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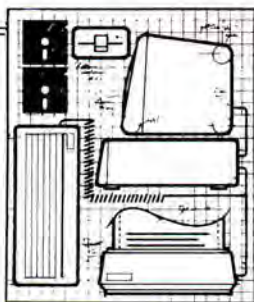


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Hi!!!!

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The past few months have been extremely busy here at the **MERCURY HOUR** office. Please remember that if you want an answer to your letter to enclose a stamped addressed envelope or I will assume you don't need an answer. It really helps if you don't need an answer since keeping up with everything else around here is enough without having to answer a great deal of correspondence. (Not that we don't like the correspondence, keep those letters coming - we need your support in that respect.)

We are thinking of instituting a new column - "I Need Data On---." This idea was submitted by **Marilyn Goldsmith** of Dallas. You would send in your request for data and we would run it for three editions. We would print the name and address of the person requesting the data so you could correspond directly with them. This way I would think most of the requests for data would be in one place and easier to locate. Will see what we can do with it for the October edition. If you are looking for data on something or someone specific, please send it in so we can get it together.

If you haven't paid for but did receive the 12th Extra, please do so now (\$3.75). The 13th Extra was printed along with this one (\$5.00). If you want it please send in the money for it, if you haven't already paid for it. We had quite a bit of information that we wanted to get out so we went ahead and printed the 13th Extra to get it all in for you.

The biggest thing at this time is the controversy going on between the AFA/AFAN. Since the **MERCURY HOUR** is meant to be an open channel of communication for us all, we have printed everything we received on the subject - both pro and con. We have had to split it up between the regular edition and the Extra because of the amount of correspondence involved. People have not only sent the letters they wrote to the AFA but also the responses they received, both of which we have printed. I don't want to make a project out of this, so for this time we have printed all we received but will hold down future correspondence on the matter.

Have a couple of corrections on birth data. The first one is for **GARY HART** - **Joyce Wehrman** called me from San Diego and said they had received the following: born Nov. 28, 1936, 2:25 p.m. Central Standard Time, Ottawa, KS. This I believe, came from someone who did his chart for him. Until we get more verification on this info, we really can't consider it authentic although I am sure Joyce would not have passed it on to us unless she thought it was. The second one is for **JESSE JACKSON** - this I believe came from **Richard Nolle** from Jesse's mother. Born Oct. 8, 1941, 3:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Greenville, SC.

Barbara Somerfield's next conference will be held at **MIAMI BEACH**, March 1 thru the 4th, 1985. Some of the speakers already set are: **Mary Vohryzek**, **Leyla Rudhyar**, **Doris Hebel**, **Rob Hand**. Barbara's conferences are always well run and well attended. For more information you can contact her at: **NAS**, 205 Third Ave. 2A, New York, NY 10003 or call 212-673-1831.

CRCS is also having another conference, this one on the West Coast. The title is "Neptune in Capricorn" and will feature **Liz Greene**, **Stephen Arroyo**, **Tracy Marks**, **Richard Ideman**, **Joanne Wickenburg** and **Dennis Elwell**. The dates - Nov. 23-26, 1984, in Berkeley, CA. (Thanksgiving Weekend.) For more information contact: **Julie Pickerill**, Registration Coordinator, c/o **CRCS**, P.O. Box 20850, Reno, NV 89515.

We have received a few more copies of **Joyce Wehrman's** "WINNING" so if you missed out on the last order, please send your order back immediately and we will try to get one to you this time.

We are out of print with **Deanna Rose's** book "EASY PREDICTIONS WITH SOLAR RETURNS" but are thinking about reprinting it. If we do, the announcement will be in the **Mercury Hour**.

In the last issue's letter we goofed! I said the 14th Extra would be printed when it should have read the 13th. The 13th Extra will also reflect the new pricing. (\$5.00)

Please include page number, writer, and edition when referring to something in a previous edition. This helps others look it up if they want to recheck it.

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Have a great Summer and we will back with you in October.

Born: August 10, 1911

MAYME B. MALM

died; March 19, 1984 in San Diego

Mayme was a friend and subscriber to the **MERCURY HOUR** since October of 1976. She has always been a champion of the rights of Astrologers and was the lady who wrote asking the AFA some rather pertinent questions - none of which, sadly to say, were ever answered. Although infirm of body in her later years, her mind was very sharp. She was a familiar figure in her wheelchair at many of the conferences. She will be missed by her many friends across the country.

Love and Hope,
Edith Custer

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Dear Friends in Astrology:

Your support, prayers and donations in the assistance of our Legal Defense Fund in San Jose, CA which began in April '83, is sincerely appreciated. This war must be waged against the Police Dept. of the City of San Jose, CA and any other like body anywhere who insists on closing down the legal business activities of decent people who are attempting to earn an honest living. The Police Dept. of the City of San Jose sent 4 police officers to attack us at our home with no warning whatsoever; no warrant; no reading of rights; complete refusal on the part of the police to inform us who the complainants were. I was roughed up and threatened with jail when I tried to defend my right to my books and records which I had accumulated over a period of almost 10 years. All this in the name of this silly worn-out term "Fortune-Telling" which is the charge being levelled at many Astrologers throughout our Country at this time. Legal Counsel has informed us that their actions are entirely in violation of the Constitution of the U.S. and of the State of California, and the local statute under which I was arrested is also Unconstitutional. Yet, they go right ahead in city after city.

What do we do next? How long do we allow this illegal practice of complete disregard of the constitutional rights of Astrologers to continue in almost every State of our Country? Our decision is to fight back and resist this kind of assault on the rights and the decency of all of us with all possible fervor. How long will it be before any kind of business can be closed up with either a phone call or a subpoena served by a member of the Police State which is rearing its ugly head in community after community? Can we continue to tolerate, in our local governments, ingrates who not only have never read our Constitutions at all levels, but in fact, they care nothing about the people and will not as long as we, the citizens take no action to defend our rights. Let us never forget the words of Benjamin Franklin, when he warned the people of his day with these words, **"Democracy and Freedom die when Good People do Nothing."** Think about it!! After what my husband and I have been through, we say the time is right NOW, or never.

Now, many of the Courts have illegally given the Police the power to just come into your place of business, arrest you, confiscate your property, harass and arrest anyone in your place of business at the time, all without any proper authority or even your right to call legal counsel. Can it happen to you? It happened to me on the strength of an anonymous phone call instigated by a conspiracy composed of the police and some malcontents in our neighborhood. It is a situation that we all must demand an end to.

Who on your block does not like what you are doing for a living? Who in your business area, if you operate from a commercial district, doesn't want you there? **Just think about it!** Anytime, just because of some late Court Decisions, anyone of them, or more, want to put in an anonymous phone call to the Police telling them you are doing **Fortune-Telling**, or you are conducting an illegal business, and they can, anytime - the next thing you might hear will be the knock on the door so reminiscent of Nazi Germany, and you are out of business. Your investment in your business or practice will be confiscated and/or ultimately destroyed. Unless you are very fortunate, you may find yourself in the lockup, like so many of us in the past have, and you'll stay there until someone is able to arrange the Bail so you can get out of these modern day **"Snake Pits."** Are you sitting there and just shrugging it off and saying it could never happen to you. **Don't be too sure!** After you are released, then you have to secure an Attorney who will of course answer the complaint against you; but all the while the

Police will still have all your personal property; all the tools of your profession, and many of us have been in Astrology for upwards of 10 years; you will have no income because they closed you down; and on top of that, just try to find out who filed the complaint against you. You may be in for a very unpleasant surprise when you find your Constitutional rights are spat upon with utter disregard for you and no opportunity to confront your accusers. Now, 10 months later, the Police in San Jose have hundreds of dollars worth of my possessions, and in spite of the fact that I have an Attorney, nothing has been done to release the goods that cannot be considered evidence. They still have it.

What else can happen to you? If it happened to me, it can happen to any of you. We were evicted from our home by our Landlord who was pressured by the powers-that-be to get us out of that neighborhood. Who among your neighbors would report that you had unsavory people coming to your office? Guess who! My neighbors did. Who would have the nerve to complain about the race, color and/or national origin of some of your clients? Someone did or I would not be out of business. All this in strict violation of local laws and ordinances but they went right on and left us there with no income as our businesses were closed, and an eviction notice for 30 days. What did the local authorities say? They said sure it was illegal, but that makes no difference, the Police do what they want with no authority, and all with the knowledge of the City Fathers. Are you willing to stand for this? I am not.

Who came to my aid? My clients, students, some of my Astrologer Colleagues, some Astrologers from throughout the Country who called and offered whatever assistance they could. Then, we formed a Legal Defense Committee consisting of practicing Astrologers in the area, concerned citizens, former neighbors in another City where we lived 20 years and fellow business friends who made cash donations to our legal fund. We wrote every Astrological Group, Club or Organization that we could find and asked for financial assistance. Weekly meetings were held; hundreds and hundreds of flyers were sent out in the mail, and were placed in stores, schools, shops, offices, every type of business on the street, and Colleges and Universities in the area. We put in hundreds of hours, all of us, in the fight to collect the money needed for our Attorney to make the fight for Astrology. We want you all to understand that this fight is not being made to rescue **Rev. Shirley Sunderbruch**. Far from it. This is the fight that will demand the right of Professional Astrologers to earn an honest living without harassment. Up to almost the end of 1983, our support from the Astrological Community was sadly disappointing. The largest Astrological Organization in the U.S. offered to help us in words only; we heard nothing further, and the President thereof made the statement that she did not want to hear about Shirley Sunderbruch's case. Friends, we must all join together and take on this fight.

Then we received a call from the AFA Network asking us what the status of the case was. We informed them that we expected nothing new to happen as our money had been exhausted. They informed us that a large group of their people had had a meeting and had decided that, with my permission, they would like to take over the business of raising the money needed to see this thing through. Their feeling was that this is a very good case for the fight to save the rights of Practicing Astrologers. I gave AFAN the authority to collect and raise funds in behalf of this case and further authorized them to disburse the funds to our Attorney.

Their drive has been successful up to this point and the Trial is about to go on. We wish not only to thank AFAN and the 3 fine men who are working closely with us, **Jay Jacobs, Jeff Jawer, and Jim Lewis**. We also want to thank sincerely

these additional persons who have come on board to help Astrology survive this attack. **Lillian Huber, Toni Imhoff, Jeanne Long, Marion March, Ray Merriman, Buz Myers, Angel Thompson, Noel Tyl, Ted Wilkenson, Joan Kendig**, and the many dozens of others who have sent us encouragement and have made contributions to our Committee. Our Attorney feels this case can be won and so does the Committee so God Bless each and every one of you.

We have received calls recently concerning more and more Astrologers being harassed and threatened. How much more of this Police State behaviour do we tolerate? One of our friends who has been practicing Astrology for over 16 years was arrested in Alabama; another was arrested in Pleasanton, Cal. We also received an urgent call that an Astrologer was arrested on Long Island, NY for doing readings at a social event. Then, another dear friend from Chicago area just called us and said she has been told by the Police to shut down at once or be arrested.

Let us all stand up for decency and get into the fight at once!

Please send your cash contributions (Cash, Check, or Money Order) to: Mr. Jay Jacobs, c/o AFA Network, 1754 Fell St., San Francisco, CA 94117.

BARBARA BLANCHARD, San Jose, CA Jan. 18, 1984

Thanks to everyone who has written in, in answer to letter in regards to **Shirley Sunderbruch** and her arrest, Shirley and her husband now live in Arkansas. Her case is still open in the Court of San Jose, and is still being worked on. Thanks to **Jay Jacobs** of San Francisco. When there is something solid to report, I'm sure you will hear from him.

To **Sigvard Mahler Dam**, enjoyed your article about Nativity of Regiomontanus, but what really caught my eye is the Chart you use with the Chaldean Decanates on it. I have been using these in all my work and was thrilled to see such a chart.

SUE SCOTT, Portland, OR Jan. 16, 1984

Wow!!! I can't believe the response to my letters. To date I have heard from **Don Borkowski, Rae Flettham** and **Jim Haynes**. People are just plain nice, and I'm just plain lucky. Now Mercury is direct again and things are moving along much better. My parked car was totally wrecked the Sunday before Christmas. But to balance that out I started a new job the Wednesday after Christmas. Thank you everyone for your response to my questions.

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MH #40, for **Barbara May** - re her comment to **Jim Haynes**, p. 38. I don't see what purpose it will serve to try and redo the Arabic Parts - especially since they all use the Sun as Part of the Calculations. The essence of these Parts is the reading of a Solar Chart from a Timed Birth Chart. In other words, these symbols, the lightning flash for the Part of Catastrophe; the Heart for the Part of Love; the Hour Glass for the Part of Fatality each take the place of the Planet as it stands in relation to the Sun if it were on the Ascendant as it would be in a Solar Chart. The common formula is Asc. plus Planet and minus the Sun. It may be feasible to try and calculate a new placement for a Helio Part of Catastrophe using the Planet Uranus and whatever position is marked for the Sun in the Helio Chart. I might suggest that the formula might be Asc. plus Uranus minus the Part of Fortune but haven't really had the time to finish my **MH** yet - much less get back to doing any recent research. I would appreciate any comments anyone may care to make on the subject.

Regarding research - one project I have pending - so far I only have about 75 charts - is Astrologers, Astrological

Publications and the Organizations too. Charts for the time born and died - whether it was an incorporated publication/Organization. A short chronology of events would be helpful in the examination of the chart. I have the basic data listed in **Marc Penfield's** Book and the "Circle Book of Charts" by **Erlewine** but need ever so many more if some of you out there in **MH** Land would correspond with me.

What got me started on this at all is the remark made by **Wymss** in his "The Wheel of Life" or "Scientific Astrology," that 40% of the charts of astrologers that he examined had Saturn in the 10th. Since that is my Saturn placement I wish to see if his remark continues to hold true for recent astrologers - etc.

Incidentally, I only have Vols. 2, 3 and 4 of what is at least a 5-volume set. Anyone knowing of a complete set of these books which were published in the late-twenties and early-thirties, in England, should let me know the details so that I can make arrangements to buy them.

For **Bob Prince**, p. 62 in his comment to **Barbara Watters**. I would be interested in his totals for the Signs as they were analyzed. I would also appreciate whatever other data on Astrologers he would be willing to share. Perhaps he can suggest something he might need in exchange.

BILL HANEEN, Orlando, FL Jan. 25, 1984

Moon conj. Mercury in Taurus draws me to write, hence, I join you, my distinguished colleagues, in this journal of mercurial art.

Diane Zeines mentioned that she was offered a job when transiting Saturn made its first conj. with her natal MC. Experience has shown any seasoned astrologer that transiting planets on any of the 4 angles triggers not only the meaning of the angle, but most importantly, the meaning of the planet in the life of the person near the time culmination.

Loretta Pearce made an interesting comment concerning planetary patterns in natal charts. She questioned the appropriateness of including the ASC-MC axis in Grand Aspects like a Grand Trine or T-square. I have advocated consistently that the angles should be brought into play only with the conjunction. It seems to me that a point on the ecliptic is a static influence unless activated by a planet or cosmic object. Is it, after all, the measuring system of the Zodiac which gives Astrology meaning, or the planets? Arguments can be made for both. And the angles themselves are references of immense significance. The question **Loretta** and I have is: Does the inclusion of the angles in aspects with planets add that much to the interpretation of the horoscope?

The 4 larger asteroids are a powerful bunch. To this we must now include Chiron. **Jeanne Trevino** wanted to read a book on Chiron. I recommend **Richard Nolle's** "Chiron - New Planet in the Horoscope." **Zane Stein** and the **Assoc. for Studying Chiron** is an excellent source of material on this planetoid. And last, but hopefully not least, my keyword Cards list the meanings for the 4 principle asteroids, plus Chiron.

Bravo, **Dr. Margaret Millard**! Your book review in the 38th edition addresses the severe deficiencies in Medical Astrology. Signs, rulerships, and most planets allocated to specific body organs and physiologic processes fail. This is one field of Astrology in desperate need of research.

Moon in Taurus does not indicate necessarily that a person hates to get up in the morning or go to bed at night. Taurus loves pleasure, right? Well, this Moon in Taurus finds sleep wonderful, but the morning air before sunrise is exhilarating - I rarely miss it. Too much emphasis is put on zodiacal signs. Look to the planets, the angles between them, and their relation to the birth horizon for the most in-depth and accurate interpretations. Incidentally, I was born 5:01 a.m. - love that sunrise.

Jane Statlander is of the belief that the planets retain their basic nature in an **Astro*Carto*Graphy** map. Well, I'm no expert with the ACG map, but **Jim Lewis** is apt to agree - the Mars line is usually a lousy place to live unless one wants, needs or likes a Martial environment. I use 2 relocation methods. One determines the influence of city to city moves as measured along one's residential local space (pioneered by **Michael Erlewine**). The other method is a regional indicator discovered through personal research - soon to be released in a new book. I agree, Jane. The planets in a relocation context do retain their fundamental nature; in other words, Moon = home, food, children while Jupiter would be a place to expand and make money. Live under a Uranus line and learn Astrology, but interruptions will prevail!

Two points made by **Jay Jacobs** are right down my boulevard. Forecasting methods which employ static measurements like ingress charts, equinoxes, solar/lunar returns are, in Jay's words, "like trying to review the whole movie by looking at only one frame." Transits are the most accurate method of forecasting. In using transits, orb is not really necessary. Events take place close to the culmination date - in the case of major, or period, transits (Jupiter-Pluto) a maximum influence of 4 weeks before and 2 weeks after the peak date can be used reliably. This I might add, is like using an orb of 3° for Jupiter, 2° for Saturn, and 1° for the Transatlantic planets.

Jacobs made another astute observation when he implied that the planets in aspect are more important than the specific aspect they make to one another. In the natal chart, I know this to be true. Aspects can be interpreted as each having a certain strength rating (conjunctions strongest then oppositions, squares, trines, sextiles). This is a slight reverse of my views presented in "Your Key to Astrology;" but, we all can change our minds as we grow, can't we?!

Dale Huckleby was once amazed that hard angle transits of Saturn to natal Venus often resulted in marriage. The most active planet in any transit picture is the natal planet! The natal planet is, after all, representative of the individual; while the transistor can be viewed as the timing device triggering the birth chart potential. I realize this is controversial but my work has confirmed that one need not use the transiting planet in terms of meaning. In other words, a Saturn transit does not necessarily limit the natal planet it aspects, just as a Jupiter transit does not always expand a birth planet's promise. It is the nature of the natal planet that is most important in reading transits.

I am in complete agreement with **Loretta Pearce** when she cautioned against eliminating a predictive method like Progressions solely on the basis of it not being logical. Astrology is experiencing a revival due to technical-minded investigators using the research capabilities offered by the computer. Astrologers should use whatever method works best for them. For those so inclined, test different methods to discover the one most efficient for your purposes. I personally find Progressions totally inadequate in measuring life events and psychological states of mind. That is my opinion based on daily observation of horoscopes for more than a decade. This should not dissuade others, however, from using a specific method and testing it against the results obtained from different methods. Comparing transits and the various methods of progressing the horoscope is a delightful study; I am convinced that the end results of an unbiased scrutiny of forecasting methods would amaze the ardent traditionalist.

While I'm on the subject of research, I was happy to learn that **Zane Stein** watched Mars transiting the various house cusps in several different house division systems. I, too, undertook such a task by observing, not Mars, but the solar transit in my chart cast for 7 house systems. It was a long

project (4 years) before I was able to conclusively eliminate all but one system. My favorite at the time - Poryphyry - didn't fair as well as I had hoped. The final result was not what I expected. A version of the Equal House using the midheaven degree on all cusps (asc. floating) proved most reliable. Now, however, with my Plutonian mind (Mercury sq. Pluto) I have cast all house systems to the wind. They are not needed really. Use them if you must, but please don't profess to me that they are essential to proper chart interpretation - that argument is nonsense.

JOAN O'NEILL, N. Arlington, NJ **Jan. 30, 1984**

Re Jan. '84 issue, p. 54, **Terry Buske**: I was acquainted with a girl who was or is (haven't seen her in a while) an agoraphobic and she was born the same month and year as you were. She was getting help from a phobia clinic, they have some excellent ones in the Metropolitan area and I'm sure there must be some in your area. The classic configuration is the Saturn conj. Neptune which equals fear which you have. Here is something from **Robert Hand's** new book "Essays on Astrology." To be important, generational aspects like the Saturn Neptune conj. must tie into something personal in the horoscope, aspecting the Sun or Moon or angles, or perhaps less potently, Mercury, Venus or Mars. Otherwise people will not express the Saturn, Neptune traits. Almost everyone born in 1952 and 1953 has a Saturn, Neptune conj. in Libra, but not all, by any means are classic Saturn, Neptune types. In fact most of them that I have met are not; but the ones who are, oh boy! Particularly the conj. square Uranus. The negative side of it contributes to anxiety and fanaticism. I notice you have the Saturn conj. Neptune in Libra, Mars in Capricorn, Uranus in Cancer a Cardinal T-cross. I have literature on the Phobic Clinic in White Plains, NY, also a letter from one of the doctors, if you'd like I could mail this to you and maybe they could recommend some place in your area.

Barbara Brann, p. 15 same issue: Aquarians stubborn and opinionated? Don't you mean Leo's especially with Mercury in Leo or a Mercury in Taurus. Aquarians say "I know" but that does not mean I know it all. It is a gut intuitive feeling you just know and it is not a smugness but a realization that comes in a flash and you know you are right. Opinionated, never. It may seem like our minds are made up but much soul-searching and provoking thoughts and research into the matter have been going on before an opinion is reached.

Same issue, p. 11 **B.D. Serotti**: In Jess Stern's "A Time for Astrology," Appendix IV p. 309, Franka Moore does an excellent interpretation on Marilyn Monroe and I really think it was a destructive suicidal pattern that was set off. Even just looking at the Uranus, Mars conj. in Pisces in 8th house of death. I just get this feeling and "I know" she did herself in. Incidentally I have read much material on her and researched it. I'm not talking off the top of my head.

P.S. I wish every astrologer would memorize what **Joylyn Hill** wrote on p. 48. "Reincarnation and karma have never been scientifically proven. It is all just metaphysical speculation at this point." I think I'll throw up if I hear karma again and past lives. I might add that the reincarnationalists and the karmasists are the most opinionated.

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May I offer my support and concurrence with your decision to limit the personal attacks and stick to astrological information for **MH**? There is much to learn and the days fly by: That is one reason to keep our sights high. But more important, it seems to me, is that we attempt to align ourselves with Universal Knowledge through our studies; we also attempt to help others in their difficulties; such attempts need to be morally and ethically sound, as well as intellectually accurate. Physician, heal thyself, is what might be levelled at us when

when we use precious time and **MH** for personal vituperation and adolescent argument. We should not, as Chopin once said of Liszt, be gazing at the stars through an enema tube.

I am busy correcting boards for book #2 and finishing book #3. The recent weather assures those of us using Sidereal Zodiacs of Saturn's grip; it seems we can expect its power to be manifest right up to the Equinox. Ptolemy remarked on Saturn's killing through cold: the snow will give us more floods too. Is there anyone out there in Astrology Land who likes to work with the charts from the new Equinoctial Year?

To **Gail Gray**: It's not surprising you found yourself beginning Astrology in the hospital if you consider the connections with the 12th house and its connotation of secret knowledge and the hidden side of life. My own teacher, Daw Hla Than, began her studies in another kind of institution, the local concentration camp. There is an intimate connection between the two. It's an interesting evidence, as well, of the manifestation of energies on more than one level, something we tend to forget in reading charts. It also shows the connection between the Lord of the Universal Twelfth, higher modes of Jupiter, and Astrology. Traditionally, astrological interest and ability is shown by Jupiter, Mercury and Moon. Therefore you would expect their houses to be interested ones as well.

To **Sue Scott**: If you would like your Burmese Birthday chart, in exchange, drop me a line.

I would like to make some comments regarding reincarnation and Karma since there seems to be an increase of interest in **MH** columns. My comments derive from 3 sources: from living in the Far East for half my life and absorbing the common approach to these ideas; from information from my teachers and their books; from my own inner discoveries. Those sources are listed in weighted order.

It is true that the soul may not choose to enter the newborn until birth or shortly thereafter, but - unless it is a rapid or unconsidered incarnation - there is usually a connection between the fetus and the soul for a time preceding the birth. Unless the entity is of a high order indeed, much confusion of memories and ideas can manifest with late or hurried incarnations. Some such are termed, "incomplete incarnations," and you can see the evidence of this all around you.

Unconsidered and/or rapid reincarnations are often undertaken by souls who do not wish to reflect before experiencing the life force again. They can be the result of personalities consumed by a single idea; overanxious to continue physical sensations; or simply frightened and misguided entities, among others.

Discussions of these ideas in the West could be clarified if people were not shy of the words, "soul," or "spirit." The *atma*, or life spark which carries the eternal idea from one life to another, is not the same thing as the personality manifest in an incarnation: the "I" of myself. It is quite possible for the personality to be at odds with the soul. Unless one admits the existence of the soul, one identifies the personality with the soul, and therein lies disaster.

Once an individual sees that his personality is not identical with his soul, the adherence to the Universal Truths can begin, for acquisition of true knowledge. Some persons know at birth that they are in fact a triumverate: the emotional mind (personality); the body; and the spirit or soul. Some persons learn this knowledge, but some do not.

Those of us who have chosen Astrology as a discipline have also chosen to carry a heavy burden: that burden which calls upon us to be reputable, farseeing, kind, loving and accurate. It calls upon us to manifest the upper dualities of all the planets in our efforts to learn, teach, and help. The greatest strivings of the human mind are reflected in the search which delineates Man's relationship to the Eternal, called in the Far East, the "Divine Scientific Art": Astrology.

Inside the discipline are ideas of Karma, Dharma and reincarnation, to mention a few. Many astrologers seem to have no background in religious metaphysical thought or experience over the past centuries. Such a background would allow them to find, even in the Christian traditions, which ideas are centuries old and which are truly new. This background is necessary to avoid being waltzed down the garden path by those with glib tongues and dramatic mannerisms, those whose small knowledge is buttressed by ample doses of nerve.

Don't accept what anyone tells you about your "Karma" (including me) unless you feel within yourself its own integrity - and that feeling after extensive reflection. Where is the good old American spirit of Missouri "Show me!" Doubting Thomas had his purpose and we must not fall down in ecstasy over every self-proclaimed Guru who comes our way. In the East it was emphasized to me that the best test of a Guru was time: time to see the results, time to judge the manner of the life of someone who dares to lead others. Simply the Christian truth of, "By their fruits ye shall know them"

Just as it was difficult for the Far Easterner to judge the knowledge and rectitude of the Western missionaries and priests who arrived on their shores, so is it difficult for us to make a similar judgement. Most Brahmins, for example, do not willingly cross the oceans for they must go through extensive purification ceremonies upon their return. Eastern Gurus, psychics, seers, astrologers, and healers are protective of their local reputations, and few leave their immediate areas except under duress.

I do not intend to imply that all who share Eastern ideas with us are not worthy of our trust. But I do mean to say that we need to guard our commitments and not be led astray by a different accent, exotic clothes or incomprehensible vocabulary. True humility does not ride in a Cadillac when a Ford will serve the purpose.

The discipline, whether astrological or otherwise, of determining Karma is long and difficult, not easily acquired with catch phrases. Its purpose is often debatable since it is felt that this life is the one which counts anyway. The knowledge of Karmic ties or duties can be useful, but Dharma - a term I don't often hear or see here in the West, by the way - Dharma will help to cancel much Karma anyway. Dharma is a complicated idea, but can be roughly translated as "a spiritual law of righteousness." Penguin Books has a good translation called "The Dhammapadam," The Path of Truth.

The Hindu and Buddhist concepts begin in the mind, of course, with the idea that the thought is father to the word, the word, to the deed: so, if you guard your thoughts, you will have less trouble guarding your actions. A simple idea and not unrelated to Christian ideals, but crucial to basic Eastern ideas.

Some people don't know that Buddhism was a reform of Hinduism, similar to Protestantism reforming Catholicism. It's useful to know so that the interconnection between the two religious bodies of thought can be understood.

Just a last idea for now: it's true that souls may not stay in a body at certain points. Many children will verify observation of bad experiences from another vantage point: physical hurt, medical procedures, etc. The simple function of the bodily processes does not insure habitation by a soul. The first time my tonsils were removed was on the kitchen table; I watched it from the corner of the ceiling.

To **Pat Geisler**: Good thinking. You should get your idea ready for presentation as a formal motion at the Convention. I'll volunteer to second it.

I'm sure I have overstepped my boundaries of length and I do apologize, **Edith**. **MH** is such a temptation!

Best wishes to you, your work, and your helpers. Gosh, - what grace you're all piling up!

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AN ASTROLOGICAL ANATOMY OF BEHAVIOR

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PART IIB

3. Mars

(a) Mars actions serving Sun aspirations.

(Mars) Presence, that emphasizes the individuality (the Sun) may be defined as being the declaration "I Am Here". It is the act of penetration into society which is required in order to leave a personal signature or impact, to demonstrate ability and to be acknowledged. The symbol, Mars in Sun aspiration, characterizes the deed, the act of doing in a horoscope. We are dealing here with the ability to realize, to achieve, to convince and to influence. Does a man do, and if so, How? What are the difficulties and barriers? These are some of the questions which may be addressed to Sun aspired Mars. Aggressions and personal convictions are another aspect to this aspiration. Self-assurance and self-defense are yet another. A different angle includes the individual's abilities. Which qualifications and ways of doing does one trust? These will vary considerably from one man to another, even if the Mars position in the horoscope is identical. (This is so because the horoscope deals with the "How" not with the "What".) Certain combinations of Mars connections in one horoscope may express themselves in violence, and in another, aggressive achievement. This may be observed in such widely different fields as business, politics or academic achievement. The result is different in every case, but the relative 'how' in the pattern remains the same.

(b) Mars serving the Lunar aspiration.

This is the presence which connects man with his surroundings. It is the direct contact, sex and involvement. Mars in Lunar aspiration is the friction for good or for bad, with the environment. It is the constant adjustment to society, rather like the adjustment of a building block to a particular hole in a wall. In other words Mars in Lunar aspiration is

existence while being exposed to the shaping forces within society, and the natural consequences of behavioral erosion. Here is also the place of questions of privacy set against attempts to exposure. Conformity also belongs here, Mars-Moon in a personal horoscope will point to the 'how'. Occasionally in specific subjects it may also point to the 'whether or not'.

4. Jupiter

(a) Jupiter actions in Sun aspiration.

The late American astrologer, Lewi Grant, called this symbol: "feeler of opportunity". Jupiter in Sun aspiration is the attempt to include large parts of the outside world into the 'I'. To reach the absolute limits of one's ability. Our keywords here could be dispersion, widening, development and growth, deepening, scattering and distribution. Missions in life, like 'getting rich', higher studies or improvement of operative ability belong here together with simpler actions such as travelling, putting on weight or boasting. Mental activities of vision and generalization, trusting and hoping, together with exaggerated behavior, are all a part of Jupiter Sun actions.

(b) Jupiter actions serving the Lunar aspiration.

These control those functions which are concerned with the individual's adaptability to, and his flexibility within his environment. In particular with his ability to change. This is the essential quality and a central theme in human relationships. This is what makes a man a man. The ability to be flexible, to compromise, to be beyond oneself and to behave in spite of his interests for the benefit of the environment. To adapt himself. To copy the rules and to enter into the patterns of a society. To imitate. It is the suggestibility and the readiness to accept influences. Imagination is a Jupiter - Moon action because it is flexible and has the ability to separate the different elements of reality and to recombine them into new, and sometimes unreal forms.

5. Saturn

The action of Saturn is the limiting quality in behavior, or the one acting upon it. This limitation acts in the 'I', by designating its borders and also by a process of ordering and organization. Saturn symbolizes the separation of an individual and also the structural nature of his life.

(a) Saturn serving the Solar aspiration.

This is the basic differentiation between what 'I' is and what 'I' is not. This may be observed in the way an individual distances himself from others and in his originality, also by the degree of independence which he defines for himself. All of this is on the individual level. On the larger, social level we may observe how the individual defines the limits of his 'I' in his choice of friends and the choice of social frameworks to which he subscribes. The clubs, societies and organizations to which he belongs.

At the same time he is declaring where he does not belong. "We" as opposed to "Them".

(b) Saturn serving the Lunar aspiration.

These are the actions of limitation which aim at belonging to the environment. Here we observe the ability of the individual to accept his rules and frameworks, his limitations and discipline. Moon aspired Saturn indicates the resistance of the environment to the behavior of the individual, not enmity or antagonism, but actions stimulated by contact with the borders which have been created by both the human and the material elements in the environment. Here we also meet ceremonial behavior, a subject which has been more than adequately covered in the books of Eric Bern. Focusing on the social hierarchy is another example of Lunar aspired Saturn. The attempts to order and organize the surroundings by means of authority. The level of expectations is indicated here. A part of these limiting actions is internal only. Such parts are our inhibitions and our repressions.

6. Uranus

We have now arrived at a new group of symbols. These define the actions of change. Their innovation is the ability to cause **actual change** in the environment, and not only to act in it. Our knowledge of the heavenly bodies external to Saturn is new, and so, is limited.

The action of Uranus seems to be that of deviation, irregularity.

(a) Uranus serving the Solar aspiration.

These actions are represented in the deviational benefits derived from separate existence, individuality. Openness to novelty, and seeking the unknown. Without the Uranian element, our lives would lack change. Solar aspired Uranus actions liberate us, they carry the charge of revolt against a given situation.

Solar aspired Uranus symbolises the break away from Saturn.

(b) Uranus serving the Lunar aspiration symbolizes a breakthrough the Saturnian borders.

These are the deviational actions which are the outcome of 'belonging to ...', and they indicate the changing of an existing framework, breaking and negation, separation and disconnection. The renovation of an apartment is an action of Lunar aspired Uranus.

Moving to a new apartment is an action of Solar aspired Uranus.

7. Neptune

Neptune actions are difficult to define because they are a mixture of the concrete with the intangible, and that which exists with that which does not exist.

(a) Neptune serving the Solar aspiration.

These actions define the involvement of that which is beyond reality, in our lives and actions as individuals. We see here the mixture of illusion with idealism, and insanity with spirituality. Our dealings with the metaphysical, mystical and

the sublime, together with our attachments to the impossible. Solar aspired Neptune actions are our refinements on the one hand and our deceptions, both of ourselves and others, on the other hand.

This symbol is an indicator of going beyond and getting in touch with that which is beyond the circle of your reality.

(b) Neptune serving the Lunar aspiration.

What disturbs us in being an undivided part of the environment. All of those things which spoil our functioning, our various weaknesses, health problems and other malfunctions, the sacrifices we make, giving up something for the sake of others, as the result maybe, of an addiction, all these are Lunar aspired Neptune actions, as is any kind of disintegration. Together with this, neglecting, overlooking, concealing or disregarding the components of a given situation, is an action of Lunar aspired Neptune.

8. Pluto

Pluto symbolizes the action of activation.

(a) Pluto serving the Solar aspiration.

These are the actions of self-activation or that of another according to a given measure; scale or proportion. It will include manipulation and the will to redesign the environment and society, to set it in action, to motivate and to govern it. To initiate a movement in it. On a smaller scale we may observe such actions in the switching on of a light, or the television. A teacher in school is performing this kind of action and so do we in our recovery from a disease, our drive to return to normal functioning. Solar aspired Pluto actions are operating when we are learning to drive a car, or in any new kind of activity which requires self-activation.

(b) Pluto serving the Lunar aspiration.

Actions resulting from group activation, or the activation that results of being part of a whole, that is activated.

Something external to our routine life, either internal or environmental, that governs us, possesses us, or directs our lives. We are stimulated into action by something that is stronger than our will, or mind. Fanaticism, may serve as an example.

Lunar aspired Pluto is an indicator of fears or threats.

A few demonstrative examples.

The method described in the third part of the present paper will enable you to interpret aspects in a more precise and sensitive way. It will be explained that a square between Venus and Mars, connects the two symbols on the grounds of identical aspirations. This means that Solar-aspired-Mars will be linked with Solar-aspired-Venus. Lunar-aspired-Mars, on the other hand, will be linked with Lunar-aspired-Venus. The diagnosis will be that a close connection and interdependence exists in the personality between the order of priorities upon which a person decides, the moral code and standards on the one hand, and actions on the other. We can deduce the existence of social awareness, consideration and judgement that guide the behavior as well as striving for quality of performance. All of this was said according to the first level or equation ("solar Mars meets Solar Venus"). The second level will teach us that the person's material and psychological needs are in a continuous friction with the environment and therefore, are subject to erosion. Involvement is a deep rooted need and the price is inevitable. This is, of course, the other facet of the first level and complementary to it.

A conjunction between Venus and Mars, will connect the symbols on the grounds of different aspirations. Lunar-Venus linked with Solar-Mars will indicate that actions are dictated and directed by desires, and by an acquisitive tendency. Solar-Venus linked with Lunar-Mars will testify to a lack of objectivity in evaluation and judgement, and to a difficulty to stick to one's decisions and order of priorities. We do not pretend that the above remarks are an exhaustive analysis of

the combinations. We only want to point out that our method was capable of making a basic differentiation that would have escaped conventional tools.

An even greater importance of this capacity is demonstrated when interpreting aspects where the lights are involved. A sextile between Mars and the Sun will link Lunar-Mars with the Solar aspiration of the personality. In many cases this horoscopic fact is an indicator of conformity. The situation will be totally different when the aspect will be a square, for example. While the former case is contradictory to common beliefs about the combinations of Mars and the Sun, the latter one indicated individuality, search for a personal and distinctive way, and a will to act upon the world and change things in reality (Solar-Mars linked with the Sun.)

The principle of the combination and synthesis is rather simple. The aspects of a planet describe the mechanism of those behaviors it represents. Solar-Mercury for example, answers questions about the person's way of learning. If it is connected with Lunar-Saturn, learning will have to be slow, ordered, logical, etc. On the other hand, a connection with Solar-Jupiter will indicate a need to conceptualize, see the broad and abstract scope. A link with the Moon will mean that material has to be memorized, and so on. In all those cases, the process works vice-versa as well. Questions concerned with the working manner of those matters related to Lunar-Saturn, Solar-Jupiter or the Moon, will be described by Solar-Mercury.

The historical origins of the Aspirations/Actions concept

With regard to the world of science, Astrology is in an extraordinary and embarrassing situation. In other disciplines a purpose is described, and the kind of information required by the researchers is defined. The next step being to develop the means of acquiring that particular kind of information. In the field of Astrology, the tools are a matter of tradition, and the original purpose of their development is a mystery. To further confuse the issue, the meaning of concepts formulated thousands of years ago has completely changed; if we try to use the same terms we shall find ourselves making a grave error in the light of their contemporary meaning. One of the outstanding examples of this is the usage of the term 'The Elements'. Today, the meaning of this term has no connection with the original use. If we continue to use it we shall present its formulators as being ignorant. If, on the other hand, we try to understand this classification of reality by categories, that is Fire, Water, Air and Earth, we soon realize that they are a demonstration of the modes or states of matter as manifested in nature. This way of examining Astrological symbols helps us to re-create their original meanings.

One of these appears as being vital to any formulation of planetary symbolism. This is the term, 'Polarity'.

The zodiac is a symbolic presentation of the way in which reality works. It consists of a concentration and crystallization of a few Astrological principles. The study of the zodiac teaches us that the early Astrologers observed two states of every astrological symbol, Venus for example, may be encountered in the Taurus state or in the Libra state. These two states being possible applications of the Venus principle. While this holds true for the planets, it is evident that the Sun and the Moon do not, conform to these two modes of application. Furthermore, when we consider the fact that the two states occur alternately along the zodiac as two phases of the sixth harmonic, we may conclude that the 'Lights', in some way, are 'Being' the two states.

Thus, we may conclude that there exists both a Solar state and a Lunar state of the planets as Astrological symbols. We may further say that these states provide the symbols with both Direction and Purpose.

Using the term Actions to describe the symbolism of the

planets gives us an idea of the nature of the symbols, and creates an essential distinction between them and the Lights. In describing the symbols, we use psychological language because it is easier to understand in a modern context. We must, however, state again that in our opinion, Astrological language is both physical and factual. It speaks from the point of view of an outside observer, describing a behaving unit in a given specific place and time.

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THOMAS J. BARRETT, Washington, DC

Feb. 1984

"Mountain Climbing..." (this appeared in Nov. '83 edition of the N.A.A. Newsletter. Reprinted by permission of author.)

As a man goes through life, he climbs through the years; climbs a mountain no one else can see and as he climbs he sees more clearly than ever before. He may even lament that he will never reach to top so he can see the clearest, which does little for him now, but in earlier years, might have been of great value.

As he climbs old, once-valued things drop away. His knapsack is less full but is no lighter as he holds to those things that still have some value for him.

Astrologers, like other people, find that, as they go through life, what the Science helps them to know becomes a source of yearning; an itch, if you will, to use the knowledge to help others. They feel it has helped them and know that they can see more clearly than some of the people around them and, if only they were asked, could be of help to solve people's needs.

Through our studies, we learn of different systems of interpretation, which one we use depends upon whether we feel it has some value to us. We will stress its use over all other systems and use all the logic at our command to force our viewpoint. It is necessary to have more tolerance for those who do not feel as you do. Be patient! Join with those forces of like mind; continue your studies.

As you climb further, you must set an example for those around you. One day, someone will ask for help and, like the **Good Samaritan**, you take the person under your care and nurse them back to life.

PENNY BERTUCELLI, Miami, FL

Feb. 3, 1984

For those interested in Jesse Jackson's birth information it is located in the biography "The Man, The Movement, the Myth" by Barbara A. Reynolds. He was born Oct. 8, 1941 at 9:00 a.m. in Greenville, So. Carolina.

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Hi, everyone in MHland. My last letter about more frequent issues shook up the staff of MH, and never got off the ground, so this time I'll try not to shake anybody up. Happy New Year to everyone, even if it comes late.

Edith, I want to commend you for your stand on the bitching. You have been very patient and, like you, I've had enough, too, so I agree we should all get on with astrology, which is the name of the game. I was sorry to hear of **Elaine Knoche's** passing. Although I never met her, I knew she was a good astrologer. I will never forget the help that her associate, **Eleanora Kimmel** gave me when she had a seminar at our club.

Notes on the Jan. '84 issue:

Sue Scott, p. 10: I'm not sure about the article by **Paul Clancy**, but I do know that the child's Asc/Desc/M.C./I.C. very often appears on one of the angles of the mother's - or even the father's chart, thus giving a clue as to the accuracy of the birth time. I don't know if this is what Clancy wrote about.

