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Spiritual Astrology: A Layperson's Guide to Self-Unfoldment by Jan Spiller

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Birth Pattern Psychology by Tamise Van Pelt

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Olivia Barclay (astrological signature of fires and explosions)
Misty Kuceris (7 Hills Conference)
Robert Pelletier (7 Hills Conference)
Zane Stein (Solstice points, Sabian symbols)
Erin Sullivan (Mercury retrograde)
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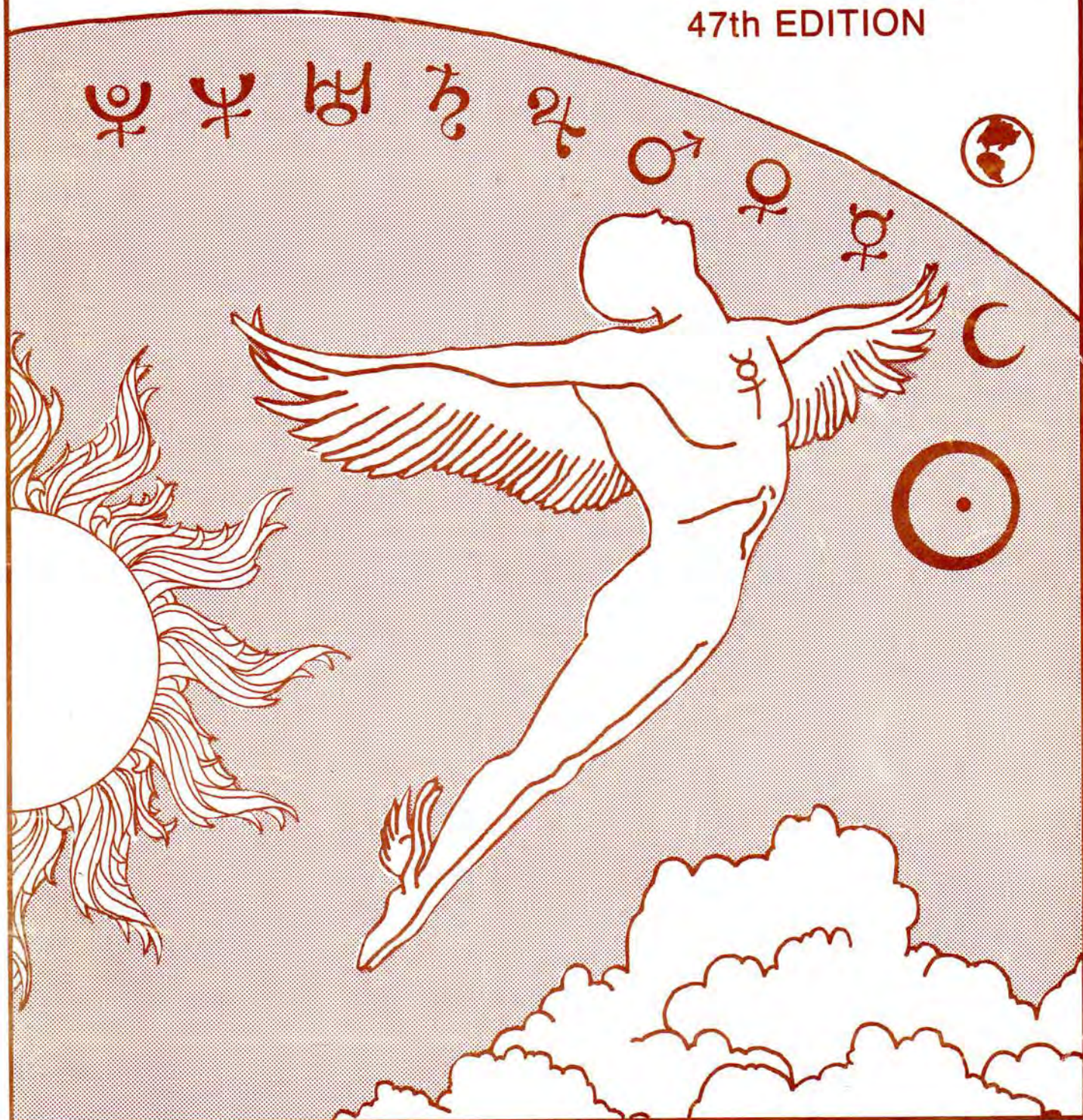
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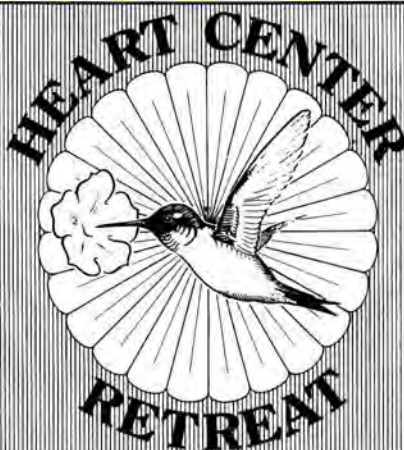
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HI !!!

From the looks of things there will be an Extra Edition with the January '86 issue. If you received the 14th Extra and haven't sent in your \$5.00 for it yet, please do so now. Let us know if you want to continue receiving the Extras. You can pay for the 14th and 15th Extras at the same time, if you prefer (\$10).

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It is with heavy heart that I report the death of **June Dobrovolsky [Dobbs]** of Wisconsin. She lost the long battle on Feb. 2, 1985. I always considered June a "friend," loved her sense of humor and enjoyed her company at many conferences. She had been with the **MH** since 1975.

Roxana Muise wrote a nice tribute to **Constance Mayer** who also passed over. It appeared in Vol. 47, #6, of the **AFA Bulletin**. Another good astrologer has left us.

I want to thank all of you who took the time and trouble to send me cards and letters and offered helpful information on the back problem I was suffering from. They were all so appreciated. It is so nice to know how many cared. The back is slowly getting better for which I am grateful. It is a long slow process but at least I am feeling better and able to do more than last issue. I also want to thank all the nice people who sent congratulations on my and the **MH's** winning of the **Marc Edmund Jones Award** of 1984.

The 7 Hills Conference was just great - or so everyone who is writing in that attended it is telling me. (I was a little busy during it...) There is an ad for the available tapes in the centerfold of this issue. The rooms were lovely, the food was good, but the best part of all was the fantastic people who were there enjoying each other and the hospitality room every night. The Spinach Dip Recipe, so many wanted copies of, is in this issue on the 7 Hills Conference page and some wonderful pictures of the crew.

Please remember when sending in charts to the **MH**, to give the **source** of the information and house system. We seem to be forgetting this lately.

As many of you know, **John McCormick** had planned on moving to Lynchburg to go into partnership with me at the **MERCURY HOUR**. Unfortunately the month that this was planned for was the month of his untimely death. Since then I have been seriously considering looking for another partner. **Jewell Fahey** has been with me now for over 2½ years and has taken a good deal of the work off my shoulders. She is naturally the logical choice since she knows as much about the **MH** as I do. We will be working together as partners from now on. (Actually in a sense, we have been for the past 2 years.) I am telling you this since there have been some questions asked. Nothing about the magazine will change, just as it hasn't changed in the past 2 years. I will still be writing to you, taking care of the correspondence for the most part and Jewell will continue to do the paste-up, handle the computer work and the other desk. **NOTHING WILL CHANGE** except Jewell will now share the highlights and headaches as well as the work.

I want to remind our **CANADIAN FRIENDS** to **PLEASE** send postal money orders or international money orders on U.S. Banks. The charges on regular Canadian checks is more than unreasonable at this time. Our bank says that the Canadian banks charge them for cashing them and they in turn charge us. These charges range anywhere from \$5.00 to \$15.00 depending on the amount of the check. Would you believe on one check the charge was more than the check itself...it was a small check and they have a standard minimum charge.

We have decided not to take the Camper out West this year, but I'll be at the **NCGR Conference** in San Mateo, CA on Sept. 19th and then down to San Diego to do a lecture for the **San Diego Astrological Society** on Oct. 4th. I'll be out in San Diego again on Oct. 31st for the **San Diego Astrological Conference**. I sure am looking forward to seeing a lot of you folks during my visits to California.

Jewell will be attending the **Western Reserve Awareness Conference** in Westlake, Ohio, Sept. 5-8 and also looks forward to meeting many of our northern friends during this event.

Love and Hope,

Edith Custer
Jewell Fahey

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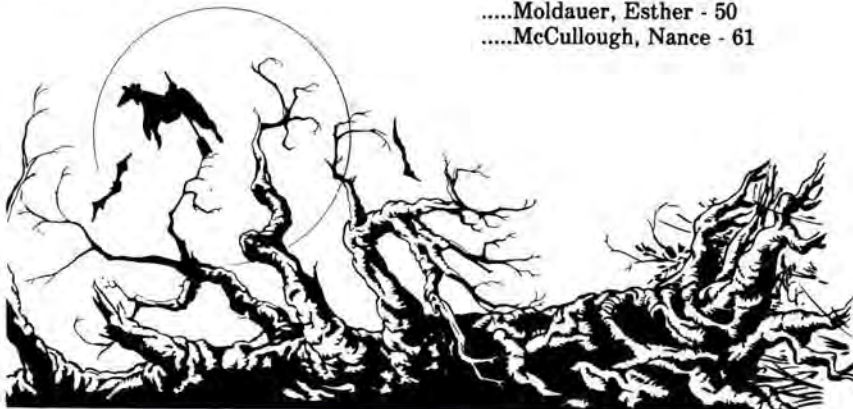
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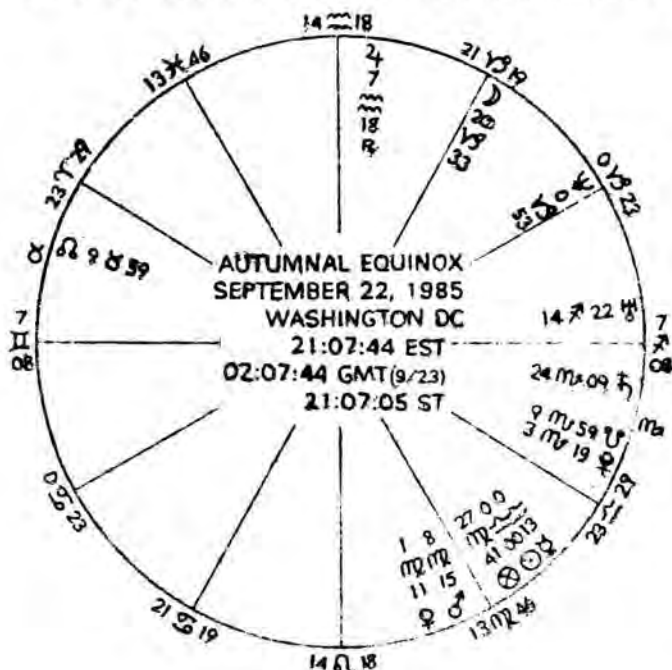
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AUTUMN EQUINOX



GEO

As Venus crosses the Equator Oct. 20th, a fairly late Fall is indicated. (The latest Venus can cross is Nov. 11th, her earliest, Spring Equinox is Jan. 31st.) Even so it won't be a warm, placid Autumn. The Autumn Equinox starts off with some very unpleasant aspects. On the global chart (set for 0W/E00) all the planets are below the horizon therefore weather systems will extend northwards until later in the season as their declinations are mixed north and south. After Nov. 2, all again reach southern declinations which will bring the colder temperatures into the deep south as they did last winter, though not quite as cold.

The dominating pattern on the Geo chart is the Sun cojoining Mercury, squaring Neptune while in trine to Venus. This indicates strong, gusty winds with high velocities, lowering of temperatures and precipitation turning into blizzard-like conditions later on in northern areas. Central west Russia through Iran, the Northwest territories thru western Canada, Washington, Oregon to the California coast will experience storm bringing cold rain, fog, drizzle and later sleet and snow with strong winds. In the Far East, the north island of Japan, Hokaido, down through Melbourne, Australia, will feel similar effects. Typhoon type storms off Japan, heavier monsoons to the south. There is a chance of seismic activity around the Marianna Islands and New Guinea, with mudslides in Japan.

Uranus is on the meridian for Moscow and Alaska. Moscow will have early cold, intensifying as the season progresses with later blizzards. Over Alaska the cold highs will form, coming down to dominate the northwest, intensified by the approaching square to Mars, bringing early snows to the mountains and high winds as the system sweeps down and eastward.

Saturn lies over eastern Europe, down thru Central Africa to Capetown. This will bring cooler than normal temperatures, heavy dull skies, probably no Sun to the north, while applying

square to Venus indicates snow/rain in Europe, and possible flooding in Africa after heavy rains. For the western world, large lows will form in the mid-Pacific, and spread eastward. Hawaii may feel the results of these, but also seismic results. Probably the volcano will spurt forth again.

Mars is on the meridian for the Philippines and Newfoundland. Both will have serious and severe storms. Typhoon and hurricane velocity winds are not unlikely as Mars goes on to square Uranus. The inconjunct aspect of Mars to Jupiter is also a seismic indicator for the Philippines, but just an intensifier of storms in the N. Atlantic.

Venus lies over the Maritimes, and central China down to India. Venus is trined to Neptune and sextiled to Pluto, I expect we will have a cold wet Fall. The same applies to central China, with the exception of the more northern areas. Normally, North China does not get much rain as much as it gets viciously cold winds with some snow in winter months. The Pluto aspect will no doubt intensify the monsoons of south Asia and India.

Jupiter in Aquarius, inconj. to Mars in Virgo, lies on the meridian at 84° west. Abnormally dry to drought-like conditions a distinct possibility, moving eastward over the coast. It may begin as a Fall heat wave, until Mars goes into the southern declination Nov. 2nd, then the cold waves will again move south. For the eastern hemisphere this would not be abnormal, western China has a lot of desert, but some earthquake activity could take place along the border between China and India as that is an unstable zone anyway. Activity could also erupt around Sumatra.

Pluto is on the meridian over Central France down through Africa, and again over the tip of the Aleutian Islands. As he joins the midpoint of Mars/Neptune, a sensitive seismic point, watch for volcanic activity in the islands. Pluto squares the meridian thru west China to Bangladesh, and through western Ontario down through Mexico (93W), along the eastern plains. The sextile to Venus normally indicates rain, and with the Moon passing over, picking up moisture from the Gulf, there are chances of heavy rains at times and flash flood. Pluto on the nadir of a chart is far more potent, the nadir is France through Africa.

HELIO

In the Helio chart, the 3 big changes lie with Mars, Jupiter and Venus. There is of course no Mercury Sun conj., therefore Mercury squares Neptune which brings unsettled weather but none of the viciousness of the Geo.

