using the "American Atlas" I discovered that there were changes in the time zone in Kansas and in 1913, Colby was in Mountain Time, not Central Time. So now I am getting to know my new chart and maybe it would be well for some of you born back in the early part of the Century, even up through the 1920's, to check your time zones.

Have many of you really studied Cosmobiology? **Edith** suggested that I use Ebertin's "The Combination of Stellar Influences" and it was good advice. Later I bought his other books, the 90° wheel and really began to study in earnest. I was fortunate indeed to be able to attend a workshop given by **Eleanora Kimmel** and after that day realized what I had been missing without using Cosmobiology. Eleanora is an excellent teacher and such a charming person.

So things are coming together for me at last. The nicest part of my Eclipse conjunction is that suddenly people are giving me things. Not just material things to have around but things that will improve my mind and my life. And things that I can share with others for the good of everyone. A Weaver friend died recently and left me all of his books, notes, patterns, etc. Another friend gave me patterns and samples of Scottish Tartans from London with out-of-print books that are priceless. But best of all, a fellow astrologer gave me a set of 1936 American Astrology Magazines in which a series of five articles were written by Elizabeth Aldrich on "Character of Individual Degrees". The degrees interpretation by Leo were listed but the meat of the articles were her own (and others of that time) research into what the individual degrees and fixed stars actually worked out to mean in an individual horoscope. I do not know if Miss Aldrich is still alive or if the articles could be reproduced for **MH** but if so, I would be glad to share. [Does

anyone know if we could reprint these articles of 44 years ago? Would we still have to get permission and if so from whom? EDITH.]

Also in the same magazines are articles by Dane Rudyhar, Carl Tobey and others. These magazines are a treasure.

Well, after all of this serious business, I think I'll go play with my computer for a while. I can build a rocket on the screen and then program it to shoot off into space..real fun!

JAYJ JACOBS

San Francisco, CA

March 24, 1980

To **Maxine Fiel** (p. 10, April Ed.): I apologize for what I said about you in the Jan. Edition (p. 21). THEN I honestly thought you were being nasty to Marcia Moore, (a personal friend of mine), and to everyone else who has experienced past-lives, or tried mind-expanding drugs, or any other means of expanding their consciousness, and to all the astrologers who look at charts before they analyze people, (or events) and their transits. Anyway, I apologize, I was mistaken **obviously**. After reading what you said about me, you were undoubtedly being as nice as you were capable of being when you wrote about Marcia et al.

To all who read p. 10, April Ed. and p. 21 January Extra and p. 42 July Ed.: Out of the FIFTEEN letters I commented on, I poked fun, (sharply), at two, cautioned or contradicted four and the rest were complimentary and informative. I don't see the point in spending AN ENTIRE PAGE attempting to put down or cut up someone who expresses an opinion I don't agree with, even if it's about me. I counted OVER SIXTY derogatory words or phrases directed at me compared with the 4 adjectives in two sentences I wrote about Maxine. Perhaps Max should re-read the first line of her letter to me...the part about projecting onto others...Anyway, at least, I'm no longer obscure. I'm now as unjustly vilified as **John McCormick**. Thanks M.... F....

FAITH KINDELL

Columbia, SC

March 18, 1980

Now that Mercury's turning direct I am finally getting around to writing to let you know I didn't receive the Jan. '80 issue of **MH**. I renewed last Fall, got the Oct. '79 issue, but since then,...nothing. Could you please remedy as I do miss it and want to find out if (poor) **John McCormick** managed any kind of rebuttal to the assinine and humorless onslaughts of butter-wouldn't-melt **Sondra Joyce** whose diatribe in defense of Hamfatto and his scribe was rank with selfrighteousness. Clearly, if I had to share an afternoon of conversation with either John or she, I'd at least be spared the pseudo-spiritual arrogance of a 'babe on the Path' if I were with John, whose intellect obviously IS superior, and whose wit is delightful and honesty REFRESHING! There! I said it and I'm GLAD!

Pat Morimando of 93 Bedford St., N.Y.C., N.Y. 10014, is looking for articles for **ASTROLOGY PLUS** of which she is the editor. She is looking for writers who can produce in-depth articles that the average nonastrologer can relate to and comprehend. This means articles that are free [for the most part] of astrological and other "technical" jargon. She has written up something describing exactly what she is looking for in material and if you are interested I suggest you write to Pat at the above address for more information. EDITH.

GEOFFREY DEAN
Perth Western Australia
Jan. 17, 1980

The world's largest collaborative literary project in astrology, namely **Recent Advances Two**, is under way.

The original **Recent Advances [RA]** was a critical review of the astrological literature and involved over 50 people in 10 countries. It took 7 man-years to prepare.

RA2 is a supplement to RA that will summarise material previously missed. It will include new material to 1980 and major new sections on the art, philosophy and sociology of astrology. Together RA+RA2 will provide a definitive critical survey of modern astrology.

Like RA, RA2 will be a massive collaborative effort under the general co-ordination of Arthur Mather and myself. Already over one man-year has been spent on research, and over \$US2500 on books, journals, microfilms, xeroxing and correspondence, all for RA2.

To date about 150 man-hours and \$US200 have been spent on seeking collaborators. The response has been excellent:

In early August 1979, trilingual press releases inviting participation in RA2 were sent to all serious astrological journals (74 of them) including **MH**. Since late Sept. 1979, letters inviting participation have been sent to over 200 individual astrologers in a total of 24 countries. To date (early Jan. 1980) about 70 people have agreed to participate.

Each participant has nominated the specialised areas they wish to participate in. So far most areas (eg the art of astrology; experimental psychology; counselling) have an average of 5-10 participants. The standard is high, for example in the statistics group three have PhDs in statistics, and for most areas that involve other disciplines (eg the sociology of astrology) there is at least one university academic specialising in that discipline.

A special attempt is being made to involve RA's most hostile critics, because there is no better way of ensuring a balanced treatment. Unfortunately the response so far has been poor (notable exceptions are Dennis Elwell and Dane Rudhyar) but we shall keep on trying.

Enough material is already on hand to fill at least 50 pages. The participants have promised material which will probably fill a further 100 pages, and library searches will enlarge this considerably. Nearly half the participants will be contributing unpublished research.

Preparation of the text will begin in Feb. 1980, followed by recycling among the participants until everyone is happy. Publication date is uncertain but is unlikely to be earlier than 1981.

This is a unique project. Never in the history of astrology have so many people collaborated on the retrieval and review of the vast scattered literature of astrology. But once it's done it's done. So never again will there be an opportunity to participate in such a worthwhile project. If you have read RA and have comments, disagreements, new material, or original research, and would like to participate, full details are yours for the asking from: **Recent Advances Two**, Monksilver, St. Boniface Road, Ventnor, Isle of Wight PO38 1PJ, England.

LEE BIELAWICZ

Corona, CA

Jan. 7, 1980

I wonder if any of our friends out there can tell me what the Part of Adoption is? I remember seeing it somewhere, but I can't find it.

There is another thing that I would like to see - the people who write on Pluto always start with Pluto in Cancer. I happen to have it in Gemini and there are a lot like me and the younger generation have relatives with it in Gemini - so how about it Authors - Pluto in Gemini.

BO NILSSON
Sollentuna, Sweden

My father has been sick with asthma for about 10 years, since Nov. 1969. I read in "STAR DUSTING" that you, **Edie**, find the solar arc progressions to be the most accurate progressions, and I agree. My father's solar arc aspects for Nov. 1969, Moon in the 6th, Sun conjunct Mars, Sun opposition Neptune, Venus opposition Saturn, Saturn square Mars, Pluto opposition Moon and AC square Saturn.

It was critical for some time. I don't remember how long he had to stay in the hospital but it was around 14 days in January, 1970. **Before** this he smoked at least 40 cigarettes per day.

He is very nervous, shown by Moon conjunct Uranus and Mercury square Uranus. With Mars opposition Neptune, highly sensitive, and with Sun square Jupiter/Saturn in Virgo, I think he should watch his diet carefully. Milk is not good for him at all as it creates lots of expectoration. He is now going through his second Saturn return so it is really time for a change. So what to eat or not to eat is the question.

Except for the solar arc progression I have also found the solar returns to be very accurate, and if you haven't tried them yet you'd better give them a try.

I have done two solar return charts for my father. First the Tropical solar return with approximate precession correction of the equinoxes to 50.2675 sec. per year. (Ref. to **R. Hand's** "Planet in Transit" p. 29-31 + **James Eshelman's** "Interpreting Solar Returns.") Then one without precession correction, a pure Tropical solar return.

The correction is needed because the vernal equinox, the first point of Aries, does not remain stationary. It moves 1 degree in 72 years.

When you have cast the chart you can place the Solar Return planets in the inside wheel and the natal planets in the outside wheel. This corrected kind of chart shows, I think, the psychological condition. The more basic pattern. Maybe events are better shown by the pure tropical return. Both charts work all right but on different levels.

As I can see, asthma is a Mercury disease, involving the nerves. In the return charts it is also connected with Mars-Neptune. Mercury square Uranus shows up in both the Solar Returns and in the Natal chart.

Does anyone have any comments on this?

SUZANNE LEE CORSON

Marlton, NJ

ITEM: The NASA photos from the Vanguard mission in '56 through the recent Jupiter shots are available to us. Write to: Natl. Aeronautics & Space Administration
Room 6035
400 Maryland Ave. S.W.
Washington, DC 20546

ask for recent NASA photography Index.

ITEM: To all who are thinking of buying a microcomputer: one consideration is expansion via a modem. A modem will allow your computer to talk to other computers by telephone. My Aquarian M.C. foresees that soon "all the information in the world" will be quite literally at our fingertips. (For example all U.S. Stock Market Exchanges are on "The Source" which your computer can contact.) So be sure the computer that you intend to buy will accept a modem.

GOSSIP: My computer (TRS80,32K) is so busy doing election astrology and playing games that I am using a computer service offered by Peter Ingerman of Willingsboro, N.J. For new clients I order Natal, Progressed, and Solar and Lunar Returns - the format is excellent and the service is quick. Without adding a couple of disk drives, more memory, and all of the available software (from Matrix) I can't cope with just the TRS80.

Still, owning one's own computer is a very satisfying thing - unlike children - it will obey your every command!