Sioux Rosenberg, p. 30: You have it right, Sioux. Your Moon doesn't even need the Uranus, because it is already locked in with a grand trine to Neptune and Venus. There's no way it can be void of course.

Barbara May, p. 38: My Part of Lightning Flash is on the fixed star Castor: I find I can get more sparks from there. Part of Terra Firma sounds good. Why don't you work that one out, Barbara? I think I'll let you work them all out, okay? I tried once, doing the Helio, but I burned out, so I never tried again. But I did come up with one I haven't tried before. The Part of Fate. In case you haven't seen it either, it's the longitudes of the Asc. plus Saturn minus Sun. The symbol is the hour glass and it has to do with limitations, or rather it solidifies the mental faculties into moral standards and discriminations.

Loretta H. Pearce, p. 44: Not that I need to, but I come to your defense in the matter of progressions and solar arcs. Too many astrologers think that if an event doesn't show in transits, it's not there. Not so. I have found a wealth of truth in secondary and solar arc progressions just as you have. Keep up the good work, Loretta. Glad you were interested in your Sidereal chart points. I agree with you perfectly that both the Tropical and the Sidereal methods work. For I was originally a Tropical astrologer, you see. It has been my experience that sometimes the sidereal approach tells the complete story, when the Tropical has missed part of it. I am not quite sure what you mean by the values. Perhaps you mean the **ways** we do things in sidereal. Besides the usual ways of prediction or delineating, there are so many ways of zeroing in on something. Some of them that come to mind are the P.S.S.R. (Progressive Sidereal Solar Return), the S.Q. (Solar Quotidian), the N.Q. (Natal Quotidian), the Novien, Lunar Mansions, Parans, the Speculum. But sometimes I do the Tropical to check out the comparison. Hope this gives you an idea.

Bob Prince, p. 62: I'm glad you like the way I do the Parts. I tried all kinds of ways and that way is the easiest, least complicated and foolproof. Seems like there's an easier way of explaining the Sexascope to **Marth Brummett**, too. The way you explained it works all right, and I assume by the 9th Harmonic you mean the Novien. Anyway, the Sexascope is really nothing more than a Novien chart, as Cyril Fagan mentioned on p. 189 of his *Astrological Origins*... "seems to be hidden in the Novienic Equivalent chart which is, among other things, nothing less than a "sexascope." Anyway, you might try it this way if you want. I happened onto it myself by experimentation. You multiply the chart position of your planet by nine and add the **fixed** solar arc sign of the group in which the planet lies. Say your Sun is 17 23 Libra. Times 9 is 156 27. The fixed sign — for the Libra group (Air) is Aquarius so you add 300 (Solar Arc). Giving you a Novien Sun of 456 27 minus 360 = 96 27 or 6 Cancer 27. Looked up on the Novien sheet coincides exactly. And it will always be so. I mean it will always

work, whatever the natal chart figures.

Well, I've come to the end of a maybe too-long letter. After I mail this, I'll think of a million things I wanted to ask someone but was afraid to ask. It always happens. My best to all, and keep up the good MH, **Edith**.

AGNES L. PRYTULA, Mt. Clemens, MI

Jan. 13, 1984

1984 - SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

The **Guy de Penguern** rectified chart for Pres. Reagan is duly noted as was **Jim Lewis** choice of 3:46 a.m. earlier this year. Both charts do show heavy activity for the periods mentioned. Most astrologers who watch the political scene seem to concur on Sept. 1984 and Feb. 1985 as indicating something other than a peaceful election year is in order. One does not have to be psychic to assume this in any case. However, it might be of interest to everyone to take a look at a chart that we have all been assured is quite accurate. That is the chart for Vice-Pres. George Bush. His published birth information was released at some time in 1979. I am not entirely sure where it was published but I do remember many of the Michigan astrologers commenting on it. One comment I remember specifically was that Bush's chart appeared to be more like a president's chart than Reagan's did. I believe that this was originally observed by **Ray Merriman** but I may be wrong. In any case, the information given is June 12, 1924 at 11:45 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time in Milton, Mass. (71W04 42N16). I found this chart fascinating. It literally explodes for the Sept. 10, 1984 Full Moon. Not only does the Full Moon position fall within 4° of the natal Uranus 7th house placement but that also creates a YOD formation in transit. Mr. Bush's natal 2nd house Moon is sextile his natal 12th house Neptune which both are quincunx this Sept. Full Moon. It also trines his natal 11th house retrograde Venus. The rest of the planetary picture is so extensive and so obvious that it almost defies description. The same very extensive activity can be traced in the Reagan charts although the dramatic YOD is absent. The prog. Moon activity for both charts (both men) is clearly defined for Sept. but is more dramatic in the Bush chart. I worked this chart a little more as I was more sure of it. I found a horizontal parallel point for Mercury is conjuncted by the progressing Moon and they square the natal Uranus. Aside from that there is the total correspondences and dispositor relationship of this chart which taking the complete Full Moon period transits into consideration, contrives to involve just about everything of any importance in the entire chart. The way it looks now, Sept. 1984 is going to be the big news month and I would be very interested to hear what others have to say on the subject. The 1985 picture depends (in Reagan's case) upon which chart one is following of the 2 or 3 offered. The Bush chart would tend to indicate a picture of building involvement which would culminate in March with a quincunx of the prog. Moon to the natal Mercury 9th house position. I have a number of personal thoughts on what this may all be saying but I would like to hear some other opinions from our friendly political chart watchers out there.

Someone mentioned the Russian Foundation chart awhile back. This is the one for Sept. 20, 862 A.D., O.S. Noon. That chart shows Saturn posited at 0° of Libra. Ronald Reagan's chart shows Saturn posited at 0° and 45' of Taurus. The time of the downing of the Korean Air Liner by the Russians showed transiting Mercury ready to turn retrograde at 0° 40' of Libra. If Reagan's Saturn is rightfully located in his 4th house, the Russian chart Saturn rightfully located in its 9th house and cuddled up to the Midheaven, then this transit also is very significant. It would certainly not only verify the accuracy of the charts involved but actually shows up in the correct houses and with the obvious meaning. It also might help to take a good look at the Russian chart's Saturn and this Mercury contact with an idea toward psyching out how much of their reported

thoughts on the subject were accurate. Personally, I think the astrological chart tells just about everything that is the real inner heart of any matter. This also might be one instance of an international incident that could become somewhat illuminating for those astrologers trying to understand the 29 and 0° aspects. In the natal appearance of 29° there is a personality or psychological factor that is apparent. Astrologer Donna Nardone of Roseville, Mich. calls this the, "Go on and hit me again. I can take it." degree. The slight shading of one degree that brings it to the 0 seems to create an element of crisis. In other words, the repetition is still evident but the incidents involved seem to escalate in the seriousness of their content.

One last word on the Regan-Bush charts, **Ted George** suggest that the focal point of a natal YOD when falling on the Part of Fortune is an indication that many people will benefit from what the individual does but the individual will not so benefit. Well how would you read this same configuration in a transit, Ted? If one uses the **Jim Lewis'** chart choice for Reagan the focal point of the Sept. 10, 1984 Full Moon conj. his natal Part of Fortune but only the opposing Sun position might be seen as creating a YOD. It would be quincunx his natal Sun and widely so to his natal I/C for that chart. Perhaps, in this regard, there might be seen the elements of the YOD for Mr. Reagan as well as Mr. Bush. However, it is not as exact nor as obvious. All very interesting, isn't it?!! Certainly, depending on the exactitude of the birth information or the rectification, it is worth an exercise in gut level astrological prediction. I have been saying that Mr. Reagan **may** be re-elected but that he **will not serve**. I have recently heard 3 other astrologers make the same prediction. We all seem to have the same available information. Somehow, I do not think that this is the work of the astrologers turned to psychism. I am sure this is the astrologers' feeling concerning the aspects that they are seeing. However, no one has come to any exact conclusions as to what exactly, nor where, nor how. I do not think this is entirely an oversight nor any lack of expertise in studying out the picture that these aspects are creating. I do think that many astrologers are not entirely sure of the basic exactness of the information that they have. I also think there is a little trepidation in making exact and detailed statements in all of us. I, for one, do not care for an idea that there might be something a little sad or even nasty about the picture that I might see. This can be true even when that picture might be something normal or expected such as a natural death. Sometimes, with all of this in mind, I might not even carry my thinking all the way through to sometimes what is an obvious conclusion. I have had this happen recently in the case of an old and valued client who expired suddenly and without apparent warning due to a massive congestive heart failure. She was not very old in years and she was a friend. I knew that she had been doctoring for a mysterious chronic illness that her doctors were not pinning down. Various approaches that they made should have told me the story even if I failed to see it in the chart. The trouble was, I did not want to see it. After the fact, and after we had all recovered from the shock, I easily observed the aspect. I do not believe that other astrologers are any different and I believe that American-born astrologers tend to have a whole lot of trepidation about the reading of an exact negative picture in the case of an American President. Whatever this is saying or whatever you believe, there is certainly something to think about in 1984.

CAMILLE ALBRECHT, Lansing, MI Jan. 9, 1984

Jewell Fahey: So glad you enjoyed **Tony Imhoff's** lecture at A.R.C. on the Asteroids. Toni is such a dynamic woman! She always seems to be producing the most interesting and **unique** lectures. If you get a chance to hear her on "Chart Synastry and Relationships," check it out - fantastic!

In fact, Toni just started a new business that will have a terrific impact on all of us astrologers; it's called "Starshine Network" and it's based here in Lansing. Toni arranges 5-6 "Explore and Discover Series" (lectures and workshops) each year, sponsoring international speakers on all sorts of New Age topics like Astrology, Reincarnation and Metaphysics. Her target population is the general public and what a fantastic response she's had. I think the public is finally ready to hear accurate information from our experts on topics they have been curious about - but often misinformed. Debbie Kempton-Smith was the first speaker. She was excellent and opened astrology up to many in our community and throughout Michigan. Most of the major radio and T.V. stations, and newspapers promoted her lecture and workshop. Toni's business has got to be one of the first of its kind. Thanks to Toni, New Age topics are at last available to the general public in an interesting, entertaining and **accurate** manner. So, thank you Toni, for opening our science to the public in such a unique way and keep up the good work!

Alan Richter: "Fascists" may be a strong word for the board members of A.F.A. and N.C.G.R. I haven't had enough dealings with N.C.G.R. yet to formulate any opinions. How about others out there? Is N.C.G.R. meeting your needs? Regarding the A.F.A. - what a continuous disappointment! I'm still a member, but it just **has** to shape up! I'm very interested to see what the A.F.A. Network accomplishes...

RALPH SHELTON, Seattle, WA Jan. 17, 1984

To **Marc Penfield:** Thanks for sharing the data of the Korean airliner shooting with us. I have some additional comments for you.

First, take two minutes from the chart marked "shot down." Let this time be the moment that the order was given to fire the missiles,--a point of no return. (Sept. 1, 1983/3:24 a.m. TZ -9/142E23, 47N29). This gives an ASC of Leo 21 degrees 44 minutes and an MC of Taurus 10 degrees 25 minutes.

Now check the degree symbols for the four angles. For the ASC (WHAT), Sepharial's symbol is that of a nest of young birds over which a hawk is seen hovering. "Denotes that the native is his own enemy and will suffer through want of care in his actions... The life is fraught with dangers of incendiary character... It is a degree of injury."

The DSC (WHERE-TO) symbol is that of a raging bull stamping upon the body of a dog. "This symbol denotes one whose passions are liable to run to excess and whose anger may lead him into the commission of acts of violence... It is a degree of violence."

Charubel's symbol for the IC (HOW) is that of a mariner's compass. (Always use the previous degree notation for Charubel.) Sepharial states that it is a degree of insecurity.

And, on the MC (WHY), Rudhyar's rephrased Sabian symbol is that of a woman watering flowers in her garden. "Development of the powers of the mind on which ego-consciousness is based. It may develop in a negative, possessive sort of way ("This is my garden")."

Note how well the degree symbols appear to confirm the official U.S. explanation of the disaster. Incidentally, with regard to the use of symbols, a book which others may appreciate is "Symbol and the Symbolic" by R. A. Schwaller de Lubicz (Inner Traditions International, New York).

You mention the square aspect between the MC and 12th house Mars. But note that there is also a close square between the Part of Death (Taurus 21 degrees 46 minutes) and the ASC (Leo 21 degrees 33 minutes).

Roger A. Jacobson, author of "The Language of Uranian Astrology", lists stoppage, hindrance, and death among the negative qualities of the Uranian planet Admetus. Admetus is located at Taurus 10 degrees 52 minutes retrograde, conjunct

the MC! Also, one might expect the Uranian planet Zeus (directed firepower) to be prominent. At Virgo 21, it is conjunct the South Node.

The Part of Fortune could be considered the Part of Misfortune, since it is conjunct Algol at Taurus 25 degrees.

And last, but perhaps not least, note the exact position of the 1st house Sun, -Virgo 7 degrees 47 minutes. The plane that went down was a Boeing 747!

MARC HEEREN PENFIELD, San Francisco, CA Jan. 1983

About the NADI SYSTEM OF RECTIFICATION: Yes, you are correct. Line 35 on Friday should be MALE, not female as indicated. Typo error.

To **Juliann Ryan**: Sorry I came on like gangbusters about the Kansas City. Guess I got too over-heated about your beautiful city. I do apologize for offending you, and I was not coming on like I knew it all. One thing, however intrigues me. You mention that the second sale of lots took place on Nov. 14, 1838. In his book, Darrell Garwood, "Crossroads of America", states that the sale took place on a cold and wintry Sat. in Nov. 1838. I calculated this to be Nov. 17th. Can you clarify. I like that chart very much: the Sun in Scorpio, Moon in Libra, Mercury conj. Saturn and Mars in Virgo. From my view, that describes Kansas City quite well. Of course, the real date to get would be the one in 1821 when Chouteau founded the trading post. Have any data on that, even as to the time of year? Again, my regrets for coming on too strong. Mundane astrology excites me so much, guess I take it too personally.

TED GEORGE, Jacksonville, FL

PARAGON

THE TWIN OF MERCURY



Jan. 1984

PARAGON - a satellite of Mercury, thus the split personality of communication. It is the influence of this body that gives Gemini its duality. Mercury is, for the most part, always negative, and it is Paragon that brings out the positive side of the twins. Gemini-influenced individuals can be quite sarcastic, even when they do not intend to be, making cruel remarks without realizing their effect on others. The pleasantness of Paragon, and the cruelty of Mercury, can work simultaneously. The influences change back and forth just like Gemini-ruled quicksilver.

Both Paragon and Mercury remain in the same sign, with the exception of the period when Mercury begins retrograde motion, and it is for this reason that Mercury in retrograde motion in the natal chart, or in transit, can be an uncomfortable aspect. However, **Paragon Never Retrogrades**, and therefore, the twins drift apart as a result of the retrograde motion of Mercury. Thus, Paragon could be in the following sign in the chart of an individual who has a retrograde Mercury. Also, those individuals with Mercury just turning direct and in early degrees of a sign could still have Paragon in the sign after. When Mercury again turns direct, it takes a little time for it to catch up with Paragon.

Because this is such a negative age, Mercury does have more effect on the life than Paragon; therefore, whether they are being used in a positive or negative manner, the negative effects are more apt to be felt, especially in the area of communications, thus causing misunderstandings, hurt feelings, disagreements, and misinformation.

Those with a natal retrograde Mercury antagonize others without meaning to do so. Sometimes it is done purposely, and at other times, though they try to use the sweetness of Paragon, they still antagonize others. Paragon's influence never leaves the individual - it is just that few use the goodness of Paragon in this age.

Both bodies have a tight orbit around the Sun, with Paragon closer to the Sun than Mercury. They are not on

opposite sides of the Sun, such as Venus and its counterpart Persephone, but are close enough to the Sun that its light obscures our view from Earth. Paragon being closer to the Sun than Mercury makes it even more difficult to locate it.

Paragon follows Mercury, and the swiftness of Mercury in mythology simply explains its position ahead of Paragon. With Paragon closer to the Sun, Mercury must travel faster to stay in the same sign and ahead of Paragon.

Paragon is taken from the Greek which means "to parallel." More importantly however, it means "a model of excellence and perfection."

So it will be in the forthcoming Age of Aquarius.

JOY KAJAN-BASILE, Hackensack, NJ

Jan. 24, 1984

Bunny DeVore, 40th Ed., p. 68: You asked for help in finding your sister's missing parakeet. Using the chart you supplied, the 3rd house (sister) becomes the 1st, with Cancer rising. The ruler Moon is in the 12th leaving a square to the Sun, ruler of parakeet - 2nd (possessions), which is posited in the 3rd (neighbor). Your sister neglected to fully protect the parakeet from the changed environment (visiting neighbor). The square denotes lack of adaptation to the conditions described by the positions of planets in houses. The significance of the Moon (sister) in the 12th indicates the nature of the question to be mysterious; in Cancer, a mystery in the home.

Pluto, co-ruler of neighbor 3rd, is square the 25° Cancer 48' "new" Asc., showing the neighbor to be a detriment to the querent (sister) at the time the bird was bedded down (9:40 p.m.). Sun, ruler of 2nd - parakeet - is cadent; the bird is far away, removed under wraps as Sun is intercepted in Libra. Sun and Venus are in Mutual Reception, signifying that the bird was removed from its original location by the neighbor (Venus co-rules 3rd).

Mars and Mercury square to Neptune and Mars square Jupiter (Mars and Mercury co-ruling the parakeet) indicates the parakeet will have difficulty adjusting to his new home.

The Moon's last aspect is a square to Pluto, co-ruler of neighbor, 3rd. There is little chance of regaining possession of the parakeet.

I'm an animal/creature lover and empathize with your sister's loss. I, too, have not always acted in the best interests of the animal, although certainly with good intentions elsewhere, as with your sister's situation. The benefits of her act of kindness to her neighbor may not yet be apparent, but the matrix of kindness is "set" within her and she will one day receive the kindness in return.

DOROTHY B. HUGHES, Seattle, WA

Jan. 26, 1984

I just learned day before yesterday that a young boy killed here in an accident was the grandson of a friend. She gave me his data from a birth certificate. Jan. 17, 1969, 1:30 p.m., Pacific Standard Time, Seattle, WA. He was hit about 3:00 p.m., PST on Jan. 19, 1984 in Seattle and died at 3:15 p.m., PST.

A Queen Anne teenager died last Thurs. afternoon, Jan. 19, 1984 after he collided with a car as he was skateboarding on a street near his home on W. Queen Anne. Robert Colt Anderson, 15, suffered head injuries when he hit a car driven by Christopher Corzatte, 20, who also lives near the accident scene at 11th St. West. According to Seattle Police Det. Hal Fogus, Robert Anderson was skateboarding with a friend shortly before 3 p.m. He was crouched down on his board as he traveled southbound on the upper portion of 11th Ave. W., above a hillside park at W. Wheeler. Then he turned his board north onto the lower portion of 11th Ave. W., known locally as "Little Devil Dip." He was traveling northbound, just at the southern crest of the one-way southbound street, when he was hit by the VW. The boy was thrown about 17 feet, Fofus said. He was taken to Harborview Hospital but was dead on arrival.

I know it would be hard for anyone to visualize this scene unless he had seen the place. As you know, Seattle has many hills and this particular street on the west side of Queen Anne hill has 2 single lane parts to it. One is northbound and the other southbound. They are terraced so that one is lower than the other. There are several streets similar to this on the west side of the hill. This is a particularly dangerous place because of the steepness of the hill - one cannot see over to the street from the crest.

There are surely some critical aspects in the youngster's chart. Many of them point to an accident. Interestingly enough he died on the day of the Geo Jupiter/Neptune conj. which came in opposition to his prog. Asc.

MARGUERITE DAR BOGGIA, Los Angeles, CA Jan. 16, 1984

Astrologers are correct about NEPTUNE IN CAPRICORN. The forces of darkness are on the rampage all over the world. They are making every effort to control our thinking and education.

In Los Angeles County the Sheriff's Dept. is attempting to pass an Ordinance outlawing fortunetelling which would include even TEACHING ASTROLOGY! We just learned that the City of Los Angeles passed an ordinance in Sept. 1983 prohibiting fortunetelling, but that ordinance is liberal enough to allow astrologers to practice. The law prohibits predictive and the negative type of astrology. **Zip Dobyns** and **Jay Jacobs** made an eloquent argument for astrology before the County Board of Supervisors on Jan. 10, 1984 and the matter was continued for 2 weeks.

In the Winter 1983 edition of Kosmos, published by ISAR, **Barry Lynes** and **Zip Dobyns** have articles concerning the future economic collapse in the U.S. and when it might occur. Pluto in Scorpio is telling us that we must share the resources of the world with the 3rd World countries, otherwise Pluto will destroy the old economic systems that are not functioning based on equal justice for the indigent. Resources can be money, credit, technical aid, knowledge, new inventions etc. The planets passing through Libra had been telling us that it is time for justice for all people based on economic, social and political equality. The poor of the world got the message and are demanding change, but most of those in power want to maintain the status quo, hence the turmoil.

ISAR will be tackling a research project during the week of March 9 to 15 and will be looking at thousands of charts on alcoholics, hundreds of charts on sudden infant deaths, relationship charts and also earthquake charts. **Rob Hand**, **Francoise Gauquelin**, **Carolyn O. Britton**, **Donna Cunningham**, **Gail Guttman**, **Zip Dobyns** and others are expected to participate in the research project. The results of the research will be published in Kosmos.

For further information on ISAR and Kosmos write to: P.O. Box 38613, Los Angeles, CA 90038. Keep up the good work.

JAN INGERSOLL, Anchorage, AK 22 Jan. 1984

To **Zane Stein**: I appreciate your research and comments. I think we have much more to learn about the significance of CHIRON. Recently a client came over for a reading. Her mother, who was very close to her, had recently passed away after a long bout with cancer. She came in looking very shaken and said, "Jan, have you ever heard of some planet - or star called Cheeron or something like that?" I was startled because she is not an astrologer. She is a very sensitive and psychic lady. I said, "Yes, there is an asteroid between Saturn and Uranus that is called Chiron - how do you know about it?" She said, "You mean there REALLY is a such a place? My mother came to me in a dream last night and talked with me. She said she was resting and waiting on this place called Chiron. She was

being taught and helped by **Light Beings** until she was ready to go into the higher **Light Realms**." I was blown away listening to this! I said, "Do you know that Chiron is supposed to be a kind of **Doorway** from the Earth and Astral Planes to the outer Cosmic Realms of Uranus and beyond - into higher consciousness? It also has to do with teaching, healing and testing - so the researchers say. We both just looked at each other stunned! What a confirmation, for me at least, of the validity of the research that has been done by Astrologers so far. My friend went on to say that her mother also explained that they had to meet in the upper astral to communicate as the vibration on Chiron was too high to allow her to maintain or reach the Earth vibration - too heavy. She said she could only come once to her daughter, very briefly, to comfort her and give her some messages. One was for her to try and convince her father to not grieve so much and to please let her go - he was holding her back. That was one of the reasons that she looked so haggard. She said Chiron was sort of a 'way station' or resting place for more advanced souls to prepare them for leaving the Earth plane for the higher realms - R&R? When my own Grandmother passed over in 1980 I had a similar message from another good source that she was sleeping and resting on the 'edge of the Light Worlds' and being cared for and watched over by Angelic beings until she was ready to go on. Chiron wasn't specifically mentioned, but the description was very similar. Good work researchers - maybe this will give us some more things to think about and work on. My friend had the transit North Node in Gemini, conj. her Moon (input from her mother). Rx Merc was turning Direct that day. I feel she brought this info to me for some reason. Her natal Chiron is exact conj. my ASC! It sure increased my awareness. Her Mars is ex. conj. my MH, her Uranus ex. conj. my Prenatal Eclipse pt. in 9th. Transit Saturn in Scorpio was ex. conj. her Prog. Sun and opposite my 8th house Uranus. She was born on an exact conj. of Jupiter-Neptune in Libra - conj. her Sun and Merc. This took place on the 28-29° conj. of Jup-Nept now in Sag. Her Mercury is 29 Virgo - my Chiron 28+Gemini - my Helio Saturn 29 Pisces. With the aspects and putting our info together it made a complete circuit! With my Helio Sat. and Chiron aspects 6th-9th, I am a nurse, astrologer and teacher, among other things. My husband (who claims he's getting infamous through my writings) just finished his Chelation Therapy treatments for clearing out the vascular system of plaque etc. on the Rx transit of Chiron to his 29° Taurus Sun. He started the healing-rejuvenation therapy on the first Transit to his Sun. He has much more energy and his Blood Pressure is down. My Chiron at 28+deg. Gem. exactly conj. his N. Node - my 9th and his 3rd. He is also a metaphysical teacher.

Speaking of 29° aspects and also **Marc Penfield's** comments on Not Flying on 29 or last deg. aspects of Moon etc. - A few years ago my husband took off in his 4 place Navion airplane to fly from Anchorage, Alaska to Oshkosh, Wis. and back for the EAA Convention. I noted that the chart for take-off (after he left) was nearly all 29° aspects! I was kind of shook, but could only pray and send light. His Sun is 29°. The transit Moon-Merc-Asc. were all 29°! His Merc. is 0° 51' of Gem. This was a life-long dream of his to make this trip. He had to fulfill it. He walked in home just 3 weeks later and said, "Well - I did it!" He has not touched that plane since that time. His trip hit ground fog and weather through Alaska and Canada - then he lost oil and had something wrong with the prop - had to land the plane just 100 miles short of his destination, to be fixed, and drove a car the rest of the way! That's 29° for you. He was fortunate however with his Jup-Uran conj. in 12th (Midpt-29°) sextile his 20-0° Sun-Merc. conj. in 2nd - Big ideas and fantastic luck and Guardian Angels!

I feel 29° has within it a vision to the future and an extreme need to let go and leave the past behind - even to having

memory lapses about it - a need to forget. There is a strong drive conscious or more often unconscious to complete your karma and free yourself to go on. If you don't do this willingly it is forced upon you to meet it anyway. There is a strong psychism and knowingness about it. There is a dark side of sometimes becoming discouraged or a tendency to not care whether you go on or not - like you may have already done it all. You are pushed on to completion though whether you like it or not. The light will dawn!

P.S. - I'm writing this with Trans. Merc. conj. my 3rd house Helio Mars - after the fact.)

JOHN R. VANDERVEKEN, San Jose, CA Jan. 19, 1984

Trying to find American Astrology issue of May 1975; there is in that issue an article by **Kenneth Irving** with the title "Modern Methods to Polish an Ancient Concept;" it's about the Dasa-Bhukti systems of periods and sub-periods in Hindu astrology. Anybody on the market to sell that old issue?

To **Diane Lynn Zeines** (Jan. '84, p. 43, last paragraph) about Solar Returns for entities different than human persons; I'm using them, as well as Lunar Returns, for a printing company in Belgium and they are quite accurate; you can even follow the general trends (I don't predict "events") week by week with the quarter Lunar Returns and the transits. Of course you must have an accurate birth chart to start with, and have a correction for the Precession or use "sidereal astrology." And also you have to be acquainted with the astrological terminology for enterprises...Also, it may be "dangerous" to use them without having consulted the major and minor progressions previously, to have an accurate perspective of the relative importance of the trends found in the returns. For the Solar Returns: you have to progress them; for the "quarter-lunar returns," keep in mind they are subservient to the Lunar Return, except when their ANGLES are much more powerfully OCCUPIED than the L.R. Keep in mind that so-called good aspects indicate a situation existing previously while the strong aspects indicate re-adjustments or changes. Don't overlook the parans.

Nagutskoye, Northern Caucasus, U.S.S.R. 15 June 1914 [NS]
 42 East 55 44 North 27 Time unknown



Thomas J. Barrett
 Feb. 1983

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Yuri Vladimirovich Andropov was born in the northern Caucasus town of Nagutskoye on June 2, 1914, according to

the Julian calendar. Since the Russians did not adopt the Gregorian calendar until Feb. 14, 1918 it is necessary to add 13 days to get our current reckoning of June 15, 1914 (NS).

1930 - At age 16, he joined the Komsomol, The Communist Youth League.

1936 - At age 22, he began higher studies at the U. of Petrozavodsk (Petrozavodsk - Long 34E17 Lat 61N44)

1940 - Appointed First Secy. of the Central Committee of the Young Communist League of Karelia (Capital - Petrozavodsk).

1944 - Became Second Secy. of the Petrozavodsk City Committee.

1947 - Became Second Secy. of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Karelia.

1951 - He accompanied his mentor, Otto Kuusinen to Moscow. There he served as "Inspector" in the Communist Party's Central Committee. Later, he headed a section which maintained contact with the other Communist Parties of Eastern Europe.

Later, he served in a similar post in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1953 - He became Charge d'Affaires at the Soviet Embassy in Budapest, Hungary. (19E03; Lat 47N30). Later, he was promoted becoming Ambassador to Hungary. It was after this that the famous Hungarian bid for freedom took place in 1956. Andropov was a central figure in following the orders which crushed the rebellion.

1957 - Andropov was reassigned to Moscow and began working in the Party Secretariat in close harmony with Mikhail Suslov.

1967 - In May, Andropov was appointed as head of the KGB (Soviet Secret Police) and began turning it into a far-flung, aggressive, modern intelligence service which in many respects can be compared to a combination of the CIA, The FBI, The Secret Service, The Border Patrol and The Bureau of Prisons.

In his stint at the KGB, Andropov demonstrated his supreme management skill. He became master of a thousand details while at the same time he was reshaping and redirecting a major instrument of Soviet Society and still continuing to maneuver through the Kremlin labyrinth.

1982 - In May, after the death of his current mentor, Mikhail Suslov, Andropov gave up his chair as head of the KGB and rejoined the Party Secretariat. This was a neutral position from which to move toward Leonid Brezhnev's post.

1982 - Nov. 10, Leonid Brezhnev died.

Yuri Vladimirovich Andropov became the new Secy. of the Communist Party after his nomination by Brezhnev's defeated favorite, Konstantin Chernenko. [The locale chart [Johndro] Moscow for June 15, 1914 (NS) has a 9° Scorpio 33' ASC and 27Leo49 M.C. Edith.]

If anyone rectifies the chart or learns a time of birth, I would appreciate a copy of their work with the reasoning behind their assuming that particular time of birth.

DREW ROBERTS, San Jose, CA

Feb. 1984

I wish to thank you for printing my request for birth times of Tennessee Williams and William Westmoreland in "Open Market" of the Oct. '83 MH.

Also, thanks to a Mr. **Bob Prince** of Perry, FL for his reply and most helpful information on Tennessee Williams on p. 62 of Jan. '84 issue. I must have compounded my errors when I wrote the two above-mentioned men were born April 2, 1914, which was the birthdate of Alec Guinness, as given by "The Circle Book of Charts."

As I was interested in the birth data of people with conjunctions of Jupiter and Uranus, and the above-mentioned book gives Mar. 26, 1914 for both Williams and Westmoreland, but Bob Prince wrote: "March 26, 1911, the birthdate I received

from Mr. Williams when I met him in Key West, FL...," Bob has saved my making further mistakes. The Williams' birthdate given by Bob puts Jupiter in Scorpio and Uranus in Capricorn, according to the American Ephemeris, which is obviously nowhere near a conjunction! Thanks again, Bob.

CORRENE WENTWORTH, St. George, N.B. Jan. 1984

There has been little feedback from my query on unsuspected Sun. Since there is precious little written about this, may I again solicit my fellow-astrologer's knowledge and insight on the unsuspected Sun.

Also Edith, where can one purchase tapes by Betty Lundsted? (Parrot Products, P.O. Box 578, Glen Burnie, MD 21061. Phone: 301-933-1679. "Transits" - \$7.00 and "Life Crisis" - \$7.00 - include some postage money.)

I live in a remote area far removed from astrological literature and fellow astrologers. MH certainly helps to fill in the void and I for one, truly appreciate your efforts. Most of my books have been purchased through the mails and often turn out to be a disappointment. How I envy you folk who have astrology book stores nearby. The "Book Reviews" section is a marvelous aid to people like me. Perhaps someone could enlighten us on some good tapes as well.

DOROTHY B. HUGHES, Seattle, WA Jan. 24, 1984

Thought I would send along this little item which might be of interest to students who study weather phenomena in conjunction with astrology.

Many years ago George McCormack wrote in one of the letters he sent that when the majority of the planets is in south declination, it pulls the Arctic air down from the north. It certainly appears true right now with all the planets except Pluto in south declination and could well be the explanation, if not comfort, for the horrible freezing weather being experienced in a great many parts of the nation. Don't rightly know why the Northwest has escaped this but we have had some unseasonably cold weather too, although not as severe as other parts of the country.

I note that the AFA Bulletin has an article this month about weather patterns using the ingress charts. This method was used by George McCormack for more than 50 years. Of course he used many other refinements which are outlined in Joe Goodavage's book "Our Threatened Planet."

Hope all goes well back there and that you are not freezing. Thanks a million for MH. Don't know how we ever got along without it.

KAREN SHELTON, St. Louis, MO Feb. 20, 1984

A client of mine recently cleaned out her closets and recycled her old MH's. I took them reluctantly since I had no idea what they were all about. It was love at first sight and almost instant divorce since I couldn't keep them hidden from my husband who just recently got bitten by the astrology bug and kept swiping my precious cache. He is a chiropractor and claims he needs the info in MH to broaden his knowledge. Hmmm. He certainly seems to laugh a lot when locked in the bathroom with MY newfound treasures.

At any rate, we can't risk waiting for my client to clean out her closets again, so we want to get our own subscription to MH so we can fight in earnest over who gets to read it first.

I am going to recommend it to all my astrology friends and students.

SUZANNE M. SWITZER, Jacksonville, NC Dec. 28, 1983

Have been working with daily diurnal charts - their cusps seem to tell exactly what is happening! [Anyone care to tell us more about these charts? Edith.]

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MARC HEEREN PENFIELD

Hollywood, CA

Some more from Gauquelin's new book on American birthdata:

ANNENBERG, WALTER (publisher), Milwaukee, Wis., March 13, 1908 at 1:30 p.m. Central Standard Time.

BANKS, ERNIE (baseball player) Dallas, TX, Jan. 30, 1931 at 4 a.m. Central Standard Time.

BLACK, KAREN (actress) Park Ridge, Ill., July 1, 1939 at 4 a.m. Gauquelin assumes all births in Illinois during the summer were recorded in Central Daylight Time, but I question this. Is Karen a Gemini (CDT) or Cancer (CST) rising? I prefer the CST time. For some stange reason, he gives time in the book as 5 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time. To my knowledge, Chicago and its environs weren't on Eastern Daylight Time that year. Is this a typo error?

BROWNING, JOHN (pianist) Denver, CO, May 23, 1933 at 2:05 a.m. Mountain Standard Time.

CAGE, JOHN (composer) Los Angeles, CA Sept. 5, 1912 at 5 a.m. Pacific Standard Time.

DAVIS, MILES (musician) Alton, Ill., May 25, 1926 at 5 a.m. Central Standard Time.

CHANDLER, OTIS (publisher) Los Angeles, CA, Nov. 23, 1927 at 12:50 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

FELKER, CLAY (publisher) St. Louis, MO, Oct. 2, 1925 at 9:28 a.m. Central Standard Time.

FLEISCHER, LEON (pianist) San Francisco, CA, July 23, 1928 at 10:20 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

GIBSON, ALTHEA (tennis pro) Silver, SC, Aug. 25, 1927 at 9 a.m. Eastern Standard Time.

GREENE, JOE (football player) Temple, TX, Sept. 25, 1946 at 5 a.m. Central Standard Time.

GRIER, ROOSEVELT (football player) Cuthbert, GA, July 14, 1932 at 12 a.m. (midnight) Central Standard Time.

HIRSCH, ELROY (football player) Wauwatosa, Wis., June 17, 1923 at 10:45 a.m. Central Standard Time.

HUTTON, LAUREN (actress and model) Charleston, SC, Nov. 17, 1943 at 10:45 p.m. Eastern War Time.

JANOV, ARTHUR (psychologist) Los Angeles, CA, Aug. 21, 1924, 9:18 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

JONES, JACK (singer) Hollywood, CA, Jan. 14, 1938 at 2:43 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

JURGENSEN, SONNY (football player) Wilmington, NC, Aug. 23, 1934 at 5:45 a.m. Eastern Standard Time.

KAHN, MADELINE (comediienne) Chelsea, Mass., Sept. 29, 1942 at 6:07 p.m. Eastern War Time.

LAWRENCE, CAROL (singer) Melrose, Park, Ill., Sept. 5, 1932 at 2:35 p.m. CST/CDT.

LOPEZ, NANCY (tennis pro) Torrance, CA, Jan. 6, 1957 at 4 p.m. Pacific Standard Time

McCAMBRIDGE, MERCEDES (actress) Joliet, Ill, Mar. 17, 1918 at 5 a.m. Central Standard Time.

MARIS, ROGER (baseball player) Hibbing, MN, Sept. 10, 1934 at 1 p.m. Central Standard Time.

MARTIN, BILLY (baseball coach) Berkeley, CA, May 16, 1928 at 3:43 p.m. Pacific Standard Time. "Damn Yankee" by Maury Allen said early morning hours, so here is another bio that had its time off.

MASTERS WM. H. (of Masters & Johnson) Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 27, 1915 at 7:20 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

MOORE, TERRY (actress) Los Angeles, Jan. 7, 1929 at 2:15 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

NABER, JOHN (swimmer) Evanston, Ill., Jan. 20, 1956 at 9:26 a.m. Central Standard Time.

PATCHEN, KENNETH (poet) Niles, Ohio, Dec. 13, 1910 at 12:30 a.m. Central Standard Time.

PATTERSON, FLOYD (boxer) Waco, NC, Jan. 4, 1935 at 2:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

POSTON, TOM (comedian) Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 17, 1921 at 9:40 p.m. Central Standard Time.

RIGBY, CATHY (gymnast) Long Beach, CA, Dec. 12, 1952 at 6:45 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

SALINGER, PIERRE (journalist) San Francisco, CA, June 14, 1925 at 4:30 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

SCHORER, MARK (author) Sauk City, Wis., May 17, 1908 at 1 p.m. Central Standard Time.

SIMON, WILLIAM (financier) Paterson, NJ, Nov. 27, 1927 at 9:55 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

SIMONE, NINA (singer) Tryon, NC, Feb. 21, 1933 at 6 a.m. Eastern Standard Time.

SUMMER, DONNA (singer) Boston, Mass., Dec. 31, 1948 at 9 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

VALENTI, JACK (motion picture exec) Houston, TX, Sept. 5, 1921 at 8:30 p.m. Central Standard Time. Fitting head of motion picture ratings committee and its founder should have his Sun in Virgo, doesn't it?

WARWICK, DIONNE (singer) Orange, NJ, Dec. 12, 1940 at 3:08 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

WILLIAMS, CINDY (actress) Van Nuys, CA, Aug. 22, 1947 at 4:35 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

WILLIAMS, TED (baseball player) San Diego, CA, Aug. 30, 1928 at 12:30 p.m. Pacific War Time.

There are hundreds more in this massive book, so if you want to pursue your collection of others the cost of the book is \$15.95. Many listed I am personally unfamiliar with so didn't include them.

Thanks to several subscribers, a couple of good astrological data books and some good luck meeting the stars personally, I finally have some new data for you.

CRUISE, TOM (actor, star of "Risky Business") born Syracuse, NY, July 3, 1962. No time given.

DALTRY, ROGER (lead singer of the WHO) born London, England, March 1, 1944, 2 a.m. British War Time, as recorded.

FAIRCHILD, MORGAN (actress) born Dallas, Texas, Feb. 3, 1950, 7:59 p.m. according to One Woman Magazine. Article refers to her having Leo rising, while birthtime gives Virgo ascending. Something amiss here, an inquiry to editor remains unanswered.

HEPBURN, AUDREY (actress) born Brussels, Belgium May 4, 1929, 3 a.m. as recorded. Data from Luc de Marre.

HOLMES, JOHN (porno actor) born Pataskala, Ohio, Aug. 8, 1945, 6 a.m., data from him on my trip to San Francisco. He's a triple Leo, Sun/Moon/Asc in the sign of the creative actor. Pluto rises 3° from Asc, and for those who have seen his movies, you know he is not known for his thespian qualities, but for his unusually-large appendage.

KEYNES, JOHN MAYNARD (Economist) born Cambridge, Eng., June 5, 1883, 2:12 a.m., from Debbi Kempton-Smith in her recent book.

KOESTLER, ARTHUR (writer) born Budapest, Hungary, Sept. 5, 1905, 3:30 p.m. as recorded.

LUPINO, IDA (actress) born London, Eng., Feb. 4, 1918 under dining room table during a Zeppelin raid, about 11 p.m. Data received from her personally.

MANDRELL, BARBARA (country singer) born in Gallatin, Tenn., Dec. 25, 1948, 2:45 p.m., as reported in USA

TODAY, Dec. 20, 1983.

MOORE, DUDLEY (comedian) born in Dagenham, Eng., April 19, 1935 at either 6:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m., according to American Astrology of Jan. '84.

NEWTON-JOHN, OLIVIA (singer) born in Cambridge, Eng., Sept. 26, 1948, 6 a.m. according to data received from her at the opening of her store in Hollywood.

ROBERTS, XAVIER (creator of Cabbage Patch dolls) born in Cleveland, GA, Oct. 31, 1955. No time given.

SANDERS, COL. HARLAN (Kentucky Fried Chicken) born in Otisco, Ind., Sept. 9, 1890 at 2:30 p.m., data received by Debbi Kempton-Smith from him personally.

SAVALAS, TELLY (actor) born Garden City, NY, 5 a.m., Jan. 20, 1924 according to his mother.

STEWART, ROD (rock singer) born in London, Eng., Jan. 10, 1945, 1:17 a.m., according to Debbi Kempton-Smith, his astrologer.

UPDIKE, JOHN (writer) born Reading, PA, March 18, 1932, 6 a.m. according to his B.C.

For those of you into Mundane Astrology (I wish there were more of you) I just received new data for the city of Vancouver, BC, Canada. According to files in the BC archives, Gassy Jack Deighton opened the first saloon in Vancouver on Sept. 30, 1867. They consider this the start of formal settlement. The name "Gastown" was changed to Granville on March 1, 1870. No times given on either, unfortunately.