Jupiter lies on the Southeast U.S. coast, again sextiling Uranus for a repeat of last winter's extreme dryness.

Venus at 104W in Cancer and inconj. Jupiter promises heavier than normal rains and later snow, for that region east of the Rockies. (Note how this agrees and compliments the Uranus reading in the Geo.) There is a 4° difference in Saturn's position, putting him on the meridian for Hawaii, and within 2° of squaring Mars on the meridian at 66W. This signals severe storms along the Northeast Canadian coast and off Bermuda. Uranus is still over Japan, but over the Tokyo area. Neptune is 2° closer to the California coast, squaring Mercury to bring turbulent and unsettled weather, fog and dampness. Pluto stays in the same area as in the Geo.

One big change this winter is Saturn's entry into Sag., bringing even colder temperatures. We can expect our first real freeze about Nov. 28, when Mercury again joins the Sun in Sag. only 5° from Saturn but going on to join Saturn at 1 Sag. Dec. 6th. The last time Saturn entered Sag. was Oct. of 1956, and in 1957 New Orleans had snow for the first time in this century with a low of 23° F.

We have 2 eclipses during this period, Oct. 28th a lunar eclipse, but Nov. 12th the solar eclipse, and the more important. This falls on a 19 yr. cyclic chart of volcanic eclipses, all taking place between 18 and 21° Scorpio/Taurus. While it is only visible in the Antarctic, the terrestrial long. runs off Japan, and thru the African Rift Valley - while Neptune is on the meridian for the Aleutians, Saturn on Papua, New Guinea and South Seas, and Pluto Eastern Brazil, off the Philippines down thru Central Australia.



Where the **NATAL LR ASCENDANT RULER** is by house, shows where and how the function of that planet is operating this year. The **LR ASCENDANT RULER** shows by house, the way the function will work out.

These notes are also helpful to delineate the house that comes to the Asc. and the house the **MOON** is in.

1st HOUSE: Strong desire for self-expression, to do things yourself; opportunity for self-development and projection. Act, do, be, become.

2nd HOUSE: Emphasis is on values, financial problems and opportunity. Pay and collect. Earning capacity is stressed as are possessions and personal self-worth. Buy, sell, spend, save.

3rd HOUSE: Accent is on ideas and expression of them. Increased perceptive abilities, personal understanding and your state of mind. Environment changes are possible. Dealings with relatives. Communication is stressed. Write, travel, study, speak, investigate.

4th HOUSE: Home, family, estate and parents come strongly into the picture. The power of your deep inner self to establish emotional security is enhanced. Work on your image from the inside out. Events and affair may need to be finished up.

5th HOUSE: Stimulation to affections; improve your relationship with children. Self-expression through a new love; release from emotional tension. Be mentally and physically creative. Good or bad time for investment depending on aspects. Have fun, play, but don't spread self too thin.

6th HOUSE: Health and work matters should be wisely handled. Keep strict eye on employees or servants. Improve any service you offer. There may be a necessity to make adjustments in daily routine. Readjustment of self-expression through learning of new techniques.

7th HOUSE: Legal, marital and partnership relationships need attention. Handle wisely and avoid quarrels. Be diplomatic and tactful, understanding of other person's viewpoint, even though you may feel just the opposite. Other people will play an important role.

8th HOUSE: Settlements in partnership, legal and marital affairs. Funeral, tax and insurance matters may have to be handled. Strong sex stimulation. Change which releases you from personal limitation. Birth, death and transformation are stressed, as well as other's resources and support.

9th HOUSE: Urge to travel, study and get new concepts. Publicity, publishing and importing opportunities. Legal matters may have to be handled. Mental expansion is possible through understanding relationships. Contact with new ideas.

10th HOUSE: Profession and career come into prominence. Relations with governmental, social and occupational superiors, also parents or the public. Bring your objective ideas into being. Improve the image you project in the outer world and handle any career decisions wisely. Status change.

11th HOUSE: Accent on old and new friendships, circumstances beyond your control, money from profession or employer, social activities. Associations made through public or career may prove helpful. Involvement with large organizations.

12th HOUSE: Confidential affairs need self-judgment and reevaluation of ultimate values if you are to keep free from causes of scandal. This is a time for quiet self-development; there is a need for privacy or isolation, voluntary or otherwise.

PLANETS RISING IN THE LUNAR RETURN

A natal planet rising has more impact than a LR planet, but they both have significance so be sure to consider both. If there are several planets in the 1st house, or in the 12th conjunct the Asc., take them all into consideration.

SUN: This is a time for accomplishments where your personality can be of benefit to you and others; a time to put

forth every possible constructive effort to live up to the best in your natal **SUN** vibrations. Check the house with Leo on the cusp to see where this will be reflected.

MOON: Your emotional and domestic side seeks prominence for those qualities and experiences indicated by the **MOON** in your natal chart. Build relationships with loved ones at this time. Sensitive, you are likely to express in a most intimate manner. Keep your emotions linked to your better judgment, if you are the least inclined to show your feelings too demonstratively. Restless, you feel a need for travel if not outright and permanent change. It is best not to move too completely and permanently unless other things indicate the possibility. The house with Cancer on the cusp will show where the need for change is most prevalent.

MERCURY: Time to put your judgment to work on the problems indicated by **MERCURY** in your natal chart; matters of thought, trade, and possible health conditions through the nerves. Time for writing and travel, but also for care in both lest carelessness lead to trouble. Check house cusps with Gemini and Virgo for ways to communicate and reach out to others.

VENUS: Cultivate beauty and harmony on all levels, especially partnership. Affections are strong at this time; this is the time to share with those who really care for you. The cusps with Libra and Taurus show areas that need activity and attention. Avoid over-indulgence and self-gratification.

MARS: Time for action along constructive lines already carefully planned. There is danger of splashing around aimlessly that creates difficulties and the necessity for retracing your steps. Self-assurance is an asset, but this is a period when you are likely to be too much so. Temper desire with judgment. The houses with Aries and Scorpio on the cusp will show areas that need activity and attention.

JUPITER: Time for the sort of expansion and growth indicated in your natal chart. Take steps to develop along the lines of your natal **JUPITER** giving attention to your philosophy and ethics. Avoid overconfidence that leads to extravagance. Seek to expand in the area indicated by the house with Sag. on the cusp.

SATURN: This is a period of testing for personal worth as indicated by Saturn's placement in your natal chart. You must put your talents to practical use. The kind of life you have been living will come out in health conditions at this time. The tendency here is to take on added responsibilities of a personal nature with or without remuneration according to the affairs of the house with Capricorn on the cusp.

URANUS: This is a time for taking inventory of the past and cutting away dead issues. Look ahead and make plans for changes that will be of most good to the greatest numbers of those with whom you are involved. There is a tendency to be too self-opinionated, yet it is essential that you do your own thinking especially in the area governed by the house with Aquarius on the cusp.

NEPTUNE: This is a time for calm examination of your inner nature, for aesthetic expression of whatever art form interests you. Often it is an inspirational time, but must be carefully checked lest there be some element of doubtfulness or illusion. Avoid schemes especially if Neptune has challenging aspects. Your creativity can best express through the house with Pisces on the cusp.

PLUTO: This is a time for establishing precedents and bringing an end to an era in the life. It often coincides with a 'first' in the life. But there can be a tendency to shirk obligations and take the easy way out, especially if Pluto does not have some challenging aspects. The house with Scorpio on the cusp shows an area needing some deep-seated changes.

GENERAL NOTES ON LUNAR RETURNS

LR charts only last for about 29 days, so it is important to realize that what you see in them is not often a matter of life and death. Be reasonable.

LR charts are more forceful when the same sign rises as did at birth; especially if the same degree is ascending (within 3 or 4°).

When the angles are reversed (i.e. 7th natal house on LR

Asc.) things are not as promising. Jupiter or Venus rising greatly modifies this.

LR planets to be considered active must aspect a natal planet.

Any planet within 3° of a cusp activates the house. Any planet in an angle should get extra attention. So should the house it rules.

- Conclusion -

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Marc Penfield: I've seriously considered your 1 degree Scorpio rising chart for Israel, but reject the afternoon time for the midnight time. An example: Do we pay attention to June 21, 1788 when the 9th state ratified the Constitution, making it the new legal government of the U.S., or do we use the Mar. 4, 1789 chart which made it effective? The same with the state of Israel. The vote in the U.N. occurred at a certain time, true, but the British Mandate was still in effect until midnight.

Compare Scorpio rising with Aquarius rising: I don't see any drastic changes going on in Israel. The people live about the same way now as in previous years in Israel. However, with Jupiter transiting an Aquarian Asc., it would explain why inflation or currency devaluation is made up by the grants our Congress is making to Israel to ease the financial situation. In this chart, Neptune is in the 8th house, appropriately enough. The planetary exchanges between the U.S. and the Israeli charts would exist no matter what the Asc. sign or other house cusps were like. In the midnight chart, (standard, not Summer Time,) Jupiter retrograde in Sagittarius in the 11th house of friends certainly illustrates the role of the U.S.

I forgot to mention the Mars-Jupiter trine in my previous article (Apr. 10, 1985) regarding this chart, but it has shown itself not only by the Israeli military victories, but also by the fact that armaments are Israel's most important export. In the Aquarius rising chart, Venus, along with Uranus, are in the 5th house. Venus in the 9th house just doesn't describe the situation; neither does Venus in the 9th. The Sun and lunar north node are in Venus' sign, and the Moon deposes to the Sun, so the education of children has been very good. If you have a good mind, nobody holds you back; you get special instruction in a class for advanced students.

The Saturn and Pluto transits in Scorpio are presently in the 9th house, but will eventually go into the 10th house. Right now, diplomatic relations are stalled, and the foreign press has not been too kind. When Saturn gets into the 10th house and stays there without retrograding back into the 9th, I imagine that important governmental policies will be established. It is an important time for Israel, a real challenge because of the fixed signs in the birthchart, and it is a time of Israel's greatest power and prestige. Despite the inflation, Israel's strength has not diminished. It'll be interesting to see what Jupiter in Taurus does for Israel in 1988; the place where Jupiter bestows its benefits should clue us to the correct house.

Also, **Marc Penfield:** Your research on Capt. Bligh and the mutiny on board the *Bounty* (44th edition) was super. I loved reading this article.

Zane Stein: I missed mentioning this in the 4-10-85 article I wrote. Yes, the skull bones are a large portion of the head, but Saturn in the sub-ruler of Aquarius.

T. Patrick Davis: Sorry to disagree with you, but I don't go for the Virgo ascendant for Gen. Lee. However, that sign fits Stonewall Jackson perfectly. He was a diet and exercise nut, a drillmaster, and the type of fussy professor that the cadets at V.M.I. loved to play practical jokes on. He was a Sunday School teacher, too. Lee loved to dance, socialize, introduce people and write letters - certainly a Libra personality. Lee never wore his beautiful handmade uniform with the red sash until Appomattox. On the field he had worn an old soft hat and Union greatcoat that he had when he was a U.S. colonel. He grew a beard because it was too much bother to shave under the conditions he and his men were forced to live. Because he was so conscious of what his soldiers might think of him, he preferred his tent and the poor food to the many offers of good meals and a warm house made to him by civilians. Being an

indecisive Libra rising individual is what lost him Gettysburg. If he had had Mars rising, he would have sacked Longtreet. Too often he was the gentlemen deferring to the wishes or personality quirks of the officers under him. They liked him because he gave them so much room to make their own decisions.

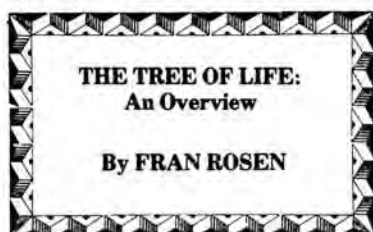
You are right about one of his daughters having her Moon in Virgo. That was Annie, the one who died of typhoid fever in Warrenton, N.C. I figure she had the north ascellus (6 degrees Leo) rising because an accident blinded one eye. If I picked the right time, then her Moon would conjunct her father's Mars. If Lee's wife, besides being Martha Washington's great grand-daughter, had actually been Martha Washington in a previous life, then according to an Ebertin delineation of a midpoint I found when comparing her chart to her husband's, the tie which brought them together for another lifetime was their desire to have the children denied them before. Whereas Martha had taken care of George when he was very seriously ill, Lee took care of his invalid wife in every way he could when he lived at Arlington and Lexington.

I made one mistake in that article. Apparently, I had so much on my mind to keep straight that I confused Constance Cary with Harriet Talcott. Her husband, Andrew Talcott, was Lee's best friend in his young days as an officer just out of West Point. This paralleled George Washington's friendship with George "Will" Fairfax, and his lovely wife, Sally, for whom G.W. had an infatuation.

On June 10, 1865, Lee was indicted for treason by a grand jury in Norfolk, VA. The transiting Sun trined his Asc., and transiting Mercury, the ruler of Gemini, to which the Sun deposed, was conjunct the Pleiades. The sensation of this action gained sympathy for the defeated general. Nearly everyone thought the least he would get in the way of a sentence would be life imprisonment, like Napoleon, if he weren't hanged. The person who saved him was Gen. Grant, who insisted to Pres. Johnson that if Lee were hanged, he would immediately resign from the Army. With all the aspects between their charts, your recitation of helio placements only adds to the remarkability of the fate of both men. If Lee had been Washington, what then, was Grant? Cornwallis? That would certainly fit. Washington refused to take his sword in surrender, and Grant did that gracious deed one better by allowing not only Lee, but all his officers to keep their sidearms.

On the cosmic level, what is treason, and what is loyalty? For 30 years, Lee had been a most faithful and dutiful officer, living away from home a lot of the time, when many Union officers, greatly rewarded by their government after the Civil War, had resigned from the army prior to the war to pursue more lucrative careers. Canada was a refuge for Tories during our revolution. If Canada had/has a right to exist as a respected nation, why couldn't the C.S.C.? In every other country which had slavery, it was abolished by the stroke of the pen, and not by war. Out of a population of 3 1/2 million black people in the South, about 400,000 were freedmen or women. They owned property, their own businesses, and some owned their own slaves. They formed the negro middle class, and were swindled by the carpetbaggers during Reconstruction just as whites were. Seventy percent of the white population in the South could not afford to own slaves. Only 10 percent owned more than 200, and only six families owned a thousand or had more than 15,000 acres of land. Agribusiness today owns more land, and mechanization has done away with the need for hand labor. Only about a quarter of the blacks made use of the opportunity to receive a free education made available by the Freedman's Bureau. It consisted of a fourth grade education administered over a two-year period in 16 months (summer months of May through August exempted.) Then Congress cut off the funds for this program in 1869. The military occupation took away the right to bear arms as far as the whites who threw in their lot with the cause of the Confederacy were concerned. There was an armed black militia, however, in each state, and this more than any other Reconstruction act by the North, brought about the emergence of the KKK. Organized by Gen. N. Bedford Forrest on Dec. 24, 1865 in Pulaski, TN, it came into being as a

reaction against Congress which refused to seat the duly elected senators and representatives from the South three weeks earlier. The transits show Saturn in Scorpio sextile Jupiter in Capricorn. The latter squares Neptune in Aries which went direct the day before, and the former trines a retrograde Uranus in Cancer. The T-cross is formed by Uranus then opposing the Jupiter. Mars and Venus are in Sagittarius, depicting a love of ceremony and costumes. Under ordinary circumstances, such an assembly of men in one place would have aroused the suspicion of the military authorities, and would have been prevented by the curfew. So the occasion, Christmas Eve, provided the perfect cover, for they were supposedly going to a church service. It looked more genuine and innocent by the presence of a few ladies who cooked and served the supper. Between half past seven and eight, a prayer was said and some hymns, and then the meeting began. At midnight, a lot of hallelujahs were shouted, and the meeting adjourned with the Yankees no wiser. Mercury is retrograde in this chart, and Bedford Forrest declared the organization to be dissolved before the House Committee on Reconstruction in March, 1869.