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AUDREY MATHEWSON

Sacramento, CA

Feb. 12, 1980

The other day, while talking to a long time friend, she said "you know you are the only person I have ever heard say you want to come back again." I was surprised to hear that. I have said I want to come back again - I guess I figure I am getting my act pretty well together this time and should have it made next time. I have "paid off" some karma, done some things right, and haven't fouled up too much so far that will carry over.

Speaking of past lives, (how do you like that for a lead-in!!!) I find it interesting to know what and where we were before. I have been told - don't worry about where you WERE, just get on with what you are supposed to do NOW. I agree with this now, but six years ago I still was wondering as I know a lot of people "new" to all this still are. I have found that some of the lives do relate to what we are doing in this lifetime. I was denied an education many times - mostly because I was a girl - they didn't think girls needed to go to school - only boys. I felt this was unfair. I even dressed in boys clothing in order to go to school. This lifetime, I chose for my mother, a teacher, because she would know the importance of an education and see that I went to school. As fate would have it - I was told early in life "you will finish school if I have to drag you every day by the hair on your head." I didn't mean it was THAT important!!

I have found out about a lot of past lives through psychics, awareness expansion and meditation exercises. In a number of them, I abandoned my children and lived the life of a show girl and dancer and enjoyed "the pleasures of the flesh". In order for me to learn how it was to be abandoned, I was the child of a Pilgrim father and Indian mother and was left on the doorstep to be raised by someone else. Not only did I have to learn how it was to be an orphan but a "half-breed". I didn't belong to anyone.

And all past lives were not glamorous and were not all rich and famous. The same as we aren't now. I was a slave in Egypt and it was a good life. I was a dancer and brought a good price to my master when I was sold. I was treated very good and being a slave was just a way of life. Has anyone had any past life experience when they were building the pyramids? Seems someone could tell us how it was done. I was there but it wasn't stones I was laying!!

I spent 69 years as a blind beggar in Persia. How do you like that for rich and famous? I rode with Joan of Arc in her army. I was imprisoned after her death. I hadn't realized she was only 19 when she died. A guard helped me escape and I went to the farm country in France and hid out. Eventually married and forgot about the Crusades. Today I am not big on women's lib. You go march and I will wave from the curb.

I was poisoned by my sister in Rome when we were both in love with the same tribune. It is very possible we are sisters again now because we seem to have no love or even friendship between us.

In China I was a serving maid. There was no middle class in China. Either very poor or very rich, so if you were poor the best place to be was working for the rich. To live in a palace and have a lot of food was a good life. Today I enjoy Chinese food and preparing it, the buildings and dishes and art. I don't like those ugly masks they wear in parades. I probably didn't like them then either.

I was drowned as a witch one time. All that was necessary was to be accused and you had had it! Anyone could accuse you, like just saying you talked weird. They would put you over the

pond and dunk you under three times and pull you up twice!! People still say I talk weird, but now the consequences aren't as severe!

In Constantinople between 507-548 AD, I was an entertainer when the acting profession ranked second only to the world's oldest! During this time I met and became a friend of Theodora, also an actress, who had her eye on bigger things. Like becoming the Empress of Justinian when it was against the law for anyone above the senatorial rank to marry an actress. So he just changed the law and the real trouble started. I was in her court and boy! - did she get us both in a lot of trouble!!! I had to spend those 69 years in Persia to make up for this one! We each worked our own side of the street!!

If you don't know about Theodora (incidentally, her name wasn't spelled that way, I think it was Theodora or something. Has anyone seen it spelled differently?) read Edgar Cayce On Reincarnation by Noel Langley. Justinian was the one who had his Congress remove reincarnation from the Bible.

One little funny thing happened in San Francisco in 1974 when I attended my first AFA convention. I was in a bookstore and asked the clerk if he had the 1975 ephemeris in stock. He said, "The ef-er-meedes is not out yet. They want to wait until the convention is over to put in all the latest information that happens here." What do you say other than Thank You.!!!

I had the opportunity to spend some time at the ARE in Virginia Beach, Va., the first of this year. In talking to a lady that worked in the book store there, she had not heard of the MH. Please put them on your mailing list.

MERELIN LAWRENCE

Wheeling, IL

Jan. 18, 1980

After reading your letter to **Jim Haynes**, regarding the office of the MH, there probably would be many of your readers that would enjoy seeing a picture of this - almost world renown, fantastic - office - in a trailer yet?!!!! Please squeeze one in sometime.

To **T. Patrick Davis**: On Milk allergy; my daughter almost died of pneumonia at 6 months of age before they found she was allergic to cows milk. Her Jupiter is in Leo but the Moon is in Capricorn. Birth Info: Oct. 23, 1955, Kenosha, Wis. 8:19 a.m., Central Standard Time. Her daughter is allergic also: Aug. 23, 1978, 8:11 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, Somerville, N.J. Similarities in charts, Mother Deb's moon in the 2nd, Daughter Jenny's moon in Taurus, both have 12th house Saturns, both have 11th house Mercuries and the N. Nodes of both are in the 1st house - (Sidereal and Placidus).

To **Elaine E. Shy**: A cry for help: Jan. Ed., p. 63. Pluto was in Leo from late 1937 thru most of the 50's so there are millions of people born with that. After doing a quickie chart on you I cannot say that I see what ever it is that you feel is a blinding aspect. Again and again I have been taught, or I read, or I heard in a lecture, that an event or trend should be verified at LEAST THREE TIMES before it can be taken as part of a reality. In my own chart, I saw Pluto aspects as death during a long illness

and here I am - different yes, but happy and alive. You are actually at a thrilling time in life and you will be "seeing" things very differently. In REAL life, you are starting into change of life with Trans. Uranus opposing Nat. Uranus. Get a copy of Robt. Hands' "Planets in Transit" and read Uranus oppose Uranus, Uranus sq. Sun, Jupiter trine Jupiter and Saturn and find some positive aspects about yourself. AND welcome back to MH land, we've been here all along. About 4 of my clients and 2 of my sisters are at the same point in life and it can be fun.

Here's hoping to see many of you in Aug. at the A.F.A. Convention in New Orleans.

JUDITH GEE
London, England
March 29, 1980

MH, 25th Ed., April '80 came the other day, and I note with wry amusement, that I am in the line of fire by your sharp shooters.

James Eshelman queries the data I gave about Pope John Paul as he did not understand the wording of Romeo Ferrao, about the birth at the eclipse. And asking for his source of knowledge...I was merely messenger in this information, and accepted this from Romeo Ferrao, being my birthday mate but not an astrologer. When he next surfaces, I shall ask him!

Karen Green - accusing me on inconsistency. I do indeed separate President Carter's leadership and actions taken by U.S. President Carter - a ditherer - that is he hesitates and has shown this consistently in his presidency. But certain planetary patterns acting on U.S. has compelled him to sudden action - but even here, he dithers and does not follow through with strength. He talks more than acts, the true mark of a ditherer. But he is NOT the U.S.! Surely - even Karen Green can allow that events compel the hesitant to act, suddenly, without much plan, and then withdraw.

Thanks **Gwen Quickel**, for remarks about the Sun-Moon/-Sagittarius square Saturn/Virgo, giving her a lot of tension-anxiety re telephones...rather vague though and why telephone with Saturn? Was sickness or death involved?

Howard Hammitt asks further re Menachem Begin's birth data - whether Julian or Gregorian calendar. Brest Litvosk was at that time, 1913, in Russia - the illusory peace treaty between Lenin and Trotsky and the Germans was signed there to end the Russo-German war 1917/8. It is now the border town with Poland and I was there in 1972 when President Nixon was jazzing around Russia. But Begin went to Poland and became a Polish national. Menachem Begin's letter to me, stated that he was born Friday night. He gave the date as 16 Aug. 1913. But Friday was 15th and Saturday 16th...But if it becomes 28/29th, this is Thursday-Friday, not Friday-Saturday as Menachem Begin insisted. It should be further noted that as a Polish national, Begin was imprisoned by the Russians on their invasion of Poland and his life in danger. But when Germany attacked Russia and the whole scenario changed, Begin was allowed to go to Israel (as it became later) to fight for the Poles! or with the Poles.

Al H. Morrison states that he is not a Christian and in brackets (nor a Jew). Amazing, I had thought he was a fellow tribesman of mine. How come Al? What are you? Did you contract out? Another Neptune illusion!

Thanks **Bob Jansky** for the birthdata of George Bush, who I had rather favoured...may I, as a non-native? He has a splendid Grand Trine in Air, Sun/Gemini - Saturn/Libra - Mars/Aquarius...but Sun squares Uranus exactly and Mars is conjunction South Node. Still this man has great merits. But I doubt his popularity, with Moon/Libra square to Venus/Cancer exactly. I fear the public and the females not liking him...maybe too brusque with Sun-Uranus...divorced parents and himself too? His Sun progressed Leo but progressed Mars is early Pisces retro. and I fear this will stop election. Too weak and negative a position. This man is near to greatness, but flawed.

Mae Seefried asks why her Horoscope chart shows different trends to the textbooks. She entirely overlooks the aspects and with South Node in Libra in 1st, and Mars/Libra squaring Moon/Capricorn in 4th, from 1st, the lady will be at constant war with herself in her home and personality. She

lacks organisation, because she will not finish what she is doing, but leaves all to rush some other job. She is somewhat self-centered and maybe tries to do too much and not delegate. Her mother was severe and critical of her and impaired her self-confidence and ability to handle daily things. Pluto/Cancer in 10 opposing Saturn/Capricorn in 4th, again a division between professional and home life and if she works she is tied by home responsibilities and duties and if she stays home, she wants out! But both planets have good aspects to Mercury/Virgo, which shows a very intelligent mentality but a seclusive desire and with Neptune in 12th, some fantasy factor overtakes the reality principle. Being 'the world's worst housekeeper'...difficult to believe with Saturn-Moon/Capricorn in 4th, is a wilful act of defiance against restrictive home and domestic circumstances. This is really a psychological problem. The Virgo traits being 12th house are overlaid by the self-assertive Mars square Moon in 1st and the South Node gives a bad impression to the world. She has a very good mind, but hides her knowing and acts before she thinks. Loves her friends, fights her home life and mother. She is quite capable of reorganising her life and should use her good mind to this purpose and bring it out of the closet into broad daylight!

Thanks for publishing me! I note the audience reaction...ah well you can't win them all!