Recently on television, they ran a special on the man who shot the Pope: Mehmet Ali Agca, born in Melatya, Turkey. Documents filmed in the program were too dim to be viewed on the tube, but from sources here in L.A., I verified that his birthdate is Jan. 9, 1958. No birth certificate has been forthcoming from the station, so I offer the following spec chart.

MEHMET ALI AGCA born Jan. 9, 1958 in Melatya, Turkey 38e18 38n22 at 6:22 a.m. Eastern European Time (zone 2 east).

Asc. is 14 Capricorn and the Midheaven is 7 Scorpio. His prog. MC at the time he shot the Pope was 1 Sag. plus a few minutes and his prog. Asc. was 12 Aquarius plus. The prog. Asc. has come to a conj. of the prog. Sun, just past the semi-square to natal Mercury and approaching a semi-square to prog. Mars. His prog. MC is square natal and prog. Pluto, and his Neptune by Solar Arc has reached 28½ Scorpio and is approaching a semi-square to the natal Asc.

Using Porphyry house cusps, Saturn is conj. the 12th house cusp natively and has progressed to 1° beyond that point in May 1981 when the Pope was shot. His natal Moon at 3 Virgo 14 had progressed by Solar Arc (24:07) to 27 Virgo 21, with 1½° of his prog. Mars by secondary motion. Taking the Moon by converse progression, we find that it contacts prog. Uranus at 9½ Leo. His natal Sun/Moon midpoint is 11 Scorpio, which during 1980, the Sun was progressed in square aspect. Sun/Moon=Uranus & Mercury.

I know many of you do not like speculative charts, but until we get the true birthtime, I'm afraid people like myself will continue to explore famous or infamous individuals through the use of a speculative chart. Note also, that the prog. Moon in May 1981 was about 9½ Cancer, approaching an opposition of the natal ASC which became exact during the trial a few months later.

IAO RESEARCH CENTRE NEWS, Toronto, Can. Mar. 1984

DEAR FRIENDS: This newsletter is to keep you up to date on what is happening here at the IAO Research Centre. We have 3 major projects in development, all of which have relevance to the astrological community. Fortunately, many astrologers and groups from around the world have been helping in one way or another. Project #1 is the Astrologer's Registry, project #3 is the Astrologer's Library, and project 73

is the Astrologer's Bulletin Board.

THE ASTROLOGERS' REGISTRY:

The idea is to open up communication among astrologers around the globe. The registry has come into reality through the consistent efforts of Nathalie Damov, who puts in 3 days a week and some weekends to put it together. We have made registration forms and are collecting names and addresses of individuals, organizations & groups, magazines & newsletters, bookstores, and publishers,...all involved in astrology. Anyone can obtain our lists on mail labels for a fee (.05 US per label). The categories available are: Astrologers' list of about 800 names...\$35.00 US; Groups' and Organizations' list of about 700 names...\$30.00 US; Magazines' & Newsletters' list of about 175 names...\$10.00 US; Astrological bookstores' list of about 700 names...\$30.00 US; and astrological publishers' list of about 300 names...\$15.00 US. **Registration is Free**, but some stamps or an international postal coupon would help to save costs for return mail.

We organized and laid out the National Astrological Society's 1984 International Directory of Astrological Organizations. It is now available in book form from the IAO Research Centre, or from the National Astrological Society, c/o Barbara Somerfield, 205 Third Ave. 2A, New York, NY 10003 at the low cost of \$4.95 US. It is also available on mail labels from us (prices above).

Group Mail Out: To cut the cost of mailing we are planning a group mail out to the astrological community for May 21, 1984. We will be accepting advertisements in 8" x 10" (\$300.00 US) and 8" x 5" (\$200.00 US) camera ready formats. (1 page insert = \$450.00 US.) The mail out will reach 2,200 addresses (approx.) of astrologers, astrological organizations, groups, and businesses.

THE ASTROLOGER'S LIBRARY:



First I must say thank you to all the individuals and groups that have given support and publicity to the library, and there have been many. The library itself consists of about 10,000 books and periodicals on astrology, parapsychology, religion, and divine sciences. The main focus of course is astrology. The library occupies about 32 eight foot bookshelves, nine of which are astrology or astronomy material. We are hoping to gather together as complete a collection of astrology books and magazines as possible. Once the collection nears completion we hope to have out of print and old magazines and books put on to microfiche which will then be made available to other groups, libraries and individuals. This could allow many excellent astrology libraries to spring up around the world. It would also preserve many old classics and insure their continued existence in more than one place. It is literally amazing to realize how much has been written in our field over the past century alone.

At present we have been concentrating on magazine collections. We have had many generous donations of books and magazines. It is a large task just keeping track of everything, but much more is also involved. We have been giving each book

in the library a number of subject codes, a shelf number, and a donor number. Each book is then being entered into a computer by author, title, publisher, date, subject codes, etc. This is a very time consuming and seemingly never-ending job. It has taken hundred of hours to date and we are only about half-way through. In Sept. we received a government grant to enable a young person to get job training with us for 3 months. Thanks to this grant and Hyacinth Burnett we were able to get a good start on processing the books in the library. However, the work was more than anticipated and we only got about 1/3 of the library processed and onto computer by Christmas, when the grant ran out. We are presently continuing through volunteer dedication. We hope to have a first listing of the library contents by June. Once the books and periodicals have been entered, we plan to list and code all of the individual articles in the many astrology magazines. To do this properly we need complete sets of magazines. The same is true for the microfiche project. Missing issues cause problems as do late additions. We are constantly writing to magazines and groups asking for donations of a set of their publications and newsletters. One of the benefits of the library is that we were able to help Ronald Davison discover a copyright infringement on his book about 6 years ago. We have a listing of all the astrology books in the Library of Congress. It took Pat Esclavon and I almost a day of solid work to collect the information for this list, but we enjoyed it as the Library of Congress is a beautiful place with the Zodiac inlaid in brass on a large tile floor. Pat Clinton is presently entering this collection into a computer so that a sorted list can be made. This is a painstaking job as the original list was small photocopies of index cards on a faint microfiche printout...truly a Virgonian effort deserving of applause. Even the Library of Congress has not bothered to make a complete computer list. We have copies of materials in several other libraries, like the National Library of Canada, and are trying to get more of these lists. This will enable us to locate hard to find old astrology books. We also have collected a few data base searches about astrology from several newspapers and computer data sources (thanks to Larry Ely). We are looking for more. One area that is needed now, is a collection of all legal or political letters, papers and laws on astrology around the world. We are starting to organize material into such a category. We have also been receiving newspaper and magazine articles concerning astrology from many people. The files and shelves are growing steadily and we welcome new material.



This has described some of the main happenings in the library, aside from the usual processing of new material, coding, recording, and writing. It is fascinating, exciting, and even awesome at times. Most of us do not realize how much astrology material there is and has been before us. We often, out of ignorance, do not give credit where credit is due. Speaking of which, I forgot to mention all the dedicated workers that have been coding the books, typing them into the computers, and keeping the library open. Thanks Nancy Ahern, Barbara Armstrong, Kathy Barnard, Marnie Butcher, Lana

Bychewski, Nathalie Damov, Bob Mackie, Siegfried Kasperowski, Winnie, Yvonne & Bill Robson, Stephen Seftor, Alan Situla, and many others.

Of course, we would not have entered into the computer age without the tireless, and consistent programming efforts of our computer specialist Robert Stitt. He has continuously adapted to our growing needs and is responsible for most of the programs that our life here at the library now depends on. Hail the hero behind the scenes!

Major Contributions: First we must thank Mark Douglas for his contribution of close to 1000 astrology magazines. We also thank Brian Clark, Pres. of the Fraternity for Canadian Astrologers for a similar donation of about 1000 astrology magazines. Just processing these donations has been a real task but they have significantly added to our collection.



Neil Michelsen of ACS Publications has donated a complete set of their publications, as has Michael Erlewine of Matrix Publications. Aquarius Workshop Inc. has donated a complete set of Aspects, and Edith Custer has sent in an almost complete set of Kosmos. Baldur Ebertin has donated a complete set of Ebertin books. The Michigan Academy of Astrology, thanks to Jeannette Snyder, has donated many magazines and books among which were several first editions of Dane Rudhyar, Marc Edmund Jones, and Manly Palmer Hall. Zane Stein has sent in a complete set of Chiron materials and The Key, and Dymock Brose has sent in a set of Astrologers Forum from Australia. There have been so many other contributions of books and magazines that we apologize for not being able to mention everyone personally and for anyone whose name may have been left out.

Donations of Magazine & Newsletter Subscriptions: Our thanks go out to the following magazines for donating a subscription and helping us to keep up to date with the volumes of new astrological material. This is a very important form of assistance and we are grateful. AFA Network Newsletter, A.R.C.Hetypes, ARC Lotus, Aspects, Astro-Analytics, Astrology West, Astrotalk, DOME Center, The Ecliptic, Energies-Trends-Cycles, National Astrological Society Newsletter, Networks, News From 33 North, The Ohio Transit, The Occult Review, Planetary Focus, RAMC, RKM Publishing Bulletin, The Seattle Astrologer, Welcome To Planet Earth.

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Magazines We Are Looking For: American Astrology...before 1950; Dell Horoscope...before 1960; Astrology Now...V. #20 & #21; Mercury Hour...#3, 4, 16, 18, 22; Mercury Hour Extra Edition...#10; Kosmos...some issues between V. 5 up to Vol. 10. As a rule we are looking for any magazines before 1950. Two magazines that we are particularly looking for sets of are Spica, and the Church of Light Quarterly, both of which we have very few. If you have a set but do not want to donate them, would you consider lending them to us to photocopy?

How You Can Help? 1. Send in your astrology magazines and books when you are finished with them. 2. Cut out and send in any newspaper articles (with name of paper & date) pertaining to astrology, any legal or political letters of astrological value. 3. Compile a list of the astrology books and magazines in your local public library and send us a copy. You should also check for ancient astronomies. 4. If you have access to any data base, such as that of the New York Times which includes all the articles in the paper for years. Do a search for articles using the word astrology or astrologer. (Do not use the word horoscope or you will get all the daily forecasts!) Then send a copy to us. Newspapers, universities, and computer networks (like The Source or EIES) often have an extensive data base that could be searched. 5. We always need paper and office supplies like file folders or binders...even the used ones, so if you are about to throw them out, don't. Send them to us. 6. We will of course welcome any financial contributions! 7. If you want to help in any other way, please mention it, whether you can type or not, and whether you have a computer (& what kind). We will get back to you when a relevant project is organized.



A special thank you goes out to Kathy Bremer who has spent many hours writing to members of the astrological community about Project Alexandria, which is trying to unite the astrological libraries around the world. Kathy has helped to arouse much interest in astrological libraries. She has also consistently supported the IAO Astrologers' Library and personally maintains several magazine subscriptions which are forwarded to the library when she has read them. Even though she lives 3,000 miles away from the library, she is an active worker for the cause. Her efforts are truly appreciated.

Correction for Al H. Morrison: Al's name was incorrectly mentioned in various publications in connection with promotion for the IAO Research Centre. Al wishes it to be known that he is not involved in the management of any organization. Our

sincere apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

THE ASTROLOGERS' COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARD

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We are presently working on a bulletin board for astrologers with computers. Through using a modem astrologers from around the world will be able to phone in via computer and find out what is going on astrologically. The astrologers' bulletin board will be a learning experience as well as a new form of communication between astrologers. It promises to be a lot of fun. We have had a few delays and hope to have the system operative by Summer 1984 possibly sooner. We plan to keep it open from 9 p.m. to 9 a.m., seven days a week for a start. When it becomes heavily used we will increase the access time. Please be patient with us, as every bulletin board has to remove bugs as it evolves. We certainly look forward with great anticipation to sharing this experience with you.

Robin Armstrong, President

ERIN SULLIVAN-SEALE, Victoria, B.C. March 15, 1984

Having just received the April '84 issue, I find that the months have once again flown by and with it another season. I am glad that I renewed my subscription to MH as I see that it has become once again, a forum rather than an ARENA.

In all honesty, I find that astrologers of the professional variety are in more cooperation at this time than ever before - basically, it is passe to be in combat regarding personality and much more in step to be cooperative in the work at hand. We are entering a very important period as far as astrology goes in that we will learn much more if we are capable of transcending personality in the light of the issues that now stand.

Many groups of astrologers are recognizing this need to take our work seriously, and this has been and probably will be an issue in professionalism for much time to come. The main problem is taking ourselves too seriously and the work not enough. These are revolutionary years - we should take advantage of that and evolve to the necessary levels. Networking is now a buzz word in the field. Not trite, by any means. In Canada we use our network to share speakers and ideas. Each province now has its Society - and many groups that associate with them. Obviously there is going to be dissension, but that is normal and healthy. As soon as one puts themselves on the line with policy, one should expect critique - that's the catch critique vs. criticism. In B.C. we are 3 groups strong - if one can't afford or accommodate a visiting speaker, we all support, but usually we share. If one of us doesn't love another in the group, so what? Let's face it, it is a small astrological world and no matter where you go, we will all be there.

Groups such as the budding AFAN are there for the opening of channels, not the closing off of them. There is room for critique within the widely knit, international group and this is an admirable stance, there is room for mature, adult cooperation. (Just noticed a little word-play within the word cooperation.) All of the supporters of the AFAN concept

including myself seem to have a similar goal, though we are very diverse in our stance, personality and direction. The common goal unites some of the most outrageous people. I like that. It has been a personal goal within myself for many a year. In 1976 we founded the BC Astrological Society for that very reason - to provide a medium for the open association of astrologers. It is still operative and has undergone many changes in profile and personnel. There is now the Universal Search Group out in Surrey and the Vancouver Island Astrological Society that was begun in 1978 and to this day is active - mainly for the purpose of education and policy. All the groups support the FCA (Canada) at least in ideal.

I see the same cooperation in the States...Myself, I would be out on a limb if it weren't for my American background and (foreground) and we are very close with the Seattle group and tie in the West Coast.

The Network concept has arrived and is the wave of the future. Politics will always be there, so why not have a say? In fact most groups are supported by many and few do the work - that's ok, as only a very few people will choose to dedicate their lives to "good works" and that is life. It is usually a small executive that actually sets dates, times, places, publishes newsletters and membership just wants to know what is next and when. However, the point is that the small executive be available for the membership to query, should such a demand be made. I see this with AFAN. I see we can do this on an international scale. In any organization it is essential, especially in times of transition like now, to keep in mind that though only a few are doing the labour, that doesn't give them the right to call all the shots. Labourious and unwieldy as it is, the membership has a right. That's what dues are all about. In keeping our astrological societies together it has been essential for me to hear the tiny voice in the corner or on the isolated island. No request is too small to acknowledge.

People are watching to see how great the risk is before they will jump in. Again, this is normal - most people are this way. That's fine. So, let the spokespersons stick their neck on guillotine and see if heads roll. Having always been a revolutionary I remain so. But I am 20 years older and so are you. Something has been learned since the '60's...What is it? Patience and order and executive action. We have all been honing our tools over the last few years, recognizing that ultimately, cooperation is the only axe to wield. At most of the major conferences since ARC '83 there have been meetings allotted to AFAN. This group cannot be such a threat to the astrological community if so many groups are in willing support. National Network Astrology Week was (at the time you read this, tho in reality it is next week) celebrated by many groups across the country! Really, that is something...all those different factions agreeing on one thing. Far out.

So the common goal has been stated, let's allow the refinement of the policy that does not exclude any astrologer, group or individual within the helping community. Ultimately we will all profit by this stance. Professionalism within our community and coalition of work goals.

CAROLYN H. CAUFMAN
March 1984

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I want to respond to some of the letters in the fantastic 41st Edition of MH.

Helen Wark asked a string of questions about the Moon's Nodes. I don't claim to be an expert on the Nodes but my favorite book is "Lunar Nodes: New Concepts" by Bernice Prill Grebner. The interpretations I've tested fit very accurately. Apparently not everyone is as enthusiastic about this book as I, but that's why they make chocolate and vanilla. I use the true position of the nodes. I suspect that the year the nodes change direction by progression there is significance. I cannot prove it

but I'm holding the possibility on the back burner until I have time to work on it. At the DIA banquet, several people asked if I knew how your eye problem is. Resolved yet?

Robert Chadwick is tired of astrologers getting away from the basics of astrology. Well, some years ago I would have agreed with him but I find validity in so many of the extras that I'm not willing to write anything off anymore. That doesn't mean I choose to use everything, though. Impossible. We all have different banners to carry so if you want to march with the Basics' banner, Great. But let the rest of us carry our weird little banners in the parade, too.

Mollie Sommer - May I suggest you re-read "The Minds of Billy Milligan," particularly the 7th chapter. Billy's personality fragmentation began quite some time before the sexual abuse by his stepfather, (not his father). His first "extra" personality emerged, "...four months before his 4th birthday...". By the time he was 5, Christine and Shawn had also emerged. So his personality had fragmented over 5 years before his stepfather's sadistic attack seven weeks after Billy's 9th birthday. The unsuspected Venus provides a very important clue in the disintegration of his personality. Venus represents the psychological effect of the mother in the very first years of life.

("Astrological Insights into Personality" by Betty Lundsted.) Billy spent the first years of his life in and out of the hospital because of a growth blocking his esophagus. When he was not hospitalized and his mother had out-of-town bookings as a singer, Billy was left with, "...Mimi or in a children's care center." When he was a year old his mother again became pregnant by her boyfriend. It is clear that the normal mother-child bonding process was nonexistent in Billy's life. In addition to that it is apparent that he was also abused physically by his mother; she had so many personal problems that she was unable to cope. The chart shows aspects of abuse. A very sad and complex case.

June Marson - I can't imagine an astrologer who would study the charts of homosexuals in order to, "hope to cure them." To remain ignorant of the dynamics of the homosexual's chart doesn't increase understanding, and with any chart, if you don't have any insight how can you do a respectable job of delineating the chart? Love, sex and marriage is usually the number 1 interest. (I hope no one tries to cure me of being a Pisces. I don't think they'd have any more success at that than they would of "curing" a homosexual.)

Sally Smart - Would you please send me your address so I can write to you.

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Re: Apr. '84 MH, Jajy Jacobs' article, p. 47, Paragraph 14, last line should read: "In contrast to Lewi's accuracy, Kepler's famed chart of General Wallenstein used Regiomontanus' system and was as embarrassingly and disastrously inaccurate as possible."*****

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J.SILVEIRA DEMELLO, San Francisco, CA 5 Feb. 1984

Shall I make the rash promise that I will try to be brief? I have waited better than a month since receiving the latest **MH**. Groundhog Day has come and gone, and we are having glorious weather. So much has been happening but not exactly to me and not the things I expected. In Dec., Saturn went over my Sun and my ego did not suffer. Also Uranus, ruling my midheaven and in the 11th, went over my descendant affecting my friends more than myself. But wait. Saturn goes ahead to give me a return in a few weeks and makes a station there, to return later to make a station on my Sun. Uranus will come back and make a station on my descendant. Mars will also make a station on my Sun. All spread out through the coming year. At least I will be able to document at which points these transits will be significant to me.

At 6:46 a.m. Pacific Standard Time, 3 Jan., right here, dressing leisurely for work, I brushed my foot against the bed frame rather painfully but went off the work anyway. Things go

At 6:46 a.m. Pacific Standard Time, 3 Jan., right here, dressing leisurely for work, I brushed my foot against the bed frame rather painfully but went off to work anyway. Things got worse, more painful, as the day went on. Everyone was very solicitous, and one x-ray tech insisted on taking pictures. Yes, indeed, the second bone back on my left little toe was fractured. All we could do was tape that injured toe to the next one. Next day I did the chart and subsequently had fun in a class with it. My natal Mars is 23 Libra, and so was the MC of this chart, with transiting Mars at 26 Libra. There were many other touches of significance to my natal chart, not the least of which was Jupiter on my Venus, but I was in too much pain to go along with the opportunities.

The margins of **MH** are check-marked, and little notes put

beside all the lavish data that I went to check further. This last issue has so much in it. Including some letters on solar returns. I have most lately been doing solar and lunar return charts for myself to see if place of birth is more viable than location of residence, and I think I am going with place of birth. So anything that anyone will write about return charts will be read here with avid interest.

But before going further, since **Edwin Steinbrecher** asks, I have looked high and low for my source on King Juan Carlos' birth data, and I cannot find it. Since I got that quite a number of years ago, I can only say that I was less careful then to note my sources. I do have it as Central European Time, Rome, which is an hour off from Greenwich, which might explain the difference with what I and someone else got. But set up the chart, progress it for the year he was chosen to succeed, watch Jupiter moving up to his MC a little each year until he was finally crowned, and, whatever the official time, the chart is too beautiful to be discarded.

In the meantime, AFA Bulletin has come. For those who have been bleating that AFA does nothing for those who conduct workshops, it is now announced that all workshops and lectures will be professionally taped, the tapes to be on sale, and the lecturers to receive royalties. Naturally personal tape recorders will be disallowed. One less item to pack and lug about. I am sure we won't have to hold our breath now to hear objections to this from a lot of other people.

The Bulletin has revived Data Exchange. And it has done so with a lot of wonderful people we all know in **MH** Land. I am delighted that at every turn we will be getting **Marian March**, **Lois Rodden**, **Michael Erlewine**, **Joan McEvers**, **David Dozier**. Speaking of which, I got the latest Aspects with charts of the Democrat candidates.

B.D. Serotti please note that Ernst Hollings has that

"sinister opposition" of Moon to Neptune from 10th to 4th, Aquarius to Leo.

I think Psychic Fairs are good. Despite the carnival atmosphere which can put our noses out of joint, the public is interested and can be exposed to every sort of esoteric practice. I have done work at quite a number of these and at charity events, setting up quick charts for mini-readings in astrology, or reading tarot. If dignity and seriousness are maintained, the impression made will be good. You won't find me wearing a turban or trying to look like Merlin. Sometimes it is amusing, sometimes pathetic, to see people going from reader to reader, finally to hear them complain that all the readers are telling them the same thing. When the readers are good, it is no surprise that that is exactly what should happen.

Often people for whom I have read, whether at Fairs or in longer intensive professional readings, will say that I must be psychic. I do not mind that. The depth of insight one gains and uses over the years would make any serious reader psychic. I take it a bit amiss when an astrologer says that to me, however, because, coming from there, it generally implies that one is not much of an astrologer, going around making lucky hits. Being psychic can be annoying, however, because I do not know when I am doing it. Whether in the chart or in the cards, I read what I see, and I fully expect that any other astrologer or card reader would see and read the same material as I have read it.

I have had several exchanges of letters with Bob Cooper, and, no sooner do I get through complaining that I would like to have more exposure to computers at the AFA Convention, along comes AstroTalk from Michael Erlewine. It does help to get conflicting experiences from computer users, whether it be the dismaying experience of Thomas Barrett for which I hope there is a real explanation somewhere, or the more satisfied experience of Alice Smith.

Of special interest in the last MH, and thanks, were Ellie Bach on Hidden Aspects, which I checkmarked throughout, Pat Geisler on Aids, Carolyn McVey on astrological licensing in San Diego. But I have read and re-read every word in MH. I can't make special mention to everyone and keep my letters down in length. As it is, I have, even this time, gone just slightly over the limit, so it is time to sign off and wish the best of everything to everyone. (Well, I got it written and did not mail it. I wasn't specifically waiting for Saturn return. It came, and I don't see what it did.)

[Come on Joe - you know Saturn wouldn't dare do anything to YOU! You are always so busy he just can't keep up with you! You did break a bone, didn't you? Did you check your Helio Saturn? Edith.]

JOYLYN HILL, Denver, CO Feb. 16, 1984

I wonder if the first six signs of the Zodiac aren't the watchdogs of the last six signs. Certainly, Virgo has to be a watchdog over Pisces. When Virgo isn't sifting, analyzing, and criticizing Pisces, it plays the role of attendant while Pisces is the patient. Aries, symbolized by the warrior leader, Alexander the Great, cuts through the Gordian knot of Libra legalisms with his sword. Taurus is worried that Scorpio will destroy too much. He would like his structures to last as long as the Pyramids. Gemini loves controversy and intellectual discussion, change, innovation and movement, while Sag. is more cautious and ideological. Cancer prefers the home to working in a career outside the home.

Probably a lot of readers thought I had rocks in my head when I said I didn't think the March 4, 1789 chart was still in force because the Civil War had abrogated the Constitution with its guarantees of state sovereignty. However, both the July 4, 1776 chart and the March 4, 1789 chart had Mercury rx. Are we really the oldest continually existing republic in the world? Could that contract with the date of activation written into the document itself, have really withstood a Uranus cycle,

much less a Neptune cycle?

I don't think we have the Saturn in Libra balance of powers anymore. Sun conj. Saturn in Pisces is conservative, but easy-going and idealistic. There is enough Virgo in opposition to act as watchdog over the executive, demanding "Shape up or ship out." In those early days, the capital was called Washington City, not the District of Columbia. The pay of the senators and representatives was meager. How did they support themselves in the style they preferred before the day of the lecture fee? Well, most of the businesses in the town were owned by Congress. Probably a smart thing that they did own the taverns and brothels. Outsiders could not blackmail them. They could only hurt each other. They boxed, dueled, caned, whipped, and broke chairs over each other. To them, political principals and one's honor mattered. Today's collection of bought-up wimps are only interested in self-aggrandizement and sucking money out of the voters.

Of what use is "President's Day"? It does no honor to Washington or Lincoln, and there is no way you can celebrate it except by going to a store and buying something on sale.

I explained in an earlier article that June 1, 1861 was the date when Lincoln's ultimatum expired, and the North invaded the South which was clearly unconstitutional. Today's government gets around that by nationalizing the state militia. It is even called the National Guard. If a governor defies the President, then the President can send military troops in. He may phone him beforehand, but that's about all.

The Sun in the June 1st chart deposes to Mercury which is in its own sign and is the final depositor of everything except the Moon, Mars, and Neptune. Lincoln made his ultimatum giving a time deadline of 6 weeks on April 15, sometime between 10 and 11 in the morning. Six weeks later was June 1. There are no retrograde planets, which is unusual. There is the Sun and 3 other planets in a loose stellium in Gemini. The Sun is 10 Gemini, Uranus is 12 Gemini, Venus is 16 Gemini, and Mercury is 23 Gemini. The Moon in Pisces squares Mercury. That is far more representative of the media today than a retrograde Mercury in Cancer. Mars is in 8° of Cancer, and the south node of the Moon is 14 Cancer 05 (noon Greenwich,) very close to where the Sun was on July 4, 1776. Jupiter is at 20 Leo and Saturn is at 3 Virgo. Our Presidents are rich, glamorous, and live like kings. Religion today is showy entertainment - television evangelists who like their Cadillacs and Lear jets. The power today is in the bureaucracy, so Saturn in Virgo is appropriate.

In the sidereal zodiac, Saturn is in Leo, which would indicate a strong executive. All the Gemini planets would be in Taurus except for Mercury, including Venus, the ruler of Taurus. Huge tracts of land within the states themselves belong to the Federal Government either as parks, Indian reservations, or military reserves. The Federal Govt. itself is the biggest financial operation in the world.

Tropically, Neptune is 1 Aries 21 and Pluto is 9 Taurus 40. The imagination is Martian; even passive entertainment like movies of the Wild West, war movies, spy movies, football, etc. Lots of violence. Pluto deposes to Venus. This is the plutocracy, and the love of material wealth. In the sidereal zodiac, Pluto would be in Aries. The Pentagon has a huge budget, and defense contracts create a lot of jobs.

This chart has been going through some severe transits, what with Neptune and then Uranus going through Sag. Pluto is soon to oppose its natal position, and eventually, Saturn, after opposing the natal Pluto will go into Pisces while Pluto goes into Sag. toward the end of the century.

Governments are not made by constitutions. Governments are created by events - either by a proclamation or by military conquest and treaty.

Between Nov. 1860 and June 1861, the Federal Govt. lost 11 states and was precariously holding onto two others.

Buchanan's Vice-President was a candidate for Pres., some of Buchanan's cabinet resigned, and at one point during the war, rebel armies were not many miles from the White House. After he left the White House, Grant told Bismarck that so many Southerners had left the army, that a whole new officer corps had to be organized, and that was one reason the North lost so many battles in the first 2 years of the war. If this had happened in some other country, we would see a natural transition between one era and another. Congressmen and senators resigned, never to go back again. The Supreme Court would never be the same again. The Govt. as a whole would never be the same again.

After the war, the South was temporarily carved up into 5 military districts, and voting rights, jury rights, and property rights disappeared for those rebels who did not take a loyalty oath or who were excluded by the 14 categories of exceptions of the Amnesty proclaimed by Pres. Andrew Johnson on May 29, 1865. On that date, Johnson declared the war over and outlined the conditions of re-admission to the Union. However, this proclamation was made when 5 planets were going retrograde, including Mercury, and the terms were broken on Dec. 4, 1865 when Congress refused to seat the duly elected representatives and senators from the South. Congress then had a committee create a new reconstruction program. This act became law on March 2, 1867 and Johnson's veto was overturned. On that day, there were 2 T-crosses - a cardinal one which is more spread out, and a fixed one. There is no planet in Libra, Sagittarius, or Leo. Jupiter is in the opposite degree from where it was located on June 1, 1861.

The Civil War was over in 1865, but Reconstruction is still going on. Reconstruction occurred in the North, too. In 1868, even after the XVth Amendment, or the IIIrd Amendment which went into effect after the birth of the New Government, there were 6 Northern states that did not grant suffrage to the Negro male.

Washington is the Founding Father of the Old Government, while Lincoln is the Founding Father of the New Government.

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I wish at this time to congratulate the staff at MH for putting out such a needed publication, and the astrologers out there who contribute so consistently to keep each issue lively and interesting. It has really developed into a forum for information exchanges, and with that in mind I have several projects that I am working on that I would like to share with readers and perhaps work out some kind of exchange.

1. Any poets out there? As a Sun/Moon/Neptune conjunct in Libra, I have very little choice in the matter, especially with Venus in Leo in the 5th. It has been a source of expression which has brought delight when the poems were happy and exhaustion when the poems were needed expressions of painful emotion. I have found there to be two types of poems - the ones you consciously set out to write, such as in a creative writing class (Saturn in 5th) and other that HAVE TO come out. These poems come out all at once and there is very little change in the words. They cannot be corrected or criticized because they were not actually consciously written. These I have always called "soul poems" and are probably directed by the Neptune or possibly by Pluto in Leo in the fifth in a wide (7 degree) conjunction to Venus. The themes are often about relationships, and also I have recorded the lives of my kids in poetry, but also a little philosophy (Jupiter in Sag. on the 9th cusp) and they seem to vary according to the transits. I am including a poem written during my first Saturn return when I first started learning Astrology. I have many others to share at other times. In the mean time I would love to hear from other poets with their charts, and the transits that were occurring when the poems were written. It would be real interesting to exchange some of these or include them in future issues of MH.

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THE SCALES OF JUSTICE
or
IS ALL THIS WEIGHING REALLY NECESSARY?
BY **Linda Reiner**

They stand there in perfect balance
those scales of antique brass.
Hanging by two golden chains
are trays of leaded glass.
When on them not a weight is placed
no movement can be seen
So much like Libra's emotions
when life is so serene.

An object placed on one tray
the tray descends to "low"
A weight placed on the other side
and "up" the tray will go.
Likewise Libra seeks to see
both sides of a question
But to reach a firm conclusion
often causes indigestion.

Please do not allow yourself
the point to gloss right over
The scales make several soars and dips
before they stop to hover.
Yes, arriving at a balance point
requires alternate weighing.
Likewise, Libra vacillates
until her moods stop swaying.

And when at last the scale's at rest
man accurately measures
In quite exact proportions
another of his treasures.
Likewise, Libra makes her choice
but let me give fair warning
Her "scales" will dip and soar again
first thing tomorrow morning!!!

2. The first house is supposed to be your name. I have also used achronophonology and found it be OK, but would like to know if astrologers find certain names (including their own) to correspond to the Sun, Moon, Ascendant, a stand-out, their signature, or what? My name is Linda. While not totally accurate, the word means "pretty" in Spanish. That would be a Venus word. As I mentioned, I have Sun and Moon in Libra, but I also have a Taurus Ascendant. So which would it be? The Taurus Venus or the Libra Venus? Would love to hear from people on their opinions of their names and others.

3. At the AFAN's "Astrology Network Weekend" (San Francisco), in March, I will be giving a talk on "Marketing your Astrology Product/Service. It will have already taken place by the time this is published, but I would like to follow up on the project I began while preparing for the talk. A questionnaire has been prepared for professionals and any one who in any way sells an astrological product or service to the public or to astrologers, asking them for tips on promotion ideas, advertising successes, and other ideas that may be shared and useful to others in other parts of the country. I am attempting to compile these as well as samples of printed brochures, business cards and fliers, chart blanks, etc., in hopes of one day producing a "How to" book on the subject. If any one out there would like to be part of this project, please write for the questionnaire or simply send a business card or name and address to me, and I will send you the questionnaire. Times are changing for astrologers. We have to take a stand to change the laws to enable our profession to be practiced with dignity. By

the same token we need to face the responsibility that we are conducting a business or service and prepare ourselves accordingly. Supporting yourself through Astrology is not the aim of every astrologer. To those who would like to use Astrology as a means of compensation it is not wrong to understand the business side of it. It is for that reason that I am attempting the project and hope to hear from others who wish to share what they have learned through trial and error.

4. Speaking of the law I wish to share on more thing with you. I studied Astrology first through the North Jersey Metaphysical in a local adult school back in the mid-70's. When I moved to the San Francisco Bay area in 1980 I thought I was coming to an Astrologer's heaven. I was surprised to see no classes in the local adult school so I put in to teach. This is the local ordinance that was cited to me by the town attorney. Though your readers might enjoy seeing what we're always hearing about..."Ye Olde Fortune-Telling Ordinance".

Article 10
Fortune-Telling

§4-4.17 prohibition. No person shall engage in, carry on, conduct, practice, exhibit, advertise, solicit, or do any act of fortune-telling in the City of Pleasanton.

§4-4.18 Definition. Fortune-telling as used in this Article means actually or purportedly to, or pretending, assuming or undertaking to, or aiding, helping or assisting another person to do a, b or c below:

- a. To persuade, induce or procure any person to transfer, assign, convey, donate, devise, bequeath, pledge, mortgage, or deposit any thing of value; by means of astrology, augury, card reading, clairaudience, clairvoyance, contacting spirits, crystal gazing, divination, handwriting or character reading, life reading, magic, mediumship, necromancy, numerology, palmistry, phrenology or the reading of other anatomical features, seership, or by any occult, mystical, psychic or supernatural means, or by means similar to these listed.
- b. To foretell, foresee or influence a future act, event, condition or situation; or to find or restore a lost or hidden thing; or to change or modify a physical, spiritual, emotional, or social condition or problem; by means of astrology, augury, card reading, clairaudience, clairvoyance, contacting spirits, crystal gazing, divination, handwriting or character reading, life reading, magic, mediumship, necromancy, numerology, palmistry, phrenology or the reading of other anatomical features, seership, or by any occult, mystical, psychic or supernatural means, or by means similar to these listed; and directly or indirectly accepting or asking anything of value therefor as a fee, compensation, gift, gratuity or reward;
- c. To make, sell or give away; any charm, talisman, potion or other magic thing or anything purporting to be such.

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We are helping our teacher, Dee Davis, collect information for research on missing persons, especially children. She requests the following:

Time, date and place last seen.

Exact time police were notified.

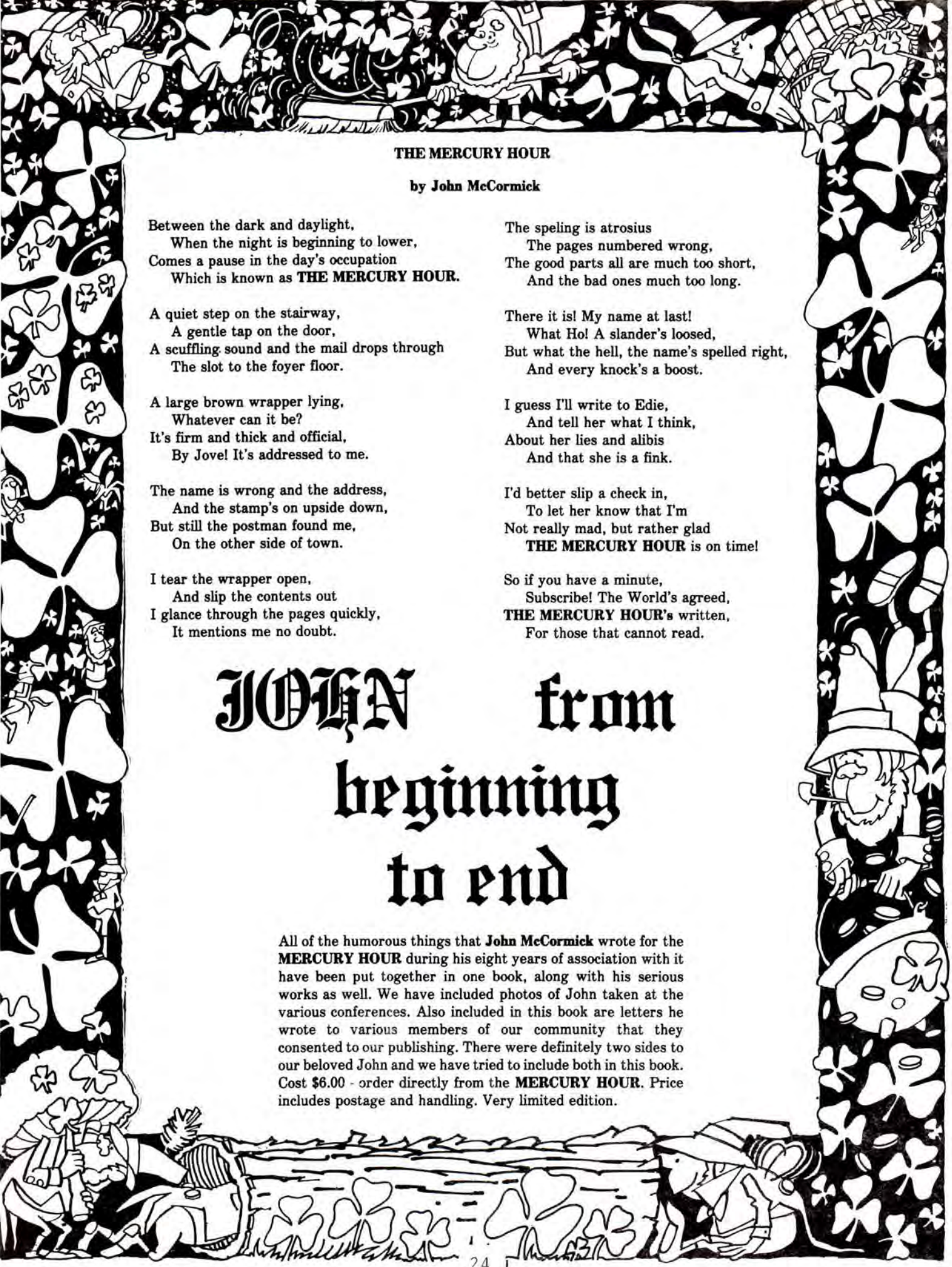
Identity of person who notified police (their relationship to the missing person).

The condition found (alive or not). If found alive, time, date and direction from place of disappearance.

We'd appreciate any information. Dee will share her studies at the AFA Convention. Thank you.

PAMELA WELLS, Riverside, CA Feb. 29, 1984

In one issue someone wanted Neil Diamond's birthdate - Jan. 24, 1941 - no time or location. I believe the source was an interview several years back in "People Magazine".



THE MERCURY HOUR

by John McCormick

Between the dark and daylight,
When the night is beginning to lower,
Comes a pause in the day's occupation
Which is known as **THE MERCURY HOUR**.

A quiet step on the stairway,
A gentle tap on the door,
A scuffling sound and the mail drops through
The slot to the foyer floor.

A large brown wrapper lying,
Whatever can it be?
It's firm and thick and official,
By Jove! It's addressed to me.

The name is wrong and the address,
And the stamp's on upside down,
But still the postman found me,
On the other side of town.

I tear the wrapper open,
And slip the contents out
I glance through the pages quickly,
It mentions me no doubt.

The speling is atosius
The pages numbered wrong,
The good parts all are much too short,
And the bad ones much too long.

There it is! My name at last!
What Ho! A slander's loosed,
But what the hell, the name's spelled right,
And every knock's a boost.

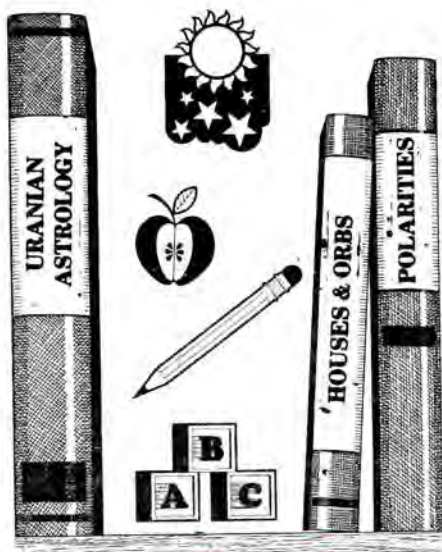
I guess I'll write to Edie,
And tell her what I think,
About her lies and alibis
And that she is a fink.

I'd better slip a check in,
To let her know that I'm
Not really mad, but rather glad
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STUDENTS

WENDY C. HAWKS, Chicago, IL

Jan. 11, 1984

In his book, "Essays on Astrology", **Rob Hand** speaks of the Moon (Water) as being the suppressed function in our society. Not only men—the traditional "offenders"—but also a number of women suppress their emotions in favor of the intellect. In several of her works, **Liz Greene**, too, mentions this phenomena, and goes so far as to suggest that the Air & Water signs and Fire & Earth signs (as opposed to Air/Fire or Water/Earth) should get together in order to balance out their differences.

Any reasonably well-versed astrology student knows that when emotions are suppressed, they have a way of making themselves known. The truth must out, so to speak. It is very often the case, in our highly specialized, technological modern-day world, that emotions are projected onto others. I personally am of the opinion that more people should get more in touch with this suppressed function, no matter which sign(s) they decide to pair with.

Let's face it. The intellect (Air) has been placed on a pedestal. So how about the elements of Fire and Earth? Are their functions also inhibited to some extent? Perhaps one might venture to say that Air and Earth are the least suppressed functions of the psyche, particularly in view of the fact that materialism, acquisitiveness, rational thought and intellectuality are becoming more admirable qualities than ever before.