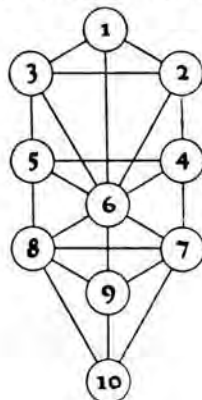
"What words are to thought, symbols are to the intuition," so says Dion Fortune in her treatise on The Tree of Life, "The Mystical Qabalah."

In the Garden of Eden stood two symbols which have had a profound effect on the Western world. The one, The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, was mankind's downfall from the bliss of innocence. The other, The Tree of Life, is the return route to peace of mind.

The Hebrews of old left us a strong legacy. The orthodox religions of the Western world are founded upon the Old Testament, and the Western Mystery Tradition is based upon the Kabbalah, a mystical system of correspondences built around the symbol called "The Tree of Life."

There seems to be two modern approaches to the discovery of the Tree's wisdom: (1) the passing on of the ancient Jewish Kabbalistic teachings (which, by the way, are considered heretical by orthodox Jewish Rabbis); and (2) the teachings of modern day occultists, such as Dion Fortune, Gareth Knight, and William Gray, who combine the wisdom of many systems of thought and present a picture that can be related to through the use of the symbols of these systems, including the Jewish system.

The Tree is a symbol for the totality of life. Every experience, every object, every system of thought has its place on the Tree. And by working with the Tree through meditation and contemplation, states of consciousness can be tapped profoundly and with transformational effects.



The tree is made up of ten spheres and 22 paths (see diagram). Each sphere is numbered (1-10) and so are the paths connecting them (11-32). Each sphere is also placed upon one of the pillars - the Pillar of Judgment (feminine/negative); the Pillar of Mercy (masculine/positive); or the Pillar of Mildness (neutral). The feminine Pillar holds the three spheres on the left; the neutral Pillar the four central spheres; and the masculine Pillar the remaining three spheres on the right.

The Tree also operates in four dimensions, or worlds: the World of Spirit (Fire); the World of Soul (Water); the World of Intellect (Air); and the World of Matter (Earth).

There is general agreement as to the Astrological symbolism associated with the ten spheres, with minor variations, but there are as many variations to the assignment of the Tarot trumps to the 22 paths as there are authors. The Astrological correspondences are:

Sphere

- 1 - Neptune -- Kether or Crown
- 2 - Uranus -- Chockma or Wisdom
- 3 - Saturn -- Binah or Understanding
- 4 - Jupiter -- Chesod or Mercy
- 5 - Mars -- Geburah or strength, Severity
- 6 - Sun -- Tiphareth or Beauty
- 7 - Venus -- Netzach or Victory
- 8 - Mercury -- Hod or Glory
- 9 - Moon -- Yesod or the Foundation
- 10 - Earth (4 elements) -- Malkuth or The Kingdom

There is one more sphere-like influence and that is the invisible sphere "Daath" which is contained in the "Abyss," a little below spheres 2 and 3. The Abyss divides the divine from the mundane. Daath is "Knowledge" and it corresponds with Pluto. This is the waste bin of the Tree where anything not yet purified on its journey up the Tree is disposed of and recycled. If we don't get disposed of here, this is where we make the choice of remaining to assist in the Planetary Hierarchy or going on to further evolution.

One by one we climb back up the Tree, from Malkuth, the earth plane, to Kether, our highest conception of Deity, by use of the paths connecting the spheres. Each sphere represents one facet of potential objective experience, and each path is the subjective experience encountered when moving from one state of consciousness to another.

The Tree is a powerful symbol not only in and of itself, but because of the multitude of minds that have poured energy into it and kept it alive for millenia. Once you have grasped some of its secrets, it will beckon you to continue your journey. That journey could be the most profound of your life.

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I, personally, am extremely disappointed at the extent that Tarot is presented in the **MH**. It concerns me that the interpretations include any interjection of Aleister Crowley's work. Crowley was a professed Black Witch and negative entity, and injecting any Crowley into Tarot interpretation can not fortify a reading in which the reader intends to draw upon positive forces to flow into the reading. In Vicki Noble's book, "Motherpeace, A Way to the Goddess through Myth, Art and Tarot," she states on Pg. 12 of the Prologue, "...the 'Thoth' deck, designed by Aleister Crowley and painted by Frieda Harris in 1943. While the images in this deck are magically potent and in some ways beautiful, they are tainted by Crowley's 'Satanic' approach to the magical arts, and embody a disturbing negativity." Furthermore, Alfred Douglas states in his book, "The Tarot, The Origin, Meaning and Uses of the Cards," on Pg. 130, that upon Crowley's separation from the Golden Dawn, he formed his own Order, Silver Star, setting himself up as its voice. In his "Book of Thoth," he altered the teachings of the Golden Dawn to fit his own personal mores. Crowley's deck is esoteric in its execution, but only to fit his goals, and it has been rejected or ignored by other occultists. Mr. Douglas does say that one of Crowley's inventive uses of comparing the Tarot to the Tree of Life gave us the Emperor

and the Star and relating them to their corresponding Hebrew letter and their numbers. I have read Tarot professionally for 18 years. And I have only seen sorrow, disaster and negative obsession with either readers or people who become connected and involved with Crowley's tarot material and meditations. To my knowledge, only highly detached, truly spiritually elevated souls have been able to override that erratic negativity.

Before I am assaulted by those who feel I am attacking Tarot, remember I am a professional Tarot reader. Remember, also, Tarot is a highly subjective process. Unlike Astrology and Numerology, two sciences that can be identically replicated, tarot cards are only a catalogue of influences, and no two readers will draw to exactly the same, card for card, layout. According to Don and his trusty scientific calculator, the odds of drawing the identical card for card, 10 position, direct or reversed layout are 1 in 4.68 x 10²¹: pretty astronomical. Granted, influences can be similar, but not identical, reading for reading. Personally, these facts are irrelevant when my point is disagreement of and opposition to subjecting predominantly astrologers to ongoing Tarot lessons, especially linked to Crowley.

To **Lois Rodden**, Apr. 45th Edition, Pg. 12. I agree wholeheartedly with you that there is a great deal of data thrown out in the pages of the **MH**, and the world of Astrology in general, with little or questionable classification. For those of us who are determined to work with accurate data, it is very disappointing to go to a great deal of work, being assured that the data was "verified", only to find addenda months later. God knows mistakes are made by the most scrupulous of scrupulous (a/k/a Virgos). All I am asking of data suppliers is honesty in reporting data and its sources. If it's rectified, fine, just openly state so; birth certificate, good; person's own knowledge, o.k. Just be honest and aboveboard.

To **T. Pat Davis**, Apr. 45th Edition, Pg. 13. Your experience with inaccurate charts by so-called professional astrologers is not as infrequent as we would hope. However, I am hesitant to lean to any widespread enforced licensing or accreditation at this time. One reason this bothers me is the fact that some people do not do well under the pressure of testing, yet are excellent, highly professional, profoundly ethical, intelligent people. Psychological evaluation has confirmed recently what has been known all along; people who pass tests prove just that, they can pass tests; while those who do not pass can be as knowledgeable as those who passed. They simply channel the material in an alternative awareness process. For widespread testing to be fair, in the most liberal sense of the word, the multi-dimensional awareness of diversified processes need to be acknowledged and enforced. Alas, the second reason widespread testing falls short is the simple reason astrologers are astrologers; we are so varied. And each school of thought has its own proponents. For myself, I studied with Ivy Jacobson, passed her certification and then went on to study with Press Roberts. Press does not certify, but my astrological experience and knowledge has broadened immensely in the past 10 years because of his generous sharing of his knowledge with me. But, again I reiterate, there will be a number of maverick astrologers who will continue to study, teach and practice unlicensed. It's such a double-edged sword, for on the one hand, if we expect to be taken seriously, we must show some accreditation. Who would seriously consider going to an MD, chiropractor, dentist, psychologist, or optometrist who does not have the highly respected diploma on his wall? And on the other hand, we are supposed to have our roots not only from the science of astronomy, but the arcane schools of spiritual enlightenment as well. We stand, as it were, with one foot on earth and the other on water. All this said, I agree when I see slipshod work, it makes my Irish hit the roof. Perhaps what we are really talking about is something that is hardly, if ever, touched upon in Astrology articles, courses and textbooks -- ethics. I have just recently seen an example of a well-known West Coast astrologer who, in an article published in a 1978 issue of "Astrology Now", proposed intervening in the control of human beings through astrology--is this ethical?

To **Raymond Sollars**, Apr. 45th Edition, Pg. 14. Your

interest in Pluto is providing a good opportunity for us all to look at our respective charts and identify Pluto's traits and trends. You have said Pluto is in Gemini in your chart. Since Pluto was discovered sometime after your birth, could you share with us what and how you experienced it during those early years of your life. Alan Leo comes to mind. He states in his book, "Practical Astrology" that Taurus is the worst sign of the Zodiac. Only after he died and Pluto was discovered do we see possibly why he responded to Taurus's negativity with his own Pluto in Taurus.

To **Ted George**. Until you come down out of the Cosmos and give us the facts, ephemerides, and examples, you are only offering pie in the sky. **Give us facts! Numbers! Signs!** Myth, speculation, and conjecture won't cut it. Be practical. If there really is a planet out there called Samson or Delilah or Mickey Mouse, fine, but give us the positions, and give us the chance to research and verify or refute the material you inundate us with. And it's still a quantum leap from shadows to delineation. If you present these placements as **sensitive points**, not possessing the equivalence of major planetary vibrations, such as Sun, Mars, Neptune and Pluto. (Have you ever heard of those? I use them all the time.) Then the existence of each point's sensitivity **could** signal what you say--but who knows? You're not giving any of us the concrete numbers to find out for ourselves--either you don't have the ephemerides or you are too insecure to share with the enlightenment you possess. I am not "Besmirching" you with the word "enlightenment", we all strive for this one thing as astrologers.

To **Mollie Sommer**, Pg. 39. Thank you for sharing your study with us. I have used and semi-abandoned Helio in the past, but your letter gave me grist for the mill. Shortly before the **MH** arrived and I read your letter, a client of ours called. We had avoided her for over a year because she would come crying for help, then when we'd tell her what the chart said, would resent the truth. A few weeks ago, she called in a state of tears and hysteria. It was hard to say "No" to her, but I told her we'd give her time if she was ready to accept what the chart had to say to her. She agreed, so we've been working with her for the past 2 weeks, and it seems to be looking much better. Now, to get to the point: after seeing your letter, I began sticking the helio planets in the client's chart, and in that of the man she was in a relationship with. And I was impressed at what I saw. There were enough confirming Geo to Geo aspects to indicate the eventual outcome, but the interrelation of Geo to Helio, and vice-versa, was overwhelming for forming the subsequent impact she received the day he had decided to dump her. The fact that there were more stimuli from Helio to Geo and Helio to Helio would warrant remembering to include viewing them. What I found that interested me was the Geo/Helio triplicity/quadruplicity. It appears that in fulfilling relationships, the Geo and Helio complement the two parties' strengths and weaknesses. After Don and I looked into Helio, we found it to be strong in describing relationships, especially ones like ours where people do not seem to fit the old astrological cliches. It also appears Helio is strongest when working with intangibles.

To **Warren Kinsman**, Pg. 52. Thank you for passing on your brother Steve's article. This is what Don and I have been saying for years. When astrologers keep throwing everything in their charts they will begin to see nothing but trouble in trying to fish our relevancy. I firmly believe in simplification no matter what system of planets or signs one adheres to. Please encourage Steve to write more. From what you have told Don and me in the past, your brother would be a positive influence on many first and second year students, as well as those who are practicing astrologers who have gone too far afield.

To **Teresa Weed**, Pg. 16. Could you please explain yourself regarding why it would be any difference what kind of data a person sent your group? To my knowledge neither **Neil Michelsen** nor any other computing service asks for only birth certificate data. They are businesses, providing printouts of **any** data sent to them by clients. What business is it of anyone of us if someone wants to do speculative work. The only thing I am adamant about is stating the classification of charts when

data is made public. I reiterate: what difference is it to your group unless you are wanting to make some use of the data as well. One other thing, why didn't your group chip a few bucks together and take out an ad in the pages of the **MH** or the **OPEN MARKET**. I personally boycott anyone who takes advantage of the **MH** readership as well as **Edith** by plugging their materials, books, or services. I wonder how much it could save in our subscription fees if more people were honest?

To **Joan Abel**, Pg. 6 - 14th Extra Edition. Yes! That's why a Quadrant system works and is important. A quadrant system provides an arrangement of houses of lesser or greater length, making each department greater or lesser in importance in the person's life. This is a more realistic view of life and not the simplistic, naive view the Equal House system provides. After all, no one promised life to be fair and equal. Progressions and transits to minor as well as angular house cusps indicate intensification of the house just left and change of awareness to the forthcoming house. I have a few examples that have come to mind. First, a client whose husband died a year ago. T. Neptune was within 5 degrees conjunct her Natal 7th, (Neptune ruler of 10th); T. Mars 2 degrees away from conjuncting the 6th cusp (Mars ruler of 6th and 11th). Secondly, a client joined the Society for Creative Anachronism when Transit Pluto was one and half degree to conjunct the Natal 11th house cusp. Thirdly, a male client's mother was hospitalized when transiting Pluto was within 4 degrees and retrograding back to conjunct the 4th cusp. At the same time he experienced a change in a relationship that had endured for about two years. At the time of the break-up, Transit Jupiter conjunct 7th house cusp, Jupiter rules natal 8th and 5th; transit Mars conjunct M.C. by 3 degrees and Mars rules the Natal 4th (bringing in the mother again) and 9th indicating a change of relationship from one near at hand to one that is in another state (Natal Moon in the 9th). My last example comes from a chart of another client who experienced a relationship break-up when transit saturn conjuncted the 4th house cusp by 2 degrees (Saturn rules natal 5th); transit Neptune conjunct natal 5th by 1 degree (Neptune co-rules 7th and 8th); transit Jupiter conjunct 6th by 1 degree (Jupiter rules 7th, 8th and intercepted 4th). And this doesn't even begin to touch upon the subject of progressed houses where, of course, the orbs are smaller.