Apart from all this egocentric birthdata, you-all maybe interested in an event data. The consecration, induction, and enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Tuesday, 25 March 1980 at Canterbury Cathedral, Kent, England 51N15 1E6. This took place at 3 p.m. British Summer Time, = UT+one hour.) But the real beginning of the ceremony was at exactly at 3:05 p.m. BST, when the Archbishop gave 3 knocks at the West Door...I heard this on my radio, so know the exact time. Leo Ascendant, with rule Sun/Aries just in 9th...Mars conj. North Node/Leo in 1st house. This is the Man, who assumes a regal and ruling role with much publicity and popularity. The Cathedral is Taurus M.C. and Venus/Taurus in 10th. An old traditional place of much beauty. For the Void-of-Course devotees, the Moon was 29 Cancer and void-of-course, changing to Leo during the hour of ceremony, and in 12th. Maybe showing that the peoples of the nation were not present, only royalty, religious, aristocratic and professionals, beings of exalted rank! That the angles are in fixed signs, shows this Archbishop will be long to endure. The end of things Scorpio I.C. has ruler Mars in first, widely square to Venus/Taurus in 10th and Uranus/Scorpio in 4th squares Mars closely. So this may not be a peaceful reign. He - the Archbishop will hold court and encounter revolt in his domestic life. Possibly from his wife, who is 7th house/Aquarius and she is a very original lady. I hope no divorce!

LYNNE BURMYN
Minneapolis, MN
April 24, 1980

Urgent request: We're being attacked here (metaphorically) by Fundamentalist Christians who are trying to have a local astrologer removed from a weekly segment on a local television program.

First - Anyone have any similar experiences they'd like to share? Second, we need Biblical citations, quotes, references, etc. to back up the validity of our stance (not to mention quotes from the U.S. Constitution...)

Thanks!!

HOWARD HAMMITT, Jr.

April 10, 1980

Re: Classic Retrograde Mercury, 1980, etc.: I'd like to be naive and at the same time learn something by observation of certain events of this year. We astrologers have an opportunity to watch and study the great drama of the Presidential Campaign and see how our established or tentative rules may apply, - particularly, for one thing, as to retrograde Mercury.

When Ronald Reagan announced his candidacy last November, Mercury was retrograde. My naive reading: eventually this fact will work against his candidacy. I have nothing against him; in fact, I think he was a good Governor of California. He also has his progressed Sun, by secondary progression, less than a degree from a square of his natal Uranus, which was natally in wide conjunction with his natal Mercury and opposite his natal Neptune. Next summer his progressed Sun will be getting real close to the square of his natal Uranus. SUDDENLY things would change.

Where did that incorrect chart, Asc. 5° Cancer, for Reagan shown in Sabian Symbols come from originally? Well, it was published in "World Astrology", Feb. 1941, in an article "Aquarius in the Movies" by a good astrologer who sometimes took liberties with data. It was not labeled "speculative", does not give the source, - in fact, gives just the printed chart with comments by way of a reading on the subject. So when Governor Reagan said, some years ago, that nobody had his correct birth data, he could well have been referring to this early speculative chart which had been printed and then copied, and included - among other places - in Sabian Symbols, or another chart which had been published by Church of Light, placing Asc. at about 28° Scorpio. Then, the following information was included in the DATA EXCHANGE pages of the AFA Bulletin, at p. 538, -

Ronald Reagan, b. Feb. 6, 1911, 1:20 a.m. CST,...(giving Longitude and Latitude of Tampico, Ill.)...One of our very new members is a very close friend of the Reagan family and was given the 1:20 a.m. time by a person very close to the Governor. This is as authentic a source as we will ever be able to get, so we submit it for your use."

Then the chart elements are given on that page, showing the Asc. at 21° 20' Scorpio. To me he looks Scorpio, the higher type of course, and his Mars in the early degrees of Capricorn, exalted, with other things - are excellent. But I repeat, he will NOT be President. He announced his candidacy when Mercury was retrograde, and he will not even be the Republican nominee but will end up giving his support to...Ah, but stay, I'll tell you the story without delay.

Another man made an announcement on March 15, also when Mercury was retrograde. He was in a quandary and would just as soon like to get out of running for President, knowing what a tough job it is, where you're "darned if you do and darned if you don't." This man had at last become satisfied that the Republicans if they nominated Reagan, would win, and so this man, Gerald Ford, said that he was withdrawing or was announcing his non-candidacy. A few days later in answer to a question he left the door very slightly open, in event of - I forget the exact statement. Anyway, again I think that decision of non-candidacy would have to be changed - Mercury retrograde is my naive reason for saying that.

This year an important event will happen on Gerald Ford's birthday, namely, the Republican Convention in his natal State, July 14, 1980, in the city of Detroit, Mich., and - again - Mercury will be retrograde on that opening date of the G.O.P.

Convention. Both Mercury and the Sun, by transit on that day, will be close to Ford's natal Sun in Cancer.

Naive reading No. 3: The G.O.P. Convention will start out in a deadlock. Reagan will go there claiming that he does, indeed, have sufficient votes of delegates to win on the first ballot; but somehow they won't all be sufficiently firm in their commitment, and when the tally is made there just will be a few short of the required number. From then on, his support would gradually dwindle away, going to some of the other candidates, - none of whom can win. Convention deadlocked.

Then they persuade Ford that he simply must accept the nomination, - or at first, accept the support of some delegates, who gradually increase in numbers until he receives the unanimous nomination. (Mars rising in Taurus can be stubborn and firm, but will not refuse when there's a genuine draft.)

Well, I've made this up out of whatever whole cloth I have in my head where my brains ought to be; but strange to say, that's what I think will - I mean, MAY, happen. Continuing further: The very fact that Ford withdrew for reasons of party unity and giving his support, in effect, to Reagan, will work in Ford's favor when he finally gets the nomination, and then he will receive the support of Reagan. Ford will have given Reagan every chance to win - and when Reagan can't win, he will work for the same "party unity" in swinging his support to Ford. Reagan's natal Moon conjunction Ford's natal Ascendant.

Have you ever compared Ford's horoscope to that of George Washington? Both with Taurus Ascendant, both with a planet in the 10th house at 6° Aquarius, favorably aspected. Ford's natal Jupiter at 11° Capricorn, close to Washington's natal Moon at about 18° Capricorn - both in the 9th house. There are other similarities, and of course - differences; but to me this is significant. As the reincarnation of same? No, not at all. But a pattern may have been set, which meant national unity in times of stress.

The conjunctions of Jupiter and Saturn will trine Ford's natal Uranus, sextile his natal Moon, trine his natal Venus and Saturn. His progressed Uranus has retrograded back to complete the exact partile sextile to his natal Moon - not too important an aspect until you realize the elevation of Uranus. ("Partile" means, degrees and minutes; not just the same degree.) At the date of the election in November, his progressed Moon will be in trine to his progressed Jupiter, back about 8° Capricorn. On Inauguration Day, Jan. 20, 1981, his progressed Moon will be at about 13° Taurus, conjunction his natal Ascendant, after several years of being in the "background" of his natal 12th house. How do you like this story that I made up? I don't know what will happen, but those are the "trends" as they look to my eyes.

BEVERLY RIESBERG

New York, NY

Attached is an item for MH from my friend, Kara Seere.

Yes, Transits from Outer Planets "Work"

Last July I experienced a transit of Pluto over my natal Neptune. Contrary to popular belief, this transit was experienced personally rather than "generationally" and brought the usual depth of soul-searching. On the day of its exact conjunction, an argument ensued with the man I was living with at the time. In anger, he flung a kitchen utensil (not at me - but at the wall across from me) - the result: The pronged (shades of Neptune) fork landed squarely between my legs - missing the mark but making an impact... "pass the Freud anyone?"

VALENTINA

April 7, 1980

While doing the year's lunations, I noted that Neptune led in about seven of them. Bringing out the old notebooks of past years, I found the same crazy phenomenon, so I brought out every chart I had delineated, and counted them. A lot of actors, politicians, common men and women, and family. Sure enough, out of hundreds, I found seven out of ten had Neptune leading. I wasn't surprised to see actors with an engine fitting type but it amused me to find that the common run of entertainment fiends, pop, coffee, whiskey drinkers, and goofballs had Neptune leading the train!

And by "leading" I do not mean rising up to the ascendant but coming down over it, going east. The stars do NOT move west. I have chanced to make some three people very angry at me by telling them this. M.E.Jones' locomotive type chart is a bit difficult at times to calculate the engine, and of course a change of leaders is frequent, especially Moon. I haven't looked into this as a leader in parts of the life, but it is far oftener the leader in women's charts than Neptune. In men's charts, unless very strong otherwise, the Moon engine tends toward a "swish" person.

I found these "engines" to be the best quickie analysis I had ever seen, and I have all charts now marked with a very curved banana with the caboose and engine marked out. Few Suns or Plutos lead and as Pluto is slower than Neptune, I found this incomprehensible. I concluded the Roulette wheel is 'fixed' so few leaders come in and a lot of easily influenced "Indians" are supplied to 'follow'. I saw no reason why so few Sun leaders, but found nine of eighteen cows had the Sun leading!! If Neppy is the ruler, or well placed, it helps a lot. In 9th house, it might make good preachers but oftener makes for superstition, weirdisms and completely irrational faiths, also the witchcraft I despise.

Pluto/Moses led in Carnegie's chart, and he did great good for the people. Schweitzer had Pluto and Neptune leading and did great good for the Blacks. America might have had Pluto leading but the Moon forged ahead. She has anyway led masses across a greater sea, and her women make the nation great. They alone of the world's women handle the money, set the goals, and plan for the family. Only a percentage of us are 'dirty Americans', the rest are what the Blacks call 'soul'.

Check your collection and form your opinions, and by the way, where the ascendant is seems very important. To be on the train makes for greater success and ability. Are you on the train?

MARCIE ANDERSEN

Virginia

I think someone should ask McCormick what he thinks about the lecturer's fees. He has a lot to say about everything else but he never says anything about things that everyone else wonders about. Is he afraid he'll step on some big toes or lose his place on the Board of Directors?

JOHN McCORMICK

Bloomfield, NJ

THE THIRD MAN THEME

As a member of the Board of Directors of the AFA I suppose that I have a little right to resent being asked to comment upon matters of wide interest. Ms. Andersen is quite correct that I am afraid of stepping on some big toes. She errs

only in supposing that the toes are all attached to the feet of people on one side of the argument.