Water represents depth of feeling and psychic qualities. Fire is intuition and an adventurous, enterprising spirit. Sad to say, it appears that the pioneering, deeply caring American spirit is being discouraged more and more these days by big business and the establishment. (Remember the expression a few years back: "You can't buck the system.")

Each and every horoscope contains FOUR elements: Fire, Earth, Air and Water. So why are many people only half alive? It is the job of astrologers to help integrate all the various elements within the birth chart. However, this is easier said than done. How many of us can honestly say that our clients consult us about spiritual, emotional or psychic matters? Wouldn't it be truer to say that most clients are interested only in the mundane?

Most of my clients want to know how they can get rich quick (Taurus-Earth), how they can better succeed on the job (Capricorn-Earth), how they can better conform to the herd instinct (i.e. getting along with co-workers) (Virgo-Earth), when they are going to meet that "special someone" and get married (Libra-Air), and what social groups they should join in order to gain greater social acceptance (Aquarius-Air). Of

course, many clients **do** consult an astrologer on their love life and children (Leo-Fire), and inquire as to the most suitable time to change residence (Cancer-Water). However, very few ask about 1st house matters (Aries-Fire). If more individuals were in touch with their 1st house, they would project a more positive image to others, and thus improve their lives in a multitude of subtle ways. How many ask about their 12th house?

I believe the 12th and 1st houses are very closely related. We very often unconsciously project a negative image of ourselves (12th/1st) in our everyday interactions with others (1st/7th). This is one reason the 12th house is known as the "house of self-undoing." In other words, most people are their own worst enemy. What about the 4th house (self-image) - one's personal opinion of oneself? And this 4th house is frequently in conflict with what is projected in the 1st house. What about the 5th house (Fire)? Many of my clients are afraid of this house. Many of them fail in love relationships or have difficulties in relating to their children simply because they fear to take risks, or because they are afraid to impulsively show love and affection to others. What about the 8th house (Water)? Everyone is interested in the 8th house, but often for the wrong reasons! Few clients simply want to know how they can learn to genuinely share their feelings, values and person with another individual. And how many people experience a great deal of ill health (Virgo-Earth) and/or personal misery simply because they do not listen to what their dreams and visions tell them (12th house)? What about the 9th house (Sag-Fire)? Most clients want to know about travel and education (3rd-9th), but have little interest in spiritual/religious matters, or how they can become more idealistic, and open-minded about new adventures in consciousness. (Incidentally, the 9th house always reminds me of "The Fool" in the Tarot deck. He keeps an open mind, and because he is unafraid to take risks, he naturally follows his intuition and makes all the right moves.)

Therefore, I am suggesting that, if at all possible, astrologers should place greater emphasis in their readings on 1st, 4th, 5th, 8th, 9th and 12th house matters. (The Fire and Water houses.) But how can you sew constructive seeds in clients' minds when all they are concerned about is how to make more money, when they are going to meet Mr./Miss "Right," and whether or not they should take a trip abroad next year? You certainly can't ram idealism, spirituality, or sensitivity training down their throats. Most of them simply do not want to hear.

Take a very simple example. Chart of a male. Aries on Asc., Cancer on 4th, and no interceptions. How does this individual see himself? (Fourth house - self-image.) "Why, I'm quite a sympathetic person. I love my home and family, I'm easy-going, protective toward the weak, and am very patriotic." On the other hand, how does this individual project, and how does his wife see him? (1st-7th.) Wife about Aries: "He's extremely impulsive. So much so that he can be quite self-destructive at times (his 12th house). He's bossy and demanding. Very blunt and doesn't give two hoots about the feelings of his family, just so long as he gets his own way. He's certainly a champion of the underdog, but you couldn't call him 'easy going'. He's in too much of a rush to get things done to be easy going." Now, how does this Aries Asc. **wish** to appear? (Capricorn-10th=public image.) "I hope people see me as being ambitious, decorous, business-oriented, suitably reserved and conservative."

No wonder there is so much confusion in the mind of the average individual who consults an astrologer! How can one be sympathetic and home-loving, bossy and impulsive, and decorous business executive all at the same time? All too often, this type of individual will opt for his Capricorn and Libra sides (7th and 10th houses - Earth and Air). In other words, he wants

to be respected for his practicality and material success, and for his ability to relate to society and spouse (7th-Libra) in a cool, calm, fair-minded and rational/logical fashion. Needless to say, although he doesn't realize it, he's not relating in this "intellectual" manner at all; but rather in an Aries, intuitive, impulsive and non-logical way. This man is probably projecting anything but calm, calculating Capricornian efficiency!

What I am trying to say is this. The astrologer is there to help the client work with **polarities**. And to find a middle-of-the-road path between Fire-Air, Earth-Water. While human beings are generally a seething mass of contradictions, (a fact I find rather exciting) many consider themselves to be "crazy, mixed-up kids." If the astrologer can help the client to SEE HOW OTHERS SEE HIM, (1st-7th polarity) it is a start. Hopefully, greater self-awareness will unfold from this point.

MARC H. PENFIELD

Houses

According to a recent scientific book, the steps needed to formulate a theory or an idea are as follows.

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| 1. Spontaneous action | 7. Observation |
| 2. Establishment | 8. Transformation |
| 3. Knowledge | 9. Impulse |
| 4. Change | 10. Control |
| 5. Being | 11. Significance |
| 6. Facts | 12. Faith |

You'll see that there are exactly 12 steps and they seem to correspond quite well to the 12 houses of the horoscope.

Aren't these good keywords for the 12 signs or houses? Arians do act spontaneously, Taureans do establish, and Geminians devour knowledge. Cancer is always changing, Leo exists, and Virgo requires facts. Librans sit around observing, Scorpions transform, while Sagittarians act on impulse and hunches. Capricorns try to control, Aquarians ask "what is the significance of it all?" and Pisceans live on faith.

Guess some scientists are more astrologically-oriented than they care to admit, for whether the topic is the development of an idea or a project, or the evolution of a human being, the steps seem to be remarkably parallel.

The 4 basic areas (quadrants) that scientific thought goes through are: compression, ignition, exhaust and intake. Sound like a good description of the 4 quadrants of the horoscope?

Data from "The Geometry of Meaning" by Arthur M. Young.

Orbs

About 12 years ago, when writing my first book, I got an idea regarding the question of Planetary Orbs. Most books I had read differed as to the amount of influence, according to the aspect involved, instead of the planets involved. Since the Sun is the most powerful body in our solar system, and thus in the horoscope, then it should have the widest orb, right? Then comes the Moon, which should have second place, and then down the line Pluto, which should get the least. The orbs I devised then are as follows:

Sun (10°) Moon (9°) Mercury (8°) Venus (7°) Mars (6°) Jupiter (5°) Saturn (4°) Uranus (3°) Neptune (2°) Pluto (1°)

So, if your Sun is 10° away from Pluto in either conjunction, sextile, square, trine or opposition, then it is within orb of influence.

If the Moon makes any major Ptolemaic aspect to another planet within 9°, then it too is within orb. Graduating the orbs downward, Jupiter can be within orb to Saturn, Uranus, Neptune or Pluto only if the planet lies no further than 5° from sextile, trine, etc.

Now for the clincher. Did you ever wonder why planets in aspect often don't work in your chart? Just because you have the Sun trine Uranus (8° from perfect) doesn't mean that the

aspect will work all the time, does it? According to the table, the possibility of action will be a mere 20%. The closer the planets are to exact trine or conjunction, the higher percentage of possibility will be that the effects denoted by that aspect will be pronounced.

In my own chart, I have the following aspects.

	Orb	%
Sun conj. Moon	6° 2'	40 probability
Sun conj. Venus	1° 52'	90
Sun trine Jupiter	9° 11'	10
Sun square Pluto	8° 47'	20
Moon conj. Venus	7° 54'	22
Moon trine Jupiter	3° 9'	67
Mercury conj. Mars	1° 38'	88
Mercury square Jupiter	7° 58'	13
Mercury square Pluto	4° 4'	50
Venus square Pluto	6° 55'	14
Mars square Pluto	2° 26'	67
Saturn sextile Pluto	3° 34'	25
Uranus trine Neptune	2° 2'	33

The obvious rationale behind this is that the further the planet is away from the Sun, the influence it exerts upon us is sequentially lessened according to its distance. Try out this system the next time you are perplexed by what orbs to allow for the planets. Forget about the aspect involved, look to the planet, for that is the source of the power that is felt.

ORB	SU	MO	ME	VE	MA	JU	SA	UR	NE	PL
0-0.59	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1-1.59	90	89	88	86	83	80	75	67	50	
2-2.59	80	78	75	72	67	60	50	33		
3-3.59	70	67	63	57	50	40	25			
4-4.59	60	56	50	43	33	20				
5-5.59	50	44	38	29	17					
6-6.59	40	33	25	14						
7-7.59	30	22	13							
8-8.59	20	11								
9-9.59	10									

In my chart, there are only 4 aspects with a 60% probability or higher. Taking the aspects as basic character traits, you can quickly see which areas of your life will occupy the most interest. Sun conj. Venus dominates my chart, followed by Mercury conj. Mars. Try this out on yourself and friends. It will amaze you with its simplicity and accuracy.

PENNY BERTUCELLI, Miami, FL Feb. 3, 1984

URANIAN ASTROLOGY. Thanks to those of you who have written and said they were interested in "Uranian Astrology Information." Maybe you will find the following excerpts from an old Ephemeris informative as regards the Transneptunians. These questions and answers have been

translated from German into English by Udo Rudolph and were originally written by Ludwig Rudolph.

The Transneptunian Story

Questions and Answers

Question:

How many Trans-Neptunians are there? Do they each have names?

Answer:

First, there are 4 planets or points that were located and defined by the astrological research of Alfred Witte. They are:

Zeus   Kronos Cupido   Hades

then, there are another 4 points discovered in the same way by Witte's pupil, Friedrich Siegggrun:

Vulcanus   Apollon Poseidon   Admetos

These 8 points are usually called "Trans-Neptunians." They have a definite influence in the ecliptic, and play an important part in the research of Witte's group, known as the Hamburg School. But they do not play the only part. The essential basis of Hamburg School research is the analysis of the astrological structures in a horoscope. These structures are made up of planetary pictures with **equivalent** half-sums, sums, and differences. A structure may contain many single planetary pictures. It is the synthesis of pictures in a structure that explains an event in time. It is important to emphasize this. Too many people believe that the only notable thing about the Hamburg School is that it uses the Trans-Neptunians. This simply is not true.

As for the total number of Trans-Neptunians, that question is not easy to answer. In the 1920's Wilhelm Hartmann wrote a dissertation in which he listed the hypothetical Trans-Neptunians postulated by several astronomers. The quarterly "Hamburger Hefte" (IV-68) contains an article by Prof. H.J. Kritzinger, an astronomer. He claims to have found 5 Trans-Neptunians - Hades, Persephone, Minos, Teiresias, and Charon. And others have published their speculations. Not one of these hypothetical bodies has yet had its existence verified by astronomy. No one has sighted them. However, the Trans-Neptunians found by Witte and Siegggrun do stand up to an **astrological** examination - Astrology proves them. Even if they are not planets but only influencing factors, they have orbits in the ecliptic like planets. And they certainly have a more important effect than most of the fixed stars in the horoscope.

Question:

What kind of observations were made to discover the really important Trans-Neptunians?

Answer:

As we said before, the approach by which the Trans-Neptunians were discovered and defined was astrological. Witte's special methods of analysis revealed certain very active points in the horoscopes he studied. They emanated definite, recurring influences. In a birth horoscope, they could be considered fixed points, like the natal planets. But their effects were not like the effects of the known planets. In different birth horoscopes these points (or influencing factors) would be found in different places. They had moved, but their essential effects remained the same. Witte concluded that these factors might be planets. Since they moved more slowly than Neptune, he called them Trans-Neptunians. Witte studied these factors in the horoscopes of historic figures. From that research he obtained the ecliptic values according to which he calculated their orbits. Witte concluded that the "planets" whose orbits he had calculated moved on trajectories beginning in the vicinity of Uranus and Neptune.

In the 1920's, Witte published ephemerides of his

Trans-Neptunians in "Astrologische Rundschau" and "Astrologische Blatter." He asked his fellow astrologers to see how they fit into their own horoscopes. He also wanted them to help him find names for them. These astrologers, however, gave him no support. They rejected his innovations. Only Witte's pupils were left to prove Witte's theories. And they did prove them. They found that all of Witte's major theories - the theory of planetary pictures, the theory of structures, the theory of the way the pictures and structures manifested in time, and the theory of the Trans-Neptunian points - were astrologically valid. The effect of all these elements can be noted in every personal or event horoscope. Of course, one has to follow Witte's rules for analysis.

Question:

You said that the lives of well-known people exhibited the effects of the Trans-Neptunian factors in a highly characteristic way. Why?

Answer:

It just looks like that. Naturally, outstanding people will have outstanding horoscopes. Astrologers prefer to use these horoscopes as examples. The important events are more obvious and come into focus more clearly than in the horoscope of an ordinary person. The exceptional person is magnified by the people around him. They publicize his abilities. He must bring a broader understanding and greater capabilities to his life experience than the ordinary person who is known only in a small circle. So it seems that cosmic forces - represented by the Trans-Neptunians - have marked his life more deeply. For Witte: "The farther away a planet is, the greater the attraction the Sun must exert to keep it in its orbit." When these powerful Trans-Neptunians are in crucial places in a birth-horoscope, they enliven the natal Sun and give a bold signature to the life. Think of Neptune - it will hover over an important point in a horoscope for three or four years, shrouding it in negativity and darkness. In positive combinations, Neptune allows the native to float unharmed on a sea of irrationality, and perhaps do something to clarify dark and deceptive conditions. (This depends on the statics and dynamics of the horoscope.)

- To Be Continued -

TERRI KERINS, Rockville Centre, NY **Feb. 22, 1984**

Enjoyed the Jan. '84 issue. As usual you all did a wonderful job.

Your editorial mention about "less bitching" and more astrology **was perfect!** Those "personality profiles," as you so beautifully put it, should have been told off long ago. Information concerning astrology sent in by its readers to share with all is what **MH** is all about. Let's try and keep it that way.

I've always been interested in the planet Neptune. Enclosed you'll find an article concerning said planet.

NEPTUNE

The symbols of the zodiac are universally known. Neptune is the symbol of light and coherence, giving the individual a tendency to bend the mind and will towards the unconscious, or in psychoanalysis, that part of the mind which appears to act without a conscious effect or will.

Neptune, therefore, symbolizes the future, allowing the native to seek the highest spiritual perfection in accomplishments and completion.

In the native's chart, as in his life, Neptune creates desires to perceive beyond the unlimited and immeasurable universe. In order to escape the illusions and delusions of this planet, one must have the equipoise of a completely perfect being and keep in mind that Neptune is the "foot-way" to unity, however narrow it may seem.

To understand how Neptune's energies can be used to the fullest, we must first realize just what kind of planet we are

dealing with by taking into consideration the following:

1. What sign and house Neptune falls in.
2. Neptune's natal aspects to the chart.
3. How Neptune's transiting aspects affect the natal planets and houses it passes over.

Any psychological terms of description concerning Neptune would be like boarding a taxicab from Pennsylvania Station to the nearest hotel, via Brooklyn, Queens and The Bronx. It is a remote planet and its energies are both stimulating and fanciful, allowing an individual to be influenced through the unconscious mind and gifted, with an imagination worthy of many skillful and inherent capabilities.

These potentials can exist in possibility but not in actuality, depending on the sign and house Neptune is located.

Imagination is wonderful and too, surprising. It leaves one spirited and determined to fly to the Moon or over the "rainbow." That trip to the Moon is no longer a fantasy and modern aviation has projected man and his flying machine even further than over the so-called "rainbow!"

The masterpieces of countless famous artists, musicians and writers were born from the ingenious talents of an inspiring yet gifted imagination. Neptune represents inspiration, experience and thoughts. It is a planet of spirit perception as well as romance and emotion. It is the "weak spot" in a natal chart and should be dealt with very carefully and very thoroughly. Neptune seems to attract the loving; the passionate and emotional potentials of an individual's nature. This can induce a state of insecurity and confusion through laziness and unsteadiness, thus resulting in a lack of energy on the native's part.

Scheming, plotting, deception and hostility are possible dangers when Neptune is afflicted in the horoscope. We are dealing with a planet that denotes receivable energies to psychic conditions, and may very well run amuck, allowing one's emotions and feelings to rule instead of their needed practical judgment. If Neptune's influences are strong in a chart, the native involved can destroy his world completely or make one of the greatest contributions to mankind.

However, it must be remembered that we are dealing with an indifferent planet, that depends on its aspects and transits through the houses to reveal its true identity in the chart. A transiting Neptune activates the unconscious mind, the imagination, artistic and musical expressions, and compassion towards the needy. If afflicted, escapement through drugs and over-indulgence in alcoholic beverages could lead to the weakening of a person's energies.

Neptune on the ascendant has mediumistic influences and the individual consciously or unconsciously will take on the conditions of his surroundings as well as those with whom he has contacts. A person is afflicted by Neptune's psychic energies both mentally and physically through the environment. Therefore, he should thoroughly examine philosophic views and inexplicit entities rather than scientific interests.

The Keynote to Neptune is to "willingly serve or suffer." Neptune does not work out in the open and never by pressure. It works through skillfully contrived persuasion, especially in thinking out strange and clever ideas. If we don't have the insight to resore what we have taken from others in the past, the inner freedom and joy of this planet will be wasted. Neptune's resistance to life is what causes pain, suffering and punishment in the unevolved chart.

To strive between the span of birth and death is what really causes suffering in our world today. Neptune holds the secret power of joy and spiritual fulfilment, but these exultations come through self-yielding and not through self-preservation.

Again the emphasis on Neptune belongs to the psychic world and not the world of matter. This is a planet of another dimension and is very receptive in nature working undercover

and unseen.

As Isabel Hickey so well put it, "The Cosmic laws are reflected in nature if we have insight to perceive them. When they are unbalanced, they create havoc instead of harmony."

WILLIAM L. HOSCH, Gary, IN March 25, 1984

Zane Stein: First I'd like to clarify whether our differences are substantive or semantical. Under 'maverick' Merriam-Webster gives: Samuel A. Maverick - Amer. pioneer who did not brand his calves. 1. an unbranded range animal 2. NONCONFORMIST. Also Merriam-Webster thesaurus gives as a synonym 'bohemian.'

I predict drastic changes in the tax laws and merger rules with the entrance of Chiron into Gem. and Neptune into Cap. To borrow a phrase from Robert Reich, I believe this will signal the end of the era of 'paper entrepreneurialism'.

Typically Chiron's transit through the fixed signs has been accompanied by depressions, economic shake-outs, and centralization. In 1907 J.P. Morgan engineered Bank Panic which substantially brought the diverse, independent, and competitive western banks into the fold or out of business (forerunner of the Fed.). The year 1907 also witnessed the formation of Royal Dutch Shell which essentially monopolized European oil exploration and development. In 1909 formation of the Rockefeller Sanitary Commission (later Rockefeller Foundation) which set the trend for eventual tax evasion and leaving the burden on new entrepreneurs. In 1927 'Black Friday' in Germany; 1928 collapse of Brazilian economy. In 1929 'Black Friday' in New York; 1931 bankruptcy of Ger. Danat Bank leads to closing of all Ger. banks. In 1932 Fed. reorganized; 1933 American banks closed (Mar. 6-9) by Pres. order. In 1941 Manhattan Project. In 1947 Br. coal industry nationalized, Taft-Hartley Act. In 1948 Br. rails nationalized. In 1955 AFL-CIO merge, Italy-W. Germ.-France form European Union; in 1957 becomes Common Market. In 1958 Egypt and Sudan form United Arab Republic.

Particularly interesting is the quadrature points of Saturn's and Chiron's cycle when they occur in mutable signs. These periods have consistently committed the U.S. to eventual war. 1Q - 1913-14 WW1 2Q - 1935-37 Period when FDR committed us to England (1936 The Year of Alignment, It.-Aust.-Hun. sign Rome Pact, Rome-Berlin Axis, Anti-Comintern Pact Ger.-Jap., Br.-Fr.-U.S. sign London Naval Convention). 3Q - 1949-50 NATO, U.S. completes withdrawal of troops from S.Kor. (an inviting power vacuum), Fr. recognizes the sovereignty of Vietnam (that is their colony in Saigon). N.Kor. invades S.Kor. The U.S. recognizes Vietnam at Saigon - supplies arms and instructors, U.S. signs pact with Fr.-Cambodia-Laos-Viet. Enough Chiron this letter.

Genevieve James: Yes I'm sure we had sex at any time but those proscribed by angle return. I am aware of your contention through reading "The Natural Birth Control Book" by Rosenblum. Since we were successful employing only the lunar angle return period you may contend it was mind over matter!

J.Silveira deMello: I don't know how you can call it "male contraception" but I do have a tentative hypothesis that women are more receptive to sex during their fertile times. Perhaps someone with more medical training can study the release of certain hormones as it relates to their menstrual cycle and that of their lunar angle return.

Does anyone have the birthdata for Leonard Peikoff?

After recently reading Ayn Rand's essay 'An Open Letter to Boris Spassky' I couldn't help but laugh at such a perfect example of a typical Cap. attitude to games (Moon in Cap.). In fact in my experience as a tournament chess player I have rarely met Caps. Most typically, talented chess players have their Moon in either Libra or Taurus. In fact an examination of world champions will show those positions out of all probability of pure chance.



BOOK REVIEWS

INTERPRETING YOUR RETROGRADE PLANETS by Linda Carbone; Astro-Analytics Publications, Van Nuys, CA; 123 pages; \$8.50.

This 8 x 11 paperback book is the last manuscript selected by Robert C. Jansky before his untimely death. It was edited by Joan McEvers and is presented in Astro-Analytics' usual format. Despite its computer print, it is very readable and has ample space for students' notes.

Linda Carbone approaches the subject in a rather simplistic, nearly "cookbook" manner - yet the results are surprisingly good and despite some generalizations, I found much valuable material.

Carbone covers keywords for retrograde planets in general and then goes into specifics by explaining her view on each planet as it is affected by retrograde motion per se and as she sees it through each house. She also goes briefly into such topics as Phases of Retrograde, Retrograde Transits, Progressions, Hemisphere Emphasis, Lengths of Time, and The Retrograde Ruler.

All in all a nice addition to the student's astrological library, since so few good books have been written on this subject.

THE JUPITER/SATURN CONFERENCE LECTURES by Liz Greene and Stephen Arroyo; CRCS Publications, Reno, NV; 208 pages; \$8.95.

For those of us who have anxiously awaited the transcribed version of this conference which took place July 1981, the wait was well worth it. The book is a well edited version of the transcripts; all the "ehs, ers" and broken sentences have been removed and the text flows.

The contents are wonderful. Arroyo reveals his intelligent and sensitive approach to astrology over and over, especially in his lecture titled "Person to Person Astrology" where he shows that there is much more to comparison than looking at a few connecting aspects from one chart to the other. His book on the subject was still not completed at the time of publication, but we are looking forward to it with anticipation. His other lectures, "Key Issues in Astrology Today" and "Methods of Chart Synthesis" are also excellent. Even his venture into mundane astrology "Informal Comments on the Jupiter/Saturn Conjunction" is interesting.

Liz Greene is always a pleasure to read. She is intelligent, she writes well, she is a very good astrologer and even when I disagree with her (and I occasionally do) she makes me think, which is what a worthwhile book should make you do.

Her "Chart Comparison & the Dynamics of Relationship" lecture stresses what she calls "an element of mystery" present in every relationship that can not be overlooked, as well as some archetypal figures that in her opinion are present in all horoscopes. Her feminine version resembles the gorgon who will complain, with a voice of injured dignity and outrage: "If you really loved me...". Greene's polar opposite is the 'iceman' who automatically withdraws when accused, falls into an icy silence or says such things as: "I don't wish to discuss this any further." I am sure we all experienced similar situations, but

her approach of bringing mythical archetypes into relationships is quite unique and gives a new approach to an old subject.

In "The Myth of the Individual Journey" Greene tries to match mythical gods with the signs of the zodiac. She may not always pick the same figures as I would, but the lecture is interesting. In the "Light and Shadow" lecture she explains her, as well as Jung's interpretation of 'the shadow' and how we can identify it astrologically. Greene's last lecture "Jupiter & Saturn" is not the usual mundane interpretation, but rather the imagery often connected with the 2 planets.

There is good audience participation in most of the lectures, and quite often someone asked the question on the tip of my lips. An excellent book that is helpful to astrologers on all levels.

All the above by MARION D. MARCH
Encino, CA

ASTROECONOMICS: The Union of Astrology & Economics by Barry Lynes, P.O. Box 15247, Springfield, MA 01115; 156 pp., \$15 + \$1 postage in U.S.

Barry Lynes is without doubt one of the most brilliant mundane astrologers living today. His books are replete with new ideas waiting to be nurtured and developed by astrologers and economists. He has integrated the best economic thinking of the day with the astrological patterns.

His dynamic style of writing is comprehensible to the non-astrologer. He lists dates when transiting Pluto is in aspect with the transiting Sun. For Oct. 23, 1983 he says: "A creative eruption in following week or the dark forces on rampage?" That day hundreds of Marines were killed in Lebanon and that week Reagan caused the Armed Forces to invade Grenada. In addition the Govt. exploded a 600,000 ton bomb at Whitesands, New Mexico, which did not get any press coverage, as well as hundreds of thousands of people demonstrating for Peace in Europe.

He mentions that when transiting Pluto opposed natal Pluto in the U.S. chart and when it coincided with transiting Neptune in an earth sign, we had a "2nd crash" of the Depression in 1936 and 1937 because the Federal Reserve Board increased the reserve requirements during the exact months of the Pluto alignments. It also caused the recognition of the industrial unions. He gives exact dates when Mercury transited and retrograded over the exact natal Pluto degree being aspected by transiting Pluto. Each of the dates were exact turning points for the labor unions. When transiting Pluto squared natal Pluto in the U.S. chart and transiting Neptune was not in an earth sign, there was a Gold Rush in the years 1848 and 1849 and in 1896 and 1897. The potential for the future is a "gold rush in consciousness."

Lynes says that when transiting Pluto squares, opposes or conjuncts natal Pluto and retrogrades back and forth, it triggers intense transformations in a country. It can bring political and economic upheavals, fusion and fission experiences. It does not have to be chaos nor is the future predetermined. It depends on our actions, and our consciousness. We are one humanity and all the cells must be equally fed and be doing its right work. **Everyone is entitled to ECONOMIC RIGHTS.**

Another date that he mentions is Aug. 31, 1983. On that date (Washington, D.C. time) when transiting Pluto was at 27 Libra 33 1/2 exactly square natal Pluto in the U.S. chart the Russians shot down the Korean commercial jet killing all 269 people aboard.

Lynes indicates that an important time will be when transiting Neptune conjuncts the natal U.S. Pluto in 1996-1997. He gives convincing evidence of events happening when transiting Neptune and Pluto made a major aspect to Venus and Jupiter in the U.S. chart. He states that **unless we make**

the necessary economic and political changes the plattens of 1929 will repeat in the near future. Exact dates are given.

This book is a must for everyone interested in mundane astrology or in economics or for anyone who is a new-age thinker ready to wield his sword of Light to establish economic, social and political RIGHTS for all humanity.

MARGUERITE DAR BOGGIA
Los Angeles, CA

I recently read a fascinating book **The Astrology of Choice** by Roy Alexander, Saumel Weiser Inc., Box 612, York Beach, ME 03910, \$7.95. While in the midst of reading it last fall, I read a dreadfully slanted, arrogant, hostile review of it written in poor taste and unwarranted criticism. Who is that person, and what did he/she ever write? (God forbid that person should write a whole book in that pompous, unreadable style!) I can't find that issue, or I would refer to his/her name. As I recall, the name would not identify itself with a sex. [It was signed, "Salome Levi - Ersatz Charlatan", page 58 in Jan '84 ed. EDITH] Perhaps **The Astrology of Choice** should only be read by serious, practicing astrologers. It is, after all, written with the professional astrologer in mind. Anyone else would find it's application difficult.

I found it's content enormously helpful. Although I don't entirely agree with Mr. Alexander's view that the astrologer should not make predictions, his arguments are justifiable and his technique of unearthing inner conflicts he labels "scripts" is more than most clients ever gain from years and \$\$ of frustrating counseling and astrologer-hopping.

I implore all practicing astrologers to read **The Astrology of Choice**. While the content is technical it flows so that the reader can read along at a regular pace without struggling to remember what his phraseology means. I only refer to so many Astrology books that do anything but flow!

It's been several months since I read **The Astrology of Choice**, but every time I counsel a client now, I think of Roy Alexander's concepts and find them useful for nearly every client I see.

Please print this in **MH** for two reasons: to help vindicate the author from an unfair, and terribly biased review, and to encourage all serious astrologers to learn a wonderful technique for counseling the client.

CAROLYN R. DODSON
Nashville, TN

ESTHER MOLDAUER, Woodmere, NY March 25, 1984

Helen T. Wark! Apr. '84, p. 62. I would like to recommend a set of 6 tapes on the Nodes by Michael Lutin. They are available through **RKM Publishing**, P.O. Box 23042, Euclid, OH 44123. They are informative and delightful at the same time.

Susan Nolan, p. 51. The "unusual" medical problems that your sister suffers from are not really that unusual. They are typical of Type 2 Allergy. They are often misdiagnosed and I know the problem of finding the right kind of doctor. She needs a clinical ecologist, the best of whom is Dr. William Rea, in Dallas Texas. I recently did 65 charts for patients of his (including his own) who suffer from this type of illness, which is basically immune system deficiency, which causes multiple allergies, chemical and environmental sensitivity and manifests in such ways as vasculitis rheumatoid disease, lupus, depression, toxic brain, fatigue, as well as more easily recognized symptoms. Anyway, the charts seemed to follow a pattern: Prominent Mercury (angular, Gemini or Virgo) in aspect to Neptune, not necessarily hard. Also, each chart had at least one quincunx from an outer planet and a Mercury Neptune Quincunx was extremely common. Pallas also figured, either being in the 6th house or in hard aspect to the ruler of

the 6th. Pallas rules the immune system. Mercury is one of the rulers of the thymus, from which T cells are generated, and in cases like these there is a low level of T cells in the body - leakage through the Neptune contact.

If you are interested in learning more about this, I will be happy to share what I know. Just write to me at: 18 Pine St., Woodmere, NY 11598.

MARY H. PERDUE, Virginia Beach, VA April 2, 1984

Here's a check for renewal of the **MH**. I consider it a life-line reaching out to all the astrologers and I'm hooked on it.

To **Ivy Goldstein-Jacobson**, whom I admire very much. In the 41st edition you state that 0° marks one as a beginner in the matter of the house it is in at birth. I can't quite figure this in the case of a man who has 0° Moon in the 12th. A beginner in what? Matters of the subconscious? The 12th is so nebulous bring trials, tribulations, secret enemies etc. Please go on a bit about this area.

I agree with **Jim Haynes**, put out 6 issues a year - no Extras to remember to pay for, raise price to \$25 - Fantastic!!

To **Judith Gee**: I was so pleased to see the chart of the Earl of Craven in the **MH**. At that time I was doing the chart of a 4 year-old boy who has his planets all in the 4th, 5th and 6th with Neptune in Sag. in the 7th instead of Saturn. He has Gemini on the Asc. and Virgo intercepted in the 4th. I found it very hard to work with and your remarks helped me a lot. I hope this child doesn't turn out to be as tragic as the Earl of Craven.

Just to save anyone out there from making a mistake, in Rhode Island there is a Kingston not to be confused with North Kingstown. A client gave me the former but meant the latter, so check.

I have a lot of charts of amputations and eye operations and accidents if anyone needs help or data. My address is: 3504 Sea Horse Way, Virginia Beach, VA 23452.

JACK FERTIG, San Francisco, CA Apr. 8, 1984

AIDS DATA

Jan. 28, 1952, 1:20 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, 85W00 32N28, diagnosed KS Nov. 1981; July 9, 1949, 1:20 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, 40N45 73W57, diagnosed KS PCP TB Feb. 1983, died Aug. 11, 1983, 11:20 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time; Sept. 1, 1952, 7:35 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, 71W19 42N38, symptoms KS late March 1982, diagnosed July 1982; Oct. 25, 1946, 1:49 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, 37N47 122W26; June 30, 1959, 9:52 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time, 40N45 73W57; May 12, 1943, 8:01 a.m. Pacific War Time, 118W21 33N55; Nov. 19, 1948, 12:05 a.m. Central Standard Time, 88W10 38N05; Mar. 2, 1937, 3:33 a.m. Pacific Standard Time, 46N04 118W20, diagnosed (?) Aug. 1982, died Jan. 20, 1984; Jan. 13, 1956, 4:58 a.m. Central Standard Time, 87W55 43N02, diagnosed KS May 1983; March 12, 1955, 9:57 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, 75W30 44N40, died June 27, 1982; Feb. 10, 1960, 12:13 a.m. Mountain Standard Time, 39N44 105W00; May 11, 1946, 5:18 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, 39N57 75W10, diagnosed January 1981, died Sept. 30, 1981; Nov. 1, 1948, 10:31 p.m., EST, 73W57 40N45, symptoms Sept. 19, 1983, hospitalized Feb. 9, 1984; March 24, 1958, 11:35 p.m. PST, 118W24 34N04, diagnosed Jan. 1984; Oct. 18, 1953, 3:14 a.m. CST, 95W22 29N46, diagnosed Feb. 1, 1983; Nov. 30, 1955, 11:55 a.m. MST, 108W17 32N46, died Jan. 1984.

Thanks Jack, for your consideration in sending these in to us. If anyone has any others and is willing to share - we will print them in the hopes someone can come up with something that might help or at least understand this serious problem.

EDITH.

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ROBERT PELLETIER and **LEONARD CATALDO** have written a book called **"THE COSMIC INFORMER"** - An Astrological Guide to Self-Discovery. It has been published by Little, Brown & Co., costs \$11.95 and is probably available now at your bookstores.

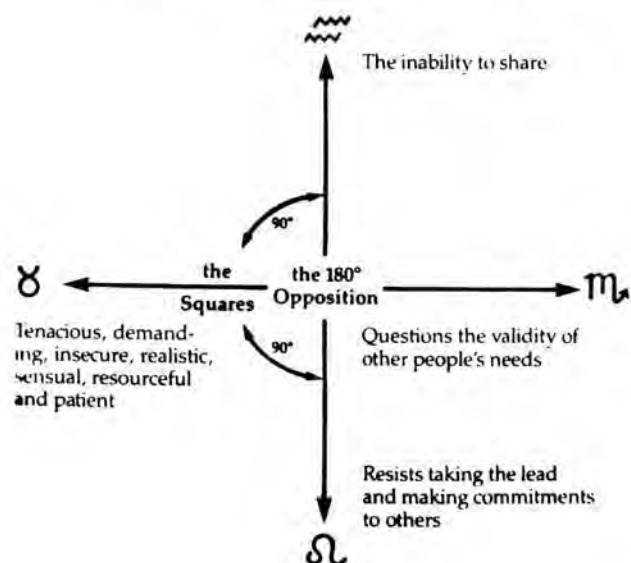
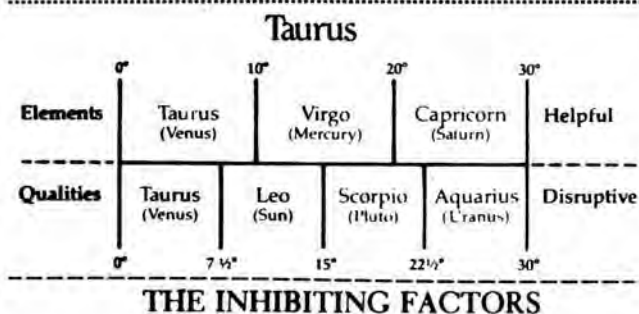
The book is probably more for beginners and the lay-person since it attempts to answer the question many are asking today - "Who am I?" To assist in this search the book contains an ephemeris that runs from Jan. 1, 1920 through Dec. 31, 1985, with every day listed, not just partial months. It even contains longitudes and latitudes of major cities in the world.

Along with the usual delineation of signs, planets, houses and planets in signs, incorporated also in this book is a chapter on Inhibiting Factors and Available Resources. Bob has often lectured on this subject and for me the price of the book is well worth this chapter alone. I sort of think of it as "the way in and the way out." It is diagrammed out very clearly with both the inhibiting factors and available resources for each sign. Another thing this book contains, that I also found very interesting for students, was the chapter on Individual Sign Divisions. They break each sign down by degrees starting 0 to 7½, 7½ to 10, 10 to 15, 15 to 20, 20 to 22½, 22½ to 30 degrees, with a diagram for each sign.

The book also contains "The Jones Patterns," "Aspect Analysis," "Unaspected Planets" and "Dynamics of Behavior" as well as "Drawing a Detailed Chart." Just about everything a student could use, told in clear, easy to understand examples. A chart is delineated. As much as a student would find this book very useful it is also a great refresher for the professionals and contains several things that I haven't seen all in one book before.

Bob Pelletier is well-known in our field, not only for his lecturing but also for the other books he has written. This is another one he can be proud of and I would definitely recommend this book to any astrologer.

EDITH CUSTER.



0°-7½°

The need to survive at all costs is so overwhelming a characteristic in you that it restrains, confines and limits you in developing any versatility. Open up, or you will eventually find people will avoid you because you aren't a "giving" person.

7½°-10°

Your persistence and tenacity are admirable when directed to the pursuit of your goals and ambitions. Your unwillingness to yield in the face of those who are recognized authorities sometimes results in unnecessary resistance.

10°-15°

In your desire to gain as much security as you can, you develop the kinds of skills that will offer you the greatest returns for your efforts. Learn to give to those you love and when you do, indulge so that it makes them happy and isn't just "practical."

15°-20°

You exercise practical common sense in your affairs and you expect to be paid well for your services — and you should be. But don't neglect those who may be less fortunate than you. Giving to others in need is an investment in your own security.

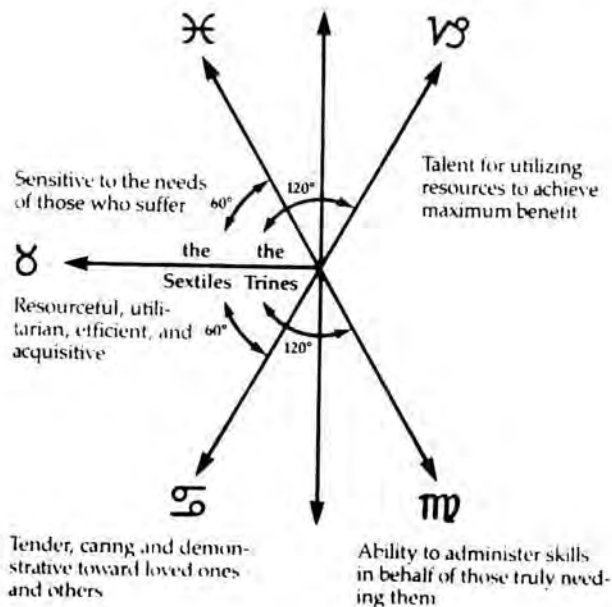
20°-22½°

The tenacity with which you conduct your financial affairs is laudable and your resourcefulness unmatched. But the greatest returns can be derived by making an investment in people and their resources. Sharing lightens the burden and doubles the return.

22½°-30°

As you struggle to gain freedom from want, you will enjoy the comforts that financial advantages can provide. You may find that the happiness you expected isn't there unless you've shared some of your good fortune with others. Be a sharing friend to all.

THE AVAILABLE RESOURCES



THOMAS J. BARRETT, Washington, DC

Feb. 18, 1984

A recent column which appeared in the *Washington Post*, on Feb. 1, 1984, is apparently the opening gun of another attack on the premises of Astrology. It was entitled "Scientists' Case Against Astrology" and was written by a staff writer for the United Press Inter. Syndicate. It quotes a pamphlet which is being offered to the public by the Astronomical Soc. of the Pacific. It deserves some comment and rebuttal.

Very great work has been slightly condemned whenever later development turned research in new directions. Ptolemy, the perfecter of the Epicyclic Theory of Planetary Motion, which in its time, was a truly great work and which closely fitted the known facts of his day, has been contemptuously dismissed by posterity. Yet his work - his geometrical methods influenced the work of Johannes Kepler whom we still revere.

Our grandfathers thought it positively indecent that, with only primitive instruments at their disposal, our ancestors could have achieved so wonderfully accurate results. Galileo and Newton affected man's thinking more than they knew. They clipped from Religion its miracles and imagination from Physics. Many older scientists of the day thought Albert Einstein a dullard, an upstart and a fool until his Theory of Relativity was proven in 1922. There is much sound data that has been excluded by conventional scientists from standard theories - whole fields of data observed through thousands of years which do not fit explanations now accepted for other phenomena.

Science accepts that magnetic storms on earth are predictable through movements of the planets in terms of quadrature but balks at accepting other equally valid postulations even to the point of falsifying data to prove the tenets of Astrology are untrue. As we become 'educated' we seem to establish a sort of gateway in our minds, floodgates if you will, through which the mass of physical data flows. In time, as we 'learn' more, we adjust the setting to the point where nothing new can be trapped behind it. We seem to acquire an intuitive ability to fend off anything that doesn't jibe with the laws as we know them.

Judges and attorneys are fond of quoting, "Ignorance of the Law is no excuse." This also holds true for the laws of the cosmos - just because we don't know them doesn't mean they won't work. Science has determined what electricity is or why it exists yet we are able to control and use it. If we violate its principles we will suffer. Each one of us faces up to the universe alone and the universe is what it is and it won't soften the rules for anyone of us.

Various of the orthodox faiths have always sought to wean people away from anything that differs from what they would have the people know - thus they control their minds through ignorance of principles observed through thousands of years. Science, in seeking this self-same control, attacks Astrology too. Attitudes such as these, while doing this country a disservice, may be a direct cause of the death of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, one of our better presidents.

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DR. MARGARET MILLARD, S. Windham, ME Mar. 23, 1984

I am very, very sorry to hear of the death of **Barbara Watters**, whom I admired immensely.

She had some interesting things to say about Pres. Reagan's chart - amongst them, "that he could not be elected dog-catcher with the Scorpio rising night birth." I, too, as she did, support an Asc. of 7 Cancer 20.

Has anyone tried Asc. lunars? We do not need any more "return" charts, but they seem more effective than anything else. They are lunar returns corrected for precession, but with the Moon returning to the natal Asc.