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The enclosed monograph was written as a result of my own mathematical ineptitude. When in high school Algebra II, had it not been for an understanding and forbearing math teacher, I would no doubt still be in that same class today, quadratics, binomial theorems, etc. knocking for entry in my confused and recalcitrant head. But my teacher was humane. She saw in my hopelessly dull, bloodshot eyes that I would never look to higher mathematics as a profession. After questioning my intentions and extracting a promise that I would NOT sign up for trigonometry, with a sigh of some reluctance she passed me, not only from Algebra II, but from ALL MATH HENCEFORTH.

A long time after reaching my majority and becoming an Astrologer, I began to wonder just HOW house cusps were calculated. Fortunately, **Eshelman's** "Horoscope Calculation" had just been published, and a copy was purchased. Therein he gave the formulae for many different house systems "For the mathematically adroit..." No mention of the maladroit. Still, it seemed that if one had a "scientific calculator" one should be able to carry out the equations. I bought one, making certain it had the ability to make sexagesimal conversions.

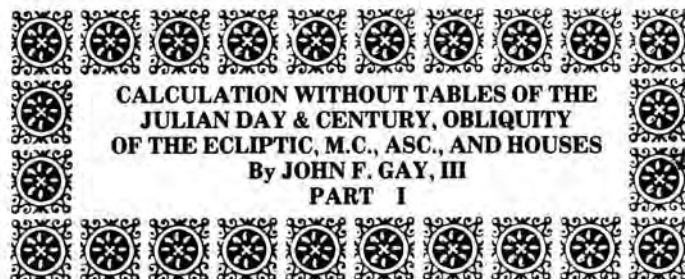
Commencing with my own data, I began calculating the M.C. and Asc. When the answers arose, there came a commensurate lowering of spirit: I couldn't make heads or tails of what had been calculated. In vain the calculations were gone through again; other data was used, but always with the same result: The answers were meaningless to me! Despair.

Finally, with some trepidation, I called a trigonometry teacher at a local high school. Yes, he would be happy to meet with me and see what I was doing. He did. And in 30 minutes' time I knew something about positive and negative sectors and changing tangents to arctangents and lots of good stuff. No, he

never was quite sure what it was I was doing; he was/is a U.S. Army General (Lt. Gen., I believe, or Major Gen....higher than Brigadier) in the Army Reserves or something, and I deemed it best under the circumstances not to mention Astrology. Yes, it was craven.

After that all the formulae made sense. They were workable. Now consider computers: the data is entered, and in seconds we have a completed chart. Wonderful! Marvelous! Remember the days when we "linked" with a chart as we watched it grow through our calculations? The excitement as each new detail came to life as we worked? Those emotions are gone with computer-made charts; the horoscope erupts full-blown as Botticelli's Venus from the sea. I, for one, feel that we miss something with a computer chart. Right; when one has so MANY charts to do...Anyhow, for old times' sake I decided to do a chart the old way the other day, and I discovered I'd almost forgotten how to calculate house cusps! After remembering, I decided to set down in detail the steps so there would be no more forgetting. The idea grew into the enclosed monograph which I thought about calling, "Calculation for the Mathematically Inept" until the thought came that the title might alienate many who might otherwise enjoy and benefit from it.

So the premise is that ANYONE who can calculate local sidereal time will also be able, with those instructions and a "scientific calculator," to calculate from scratch the M.C., Asc., and house cusps of any given chart. I gave it to my 14-year old son, and HE did it! If you think of it of value, use it with my compliments.



Anyone who knows how to calculate local sidereal time should be enabled by these pages to calculate the Midheaven, Asc., and House Cusps without the use of a Table of Houses. A knowledge of trigonometry is no longer necessary provided one has a "scientific calculator," knows what figures to enter, and how to interpret the results. It is hoped that these pages will provide entry into the fascinating realm of horoscope erection from the beginning, the rapport with a chart that develops as one watches it emerge from one's own calculations. If a computer is beyond one's financial reach (or the software is!), this is the next best thing. Too, when traveling, one needs only an ephemeris and a calculator.

No theorizing is done, nor are there lengthy explanations about HOW and WHY the various formulae work; it is not necessary to UNDERSTAND them to use them as shown. This is a strictly "hands on" empirical reference: follow the instructions, and the correct answer will ensue. It is not necessary to know how to construct an internal combustion engine in order to drive an automobile.

If the explanations herein still seem difficult or forbidding, the reader is encouraged NOT to turn away, but to substitute his own birth data. There he will be on much more familiar territory. Carefully follow the instructions, and the ease of working should soon become apparent.

In order to calculate the Midheaven (MC), Asc., and Houses accurately, it is necessary to know the Obliquity of the Ecliptic on the date of birth (it may be approximated at 23.45° or 23° 27').

Calculation of Julian Century/Julian Date [JD] of Birth:

Julian Day, midnight 1/Jan/1900 (0/Jan/1900)=2415020

Julian Date of Birth=2415020+(number of years after 1900 of birth x 365)+(number of years after 1900 divided by 4)+days in birth year previous to birth (ex.: 5/Feb.=31 days in Jan.+5=36; if birth is after Feb., one must know whether or

not the year of birth was a leap year).

Thus the formula: $2415020 + (\text{years} \times 365) + (\text{years}/4) + \text{DAYS IN YEAR PRIOR TO BIRTH} = \text{JD (Julian Day)}$

JULIAN CENTURY (hereinafter known as "Time" or "T") = $\text{JD} - 2415020$; divide the result by 36525 (36525 = number of days in a Julian Century). Thus, $(\text{JD} - 2415020)/36525 = \text{JC or TIME (T)}$

Calculation of the Obliquity of the Ecliptic ("tilt" of the earth): James Eshelman, Michael Erlewine, and Daniel Nickell* each provide a solution, and while their methods produce virtually identical answers, it must be observed that the results differ from those in Michelsen's "The American Ephemeris for the 20th Century" by several seconds. Here are the formulae:

1. $23^\circ 27' 8.26'' - (46.837'' \times \text{TIME}; \text{i.e., } 0 \text{ hr. } 0 \text{ min. } 46.837 \text{ sec.} \times \text{TIME}) - (.0085'' \times \text{TIME}) + (.0017'' \times \text{TIME}) = \text{Obliquity of the Ecliptic for date of birth. (If one puts the above } + \text{ and } - \text{ seconds together and converts to a decimal so that the calculation reads, } "23^\circ 27' 08.26'' - (.013008388 \times \text{T})"$, the results will be **essentially** the same; there is a difference of some one-hundredth of a second.)

2. $23^\circ 26' 42.83'' \text{ or } 23.4452294 - (.0130125 \times \text{TIME}) = \text{Obliquity of the Ecliptic on date of birth. NOTE: Erlewine's calculation of TIME is JD-2415020 PLUS the Greenwich time of birth DIVIDED by 24 MINUS .5. The result is then divided by 36525. Thus, } ((\text{JD}-2415020) + \text{GT}/24 - .5)/36525 = \text{TIME}$

3. $23^\circ 27' 08.26'' - (46.854'' \times \text{TIME}) - (.0059'' \times \text{TIME}) + (.00181'' \times \text{TIME}) \text{ (or } (.013013863 \times \text{T}) \text{ with .01" diff.)} = \text{Obliquity of the Ecliptic on date of birth.}$

Calculation of Midheaven and Ascendant

For the next several operations it is necessary to have a "scientific calculator" unless one is fairly competent in spherical trigonometry. The cost these days is not prohibitive, and one which is more than adequate may be had for as little as ten to fifteen dollars. Be certain that it can perform the various trigonometric functions - tan (tangent), sin (sine), and cos (cosine). **DON'T PANIC; THE CALCULATOR DOES THE WORK. ALL ONE MUST DO IS ENTER NUMBERS. SIMPLE ENOUGH?** Your calculator should also be able to make sexagesimal conversions (the ability to change time - hours/degrees, minutes, and seconds - to decimals and decimals to time. The conversion key usually looks something like "1 . , , " or a dot, a comma, and two commas).

Midheaven Calculation: Begin by entering the Local Sidereal Time of Birth (LST) and multiplying by 15 (LST x 15). The answer is the Right Ascension of the Midheaven (RAMC). **LOOK AT THAT ANSWER CAREFULLY BECAUSE IT GIVES YOU A CLUE AS TO WHERE THE MIDHEAVEN IS LOCATED FOR THAT PARTICULAR CHART.** For instance, if the answer is 279.7563889, right away you know it is somewhere around the 9th degree of Capricorn (Aries=0-30°, Taurus=30-60°, Gemini=60-90°...Capricorn=270-300°, etc.). Press the Time Conversion button, and it reads, "279° 45' 23" Record the RAMC for future use.

THERE ARE some peculiarities about the circle of which you should be aware: If the circle is divided into four 90° quadrants, two of them (for our purposes) will be "+" or POSITIVE, and two "-" or NEGATIVE. Those degrees from ARIES to CANCER (0 to 90°) and from LIBRA to CAPRICORN (180° to 270°) are "+" degrees in the answers to the calculations you will be doing with your scientific calculator. The degrees from CANCER to LIBRA (90 to 180°) and from CAPRICORN to ARIES (270 to 360 or "0" degrees) are the "-" degrees in your answers. That is why it is necessary to pay close attention to the RAMC:

1. If the RAMC is from 0° to 90°, the MC will be as shown in your calculation (a "+" or positive quadrant).

2. If the RAMC is between 180° and 270°, it will be necessary to ADD 180° to your answer (DO NOT ADD IT BEFORE IN AN EFFORT TO SAVE TIME!)

3. If the RAMC is between 90 and 180°, your answer must be SUBTRACTED from 180°.

4. If the RAMC is between 270 and 360°, the answer must be SUBTRACTED from 360°.

In tabular form:

Quadrant Qual.	Degrees	Signs	Take This Action
Positive "+"	0-90	Ari, Tau, Gem	None
Negative "-"	90 - 180	Can, Leo, Vir	(180 - ans.)
Positive "+"	180 - 270	Lib, Sco, Sag	(180 + ans.)
Negative "-"	270 - 360	Cap, Aqu, Pis	(360 - ans.)

Once the Midheaven has been calculated, it is fairly simple to determine which of the above sections are factors in determining the Asc. and House Cusps. The same rules of addition and subtraction apply. Examples will be given.

The formula for the Midheaven calculation is $\tan \text{RAMC}$ divided by $\cos \text{Obliquity of the Ecliptic}$ (to save time, referred to hereinafter as "OE"). In other words, $\tan \text{RAMC} / \cos \text{OE}$. Steady. Enter the RAMC and press the "Tan" (short for "Tangent") button. Press divide. Enter the OE and press the "Cos" (short for "Cosine") button. Press the Equals key, and you ALMOST have your answer. If your calculator has a "tan-1" key, press that; if not, then press the "Invert" key and the TAN key once more. Convert to hours-minutes-seconds, and there is the Midheaven. Simple enough.

O.K., example: Subject born 23/Mar/1942, 11:30 p.m. CWT, Time Zone 6, Lat. 32N51.

Local Sidereal Time: 10H47'33" LSTx15=161°53'15" RAMC (161.8875°)

Right away one may see that the RAMC is in a "-" quadrant, and that the final answer must be subtracted from 180.

* James A. Eshelman in "Horoscope Calculation," Michael Erlewine in "Manual of Computer Programing for Astrologers," and Daniel B. Nickell in "Forecasting on Your Microcomputer." The Eshelman book is particularly recommended for those who enjoy calculation; formulae for other house systems are also given therein. Erlewine's "Manual" also give a number of house cusp formulae, but they are more suited to the computer than they are to the calculator. Guaranteed.

Anyone having problems with the calculations may write to me at: 205 North 4th St., Clanton, AL 35045. A S.A.S.E. would be appreciated.

- To Be Continued -

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Ottawa, Canada

June 21, 1985

At our 2nd National Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, we were pleased to announce the recipients of the Astrological Hall of Fame Awards. These are awarded at our National conventions for contribution and dedication to the profession of Astrology. All the FCA members receive a nomination form, then the submissions are judged by a panel of astrologers from coast to coast.

The awards are in 2 categories - International and Canadian. The following are the 1985 recipients of the Astrological Hall of Fame Awards:

Sun Award - International - Stephen Arroyo
Canadian - Brian Clark

Mercury Award - International - Liz Greene
Canadian - Donna Van Toen
Marilyn Waram

Mars Award - International - Robert Hand
Canadian - Priscilla Costello

Uranus Award - International - Robert 'Buz' Myers
Canadian - Paul Ostan Hewit

A special VENUS Award was also given to Joanne Bowkett of Winnipeg, Canada.

This is our 2nd Awards Ceremony, and we will look forward to the awards at our 3rd National Conference to be held in Montreal in 1987.

JENNIE S. ADAMS, Yakima, WA

June 25, 1985

Here is my renewal for another year to the best astrology magazine published today.

Just want to add my two cents worth - I LIKE the articles by **Fran Rosen** on the Tarot very much and hope you can see your way clear to publishing the rest of the series.



ALONG THE TAROT PATH

By FRAN ROSEN

8 - STRENGTH - ♀

In the previous card, "The Chariot," there is a moving out into the world for survival purposes. In the Strength card we are encountering the struggles that are inherent in such a move. This card is a feminine energy and that is the secret being imparted here - your strength to overcome obstacles in life is a deep, inner resource rather than an outward display of brutality.

This card is also known as "The Enchantress" and "Power." Aleister Crowley calls her "Lust."

In most versions of this card it is difficult to tell if she is opening or closing the lion's mouth. In all cases, however, she has the ferocious king of beasts under her power and control.

Through her ability to love, this maiden has controlled the brutality of the animal consciousness and animal ego. She is the gentleness and compassion we all have available to us to use when dealing with the people around us. Who have you ever met who will not respond kindly to genuine love? Leo is the sign of the zodiac that symbolizes love, and the Strength card shows the miracles that can be accomplished when we let genuine love fill our being and radiate to all those around us. This card also reminds us that even if we are extremely angry with someone we love, we must allow the fact of our love into our consciousness so that our anger does not kill our loved one as a lion would.