I have many close associates in both camps and I had hoped by a discreet silence to be able to disguise my contempt for all of them. Now, however, the down-home, brass-tackism of Ms. Andersen has made continued discretion impossible and, although I despise myself for feeling a compulsion to reply to her implied accusations and, thereby, risk all of my tomorrows, so be it!

I was no less appalled by the ponderous advocacy of **John Lawson Ahern** than by the naive prattling of **Robert Carl Jansky**.

Their arguments fail miserably because the bone over which they seem to contend has no real existence. The question is alleged to be whether registration fees at the Convention should be suspended for those assigned to lecture. If this action were taken it would result in a magnificent profit to each lecturer of forty bucks spread over two years...and a total cost to the AFA of some \$4000 over the same period...hardly sums to send me storming angrily to the barricades in either instance.

Mr. Ahern says that we have a debt to astrology and implies, by omission, that it can only be discharged by gratis lecturing at the convention. Mr. Jansky pretends to be unaware of the actual dollar and cents value of exposure at the Convention (particularly to those less prominent than he) and owns up shyly to a burden of guilt incurred by taking actual Federal Reserve Notes from some and only international advertising from others.

Do any of you begin to get a deja-vu sensation of being back in the kindergarten?

That this argument is a red-herring for some more significant controversy I do not doubt and if any of the parties to it will state what his real motives are I may be moved to additional comment at that time. If they are really interested in the forty bucks it may be time for all of us to get out of astrology.

For now I will say only that I don't give a damn whether the fees are waived or not and I can't believe anyone else does either.

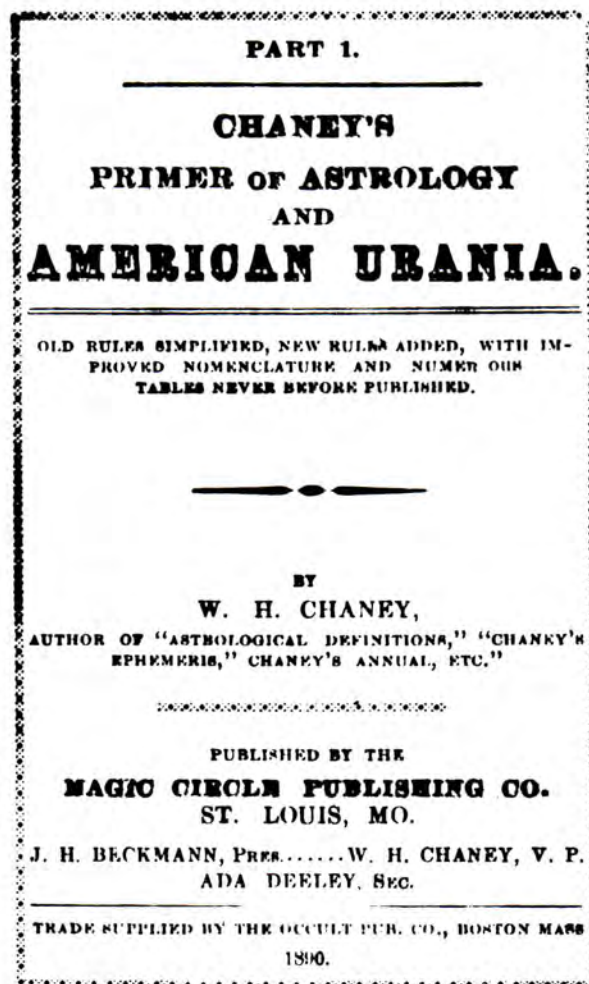
Before closing I'd like to suggest to Ms. Andersen that she consider the possibility that the primitive code of ethical behaviour that satisfies her at present may prove inadequate should she wander off the farm. I have always wondered what runs through the minds of corn-huskers while they are hard at their task and now I know...ethics. [John - I have a feeling you are right - It is NOT the \$40, it's the principles of so many things. I think one of the things that really gets to me is that I feel the membership has no REAL say in anything. No matter what the membership votes on [WHEN ASKED] if the Board [or Cooper] decides against it, that's it. Not very democratic! Edith.]

DOROTHY WILLIS

Nova Scotia

April 13, 1980

Hope some of your writers are looking at the world trend with an eye on Jupiter conj. coming up - coincidentally Libra rules China - does it rule Japan also? When I get home will check that - But already we have seismic activity - financial doings - rumors of wars - and a changing life style showing - mostly coming from the Middle East and Africa - but Central America and So. America are bubbling.



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JOHN AHERN
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In 1916 when the British government was trying to stop gossip and rumors, a bloke y-clept Reginald Arkell wrote a poem entitled "**ALL THE RUMORS**", which with a few pithy variations by The Great Infallible, somewhat fits today's situations:

Actual evidence I have none,
But my aunt's maid's sister's son
Heard a policeman, on his beat,
Say to a hooker on Market Street,
That he has a brother, who has a friend,
Who knows when all astrological feuds will end!

Speaking of Market Street, some time ago they had a round-up of les filles de joie (covered by live television, naturellement!), and as they were unloading this varied group from the Black Marias at the jail, the announcer said: "The one with the real mink is a man!". Ah, San Francisco, is it any wonder that Gregg removed the imminently super-sexy Oregano from such temptations before he's old enough to plunge into it all whole-heartedly?

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Want to drop you a note with some detail on what we feel will be an important new addition to modern computer oriented astrology. The staff here at MATRIX has just finished the software for a new portable astrological computer that will retail for under \$400! The ASTEK I is being produced by the Euro-American Astrology company of California. Euro-Am is under the direction of Richard Fairbairn (technician) and Candy Wesenberg (astrologer).

ASTEK I will be small enough to carry in your hand and yet it can provide the following 'bread & butter' functions used by the average astrologer: Complete Natal Horoscope with 12 house cusps, 9 planets, Moon and lunar node. Additionally, complete Transit and/or Solar Arc Directions are possible. These include the above listed planets and house cusps. An aspect scan is possible in the natal, transit or progressed mode. Aspects and angular separation are listed in degrees and minutes of arc.

The ASTEK I will be presented at the AFA Convention in New Orleans this summer (see the MATRIX booth for details).

One last bit of news for you. The AFA will include a mini-convention as part of its general convention. This is the new **ASTROLOGICAL CONVENTION ON TECHNIQUES** or ACT as it is called. ACT is an attempt to achieve international cooperation and communication on the research and technical matters necessary to a modern astrology. We have **30 speakers from six countries** who will offer lectures and panel discussions technical and research subjects. ACT is a part of the AFA convention and will go on simultaneously with that convention. No additional fee will be charged for this conference other than the AFA attendance fee.

That is the news. Thank you Edith for your help in designing some of the features in the new ASTEK I.

SANDY GUMIENNY
Houston, TX
May 12, 1980

HELP! HELP! HELP!

I'm taking a statistical course this summer for my MBA degree and I have to do a project utilizing everything I've learned from the course. Well, research is my love, medical research is even better, and medical astrological research is best of all. And I have a marvelous professor who is open to our doing projects on whatever is useful and of interest to us. A friend and I have been doing some research on schizophrenics anyway, we have access to a computer to do our tabulations and calculations, and I've received permission to do my project on this subject. What I need now, of course, is info, info and more info - **ASAP**.

Edie, would you please ask those beautiful people out there for help. I need all the information I can get on **MEDICALLY DIAGNOSED** schizophrenics:

Male or Female

Date of Birth

Time of Birth and **how obtained** (most preferably from the birth certificate)

Place of Birth

Any other information that might be of interest (such as a history or pattern of mental illness in a particular family, mental problems undiagnosed in a particular person but with someone else in the family formally diagnosed as schizophrenic, etc.)

Anything I can get from anyone will be most gratefully appreciated and, YES, I will get back to anyone who wants to know what we find out.

Address is: Sandy Gumienny, 2 Briardale Court, Apartment #3, Houston, TX 77027.

If anyone wants to call, my daytime phone number is 713-659-3300; home number is 713-960-8305.

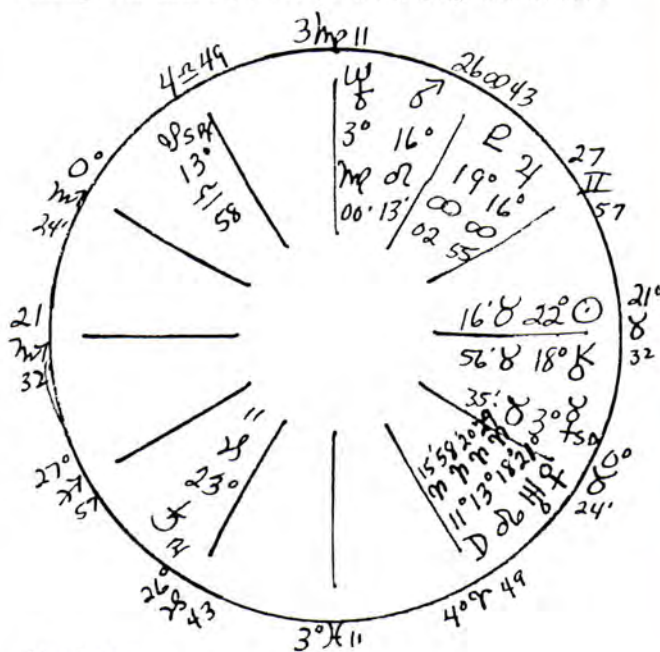
LAURIE EFREIN
Long Island City, NY
April 11, 1980

I am writing in response to **Ralph Shelton's** letter which referred to my article in the CAO Times, Vol. 4, No. 1, about Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple. I was with the Peoples Temple for eight and a half years, and knew virtually everyone who died in Jonestown, Guyana.