I set up a lunar return for Pres. Reagan for the election, and found no indications of victory. Then for inauguration on Jan. 20 - again, nothing to show triumph, honour conferred, or anything like that. Then I set up some charts for early May, and they were very indicative of illness or accident. The Asc. for the May 18 lunar set for Washington has 0 Gemini 50 rising, with Neptune in the 8th in 0 Capricorn 50, and Pluto in the 6th in 29 Libra 59 forming a Yod with the Asc, as focus. The Sun had just risen, and was in the 12th house in 27 Taurus 40, and Mars and Saturn in 18 Scorpio and 12 Scorpio in the 6th are close to the square of natal Sun. Altogether not a happy picture.

There is a Full Moon in 26 Libra 06 on April 15. This squares natal Uranus and cusp 8 in my chart (conj. in 26 Capricorn 30). The following New Moon on May 1 is in 11 Taurus 02, semisquare his natal Pluto in 26 Gemini 5.

One of the things I learned in Australia was how to use the Parts. The Part of Death falls on his prog. Asc. for his birthplace on **May 5**. (The ordinary prog. chart is used.) I have no idea if they should be used for birthplace or residence. His prog. chart (secondary progressions) is also not very good. It has pr. Sun in 29 Aries square pr. Uranus in 29 Capricorn and the natal M.C. at 14 Pisces is semisquare both. Mars is in 27 Aquarius 50 quincunx the pr. Sun.

From the indications of the lunar ascendant charts, I do not think the President will be reelected.

Sincerely hoping he will live a long and happy life, I make no predictions about his health, but anyone who looks at the simultaneous Mars-Sun-Uranus connection at this time will be able to draw certain conclusions.

**MARIE R. DeLEONE 804 E. Ridley Ave.
Mar. 23, 1984 Ridley Park, PA 19078**

So many things of interest in **MH** it's hard to settle on just one that stands out. I've gathered so much information from past and present editions and wonder if I may as for more.

Does anyone have data on the following: Watergaters: Judge John Sirica, Rosemary Wood (Nixon's secretary), Sam Ervin, Jeb Stuart Magruder, James McCord, Ron Zeigler, E. Howard Hunt, Archibald Cox, Charles Colson, G. Gordon Liddy - (Nov. 30, 1930) place & time? John Mitchell - Sept. 18, 1913 or Sept. 15, 1913. ALSO the birth data on Louis Rukeyser of Wall Street? I would appreciate the above if anyone has it. I have been going back over past issues and swear I saw some of it but can't locate it now.

In response to **Joan McEvers** beautiful article in the Jan '84 issue, I'd like to set the record straight on the Masons in the family. The last signer of the Constitution was a Caesar Rodney who delayed the signing since he had to ride horseback up from Delaware. He was a cousin to the Torberts and my uncle was married to a Torbert. Her great-grandfather was Rodney's cousin and of course to sum it up they were Masons and the women the Daughters of the Revolution.

MOLLIE SOMMER, Redlands, CA Mar. 8, 1984

One more magnanimous act of kindness, I beg of you; if you know Angelo Bruno's birth data (the Hillside Strangler), could I please have it? All I know is the date.

PATRICIA KIRCHNER, Richmond Hgts., OH Feb 9, 1984

Just wanted to let you know the response to the ad I placed in **MH** brought excellent results! By the time you receive this I will probably have my book.

Oh, may I trouble you for some more subscription blanks? The last batch you sent me went so fast that I only have one left. [With pleasure - and if anyone else can use some please let me know and I'll send them. We can always use some help for the **MH**. **EDITH**.]

Does anyone have the birth date for Julio Iglesias? I only know he was born in Madrid, Spain.

Re: **Joan O'Neill** [Jan 84], Please write me re: Ted Bundy.

MARK A. MELTON, San Deigo, CA Mar. 1, 1984

I find the protracted discussion about **THE** chart of Israel, (or of any other country, state or city) to be rather simple minded and pointless. Surely the character and, to a considerable extent, the fortunes of Israel (greatly influenced by the history and thinking of her people, clear back to Abraham) were already cast well before the founding of the government. The same must be true in the case of the U.S.A.; several charts could be considered and all could be correct for limited aspects. **Joylyn Hill** once had a chart for the inauguration of President Washington that had Sun in Taurus, Ascendant in Virgo, as I recall, and that always impressed me as being particularly fitting as a chart for our federal government. (**Joylyn**, why don't you send that in to **MH** sometime?) In California, the most important and distinctive activities, established for the most part during the Spanish rule, are recreation, fantasy, and Sun worship - heavy on Leo, Libra, and Neptune - whilst our irrelevant state government has Sun in Virgo.

On a completely different topic, for purposes of a personal history comparison and help in doing a rectification, I would like to hear from any woman born Sept. 8, 1954 in the U.S.A. Mail can be sent to me at P.O. Box 232, Allenspark, CO 80510. Thanks.

LILLIAN E. TREVI, Forked River, NJ Feb. 1984

I cannot tell you at this time the tremendous impact the **MH** has had on me. I have been studying Astrology on and off for 10 years. The year 1983 was the year I finally knuckled down to really study. At first the **MH** was confusing but I subscribed to it because I wanted a professional magazine that would force me to exercise my brain and send me to the books for understanding. The Oct. '83 issue was a breeze to read, it sent me back to previous issues of **MH** to reread letters. I still find Helio, Lilith, etc. a little difficult to understand but I am working towards them. Mostly, I enjoy the feeling of being in on conference calls; of sharing the knowledge, research and opinions of others. Everything is going up in cost these days, **MH** is one item I cannot complain about.

**DANIEL WOELF 835 Lincoln St.
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Natal Mercury/Capricorn in the 5th here recently took advantage of the Lunation in the same with a driving vacation out to Vermont and when not behind the wheel caught up on all '83 back issues of **MH**; upon a rest break through N.Y., the 36th edition was set up on the car roof while re-arranging the back seat for our 14 and 12 year olds. It was up there as we drove off and re-entered the Tollway and was first remembered several miles on down. We did a U'ey for which the expected but friendly reprimand was received upon showing up so soon back at the same toll gate and drove on looking (not knowing where the 36th had even fallen off, probably having been caught on the ski-rack before it ever did) but found it on a 4-lane in Depew, N.Y. 1:41 Eastern Standard Time, Feb. 4, 1984 on the roadside.

It received a sunbath thereafter in the back window and I later read through the tireprints on several pages, while feeling the double value the 36th was to me for having the opportunity to receive it twice. So never think, **Edith** and All, that your efforts out here are not sought after and treasured!

I've tried several sources and am still looking for a copy of "Astrology's Pew in Church" by **Jacobs, Rev. Donald J. [Moby Dick]**. Hammond Ind. Astrology & Spiritual Center tells me it is out of print. I'll pay twice its boughten value to anyone out there with it; natal Uranus/Gemini 9th conj. midheaven just cannot do without it! Pleeeeeease?

Recently received **Bill Tierney's** CRCS '83 publication as advertised in **MH** 40th; loved the retrograde-progressed section as I must live with 5 of them.

Gail Gray: in a sense I began my studies of Astrology in a hospital...as a unit manager using it to better relate to and evaluate work performances of unit/ward secretaries by using an "occupation analysis" section in the first Astrology book I bought (a pseudo-primer by Grosset & Dunlop, Inc. 1971, 1972; 416 pages called "Super Hbrosopes' Compatibility Guide.") never knowing at the time the continuing study I would make from then in 1974.

Has anyone had experience with **Joanne Wickenburg's** taped 6 part correspondence course? Would like to hear through **MH** or drop me a direct note...Thanx.

G.H. REINHARDT, Kilburn, Australia **Feb. 1984**

You might be interested to know that my 2nd Saturn Return was marked by indecisions, mostly a wait-and-see. Apart from that, my wife had 4 major operations during that time. After the return had passed I retired from the workforce. (Uranus trans. midpoint Sun/Jupiter in Sag. 1st house). My wife is now O.K. and I feel fine again.

Keep up the good work. You girls are doing a terrific job.

CAROLE DE MOTT DEVINE **950 Fern Ridge Rd.**
Virginia Beach, VA 23452 **Mar 11, 1984**

I work a great deal with Solar Arc, not only the traditional method of using the progressed Sun increment as a measurement but also using a degree per month motion for all the components of Solar Return Charts. I have found that when the orb of an aspect becomes exact, using 1 degree per month motion, that aspect manifests and the promise of the solar return is fulfilled. I've used it for years and have had great accuracy with it.

Of course it's nothing new, but recently I've been working on an idea with Lunar Returns, and I wonder if anyone else has done the following: I've been using the one degree motion in Lunar Returns on a daily basis. In other words, I've been moving all components - planets and angles - one degree per day. So far, it's looking very promising. If anyone has done this, please write and share with me. Thanks.

JOANNA ASHMAN, Seattle, WA **March 13, 1984**

In the anniversary issue of The Seattle Astrologer, I published 2 articles on the problems of predictive astrology. One was in **Dale Huckleby's** "Hypothetically Speaking" column and the other was my own "Brainstorm." In these articles, Dale and I discussed the fact that astrological methods provide enough "significant" planetary configurations to account for every moment of time and will, therefore, confirm every intuition. Most of the response to these articles has been pretty off the wall, and I'd be interested in **MH** readers' comments.

In the Pisces issue of TSA, I published a follow-up to "Brainstorm" which includes the following challenge:

Match up the following events and dates correctly and satisfy the listed conditions, and I will give 12 issues of TSA as a reward. In fact, I will give 12 months of TSA to anyone who submits in writing a good-faith effort to satisfy the conditions.

The Events:

1. My father's death. 2. I received an unanticipated cash legacy of approximately \$2,000. 3. I came down with mumps.

The Dates: (in no particular order, and all accurate within one week)

1. Dec. 23, 1970 2. Oct. 15, 1972. 3. Apr. 28, 1977.

The Conditions:

1. Correctly match the events and dates. 2. Give astrological reasons for your choices. 3. Give astrological reasons for determining that one of the dates is more likely than the other two for each event given

(I reserve the right to require evidence, such as text citations or documented research - and I am a reasonable woman - to support your astrological reasoning.)

My Birth Data: Nov. 16, 1948, 2:25 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, 47N51 119W59 (Chelan, Washington)

I lived in Seattle at the time of all events, though my father died in Chelan and I was there at the time of his death. Two of these events are classical rectification events and having mumps as an adult is a pretty big deal, too.

Readers may respond via **MH** or directly to: The Seattle Astrologer, 9259 Sixth Ave. N.W., Seattle, WA 98117 (206) 782-6181.

Well, I cannot match **Ivy Golstein-Jacobson's** way with words, but I'd be willing to bet that my paper is just as pink as hers!

Jim Haynes: (p. 20, 41st) Regarding Ptolemy's instructions on finding the degree of the horoscopic point (and I am using the Loeb "Tetrabiblos" translated by F.E. Robbins), I think he was talking about prospecting; that is, guessing before birth what the rising degree will be. He says nowhere how to figure out the ascendant after the fact. And I think what he says to do is, first, guess what time the baby will be born and then determine by the Doctrine of Ascensions what sign will be rising. Then go back to the New or Full Moon preceding birth (guessing again, since the baby hasn't been born yet, so you don't even know the birth date) and ascertain the degree of the New Moon or, in the case of a Full Moon, the degree of the visible luminary. Then, by his various rules, determine which planet rules that degree, and take the degree of the ruling planet as the ascending degree in the sign you have already decided on back there some place.

If I understand this, and I have no confidence that I do, by this method my Asc. would be 22½ Aries (unless it would be 22½ Pisces) and modern practice makes it 4½ Aries, so it's not too far off, considering. But I wouldn't put money on it because Ptolemy's rulerships are pretty hard for me to keep straight.

My point in mentioning this, if I recall properly and it has been a year, was that **Moby Dick** claimed to have rehabilitated/resurrected Ptolemaic practice, but it looks to me that if he didn't use Ptolemy's Asc. he wasn't using a Ptolemaic chart. (Additionally, Ptolemy used aspects by sign rather than degree, so every planetary pairing makes a Ptolemaic aspect, and I have scoured the "Tetrabiblos" looking for Ptolemy's treatment of the conjunction as an aspect, but I've never found it. This is kind of puzzling since the conjunction would seem to be the most obvious and potent relationship between two bodies. If anyone can point me to the section in the "Tetrabiblos" that defines Ptolemy's use of the conjunction in natal astrology, I will be very grateful.)

Lois Rodden: (P. 56, 41st) Just to be a stinker, I'll agree that there are quite a few astrologers smart enough to join Mensa, but I'm the only astrologer I know who is smart enough to have quit Mensa.

EILEEN SCHMIDT **Mar. 3, 1984**
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My husband has been out of work on and off since the end of July. I have Pluto square Saturn and Uranus square

Moon-Mars and it is doing a number on me. Life is anything but boring. Pluto rules my M.C. and Saturn my Asc., so I am trying to start my own gift business to utilize the energy of the square. I am starting out with nothing but very strong determination and Piscean faith. I have too many trines natally, so I enjoy the squares when they come along.

Does anyone know where there is a group of people living together because they are so allergic to everything? I know I read about it at one time but don't remember where it is. A customer where I work has a brother who is starving to death from allergies and would like to look into this place for him. If anyone knows could they please write me at the above address.

I was very lucky as I had the opportunity to hear **Buz Myers** speak at Serendipity Book Store. I think he is fantastic. His tapes teach you so much. They kinda' keep your mind mentally going over the charts you have that illustrate the point he is making.

I think the most important thing I have learned from him is that it doesn't kill you to admit your own faults. When I first started to study Astrology, I didn't want anyone to use my chart. I guess I was afraid for people to see how "imperfect" I was. Well now I know that I have many faults and it is okay. I'll work on improving my faults.

My teacher, **H. Eugene Adams** taught me to not believe what I read until I try it to see if it works for me and that has been important to me. Some methods work for some people and yet not for others. I don't use the helio placements much but they do show a different side of the personality. My helio Mercury is in Scorpio and I know that my Mercury feels like a Scorpio at times more than a Pisces.

For anyone starting out with Astrology, I would strongly recommend RKM tapes, "Aspects" and Astro Analytics. Sometimes people learn easier by hearing things explained. The back issues of **MH** are a source that provides the answers to a lot of questions. Sometimes just reading a different point of view helps to clarify issues.

JUDITH GEE, London, England **14 March 1984**

Thanks for **MH** No. 41. The Earl of Craven whose chart you published, p. 34, is still in the news, as his son has been proved by blood tests to be his son...there was a question about it and doubt cast, so that he should not be able to inherit the money or the title. It has been widely publicised and so the Earl has posthumous fame, of a sort.

Am thrilled by the efforts of **Frank Jakubowsky** in tracking my birthdate from my articles...this method is new to me and am intrigued by it...but doubt anyone else being so proficient as he is. He must have a keen ear for words and their planetary meanings...almost psychic in fact and I wonder if he can teach this to anyone else?

Frank is not entirely correct though, as I find that 5 Sag. Asc. and 3 Libra M.C. more in accord with family charts and I think facts of my life. There are many family members with the 5 Sag.-Gem. horizon degrees and my husband's Mars on my M.C.

This will also take Mars out of the 12th house where it does not belong and Moon out of the 6th and both in 1st and 7th house. Also it will put Neptune into 8th and this is where Neptune does belong, as have had odd experiences of missing inheritances all my life...received nothing from my father...all went to my mother...then when she died a sister took all! This sister with a stellium in 8th, has received legacies from many friends over the years...while I got nothing from family members or friends! This is typical of an afflicted Neptune - which in my case opposes Mercury-Sun-Uranus/Capricorn. Also Saturn would be on 5th house cusp, which accords with my not having children.

If Frank would like to play about further with my data! My

Golden Wedding is due this year, as I was married in London 28 Aug. 1934, at 6 p.m. British Summer Time.

I would like to disagree with Frank's finding of Scorpio as Ronald Reagan's Asc. I should think that Sag. is much more likely...his love of horses and the open air for one thing, his 3 marriages for another...his affability and friendliness for a third. And also the fact that the Vice President, George Bush, is a Gemini and would be in his 7th house and from London, they make a good team. There is no Scorpionic suspiciousness in Reagan, nor is he vindictive, or jealous or possessive. And look how Reagan has travelled and taken an interest in 'foreign parts'.

deMello has me wrong...I took Dashiell Hammet as an example as I had his birthdata...the double Gemini who wrote murder stories and became a communist! He is no more remiss than the other American writers and certainly the English writers are in like case...but what you-all seem to miss completely is that the trade of writer and the commercial success of the media, films, T.V. and mags all built on this dubious foundation and concentrating on murder. You-all seem not to understand the importance of thought concentration and how influential ideas and thoughts are...concentrate on death and murder and that is what you get in the physical...as all ideas are mental before they become actual in fact. I suppose one has to be at a certain stage of spiritual development to understand this. It would be beyond many people's comprehension. And the over importance of money economy in this civilisation and culture, makes for ease of false reasoning and ease too of evil. Let not Neptune confuse the Uranus element in Astrologers. There is good - and there is evil, and I maintain that writers of murder commit murder in their hearts and help to make murder easy for others.

Patricia Trowbridge is welcome to misunderstanding me in her own inimitable manner. It is not possible to argue about people's understanding...they either do or they don't!

You (**Edith**) also publish the birthdata of Neil Kinnock, which I sent you - the present head of the Labour Party. I don't know how interested U.S. Astrologers are in U.K. matters, but now have the birthdate of the leader of the Miners. His name is Arthur Scargill and an avowed communist. He has at the present moment called out the miners on strike, against the proposed closure of certain mines which are worn out...but cost the nation untold millions. Am amused to note he is almost a birthday mate of mine! Born 11 Jan. 1936.

Raphael's Almanac for that date - birthday prediction is: A child born this day will be of practical and powerful nature, confident and clever in business, modern and progressive. How's that for exactitude! The midday planets are: Sun Capr. 20.6; Sun 21 Leo 45; Neptune 16 Virgo 38 r; Uranus 1 Taurus 33; Saturn 6 Pisces 54; Jupiter 13 Sag. 49; Mars 27 Aquarius 36; Venus 9 Sag. 25; Mercury 7 Aqu. 7.57; Pluto 26 Cancer 30 r. North Node 12 Capri 22. His pro. planets = 28 Feb. Sun 8 Pisces 44; Moon 27 Taurus 24; Neptune 15 Virgo 35 r; Uranus 2 Taurus 23; Saturn 12 Pisces 20; Jupiter 21 Sag. 47; Mars 4 Aries 52; Venus 7 Aqu. 46; Mercury 12 Aqu 0; Pluto 25 Cancer 27 r. North Node 9 Capri. 49. Pro. Venus now conj. his Mercury gives him some success this year. But pro. Sat. comes to square his Jupiter and his Moon squares his Mars. Pro. Saturn next. No. Node. The pro. Mars/Aries shows his bully boys in action. He had a serious car accident a year or so ago, when pro. Sun conj. his Saturn and is in danger again in a year or so with pro. Sun conj. pro. Saturn.

ED DEARBORN, Norwood, PA **Mar. 8, 1984**

Does anyone know of a source book or booklet for astrological students who want to research work in Astrology?

I have seen brief references scattered in the literature that make reference to maximum distances of Mercury and Venus

from the Sun; the lesser number of births during the Sun transits of the winter (north hemisphere) signs; and the proportions of time the various planets spend in retrograde motion *versus* direct motion. These are just a few of the facts that would be very helpful to the amateur researcher.

Recently I read an article in a publication for astrologers in which the author placed emphasis on the frequency of retrograde motion among the outer planets - Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto. Since these planets are retrograde 40 percent or more of the time, one would **normally expect** this condition for any set of charts. In addition, the article referred somewhat casually to the presence of retrograde planets among the sample charts. Of course the average chart will probably have two or three retrogrades.

However, the point is that we amateur researchers **need** a reliable tool. If you know of one please let us know. If there is none available to the rank and file, would someone please help us out?

Thank you, **Edith**, for allowing me to make this pitch. We could all use good basic information to make out statements or articles less naive. Best wishes for an enjoyable summer.

MARY ELLEN CHOATE, Fairview Heights, IL March 9, 1984

Gail Gray: I really started studying astrology while I sat in hospital, with my mother in July 1981. T. Saturn/Jupiter conj. trine N. Saturn and square N. Venus, T. Neptune trine N. Jupiter. Wish I had started many years earlier.

Ginger Chalford: I've worn glasses since I was about 7 (1939). Lost my vision for at least 3 months (because of wrong type of frames) in Fall of 1941. (N. Neptune (4th house) square n. Mars/asc.) Left eye vision very poor and right eye can't be brought up to about 20/40 even with glasses.

Joy Kajan-Basile: Thanks for info on where to get "Weather Predicting." I have it now; and am anxious to get some charts started. It sounds interesting.

NEWSFLASH !!!!!!!!!!!!!

A new asteroid has been discovered by Dr. Gif U Thashaft, and he has given it the name:

ELEVATOR.

While we do not have a complete ephemeris for it yet, this body has already proven to be a major influence on the ups-and-downs of the country!

It has been given three separate symbols:

When it is in Direct Motion: **UP**

When in Retrograde Motion: **DOWN**

When stationary: **STUCK**

Unlike the other asteroids, this one is caught in a peculiar relationship with the earth. Instead of orbiting the Sun, it seems to orbit the Earth, but at right angles to the Plane of the Ecliptic. Thus the name is quite fitting, as it appears to ascend and descend, just like an elevator.

It has a very strange revolution - at times, you can wait seemingly forever for its transit, and at other times, it seems to pass you by without your being able to even get aboard the good things it brings. And beware of its station - if it falls upon one of your planets, you will be stuck in a relationship for seemingly an eternity, with someone who represents the worst qualities of the aspected planet - and who has a bad case of halitosis.

We have not been able to study it too much in natal charts yet, but it seems that the house your natal Elevator occupies is either the area that is so full of strangers in your life that you feel totally impersonal there, or else is the area where you are most afraid to be alone at night.

Currently it is at 3 Leo, no, 4 Leo, no 5, 6, 7, 8, - it is moving too fast now to chart. It will slow down when it reaches the top of Leo, and then we can get on board the research of this little body.

Two more things: Size - much smaller than you wish it was. Also, it always seems to skip the 13th degree of any sign, jumping from 12 59 to 14 01.

I will keep you informed, as we find out more about it.

MANI JEHAN

BOB DOWNS, Scottsdale, AZ March 12, 1984

Just a few short lines to let you know how much I appreciate the **MH** and the outstanding job you are doing. One of the nicest things that has happened to me this year was being introduced to this exciting magazine.

Regarding that wonderful little book "Easy Predictions With Solar Returns." I love it, the only problem is the book showed my 1st house of personal self to be the one to watch for the time period and I was just sure it had to be the 2nd house of money, because that's where my concern was most of the time. Well...I did everything but stand on my head to make it come out the 2nd and it just didn't work, kept coming up 1st house. Since then, totally unexpected, my wife and I decided to go on a diet, they never worked before, and we lost a lot of weight. I lost 25 pounds and I'm back to where I was 15 years ago and there is still another month to go before the Solar Chart is up. How about that, the chart was right all along.

JOAN O'NEILL, No. Arlington, NJ March 13, 1984

Those of us who live in the No. Arlington, Kearny, New Jersey area have been fortunate to watch our own **Mimi Levine** on local cable television. "Journey Into the Cosmos" may be seen every Wednesday morning at 11:30 a.m. This show is a delightful, well-presented astrological program. Her format is so professional I thought I thought I was viewing a prime time talk show.

Among her guests, who have appeared so far, are Sylvia Sherman, Shirley Tabatnek and Linda Shurman. Each of them have shared their specialty, therefore enriching the astrological field so that the public is aware that Astrology is more than just "Sun signs." This is well-worth watching and Mimi deserves credit for her fine presentation. "Well done Mimi."

P.S. I'm doing pretty good at the slot machine with my Jupiter return. Very good during a Saturn Hour might be because Jupiter is in Capricorn?

ALAN RICHTER, Salt Lake City, UT Mar. 11, 1984

Lately I've been reading a lot of articles in which it is argued that Astrology justifies socialism. I don't think these astrologers have thought the matter through.

At the present time, Astrology depends 100 percent on disposable income. That means that if all income has to be used for food, shelter, clothing, transportation and medical expenses, Astrology would die. This explains why Astrology flourishes in times of affluence.

If there were socialism what reason is there to believe that Astrology would be one of the disciplines receiving government funding when it is not receiving such approval at the present time?

I guess these socialist astrologers are looking to a time when the total economic needs of the people are met by the Government and astrologers could afford to provide their services for free. This might be a possibility, but it still does not solve my need of wanting to teach and research openly, using astrological techniques to study weather, earthquakes, economic cycles, psychology or any other of the so-called legitimate fields of study. I don't wish to be a clerk and do my Astrology on the side whether for free or for fee.

So, the fundamental question is not capitalism versus socialism, the fundamental issue is getting Astrology accepted into the list of legitimate fields of study inside the universities. This issue transcends the issue of economic ism.

I am also aware that it is not in everyone's self-interest

that Astrology be accepted into the universities. This would still leave a class of people, professional astrologers, who would be operating outside of the universities as they are now. For example, these people are not interested in learning of any scientific research which might disprove one or more of the generally accepted astrological techniques or tenets. Yet, I do not agree with these people. I believe in the truth win out. Although there could be pain along the way, in the long run the Astrology that will be practiced in the 21st century will be more scientific because of scientific research being done now and in the future. Who will do this research? Without funding and without open minds and respect from the academic community, frankly, I don't see how it will ever be accomplished.

This is the reason why I have become such a rabid capitalist. With pure capitalism we can say to the statist, "Close you -- d--n state universities, I will pay my disposable income to go to ABC Astrology school and get what I want, at the time supporting the salaries of the teachers and the researchers who are pushing forward the limits of Astrology."

Of course, it would be best if Astrology were not isolated from the rest of the disciplines in which case instead of going to ABC Astrology school, I want to choose to attend a well rounded university where Astrology is one of the disciplines and if my state-supported school is not one of them, I do not want to pay taxes to keep such a school operating.

No, if Astrology and socialism and love all go together, count me out. I am on the side of truth, science and free enterprise. If this be divisive, so be it.

DEFIANCE GREGG, Old Town, FL **Mar. 4, 1984**

Sigvard Mahler Dam of Denmark computed the chart of Regiomontanus on such a beautiful chart. Is there a way to get charts like that and where can you. Ask him if you do not know, through MH. I think the fact that there is an art design on the chart adds to its meaning if used for clients. I haven't seen anything like it.

Thank you for any help in getting me acquainted with the source. (Chart was in Jan. '84 issue.)

Also, I will be having an Ad in the local newspaper telling them an Astrologer is here. I'd like to meet any Astrologer in the area if there is an organization. There is a City of Gainesville, a college town about 40 miles away, perhaps there is something active over there. I never have been involved before but I think I may try to now that I have a settled feeling coming on.

Thank **Thomas Barrett** about Computers. I hope to find one and have waited for you to get the information on the best type.

JOYLYN HILL, Denver, CO **Mar. 14, 1984**

I think it would be just as useful to study the charts of people who get AIDS who are not homosexuals. Hemophiliacs, for instance, or drug users. The Center for Disease Control reports 42 cases of AIDS in children under the age of five, of which there have been 29 fatalities so far. (See **THE SUN**, Wed., Feb. 15, 1984, pp. D11 and D12.) In the article just cited, a time is given for little Sam Kushnick who died on Oct. 13, 1983 at 4:30 p.m. at the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. His parents, Helen and Jerry Kushnick, live in Beverly Hills. Little Sam had a twin sister, Sara, who outweighed Sam by a few pounds and was 2 inches taller when her brother died. They were both premature, both weighing just over 3 pounds at birth. It takes a couple of years or so for AIDS to develop into its lethal stage, so little Sam was 3 years and 2 months old when he died. In California, birth certificate information is fairly easy to acquire, provided you can supply the names of the parents, as well as the place of birth.

Obviously, blood donors should be more carefully screened, as poor little preemies need to have transfusions to replace the

blood taken for the many tests than an infant needs in neo-natal intensive care. The blood is given just a few cc's at a time, and Sam Kushnick needed 20 of these blood transfusions in the 7 weeks following his birth. Apparently, he had caught AIDS by the time he was less than 2 years old, or at any rate, he got a cold he never recovered from in the fall of 1982. It developed into an ear infection and high fever. He looked anemic, but the antibiotics worked for awhile.

To **Victoria L. Stephens**: AIDS came to Haiti from Africa, so apparently it is not a new disease like I thought, but an old one. Africans got it from the pigs they raised. The pig is only a carrier; the real villain is a fungus. Syphilis did not originate in the New World, but in Africa, as did gonorrhea. About 40 years before Columbus discovered America, the Portuguese rounded the Cape of Good Hope, and were starting colonies on that continent, as well as in India. So, the Portuguese brought the disease into Europe, not the Spaniards. The Indians brought back to Spain had syphilis, but they may have caught it from the crew. If not, then syphilis is a very ancient disease, and had been brought to America in ancient times, perhaps by Egyptian colonists, or Mesopotamians, who were in Mexico and South America circa 2000 B.C.

AIDS is supposed to be pandemic by the year 2004 A.D. This is based on its present doubling rate, and is projected on the premise that no cure is found by then. Maybe the only people who won't have it by then are those who never have blood transfusions, do not use drugs, and have quite limited sex lives.

CHARLES MONTGOMERY, La Quinta, CA **Feb. 1984**

Reference: Lawrence Jerome's "Astrology Disproved", in which he claims that Astrology is magic, and having built up that straw-man, proceeds to knock it down.

SCIENCE VIEWS THE MAGIC OF ASTROLOGY

To windblown sands of tideless basin
 Where priestly artifacts are stored
 On eager feet I'll swiftly hasten
 To seek therein some antique hoard
 Of raiment dusted by the years,
 A ring, a wand without a flaw,
 A peaked cap with ass's ears,
 From which I'll frame a man of straw.

Enrobed in dress of astrologer,
 With herbs for hands, mandrake for arms,
 With eye of newt and toe of frog,
 Adorned with talismans and charms,
 I'll make my caricature, and fill
 With ancient hay, from pasture lorn --
 Where once pranced Pan -- which now lies still,
 Abandoned by the unicorn.

And then when he is fully garbed
 I'll set him up and burn him down
 With darts, by fire-tips embarbed,
 And prove my astrologer a clown.
 And should some seek to have his ash
 In columbarium inurned,
 They'll find no sacred place to stash
 His cremains by all science spurned.

Q.E.D.

JOHN R. VANDERVEKEN, San Jose, CA Nov. 20, 1983

To John Van Zandt. Thanks a lot for your letter dated Nov. 15, and received yesterday at 13:17. And thanks for the trouble you took to go through a cartographic program, it helped me.

On the basis of your communication, and in consistence to my own "theories" about event charts, I had to come to the conclusion that Mars, Saturn and Pluto (which describe the event) should be at consecutive angles and in conjunction with angles within $1\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ of orb of zodiacal arc: that way the planets in consideration would be in Paran (Mundane square). As you will see a chart for Vladivostok (Zone 8 of U.S.S.R.) is showing exactly these features. Looking now for a city on the west coast of Japan with a closest possible position on the same geographical parallel we find Otaru (Hokkaido Island) at 141E01 and 43N10; the difference in Local Time between these 2 cities is 14 min. and 36 sec. and should thus represent an arc of $3^\circ 39'$ approximate on the zodiacal circle for the MC. and the IM. the Mid-point of the conjunction Saturn/Pluto being 4 Libra 33', the IM. should be between 3 Libra 03' and 6 Libra 03' (a range of 12 min. of time). Within these limits the Asc. varies from 16 Cancer 11 to 18 Cancer 29 keeping the $1\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ of orb with Mars. Because Saturn and Pluto are very close in RA (diff. is only 8 min. in time, $51'$ of arc on Prime Vertical) the orb of conjunction could probably be estimated larger than $1\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ on the zodiac.

These considerations lead us to conclude that the jetliner had to have been destroyed off shore of U.S.S.R.'s east coast at a distance of about 100 miles (rough estimate) from shore, on a fictive straight line joining Vladivostok to Otaru. If we had large and accurate military maps we probably could consider different and more possibilities.

We know remains have been found on west shores of Japan but we don't know precise locations, and we don't know if this fact could inform or confirm our astrological hypothesis. At this point this is all I can write on the subject: too many factors are not known and/or are kept secret; I expected a radar screen to detect not only the object but also its exact position...apparently this is not so OR all available information has not been divulged.

Elements of Speculative Chart for Vladivostok
(Sidereal)

SUN 13 Leo 16'	Neptune Retr. 1 Sag. 58'
MOON 16 Taurus 56'	Pluto 3 Libra 02'
Mercury 6 Virgo 10'	Chiron 7 Taurus 39'
Venus Retr. 2 Leo 59'	Aries Point 5 Pisces 29'
Mars 17 Cancer 04'	N. Node 27 Taurus 17'
Jupiter 8 Scorpio 13'	ASC 17 Cancer 20'
Saturn 6 Libra 05'	MC 5 Aries 03'
Uranus 10 Scorpio 41'	

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Can't get heliocentric progressions out of your computer, but you can get natal positions? Can't get anything but solar arc directed Midheaven and Asc. from your computer when you prefer traditional calculations? A way has been found to fool your computer into providing the desired information. The method works only from one progressed birthday to the next, and no in-between periods, but this is better than nothing at all. If needed, you can interpolate between the birthdays.

Follow the same procedure used before computers entered astrology. Count down in the ephemeris one day past the birthday for each year of life. When the desired date is reached, enter that date in the computer as though born that day. Enter the same birth time and the same latitude and longitude as for the natal chart. Only the birthdate is changed. The chart appearing will give you the prog. Midheaven and the prog. Asc.

as well as both the Geo and Helio prog. planets' positions. They will relate to the birthday of that year.

Example: Presidential candidate John Glenn was born July 18, 1921 at a rectified time of 4:08 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (4 p.m. recorded) at 40N02 81W35 (Cambridge, Ohio). He will be age 63 in the election year of 1984. Sixty-three days after his birth brings his prog. date to Sept. 19, 1921, and this date is entered into the computer, along with the birth time and place of birth. For his birthday in July 1984, the prog. Midheaven will be $25^\circ 58'$ Scorpio and Asc. $4^\circ 18'$ Aquarius. His prog. Sun $26^\circ 22'$ Virgo; prog. Moon $25^\circ 31'$ Aries; prog. Helio Mercury $5^\circ 28'$ Sag.

BETH KOCH, Patchogue, NY

Jan. 6, 1984

I thought I'd share the following birth data for "Baby Jane Doe," the infant born with some severe handicaps who gained national attention due to the "parents rights" controversy surrounding her care. Baby Jane Doe, Oct. 11, 1983, 10:22 a.m. EDT, Port Jefferson, NY (40N57, 73W03). Source: Newsday, a reliable L.I. newspaper.

MARA FLAXBAUM, Somerville, MA **Jan. 8, 1984**

I'm writing to the MH because I'm very concerned about the motions that are being made to create standardized testing and licensing as a means of assuring astrological competence. Besides the obvious questions re qualifications, standards, and monitoring, I have great reservations about the integrity of this approach. I realize that testing is one way of measuring what a person knows while also establishing grounds for licensing. An astrologer can be tested on her/his ability to calculate accurate charts as well as Her/his command of the astrological symbol system, while these are certainly necessary skills for the professional astrologer, they do not actually indicate whether a person with these skills is a professional or a charlatan. It seems to me that our concern here is not so much what is known as much as how the knowledge is used. Testing enmeshes astrology into bureaucratic structures, and they mislead the public (and would-be astrologers) into believing that the mastery of this information makes for good astrological counseling.

To protect ourselves and the public, we need some way of monitoring the application of astrology. I admit that I don't know how to do this. Tests may be tried, but like we see in other professions, they are no way of guaranteeing professional competence. For example, consider the fields of medicine, counseling and psychology, who have their share of quacks even with years of formal training and testing (even more than we'd consider). There are no ready answers but I do have a few suggestions. First, why don't we define for ourselves and the public what distinguishes a good astrologer from a bad one, and how he/she can be found. Marion Weinstein does this in her book, "Positive Magic" (Rev. Ed., ©1981, Phoenix Publ. Co.), and I think she gives us a good place to start. Another idea I have is that there be more opportunities for professional astrologers to teach/communicate/assist/supervise up and coming astrologers. Let's use every learning medium available to us: audio and video-taped sessions; workshops, study groups, role-playing, internships, journal writing and reviews, etc. We need more dynamic approaches which stress applying knowledge and not just knowing.

In the urge toward professional growth, let's not lose sight of our roots. Historically, after a period of apprenticeship, and with the approval of masters, individuals were admitted into a circle of practitioners. This approach shames standardized testing and licensing. We have a debt and a commitment to the astrologers who did not allow the State or any other special interest group to control "acceptable astrological truth." We are using a tool to assist people in exercising their free will and making informed decisions based on self-understanding. Our

success cannot be measured tangibly, and our skills cannot be quantified. If each of us made our own individual commitment to contribute to the education of astrologers and the public whenever the opportunity might arise, then we'd be nurturing professional integrity by educating practitioners properly.

AL H. MORRISON, New York, NY 31 Dec. 1983

On second reading: **Joylyn Hill**: The term "void of course" is strictly reserved for the Moon, and until I created the world's first organized ephemeris of the periods of void of course Moon, 1968, it was reserved for those occasions when astrologers casting Horary or Elective charts happened to find it thus.

Planets lacking aspects are called PEREGRINE, since ancient times. This condition is alleviated, compensated, by being on angles, singleton by hemisphere or by disposition, conjunct 1st Magnitude Fixed Stars, singleton by element or quality, that sort of distinction. Please let us leave these centuries-old technical terms alone, not go mixing them up. They are not equivalent to each other. There is no such thing as a void of course planet, no such thing as a peregrine Moon. What you say of Peregrine planets is quite valid. I only object to using the wrong label for them.

Salome Levi: You could have disagreed with everything in Roy Alexander's book without attacking him personally. I happen to know him. He is a gentle soul who achieves good results in counselling very disturbed people. People who do not want to see charts and hear technical terms.

I myself am profoundly opposed to mixing astrology with psychology. My own experience includes: 7 years of psychoanalysis, an informal education in psychiatry (no credentials or license), and a great deal of information from clients who do practice clinical psychology, manage mental hospitals, and the like. My own experience and the evaluations of the "psychology" most astrologers produce or present tell me that very very few of us are anywhere near competent in any of the many specialized fields of psychiatry/psychology.

I strive to practice astrology, traditional, plus some reasonable extensions of tradition in considering the new planet Chiron, the asteroids (sometimes, not in all cases), The General Drift Chart (where applicable), and such like. Yet, despite all efforts, every so often some new client sets up some ambush in which the only appropriate thing is to have some skills and experience in psychiatry, and use them. Actually, a great many astrologers do need to understand more of the psychiatry/psychology fields, and something about serious counselling. Error in this direction can provoke legal complaints, harassment of astrologers, a bad name for all of us. I think you have missed the point of Roy Alexander's book.

DIANE ZEINES, New York, NY Dec. 31, 1983

I've been on vacation for 2 weeks and have been a real lazy bones except for one thing: I bought a computer! Yes, folks, the kid has computer fever. I am now the proud owner of an IBM-PC. I haven't as yet bought a printer but I will be getting a letter quality printer because I need it for business. I also haven't considered buying an astrology program yet because (1) I don't have the money, (2) I can make-do with my COMPUCHART and (3) I have ceased doing chart readings (I hate doing them, so I said the hell with it). However, I'm sure that sometime in the future I will get an astrology program.

It's really wonderful having a computer. A year ago I don't even think I knew what "software" was. I used to read the ads in **MH** for Matrix and AGS and I really never knew what they were talking about. So, now I am learning. Took a class in BASIC and I now know that I definitely don't want to be a programmer. I'm much happier playing with my word processing program (Multi-mate). And I've decided not to buy a printer until Mercury goes Direct. Rx mercury is not my

favorite transit. Things usually get fouled up for me. I was supposed to work for someone and after 2 phone calls, the whole thing fell apart because HE couldn't get things together with someone else. I couldn't care less because I'm not in a working mood.

Barbara Cameron: Thanks for the Christmas greeting. I didn't send out cards this year, so I didn't want you to think I forgot you.

Barbara Brann (p. 14, Jan. '84): Thanks for the kind words for Pisces. I know we get on people's nerves sometimes (well, lots of times) but we really aren't as bad as all the astrology books say. When I was a teenager just exploring astrology for the first time, I felt very defensive about having to be the "dustbin of the zodiac." I really loathed that description. You're right; we don't stick up for ourselves. I've known lots of Pisces people and they are usually very successful and not wishy-washy or pathetic like they (the astrological community) have made us out to be. I agree with **Betty Lundsted** when she says that Pisces people may seem weak on the outside but they are like iron on the inside. And their opposite sign, Virgo, is the sign that always seems so together on the outside, but they are like mush on the inside. I do think Pisces people can be lazy and we would rather let someone else take care of things if they so desire. There are many things I just don't like to do - like laundry, cooking, cleaning, sewing. So I take my laundry in to the laundromat and let them do it. I eat out all the time and I take all my clothes to a tailor. Unfortunately, I still clean for myself, but I don't do that too often either! I've also been sort of peeved at hearing how wonderful the Aquarian Age is going to be. Much as I like my Aquarian friends (and I have Venus and Jupiter there), I think Aquarius can be a very cold, very hard, and know-it-all kind of sign. Here I go doing Sun Sign astrology - so beat me, kick me, what can I say. There is no perfect sign. We all have our faults. All Pisces are not loving and compassionate. In fact, they probably are here to LEARN compassion. All Aquarians are not humanitarians. But they are here to LEARN to be humane. Most of the Aquarians I've known (including my fabulous - may he rest in peace - father) have been extremely close-minded (except to their own fixed opinions) and are some of the most prejudiced people I've met. I've known good and bad in all signs. I've known some Pisces who are real space-cadets and can't take care of themselves half-way down the street unless you force them to!! But I really feel that most of the qualities that we attribute to each sign is mainly what they are here to learn, not so much what they already have/own. Aquarians can be extremely rigid, more like their Saturn co-ruler than the Uranus rulership. But they have wonderful ideas if only they didn't always think that they were right and that there is no other way to see it. I've seen some Aquarians argue and argue and if you don't agree with them, they may stop arguing, but believe me, they'll be back, because in the interim they've figured out some new angle and they're ready to start discussing the issue all over again - until they get you to see that they are right. And some Pisces I know - including myself - will force YOU to be compassionate to them, even if it means giving you a great dose of Jewish guilt. (I've got it down to a science. My brother tells me that when I'm hurt I sound like a wounded animal. Thanks a lot, bro'.) But all of this is just my way of saying, don't dismiss the Pisces. He's a very strong individual and he can take care of himself very well. It's just that the Pisces emotion is right on the surface and people will think that because there may be tears or a verbal confession of fear, then he probably can't take care of himself, which just isn't true. I judge people by how they act, not by what they say. The other thing about Aquarians that I've never understood is that I have never met an Aquarian who thought that the group/Society was more important than the individual.