When this card comes up in a spread the person is facing some personal challenges, either from inside of themselves to conquer a lusty nature, or from outside, where they have to deal with a challenging situation. When we are dealing with lust the worse thing we can do is suppress it, so that it is not examined and gentled. Lust, in most cases, tends to cause severe problems in our lives. From herpes and AIDS on one side, to the destruction of families on the other, uncontrolled lust, be it lust for sex, money, status, etc., is like a beast with its own consciousness. Only through the love of oneself and the love of those we share the world with can lust be contained at a non-destructive level. She is not destroying the beast, only controlling it, which shows that the energy is still available for channeling. When we channel that energy it can propel us to pursue the object of our desire in a way that will bring to us what we want.

When this card comes up in a prominent place in the spread for young women, I discuss with them the ability to handle their sexual nature. This card comes up many times when a young woman is being exploited sexually and she knows it, but can't get out of the situation because of the strength of her desires. Usually there is a more experienced partner involved who is aware of the young woman's inability to control her own urges.



Most of the time the women aren't fully aware of what is happening in their life and talking about it gives them some perspective.

When the challenges are from the outer world, this card is telling you to control your anger with the power of your love and compassion, and approach the situation from a loving vantage. When dealing with strangers who are trying to mug you or repossess your car, love is a difficult emotion to conjure up. However, if you are being mugged and you make an effort to project love instead of fear, anger or hostility, you're going to walk away from the situation with everything but your wallet. If they are repossessing your car, you created the situation and the people taking it away are only doing their job. Not only should you direct the love toward them, but also toward yourself, telling yourself that you are worthy of abundance in your life.

Elizabeth Haich says of love: "Anyone who bears true love in his heart does not need to wear a constant smile on his face. Love is not sentimentality, nor a matter of 'feeling good'. Love does not need demonstration. Those of us who possess it will prove it by deeds, but we shall never want to prove it. Love must simply be THERE as the inner motive for our actions. The Sun does not have to will the radiation of light and warmth; it simply radiates light and warmth."¹

Here is the Fool grown old, having almost completed the first half of the Tarot journey. He is standing at the very top of a mountain with his rod of wisdom in one hand and the light of his intelligence in the other.

The Fool has spent a long time climbing to the top of this mountain. This card is the culmination of a learning experience and as such it is a very personal event. He is alone and the knowledge he has acquired can only be passed to those close enough to him on their climb up the mountain to see his light.

When this card comes up in a spread in a prominent place, it is saying that you have just finished a period of tremendous activity and you have reached a point where you must step back from the hustle and bustle of everyday life and take a look at what is going on around you. It is telling you you need some quiet time alone, away from everybody and everything, so that you can stand back and get some perspective on what is happening. You have weathered many storms and climbed your way up through lower levels of consciousness and now is the time to take stock of what you have accomplished and contemplate it.

The Hermit is looking back to where he has come from, lighting the way for those who follow after him. He is symbolic of the Wise Old Man or a guru figure and he will teach all those who are in his vicinity. Don Juan in the Castaneda books said, when asked by Carlos if he could publish Don Juan's words, that if a person is not ready to hear what he has to say then that person will not understand him no matter what Carlos prints. It is the same with the Hermit. A person may be in the same room with a high Master teacher and if that person is not sufficiently evolved, he will not understand the great wisdom that is being imparted to him. The Hermit can only communicate to the extent that his light shines in the dark and gloom of this card. Only those who are sufficiently evolved will respond to the light of the Hermit.

In a more mundane sense, the Hermit can represent someone who has taken the area of their specialization to its extreme and is now an expert. The only problem with being an expert is that it creates a situation of isolation. How many other

9 - THE HERMIT - ♂



people could Einstein really communicate with? One of the dangers of this card is that the person may focalize too much on one area of his life and isolate himself from the other aspects of his life, creating a sense of isolation and imbalance.

The Hermit represents the culmination of a period of growth and the rest period that takes place prior to a new cycle of activity. The card that follows the Hermit is The Wheel of Fortune, which propels us into new adventures, whereas the Hermit represents the point at which we should be withdrawing from all external stimulation and concentrating on what processes are going on within.

This card is telling you "Take your time." You are at the end of a journey and you need to make plans for the beginning of your next one. Where do you want to go? What do you want to accomplish? Here is the quiet time you need to make those decisions. Don't waste it as it will be a long time before another quiet time.

This card also signifies guidance from someone around you. You may not be aware of the person, but they are guiding you through the light of their wisdom.

Rachel Pollack says of the Hermit: "We see the Hermit as on a cold lonely peak. He has left the world of the senses to enter the mind. This image of the mind as stark and chill conveys only a partial truth, or rather, an illusion. The mind is rich with symbols, with joy, with the light and love of the spirit. But before we can apprehend these things we must first experience the mind as a silent alternative to the noisy world of the senses."² So you can either follow the guidance of an outside person, or you can allow your own mind to direct you in your journeys.

10 - WHEEL OF FORTUNE - 4

With the Wheel of Fortune we have completed the first part of the journey of the Fool to cosmic consciousness. Like the Magician, the Wheel of Fortune is represented by a "1" vibration, but because it is #10, which reduces to a "1", it is the beginning of a more advanced cycle.



Like the eternally optimistic Jupiter, the Wheel is telling us to explore the new world that has opened to us upon the completion of the Hermit phase of our journey. New opportunities and new vistas await our exploration. It can be compared to the period immediately following the first Saturn return when we realize we need to continue our education to meet the new challenges being presented. Here is where the decisions made in the Hermit phase are acted upon. This is a card of action, not contemplation.

The Morgan-Greer deck representation of the Wheel shows a King and Queen perched merrily atop the Wheel and a hand from the clouds turning the Wheel. The Wheel represents a time in life when we are at a high point, but it also reminds us that what goes up must come down. There are high points and low points in every life.

This is also where we are given the choice of continuing in our cycles of the past, reliving similar experiences and reacting according to old habit patterns, or facing these situations from a stance of detachment. If we cannot break out of the rut of our old ways of handling the situations we are confronted with, there is a good chance we can either get stuck here for many cycles, or go back and start all over again.

The lesson here is to learn to step off the merry-go-round and watch it rather than be carried through the same trips we made in the earlier part of our lives. The only difference there is

between a square we have handled and a square we have not handled is our reaction to the situations that arise. It all boils down to our reaction! This card is telling us not to get emotionally involved with what is going on, but realize it is a part of a cycle. This is especially helpful at the low point of a cycle when we wonder if we will ever get out of a bad situation.

This card also represents the point where we step out of our personal self and begin dealing with the needs of the society to which we belong. Up to the Hermit on the Tarot Path we were dealing exclusively with the personal growth needed to prepare us to move out into the world. Here we are beginning the journey of social responsibility and integration.

When this card comes up in a spread I feel it is a very important indication of new opportunities being presented to the person. This is the time when the changes they have been contemplating should be made, but I always warn them that they must be aware as they move through the new cycle of how they handled similar situations in the past. The key to getting off the Wheel and centering yourself is awareness. You will when his attention waivers, he learns about living and working in the "real" world. We all are much more enthusiastic and have less realistic dreams in the early 20's than we do in the early 30's. Here he is gaining the experience that will carry him forward in his drive through life and will allow him to weather the trials to be faced when he encounters the next Major Arcana card, "Strength."

11 - JUSTICE - 5

Here again is a feminine card. The feminine cards always represent messages from or actions based on inner level awareness. If we were living in ages past, this card would be a symbol for the Crone, or wise old woman. In the Hermit we have seen the wise old man, but our society does not use the symbol of the Crone, one of the three faces of the Goddess (maiden, mother, crone).

She sits on a throne holding a sword in her left hand and scales in her right. She is asking us what we have brought with us from our past that is not allowing us to be balanced, or living in the present, we must actively cut away the past so the scales of past and future are balanced.

We acquire many habit patterns and negative reactions from our experience of growing to adulthood. Many of the habit patterns are necessary as they represent our assimilation of the lessons we've learned in order to survive and function as a part of our society. However, we also carry with us a lot of excess baggage that we acquired when our needs were not filled and we didn't get the approval we sought. Automatic negative reactions and worry tend to keep us from experiencing today. Life is much richer when lived every moment. Regrets about the past and worry about the future tend to cause us to be emotionally and mentally unstable.

This card is also a card of legalities and "instant karma." In the Wheel of Fortune we were working out karmic patterns created through many lifetimes. Here we are receiving our rewards or punishments for things we've done this lifetime, sometimes as quickly as the same day we do something.

According to occult theory, and practical experience, every action we take comes back to us anywhere from threefold to tenfold. Staying centered helps to minimize the extremes in life that are so unbalancing.

Because the Justice card is not blindfolded justice, we are not being judged to the letter of the law. Many times we inflict pain unknowingly and punishment for these acts will be much less severe than pain inflicted knowingly and with malice.



When this card comes up the person is striving for a state of balance after a period of going from one extreme to the other, be it on the material, emotional or mental planes. The person needs to examine what ideas about himself he is hanging on to which are preventing him from being in touch with the reality of today. These ideas must be cut out to bring balance into the person's life. The middle path must be tread in order to reach perfection. The middle path implies that we must keep a balance between the positive and negative in life, but never means we cease movement, as the cessation of movement implies death. We are seeking balance on the earth plane at the Justice card, not death.

"...Man circles out of his unconscious into consciousness, bringing out of the former into the latter long-since-forgotten and possibly repressed experiences. He weighs up the retrieved experiences, registers and judges them, until, out of the chaos, he has created order in his inner being. He learns that everything he apparently experiences in the external world, thus his entire fate, does not come from outside but exists within himself. If he does not like his fate, then he must change himself. Fate will then let him experience those things he will like."3

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DR. JOHN F. GAY, III, Clanton, AL May 1985

A number of MH readers seem to have quite an interest in the tarot. Here is a rather interesting tarot technique communicated to me by Harriett Case, wife of Paul Foster Case (founder of the Builders of the Adytum), in a letter some 15 to 20 years ago. Paul Foster Case, as many may know, was Head Praemonstrator in America for the Golden Dawn before it closed its doors. This technique was incorporated in the B.O.T.A.'s lessons on Esoteric Astrology I discovered later. Here it is:

Designed for those tarot decks wherein the FOOL=0, the EMPORER=4, STRENGTH=8, JUSTICE=11, and the STAR=17 (also the FOOL=aleph, MAGICIAN=beth, etc.), it is based on the Sun Sign and Asc. To obtain one's own personal tableau, follow these steps: Take the tarot key corresponding to one's Sun sign (Aries=Emperor, Taurus=Hierophant, Gemini=Lovers...Libra=Justice...Pisces=the Moon, etc.) and that one corresponding to one's Asc.; together they constitute the Individuality and Personality. By adding the numbers of the two keys we arrive at the Problem key; if the number is greater than 21, reduce it (i.e. Aquarius=17 + Sag.=14 = 31, 3+1=4, THE EMPORER). The PROBLEM is that which you have come into this life experience to cope with and solve, that particular aspect of life you need to understand in order to adjust yourself to the conditions of your environment. All your personal problems hinge on this MAIN PROBLEM. Most or all your troubles have a mental cause which is your lack of unfoldment in some particular field of consciousness. Once you know this field, use it to invoke the mental qualities corresponding to it. The SOLUTION KEY is found by finding the difference between the Personality Key and the Individuality Key. The Solution Key indicates the kind of consciousness you need to develop in order to understand your Life Problem. Taking the difference between the Problem Key and the Solution Key provides the MEANS KEY...which represents the phase of consciousness through which the mental activity indicated by your Solution Key may be applied

to understanding the underlying mental causes of your life problem. By adding all the above keys you arrive at the INTEGRATION KEY. It is meant to assist you in obtaining the ability to deal with the subtleties of consciousness in order to better understand them as a correlated whole. It helps to integrate Solution to Problem via Means (the 3 keys), thus merging Individuality and Personality, thereby enabling them to function as a balanced whole.

For instance:

Sun sign Aqu., Key 17, the Star; Asc. Leo, Key 8, Strength
17+8=25, 5+2=Key 7, PROBLEM KEY, the Chariot

17-8=Key 9, SOLUTION KEY, the Hermit

9-7=Key 2, MEANS KEY, the High Priestess

17+8+7+9+2=43, 3+4=Key 7, INTEGRATION KEY, the Chariot

For those not familiar with astrological correspondences and the tarot, Paul Foster Case's book, "The Tarot," published by Macoy Publ. Co. is recommended, or, if you can find a copy, Case's "Highlights of Tarot," published by Builders of the Adytum (available to the public), contains a convenient listing in the back.

NOTE: the above technique suggests a deep familiarity with the tarot and its symbolism. One should be intimately associated with each of the major arcana and have gone beyond mere surface symbolism.

Hope you find this of interest.

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May 5, 1985 Camden, NJ 08104

Following are some responses I have to letters in the last two marvelous editions. Please keep those cards and letters coming.

To Bess Tornell, 14th Extra, p. 25. Your observation of Mars in the 6th and effects to small animals is quite well taken.



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I have noted this also. Example: Solar Return Mars in Pisces 6th quincunx Pluto, sq. Neptune and conj. Sun. Thirteen-year old pet cat dying of kidney disease had to be destroyed. On actual date trans. Mars occupied the natal 6th sq. the natal Sun.

John Vanderveken, 14th Extra, p. 7. I just don't know where you get the energy to do such exhaustive study of each chart that interests you, but more power to you. I'm really very sorry that I have no more information (other than that I have already supplied) in the Stuart family murder case.

Raymond E. Sollars, Apr. '85, p. 15. Just when I was getting comfortable with the relative calm of the last few issues of MH you come along hurling insults. I don't mind trading information with you but I sure as hell do mind being misquoted and then scoffed at and belittled. All of the sudden you are the

oracle of Plutonian effects in a chart? Who appointed you? I hope by now you have reread your offensive letter to the subscribers of **MH** and are fully chagrined. Please avoid this kind of invective in the future. Just to set the record straight: I **did not** assign humanitarianism to Pluto's influence, I never mentioned the word. Also, my statement regarding a hypothetical Marduk was plainly referring to a planet **beyond** the orbit of Pluto. As I don't enjoy being rabbit-punched, please confine your sparring to the Marquess of Queensberry rules. If you must fight with me make sure your foot is on firm intellectual ground and not in your mouth! (Oops, I may have just mixed my metaphors.)