The question addressed was Jim Jones' place and time of birth. Firstly, whoever had written in that he was born in San Antonio, Texas is dead wrong, aside from the fact of course, that the Bureau of Statistics has the birth certificate for the correct place of birth, Lynn, Indiana. We visited his birthplace more than once in cross-country travels. The last time it was spurred by his sense of gratitude to a now elderly lady who took him in in his teenage years when his own father booted him out of the house for having Black friends. Jim Jones, unlike many he sacrificed for over the years, knew the meaning of gratitude for kindness even after the passage of many years. Many he helped the most never turned around to say thank you, and we know that a vindictive few (very few, a tiny handful) turned around only to spit in his face, gaining credence only because of their ties with government and the mass media. The truth has yet to be told; and who was responsible for the massive

destruction at the end. **Not Jim Jones** - I'd stake my very life on that. In any case, Peoples Temple members did **not** assassinate the Congressman, this was a "contract" job done by top military professionals hired by one or more agencies of the U.S. government, as shown by the astrology and all the known facts to date. In fact, I talked face-to-face with government people recently, and they conceded that the government, at least Congress, has **no evidence** to indicate that it was Peoples Temple, beyond the "positive identification" given by a person already suing the Peoples Temple for millions of dollars at the time, who claims to have clearly seen the faces of the eight young men coming towards him with guns while he was busy fleeing for his own life! I can give the astrological breakdown of all this for any interested parties.

intensely curious to **know**. The best I could figure is that the previous astrologer took the “pin you down” quality, given by Mars in Aquarius exactly on that 7th house angle, and was **misidentifying** it as Virgo rising (maybe she even supported her conclusion with some promising Sabian symbol...). I don't know how such a contortion was done, I guess she thought all this curiosity, there must be a Mercury rulership somewhere. Anyway, this misidentification may appear extreme, but after all, a “professional” astrologer **did** it. Personally, I think this type of process is fairly common.



Jim Jones
May 13, 1931
Rectified time 6:37 p.m.
Central Standard Time [+6 hrs.]
Lynn, Ind. 84W56 40N40
Placidian
Died: Nov. 18, 1978

TOM DORAN
Arlington, VA
Dec. 22, 1979

To **Jim Eshelman**: To answer your question "Why should you want to overcome your Grand Cross?" - because it hurts! Seriously though, I really can't thank you enough for your comments - they have given me much new insight to the Cross, how to take it apart and analyze it and try to understand its functions. Your answer was exactly what I have been looking for for a long time. I'm not really "hung up" on the Cross - I just want to understand it and your answer has given me the means with which to do that - again, thank you so much. On a different matter, and while I have your ear or eye, maybe, for a moment, want to tell you that Solar Returns and Lunar Returns are my forte and your book on Solar Returns is excellent. I use it constantly. Am looking forward very much to your book on Lunar Returns. I have found that the Solar can delay or postpone an event forecast by a Lunar. Am wondering if you have found that to be true. One other matter: I am one of those with no knowledge of Sidereal astrology - but I do a lot of reading. And from my reading I have gathered the impression or feeling - and I don't want to open Pandora's box (or anybody else's, for that matter) - that Sidereal is a truer, more accurate and more event-oriented system. I would like to investigate this further if you would recommend a book on chart construction and interpretation, if they are not the same as for Tropical.

To **Joan Abel**: Thanks for your comments on my Fixed Cross but, as stated above, I'm not really that "hung up" on it - just wanted to understand it. By the way, I'm one of your many fans - always enjoy your letters. I tried your "Venus Return" and my Venus came out in the 7th conjunct the 7th Cusp within one degree, starting in February - with all of my hard Uranus aspects coming up in 1980 I expected a lot of changes, but nothing that "drastic"! In the Venus Return do you interpret the other planets and angles as you would with a Solar Return?

To **Tani Mortensen** and **Wanda Carlson**: Thanks for sharing your Uranus experiences. I am particularly interested because Uranus will be making multi hard aspects (particulars found elsewhere in this issue) in my chart all of next year. My Sun is also in Taurus, Wanda, and in the past I didn't like change but at this particular point in my life I will welcome them with open arms - as long as they are not **too bad!** Don't think I could stand that many moves though.

To **Mrs. Learmonth**: (I didn't call you "Pat") Loved your letter - it really made my day! Hadn't had such a good laugh since **Edie's** "Kill me dead".

To **Anybody Who Will Help**: Can anyone give me a definitive meaning for the Quincunx? I have read where it's considered a "Fated" aspect, also "crisis or strain" and also that it denotes "a stress area that demands immediate attention". So what is correct or what do most people use? Among my Uranus aspects coming up, I will also have transiting Uranus in the 7th quincunx Moon in the 2nd. Uranus rules the 11th and Moon rules the 4th. Also will have transiting Pluto in the 6th quincunx Sun in the 1st - Pluto rules the 7th and 12th (Aries intercepted) and Sun rules the 5th. Pluto also sextiles natal Neptune in the 5th - Neptune rules the 12th. If I'm not a basketcase sometime in 1980 I will report on how all of this turns out.

To **Haya Murray**: I agree completely with your assessment of "The Power of Pluto" - very disappointing!

Think your two January issues were the very best yet, since I have been a member of **MH** - they keep getting better

and better. Hope you make out all right with your Uranus transit. Again, with much appreciation for the time and space!

JOYLYN HILL
Denver, CO
Jan. 22, 1980

Revisions are necessary to what I said regarding some biographical data on Khomeini. His father died when he was five months old while on a religious pilgrimage. The most commonly accepted version is that Sayed Mustafa Mussavi was set upon by bandits. This would have occurred during the Qajar Dynasty, a long time before Reza Pahlavi came to power in 1925. Other versions say government agents or the henchmen of a local feudal baron killed the Ayatollah's father. (Khomeini's maternal grandfather was also an ayatollah.) Ruholla Mussavi didn't move to Qom until 1922. Khomeini is not his real name, but a name he decided to use as a surname about 1930. The name means an inhabitant of Khomein, his birthplace 180 miles southwest of Teheran.

His older son, Mustafa, died at An Najaf under mysterious circumstances in the fall of 1977. It was widely believed that the Savak was responsible. A daughter of Khomeini's drowned in an accident about 35 years ago. These events should be useful in any rectification attempt to set up the right chart.

Khomeini's Sun is conjunct Algol. This might not be so important except that the Sun's ruler, Venus, is involved in that yod that **Al H. Morrison** talked about. Violence has surrounded him all his life. Some clergymen friends and associates have also died recently under mysterious circumstances; probably assassination, though who is responsible is unclear.

I have not been able to obtain the time George Bush was born, but I can do some speculating on his chances. Nothing very definite, because I don't have midpoints to work with. About four months older than Carter, George Bush was born June 12, 1924 in Milton, Mass. From the standpoint of the solar and lunar eclipses this year, he is certainly in the running. His natal Mars is one degree away from the solar eclipse of Feb. 16, while the lunar eclipse of Aug. 26 comes within a degree of conjuncting his progressed Mars. (If he has Aries rising, this would be important.) Mercury, which rules his Sun, is conjunct the Pleiades. His progressed Jupiter is within a degree of squaring the lunar eclipse of March 1. The solar eclipse of Aug. 10 conjuncts Bush's natal Neptune. Most interesting to me is the fact that Bush's progressed Jupiter turns direct this year, which would be an even better omen if he had Sagittarius rising. From the eclipse standpoint then, Bush is a powerhouse this year. I'm sorry I hadn't studied his chart more carefully some months ago. Of course, it's always best to have something firm in the way of a time.

As far as the eclipses go, Bush's horoscope is aligned better than either Carter or Reagan for this year. I don't want to go out on any limb in predicting what this means. Rep. John Anderson is a new moon individual, and both luminaries in his chart conjunct the solar eclipse of Feb. 16, 1980. Does this mean he will pick up speed, or be completely knocked out of the race?

BOOK REVIEW by **MARY FRANCES WOOD**, Lynchburg, Va.
Arden Robertson, A HANDFUL OF TRINES, 2nd edition, Birmingham, Mich. Seek-It Publications, 1979, (no price given), 54 pages.

A Handful of Trines is a delightful collection of astrological poems that will brighten and enlighten your life. The poems are charming and are obviously written by someone who is well versed in astrology. You'll read and re-read this book and in the process learn a great deal of astrology. It would make a lovely gift for yourself or a friend.

DARRELL STEEN
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SHOULD WE STUDY CHIRON?

Gregg Castellucci wrote an excellent article in Jan. '79 **MH** (p. 23-24) which almost convinced me that we should study this planetoid as the ruler of Virgo. I advise that everyone go back and read it.

Two things bother me however, about Chiron. (1) I recently read an article about how the orbit of Chiron is unstable and tends to follow Saturn around the Sun and could even escape the solar system some day. This article appears, courtesy of **George A. Ball, Jr.** (Oct. '79 **MH**, p. 40). It states that because of this unstable orbit, Chiron probably is a newcomer to our system - not being with us from the beginning. Maybe we could study it as a "passing curiosity". If this object deserves a place among the real planets, then it must have its own orbit and be able to stay there and on a predictable path. In other words, it must have a firm foundation in the scheme of our solar system to have a good foundation in the human psyche. (2) The planetoid does not conform to a mathematical astronomical law that predicts the planets distances from the sun. It states roughly that if Planet "A" is 1 mile from the sun then Planet "B" is 2 miles. If Planet "B" is 2 miles from the sun then Planet "C" must be 4 miles; then Planet "D" must be 8 miles. This is of course a gross oversimplification but will give the general idea. This law was formulated by D.E. Richardson of the Armour Research Institute and predicts planets distances from the sun with a discrepancy of no more than 0.1%. It is much like the one called Bode's Law and does the same except Bode's does not account for Neptune and Pluto. I personally believe that two more planets will be found beyond the orbit of Pluto having a 640 year cycle and a 1608 year cycle which is how far out from the Sun these two planets would be according to this law. There have been studies done on human culture and history that supports these two time periods as being specific cycles of human development. (See the section on cycles in the **ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ASTROLOGY** by Nicholas De Vore for more information on the above.)

What I am saying is that Chiron does not conform to the rules and regulations for being a full-fledged planet. Not that it does not deserve attention, but I feel that its importance may be over-rated. The asteroids by the way do conform to this law but the planet that they once comprised is no longer effectual because it has been destroyed or was never formed. These planetoids may deserve attention, possibly as sensitive points in space but no more than that.

We are discovering things that are transforming our ideas about our solar system - the larger planets all have rings - new moons - planetoids - but the most significant discovery, and one of the first, was the discovery that Pluto is a double planet. Pluto rules hidden things, things just below the edge of consciousness and has a transforming effect by creating a sense of awareness. Is this not what is happening to our ideas about our solar system? That we are discovering that it is much more complete than we once believed. We are undergoing the Pluto-Charon transformation of our ideas, and in the knowledge of our solar system - which is what all of this other new discovery means.

I still contend that Astrology should be kept simple and that is how I study and teach it. I familiarize my students with planetoids, midpoints, parts, nodes, fixed stars, and hypothetical planets. But, I advise them not to study these

things until they have mastered the major things, the Planets houses and zodiac. There is enough of the "major" to study to keep a person busy a lifetime.