All the Aquarians I've known felt that the group was worthless and in fact, a failure, but that may be the idealism. Oh well, I think I've said too much. I'll probably get chewed out now.

Stephen S. Stanton (p. 36): Thanks for the compliment.

DOREEN LINDEMAN, Kitimat, B.C.

21 Dec. 1983

Barbara Goggin (38th Ed., p.30): You would appear to be correct about Taurus Moons, at least in my family. Two of my daughters and myself have Moon in Taurus and hate to rise in the mornings, but on the other hand like to stay up late at night. My other daughter has Moon in Cancer and is the exact opposite. Early to bed and early to rise. My son, with Moon in Scorpio, also rises early. The only exception is my Leo husband, also with Moon in Taurus, who naps at the drop of a hat, stays up late and gets up early, but has Cancer planets and Mars in Cancer. **Edith**, I think **John McCormick** is right. My Libran daughter with Moon in Taurus, uses at least 4 alarms to get herself up in the mornings.

I also purchased "The Gold Book" last Sept. as soon as it was printed. It is an excellent book for those inclined to this type of research. Indeed, **Ray Merriman** has excelled himself. I wish I could say the same for the publishers, however. I purchased the softcover for \$50.00, as I always have to add at least 25% extra, being a Canadian buying from the U.S. Before I was halfway through the book the pages began falling out. I don't dare open the book up fully in case the whole thing falls apart. I wrote the publishers, but to no avail. The book is badly bound, so perhaps anyone thinking of buying this should be careful. Actually, I have had problems with books, correspondence etc. the whole time Neptune has been passing back and forth over my natal Mercury in the 12th house. It is now 4° past it, but the troubles still seem to continue. Or perhaps it's just the fact that Neptune is in the 12th house. Thank heavens it won't be in for too much longer.

To **Denise Anderson** (38th Ed., p. 52): I have Saturn widely conj. my Capricorn Asc. My Mother says I was very tiny and very frail when a baby. My Father died when I was 10 years old. Although we were not poverty stricken, my Mother worked hard to support us. When I was 2 years old, someone gave me an apple, without my Mother's knowledge. A piece stuck in my throat and she had to dislodge it with her finger, thus causing an infected throat from which I nearly died. (Similar to suffocation you could say.) I also attribute this to my Scorpio Venus opposition the fixed star Algol. Interestingly, my Venus is 24° 2'. Note the 2 minutes. I was 2 years old. I also had a very bad case of whooping cough; according to Dr. Cornell's Medical Book, this is a Gemini and Sag. disease. I have Gemini on the 6th house and Sag. on the 12th house cusps, with Sun also in Sag., but in the 11th house.

I myself, find items like the above interesting because I learn from them. I rather think this is the kind of thing that **Bobbi Adams** might appreciate, that is, if he knows that many astrologers think that Algol has to do with the neck and that the hours and minutes seem to denote the age when events similar to the nature of the planet or the house seem to occur.

ALAN RICHTER, Ph.D., Salt Lake City, UT

Dec. 26, 1983

I was reading through the Jan. '84 edition and noted all the sloppy charts. **Bonnie Fesler's** charts don't even have the time or the date. **B.C. Serotti** gives 3 charts. One is done correctly. Two fail to state the Time Zone. Some people might think I am nit-picking but not everyone lives in Calif. and the name of the Time Zone should be stated. **Guy dePenguern** does not state the name of the Time Zone on Reagan's chart. **Jewell Fahey** gives a chart for the AFA with no time or date. **Marc Penfield** gives 4 charts not naming the Time Zone. In the case of the shooting down of the KAL 007 this is critical because the

plane was shot down on Aug. 31, 1983 Greenwich Time and Sept. 1, 1983 Japan Time. The abbreviations that **Jewell Fahey** uses make no sense to me. Is ST Standard Time or Sidereal Time? True local time is not sufficient for a chart. The Standard Time should also be given and stated.

Now here are the people who presented charts properly. One of **B.C. Serotti's** charts is presented properly. The chart for Luella given by **T. Patrick Davis** is an excellent sample of how a chart should be given and this is for the 19th century. Some people can't present a chart properly for the 20th century. **Penny Bertucelli's** chart for Ernest Hemingway is presented properly. **Bunny DeVore** gives the necessary information in the text accompanying the chart of an event but I still think it would have been better to repeat the place, date, time, Time Zone, and what the chart is about (name of person or event) inside or next to the chart in case the chart gets lost or cut out.

Astrology is presently in a Tower of Babel because we are not observing some elementary rules of communication. If the readers of **MH** are too individualistic and sloppy to observe the rules then maybe **Edith** should take on the responsibility of editing charts. Perhaps she could devise a red arrow pointing to the omission. These would say "No Time Zone" or "Time Zone?" I realize it would be too much trouble to send each chart back to the author to be corrected and returned by return mail.

I am afraid I am not in agreement with the general **MH** philosophy that the primary point is communicating. If we don't communicate clearly according to rules with which we all agree then we are not communicating, just getting ourselves in print. This matter is no different than if **Edith** were to spell English language words using different letters sometimes. Either use the astrology language correctly or expect to be edited. Maybe those who need editing should be "billed" for the costs involved.

I don't mean to scare away new students of astrology. Go ahead and submit and hopefully **Edith** can edit. [Alan: we can only print what we get. First of all, I am not SUPPOSED to have to make up charts for anyone. They should come in done in the size of the column and in BLACK INK so they will photocopy. Full information should be included, written out and not abbreviated and it should also include THE SOURCE of the chart. Perhaps if we just stop printing any charts that do not meet these requirements folks will get the idea? **Edith.**]

I wish to make some comments about the full page ad by **Al Morrison** on the Alternative Prize.

Some people might judge me too severely but in my opinion the function of jokes is to alleviate the tension in the real world not to substitute a false world for the real one. If the experimental design behind the **Geoffrey Dean** contest is poorly thought out, that is not reason to spend the money for a full page ad in **MH**. I can think of better ways to spend money. For example, why doesn't **Morrison** propose an alternative genuine contest which avoids the pitfalls of the **Geoffrey Dean** one.

In that regard I think the error in the **Dean** contest is to attempt to prove or disprove that part of astrology that deals with the personality characteristics of human beings rather than that part of astrology that deals with the timing of human events. The first is too difficult to prove or disprove. The second is provable. Everybody can argue whether I am severe or fun-loving but you can't argue about when I left Texas, it was March 28, 1983.

The reason that I am mainly occupying myself with mundane astrology is that I believe that the day when establishment meteorologists accept and make use of astrology will come sooner than the day when establishment psychologists accept and make use of astrology. This might be because of the religious prejudice against astrology which will take a long time to overcome.

Morrison is not accomplishing anything except throwing

away money other than the eliciting of this response. (I've got Uranus on his Asc.).

MARION D. MARCH, Encino, CA

December 1983

To **Alan Richter**, Jan. '84, p. 7 - The nodes are listed in **Neil Michelsen's** "American Ephemeris for the 20th Century." The True Nodes are given for each day, and the mean nodes for the beginning of the month, which is enough since they move at an even speed of 10 minutes for each 3 days.

I adore pp. 8 and 14 - on p. 8 **Lynne Rich** thanks **Edie** and me for our comments on separating astrology and psychic fairs, on p. 14 **Barbara Brann** chastises us for them. Guess it's the Aquarius/Sag. combination in my chart that enjoys a magazine where everybody can express their opinion, even if it is diametrically opposed to mine.

To **Sharra Benden**, p. 37 - Tom Selleck was born Jan. 29, 1945 at 8:22 a.m. in Detroit, MI according to **Penfield**, Oct. '81 **MH**, p. 17.

To **Bob Prince**, p. 61 - My, my, aren't you in a vitriolic mood. But don't let it out on innocent bystanders like **Harry Whitaker** who has tried (and succeeded) to continue **Bob Jansky's** dream of an Astrological Book Club, under very difficult and trying conditions. Bob Jansky was a great fellow and I loved him dearly; we were good friends who lived close to and saw each other at least once a week, but Bob made many promises that Harry could not possibly keep, because the research data was mostly farmed out with others, the many ideas for books were only written in his head and two lines of notes scribbled somewhere. It is not Harry's fault if promises are broken, believe you me.

After you get through picking on Harry, you pick on 'Edie' who dared say that she prefers Glenn's mother's time to the birth certificate. Personally I will always choose officially recorded data rather than "mother," but please remember that the official seal is no guarantee either, since the time so carefully stamped and legalized, was given by a parent in former years, and is given by a doctor nowadays, who more often than not says: "Oh, nurse, did you check the time?" To which the nurse mostly replies: "I think it was..., so let's call it..." None of this is as yet scientific or really reliable. In Glenn's case we are also in doubt about the time zone to add to our dilemma...so back off Edie's case.

JOYLYN HILL, Denver, CO

Jan. 7, 1984

To **Joan McEvers**: "The rights given to us by the Bill of Rights were from the Masonic Order..." (40th Ed., p. 6). That's interesting if that is what the Masons claim or teach. Perhaps a course in common law and study of Anglo-Saxon jurisprudence would be of help. There are many, many humanitarian organizations in the world, but very few feel required to engage in secrecy.

The U.S. does not have a double-sided Great Seal, an obverse and a reverse side. No other nation has this, and it does not make sense to suppose we have one. The so-called reverse side was one of many rejected designs shelved and forgotten for many years. Jefferson introduced this design to Congress. His Aries enthusiasm made him an ideal dupe. The All-Seeing Eye and the motto "Novus Ordo Seclorum" came from the Illuminati in Europe. This design was first displayed on the dollar bill in 1933.

The 13 stars in the blue field above the eagle used to be scattered at random with a fleecy cloud surrounding them, symbolizing heaven. Now these stars are gathered into a six-pointed star. Not a five-pointed star like we see in our flag, but a six-pointed star.

When the subversive Illuminati connection to Freemasonry was discovered in 1785 in Bavaria, frantic attempts to clean up the Masonic Order in this country began. Many prominent Americans left the order. John Adams was the most active in this movement. George Washington quietly dropped out by simply attending very infrequently at first and then ceasing to do that, finally admitting in his last years that he no longer had an interest in the order. This reform movement lasted only during his generation. Masonic lodges, however, still display his picture prominently to impress their members. (Washington was a Pisces.)

I know you are all tired of hearing about George Orwell's "1984," but there is no other phrase that I can think of in connection with the All-Seeing Eye more apt than "Big Brother Is Watching You." Superimposing a black capital letter "G" on it, as the Masons do, does not make it God. There is no need for the Creator of the galaxies to be concerned about monitoring or auditing your every thought. The universe operates within a framework of immutable and unchangeable law. Anything else is freedom of choice if it is possible to accomplish at all.

Masons and the Age of Reason crowd were prime movers of the French Revolution. This revolution is rated as a positive experience in current history books. So far the guillotine and the atrocities committed in northwestern France have not gone down the memory hole. Oh, but how dreadful of me to criticize the Founding Fathers, especially Jefferson as dupes! How immortal the Constitution is, and all that. But the Constitution is a museum document. It was abrogated on June 1, 1861 when Lincoln ordered the invasion of the States which had seceded from the Union. Jefferson Davis went through several treason trials after the war, confidently knowing that he couldn't be convicted, for there was nothing in the Constitution which forbade a state to secede, and the invasion of one state by another state was clearly unconstitutional. We are now ruled by bureaucratic law. (The Executive or President's Seal is the same as the Great Seal of the nation.) Until we can get some honest men on the Supreme Court to declare all the mass of petty laws in violation of the Constitution null and void, you cannot claim that we still live under the contract drawn up by the Founding Fathers, especially when so many of them violate the Bill of Rights.

There would be no need for the occult to be hidden or secret if it represented truth and would bear investigation. Neptune rules mystery and secrecy for a good reason. The gullible, the mentally lazy, and the dupes need a security blanket, and when they feel it is about to be snatched away, they recoil and then become evasive, hiding from the unpleasant and critical challenges. Neptune by tradition is also reputed to be involved in conspiracies, although, in my opinion, one should also look at Uranus, the ruler of rebellion, revolution, and armed insurrection.

It's a good thing this country believes in separation of church and state, but it needs to be really applied everywhere it should. In God (Money) We Trust. For some time, we have been the land of Money, Capitalism (which is not the same as Free Enterprise,) and the American Screw-You. Or Truth (that which can be printed,) Justice (losing your job,) and the American Way (for the lucky, the rip-off which occurs every April 15; for the unlucky, getting raped in or out of prison.) Truth (as long as it supports a favored cause) = Uranus, Justice (really a pipe dream rather than a reality in this world, which is why the concept of life eternal in a better world came about) = Neptune, and the American Way (lifestyles and attitudes) = Pluto.

At least a Uranian will persist until he succeeds. How often have you met the Neptunian attitude of "No use beating your head against a wall. It just wasn't meant to be. Why don't you

relax? You'll be a lot happier if you do, and pretty soon you'll forget all about wanting what you thought you needed. It really wasn't worth the effort." That's exactly the reason why Neptunians believe in Life After Death. They're lazy. They don't want to put forth any effort in this life to improve things in a major way. It's supposed to be given to them - if not in this lifetime, then in a future lifetime. Result: Nothing gets done, and yet these incompetents have the nerve to picture themselves as spiritual beings! If you want to know what a belief in reincarnation can do to a people, take a look at India. When it becomes a religion, there is always a priesthood interpreting what is "right" and what is "wrong." They will tell you what you deserve to have in a future life. Check any life reading you've had about your supposed former lives. Anything and everything is forgiven provided it is in accord with what the medium believes in. You will just have to work it out the recommended way. If it's something the medium doesn't approve of, he/she will have a fit, and give you all sorts of dire warnings about what you will get in a future lifetime. They pretend, of course, that they speak from Higher authority.

Neptune associated with Justice is not an original concept with me. Those of you who are familiar with tarot cards recognize Justice and its connection with the eleventh major arcanum in many decks, especially those carrying a medieval motif. The Church of Light Egyptian deck, however, says that true Justice is the eighth major arcanum, ruled by Capricorn, since eight is a number which is evenly divisible. It recognizes the XI card as Neptune-ruled, depicting The Enchantress or Sorceress. (Other decks - La Force, Strength, or Samson and the Lion.)

What this means, of course, is that mundane justice is connected with a political framework, and thus in Saturn's realm, while Justice in the medieval decks was associated with religion - with heaven and hell. With such concepts as predestination, few were the saved, narrow the strait, etc. Heaven is the ultimate Neptune world, what with wings, harps, and singing. But genuinely just? The poet Percy Bysshe Shelley, didn't think so. To quote him: "Hell is for men, heaven is for slaves." To deserve heaven, you must live for others in an altruistic sense, never taking the time to develop the self and its strengths.



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AUGUST

JULY

5, 1936 LET
6, 1932 MEC
6, 1946 KJP
8, 1916 AM
8, 1924 FRH
8, 1931 AW
9, 1926 EEF
9, 1943 ECM

1, 1918 LC

1, 1936 BM
3, 1921 WBW
3, 1948 AA
4, 1928 LTW
5, 1945 MH
6, 1911 VB
6, 1931 JG
7, 1918 MAR
7, 1931 DL

SEPTEMBER

1, 1948 LZ
2, 1942 PM
3, 1919 JM
4, 1915 EB
4, 1925 MH
5, 1948 SS
6, 1923 MVS
7, 1928 DFM

7, 1942 BP

9, 1913 MFR

10, 1915 RB

10, 1950 RD

11, 1931 ASA

11, 1944 SR

12, 1937 RDB

13, 1951 AS

14, 1925 MLE

14, 1933 SC

14, 1944 HPN

14, 1980 SM

15, 1953 WLH

16, 1935 LD

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20, 1946 DO

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21, 1920 MG

22, 1956 ZG

23, 1923 DS

23, 1933 JM

24, 1928 BS

24, 1932 JQ

25, 1941 SG

26, 1949 PP

27, 1930 CM

27, 1951 SJ

28, 1927 MM

29, 1919 HC

29, 1928 JL

30, 1952 TL

31, 1917 WAK

8, 1948 LS

11, 1933 MW

11, 1934 NH

11, 1944 NAG

11, 1949 TMCN

12, 1950 JS

15, 1942 MBDL

15, 1947 TBT

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16, 1944 GMcC

17, 1930 PP

18, 1920 RAB

19, 1941 SMT

19, 1958 LM

20, 1923 JCT

21, 1924 MR

24, 1948 LW

26, 1930 RED

26, 1931 JMcC

26, 1934 JMA

27, 1927 DO

27, 1935 MB

27, 1941 BW

28, 1917 EP

28, 1925 RT

28, 1935 GRW

29, 1953 SP

30, 1953 RB

DEFIANCE GREGG, Old Town, FL

March 17, 1984

I was inspired to write this the other evening...I think because I am very interested in the Neptune-Pisces effects since I am now living in a direct path of its influence according to **Astro*Carto*Graphy**.

CREATIVITY

During the month of Pisces-Neptune influence, if we attune ourselves to the mysteries of the influences about us, especially within ourselves, I feel that we are as much in touch with our spiritual nature as we can get.

Neptune gives us our angels and saints and all our religious training. Art of a spiritual nature almost always tries to be created. We go to the sea and walk the shoreline, listening to the sea gulls, watching the waves, listening...and feel as one with God.

There is a mystery of life being played and the song is repetitious and cyclical. Canneries are being made ready for the fishing season's next harvest and a feeling of Jesus with His twelve apostles can be felt. It is a time of beginnings and endings, a time to dream. We receive messages and little miracles for us in bits and pieces found here and there...we are sensitive to life. We aspire to heights and to service others.

Our houses tell us that Neptune on its journey gives the natural desire for friendship in the 1st, artistic possessions in the 2nd, the traveler in the 3rd, family benefits in the 4th, our dramatic actor in the 5th, the spirit of service in the 6th, a blending of circumstances for a relationship in the 7th, gifts of inheritance in the 8th, the true Christian in the 9th, the feminine side of the business world in the 10th, unusually different friends in the 11th and the sacrifices of the 12th.

I am the traveler of the 3rd in an equal house system or the beneficial family ties of the 4th in Placidus...and feel at home in each.

This is Sunday, I'd like to share my thoughts about this spiritual influence since I've found a home where I feel contented for the first time since I lost my husband 17 years ago. I chose a Neptune area of life purposely...somehow relating it to 'negative' found "positive" and a home through a request of a Novena. New doors are opened "at last" I see new horizons...and I like what I see.

DIANE ZEINES, New York, NY

Mar. 23, 1984

Just got finished reading the April '84 issue. It took me two days. I brought it on the train to work (in New Jersey) and it was wonderful company.

In one of my letters in this April '84 issue, I said I was losing weight but since then I have quit smoking and gained 10 pounds. As a matter of fact, I may weigh more than I am willing to face. I am not a tubby chubby, but since I am used to being slender, I am not thrilled with the zaftig look and nothing to wear. Transiting Jupiter is on my Ascendant so I did the remarkably spiritual thing to do and ate myself into a coma. How original of me. Well, I wanted to expand my horizons and I did, what can I say?

Jim Haynes (pg. 49): I got a big charge out of your "Natal Day Planet." It was fun. And I was born on a Venus day at a Moon Hour. A little emotional, would you say?

Joylyn Hill (pg. 38): You're writing is excellent. Enjoyed every word.

Pat Trowbridge (pg. 42): A great letter. All your advice was great and really hit home with me as I wanted to give it all up a few years ago. I was under some heavy duty transits and really going insane. But somehow the need was still there, so I kept going. I also decided to subscribe to **MH** and I started doing readings again.

But about a year and a half ago I went through another phase which I wanted to ask **MHers** about. I stopped doing readings. Oh, I had never really had a practice going or anything, but I was charging for my time. Most of the readings that I did were by cassette. I just couldn't bear to **FACE** anyone and do a reading. The few times that I did, I was okay, but something in me felt no satisfaction whatsoever from doing a reading, not even face to face. I finally came to the conclusion that I **DIDN'T HAVE TO DO IT**. But I am facing a dilemma now and it's called "Am I an astrologer?" What makes an astrologer an astrologer?? When do you get to call yourself an astrologer? Do you **HAVE** to do readings to be one? Do you **HAVE** to "do" anything at all? I think this is an important question for everyone and I would really like to hear some answers. I've been feeling guilty for the last few years whenever anyone says, "Do you do charts?" and I always say, "I don't do readings anymore." I feel like I **OWE** it to them; like they wouldn't be asking if they didn't need something and here I am holding back, being selfish and not giving them a reading. For family and friends, I give free astrological advice all the time, but for other people, even the measly fee of \$50 created problems. It just seemed that I never met up with people who wanted to pay it. With Saturn in my 8th, I tend to meet clients who can't afford to blow their nose (and this is true of my current typing business; that's why I work freelance for **AT&T**—I make more money from big corporations, practically nothing from individuals).

I also find myself just not **CARING** about these strange people. I feel, **WHO ARE THEY?** Why should I care to tell them about themselves? Who the hell am I to tell them about themselves? I don't want to! Most people want to know, "When will I meet someone?", "Will my health improve?", "Will I get a new job?", etc. etc. Those are the same things I want to know too, so I am not putting it down, it's just that I can never see it in the chart. Maybe the Pisces in me can't handle all the details of looking at progressions and transits and angles and aspects

and parallels and helio and geo and asteroids and god knows what else, all for what? Certainly not the money...and then there's days and days of research. (I always do mountains of research because I fear that I will be caught without the "answers" to all those pointed questions.)

In my transition as an astrological reader, I went from giving people heavy-heavy stuff to watered down and very simple advice because most people didn't want to hear all that heavy stuff.

Can one study Astrology and grow in Astrology without doing these readings? I have felt very pressured -- and the pressure was mostly from myself and also from psychics and astrologers who said I was a "natural" astrologer -- but it was like lightning hit me last year and I said "No more!" The last reading I did was for a 23-year-old man who didn't know what the hell I was talking about, and I was talking about **HIM!** He knew nothing about himself, didn't seem to care and only wanted to know when he was going to have fame and fortune as an actor. I said I really didn't think he was going to hit the big time for many, many years and then he got real prissy about it and said, "Well, I just got a national commercial; we're shooting it down in Atlanta this weekend." Meanwhile, I have never seen this so-called National Commercial, so who knows. He couldn't care less about what made him tick or what to do. And I'm tired of explaining to people that I am not a fortune teller and I don't predict. That's not what I want to talk to people about!! And I can't force them to listen to what I want to talk about, can I????

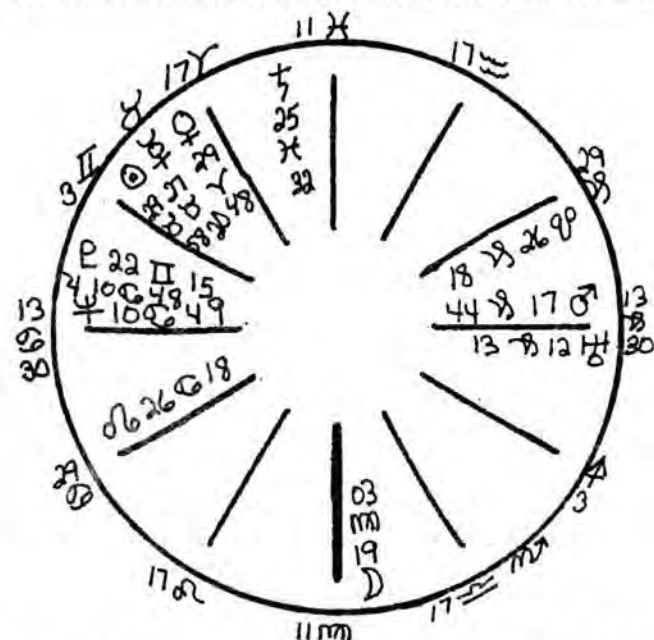
Like, for example, my uncle keeps rubbing my face in it. Ten years ago, when I was first studying, I looked at his chart and the chart of the woman he had just married (second marriage for both). I felt their charts were very good together, but then as I said, it was 10 years ago. I was new at this and I wasn't sure. I **STILL** think their charts are good together, but I **haven't got the patience** to sit down and go through all the aspects. Any anyway, you didn't need Astrology to see that they were perfect for each other. But to him, Astrology didn't give the correct information. It doesn't occur to him that **HE** screwed up the marriage (and **SHE** screwed up the marriage)...no, it's Astrology that's wrong, not him, not her, just Astrology. So now that they are in a messy and unhappy divorce, he brings up that "YOU said we were great together." Well, excuse me! Maybe I'm just a lousy astrologer, but I really don't think so. I have also come across many people who **HAVE** been helped by my readings, but still it doesn't make enough of an impression on me to make me want to do readings. Usually the people who are touched by my readings are people who I am already somewhat familiar with. It seems I **CARE** more about them if I know them a little. But I don't want to be "responsible" for someone else's life and I don't want to be blamed. I can't deal with people who cannot take responsibility for messing up all the good things that come their way.

I think all of you students out there should take heed of what I am saying. I think it's very important to determine why you are doing readings. I just hate the responsibility and I'm afraid I won't know the answers to what they want to know. So for me, it seems better to **NOT** read for people. I am just not that sure of myself, even after all these years (10 years of serious study). I tended to be overly positive about everything and never wanted to give bad news, so in my zeal I might have gotten people's hopes up. But I think there's more to it than what I am saying. I just don't see what the pleasure is in sitting down with someone and telling them all about themselves. I have to **KNOW** the person already in order to care enough to tell them anything.

I also think that you really have to have a lot of compassion and sympathy for people when you see some of the charts that they own (hell, mine is no picnic either) but I just can't muster up **ENOUGH** sympathy to want to do charts. Believe me, I have

never hurt anyone in a reading or said anything indelicate, as you advised (such as certain kinds of aspects where you know the person is usually going to LIE LIE LIE and you have to sit there and just say, "Okay, she obviously wants you to think she's a sex pistol...").

So what d'ya say folks? Can I still be an astrologer and NOT do readings? Does anyone out there feel the same way I do? I've been keeping this inside for a long time because it's embarrassing, but I hate doing readings, get no joy from them and when someone asks me to do one I groan, and if I agree to do one, I feel depressed!



JUDITH GEE, London, England

20 March 1984

This is the birthday chart of Sir Laurence Olivier, the foremost English actor and I got it from his book "Confessions of an Actor," published in London 1982 by Weidenfeld and Nicholson. And he got it from his own Birthday Book kept by his mother! The 22nd of May 1907, 5 a.m. Greenwich Mean Time. He was born at Dorking, Surrey, England, 51N14 0W20. He has been married 3 times to actresses. One of his wives was the ravishingly lovely Vivien Leigh who was Scarlett O'Hara in 'Gone With the Wind' film. They were both married at that time. Both divorced and married 21 Aug. 1940.

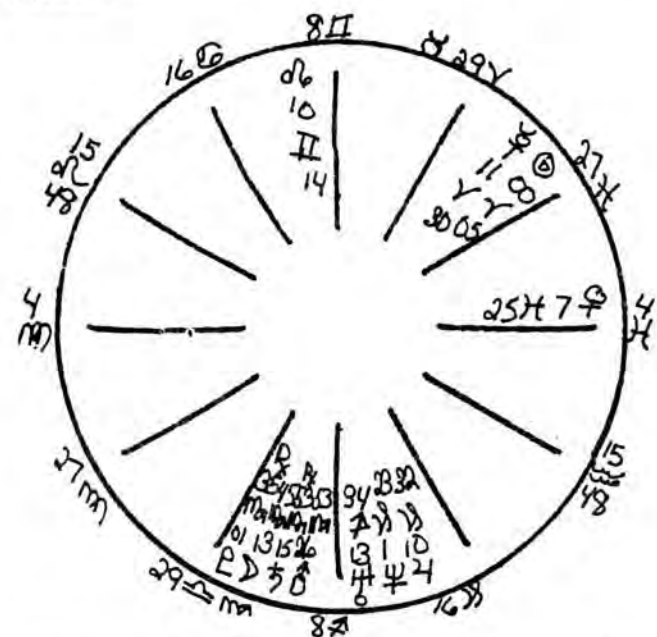
He lost his mother when he was 12 years...when his Mercury prog. to conj. his Saturn and his prog. Sun was inconjunct Uranus. Laurence has Jupiter exact conj. Neptune/Cancer...a most sensitive combination and in opposition to Uranus/Capricorn across the Horizon. He was born to divorce! His Moon is singleton in Virgo and the 4th house. And in wide opposition to Saturn/Pisces in 10th house. Strange that the Moon should denote death of mother so young. But one of my family, also has Moon/Virgo in 4th and lost her mother at the age of 10 years. His Sun conj. Mercury in the final degrees of Taurus gives him the much needed stamina as with 5 planets in Earth signs and 5 planets in Cardinal signs, he had a most varied career with great poverty in his early years as an actor.

Saturn in his 10th house always means some upset in his career and this happened more than once. It gives a great fall and collapse in his professional life...as with Napoleon and Hitler. But Laurence Olivier has recovered. As might be expected, with Moon/Virgo, his health is precarious. With most of his planets Oriental, he is self-motivated forming his own company often. Sun-Mercury-Venus all in 11th house has given

him many friends and Venus ruling his 5th house of creation and acting, and his Scorpio intercepted and ruled by Mars/Capricorn in 7th has given him an ability to create a variety of roles and excel in all of them.

He has travelled widely, and acted in New York, and in films in Hollywood...and also in Australia and New Zealand. But he always returns to his own country - his base, as one would expect with Moon in 4th - the Cancer sign of home.

The other chart I am enclosing, is amusing...it happened today at 2 p.m. in my own steet, as I was coming home at 2 p.m. (just slightly earlier) at the exact time of the Vernal Equinox...20 March 1984. A young man stopped me and asked, "Are you a writer?" "No, I'm an Astrologer!" "I see you writing - typing in your window. What is your sign?" "You don't expect an Astrologer to give away secrets!" "What's yours?" "I'm Scorpio!" He was blond blue-eyed and handsome...a real WASP type! But Scorpio...? His companion was dark...and an Aquarian!



The Chart for this brief encounter is interesting, as it has 29 Aries on M.C. the place of my Saturn and Moon/Scorpio 13, the place of my Jupiter! The young man, would be Asc. Leo and ruler in 9th in 0 Aries 5...as it was a 9th house question! The strong 4th and 5th houses - the encounter was close to my home, and I suspect the young man lives in the same street to see me typing in the window! It was a friendly question and well-intentioned from the North Node in 11th house. As 7th house the ruler is Uranus/Sag. which is at the moment opposed to my own radix Moon...and with Neptune and Jupiter, shows my reply - creativity...Yes, and Astrologer! Uranus! It is also interesting that he is Scorpio the sign the Moon was in; and his companion Aquarius...the 7th house cusp. Notice too, that Pluto is on I.C. The question and answer that may yet change or transform lives...as I shall probably see him again. I would have liked to ask him to come in...but I doubted that my husband' would welcome 2 strangers...after all he is not an Astrologer!

Oh yes, my Leo Sun sister had visited just before and told me she had won 100 pounds premium bonds...so the Spring Equinox had some pleasant surprises!

DOROTHY DOBRINSKY, Virginia Beach, VA March 25, 1984

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the many people who wrote me with their ideas concerning the physical and sexual abuse in my chart and the isolation of confinement. I answered as many as possible and am using the suggestions from everyone to pin down aspects I had possibly overlooked

due to my own inability to be objective.

Jim Haynes, although my father was born on a Venus day, he was sadistic from infancy according to his mother. He tortured animals as early as two, by putting sticks down their throats and drowning them in buckets of water and laughing with delight. He certainly had the Gemini trait for brilliance and a split personality, one totally separate and unknown by anyone but the family.

I must relate a good laugh at myself, these past few months. I have experienced a progression of Sun in opposition to Neptune in Leo in 2nd house. Along with this a transit of Sun, Jupiter and Neptune with a host of others over my Sun and Jupiter in natal. I perceived this as a possibility of winning some money among other things, so early in '83, I got info on lotteries in Canada (Neptune rules my 9th house of foreign) so I timed my purchases to match drawings in Nov. and Dec. when this great configuration would occur. To my great embarrassment and my family's delight I won \$10 on my birthday. I had spent about \$100 on this gamble. I have had serious financial problems for 3 years while Saturn transited my 4th and my Prog. Moon squared Saturn from my 2nd. My salary and bonus were frozen due to the recession. Well let me tell you how these aspects materialised. Christmas Day I received a home computer for a gift, I was delirious with joy. My water pipes froze in the walls and burst while I was away and flooded my downstairs on Dec. 26th. I lost my carpets, tropical fish, 30-year old collection of cook books, biographies, history etc. Insurance covered all my loss financially plus \$2000 over. In the usual optimistic Sag. way I reflected, I had read the books, needed a new carpet, paint and wall and Jupiter had bestowed the blessing she promised with Neptune as her cohort. After the month-long discomfort, I was filled with awe at how astrology can work, but we, in our wildest imagination cannot predict the actual happening, just the type of cycle. Since Dec., my salary was "unfrozen" and I received a substantial increase and several healthy bonuses. Since most of these progressions and transits occurred on my Solar Return, they will be effective all year and I expect a good year financially. I am still entering contests, and if we had lotteries here, I would enter every day. By the way, I know the fly in the ointment. My Neptune is square Venus and I have a Saturn return, but I believe a good Sun and Jupiter aspect can overcome that, if we put out the physical effort to assist. Of course Saturn is following along behind Jupiter to absorb all my assets. Due to the long transit of Neptune and Jupiter thru Sag. over my Sun and Jupiter I stopped by my doctor's to get a blood profile to see what damage I had done to myself besides putting on 20 pounds consoling my Cancer Moon with food while I watched my finances dwindle away. As expected the blood fat in my system had doubled, and as I am a potential cardiovascular victim, he put me on a no-fat diet. So now I'm on no fat, salt or sugar as Saturn approaches Venus and next year enters Sag. I tell you that's elementary astrology. All you students watch your own life! To be an astrologer you have to be obsessed with the question "why." My generation was brought up to never ask why, but it was my burning desire to always ask why. I dropped 15 pounds in 3 weeks since my diagnosis and had I not been an astrologer, I probably would have not noticed my tryglicerides until I had a stroke. It's all in your chart if you can just find it.

Just one more delightful thing happened, I made the acquaintance of **Mary Perdue** through the MH. She and I have associated with some people, attended lectures and workshops, belonged to local Astro Club but never met or talked. It's unbelievable, but true. Since the Va. Astrological Assn. was never vigorous and died of malnutrition, we did not attend frequently but were charter members. Progression brought this about, but it's really beyond belief.

RUTH EICHLER, Wichita, KS

March 26, 1984

Many thanks to everyone who contributes to the MH. I enjoy hearing the different perspectives and especially to those who are willing to share their own insights that have proven successful. **Joan McEvers**, I very much enjoyed your two-part installment on the progressed Moon through the houses and signs.

I have only recently become interested in the Helio system having been placing all of my energy getting more and more grounded in the Geocentric system. Now I feel that I can begin to explore some more options.

Being very interested in Pluto and Scorpio, especially from the Phoenix Bird perspective, I would very much appreciate some input from other astrologers on the following point of view. I have Pluto in Leo in the 10th house and for years could not understand traditional explanations of that placement in light of my own life. That is, so many times I would run across interpretations that indicated a power hungry, bulldoze-over-other-people kind of person. As I have continued to explore this placement, I began to realize that in my own life, the career was the area of my life that began to give me my own sense of personal, internal power. It was the part of my life which time and time again I could be successful and, therefore, a primary building block of my self-confidence in the earlier years. I have been a teacher and counselor for the past 20 years, but it was the teaching part that built the sense of value and power. The counseling and later counseling with astrology as another tool came as a natural unfoldment. The question on which I want feedback is "have others noticed that they developed their own sense of internal power from the house placement of Pluto?"

Thank you. Keep up the good work.

ESTHER MOLDAUER, Woodmere, NY **March 25, 1984**

Helen T. Wark: Apr. '84, p. 62. I would like to recommend a set of 6 tapes on the Nodes by Michael Lutin. They are available through **RKM Publishing**, P.O. Box 23042, Euclid, OH 44123. They are informative and delightful at the same time.

Susan Nolan, p. 51. The "unusual" medical problems that your sister suffers from are not really that unusual. They are typical of Type 2 Allergy. They are often misdiagnosed and I know the problem of finding the right kind of doctor. She needs a clinical ecologist, the best of whom is Dr. William Rea, in Dallas, Texas. I recently did 65 charts for patients of his (including his own) who suffer from this type of illness, which is basically immune system deficiency, which causes multiple allergies, chemical and environmental sensitivity and manifests in such ways as vasculitis, rheumatoid disease, lupus, depression, toxic brain, fatigue, as well as more easily recognized symptoms. Anyway, the charts seemed to follow a pattern: Prominent Mercury (angular, Gemini or Virgo) in aspect to Neptune, not necessarily hard. Also, each chart had at least one quincunx from an outer planet and a Mercury Neptune Quincunx was extremely common. Pallas also figured, either being in the 6th house or in hard aspect to the ruler of the 6th. Pallas rules the immune system. Mercury is one of the rulers of the thymus, from which T cells are generated, and in cases like these there is a low level of T cells in the body - leakage through the Neptune contact.

If you are interested in learning more about this, I will be happy to share what I know. Just write to me at: 18 Pine St., Woodmere, NY 11598.

AMY SHAPIRO, Gloucester, MA **March 1984**

Clif is beautiful-our second son. Born: 10:38 a.m. in Beverly, MA. An interesting observation the readers might like to know: Both of my sons' charts connect to my chart through my Prog. Moon. Jeremy was born with 17 Leo Asc. when my Prog. Moon was 17 Aquarius; Clif's Asc is 21 Pisces when my Prog. Moon was 21 Pisces, 2 1/2 years after Jeremy was born.

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JEFF JAWER, San Francisco, CA
AFAN and the AFA.

Dec. 1983

I can appreciate the feelings of those who are protective towards the AFA and its leadership. Astrology is uncertain enough and those of us who love it may over-react in protection of institutions like the AFA which has served its members for over 40 years. However, I must take exception with 2 writers in the Jan. '84 MH with respect to AFAN. A "half-dozen or so malcontents" does not do justice to describing AFAN's hundreds of networkers, among whom are many of the leading lecturers and writers in astrology today. Neither would it be correct to say that our efforts are simply "for the sake of change" representing "some A.F.A. members...just hungry for power."

I strongly believe in the rights of members to express their feelings about any organization. The fact that A.F.A. has done good deeds does not relieve it of the responsibility to provide appropriate leadership in astrology today. The purpose of AFAN is to improve the AFA, to help it meet its own stated goals. Those who perceive our actions as an attempt to weaken the organization are not up on the facts. A more informed position can be taken by those who read the AFAN Newsletter. It can be received by writing AFAN, 8306 Wilshire Blvd. #537, Beverly Hills, CA 90211. There is no membership or subscription fee, although a donation of \$15 per year is recommended to support AFAN's work. Perhaps some of you would be willing to further inform yourselves of our activities.

Ironically, the first article critical of AFAN was followed by a letter inquiring into progress in Shirley Sunderbruch's legal case. The efforts of AFAN have raised over \$4000 for Shirley's defense from astrological businesses, organizations and individuals. Joan Kendig, ISAR, Jan Kennedy, Astro Numeric Services, Julia Wagner, Cosmic Workshop, Astro*Carto*Graphy, NASO, Jeff Cox, Astro Graphics Services, Diana Del Secco, Roxanna Muise, Seek-It Publ., CRCS Publ., Neil Michelsen (Astro-Computing Services), Llewellyn Publ., RKM Enterprises, Para Research, Sun Dial Enterprises, Matrix Software, the San Diego Astrological Society and others have all made donations. These funds have made possible a legal defense that will result in a jury trial on Feb. 6, most likely to be followed by an appeal. We expect to lose the case and will take it to a higher court. Details of the case can be read in the AFAN Newsletter.

It is my fervent hope that actions like these will help forge the astrological community of the future. The AFA should be an important part of that future. Ill-informed critics do not help the necessary process of growth and change.

***** NNAW NATIONAL COMMITTEE

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Now that AFAN's "National Network Astrological Weekend" is past, we want to share with everyone the events that took place and the people who were kind enough to contribute their time and energy. Through the efforts and participation of hundreds of people across the country, AFAN was able to raise in excess of \$5,000 during the weekend of Mar. 23-25, 1984. In addition to the operating funds raised, AFAN's message reached many more people than could otherwise have been possible prior to our publicity brochure distribution.

Below is a list of the workshops we have information on and the people involved in their success. We want to thank everyone involved, whether organizers, speakers, or attendees, for their support and if anyone is left out, please accept our apologies and our thanks for your support. (The events listed are in no particular order.)

Bay City, Michigan: Organized by **Peggy Wesenick**; Peggy spoke on "Diurnal Charts and Interpretation" and Connie Phillips spoke on "Diurnal Charts Daily Forecasting".

Toledo, Ohio: Organized by **Cheryl Clark**, Marilyn Blessing and Ann Peterson. **Fran Rosen** spoke on "Compatibility" and **Eric Bloom** spoke on "Interpretations".

Seattle, Washington: Several speakers at the NORWAC Conference contributed their fees: **Noel Tyl**, **Marion March** and **Erin Sullivan-Seale**. **Erin Sullivan-Seale** coordinated the effort in Seattle.

Merrick, New York: Organized by **Dottie Santangelo** of Institute of Astrology; Metaphysics and assisted by Serendipity Books, AJNA Metaphysical Center and Astrological Institute of Integrated Studies. **Robert Pelletier** spoke on "Neptune in Capricorn".

Chicago, Illinois: Organized by **David Horbovetz**. David spoke on "Dispositors - A Unique Chart Condensation" and Barbara Schermer spoke on "Astro-Drama - Astrology as Living Experience".