Jim Haynes, 14th Extra, p. 7. Thanks so much for your comments, I'm delighted you agree with me regarding the value of the natal location in Return charts. The data you supplied for Isadora Duncan appears fascinating. Unfortunately I do not have an ephemeris for 1878 and I need the degree, minute and (all important) second of her natal Sun in order to calculate a return chart. Also, I notice that Rodden lists her birth time as 2:20 LMT, while you list 2:25 PST (Rodden's data comes from **Eshelman**). Meyer does not list the time but illustrates her chart in his book "Handbook for the Humanistic Astrologer" with a 26 Ari 12 Asc. and MC of 15 Cap. These coordinates are much later than that shown in Rodden's collection, "Profiles of Women." I really would like to have the correct data (in the Trop. Zodiac) in my collection. If there is anything you can do, Jim, to help me out I would really be grateful.

Incidentally, Jim, there appears to be important similarities between Ms. Duncan's chart and one for a boy born May 17, 1966 as reported by **Eileen O'Connell** in **MH** 14th Extra, p. 18. Both individuals broke their necks in freak accidents but the boy survived. These two charts make a fascinating comparison and certainly confirm the Taurus rulership of the neck. I would like to do an indepth analysis, but must wait until I get the confirmed Duncan data.

Eileen O'Connell: Thanks for the above-mentioned data. What do you think of the chart comparison of the young boy and Ms. Duncan?

Barbara May, 14th Extra, p. 34. Sorry if my statement confused you. Maybe I am the one who is confused. But I think there is a difference between a relocation chart and **Jim Lewis' Astro*Carto*Graphy**. I accept the validity of an angular planet and its effects in certain locations. For instance, Jim has shown that U.S. Presidents have difficulty in countries where their Mars, Pluto, etc. lines are precisely angular. Note that these Presidents need not travel to these countries, but have difficulty without ever leaving the Oval Office. Also, the angular planet manifests its energies according to the traditional definitions of, say Mars or Pluto and the rest of the chart need not be considered. Therefore, when your husband's South Node appeared in the angular 10th in the Hawaiian Islands and he was not successful there, it was immaterial that half of his planets were ruled by Venus and other chart niceties were noted. Your own example, I think, serves to point up the difference between reading relocation chart with the customary delineative procedures and observing angularity in the **Astro*Carto*Graphy** method. I hope I haven't muddled the waters and caused further confusion. If I have, please let me know. Also, I hope I haven't misrepresented Jim Lewis' method. If I am wrong and relocation charts really do work, then I shall move to a location where Jupiters falls in the 2nd house and cry all the way to the bank.

Wayne Turner, 14th Extra, p. 37. You mentioned that you use a 15 Vir 35 Asc. for the U.S. chart. Could you supply the full data on which this Asc. is based (date, time, place)? The chart on p. 70 of the Jan. '84 shows the usual Gemini Asc. for the U.S., so your reference to this chart appears to conflict with the Virgo Asc. you mention.

T. Patrick Davis, 14th Extra, p. 19. Thanks for the further refinement of the data on John Wayne Gacy. I note your disappointment in the fact that now his Sun and Moon must move into the 3rd house (due to interception). I just can't miss

the opportunity to put in a plug for the Equal House Method because, for me, the Sun and the Moon are still in the 4th where I believe, like you, they seem more appropriate, given his horrible proclivities and background. Would you rather fight than switch? We Equal Housers need all the support we can get. How 'bout it, Pat?

JOSEPH S. deMELLO, SAN FRANCISCO, Ca 13th April 1985

I just made a sort of resolution that instead of responding in detail to every letter in **MH**, or to so many, I would make a note on what I wanted to respond to and start writing my own book. I forgot that you wanted to do a book on Saturn Returns, and I think the replies you get might be enhanced by including the charts of the people involved, so I am sending a copy of my chart to use as cross reference. No one planet stands by itself alone, and we would get so much more out of seeing how the whole chart goes together. Besides which, this last **MH** has made me decide to dig out my helio chart and start working with it, due to the letter of **T. Pat Davis** and **Barbara May** and **Mollie Sommer**.

Raymond Sollars, p. 14, I have Pluto in the 2nd Cancer, opp. Jupiter, and both are square to Mars which is in Libra but in the 6th. I have been working with diurnal charts, concentrating on 1st and 10th house angles, deciding that 4th and 7th were not as important. Still I watched diurnal Pluto approaching my diurnal 4th wondering what the impact would be. The result was resounding. I sabotaged my checking account with some help from the bank which tallied a lot of overcharges against me that set me back 4 weeks. So Pluto-like, I closed the account and opened another elsewhere. I mean, the automatic teller would tell me I had 300 in the bank, then I would withdraw 40, and then they would hit me 3 days later with an overcharge for non-sufficient funds. Even a check for a very small amount to **Edith** came into this thing. So it cost me \$10 for overdrawing and two more to write her a chashier's check to cover the returned check. But whatever happens or wherever it does happen in the chart, it goes back to the location and state of the natal planet. My Pluto is part of a grand trine with Uranus and Sun-Saturn.

So I sabotage my own money. If you have Pluto 1st, you do not do so by communication (3rd house) but by tearing down your personality manifestation. Of course I should consider that each house means more than just 2 or 3 keywords. So 2nd house would also mean that my possessions are affected as well as how well I like myself. In the 1st house it would mean that you do things to tear down a perfectly good personality and end up spiting your face.

When you tell **Joyce Wehrman** to Pluto-ize her findings, meaning "intensify" surely you are aware that the first action of Pluto is to raze completely before rebuilding. Granted that that is pretty intense, I think it is rather more intense than you probably mean. Mercury-Uranus could probably do a sufficient job of it.

We all have to learn to live with all of our planets wherever they may be. In the opinion of some astrologers, it is far worse to have Pluto 1st or 4th, or 7th or wherever. Some case might be made out for all locations. But then, in the final analysis, we have to see the whole chart if we are ever going to find out how difficult or how well mitigated our Plutos may be. Just on the bald face of it, I can assure you that my Gemini Moon in 1st is at least as unsettling as a 1st house Pluto, particularly since my Moon rules my 2nd and 3rd houses. And I say that knowing that it is not supposed to be good to have a planet in the house behind that which it rules.

Elaine Williams, p. 21, people with Saturn 12th are supposed to always learn and profit from past experience. I do not feel that Saturn 12th is as negative as all that. There may be difficulties in infancy, but once that Saturn transits into the 1st, you are then on the proper growth track of learning from the beginning of life, for the next 7 years, before Saturn into the 4th brings you into contact with what social responsibilities are expected of you...or maybe I should say social interfacing. Astrologers have said that Saturn 1st generally makes a person shy, just another flat statement which may not be totally

correct without the rest of the chart.

What I am getting at, Elaine, is that you may have a perfectly good basis for what you say about the school teacher who cannot be pleased. This may go back only to your total natal chart because the transits we have in that area this year were not there in previous years, not there at the time of your 1st return. A transit of Saturn through the 12th, even when not a return, usually has people asking "What am I doing here?" or "What did I do to deserve this?" When Saturn went through my 12th, I found it very helpful to study astrology, to meditate, to check out other metaphysical things, to be more low-key, because even then the boat did rocken without any help from me. And that lasted 4 years for me through a longish 12th house, and now I've got the transit in an equally long 6th house.

The problems we have today always loom larger than any other problems we had had in the past. Yet I do not think these compare with those of Saturn trans. the 12th. Moon through the 12th is second-worse to Saturn there, so particularly watch what the monthly Scorpio Moon does to you and determine how you handle having both of them there. My 12th has some Aries, all Taurus, and the beginning of Gemini, and I think the roughest time was before Saturn reached the midpoint of the 12th house and then again as it got ready to go over the Asc. But I am not saying that this is going to be the same for you because I also had problems from other planets, notably Neptune, at that time. And, boy, if anything happens for "nebulous reasons," you can bet Neptune is probably well involved in the situation. The main thing is that whatever does happen, always more than one planet is involved, more than one location. And this is what makes astrology less a hard science: one factor is not always mixed with one specific other factor, nor does one factor stand alone.

Diane Williams, p. 27, I once heard a teacher of Astrology say that it was conceivable that a person could easily live with 2 or 3 retrogrades in the natal chart. Such a person could drive a car and do 2 or 3 things at one time, steer and signal and brake, or steer and clutch and change gears, but driving became more difficult when a person had to do a fourth or fifth thing at the same time. If 2 or 3 retrogrades can rule 3 or 4 houses of the chart, just think how many more are ruled by 6 retrogrades. And which ones. I realize that this as an explanation impacts the effect without being any real help. Maybe some other correspondent will come up with the rest of the answer.

Jim Birke, p. 27, I've already said in this letter how house midpoints can be important. But I think you are shutting a door to disregard decanates. At cocktails last night I met a non-astrologer who confidently told me that he was born in the first decanate of Gemini. He had no idea what that meant. I think he felt I should get something out of it, and one has to meet client or laymen expectations. Perhaps you will find the Chaldean decanates more significant than those which most astrologers use. But a discourse on any set of decanates is going to take more than **Edith** would like one letter to hold. Your musical analogy, however, does not hold. Some violinists need all the strings to play the Aria for the G String, but it can be done entirely on the G String itself. The story of how that was done is very famous. You could play a whole scale on your G String, and more. Cat gut and the tail of the noble horse can accomplish as many nuances as decanates can fine-tune your chart.

Joan Abel, p. 39, I'm sorry, but Venus was not much involved as to be remarked upon in my accidents of last year. Very mildly. In all cases, I was alone, first dressing for work, second taking a typewriter to be repaired, riding a bus and not paying attention to other passengers except to keep out of their way, and thirdly taking a shower. I say Venus was not involved because its transit did not touch my natal chart, not because I was neatening things up.

And your reply to **Joyce Wehrman** makes me agree with you because I think that the Sun takes over on the power of any planet which is too close to it unless that planet be less than 17 minutes partile. With this in mind, you may be lucky to have Sun conj. Pluto, but I think I can wish my Saturn were not so close to my Sun.

Marguerite Dar Boggia, p. 45, I would like to believe that your male with testicular cancer has been totally cured, a fact that you did not make perfectly plain to me by saying "he ejected the elemental." I unfortunately do not have a chart for a late friend of mine who died of this. He would not be operated upon because of his belief in Christian Science. So set was he against surgery of any kind that it is amazing that he did not let himself die of a ruptured appendix instead. The operation for testicular cancer is usually medically successful. I realize that such surgery is rather traumatic to the male ego, but I would recommend the surgery and hope he has medical follow-up despite the efficacy of metaphysics. And I hope the AMA is not reading your letter. You do not cover yourself. And, while I am not particularly a Freudian, any cocktail party expert in psychology could easily read other significances into the past-life experience you wrote that this man had had. Good grief. Can you even be totally unaware that cancer often recurs, or that it may show up as a totally different sort of cancer elsewhere in the body if there is a first tendency to cancer? Of course I could send you a friend who has three times obtained remission from throat cancer but now has bone and spinal cancers. Both inoperable. Data: Male, 4:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, 18 Jan. 1917, 42N08 71W03.

**HOW I SURVIVED
MY PLUTO SQUARE PLUTO
and other Transits
CAROL HEMINGWAY
Key West, FL**

As an Astrologer for some years, I have seen a number of different ways that clients use or don't use the opportunities for change with the help of Astrology. My particular interest in writing this paper is related mainly to the healing principles of Pluto. I would characterize Pluto as the "bulldozer" planet, or as one Astrologer once commented at a conference, the roto-rooter of the birth chart. The approach I used with Pluto focused on development of a stronger sense of my-self, rather than a revolution, that Pluto by far is the most powerful of all the planets.

In this astrological epistle, I will describe my way of working not only with Pluto, but Uranus, and Neptune which hit me all at once during 1984. These experiences may help others in the **Pluto square Pluto process**. The points I make are the focus of this paper.

I have Pluto in 2.57° of Leo, in the 8th house, very well aspected...sextiling my Moon in 28° Pisces in the 3rd house, sextile my Jupiter in 6° Gemini in the 6th house, sextile my Uranus in 28° of Taurus in the 6th house, and trine my 9° Sag. Asc., sextile N. Node in 27° Virgo, 9th house, sextile MC 28° Virgo. I do a lot of self-analysis on myself, and I admit that I have never been in therapy. After all, who knows me better? If I am willing to be "honest" with myself, why would I want to pay a psychiatrist to listen to what I already know about myself?

Uranus started flirting with my Asc. in Jan. '83 (I use tight orbs of 2° in transits). At the same time Neptune was trans. second and third cycles of my 4th house (28° Pisces) mystery surrounding the father in the home. Virgo MC 28°, let's investigate it. While Uranus was tempting me with freedom, I decided to go to college to see what all this fuss was about, getting a degree and all that. I met a 0° Scorpio Moon professor (trine my 0° Cancer Sun). He helped me master my writing skills (I wrote my first novel in 16 weeks) and I taught him Astrology. You can all imagine what happened when Pluto blew into town in 0° of Scorpio, but that is not the focus of this paper.

On Feb. 25, 1984, I was at home performing Cancerian duties, folding towels on the dining room table. (Mars was

trans. my 12th house cusp and made a station that day.) The dinner dishes were placed in the dishwasher, and coffee and dessert were waiting to be served. Over coffee, I calmly told my husband, "we're getting a divorce." He has Venus in 14° of Cancer, but Sun and Mercury in 21° Gemini... "the wife must stay home, but I must be free to roam" set-up...but not while Uranus is conj. the wife's Asc. SURPRISE!!!

I signed the divorce complaint on the Solar Eclipse on May 30, 1984 (9° Gemini) and my 7th house cusp is 9° Gemini. Everything went pretty well, why not Saturn was trining my Venus in 17° of Cancer during 1984. We occupied the same home, but lived in separate quarters (Neptune trans. my 4th again)...and we both waited for a court date.

My father died on Sept. 5, 1984...Neptune, Uranus, Pluto and even Mars were all there, in action, in full force. Neptune then appeared, to oppose my Sun in the 7th house...and two days after Christmas I was informed that the man who died in Sept. **was not** in fact, my real father (the Neptune 4th house mystery was solved).

I was divorced on Nov. 5, 1984, Mercury trine my 4th house cusp, and Jupiter starting to conj. my 2nd house cusp (within 4°).

My husband's Mars in 23° Taurus brought out my Saturn in 23° of Taurus. His Mars would not let go of his material possessions, but my Moon, Saturn and Uranus in Taurus, in the 6th house knew it was time to change my "value system," and Pluto taught me **how** to "let go," especially with a Solar Eclipse coming up this May 19, 1985 to conj. all those Taurus planets, in the 6th house. I "let go of it all"...put what was divided among community property into a 10 x 10 mini-storage container in New Jersey; bought a one-way ticket to Florida and did as the Courts forced (Pluto), I moved out Jan. 25, 1985 when Mars was conj. my Mars in 23° Pisces, "new beginnings" of a two-year cycle.