LESLIE FRANCIS
Edmonton, Canada
Dec. 17, 1979

I have managed to live through my Saturn return without too much difficulty, but then I have been too busy to notice!

I just finished taking an advanced chart reading course from **Chris McRae** but it was a wonder I made it into the class. The day I applied the moon was void-of-course. First I checked by telephone to see if the course was full and the local college which offers her classes assured me there were lots of spaces left. So after supper that evening I toddled down to enroll; the receptionist informed me there wasn't any room left, I muttered loudly about lack of organization and asked if there was someone I could talk to. She gave me the name of a person I could contact in the morning. Next day, bright and early I was on the phone trying to find out what could be done. I was informed there was one spot left and, if I rushed down there and registered, I could have it. I did just that and then I heaved a sigh of relief.

You can imagine my surprise when I received my application in the mail two days later with a note saying there wasn't any room left. Well, I had to wait until Monday to straighten out the problem and I spent all weekend rehearsing my curses! I talked to the head lady in the registrar's office who said that the course was full and I would just have to wait. So I explained what had happened, adding that the woman I had previously talked to had taken my name over the telephone. The head lady said that wasn't allowed but she would check to see if my name was on the list! Lo and behold, it was there! Someone had forgotten to cross-check my application with the list! What a lot of bureaucratic hassles! And a typical void-of-course moon story!

ARRI PARKER
New York, N.Y.
Dec. 11, 1979

Just received my first copy of **MH** and am fascinated by the prospect of making contact with people like me - and not necessarily an Astro-Twin but those with similar astrological characteristics.

For the Astro-Twin category, my birth data is October 22, 1948, New York City, which gives a 5°24' Capricorn Asc. and 29°39' Libra MC.

Specific characteristics I am also interested in, however, are:

- a Sagittarius Jupiter in the 12th house (opposite a Gemini Moon in the 6th conjunct Uranus, trine a Libra Mercury in the 9th which is conjunct the Sun which is conjunct the Moon.

- am also told by a professional friend that my Virgo Saturn in the 8th trine the Asc. is probably the most important planet in my chart (clue (?): the day of my Saturn Return I found out I was pregnant). Why? It is also exact square to my Sag. Mars in the 11th.

Looking forward to any response.

CAROLYN R. DODSON
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Dec. 3, 1979

I would be interested in finding out the horoscopes of the Democrat and Republican parties. Does anyone have them?

DR. J. LEE LEHMAN
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Jan. 5, 1980

Re issue 24 (Jan. '80). To Klara Henderson: It seems amazing that in 1980 one would have to correct other astrologers' use of language. I refer to her use of the terms "unnatural" and "deviate" for homosexuals. The former is absurd, since homosexuality is found in the animal kingdom from fruit flies to primates. The latter is technically correct, if one refers to a statistical "deviation" from a "normal" (i.e., bellshaped) distribution. The **connotation**, however, is hardly complimentary: as a lesbian, I feel she has about as much justification for calling me a deviate without seeing my chart as I would have in calling her a judgemental bigot without seeing hers.

More important, her assertions about the astrology of homosexuality appear to be off-base. I would like to suggest a possible explanation for this. Straight astrologers, like straight psychologists until recently, have usually assumed that something must have gone "wrong" for a person to end up gay, whether that something be a Uranus affliction or an unresolved Oedipus complex. This was probably even logical, given a further analogy to the psychological profession. Psychologists developed their often contradictory theories of homosexuality based on patients, many of whom had entered therapy because of problems with dealing with a hostile society! When the shift occurred to studying gays who were not in therapy, many of the "differences" and "problems" disappeared! I would suggest that straight astrologers may also see a nonrepresentative sample of gays because many gays will actively **avoid** straight professionals.

I have been studying the charts of about 200 lesbians obtained by lesbian astrologers who were known as such within the gay community. The following are some of my results.

1) There is no emphasis on either retrograde Venus or Mars. The vast majority have both direct.

2) The most common signs for the personal planets are Aries and Cancer through Libra. These peaks, however, are only about 20% greater than the average. Pisces is the least frequent sign.

3) Mutable signs are significantly ($p < 0.001$) less frequent than cardinal or fixed. Fire and air signs are slightly more abundant than earth or water. **Note** that these are averages: I have charts of lesbians with practically everything in mutables except the outer planets.

4) Venus and Mars aspects to Uranus are no more common than Mercury-Uranus ones, which I take to be an internal control. Moon-Uranus aspects are the most common: 40% of the sample had **some** aspect (conj., semi-sextile, sextile, trine, opposition, semi-square, inconjunct, N, Q, or BQ) between Moon and Uranus. Ditto for Neptune aspects.

5) Other insignificant aspects: Sun-Moon, Venus-Saturn, and Venus-Mars.

6) The distribution of the following planets by houses is random: Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Uranus, Neptune. However, the ruler of the 5th house (using only the Sun-Saturn designations) is distributed nonrandomly, occurring most frequently in III, IV, X, XI and XII. This is significant at the 1% level. The ruler of the 8th house is distributed randomly.

7) The average number of quincunxes per chart is about 2, which includes asc and MC aspects, and is not significantly different from the female heterosexual sample in my files.

8) It appears that the degree distribution within the signs is nonrandom, but I don't have enough charts to establish this statistically.

9) The number of yods is double the expected value. I am currently examining this further, especially to see if the yod(s) was/were being activated at the time of coming out.

If these preliminary results seem mostly negative, it could be taken as confirmation of the adage within the gay community that there are those you can spot and those you can't. It would also support the observation that gays come out for a variety of reasons, many if not most of them having little to do with reactions to the opposite sex.

To **Joan Abel**: I have yet another suggestion for consideration of appearance: genetics! Both my asc and east point are Leo, but no one ever guesses Leo by my looks. (Other considerations and it's a cinch!) However, everyone comments that my brother and I look just like each other except for his beard, and he's Gemini rising, Taurus east point. One astrologer friend even commented that we walk alike, there being a slightly awkward bounce in the step. I find it much easier to account for this by heredity and environment - isn't it about time that we astrologers admit that we don't **have** to be able to **explain everything** so glibly?!

FRANK JONES
Jackson, MS
Jan. 4, 1980

You are right about the habit your readers have regarding requesting research information from others. No results are ever published in the **MH**, presumably because nothing definitive is discovered. I don't believe it's too much to ask that anyone who asks for such data show some responsibility and continuity, by reporting their findings (or lack of them) back to those who are gracious enough to share their chart files with them. Or their magazine space!

On that note, I can offer something in response to **Jeanette M. Era** (p. 22, Jan. '80 **MH**): My niece has her natal **moon** at 30° **Pisces**. She has always been allergic to milk also. This seems to fall in line with **Davis'** research. However, I suspect there's something intrinsic about the last few degrees of mutable signs in relation to allergies. All mutable signs/houses are zones of environmental influence and adjustment. And all allergic reactions are biological over-reaction by the body as it adjusts to an influx of toxic substances.

My sister has **moon** at 28° **Sag**. Both of her children (including my niece, mentioned above) have **Asc.** at 30° **Sag**. Her husband has **Venus** at 28° **Pisces**. Three of the four in this family (my sister, her husband and their son) have **Hay Fever** and other airborne plant spore allergies and must take shots each year. Sis had **Asthma** as a child. Their birth data -

a) Female: Dec. 4, 1937, 5:54 a.m., Chicago, Ill. (source: family records).

b) Male: May 4, 1934, time unknown, Chicago, Ill.

c) Female: May 23, 1957, 10:18 p.m., Central Daylight Time, Chicago, Ill. (source: birth certificate).

d) Male: Nov. 13, 1962, 9:55 a.m., Chicago, Ill. (source: birth certificate).

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Jan. 5, 1980

That **Dick Raines** is really something else - What a guy - I always look for his little love stories -

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First off, I'd like to try to get some contradiction squared away, in my own pea brain, and that is: Just what DO we use for Pennsylvania births...time in effect (clock) or standard? In the 7th Extra Edition of **MH**, **Doris Chase Doane** says "hour of the clock...." and in the 24th Edition, **Colleen** indicates that hospitals stick to STANDARD TIME! Confusing?! Should we just use Standard time for Rochester, PA, as Colleen, and Clock Time in the rest of the state, or what? (My Virgo Rising prefers to have accurate charts!)

To **Edie**: Just a comment, please. Is **MH** getting to be an all around "metaphysical" publication, or is it Astrology? We are seeing more and more about biorhythms, numerology, etc., written up in **MH**. Believe me, Dear, I have nothing against these other arts or philosophies (not sciences), as my studies do not only include Astrology. I also know that some of these other arts got their start through Astrology. However, most of them have absolutely NOTHING to do with a Horoscope Chart, planets, aspects, etc., so why doesn't someone else publish a journal relating to these other subjects, and keep **MH** for Astrologers? I find it interesting to note that some of the biorhythm "experts" prove out an Astrological Chart, **after** the fact! Personally, I'd rather use the transits of the Moon and get results from HOURLY emotional indications, instead of just "you will have an emotionally high (or low or critical) DAY!" I don't see that ANY day will be a constant "high, low, medium or critical" day. Our emotions fluctuate throughout the course of each day.

To **Moby Dick**: Your "Astrology's Pew in Church" is fantastic, and has been a considerable help in my "Bible and Astrology" workshops. I did make one observation, though, that you have probably noticed, but did not see written in your book. Noticing the transits for the date of Jesus' crucifixion, I noticed a Full Moon was in effect. Do you know if there was also a total Solar Eclipse at this time? If so, (and it makes a lot of sense to me), it would explain why the Bible states that "the sky was darkened, as if night." A total Solar Eclipse could handle that situation very well!