Fort Myers, Florida: Organized by **Mary Alice Warren**, Jan Ashton, Cookie Grant, Linda Daniels, Vicki Marx, Herb Martin, Liz Payne and Leeloni Smith. Marilyn Muir spoke on "Pyramid Power and Prosperity Consciousness" and "Unaspected and/or Void-of-Course Planets".

Fort Lauderdale, Florida: Organized by **Ted Wilkinson**. **Buz Myers** spoke on "Karmic Relationships", **Ginger Chalford** spoke on "Programming with Vital Energies of the Planets", and **Kitty Hatcher** spoke on "How to Handle Contradictions in the Chart".

St. Petersburg, Florida: Organized by **Ronald Cole**. Ron spoke, but his topic is unavailable.

Houston, Texas: Organized by **Jeanne Getz**, Houston Institute of Astrology (Tory Fritz, Kim McSherry and **Maya Durnova**), and **Peggy Larson**. **Gwynne Branam** spoke on "Our Charts in our Intimate Relationships", **Jeanne Long** spoke on "How to Improve Your Financial Future", and **Tory Fritz** spoke on "Your Personal Horoscope Mandala".

Silver City, New Mexico: Organized by **Rosetta [Teddi] Connors**. **Teddi** spoke on "Astrological Houses".

Lansing, Michigan: Organized by **Toni Imhoff**, **Carol Ray**, **Karen Johns**, **Gwen Miller**, and **Meg Getz**. **Cheryl Swanson** spoke on "Uranian Astrology", **Bob Thibodeau** spoke on "Goddess Mysteries and the New Astrology -- The Moon, Chiron and Halley's Comet", and **Karen Johns** spoke on "Progressions - Why They Are Necessary in Interpreting the Personality".

San Francisco, California: A three day conference was presented which was organized largely by **Jeff Jawer**, **Jay Jacobs**, **Linda Reinder**, **Sylvia Tobias**, **Velma Chatham**, **Irmi Heller**, **Joan Carey**, and **Earl Nickel**. The list of speakers was: **Maureen Blumenthal**, **Bob Bolewski**, **Kenneth Bowser**, **Janet Brundage**, **Bob Campbell**, **Gavin Carruthers**, **Velma Chatham**, **Avram Chetron**, **Tom Davidson**, **Jim Feil**, **Jack Fertig**, **Scott Fisher**, **Hank Freidman**, **Kathi Friedman**, **Ilmi Heller**, **Richard**

Idemon, Jayj Jacobs, Jeff Jawer, Jim Lewis, Mary Lioux, Ed Lynch, Michael Anne, Nicki Michaels, Heidi Nelson, Earl Nickel, Suzanne Olsen, Rick Ostrander, Barry Patch, Steve Pincus, Linda Reiner, John Ruskell, Elizabeth Selandia, Marcia Starck, Georgia Stathis, Angel Thompson, Sylvia Tobias, Jeanine Vandaveer, Allen Young, Robert Cole, Barbara Somerfield, Nyle Smith and Paula Hook.

Jacksonville, Florida: Organized by Toni Glover. **Buz Myers** spoke on "Predicting Through the Houses".

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma: Organized by Sharon Rosenberger. **Kimberly McSherry** spoke on "Scorpio: Viewing the World Through Rose Colored Toilet Seats".

Atlanta, Georgia: Organized by Lucile Asensio and **Lillian Huber**. **Ray Merriman** spoke on "A Metaphysical Approach to Astrology and Spiritual Healing".

Cleveland, Ohio: Organized by **Sandra Leigh Serio, Jane Madey, Jenny Pedigo, Bernadette Mares, Deska Donovan, Adria Wight, Pat Geisler, Mary Lou Simon, Mary Beth Kuhn, Jeanne Darling and Anne Ryan.** **Pat Geisler** spoke on "The Third House May be Hazardous To Your Health", **Philip Sedgwick** spoke on "The Seven Year Itch", and **Sandra Leigh Serio** and **Gene Benedetto** spoke on "Element, Modes and Personality". There was a panel discussion with the following people: **Karen David, Jeanne Darling, Mike Touhey, Pat Geisler, Anne Ryan, Joan Kendig, Philip Sedgwick** and **Shirley Scott.**

Pensacola, Florida: Organized by **Amy Furnans.** **Amy** spoke on "Astrology's Place in the Divine Plan", "Arabic Parts" and "The Mars/Saturn Conjunction of February 1984".

Los Angeles, California: Organized by **Angel Thompson, Jeffe Anders, Judy Johns, Cynthia Searcy, Gloria Stein and Roxanna Muise.** **Jeffe Anders, Judy Johns, Bob Glasscock** and **Angel Thompson** spoke, each one discussing one aspect of the theme of shifting roles in a changing world - personal, social, political and spiritual. There was also a party on March 25th.

New York, New York: Organized by **Deborah Burrell.** **Angel Thompson** spoke on "Mars and Venus Aspects".

Huntsville, Alabama: Organized by **Peggy Shanahan.** **Ellen Thomas** spoke on "Medical Astrology" and **Pef Phipps** spoke on "Astro-Drama".

San Juan Capistrano, California: Organized by **Judy Zintl.** Speaker information is unavailable.

These are all of the workshops of which we were informed and we are gratified indeed that there is such widespread support for AFAN.

Plans for next year are being discussed and when there is any definite decisions, the information will be distributed.

The Weekend is over, but there is still Chicago to come. We'll all be there and we hope to see all of you at the Continental Hotel in July.

[All of the names listed in the above article that are in bold type are current subscribers to The Mercury Hour. We're proud that our contributors are helping and hope the individuals who didn't make bold face type will soon become subscribers and share with us the open channel of communication that we offer AFAN.]

JEFF JAWER, San Francisco, CA **April 1984**
Astrology and Community in the '80's - NNAW in San Francisco

We had a unique situation in San Francisco with respect to NNAW as three of us are on the AFAN Steering Committee and three more are on the Advisory Council. Along with our two Regional Co-ordinators, this made eight of us in the Bay Area who wanted to contribute to the weekend. It quickly became obvious that we could be more successful by pooling our resources than by having separate events. As the Bay Area is so alive with astrology, the idea of a full-blown conference emerged. A meeting was held in Dec. at **Jayj Jacobs'** house

where representatives of different astrology groups in the area met to discuss the conference.

I felt that the way to make the conference most successful was to make the local groups partners in it. Five groups were to share in half of the proceeds with the other half going to AFAN. The five groups were San Francisco NCGR, East Bay ISAR, the Sacramento Astrology Group, Professional Astrologers, Inc., and the South Bay Astrological Society. In addition, support for the conference was provided by Experience Astrology, the Astrology Resource Center and the International College of Astrology (Santa Cruz). In this way we had considerable support for the conference. Working against us was a lack of time, experience and money. Fortunately, a site was found which was very good and did not require any advance payments. Funding, as such, was provided in the form of loans from individuals and groups.

An initial mailing was done to about 1500 people in the Bay Area. This was facilitated by a combining of mailing lists and computer correlation of them. Additional publicity came through newspaper announcements and a poster (that went out a bit late in the game). As part of the conference a paid party was planned for Friday night. **Sheryl Gamble** donated her catering services and about 40 people paid \$8 each for a variety of delicacies and wine.

The attendance at the conference was almost 200. This included about 42 faculty, 25 staff and 130 paid attendees. The staff provided valuable service in clean-up, security and registration. The conference did have some tables for vendors, groups and a bookstore. The bookstore, handled by the Sacramento Astrology Group, sold about \$1600 worth of books in the two days of the conference. AFAN and the supporting groups received \$160 as their share of the bookstore. In addition, all the workshops were taped. Teachers either took a royalty or donated their share to the conference. Tape orders were taken at the conference and there is an additional order form in the program which will bring in a bit more money.

Finally, I want to mention the program which was primarily done by **Linda Reiner** and **Sylvia Tobias** of ISAR. Of note, in addition to the tremendous work done, was Linda's creation of an AFAN ad which depicts an anti-astrology ordinance crossed out. This was an inventive way of expressing AFAN's activities in challenging laws against astrology.

A meeting will be held on Sun., April 8 among the conference organizers to discuss our feelings about the conference, our plans for the community and for next year's conference.

This letter was written on Feb. 2, 1984 by **Eileen Nauman**, to **Robert Cooper**, Executive Sec. of the AFA. She sent us a copy of it for the MH. Nice to know there are speakers willing to stand up and be counted. Edith.

Dear Bob:

This letter is in response to the Board's outrageous actions for the 1984 conference to be held in Chicago in July.

First, I'm appalled at the edict by the Board that NO ONE will be allowed to tape at the conference except professional taping by AFA. This conference is an educational conference. Many of those who attend do so on extremely limited budget. To FORCE anyone to have to buy AFA tapes (or any professional taping outfit) is in direct violation of the By-Laws of what the AFA is supposed to stand for!! And that is, in case the Board has lost sight of this small detail in their scramble to play politics in lieu of serving their members, EDUCATION!!

It is far easier for an AFA member to bring their own tapes than to buy them via AFA - a \$1.99 tape vs. a \$6.95 or \$7.95 tape is appalling.

Further, I allow NO ONE to tape me professionally unless I

sign a contract with that person or organization and AFTER we've negotiated royalty and payment schedule. AFA has failed to mention precise royalty rate as well as settling a standard payment schedule which is an absolute function of ANY contract!

I've stood by AFA and publically backed AFA in MH several years ago. I think the Board and yourself had better rescind this order that no member is allowed to tape. I've had 15 phone calls from local AFA members who have called me wanting to know what the hell is going on! They are livid, outraged and absolutely stunned by this AFA edict on taping.

As a result, since AFA doesn't want to support education in a democratic way (i.e., giving the attending people a choice as to whether they want to tape or buy AFA tapes) you can cross me off your list as a speaker and teacher.

Further, when my AFA membership runs out at the end of July 1984, you won't be receiving any more dues from me. I'm sickened by the Board's idiotic and ridiculous decision. In their scramble to play politics with AFAN, you've neglected those members who could have cared less about politics. All we wanted was the education. And now, you've denied us that.

Unless there is a policy change on this, plus printed information on royalties and payment schedule PLUS the speaker being asked whether or not they WANT to be taped and sold professionally, you can consider my alliance with you severed.

After the above letter Eileen sent to the AFA there was a telephone conversation and then Eileen was sent a rough draft for an upcoming bulletin issue and asked what changes she believed would benefit and clarify things. She made the corrections she felt were necessary as far as the taping problem went, and then wrote another letter including them, on Feb. 10, 1984. If the changes are made she will speak at the convention.

This is a copy of a letter from Jack R. Pyle to Bob Cooper with part of the response. Edith.

Dear Mr. Cooper:

I waited a few days to cool off. I am now quite calm. But, while I would like to attend the convention in Chicago this year, if I must sign that idiotic "AFA Convention Meeting Conditions," you can deal me out.

I have attended the conventions since the last one in Atlanta. Accordingly, this would be my fourth. I certainly did enjoy the convention in Chicago last year, but that was before the days of some of the strange happenings - this last "AFA Convention Meeting Conditions" sheet being the most recent.

As you know from my previous letter (which you left unanswered) I objected to the lack of secrecy to the ballot this past election. The reasons for the lack of secrecy were stupid, but I voted anyway. I do not, however, intend to sign this last piece of arm twisting. Believe me, my attendance at the convention is non-political, too, but your tactics are beginning to rouse my interest.

Also, be assured that if I do come to the convention, I shall feel free to go to any meeting room I choose - or to any room, in any hotel in the city. In the past, my reasons for attending the convention were, just as you phrase it, "advancing the work of astrological education and research," and I don't think this latest clever maneuver, this childish "AFA Convention Meeting Conditions" sheet is something that would fall in that category.

This time, may I please have a reply? I would like to know if I can send in my Registration Form and check WITHOUT the yellow slip - and by the way, that was a fortunate choice of colors.

Awaiting your reply, I am

In his reply letter to me he said in part: "First of all, please

know that we have received this letter and will promise a further answer as soon as the proper people who need to provide the answers to this material can be contacted. We hope we can provide answers that will be affirmative to your belief, permitting you to come and enjoy the convention in accordance with the conditions all of us will be following in attending this event."

I am not sure what that means. I am sure, however, that mine has not been the only letter, and I am sure he is aware of the hornet's nest he has aroused. My last letter to him (re the procedures for the election) was not answered, and I doubt it went any further than his desk this letter however, was photocopied, and I sent one to each Board Member.

PATRICIA KIRCHNER

Feb. 9, 1984

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Re: George Ball [Jan 84], You are correct in stating one should get the facts before blindly criticizing. And just as soon as AFA becomes willing to answer my questions, I'll be more than willing to listen. Perhaps some AFA members are hungry for power - but I think the majority are hungry for **open communication**, so we'll know what is going on.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter I sent to Mr. Cooper and AFA Board members in response to the "contract" included with the AFA convention application.

[Copy of letter sent with permission to print from Pat.]

Dear Mr. Cooper,

Due to extensive Libran influence in my chart I am not the type of person who forms opinions, makes judgements, or takes action in haste.

I have been a member of the A.F.A. for almost two years now. Prior to the 1982 convention in Chicago I was unaware of the problems within the A.F.A. At that time I chose to adopt a "wait and see" attitude. However, the various actions taken by you and the board made my decision for me, and I have become a member of Network.

When this month's A.F.A. bulletin arrived with the 1984 convention forms, I began to read it in eager anticipation of the upcoming event, only to have my enthusiasm turned into total disgust! I see that I am "required" to sign a "contract" before I may be "granted permission" to attend. I not only find the wording of the contract to be vague and open to many interpretations; but also an apparent attempt to circumvent my individual rights as granted to me in the first amendment of the United States Constitution.

I feel impelled to voice my objections as to this state of affairs! Are we not the "AMERICAN" Federation of Astrologers? Are we not to be governed by the American principles of democracy? We, the A.F.A. membership, are not a monarchy, and you have not been crowned King!

This great country was founded upon the ideal of "governments-deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed". Does that ring a bell? Although you and the board have done everything you can think of to discourage and discredit anyone who holds any ideas that do not agree with your own; and although you have attempted to influence our choice of representatives by elimination of the secret ballot; and although you attempt to manipulate us by impeding a free flow of communication among the membership; it should be apparent that the "governed" fully intend to make themselves heard. The policies and practices that I have observed being initiated since becoming a member of A.F.A. seem to have, (in my opinion) as their direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over the A.F.A. membership.

You refer to each of us as a valued member. But how is that "value" determined? If I am not permitted to question the status quo, and diverse ideas are regarded as dissension, then

where is my value?

In conclusion, I am delighted that the speakers will at least receive some form of compensation for their efforts on behalf of the A.F.A. But for you to require that I **sign a statement** to the effect that I will not do anything that would threaten their potential income implies a lack of creditability on my part. Your assumption that I am lacking in integrity, and lacking in solidarity with my fellow Astrologers is an insult. How dare you! I am sure that you did not mean to give such affront. Perhaps the contract needs to be rewritten in such a manner that its purpose is more defined and not open to so many interpretations. Better still would be to eliminate it completely.

Copies of this letter will be sent to the board members as I do not wish you to misinterpret this letter as a personal criticism. There is obviously a lack of communication between the board and the membership.

This was Cooper's reply to Pat's letter, followed by Pat's letter to Bob's answer. I think Pat has made a couple of good points. It seems to me a lot of re-thinking needs to be done.

Edith

Dear Ms. Kirchner:

Your "undated" letter was received Feb. 11th, wherein you complain about the wording of the convention registration form. As you mention in your letter, you became an AFA member in 1982 and that you are a supporter of AFAN. This makes it quite understandable why you would feel the Conditions set forth are too restrictive.

We have received letters and publications put out by certain persons identified as AFAN which made it quite clear that this small group has charted a course that AFA could not endorse or approve. We are legally advised to not only disassociate AFA from the group but to request them to cease and desist stating that it was a part of AFA. They complied with this request. Some of the group have made it clear that they intend to demand and/or force changes they feel will be better for astrologers. They announced plans to further their aims and purposes at the upcoming convention. Such conduct is highly unacceptable and if tolerated or permitted by the present officers and directors would constitute an abrogation of the duties and responsibilities imposed by law upon this non-profit corporation, which of course acts through its officers and directors.

To perform our duties as above stated, we must have an orderly convention. All persons attending the convention will know the decorum expected of them. The dedicated members of AFA that have been through thick and thin with us over the years will not take offense at the restrictions; the Board and I feel they will applaud them. We regret this situation has arisen but we must face up to the condition as it exists and not as we wish it were.

There is no reason why astrologers should not have a dignified convention the same as other professional organizations have. In fact, in the format of AFA conventions we have drawn heavily over the years from the criteria followed by other professions.

It is actually sad to see such talent and ability working outside of AFA and actually undercutting the dedicated and unselfish astrologers working within the framework of AFA to push our profession to a higher pinnacle of acceptability and respect as true professionals.

On a personal note, I hope you will examine carefully our constitution, bylaws and publications, and when you are at the convention talk with the astrologers who have worked shoulder to shoulder with the officers and Board over the years. You will learn that you are indeed a valued member, and I hope to meet you at the convention.

Dear Mr. Cooper,

Your "certified-registered" letter arrived Mar. 4th, wherein you replied to my letter you received Feb. 11th.

I wish to clarify my position regarding the convention contract. It is not my AFAN affiliation that makes me apprehensive about signing the contract, but rather my basic "love of freedom" and an intuitive repulsion for anything that may threaten those freedoms, especially when that threat wears the mask of "being for my own good."

If you would be so kind as to explain in detail why the AFA can not endorse or approve the following goals I would be most grateful.

[1] The establishment of a communication system and focus on those AFA members willing to help accomplish the aims and objectives of the AFA as set forth in its charter.

[2] To achieve AFA Board Directorship that is responsive to and representative of the members, and of the skills, outlook and vision necessary to maintain the integrity of Astrology and to expand its service.

[3] To help the AFA become the focal point of a worldwide astrological network; to support nationwide committees headed by AFA Board members or chairmen appointed by the Board; to publish the observations and insights of members on a regular basis; to keep supportive communication open between the members, and the AFA Board; to enhance communication in such ways as sharing among members the AFA membership list and AFA financial records as required by law.

[4] To work towards a respected public image for Astrology through programs that include a media information and public education program, convention participation, university seminars and a speakers bureau.

[5] To support and further research through the communications network.

[6] To advocate programs for health insurance, retirement, supportive legal information and guidance, and standards of professionalism.

Does this mean the AFA (1) **does not** wish to have its membership help it accomplish the aims and objectives as stated in the AFA charter? (2) that the AFA Board **does not** wish to be representative of, and responsive to the membership? (3) that the AFA Board **does not** want open communication among the members, or between the membership and the Board? (4) that the AFA **does not** desire to work toward a respected public image for Astrology? (5) that the AFA **does not** wish to support and further astrological research? (6) that the AFA **does not** advocate benefits for its members that other professional groups now enjoy? Also, please explain exactly who are you referring to when you use the term AFA. Do you mean yourself and the Board? Or do you mean yourself, the Board and the membership? If the term is meant to include the membership then I am confused, in that I am part of the membership and no one has asked for my opinion on these issues.

Since I have been active in AFAN I have never heard anyone mention demands or force. I have heard **requests** for input and discussion between the members and the Board. I am aware that tempers flared at the last convention; but hopefully as intelligent adults the representatives of AFA and AFAN should be able to sit down and talk things over and come to a reasonable compromise that will benefit the astrological community as a whole.

You state that permitting AFAN to function at the upcoming convention would constitute an abrogation of duties and responsibilities imposed by law. Exactly what "law" are you referring to that says a group of non-profit corporation members may not get together for a discussion regarding the policies and practices of that corporation? In checking at the local county library in the law digest for information governing non-profit corporation in the State of Arizona and the District

of Columbia, I failed to find any such restriction. Perhaps you could direct me to that particular regulation?

I agree that an orderly convention is necessary. But why do you assume that a meeting between the Board and AFAN could not be orderly? Do you actually mean "controlled" rather than orderly?

I feel you are mistaken if you feel only AFAN members will object to the proposed restrictions. [See letter to Cooper from Robert Bartheaux in this section.] Everyone I have shown the contract to was appalled by the implications not readily apparent in this document. The majority of these people are not members of AFAN, and many are not members of AFA. I will admit that the greater portion of the people I associate with are extremely intelligent people who know how to "read between the lines". To date I have yet to have anyone tell me they can sign that form without any hesitation or reservations.

I also agree that the majority of the membership is aware of the decorum expected of them at any public gathering, however, do not make the mistake of assuming that "acceptable behavior" is equivalent to "blind obedience". I did ask a few doctors and lawyers I know if they were required to sign a contract guaranteeing their behavior before attending any of their conventions. They said they never heard of such a thing.

Perhaps you can give me some specific examples of how persons are actually undercutting the "dedicated and unselfish" astrologers working within the AFA. Charges like this are vague and serve no useful purpose - they simply add to the quagmire of misinformation that already exists in abundance.

I feel very strongly that it is imperative that both factions become involved in a dialogue that is open, honest and constructive. This riff can still be healed if both groups are willing to work out a compromise. But it must be a dialogue with both groups participating fully - not a monologue.

There are widespread rumors that the business meeting will not be held, and that the Board may be considering cancellation of the Board election in 1984. This hopefully is incorrect. If not, I must then question as to what are the motives and intentions of the Board? Am I to conclude that the Board is unwilling to even talk to the membership? And unwilling to listen to their ideas? What a fine opportunity the convention presents for exactly the type of communication so desperately needed at this point. Would the Board deliberately refuse to take advantage of the golden time?

On a personal note, I understand that at one time the AFA was not doing well financially, and due mainly to your efforts and expertise the situation has been corrected. This leads me to conclude that you are in fact an extremely talented manager. There were probably many areas you had to correct in order to bring about this change. I mention this because I don't want you to think that people are unaware of your talents and efforts on behalf of the AFA. However, even a non-profit organization exists for a purpose, and the success of that group is determined by how well it fulfills that purpose. One might say that the AFA has been "moderately" successful in fulfilling its purpose, but there is still room for improvement.

There are 6 main reasons why non-profit corporations fail: (1) absence of a profit motive, (2) low management salaries, (3) absence of competition, (4) politics, (5) tradition, (6) weak governing boards.

You have corrected #1 and #2. #3 does not apply, since there are other groups available for affiliation. So let's examine the remainder; #4 - just how much politics affects AFA I'm not certain, but I would suggest that each and every person examine their "true" motivations in regard to the present situation. Is the primary interest a better future for Astrology and astrologers everywhere? Or is it an interest only in personal recognition and gain? #5 - Tradition that gives a sense of security is fine, but when tradition stifles growth, stagnation

sets in. It then becomes necessary to explore avenues of change in order to prevent decay and death from within. #6 - It is a fact that all too often board positions are used as a means of recognition for services rendered, or recognition of expertise in certain areas, and even as popularity contests. Too often the members do not have the time, financial freedom, or needed talents to do the job they have been elected to do. This is not to say they are "bad", or "incapable", but rather due to the basic nature of the position it can become very easy to simply support a strong leader, and rubber stamp any and all recommendations. It does seem strange that this might be happening in an astrological organization in that astrologers are in general very independent thinkers.

In conclusion, I have read the by-laws and various publications. As I type this letter a copy of the aims and objectives of the AFA that I signed when I joined hangs within view. I can only say that I wish with every fiber of my being that these stated aims and objectives were in fact the true goal of the AFA.

In keeping with my ideals of freedom in communication copies of this letter will be sent to all appropriate parties. I remain -

ROBERT BARTEAUX, Fairfax, VA

Feb. 25, 1984

An Open Letter

to the

Officers and Directors,

American Federation of Astrologers

"Wee, sleekeit, cowrin, tim'rous beastie,
O, what a panic's in thy breastie!"

Gentlepersons:

Dear, dear! Just as I was beginning to relax, assured by all the pundits that 1984 is not "1984", I discover that "1984" is indeed alive, if not exactly well, in the hands of the Officers and Directors of the AFA, in their arrangements for registration at the Chicago convention. Of course it's not exactly "Off with their heads!" (to muddle a metaphor), rather it is "You can't come to my party, unless...!": but the intent is the same: "Dissent is absolutely, positively nyet - do as we say, Baby, or else!"

The explanations for the necessity for all this are on a par with the Administration's efforts to convince us that Grenada wasn't an invasion and why the current activity in Lebanon is not a withdrawal. If ever I've missed John McCormick's way with word, it's now. Wouldn't John have had a ball with this?

I've never been a revolutionary, nor, at my age, am I likely to become one. I'm not for change, for the sake of change, nor am I pro- or anti- AFAN. But neither am I signing away my right to say what I wish, when I wish, and more importantly, in view of the strictures on convention attendance, where I wish, should I disagree, dislike or disapprove of what is going on or being said - even in the privacy of my own room, if the rules are taken literally.

I had thought of protesting this nonsense by resigning (again) from the AFA, but as has been noted by many others (and the reason I rejoined the Federation), it is difficult, if not impossible, to effect change on an organization from the outside. Thus I am remaining a member, unless I am excommunicated for having written this. I will however, not be attending the convention in Chicago, even though this was the first opportunity to attend one that I have had in the 10 years I have been involved with Astrology. And I shan't be attending the following one(s), either, as long as such a restriction exists.

"No big thing", I hear you say, and you are probably right, considering how many would attend, no matter what the restrictions; but I am sure that many others feel as I do. I just

cannot accept your assertion that harmony is essential to the growth and acceptance of Astrology (particularly a harmony imposed by fiat, rather than organic to the circumstances). I could write a long dissertation on how dissent is essential to progress (else we'd still be in Europe, "because the world is flat"); how squares, not trines stimulate growth, etc., but I doubt if it would have much of a positive effect on the thinking of the current Board.

Distribution: Astrologers everywhere

Bob Cooper's response to Bob Barteaux's above letter.

Dear Bob:

Your Feb. 25th letter arrived here on March 6. We appreciate members directing letters to either this office or our esteemed Board of Directors. You are indeed important and we want to keep you advised as to why plans are put into operation.

Your disapproval of signing our 'Meeting Conditions' is noted. There are several reasons for this additional statement being included on convention forms. AFA is embarking on a nationwide program to explain astrologers' advantages to a segment of the public never before reached by this organization; at least not reached in the numbers we project through this campaign. We will be holding a large number of 'free' lectures in many cities around the nation explaining the advantages of astrology and showing them various ways to become involved. The invitation for the general public to attend our various conventions opens doors to the possibility of attendance by people other than those involved in astrology. The list is endless. We must, therefore, require a signature that will protect the organization and its members from any unforeseen circumstances.

The conditions were clearly designed so no abridgement of rights would be intended for loyal supportive members of AFA.

We sincerely hope this explanation will bring about a clearer understanding of our determination to help astrologers, both members and non-members alike, encouraging more contacts and bringing about increased business activities for all practitioners.

Thanks again for your views.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Cooper

Bob Barteaux's response to Bob Cooper's letter of Apr. 5th.

Dear Bob,

I have received your response to my open letter to the Officers and Directors of the AFA. Unfortunately the "reasons" you give for requiring the signature on the conference application make no more sense to me than does the requirement itself. Your logic is reminiscent of the Red Queen's or was it the Black's? Be that as it may, since I am not able to understand it, I am forwarding your letter to **THE MERCURY HOUR** in hopes that one of their readers or staff can help explain it to me.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Barteaux

Doesn't make sense to me, Bob, but then I can be a little dense at times? How about somebody else? Does Cooper's letter explain why members should sign "that" registration form that has caused the furor. Incidentally, as an AFA member, this is the first I've heard of "free lecture campaign for the public." Question - what "unforeseen circumstances?"

EDITH CUSTER

Mar. 19, 1984

To the Board Members of AFA:

As a member of the AFA for many years now, I have a question....WHO actually makes the decisions that governs the membership, the Board or Robert Cooper?

I think Bob Cooper has done an excellent job as an

administrator but I do think the Board should be the one to make decisions. They should have more meetings between themselves, free discussions of the problems now besetting the organization. Perhaps if the membership felt that the Board actually ran AFA, rather than being run by someone else, some of the unrest and confusion now prominent, would be alleviated.

As a member I feel the Board should have more meetings and THEN INFORM the Executive Secretary what their decisions are, not the other way around. Please don't tell me that this is the way it is done because I know from reliable sources that in many instances there are just phone calls individually and you are told what has happened or will happen, not through any decision of yours.

It is time for the Board of Directors of the AFA to stand up and start acting like a Board of Directors, PLEASE.....Start by having some meetings in which all attend, have some FREE AND OPEN DISCUSSIONS, make your OWN decisions. The AFA can certainly afford this and it is vital to the organization.

I am sure you as aware as I am of the fact that many members feel the Board is merely a puppet with Mr. Cooper pulling the strings. This may not be so but it sure looks that way. You are elected by the members to fulfill a position of trust and responsibility to the members, all members, not just a few.

I have become increasingly upset with some of the goings on within the organization. The elimination of the open business meetings, the fact that Jeanne Long was supposed to be in on the auditing of the votes and then denied that right, the wording of the registration form for the next conference, the feeling that more and more the actual members are being excluded from the workings of the organization. All we are expected to do is pay dues and don't make waves. Just go along with things and forget the frustrations and unrest within this important, to the field of Astrology, organization. Well, I am sure most of you know me better than that. I have been waiting for the Board to speak up and be heard, THEIR OWN OPINIONS, but that hasn't happened yet. PLEASE, if you disagree with some of these new policies that are so disturbing to the members, **SPEAK UP AND BE HEARD...**

Sincerely yours,

Edith Custer

Copies to all Board Members.

FRAN ROSEN, Euclid, OH

April 1984

This letter was mailed and individually addressed to each member of the AFA Board of Directors.

Dear Mr. Cooper:

As a member of AFAN's Advisory Counsel, as well as, and primarily, a member of the AFA, there are a few comments that I feel I have to make in regard to the requirements for attendance at this year's Convention.

Several months ago all of the members of the American Federation of Astrologers received with their monthly Bulletin a form to be signed and returned to enable the member, or any other interested person, to attend the American Federation of Astrologers' Convention in Chicago in July of 1984. This form asks that the person signing it give up certain fundamental human rights and this letter is my protest to the language of that "contract."

The First Amendment to the Constitution of the U.S. of America reads: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." (Emphasis supplied.)

The Constitution of the U.S. has been the cornerstone of

this vast and wonderful country of ours. Our form of government has been one of the most stable in the history of the world because of its adherence to the system of laws set forth in the Constitution.

The present administration of the AFA, on the otherhand, believes that there is a better way to run its "government," and this better way includes the denial of two of the most basic and fundamental rights granted to citizens of the U.S. of A.

As a member of the AFA I do hereby strongly protest this infringement upon my right as a human being and citizen of the U.S. I ask that you search your conscience and then see to it that any limitation to the rights guaranteed to me under the U.S. Constitution be removed from the AFA Convention registration form.

I must further ask you why 95% of the people associated with AFAN, many of which are the most outstanding educators in the field of Astrology, have not been asked to be on the faculty of the Convention. Is your position on the Board more important than the dissemination of Astrological information which the AFA and its Convention are supposedly in existence for? I think that is a question you need to ask yourself.

I have heard that your policy regarding the tape recording of lectures in Chicago has been modified so that people are allowed to tape. However, there has been much discussion regarding the copyrighting problems for the speakers if they allow the AFA to record them. I would hope that you would work that problem out so that not only the AFA benefits from the hard work and years of study that your faculty has spent in perfecting their work.

I feel very strongly that the AFA must become sensitive to the changes that are taking place in the world of Astrology and to the need which present day Astrologers have. We are no longer living in the Dark Ages and to pretend we are is to be reminiscent of an ostrich.

I look forward to meeting you personally in Chicago in July.

TONI M. IMHOFF, Lansing, MI

April 1984

Copy of letter from Tony M. Imhoff to AFA Board Members. Copies to AFA Board of Directors and AFAN Steering Committee.

Dear AFA Board Member:

During the last 2 years there has been great talk in the AFA leadership about how the members signed an oath to uphold the aims and purposes of the AFA. We have heard hints about groups of people who would tear apart the AFA, or who are seeking power for their own private glory.

Well, at last the mystery is solved. With the announcement regarding the 1984 convention, the registration form requiring free citizens and fellow AFA members to sign away their right to free speech and assembly - and the proposed contract for workshop leaders, asking them to sign away copyright (with an undisclosed payment arrangement - a contract that is not in the best interest of any serious researcher) - it is quite apparent to the membership who this disruptive influence in the AFA really is. Why, it has to be you, the AFA Board of Directors and the Executive Secretary, Bob Cooper. After all, what one move could be more destructive to the AFA and its future credibility, than this boldly executed demand that people sign away their basic freedoms.

This convention has in the past represented excellence in the field of astrology. An invitation to speak was considered a great honor. Participants at each convention looked forward to the next opportunity - though 2 years in the future. Thanks to your actions as the leadership of the AFA, teachers are looking twice at previously coveted invitations. Top researchers and speakers who have selflessly taught at previous conventions and supported the AFA in its goals have not been asked to

speaking this year, seemingly because they may be a "disruptive influence" - a move which will surely affect the quality of the convention. Participants are wondering why they are suddenly feeling very hesitant about attending this long-awaited event. In place of enthusiasm, we see dread. Supporting an autocratic, unresponsive group that suppresses individuality and dissent, is not easy for many of us.

It looks like you may succeed in having a quiet, organized and orderly convention in a completely controlled environment - and it will be quiet. There usually is quiet in death. If you still insist on killing the convention, doing away with open meetings and elections, and eventually killing the AFA itself, that is your right and responsibility as Board Members - and death is the natural course of events when growth stops. But if you proceed in this manner, do not expect us, the members, to mourn - and do not point to us as the cause, for we have supported the alternative - growth.

A relatively small group of AFA members with 2 years of networking experience and limited funding, has through sheer enthusiasm and love of astrology, accomplished a great deal in support of the AFA goals in a brief period of time. This energy is still available and can be used in a positive way.

I appeal to you each as individual Board Members to vote to withdraw the registration form and its demands and open up this convention and the election process. Open up and incorporate some of this new enthusiasm to benefit the AFA as a whole. Make this convention both a meaningful, top-flight educational experience and a time for sharing, growth and progress.

It would be ironic, if in your attempt to protect the AFA from change or special interests, you instead propelled it to its death. For the sake of astrology and the principles upon which the AFA was founded, please consider the growth alternative. We await your decision.

ANNIE HERSHEY, Akron, OH

Feb. 15, 1984

I am getting a bit disturbed with myself for remaining serene in the face of controversy. I used to be a firebrand. I tried to unionize nurses in the 50's, but now suddenly I am so metaphysical that I cannot stand up and say what I think about things in the 80's.

There is a wonderful book that anyone involved in an organizational controversy should study. It is by the contemporary American philosopher, Eric Hoffer, and it is entitled "The True Believer." In this wonderful little gem, Hoffer discusses the ways that the masses of people can be rallied together for a cause. The masses are pliable, as any good politician knows, but something must activate them. Hoffer gives a few good rules, and one of the requirements is to have something to hate. How can you be GOOD and worth joining, if there is no BAD to overcome?

The strategists behind AFAN have done their sociological homework, because they have picked something called a Bob Cooper to hate. What are the charges? How many of the AFAN members have actually dealt with this man, so that they can make a rational appraisal for themselves? That small point never seems to matter to people. That's why Hoffer calls it "The True Believer." Under the right conditions, people can be manipulated to hate anything.

Why would anyone go to the trouble to create all this controversy and hate if there is no dragon to destroy? I can think of two good reasons: the money and the power. AFA has built a solid treasury through the years and there are those who would like to utilize those funds themselves. I myself prefer a conservative banker. AFA is an international voice for astrology, and some would enjoy personal promotion. The truth is that AFA does promote its members. If you write, they publish. If you have something to say, they let you speak at the

convention. You want this? Join. Send in your writings. Take the tests. Nobody is masochistic enough to enjoy taking tests, but you do it because it proves that you have attained a certain level of competence. It is the circumcision ritual that makes you a voting member of the tribe. There are some popular personalities who want to be on the AFA Board without taking the tests or meeting other requirements. I hate to think why.

Let's get back to that thing called Bob Cooper. He has always been nice to me. I write, he answers. That is a very important statement. Before I ever wrote an article or gave a lecture, when I wrote, he answered. I have never seen him show anything but kindness and concern for others. I have watched him function in three situations concerning others:

1. A lecturer fainted while speaking. He ran to her side, stopping only to enlist me as I walked down the hall, because he remembered that I was an R.N. He was there personally and immediately to evaluate this situation.

2. The hotel messed up the monitor, and a lecturer's lecture time was somehow confused. He immediately left his table and went with the lecturer (who had never met him before) and personally saw to the rearrangements.

3. A foreign gentleman desired to speak. In his country, you just go to the conventions and speak without prior arrangements. Bob Cooper personally arranged for him to lecture, because his subject was unique and based on much personal research.

I only mention these situations because they are little things, important only to these specific people, and yet they were important to Bob Cooper. I have never seen him show anything but concern for AFA and its members. Few people realize that he is a professional astrologer who has passed the tests himself. He has been slandered and has the grace to ignore it.

I am looking forward to another great convention in Chicago. Someone asked me about the statement that we were asked to sign. Who profits from disruption? That statement protects each delegate and insures that we will have a pleasant educational situation. I am going to Chicago to learn. I'm going to Chicago with a little hedonism in mind - I want to enjoy my friends, the good food, and that beautiful hotel. If you have never attended an AFA Convention, you are missing the real excitement of astrology in America. Let's all go with love in our hearts and astrology in our minds, and make it a great 1984 in Chicago. Thanks.

CHRISTINE ANDERSON, Buffalo Grove, IL Apr. 17, 1984

The following letter was received her at MH with the notation that copies had also been sent to Gina Knight, NCGR President, Gladys Hall, Friends of Astrology President and Bob Cooper, AFA. This letter is printed exactly as written with no editorial workmanship.

Membership Committee of the AFAN -

You may as of this day remove my name from your list of supporters. I have read with growing dissatisfaction your battle with the AFA. My reasons for giving up on your people are as follows.

Number one -- I do not believe that you are doing what your doing for the good of anyone. Undermining the AFA will serve no purpose. Why don't all of the people that disagree with the AFA and its by laws and policies - simply resign from membership. None of you have to belong to such an awful organization. No one is twisting your arm. Why support something that you are at war with?

You have gone out of your way and spent countless dollars to keep us out of the Marriott during the convention. WHY? Why should I walk a block everyday for a week when I can stay

right there in the same building in comfort. You have had a lot of printing done - used a lot of stamps in order to ruin the convention for a lot of people. No I am not going to stay at the Continental - I am staying right in the Marriott so I don't have to miss anything - or be late for anything.

Number two -- You are upset that there is a "contract" to be signed this year. Namely not to use Tape Recorders - well big deal.... I never like people bringing them anyway. They were disruptive - for someone was constantly getting up to check his recorder - to change his tape or something. I have agreed to their rules and regulations - if I didn't want to do so I simply would not attend the convention. Why should I miss something that good for minor things? The teachers and lecturers will now get a "royalty" on the tapes which are to be made and sold - I think thats great - its about time their material was protected as much as possible. I did not lose any of my rights and I believe the lecturers gained some rather than lost them.

Number three -- There will be no business meeting this year - and you think that this is against your Constitutional rights. Which Constitution is that? Where is it written that the AFA cannot change their bylaws when ever they choose. As long as everyone is in agreement (or a majority) you have no leg to stand on. After the business meeting 2 years ago I don't blame them. The dissenters went into that meeting loaded for bear - and ready to shoot to kill. The attacks made on a number of people last time showed the true colors of a lot of people doing the attacking. I would venture to say that none of them would have met the other on a one to one basis. There is safety in numbers and the AFAN group stayed in a group. Maybe I'm wrong but when I have a gripe with someone - I go directly to that person and have it out - I don't wait till I get in a group of 2000 people and then embarass them to death. That whole thing back then was done in poor taste and with no style whatsoever. I would not want to sit through another one. It worked its magic though - everyone got so riled up that they were willing and ready to donate their time and money to get the AFA, and you've done quite a number on them already.

Number four -- You are preaching that the AFA is dominating our lives - dictating to us what we can and cannot do. That is their job - there should be standards which we should follow. Where would the world be if everyone got away with doing their own thing all the time. There are limits - thats what we have Saturn for. Everyone should know those limitations and abide by them. If at anytime you don't agree - you are welcome to withdraw your membership.

I have been an Astrologer for nearly 15 years. I am not well known - I don't teach and I don't lecture. I do a few charts now and then. I am not in this business for profit nor do I care how others make their money. You contend that the AFA board of directors are living lives of luxury on our membership fees. Do you know how silly that sounds. I get more than \$20.00 worth back from it each year. If they can live like kings on my \$20.00 then more power to them. I think its stupid to "follow" someone home - to see how he lives - and then write to the Mercury Hour with his predictions as to how he reached that style of living. This is petty and rings of jealousy. One of the 10 Commandments is "thou shall not be envious of thy neighbor." I'm not - I don't care how they live or how they got the funds to live that way.

We are supposed to be united - we are supposed to stand together to better the field of Astrology. You AFAN are going to great lengths to destroy a great big part of it.

The last Newsletter I received it is indicated you have \$17.86 in the bank. You also stated that you had to "dip" into the Johnny Lister Fund - with whose permission did you do that? I don't recall anyone asking me and part of my money is in that fund. I do believe that it is time for you to concentrate on

keeping yourself above water - it appears with that kind of bank balance that you will soon be in financial trouble.

Your Board of Directors or Steering Committee or whatever you call it is operating the same way the AFA does - these people are making the decisions and we the members don't know about it till later. Your attack on the AFA for doing this is not entirely justified since you do it as well. Who makes the decisions for AFAN? Do you have a Chairman of the Board as does the AFA and does he call the shots as you presume Mr. Cooper does? Your organization is not going to run any better than any other - certain people are going to be involved - just as the AFA. The same people are going to "run" for office over and over again. This is because most of the membership doesn't want to. Am I right?

The bottom line to all this is very well said in a song by Country Singer Merle Haggard. It is called "The Fighting Side of Me." You people are definitely walking on the fighting side of me - and if you don't like the AFA or its policies then leave it. You are asking me to change sides - stand with you against them and at the moment I don't feel like doing that. I choose to defend that which I belong to.

I am also a member of the NCGR and the Friends of Astrology as well as the AFA. I am sending copies of this letter to all of them. I am a member in good standing in all three - I would not jeopardize this in order to get in a battle of wills. I know that the NCGR is trying to remain neutral - the Friends of Astrology is an affiliate of the AFA so we know where they stand. I am also sending a copy to the MH since Edie has so much coverage, and support of the AFA is needed at this time.