I was **invited** to visit relatives in Miami (Mars trans. my 3rd house of brothers and sisters) which did not go terribly well after 8 days. They offered to drive me to Key West, where I wanted to go but had never been. It was while I was trying to negotiate a two-month rental and they suddenly (the relatives) discovered I had a few dollars with me, and without going into too much messy details, I was literally dumped, luggage and all into a motel parking lot on Feb. 2, 1985 (Mars was squaring my Sun exactly)...and helix Saturn opp. my Moon, and Uranus, both 28° Taurus, 6th house. Even with a 0° Cancer Sun, 15° Cancer Mercury, 8th house, and 17° Cancer Venus, 8th house, Pluto helped me recover.

Key West is not your average anything...other than Tangiers I am told it is the most eccentric place in the world...my Uranus loved that! However, I was numb from the fact that I 'let it all go' and decided to come 1200 miles away from all familiars, to a little tropical 2 x 4 island that has not only charm, but is the equivalent of Lourdes when it comes to healing properties. I arrived in the height of tourist season, with no reservation, knew no one, but had six Jupiter trines going for me, Jupiter trine Saturn, sextile Mars, trine Neptune, trine my Node, Moon, Uranus, and MC. My Taurus planets endured.

In spite of the Moon, Saturn, Uranus opposition from Saturn, my Ace in the hole was Saturn trining my 4th house cusp of 28° Pisces. I knew my domicile was going to be small (Saturn) but that I was going to be extremely happy and in good company. I am...in a writer's compound, with a pool and during the winter months, my neighbor was a Pulitzer Prize writer and a 9° Sag. Sun (conj. my Asc.).

Since Saturn is trans. my 12th house as well, I am revising 3 books while down here, one is an astrology book on relationships that I started last year, the other 2 are novels that I may combine. Two blocks from the excitement and the Gulf of Mexico, my cottage is cozy and secluded. Even Parcel Post had a hard time finding it.

On Mar. 25, 1985 (the day after Mercury went Retrograde) I had to return to New Jersey to take care of legal matters, and clear up some Neptune haze on my step-father's estate. One week before I was scheduled to fly back, Jupiter

began to trine my Jupiter and 7th house cusp. My rental agent called and said, "how would you like to lease the cottage until December?" Someone up there in the solar system heard my prayers. I signed a lease (before Mercury went retrograde).

The weeks when Saturn was in 28° of Scorpio I thought I would die with back pain. I met a Sag. chiropractor while out taking a walk one day...he took x-rays and gave me deep massage and it eased my fears, with all that Saturn I also needed to be touched by strong, human hands, in a healing manner. The same week before I was scheduled to leave for New Jersey, my chiropractor asked me if I would like to appear on television. He has a Capricorn patient who is also the producer of the local cable show and they got to talking about "the new kid" in town. I called Marsha, we had breakfast the following morning...and as a result, I am on her television show every week now! As my friend Noel Tyl says, "Carol, do you know you're probably the only astrologer who has her own television show, **every week**, on Astrology?" I am indeed welcome in Key West. The physician who took my x-rays, who is a native conch (pronounced conk) put his around me when I told him of my somewhat bizarre arrival in Key West, and he simply said, "God wants you to be here." And I truly believe that.

I visited New Jersey the day after Mercury went retrograde but I was born with Mercury R. so it **works** for me. I accomplished an enormous amount of finishing up, tied up loose ends, did a few readings for old clients, then flew back here to Key West on April 8th when I did my first television show with the Sun and Mars in Taurus.

Curious as to why I feel so good here, I picked and poked until I found the birthday of Key West...it is Jan. 8, 1828...2 p.m. I mean here is Saturn opposing my Moon, Uranus all in 28 critical degrees of Taurus, along with Saturn conj. my 12th house cusp of 20° Scorpio, and I'm having a good time...I should be miserable, right? Wrong...relocation does change the circumstances of transits. Guess what the Key West rising sign is: 29° of Taurus...isn't Astrology wonderful?

Throughout all of the above, Pluto square Pluto in trans., 8th house...my saving grace was Pluto trining my Sun in 0° of Cancer...which to me means, I could not fall on my face, not with Pluto supporting me.

Will keep you posted on my activities and other transit happenings, like the Solar Eclipse on May 19, 1985. I'd like to hear from other Astrologers who are having Pluto square their Plutos as in the near future (1986) I will write a book on Pluto that can be understood. With Pluto trans. my 12th house until 1995...why not??? Address is: 217 Ann St. (Rear Cottage), Key West, FL 33040.

NEW LEADER OF RUSSIA





For some time now I've been experimenting with a most fascinating psychological test that in my opinion has great value towards proving to the scientific community some of the fundamental axioms of traditional astrological symbolism. Its potential is so vast and to my knowledge - relatively unexplored - that it offers unlimited possibilities to researchers for developing a more scientific and rational approach to horoscope delineation.

I've only investigated a small facet of it in regards to biorhythms and groups of aspects so a lot more can be done by anyone even if you don't use a computer. Some of the things that a thorough investigation should reveal are the following:

1. A way of uniting divergent metaphysical and conceptual typologies.
2. An aid in total chart synthesis
3. Understanding why people with identical charts manifest different symbolism.
4. The relationship between groups of aspects seemingly unrelated.
5. Speed of application.
6. Its numerical basis hence its application for computer and statistical analysis.
7. Which house systems are valid.
8. The planets on the angles controversy.
9. Career and marital counseling.

In short it could help resolve many of the arguments that astrologers have been debating for years. Another possibility is that it might have some actual therapeutic value according to ancient and modern color research but this would fall out of the range of astrology and into something else. I don't believe that it could help much in the prediction side of astrology but I haven't done much work along those lines.

The color test was developed by German psychologist Dr. Max Luscher. He discovered after years of testing people from all over the world that all individuals regardless of ethnic, cultural and social economic background respond instinctively to subtle changes in color contrast. Even color blind people respond to his test because they can still detect the minor variations and differences in light and dark. The actual mechanism of just how this works is not fully known but it is believed to be related to the midbrain in human beings.

There are two versions of the Luscher Color Test. The full test requires a trained psychologist to administer and interpret. It has 7 different panels of colors with 73 colorpatches and 25 hues and shades. The short test which is what I've experimented with has 8 different cards numbered from 0 to 7 composed of the colors gray, blue, green, red, yellow, violet, brown and black. It takes less than 5 minutes to administer to yourself or someone else. The full instructions for the test and the cards are in Dr. Luscher's book, "The Luscher Color Test" translated by Ian Scott from Random House. It does take some studying to master the interpretations and arrange the color groupings properly but it isn't that strenuous. I believe that computer software is available both to administer and interpret the test but I don't have the source and data on availability to the general public.

I used a few simple subroutines from some of the standard programming texts to sort and search through the color numbers of the people I gave the test to be able to locate individuals with matching color numbers. This was also

combined with Irene Stephenson's bionumbers when I was testing her system. I had her permission to do this by the way and am not in the software business nor do I plan to sell anything along these lines.

Considering the large number of possible combinations and permutations involved with an 8 digit number or factorial 8, symbolized as 8 which is $8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1$ or 40320; this can get quite complex depending on whether you take the numbers 2 or 3 at a time as is sometimes done in the test. Luscher has statistically tested his test on hundreds of thousands of people both in Europe and America and in the appendix of his book gives tables of averages on a sample of 1000 normal adults. Applying his finding and using the appropriate statistical methodology for astrological purposes is above my ability.

Out of 17 people I initially tested there were 2 pairs of individuals who chose the first 4 color preferences in identical order. The first pair chose the number 5 1 2 3. These are the colors violet, blue, green and red. The total 8 digit number is further subdivided into 4 groups of colors and their corresponding number of 2 units in each group. For example: The first person's choices were the numbers 51230476. This is separated into 51 23 04 76. Number 51 could be A with 23 equal to B and so on. A is desired objectives. B is the existing situation. C is characteristics under restraint and D is suppressed characteristics. A 5th group is made up of the first and last numbers or 56. This is the actual problem.

The second person's color choices were 51234760. To protect the identity of these two people I can't give their birthdates and will have to show by aspect and sign how closely matched astrological they are and how similar in psychological makeup they are by keywording from Luscher's test. One was male and the other female. There was 28 years in age difference between them. Both amazingly enough were the same height and weight but lacking accurate birth times I could not check their rising signs having to rely only on flat or solar charts.

The male's Sun was on the cusp of Pisces and Aries. He has a Venus and Mars conj. in Taurus in opposition to a Saturn-Neptune conj. in late Libra. The female's Sun was in the last degrees of Pisces. She has a T-square configuration involving Mars in Taurus in opposition to Saturn in Scorpio with both Saturn and Mars squaring Neptune in Leo. Both had the same 3 planets - Mars, Saturn and Neptune in for lack of a better word "stressful" configuration. They were both physically and mentally compatible according to biorhythm character analysis and each fell into the mental martyr category.

Now in Luscher's test the combination of violet and blue (51) in the A position is someone who longs for a tender and sympathetic bond and seeks idealized harmony in a relationship. Its structural meaning is Esthetic Susceptibility and Erotic Sensitivity. This corresponds nicely with the dual sign influences of Aries (idealism) and Pisces (emotional openness). This in combination with the Mars-Neptune configuration in both charts adds a further 12th house or Pisces influence.

The second color pair or green-red (23) in the B position in the Luscher method is keyworded as controlled initiative or someone in a position of authority who feels held back but who perseveres despite opposition. In Lundsted's book a Saturn-Mars opposition indicates a difficult tie between sexuality and responsibility. Many Saturn-Mars hard configurations could be worded as energy meets restriction but in these two cases the Mars in Taurus being a fixed sign in aspect to Saturn (restriction) gives additional emphasis to Luscher's green-red description. Green is possession and security. He says it is like the sequoia tree or deep-rooted and unchanging. Red is energy and force of will. Red-green is thus controlled energy. Combine a frustrated work and sexuality aspect with a Neptunian overtone plus idealism and you have martyrdom.

I won't go into additional delineation on the charts but by using a combination of methods I have been helped immensely in my understanding of chart synthesis and can gain a better grasp of just what aspect groupings really mean. This was a very clear example of traditional symbolism but the second pair

I checked was harder to understand. These two people also had 4 identical color numbers in the first 2 positions but were not biorhythmically compatible. By studying the color symbolism I could see the astrological connection but it was much more complex with the Suns in different signs and dissimilar aspects. What the color test does as well as biorhythms sometimes is point out affinity and disaffinity signatures between charts. A study of time twins would be most revealing to see just what level of symbolism is manifesting.

What really amazed me was Luscher's description of the 4 basic colors or what he terms the psychological primaries. These correspond almost exactly to the 4 elements of astrology. Dark-blue is depth of feeling or water. Blue Green is elasticity of will or earth. Orange-Red is force of will or fire. Bright yellow is spontaneity or air.

In regards to conceptual modeling and metaphysical systems, Luscher's new book, *The 4-Color Person*, goes into more depth on what he calls the basic ethical norms. These are listed as Justice, Open-Mindedness, Responsibility, Tolerance, Sincerity, and Benevolence. These psychological character traits are formed from a mixture of the 4 basic colors in various combinations. Although not 7 in number they seem closely related to the 7 noble virtues of occult lore or faith, hope, charity, force, prudence, temperance, and justice. Others may have different words for these depending upon which metaphysical system you subscribe to. Luscher believes his norms are exact and can be verified mathematically. Making a highly speculative leap in thinking one might believe that these are related to the 7 rays of the Alice Bailey and other occult schools.

It's also interesting that in a modern color television

transmitter and receiver all the colors you see are produced from only 3 primary colors or red, green and blue. These are not the same as what an artist would use because the rules for mixing colored lights are different than those for mixing paints. Artists are dealing with apparent colors of reflected light. In TV you are dealing with the colors directly. By mixing three colored light beams you can produce 7 colors by overlapping. Blue and green produce cyan. Red and green produce yellow and red and blue make magenta. All three make white. In TV these are broken down into the Y, I and Q signals of luminance and chrominance. Each of these signals are mixed in a matrix in a certain formula by proportion to produce the composite color signal.

Luscher's color scheme is similar though not in a direct one to one correspondance probably because he is dealing with his own norm that is different from either the primary pigment colors and the tristimulus color system in television systems. The three fold television system is reminiscent of three gunas in Sanskrit literature or the three creative primordial forces which are Satva (intelligence), Raja (energy) and Tama (neutrality).

It is possible that his method is pointing out the actual colors of the human aura. I've noticed when I've taken the test at different times my color choices will vary but stay pretty much the same on the average. This is why it would be important to make note of the date and time you took the test to see if prevailing transits might influence your choices. The human nerve plexus or chakra system might in some fashion be acting like a liquid crystal to selectively filter the energies shown in the natal chart.

There is an abundance of research and literature both in



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the esoteric and scientific community on the therapeutic benefits of color to treat depression and aid in drug rehabilitation as well as other areas. Since Luscher's method is the best I've seen yet for testing astrological symbolism all that remains to be done is to map it out and then try and apply some type of color healing in combination with one's natal chart.

[If you would like more information about this please write directly to Zan Kay. EDITH.]

OBSERVATIONS ON ASTROLOGY, ORIGINAL & BORROWED

DR. John F. Gay, III
May 1985

Whenever things grow dull at a party or some other social affair, and one longs for excitement in the form of heated verbal exchange between ostensibly civilized and educated individuals, toss out the subject of...no, not religion: that's too personal and possibly combative. No, not politics, that's too boorish and reminiscent of the "good ole boy" syndrome almost as firmly embedded in the Soul of America ("Amurrica") as is the spheroid syndrome (characterized by an obsessive fascination for any and all objects of a spherical or ellipsoidal nature that can be hit, thrown, kicked, thumped, knocked, bounced or caught, the employment thereof generally demanding some more or less revealing uniform with identifying colors). So...try ASTROLOGY, and watch the fun!

Few subjects have been written about so often by so many with so little knowledge or honest research done on them as astrology. Certainly few things have been condemned with such vehemence or excoriated with the ignorance that astrology has, or been made the victims of such condemnatory writings showing so little evidence of open-mindedness, study, or research. Opponents of astrology generally fall into one or more of the following groups:

1. Those who have never studied astrology.
2. Those who have never seriously researched astrology.
3. Those who allow (or prefer!) others to think for them, accepting others' OPINIONS as "TRUTH."
4. Those who are afraid of astrology (or what it might reveal) and conceal their fear behind a mask of contemptuous disdain.

While attacks on astrology are numerous, one seldom reads anything in the popular press defending it. Indeed, few things must defend themselves against such bias, prejudice, deliberate lies, erroneous ideas, and oftentimes vicious pre-judgment as astrology.