As of this writing (Feb. 21), I have only received 3 replies to my challenge in the 24th Edition, relating to "prediction." (Actually, this is 3 more than I expected.) The 3 nice people who took time to answer, though, were of the same opinion as I am, that we CANNOT predict, but they took a stab at it anyway. None of the 3 were correct on marriages, although one person indicated "more than one". None were correct on my move to Phoenix. Two were correct on my "miserable year," but, from what they wrote, it is apparent they assumed I meant calendar year. (I suppose I should have clarified that part.) One of the three was correct on the number of children "promised" in my Natal Chart. Actually, she has been the ONLY one right, of the 20 to 30 Astrologers that have looked at my Chart. Congratulations, **Mrs. R.L.!!** I have corresponded with each of the people who took the time to answer my little challenge, and I can honestly say, that these 3 ARE Professional Astrologers! In the next issue, I will give the answers to the challenge, just in case anyone wants to waste their time figuring my chart, to see how accurate they "would have" been. Actually, my main purpose for issuing this challenge is to try to get the stigma that has been attached to Astrology, that we are "fortune tellers." In my humble opinion, those who say that they CAN predict, on an individual level, are nothing more than fortune

tellers, and should have their business cards, and their advertising say so!! Just don't mention Astrology, though. I love Astrology, and it has done so much for me, not only in my own personal Soul growth, but I feel I am a better person, because of Astrology, and I want to see it as a respected science, from people in all walks of life!

HELP!!! In 1973, Sharon Naccarato, from Salt Lake City, wrote and published a book called, "Once Upon A Zodiac (A Piscean Fantasy)." I have tried to contact Sharon a few times, but have received no response to my inquiries. I do know that she is no longer involved in Astrology. However, I would like to obtain copies of her book, and wonder if there is anyone out there in **MH** land who knows if there is any bulk stock of this book lying around, somewhere, that someone would be happy to get rid of. If possible, does anyone know how I can get in touch with Sharon. I am sure that I could have sold 500 copies of this book in the last 3 years, if I had them in my inventory! Anyone living in Salt Lake, could you check your phone book, to see if there is a Sharon or Vic Naccarato still living there. I believe they were both in the real estate business, or he (her husband) was a publisher. Their publishing company was known as the Sharvic Publ. Co., and the book was printed by Specialty Reproductions in Salt Lake. Is there a dealer or distributor that might have some copies of this book, that they would like to get rid of? Can anyone help...please?

MARK POTTENGER

Los Angeles, CA

Jan. 21, 1980

I only have a few responses to the two Jan. editions - regular (24) and Extra (7). The book **Maxine Fiel** (24, p. 14) is talking about is not a new book. Michel Gauquelin wrote it over a decade ago in an attempt to counter some of the junk being done in the form of bad computer delineation. The publisher is none other than the sponsor of the attack on astrology a few years ago - still trying to do dirt.

In **Lois Rodden's** column on dirty data (24, p. 60) there is an excellent example of another source of conflicting data - TYPOS. Somewhere along the devious road of transcription Jim Jones' place of birth moved from Lynn (or Crete) Indiana to San Antonio, Texas.

To **Colleen Ward** (7, p. 58): most "scientific" calculators have a button allowing you to convert from degree-minute-second to decimal and back again. The button is usually labelled "DEG" or "DMS" or "HMS" (for hour-minute-second). A scientific sounds like what you want anyway to do the conversions to right ascension. With a plain scientific or a programmable calculator you can do the conversions from formulas. Radio Shack has calculators if you don't have any large electronic outlets near you. A formula for RA is: Right Ascension = arctangent (sine longitude * cosine latitude * cosine obliquity - sine latitude * sine obliquity) / (cosine latitude * cosine longitude). If your calculator's arctangent returns values from -90 to +90 degrees, as most do, the above formula permits the quadrant of the answer to be corrected. If the final answer is less than zero, add 180 degrees. If the numerator in the above equation is less than zero, add 180 degrees to the final answer. (If both are less than zero, you end up adding 360 degrees.) If your ephemeris does not give latitudes, it is possible to get them from longitude and declination. The formula is: latitude = arcsine (sine declination * cosine obliquity - sine longitude * sine obliquity * square root of (cosine2 obliquity - sine2 declination + sine2 obliquity * sine2 longitude) / (cosine2 obliquity + sine2 obliquity * sine2 longitude)).

RUTH HALE OLIVER

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I have made a study of inherited family traits as they appear in birthcharts. I wondered why I, and other astrologers, find such rich material here, and why Gauquelin was unable to find any inherited traits except for Moon, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn which appeared above chance expectancy in the cadent houses, especially the 9th and 12th with spillovers into the 8th and 1st, in the charts of either one of two parents and their child. That led to a study of Gauquelin's work, and I discovered that he has made many errors, not statistical ones, but, rather, he has been simplistic in some of his astrological assumptions, or premises. In fact, he has not tested astrological premises at all, but set up straw men and then knocked them down. He has been simplistic in some of his scientific assumptions. For example, according to Mendel's First Law of Heredity, inherited traits do not always go down directly from parent to child but may skip a generation, and go from grandparent to grandchild. Gauquelin has ignored that fact and tested only two generations. Any conclusions he draws from his study are, therefore, flawed.

I was really startled to find that he has never learned to read a horoscope, as shown by his interpretation of that of Charles De Gaulle in "Dreams and Illusions of Astrology", (pp. 62-64). That's like testing the French language without bothering to learn its grammatical structure and its vocabulary, or botany without bothering to learn anything about it. It means that, when Gauquelin has "lucked onto" something, he has not known how to interpret it. He found certain planets in cadent houses, especially the 9th and 12th with spillovers over into the 8th and 1st, in the charts of those who achieved prominence in different fields. He found Mars in those houses for prominent military men and athletes. He did not discover career choice, for, when he tested the charts of those who had gone into a military career but had not achieved prominence, Mars appeared at random in the houses. So what did he discover? He did not know, and he did not know how to interpret his findings. Then he found that children tended to have the same specific planet in the 9th and 12th houses as did one or the other of their parents well above chance. Certainly, he did not discover career choice in this study, nor that extra fillip that may give prominence in a given career once it has been chosen. Apparently he reasoned that he had discovered Temperament, and that temperament gives rise to choice of career. Now he is embarked on a mammoth project to test that hypothesis. But he is still not testing astrological premises, he is still setting up straw men and then knocking them down.

For those who are interested in reading it, my initial critique of Gauquelin's work is scheduled to appear in **American Astrology**, and a more detailed critique of his most recent work is scheduled to appear in the next issue of Charles Jayne's **Cosmecology Bulletin**.

As a courtesy I sent Gauquelin a copy of my original critique. Then, when I learned he was coming to the United States for a year to work with Tom Shanks of Astro-Computing Services, I sent a second copy to Shanks and the balance of my critique. I received no acknowledgement of receipt of the material from Shanks, until I finally caught up with Neil Michelsen at the SWAC Conference in California early last November. I told him some of the points I had raised and said I thought they should really study my material, although I am coming from left field insofar as they are concerned. I then received acknowledgement of receipt of my material from

Shanks. In mid-December he wrote he was going to study my work before Christmas. But he found my arguments difficult to follow since I think so differently from the way he and Gauquelin do. He added he would get in touch if he found any merit in what I had to say. Since I have had no further word I would assume he found no merit except that, in the most recent issue of their bulletin, **Astro-Flash** (Sagittarius Ingress 1979), on the back page they wrote that Gauquelin is re-assessing his study of inherited traits, **using family groups**, and also his work on planetary aspects and on professions. Quite clearly they were able to understand what I was saying, and found enough merit in it to force them to make a re-evaluation of at least some of Gauquelin's work.

What puzzles me here is why there is this apparent lack of communication and how bridges can be built to close the gap. From the astrologers' side we think and write descriptively; we do not think in terms of hypotheses. We know how we go about reading a chart and what premises or assumptions we make in doing so, but we have not formulated those premises into formal hypotheses. It has never seemed necessary to do so. When we take up astrology we know at the start that we are studying a subject that scientists scorn, and that they consider we are either woolly-headed fools or charlatans or both. In some instances we make assumptions that scientists find non-scientific. For instance, we use geocentric astronomy. For any number of years almost every book written on astronomy contained a line or two condemning astrologers for that, and stating that we (apparently alone in the present century) have never learned that the sun does not revolve around the earth. Then Einstein came along and stated that one may take any point of reference for purposes of studying the apparent motion of other bodies in relationship to that point. That's just what we had been doing all along, but since Einstein it is now a respectable procedure, not a superstitious, ignorant one.

On the other side scientists start with the inbuilt assumption that astrology is superstitious nonsense, that astrologers are frauds or fools or both, that astrology is a rudimentary, non-complex subject, that it has no premises or hypotheses worth studying and then testing. In fact, that, if there is a germ of scientific truth in the subject, scientists alone will discover it, and that they do not need to study it in order to do that.

I think it would be helpful if we consciously formulated our assumptions and put them forth as hypotheses. Then designs can be created to test them in a way that is satisfactory to everyone. For those who are interested I list some of these hypotheses in the article for **Cosmecology Bulletin**, and point out how at least two of our more apparently outrageous assumptions (outrageous from the scientific viewpoint) have parallels in chemistry.

I would very much like to have astrological hypotheses tested scientifically, but it should be done in a way that will stand up to criticism from scientists, and from astrologers. We need to state our hypotheses formally, and then we - or the scientists - need to set up designs to test them. Otherwise, we all talk at cross purposes, and invalid and overly sweeping conclusions are drawn because the assumptions made to test astrology are simplistic and irrelevant.

There are many examples of this type of thing. I will content myself by giving one here very briefly. Astrologers state that a) temperament is a complex matter and that to describe it in detail for an individual the entire chart must be studied. b) Despite this complexity there are three basic

strands which may be isolated, analyzed separately and then synthesized. They are the sign positions of Sun and Moon and the sign rising on the ascendant. c) Each sign has its distinct traits and a specific range of potential expressions for those traits, and each sign will manifest differently, but within specified limits, when in combination with other signs.

Libra strives to find balance, moderation and harmony. That leads to a strong sense of fair play and justice. Sometimes the Libran may vacillate as he hesitates between two choices trying to find the fair one, or an even balance between two conflicting people, groups, ideas. This is a manipulative process. It may be unobtrusive and scarcely discernible if the balance of the chart is loving and tactful. If the balance of the chart is aggressive (and particularly if the mind is devious and the emotions cold), the manipulative element may manifest as an opportunistic effort to play off one person, group, set of ideas against the other for the advantage of the Libran himself. In this manifestation it is openly opportunistic. Since Libra is Venus-ruled there is tact, charm, grace, a love of beauty and perhaps artistic skill, depending on the balance of the horoscope.