AFAN you have a lot of impressive names on your membership list. **Michael Erlewine, Ray Merriman, Neil Michelsen, Buz Myers, Noel Tyl** - I wonder that you people don't have better things to do. You are all excellent in your fields - you all have a great following and I wonder that you are mixed up in something such as this. By supporting the AFAN you are undermining the AFA, I only hope that when you have driven the AFA under that you can step into their shoes and turn out something as good. I want to see you put on the Conventions that the AFA has done in the past. I will then rejoin your group. I suggest that all of you unhappy with the AFA withdraw your memberships and turn the AFAN into a separate group - stop telling us that you are connected with the AFA for truthfully - you're not.

You can all be classified as dissenters - rebels - pirates, mutineers or whatever. You're not doing the AFA any good whatsoever. Your names and reputations are above all that. You don't need it. You're all good enough to start a brand new AFA if you want to, but I doubt that you want that kind of responsibility. I know I wouldn't. I would rather someone else do all the work and have all the worry. The AFA meets my needs quite well as does the NCGR, The Friends of Astrology and **The Mercury Hour**.

My letter has become lengthy and I didn't want it to be that way. But my 1st house Mercury in Leo wants to be clearly understood. I am not withdrawing from you for any other reason than that I believe you are going about this the wrong way. You are undermining others - you're accusing others of many bad deeds and I wonder where you get that right. You can question all you want but unless you're walking in those others' shoes you don't really know what they're doing or thinking. You are using free enterprise all the time - while denying it to the AFA. You are trying to dominate others - while accusing the AFA of doing so. Who is right????

I don't care anymore - just rest assured that I long ago "signed" my "contract." I long ago made reservations at the Marriott and I fully intend to go to the Convention this summer and I hopefully will see some many fine teachers and lecturers and maybe even some of you. I refuse to have my good time

ruined by anyone. If anyone wants to yell back at me - go right ahead...

ANGEL THOMPSON, Venice, CA

March 1984

ASTROLOGY AND THE LAW

The practice of astrology is in danger because of outmoded laws. In most places in the United States today astrology occupies an unacceptable position in legal statutes that offer opportunities for the selective harassment of professional and amateur astrologers for practicing their craft and expanding their understanding of the art. Archaic laws designed in less tolerant, more ideologically rigid times to control "vagabonds" without socially approved occupations, and to repress vagrancy as it masks itself under the guise of fortunetelling still continue on our code books. If these antiquated legalisms were only harmless relics, we could regard them with amusement. Unfortunately these old statutes are continued on the code books because authorities in many communities regard them as useful catch-all statutes that can be selectively used to prosecute individuals whose work is, in every other way, legitimate, responsible and lawful.

Ordinances of this type exist in areas throughout the U.S. In some states, if astrology is not specifically prohibited under the fortunetelling laws, then it is permitted only after exorbitant taxation. For example, in one place, astrology can be practiced by paying \$100.00 per week fee to the city. This effectively reduces the practice of astrology in that area.

These statutes are contrary to our constitutional privileges as citizens of the U.S. They exist everywhere. They are being tested everywhere and they can be effectively combated. As astrologers it is our responsibility to work to decriminalize the practice of our profession, as we work towards approved educational programs at the university level and as we develop meaningful standards of accreditation, licensing and other means of professional support to secure the legal practice of astrology in the U.S.

Unfortunately, the web of archaic statutes within which we as astrologers find ourselves enmeshed is quite complex. We face discriminatory local, county, township and municipal statutes, as well as a welter of differing state laws, many if not most of them in conflict with federally guaranteed constitutional liberties.

AFAN has found that outmoded and unfair laws can be changed. If enough people are made aware and are concerned, officials at both state and local levels can be encouraged or required to change these discriminatory laws.

While judicial solutions exist to the problems astrologers face, AFAN feels it is better for all to work to change unfair laws than it is to defend astrologers caught up under them as we are presently forced to do (see details under **Sunderbruch** case). If the prospect of being harassed under one of these unjust laws seems academic to you, don't think it can't happen to you just because it hasn't yet. These cases continue to come to our attention from all over the country.

For example, recently in L.A. County, an ordinance to prohibit different fortunetelling practices was tabled indefinitely by the L.A. Board of Supervisors, following a grassroots protest led by AFAN and other astrologers and members of the metaphysical community. Although the final decision by the Board removed the fortunetelling ordinance from the code book, the action only protects astrologers and others mentioned in the ordinance in unincorporated areas of L.A. County. Astrology is still prohibited in the City of Los Angeles and other incorporated cities within the County, and still punishable by a \$500.00 fine and/or 6 months imprisonment.

If the astrological community in California can get a ruling on the fortunetelling laws on the state or federal level as is

being attempted in the AFAN/Sunderbruch case, fortune-telling laws within the cities and counties of California would be affected. This precedent could then be used in other states. Eventually the decriminalization of astrology can spring from any of these initiatives pursued by astrologers in any state.

Many astrologers have faced or are facing similar situations in municipalities everywhere. Information is needed so that protests can be organized quickly and effectively and to this end, AFAN has prepared an Emergency Legislative Kit that can be utilized anywhere in the U.S.

The Legislative Kit includes an information sheet to direct overall mobilization, specific reasons for protesting fortune-telling ordinances, sample press releases, form letters to legislative officials, copies of various ordinances that delete astrology from fortunetelling laws, a recap of case histories involving astrology and the law, and a history of astrology detailing its cultural and scientific contributions. This Legislative Kit is available through AFAN for \$15.00 which includes Xerox and mailing charges.

ATTENTION

Astrologers are working to remove prohibitions on astrology in the cities of Los Angeles and Santa Monica. Astrologers in Orange County face a similar situation. If you live or work in these areas, please support the effort to change these laws.

In Los Angeles: Dr. Zipporah Dobyns
838-5th Ave.

Los Angeles, CA 90005

In Santa Monica: Angel Thompson
1744 W. Washington Blvd.
Venice, CA 90291

In Orange County: Jeannette Yvonne Glenn
1870 E. 16 St. (Ste L-215)
Newport Beach, CA 92663

MICHAEL ERLEWINE

Big Rapids, MI

The following are excerpts from letters written between **MICHAEL ERLEWINE - DOROTHY HIGHERS** and **PAUL GRELL**. They are in reference to a statement Michael made in his edition of **ASTROTALK** in the AFA/AFAN article where he refers to the fact that the AFA was on the brink of bankruptcy when the Coopers took over. These excerpts are all printed with the permission of the people involved.

DOROTHY'S letter excerpts to MICHAEL dated Jan. 28, 1984:

I was most surprised to read the statement in your AFA/AFAN article that the AFA was on the brink of bankruptcy when the Coopers took the organization over. I cannot understand where anything of this sort could have originated. I served on the AFA Board for 10 years from 1959 to 1969 - just a year before the Coopers took over. At the time in 1971, when they finally made the move to Washington, D.C. to undertake their duties, the AFA received the final bequests from the estate of Laura Breska who left the bulk of her estate to the AFA in the 1960's. The amount left to the AFA was in the neighborhood of \$150,000. Besides that money, the AFA owned the building in Washington, D.C., which was later sold before the move to Tempe for around \$75,000. At that time the AFA also had several savings accounts which amounted to several thousands of dollars as well as a building fund, a legal fund (to help members who might have difficulties with the law) and a couple of other funds. How anyone could state that the AFA with the above assets was on the brink of bankruptcy, I do not understand.....I know that the AFA was solvent at the time the Coopers took over.....I joined the AFA in the late 1940's when it was a very small and poor organization. All of us who could help in any way put our shoulders to the wheel to keep the AFA going. **PAUL R. GRELL** was the Executive Secretary prior to

the advent of Bob Cooper. At the time he left the AFA had well over 2,000 members from a start at the time he took the position when the AFA had around 600 to 800 members. All of this is past history, but I know of no time in all those years that the AFA was anywhere near the brink of bankruptcy.

PAUL GRELL'S excerpts to MICHAEL dated Feb. 8, 1984:

On page 4, (of **ASTROTALK**) middle of second column, you printed "The Coopers brought the AFA from the brink of bankruptcy and set it back on its feet." This statement is completely in error, and I would like very much to know the source of your misinformation, as it is a serious reflection on my 12 year administration of AFA.

The actual facts are as follows: I retired as Executive Secretary of AFA 10/11/70. As of 12/31/70 the AFA had \$169,074.00 cash, inventory of books, \$52,235.00, land and building which sold for \$47,600, although the value was shown as \$5,000 - plus Accounts Receivable due from 1970 booksales of \$111,803.15. Only liabilities were current Accounts Payable \$26,271.00

Are these the figures of an organization on the "brink of bankruptcy"? When I retired as Executive Secretary the AFA was in the best financial condition it had ever been in up to that time, and all members knew this.....

MICHAEL'S excerpts to DOROTHY dated Feb. 1, 1984:

I appreciate your pointing out to me the state of things as regards the AFA when Bob Cooper took over. I received information from Bob and Sara Cooper, who frequently refer to the state of the AFA's finances when Bob took over. I can sure you can understand that I would never publish something that did not come from a good source. Obviously, Bob Cooper is a good source. Perhaps, I misunderstood him in some way.

Regardless, I will include a note in a subsequent issue with your comments. In addition, I will ask Bob and Sara Cooper about this.....

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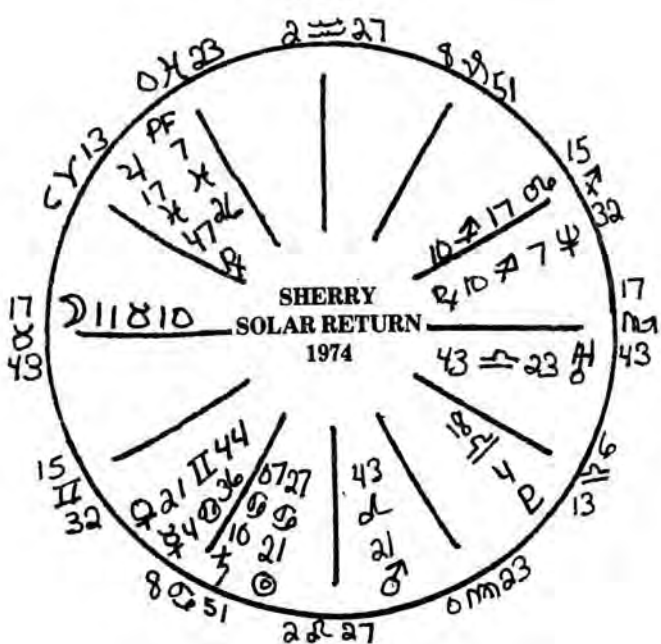
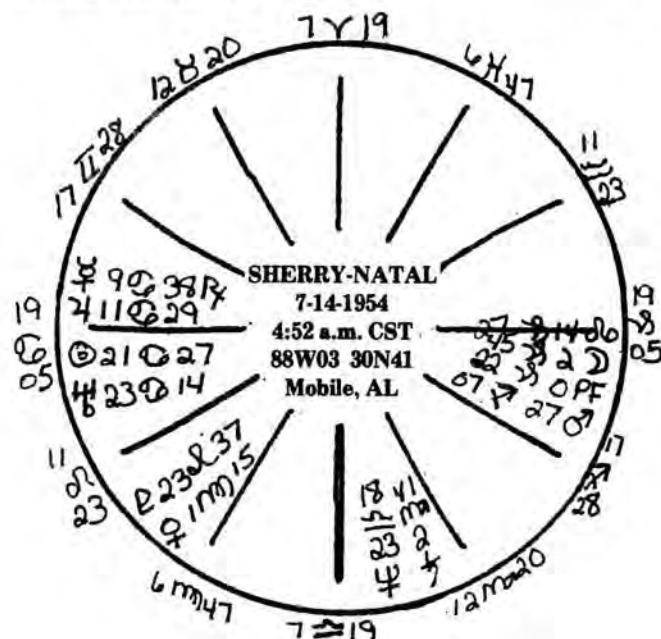
I have been enjoying the MH very much and would like to receive feedback on my writing.

I would like to provide some information about myself. I have a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and a Master of Health Sciences degree in Rehabilitation Counseling, which I received in 1977. I have been working as a Rehabilitation Counselor and Evaluator since that time, and have been incorporating Astrology into my work.

I have worked with all types of disabilities and am currently focusing on chronic pain patients and accident "victims." I have also been travelling around the country on the weekends giving 2-day seminars on the Career Evaluation System of Vocational Assessment.

I also own an independent record label and have been gathering data on musicians and bands to see how their Astrology charts correlate with their "destinies." I am also the proud mother of a 4½ year-old Virgo girl. (Would you believe that my Saturn is in the 10th house?)

The following story is true, not fictitious. I have not included Sherry's last name to protect her privacy. I feel we can all learn much from her story.



MAGIC, MADNESS AND A CANCER STELLIUM

BY Amy M. Franco

It was the autumn of 1973. As I began my freshman year of college, Uranus conjuncted my Mercury, Jupiter trined my Venus, Saturn squared my Venus and Pluto conjuncted my Venus. Neptune had just completed its conjunction of my Moon. It was in Sagittarius and the cult and religious revival movement was in full swing. I was definitely to play a part in it. My inner self was going through a complete upheaval and I was ready for anything. With my Virgo Sun, however, my spiritual quest involved the gathering of empirical data which would prove the existence of God and the validity of metaphysics. I soon had more "proof" than I could handle.

Neptune began transiting my 11th house in 1971. For the next 10 years I experienced many spiritual and unusual events through my contacts with groups and friends. They encouraged me to dabble in hallucinogenic drugs and introduced me to magic. My Sagittarian curiosity was piqued by these occurrences, but I wondered if they were real or imaginary. As transiting Pluto moved into a conjunction of my natal Venus, my mystical experiences began incorporating music, Eastern religions, drug addicts, Astrology and members of the opposite sex. My interest became an obsession.

I was in this "spacey" state of mind when I was first introduced to Sherry. A Taurean earth-mother friend and I were enjoying the fall weather on campus. My friend said to me, "Oh, you must meet this girl! She's a Cancer, you know? She's so psychic; she'll blow your mind! She's really lucky; I wish I had a gift like that." I decided that I would put her talents to the Virgo test.

Sherry looked serene on the campus lawn. Her hair was almost white and her face was pale and round. Her yellow-green eyes met mine and I felt a jolt. She smiled and we immediately began discussing our birth charts. I noted that her Mercury, Jupiter, Ascendant, Sun and Uranus were in the sign of Cancer and that the Sun and Uranus were square to Neptune in the 4th house. I thought, "Maybe she really is psychic, if there is such a thing."

Sherry looked at me and said, "Who is that guy who just crossed your mind? He's driving a blue car with his friend Fred. He misses you, too." She then began describing him and his friends in detail. She was completely accurate.

I was in shock. I felt terrified, yet I was compelled to have more information. She suggested that we "play a game" where I would think about a color or number and she would guess what it was. She was never wrong. She smiled and said, "I channel well with you. I think we'll be working together a lot from now on."

These events caused me to experience much anxiety. I had to re-evaluate all of my beliefs about "Reality." Did this mean that there was more to metaphysics than wishful thinking? What if anybody could read my mind? Sherry's Mercury was conjunct Jupiter in Cancer in the 12th house. That surely seemed like a psychic gift. Since I had not yet studied the lunar nodes, I did not realize that her south node was also involved in the stellium. Our relationship was destined to teach me how a misused gift can easily become a "curse."

As we became friends, Sherry began to discuss her life story. I had a sense of uneasiness when she described how she had been abandoned, abused and sexually molested on many occasions. She also felt that she had been sacrificed in several past lives. She recounted these tales coldly and appeared to be outwardly passive in her responses. However, I could feel an undercurrent of pain, paranoia, rage and an intense desire for revenge.

Sherry and I joined a class that taught self-hypnosis, healing, auras, reincarnation and the development of psychic abilities. I was involved with this group for 8 months. It was

comforting to me to be able to share my paranormal experiences with other people. However, in retrospect I realize that there was not sufficient emphasis placed upon understanding one's motivation in the use of these skills. Techniques of psychic self-defense were taught but their importance was not stressed. I also feel that the instructor was too interested in making money to adequately screen students for potentially serious underlying emotional problems. I observed his refusal to assume responsibility for any events related to the misunderstanding and misuse of his teachings.

Sherry added the techniques from this class to her "bag of tricks," as she referred to it. However, she began to attract to herself many violent and dishonest men with whom she was engaged in psychic power struggles. As her stories grew more bizarre, I became very upset. I read passages from spiritual books in an attempt to convince her that she was misusing her power. She responded by quoting from books on black magic.

A glance at Sherry's 1974 solar return chart reveals a square between Pluto and Mercury, a square between the Sun and Uranus and a Sesquisquare between the Sun and Neptune. This indicated that she would experience crises involving her will, spirituality and mental abilities. Transiting Uranus had just completed its conjunction to her natal Neptune and its square to the natal Ascendant, Sun and Uranus. It would soon conjunct the natal Saturn/Neptune midpoint and move towards the conjunction with natal Saturn. Uranus, transiting through her natal 4th house (especially important for a Cancer Ascendant), was involved in testing and "shaking up" the foundation. Transiting Saturn was in her natal 12th house conjuncting Mercury, Jupiter and the South Node of the moon. She was learning responsibility in regard to her "talents."

Shortly after her 20th birthday, Sherry informed me that she was pregnant, but that she was not concerned because she had given herself a "psychic abortion." When this attempt to kill the baby proved ineffective, she underwent a medical abortion which left her physically debilitated. After this she began to engage in prostitution. She stated that, "Men have always used me, so I might as well get something for it." I felt that she was expressing the colder side of her Capricorn Moon. My attempts to persuade her to focus on her heart center proved futile. She was unable to trust feelings of love because she did not love herself.

When transiting Pluto conjuncted her 4th house cusp, Sherry became obsessed with the idea that she would have a big wedding in three months. She had not met the man yet, she stated, but felt that he would solve her financial problems. As Pluto moved within orb of squaring her natal Mercury (echoing the solar return Pluto-Mercury square), Sherry would not discuss anything other than her wedding plans. She was not concerned about the future husband, but was preoccupied with details about the invitations and bridal gown.

At this time I began having my own unpleasant experiences. The meditation techniques I was practicing were leaving me open to astral influences. I had taken a Yoga class thinking it would be beneficial exercise. This increased my energy level to the point where I was unable to sleep without waking up in the hypnogogic state feeling that someone was attempting to strangle me. I began having hallucinations.

I sought help from my teachers and books. I received much appreciated assistance from the people and the library at an ashram with which I had become involved. One day I opened a book and flipped through its pages at random. I stopped at a diagram of an equilateral triangle. Each side had a word written on it. The words were: Physical, Mental and Spiritual. The book described the need for balance among these three areas. I immediately understood how I was not "grounded" or in balance. I began to see why spiritual work must be done on self and requires total honesty and clarity. It became obvious to

me that anyone who wished for "psychic gifts" without understanding the need to be responsible in their use was demonstrating self-destructive ignorance. I also understood that this sense of responsibility must be applied to the study and practice of Astrology.

One of the teachers at the ashram recommended that I stop practicing yoga and meditation and become involved in the areas of life that I had neglected. She felt that I would not lose my spiritual inclinations, but would learn to apply them to mundane reality. We concurred that there would be no danger involved in continuing to study Astrology. As Saturn crossed my natal descendant, I soon became involved in so many different relationships that I had no time to "space out" and was able to obtain immediate feedback about my thoughts and actions. The unpleasant side-effects of my "astral energy overdose" subsided.

Unfortunately, Sherry was to undergo several emotional crises before she would eventually have the same realizations. In January, 1975, she became completely unable to sleep as she was hallucinating continuously. She felt that demons were attempting to kill her. At this time transiting Pluto began its retrograde motion towards the nadir. Her progressed Moon was exactly square to natal Mercury, solar arc Moon was in opposition to the natal Sun/Uranus midpoint, Converse progressed Mars had completed its conjunction to the natal Moon, transiting Chiron was square the natal Ascendant/Sun midpoint, progressed Mercury had just conjuncted natal Uranus, squared natal Neptune and would soon conjunct prog. Uranus. Sherry's unstable personality was unable to tolerate the psychological stress. The progressed Moon acted as the timer for her decision to check herself into a mental hospital.

Sherry remained hospitalized for several months until she was able to cope with life as an outpatient. After her release she decided to return to school to study business and mathematics. I feel that this choice was an excellent utilization of her north lunar node in Capricorn in the 6th house. Sherry was fortunate that she was able to emerge from her "astral hell" and rebuild her life. However, she said that she did not trust her mental discipline enough to discontinue taking the Thorazine she was prescribed. The memory of her dilated pupils still haunts me.

The events of those years were enlightening and humbling. Once I had verified "God's existence" I was left with the challenge of applying this awareness to my life. I have learned the dangers of viewing metaphysics as glamorous or something with which to "toy", and the necessity for absolute honesty regarding my motivation whenever I have an inclination to dabble in the occult. Psychic awareness is becoming widespread as we move into the Aquarian age, and (as in nuclear energy), this will enable us to destroy ourselves or to bring us closer to experiencing Universal Love. Each of us must assume responsibility in the use of this knowledge.

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My public thanks to Hugh Jeffcoat who gave me a free subscription to the MH. Enjoy the magazine.

This is a paper written by one of my advanced Astrology students for a class "Nature and Needs of the Gifted." She is Lynette Nygaard who has a Master's degree in teaching exceptional children.

ASTROLOGY AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR EDUCATION OF THE GIFTED

With the renewed interest in identifying gifted students has come the problem of the providing them with an education that will allow them to fulfill their potential. Arnold Toynbee has written: To give a fair chance to potential creativity is a matter of life and death for any society. This is all-important, because the outstanding creative ability of a fairly small percentage of the population is mankind's ultimate capital asset, and the only one with which only man has been endowed. [1] In surveying literature pertaining to the gifted it has become obvious we have not yet developed programs adequate to meet the needs of gifted students. Each student has a unique set of weaknesses and strengths that need to be dealt with. How does one identify specific strengths, weaknesses, and interests? The market is flooded with tests: personality inventories, attitude scales, interest tests and projective tests. Even with all these tools we have not reached a satisfactory level of proficiency.

The purpose of this paper is to explore the possibility of using Astrology as a tool to improve the educational programming of gifted students. It has been stated that: Astrology is a technique which may be used to obtain information. Astrology is not a cult nor a religion and it requires neither faith nor belief. [2]

In further defense of exploring the use of Astrology in education, Louise Ward states: Astrology can help us to recognize our talents and weaknesses: it can even assist us to develop our talents and overcome our weaknesses. [3] Is this not exactly what we need to do with gifted students?

The field of Astrology is a vast and intricate one. Within each horoscope lies an unlimited supply of information. Each of these bits of information connect and interconnect until a visible pattern emerges. It would be impossible to discuss all the factors in a chart which may be relevant to education so I have chosen the single most important factor research, the placement of the planet Mercury in the different signs. Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker state: Mercury in a sign of the Zodiac indicates the ways in which the characteristics of the sign influence thinking and the ability to communicate. [4] Mercury is the ruler of the thinking process. It gives crucial information as to the way in which a person thinks, learns, and communicates. Consider these statements: The position of Mercury in the horoscope is a prime indicator of one's intellectual and inventive abilities. [5] The astrologer who wishes to ascertain the manner in which a person's mind works must look to the placement of Mercury in the natal chart. [6]

This paper will discuss the placement of Mercury in each of the signs and its implication for the educator of the gifted.

Mercury in Aries

The child with Mercury in Aries usually has a great sense of adventure. He loves anything novel or original. This placement bestows great independence and stimulates action, quite often in new fields. (Wilbur Wright, an aviation pioneer, had this placement). This child is clever and has a talent for speaking and writing. He is usually honest because he doesn't think long enough before speaking or plotting.

These children often talk too much and/or speak without thinking. They are impatient and have difficulty sustaining mental effort. Boredom is a serious problem. These children frequently become mischievous when bored. Even when they are originally enthused about a project, they tire quickly and

may leave it incomplete. They love to argue and can become very dogmatic about having their own way. (Nikita Khrushchev had this position).

The teacher would do well to capitalize on this student's ideas. They are often brilliant and novel. However, it may be better to have someone else carry it through. They need to be taught to think before acting; they think and speak so quickly they often forget to take into consideration all aspects of an issue. They need to be taught patience, persistence and control if they are ever to realize their potential. The teacher should help the child set realistic, positive goals and then help him enjoy each step. They have a natural talent for speaking and writing. He is an excellent candidate for the debate team.

Other noted people having Mercury in Aries are: Albert Einstein, J. P. Morgan, Walter Winchell, Duke Ellington, Adolf Eichmann, Vincent Van Gogh, Adolf Hitler, Liza Minnelli, Max Shulman, Scott Carpenter and William Clay Ford.

Mercury in Taurus

These children have a natural love for building knowledge and resources. They are mentally conservative, cautious and persevering. If you want something completed, give it to a member of this group as they usually complete the task. They have strong wills and the ability to control emotions. They prefer to be practical rather than a theorist. They usually have good memories. Money and material possessions are important and will serve as wonderful rewards if a behavior management system has to be used.

This placement of Mercury is also associated with stubbornness. These children can close their mind to anything that does not agree with what they have previously thought and planned. Sometimes these fixed opinions and stubbornness deter the development of bright ideas. Care must be taken to nurture him - not force him or the teacher may receive nothing.

This placement is favorable for occupations pertaining to earth sciences and for discovering workable techniques which can be applied to problems of every day life. They love beauty in nature, art, literature and music.

Contributions to music have been made by many people with Mercury in Taurus: Barbara Streisand, Bessie Smith, Perry Como, Liberace, Richard Wagner and Norman Luboff. Other noted people with Mercury in Taurus are Salvador Dali, Ram Das, Robert Browning, John F. Kennedy and Mike Wallace.

Mercury in Gemini

These children have minds that are clever, agile, keen, and alert. They are known for their versatility, animated ingenuity, manual dexterity and talent for working with words and ideas. They love to travel and move around—even if it's only in the classroom. They think and calculate rapidly. They like to live in the mental world and are endowed with flexibility in thought and perception.

These children tend towards superficiality—they like so many things that they never really learn to delve deeply into any. Their desire for constant activity makes them seem nervous and unstable. They need focus as they tend to scatter energies. The teacher and parents should work together to cultivate neatness because it is a practical indicator of the ability to keep thoughts in order.

They make excellent critics with their clever wit. They also make good writers and speakers. The school newspaper is an excellent activity for them. They should enter professions which exploit their versatility and do not demand unremitting concentration on a single task.

Judith Crist, Henry Kissinger, George Orwell, Joseph Heller, Herman Wouk, Bob Dylan, Bob Hope, Dean Martin and Dan Rowan all have Mercury in Gemini.

Mercury in Cancer

These children often feel rather than think. They are

sensitive and have good intuition. They have retentive minds. They often have strong beliefs which come from home that they don't want challenged. They possess vivid imaginations especially when it concerns a disaster. They do not like fads; they prefer proven ideas. As adults they usually develop financial acumen and skill. They can be highly artistic if someone channels their sensitiveness to this field.

These children often have trouble looking at things objectively. They are moody and frequently imagine slights. They quickly become defensive. The teacher needs to be aware of their feelings of uncertainty and lack of confidence. They're often too tied to the home. Their own moodiness and negative thought is their biggest obstacle to overcome in reaching their potential. They are often too anxious to please.

These children can teach younger students so they make excellent candidates for peer-tutoring programs. As adults they're often quite creative at entertaining. They have a natural interest in the ocean and can make contributions to the areas of oceanography, marine farming and other related areas. Many of these children are drawn to the past and make excellent history students. As adults they're good at dealing with people due to their intuition and sensitivity. Their ability to use indirect methods makes them successful in sales and business. They also have a natural interest in ecology and psychology. These children need to be nurtured and drawn out to maximize their abilities.

Noted people with Mercury in Cancer are Alice Bailey, Pearl Buck, Calvin Coolidge, Judy Garland, Carl Jung, Nelson Rockefeller and George Bernard Shaw.

Mercury in Leo

This can be a difficult position for a gifted child as it bestows a proud, almost arrogant attitude. This child doesn't want to be questioned. He feels you accept what he says because he says it. He doesn't discuss—he pronounces. He more often dictates than suggests. They have strong anger and conceits which can be their downfall. They need to be gently taught humility.

On the positive side, he is generally cheerful, optimistic and enthusiastic. He loves to hold center stage and will work hard to do just that. These children have a fiery energy and a love of life. Their social life consumes a significant amount of time. They are creative and have a talent for dramatic self-expression. They love to tell or write stories and usually do so vividly and imaginatively.

The following people have Mercury in Leo: Napoleon Bonaparte, Jacqueline Onassis, Henry Ford, Benito Mussolini, Louis Armstrong, Red Skelton, Mick Jagger, James Cagney, David Brinkley and Ernest Hemingway.

Mercury in Virgo

These children learn quickly and easily. This is a wonderful placement for scholarly research. Their mind functions in a detailed, systematic manner. Mercury in this position imparts the ability to digest information. They are terrific problem solvers. Their thorough minds can pay attention to detail and can learn complicated techniques. They like intricate things. They are excellent at organizing and classifying data. They are good at library work and enjoy computers, mathematics, mechanics and the investigation of pertinent problems. They like words so they make good writers.

These children are often strongly self-critical. They take a serious and sometimes too critical view of the world. They need to learn how to enjoy life. Although they have excellent powers of concentration, they have difficulty applying themselves to areas of study they find irrelevant.

Vague or abstract concepts have little appeal. Sometimes they become lost in trying to perfect the details and lose the broader outlook.

Maurice Maeterlinck, Nobel author of "The Life of the

Bees" had Mercury in Virgo. It gave him the capacity and tenacity to sort out the mysterious workings of the beehive. This is definitely not a job for Mercury in Aries.

The following people have Mercury in Virgo: Leonard Bernstein, Truman Capote, George Gershwin, Alfred Hitchcock, Percy Bysshe Shelly, Leo Tolstoi, Leon Uris, William Faulkner and Graham Greene.

Mercury in Libra

This placement bestows a love of beauty, balance, harmony and a talent for knowing what to say. They are born diplomats. Development of artistic expression is encouraged. This placement prefers the arts which rely upon mastery of the traditional laws of form rather than the more unstructured modes of self-expression.

Indecisiveness plagues this placement. These children can annoy everyone by taking too long to decide because they want to weigh everything. They prefer to compromise and combine points of view rather than reject one. They have a tendency towards laziness and are not usually sports minded.

Their ability to communicate and to be impartial makes them good candidates for the legal field or for mediating.

Mercury in Scorpio

These children are intense and secretive. They possess both a talent for research and the ability to solve mysteries. They may be shrewdly perceptive or just critical and suspicious. Their x-ray intellect loves to find hidden motives and personal inadequacies. They are born investigators. They may want to study the secrets of nature through science or the secrets of the mind through psychology. They are often drawn to the occult. They have the abilities to contribute to the healing profession, chemistry, photography or crime solving. Business will find them an invaluable asset later. They keep an eagle eye on accounting procedures. Insurance companies find these people have an uncanniness in unmasking false claims. This placement also bestows the gift of satire and repartee. (Johnny Carson has this placement).

These children need to learn to relax. They can be extremely vindictive, so they also need to learn to be more tolerant and forgiving. (This is an excellent project for the school counselor). Mercury in Scorpio is sometimes drawn to drug experimentation in order to delve deeper into the mind.

Billy Graham, Jonas Salk, Mahalia Jackson, John Sinclair, John Lennon, Dylan Thomas, Pablo Picasso, Lee Harvey Oswald and Art Buchwald have Mercury in Scorpio.

Mercury in Sagittarius

Mercury in Sagittarius bestows an expanded mental sphere. Many of these children have the minds of future philosophers. They are fiery and enthusiastic; they dream and think big. They love to travel, either physically or by mental process. They have a keen sense of humor. Their mind is curious and willing to accept strange and unfamiliar ideas. They love sports, travel, religion, philosophy and the law. They love to discuss, argue, debate and question. They like studying and are likely to spend many years in school.

Two of their main weaknesses are the tendency to exaggerate and the lack of precision. They have a keen mind, but it scatters and disseminates the thoughts that rapidly flow through. They tend to ignore the small but necessary details of life. (Goldie Hawn has this placement). They need balance, control and discipline. They need to learn concentration. Jumping to conclusions is another problem. They would do well to develop some tact as they can blurt out some painfully honest opinions. They make good teachers, propagandists and editorialists.

The following people have this placement: Rudyard Kipling, Indira Gandhi, Charles de Gaulle, Emily Dickinson, Mao-Tse-tung, Albert Camus, Isaac Newton, George Palton, Joseph Stalin, Leon Trotsky, Margaret Mead, Isaac Asimov,

Robert Kennedy and J.D.Salinger.

Mercury in Capricorn

They are our future lawyers and government officials. Children with this position are usually serious, earnest, hard working, cautious, tactful, ambitious and rather quiet, but constantly observant. Their minds are practical and capable of organized thought. They have a good memory for facts and figures. They are success oriented and particularly diplomatic if they have something to gain. They are endowed with great powers of concentration and extraordinary reasoning powers. They are competitive and want to be at the top. They should be encouraged to run for student council as they are responsible, will take care of details and have a natural ability to keep meetings in order. They are also able to express thoughts with thoroughness and in a manner which convinces others.

These children are resistant to flattery and being manipulated. Their views can be frequently misunderstood since it often has a basis of irony and pessimism. They quite often lack imagination. They are organizers of information rather than original thinkers. They are often too serious and need to be taught how to laugh and enjoy.

Steve Allen, Joan Baez, Paul Cezanne, Aristotle Onassis, Edgar Allan Poe, Carl Sandburg, Al Capone, Richard Nixon and Albert Schweitzer have this placement.

Mercury in Aquarius

Mercury in Aquarius is interested in the new, the future, the original, the outlandish, the different. This may manifest either as the brilliant scientist, philosopher, or professor, doing outstanding creative and innovative work in these fields, or if uneducated or undisciplined, simply the crank--the person who wants to be different, who wants to shock others or show how completely independent he is of anything which has gone before. [7]

They are versatile, deep thinkers, practical and inventive. They love to read and have strong humanitarian instincts. They should be allowed to circulate freely and expose themselves to new and stimulating ideas. They frequently gravitate to the field of communications. Many have a talent for electronics and science. If the Sun and Mercury are both in Aquarius, they are thinkers, inventors and innovators. They are often drawn to aviation or theoretical sciences. Their intellects are bright and unclouded by emotion. If the sun is in Pisces and Mercury in Aquarius, they tend to be more artistic than scientific. This is an excellent position for a performer.

They are subject to nervous tension. Their minds can be unsettled and chaotic. They frequently never reach their potential. They need discipline and control but find it hard to accept. In order to do the creative research they're capable of, they need solid knowledge of what has been discovered in the past. They have a universal love for mankind. They would love to feed the poor of the world, clear ghettos and end war.

Chopin, Thomas Edison, Norman Mailer, Franklin Roosevelt, John Steinbeck and Dr. Sues all have this placement.

Mercury in Pisces

These children are adaptable, intuitive, gentle, understanding and compassionate. They need to choose their friends carefully as they're often taken advantage of. They have many hobbies and love to travel. They frequently express their sensitiveness and creativeness through the arts, dramas, music, poetry, etc. They seem to learn by a process of absorption rather than by close study. Memory is retentive and their thoughts are often reflective, romantic and poetic. They operate largely on intuition and instinct rather than logic. They're basically non-complainers but are often resentful of the status quo and angry with things that are inequitable but are unable to reason to an intellectual solution. They may not express themselves due to fear of reaction or of making one's

feelings known.

These children are subject to mood swings with great creative potential on one end and mental stress and depression on the other end. They daydream and fantasize which is a hindrance in the classroom. A wise teacher will put their imagination and daydreams to work writing stories and poems. She will gently prod them mentally back to the classroom when their presence is essential. These children often find science and math cold and colorless. They are often suited for musicians, writers, actors, entertainers, or any other field which allows them to use their love of fantasy.

It has been said of Mercury in Pisces: The mind resists the rule of pure logic and refuses to be pinned down to hard facts. There are, on the other hand, soft facts pertaining to the realms of instinct and intuition which are no less significant realities in the scheme of existence. [8]

The field of Astrology holds a vast store of information for educators. It can be an invaluable aid in evaluating strengths and weaknesses, career counseling, methods of discipline and rewards, as well as giving great insight into the psychological make-up of the child. It should be noted that Astrology is an aid--not an absolute. It gives important clues that we might otherwise overlook. We are closing our eyes to an avenue of information by not using what it has to offer.

Unfortunately, I see great problems in incorporating Astrology in the school system. The general public is misinformed and often has a very negative view of the field. Too often it is associated with fortune telling, mysticism and the occult. Ideally it would be advantageous for every teacher to have a basic knowledge of Astrology to use in the classroom. Again a problem presents itself. Too many people lose their perspective when involved with Astrology. Perhaps a more logical beginning would be to give psychologists and counselors a foundation in Astrology. They could then incorporate their knowledge of Astrology with test data and other techniques to maximize their effectiveness with children.

I would also like to see a noted astrologer write some books on education. They are missing an area where they could make a major contribution to society.

Although I have serious doubts that the fields of Astrology and Education will meet in the near future, the Age of Aquarius will soon be upon us. With this coming comes man's desire for heightened enlightenment. There couldn't be a more perfect time for Astrology and Education to meet.

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NONESUCH

God and I alone in space
And no one else in view

"And where are all the people, Lord," asked I
"The earth beneath, the sky o'er head
The dead who once I knew?"
"Oh, those were dreams," the great God said
"Dreams that seemed to be real.
There are no people, live or dead
No earth beneath nor sky o'er head
There is only myself and you."

"Then why do I feel no fear?" asked I
"Being alone with you this say...
That I have done wrong, I know full well;
Can this be heaven, can this be hell?
Can this be judgement day?"

"Oh, those were dreams," the great God said
"Dreams that seemed to be real.
There is no you, there never was.
There is only and always me."

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NOW ASTROLOGY

Astrology still brings to the minds of a vast number of people a predictive means of fore-telling events in the lives of people, and in a very general way, indeed it does.

I am reminded of the attitude toward astrology and astrologers as fortunetelling by a reserved, well-dressed, and intelligent client who was sent by his wife for a reading. At the conclusion of the session, he was visibly impressed by the information brought forth from a "horoscope" and he commented, "But, you don't look like an astrologer!"

Since then I've often wondered what the general public really thinks astrology is, but I know that it's probably as different as there are individuals. However, there has been a general trend generated by the media. As long as people are willing to allow their thoughts and their very lives to be guided by consensus opinion - and these days, it's the 5 O'clock News - astrologers will still be envisioned wearing a long robe of purple with yellow moons and stars with a cone-shaped hat upon their heads.

However, the changes and innovations during this century in our lifestyles and the new discoveries within, without, and beyond (stellar) has not left astrology relegated to the interpretive methodology from the days of Ptolemy (circa 100 A.D.) which evolved into the standard sign/planet/house definitions most of us are familiar with into the 1950's. Astrology, like many other sciences, has taken a quantum leap in awareness and knowledge in attunement with the spiralling progression into the new age in the last 3 decades in particular.

Sure, astrologers are able to tell you if you're going on a trip, fall in love, get married, have 5 children, oriented toward career or goals, the community, moves, health problems, etc., but beyond what's going on in the outer circumstances, a vastly growing body of "humanistic" or "person-centered" astrologers can relate you to yourself in terms of your wholeness as a microcosm operating as a whole solar system on the

background of, and in constant relationship to the zodiac or galaxy.

The humanistic astrologer helps people find solutions to their personal and interpersonal problems, but more importantly to be more aware of their incredibly individual birth potential. Each person orients himself to the universe in a totally individual way and what differentiates him from everyone else is his time and space blueprint, drafted from the first breath of life. What each person has in common with all life and existence is the same 10-planet/12-sign frame of reference, just as we each have 2 eyes, 2 ears, a nose, etc., yet are existent in our own uniqueness. "Form differentiates; substance unifies." Each of us is carrying around in ourselves the full potential of actualizing the promise contained within that moment in time we drew our first breath, however, very few actually reach that point of total self-awareness. When one gains self-acknowledge, one has gained completion or unification - one has found the Holy Grail; one has found God.

All this reflects new approaches which have evolved through time and bears the stamp of the "now" moving toward what's coming up next. **Buz Myers** said, "The planets are God's way of making us move!", getting us off our duffs and getting on with it.

Nothing remains the same. Right now will never repeat itself. It never was before and it never will be again. It is right now. Humanistic astrology is Now Astrology, self-awareness, consciousness of self, etc. That is also what Aquarius symbolizes - human consciousness. The Aquarian personality is uniquely him/herself, a self-contained unit, a whole unit, a unified whole - an individual who has achieved self-integration or androgyny; the marriage of the self. When one has achieved self-knowledge, only then can one function within the whole group and accept them as individuals because s/he has accepted him/herself. There is then no threat, no fear that can cause the Aquarian to feel rejection because s/he is firm in the knowledge of self and because no one else can possibly be the same, no one else can possibly take anything away. The Aquarian self knows and is aware of self and therefore is aware of the selfness of others and can get along with others without demanding the sameness that the unknowledgeable require in order to be secure without themselves (the world outside).

When one knows the self, the self knows all others. When one knows the self, one can live totally in the now and become one with it. When one knows the self, one knows God, and when one knows the self and God, one moves into the unity and wholeness of Pisces.

The impetus of the new age is Aquarius, the symbol of man. As **Ron Cole** pointed out, if we look to scripture for a clue, it might be derived from Matthew 24:30 "When the sign of the Son of Man appears in the heavens, then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn." Why all the tribes of the earth must mourn is, of course, subject for conjecture, but symbolically perhaps all the tribes of men will come into a position in which every individual must become complete within themselves promising the knowledge not only of self but of all others which will dissolve the need for men to gather in tribes (nations, fractionalization, division) and will herald the brotherhood of man. "Behold, in the last days, I shall pour (remember the man pouring water from a jug) spirit upon all flesh. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young will see visions and upon my handmaidens I shall pour out my spirit and they too shall prophesy."

I am hearing from almost every quarter of life people describing profound awareness coming to them through dreams, flashes of knowledge, visions, voices. Psychic ability is growing in more and more individuals all the time and what was a phenomena 20-30 years ago, is now accepted and printed widely in the literature and on the newsstands. Could this be the spirit or awareness of God pouring forth upon mankind?



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