Jack Kennedy had Sun in Gemini, Moon in Virgo and a Libra ascendant. He had a mercurial temperament and a strong sense of fair play. He called his administration the Fair Deal. In one of his most quoted statements, he said: "life is **not** fair." The Libran wants balance and fairness so strongly he is dismayed when he finds them absent. He was a patron of the arts, although on a superficial level. Eleanor Duse had Moon and ascendant in Leo and a Libra Sun. She had a dramatic, theatrical temperament, and she also had grace, delicacy and high level artistic skill as an actress. George Bernard Shaw wrote of her, as follows: "Duse produces the illusion of being infinite in variety of beautiful pose and motion. Every idea, every shade of thought and mood, expresses itself delicately but vividly to the eye." The great French critic, Lemaitre, wrote: "What seems to me incontestably Mme. Duse's is her singular charm and grace, her sweetness and tenderness."

Charles De Gaulle had Sun in Scorpio, Moon in Aries and a Libra ascendant. He had an aggressive temperament, and the more overtly manipulative Libran traits surfaced for all to see. In his obituary in *The American 2 Annual*, 1971, he was described as knowing to use and discard men. Jimmy Carter has Sun and ascendant in Libra and a Scorpio Moon. He has a Libran temperament with a good admixture of the tenacity and fighting qualities of Scorpio. In his desire to be fair he vacillates between two choices, or switches from one to another until he finds what seems to him to be the proper balance. He is intent on bringing harmony and peace to various factions and between nations. He is constantly asking the lion to lie down with the lamb. When he discovered that the USSR does not play by those rules he was deeply shocked and reacted in a Scorpionic manner.

In the above cases the Libran traits are clearly there, although they appear in slightly different form in each. It would be a simple matter to set up a design by which basic temperament in the horoscope can be tested. But, it would be necessary to have a clear picture of the nature of each sign and its potential range of expression to do that.

Gauquelin gives lip service to the complexity of astrology in "Dreams and Illusions" (p. 58), as follows. "The horoscope is a structural organic whole where each astrological factor plays its harmonious or dissident melody in the symphony of multiple influences that are in play." However, he has never set up a

design to test that interlocking complexity. Instead, he has by-passed it. Instead, because he has not bothered to truly study astrology, he has boxed himself into a position where he states that temperament is due to certain single specified planets in certain specified areas of the horoscope. The sign positions of the planets do not count. It does not matter whether or not the specified planet rules the Sun sign or the ascendant. The aspects it forms have no bearing on the matter. All of this is statistically speaking, of course. It is too simplistic and bypasses astrological hypotheses, **which he has not tested**. It would also be too simplistic for the psychologists and psychoanalysts who deal with human nature, and who know that temperament is a complex matter. This assumption also gets Gauquelin into deep water when he tries to illustrate his hypothesis in a descriptive manner. He states that Duse was a "modest" actress, in "Cosmic Influences" (pp. 110-111), in that she had Saturn in the 12th. Her acting style was realistic, and she was shy to the point of being a recluse. However, when he quotes her contemporaries, he has to cite those descriptions that support his hypothesis. And they were there. At the same time, he has to be selective, ignoring all those temperamental traits that do not support it. He has to ignore her charm, the illusion of beauty that she created and her tremendous dramatic skill. That's like describing the barn door and dismissing the barn itself as of no significance.

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I've been a student of Astrology since March, 1970. My birth data is Jan. 27, 1938, 11:57 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Perry, FL. I desire pen pals, and will answer all who write.

I need the birth data of the following persons for a book I'm working on dealing with love, sex, and astrology; J.R.Ackerley, Marc Allegret, Anthony Bacon, Natalie Barney, Giorgio Bassani, Aubrey Beardsley, Giovanni Antonio Bazzi, William Beckford, Pierre Bernac, Alexander Blok, Umberto Boccioni, John Horne Burns, William Burroughs, Ferruccio Busoni, Samuel Butler, Paul Cadmus, Edward Carpenter, Roger Casement, Luis Cernuda, Ivy Compton-Burnett, Marie Corelli, Katharine Cornell, Hart Crane, Leon Delafosse, David Diamond, Serge Diaghilev, Ronald Firbank, Edward Fitzgerald, James Elroy Flecker, Frederick the Great.

I desire to exchange data on heterosexuals, bisexuals, and homosexuals. Also desire data on sadists and masochists, and those into bondage.

Don't feel bad about never having heard some of the names on the list. Many of the names on the list came from the book "Homosexuals in History", and there were names in the book I've never heard of before reading this book. I'm doing a study of **all** sexual behavior, **not** just gays. Therefore, everybody on that list is **not** gay.

I have John Townley's data on sadists and masochists. However I feel 50 is too small a number to do any serious research.

I now have **Marc Penfield's** "2001 - The Penfield Collection". Another "must" for all astrologers. Marc, would like to start our penpalship again, if you don't mind. Don't know why we quit writing.

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Here is what Biorhythm Character Analysis shows about the people born:

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	Physical	Emotional	Mental
Feb. 2, 1962	1 (91%)	25 (79%)	14 (15%)
Feb. 3, 1962	0 (100%)	24 (71%)	13 (21%)
Feb. 4, 1962	22 (91%)	23 (64%)	12 (27%)
Feb. 5, 1962	21 (83%)	22 (57%)	11 (33%)
Feb. 6, 1962	20 (74%)	21 (50%)	10 (39%)

The are fearless (74% thru 100% physical). They are not afraid to go where angels fear to tread. They have the confidence to accomplish early in life (under 40). They are sexy, need to indulge self, need material things. They have so much energy they would think most others are lazy.

These people are emotional (50% thru 79%). They need holding and cuddling.

People in the 21 thru 25 emotional range have to get their emotions out in a loving way. Some will be taught it is not manly or nice to be emotional or to show their emotions. That could make these people mean and try to get back at society for stifling them. Instead of being the caring people they naturally are they will become ruthless and without sentiment.

If they have not been stifled these people would care about people and things. They are the Good Samaritan type. They want to please. They want people to be happy. Because of this they are inclined to let people use them. Many of the men who went to prison because of the Watergate Scandal were in this emotional range. Were they just trying to please or were they getting back at society?

These people are normally gigglers and like corny jokes. They are natural loners but they need people now and then.

All are martyr types. They would be know-it-alls and stubborn. They are a poor judge of people. They are not afraid of trouble. They are attracted to people who will dominate them. Martyrs are attracted to the policeman type be it thru having them as friends, thru marriage or thru trouble. Some time in their lives they will be involved with the police.

The martyr types can accomplish what they want even if they are ridiculed. They are not afraid of the different. Masters and Johnson, the sex therapists, are martyr types. A lot of astrologers are in this range.

The people born Feb. 2 thru 6, 1962 are not afraid to commit suicide if that is what they want. They are not afraid to get involved with drugs, alcohol, or erratic driving. They are not afraid to do research with the occult (the unknown). They can take a lot of abuse and do what they want. They are not afraid to do what they feel would benefit society.

Most of these people are naturally paranoid and are ready to fight when they feel they are being wronged.

Chuck Cole did some research on these children. He asked a father if his daughter was unusual. The father said she was just ordinary but it turned out she was the first girl on an all-boy team in school. These people will do different things, for good or for bad.

They would rather argue than be bored. They have to have variety in their lives. If it gets boring they will create some diversion.

These people would be happiest in jobs working with normal people and helping them solve their problems. They function best on the one to one basis. They would suffer too much if they got involved with people who have very serious problems or illnesses. They are not the boss or the executive types.

President Carter has this type of personality. He can not accomplish much alone or fight the system alone. He is a poor judge of people too.

What do astrologers feel will happen when these children mature? They are 18 years old now. What have they done other than get on a ball team?

Was Feb. 2 thru 6, 1962 really the dawning of the Age of Aquarius?

Biorhythm Character Analysis is my original discovery. I have done research on it since 1973. I have written a Biorhythm Character Analysis Do-It-Yourself Book. Is there an interested publisher out there? You can contact me: Irene Hamlin Stephenson, P.O.Box 892-MH, Chatsworth, CA 91311.

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Geoffrey Dean (MH No. 23, p. 65), while expressing sympathy for Marlys Wilson's sense of depression (MH No. 21, p. 15) on having read RA's sobering message, is nonetheless, in my opinion, unfair in his evaluation of the cause of that depression. Dean compares Marlys' feelings to those of the 17th century alchemical traditionalist who, when confronted with the falsity of his doctrines by the emerging science of chemistry, felt only gloom and despair. That's unfair.

I have re-read Marlys' letter, and my original impression remains intact. Her discouragement stems not from her insistence on clinging to outmoded ideas that are coming under fire, but from her willingness to give them up. This is entirely understandable. I, too, have rejected much that I once believed in during the eight years I have been studying astrology and I, too, have at (numerous) times felt depressed and discouraged. Nor is it hard to figure out why.

The fact is, my original belief system, however inaccurate, was at least a **complete** belief system. It had all the answers. In logically working out the fallacies in that belief system, I was forced to reconcile myself to the apparent fact that neither I nor anyone else actually possessed that much **real** knowledge of astrology, of the (supposed) correlations between man and the heavens. Logically, of course, I realized that I never did, even when my belief system was intact and comprehensive, but the point is that at one time I **felt** like I did. It has been the giving up of that naive belief, belief, that sureness of knowing truth, that has at various times caused me to feel lost and afraid, because it has meant giving up the emotional security of having all the answers for the insecurity (terror?) of having none for certain and only a few even tentatively.

I don't know all the motives that impel other astrologers into their pursuit of astrological truth. I do know that in my own case, and in that of a number of others of whom I am aware, the commitment came during a period of intense emotional trauma, and I suspect that astrology gave me (and them) a comforting sense of order and predictability in an otherwise frighteningly painful and unpredictable world. At that time my life was on the rocks and I needed to be able to feel that the future was knowable and thus less threatening, and astrology held out that promise.

To voluntarily reject an existing belief that the promise has been fulfilled, to clear away the emotional blockage that won't allow you to reason your way to a recognition and understanding of the "obvious" fallacies of astrology, takes more courage - guts! - than to continue believing in astrological fairy tales. It takes an enormous amount of faith to pursue a search for a set of astrological/psychological laws, to hold fast to a belief that there might even be such a set of laws, in the absence of a belief that we currently hold a fund of accumulated knowledge and laws such as is held by astronomers, chemists, and physicists. **That** is the challenge in metamorphosing a pre-scientific area of inquiry, such as astronomy before Copernicus and Kepler, and astrology right now, into a rational pursuit.

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