Many insist on confusing astrology with "fortune-telling." Despite what critics charge and the ignorant may think, astrology is definitely NOT fortune-telling. Fortune-telling argues for a pre-determined future or a future governed solely by "Fate," preempting thereby man's free-will or self-determination. Needless to say, astrology takes **both** into consideration. Understand, it is true that in astrology's infancy (over 2000 years ago!), it WAS more less deterministic, but by the dawn of Christianity many astrologers were **ALREADY OPPOSED TO SUCH THINKING**. The old adage, "astra inclinant, non necessitant" ("the stars incline; they do not compel") was replacing the old fatalistic approaches. Thus it is today.

One of the basic premises of astrology is that the positions of the Sun, Moon, and planets at the time of an individual's birth are related in ways both significant and **OBSERVABLE** insofar as the individual's essential character and later development are concerned. It is felt that there is some influence that can be seen or measured in operation and **UNDERSTOOD** by the human mind. Astrology in that sense, then, is a **rational discipline based on a THEORY OF CORRESPONDENCES BETWEEN OBSERVED CELESTIAL PHENOMENA AND**

HUMAN CONCERNS. It is the distillation of the subjective knowledge of human affairs into a set of symbols obtained through thousands of years of observation, analysis, and the conclusions drawn therefrom.

Some would have others think that astrology undermines a belief in God. As it is, many non-believers have found God through astrology, so impressed were they by the mystery of the working of the world and the Great Intelligence, the One God Who must have created it. Indeed there is no reason why astrology, religion, and science shouldn't work together to provide man with a richer, more fulfilling life: Science deals with the physical universe, working with that which is both movable and immovable; religion reveals the higher meanings of life and deals with those things beyond man's comprehension. Astrology takes care of human concerns and establishes order in one's daily life; it tries to bring together and explain the whole of Human Experience. What limitless benefits mankind might reap from such cooperation!

While on religion, there are those who insist that God is "against" astrology. Nothing could be further from the truth. For the next few paragraphs the reader is encouraged to have a King James Bible close at hand; that particular version is stipulated because it is the one seemingly most preferred/
QUOTED BY RELIGIOUS OPPONENTS OF ASTROLOGY. The Scriptures in Hebrew and the "New Testament" in Greek would be helpful. The following observations and quotes are not to be construed as exhaustive, but as representative.

In Genesis 1:14 the word "signs" is used. In the Hebrew Bible the word for "signs" is "othoth" (aleph, tau, tau); transliterated it is AThTh. The basis of "othoth" is the present participle, "aotha" (AThH), which means, "to be coming" or "to come." "Othoth" also means "symbolic signs" and is found again in Jeremiah 10:2. Most scholars agree that the full meaning is "symbolic signs of the future." One noted Hebrew scholar, Prof. Fr. Delitzsch, flatly states that the word clearly refers to "astrological prognosis." Incidentally, if you have read the Jeremiah reference, the word translated as "heathen" (GVIM = "goyim") actually means ANY non-Jewish people or nation. Christians are "goyim."

Fundamentalists are fond of citing the passages in Deuteronomy 18:9-14 and Leviticus 19:26 as evidence of God's disapproval of astrology. Among the things denounced in those passages are "observers of times" which many believe refers to astrologers. The problem, however, is that the phrase, "observer of times," is **NOT TO BE FOUND IN THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES**. It is a much later addition by some unknown Christian hand. As a matter of fact, in **neither** of the above passages is astrology mentioned. Divination and soothsaying are forbidden, but **NOT ASTROLOGY**. The ancient Hebrews had words which meant "astrology" and "astrologer;" they would have been used were they truly forbidden since the Scriptures are scrupulously specific on ALL points.

In Isaiah 47:13-14, Astrology IS mentioned (HBRV - heh, beth, resh, vav), but one must read it in context: The passage states that while an astrologer may SEE coming trends, there is nothing he can DO about them (THERE'S fatalism!). One must remember, however, that an astrologer is NOT a magician; he works WITH God and the Universe, not AGAINST them. Isaiah 47 predicts the destruction of Babylon because of the outrages it perpetrated on the small Near-Eastern and Middle-Eastern kingdoms, including Judah. God intended to burn Babylon, and neither its civilization nor its learning, neither its science nor its astrology could save it. God condemned Babylon, NOT astrology.

It is also a fact that astrology is the **ONE SYMBOLIC SCIENCE NOT FORMALLY CONDEMNED BY THE CHURCH**. By referring to the works of the Church Fathers and Doctors from St. Augustine through Thomas Aquinas one may see that even they hesitated to denounce astrology, much less regard it as "a work of the devil." If it were possible, they WOULD have, as evidenced by all the other things they DID condemn as superstition and the satanic. One Jesuit professor of philosophy, Laurence L. Cassidy, points out that there is a real danger in quoting translated passages out of context. He

further states that the Medieval Church Doctors, thoroughly familiar with the Bible (they were well-read in both Hebrew and Greek as well as Latin!), had no difficulty in reconciling its teachings with a belief in astrology.

In Matthew 2:1-12, "wise men from the East" are mentioned. Nothing is said about there being only three, nor are they called "kings." In fact the Greek word for "king," "BASILEUS" is never used in the New Testaments as a title for the "wise men." It is but another myth which arose (along with the trinitarian "3") during the chaotic establishment of Christian beliefs and doctrines. The word used for "wise men" is "MAGOI," Greek for "magi." The latter is the plural of "magus," a member of a priestly class in ancient Medea or Persia; part of their belief and practices had to do with astrology. Were God so vehemently opposed to astrology as some religious "leaders" would have us believe, it is MOST doubtful that He would have allowed them such a prominent role in the Nativity of Christ. Some versions of the New Testament actually say "astrologers" rather than "wise men!"

Special attention should be called to two books listed in the bibliography: "To Rule Both Day and Night - Astrology in the Bible, Midrash, and Talmud" by Rabbi Joel Dobin, and "Astrology's Pew in Church" by the late Rev. Don Jacobs. The latter has appeared on both television and radio presenting his views and discoveries; yes, he was also an astrologer. His church, one of the extremely large Protestant Christian denominations, never found cause to take issue with him over his astrological proclivities. Both Rabbi Dobin and Rev. Jacobs present unimpeachable evidence of astrology's acceptance by God AND the church. While some of the passages in this paper are also cited by these authors, anyone may seek them out as well with a little research plus some knowledge of Hebrew and Greek. A background of non-prejudicial/non-biased church history is equally helpful. (Note: The writer's attention has been called to a recently published (within the past few months) book, "Astrology in the Bible" (no author listed, Parkway Press, P.O.Box 540877, Houston, Texas 77254-0877. The cost is \$7.95. "An objective, well-researched study of astrological evidence in the Holy Scripture." Although we do not own a copy, we dare say that it contains much of what has been stated herein.)

Finally, for those who insist that "astrologers are a Godless lot," consider this: if one talks with a true astrologer, one soon discovers that the allegedly Godless sinner generally has a profound religious sense. If that sense isn't there when embarking on a study of astrology, it soon becomes a part of one's being. The transformation is difficult to describe because it is a different experience for each individual; however, its growth proceeds somewhat in this manner:

During the study of astrology, insight deepens, and knowledge of self increases. As that happens, one looks at others in a new light, realizing that there is more to the person than what comes across in casual conversation. One becomes more forbearing towards his fellow man, his tolerance almost always leads to understanding, and understanding to compassion. With that one experiences, perhaps for the first time, the true meaning of that plea found in most of the world's religions: "Do unto others..." See Leviticus 19:18 and Matthew 7:12 for starters.

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There is little to be said about science, for its mode of attack is simply to gather together those who disbelieve in astrology, call for a public showing of hands and the signing of a testimonial document of corroboration by all concerned parties, then give the public press a news release stating that science

has "debunked" astrology! Such a tactic was used some 10 years ago (this is 1985) at the Humanistic Science Convention when news headlines excitedly proclaimed "186 top scientists refute the claims of astrology!" (In all fairness it must be observed that there were many more scientists present than the 186 who signed the statement. A fair number were outraged by such tactics, including Carl Sagan, who refused to sign. However, under pressure from the scientific community, Sagan later changed his position and became a member of the "186 Club.") But that was how science dealt with astrology then, and that is how science continues to deal with things it disapproves of: If science doesn't like it and says it isn't so, then it cannot be so; research be damned, don't waste the time. And THAT is the scientific method. Alas.

Should doubts linger, the reader is encouraged to research astrology for himself. The dilemma was very well presented in TV Guide (Aug. 13-19, 1983): The article, "Hollywood's Forbidden Subjects" (by Mary Murphy), stated that of all the things forbidden on network television, ASTROLOGY IS NUMBER ONE! The reason given is that while nearly half the U.S. population believes in astrology, an equal number do not. Consequently, no matter HOW astrology is presented on television, it is bound to offend approximately HALF THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRY. No network wants those odds in the war for ratings.

Astrology itself is, perhaps, partially to blame for the unfortunate stigma so many attach to it. "Sun-sign" astrology, that which refers only to the particular sign of one's sun, popularized in newspapers and books, presents a woefully inadequate view of what astrology actually is. Those unfortunate daily columns of sun-sign readings devoured so intently by an ill-informed public merely compound the problem. Few people realize that a carefully calculated chart represents the picture of one specific moment in time and space which can have literally thousands of variations from one individual to another. Hence one finds a person whose knowledge consists of a few sun-sign key-words parading under the title of "astrologer" along with those who have studied the synthesis of ALL aspects of a chart - placement of the planets, Sun and Moon; the aspects or angles between them; planetary patterns; spatial division of the heavens according to longitude, latitude, and birth time; placement of the Moon's nodes; lunar and solar eclipses; Arabian Parts; midpoints; hemispheric division; fixed stars, etc. No wonder those professionals (physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists, and others) who use astrology refuse to discuss or admit it. The late Swiss psychiatrist, Carl Jung, is one of the few who employed it openly. The writer is acquainted with one physician who used astrology in seeking an elusive cure for a patient. The patient was healed, subsequently discovered the physician's involvement with astrology, and sued him for malpractice.

And there is the editor of a fairly well-known magazine announcing "the world's mysteries explored." He continually carps and whines about astrology because of the precession of the equinoxes and that when most people say "Aries" they really mean "Pisces," and, damme, that's just not DONE! Harumph, harumph. Sigh. According to him there can be no feasible explanation for or any validity to astrology due to its misplacement of signs according to siderealists. He is totally unaware of the differences between Tropical and Sidereal Astrology, nor does he give any evidence of awareness that such exist. His mind is made up, calcified and ossified against astrology. HOW is it that astrology is singled out for damning by such "experts" and loud-mouths? Astrology must fight against "terrorists" every day at home and abroad. If adversity strengthens, astrology should be one of the Pillars of the Universe.

The unfortunate conclusion is that for far too many the subject of astrology is an emotional rather than an intellectual issue, and when there is a struggle between intellect and emotion, intellect always loses. The wryly humorous statement, "Don't confuse me with facts; my mind's made up!" is superbly exemplified by the opponents of astrology. No amount of proof

or hard evidence will ever convince them. One might as well attempt to persuade the Flat Earth Society that earth is a spheroid, or to convince a white supremacist that "black is beautiful." True Non-Believers suddenly become blind and deaf in the presence of facts, violent in the face of Truth.

Closed minds are acquired early in life. The writer recalls a young lady in one of his college English classes (public university, no religious affiliation) some years ago: For the 18 or so sections of Freshman English that year the Department had chosen Homer's "Odyssey" and Ovid's "Metamorphoses" for outside reading/in-class discussion. During class one day, the interaction between men and gods became the topic, eventually leading to a discussion of ancient religious observances. The writer casually mentioned that baptism had been known to the Persians some 2000 years before the biblical Abraham. The young lady's hand flew up, her eyes blazing. When she was recognized she exclaimed, "I don't care if it IS true- I'm just NOT GOING TO BELIEVE IT!" Today she's a voter. Frightening, isn't it?

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T. Pat Davis: You surprised me, (Apr. '85, p. 21) I didn't know you were Mrs. T. Patrick Davis. I write under my maiden name, but I do that because I was writing for MH long before I married in 1980. Could I know your first name? Anyway, regarding your comment on p. 18, 14th Extra, I would like to concede to the authority of a cosmic connection, once I know what the correct definitions are.

When the Russian Venus probes revealed what the surface of that planet was like some years ago, I began revising some of my ideas about the nature of Venus. Certainly the planet is more descriptive of Scorpio than Taurus. Then I thought of the little primer that teachers still use for their beginning students which enables them to memorize characteristics of the signs. This keyword structure starts out with "I am - Aries" and goes to "I believe - Pisces." (I'm sure everybody's heard of it.) For the sign Venus supposedly rules it is "I have - Taurus," and for the opposite sign it's "I desire - Scorpio." The 8th house which Scorpio rules is the "I have" of the partner. Mars sub-rules the sign of Scorpio; this sign being its so-called night house. That's out of sync with the house system we now have, so that must mean that Mars as the ruler of the night sign of Scorpio goes back to the Egyptian house system where Libra was the natural ruler of the 1st house, Scorpio the natural ruler of the 2nd, and so forth. That way, the house of the future, which is the 2nd, would also be the house of death and the hereafter.

Now, if Venus is the planet of desire, and not Mars, it sure changes the picture. Perhaps the keyword for Scorpio should be, "I transform." Mars is the planet of aggression, fighting,

anger, but are Venus and Mars really polar opposites or are they simply complementary? The opposite of desire is loathing.

Astrologers have not studied Venus or followed its transits in their charts like they have Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn. I admit I've been more interested in the Moon and what it's doing in the charts I look at. We kind of ignore Venus because we assume we know what it represents, and we're more interested in Jupiter.

Question: What do money and sex have to do with love? One fills a material need and the other a physical need. Or, what do money and sex have to do with beauty and symmetry? We sure do need to find the ruler of Libra. What I'm trying to prove is that Venus the planet and not Venus the Roman goddess is associated with desire. Aphrodite and Venus were associated with love and beauty, but that is a Western cultural concept, and eastern religions viewed their goddess differently.

If by love astrologers mean affection, I suggest that they look to see what the aspects of the Moon are to Venus in the client's chart, for the Moon is protective and caring. If by love a person means loyalty and devotion, then he or she should find someone who has a Saturn-Venus trine. The Greeks had several words for love, the Anglo-Saxons only one. There was parental love and filial love as well as divine love (agape) and sexual desire (eros).

As for Pluto, some readers might prefer "I consolidate" for Pluto, but I think "I increase" would probably be preferred for Ceres, although Emma Belle Donat's nurturing and habits definitions for Ceres are interesting to me.

I think the keyword structure is faulty. For instance, "I see - Sagittarius." Because we associate Sag. with the 9th house, that's supposed to make the sign philosophical and religious, concepts that I associate with Saturn rather than Jupiter. Why should higher education be considered dull or academic? It should be exciting. Sag. explores the mind while Gemini explores the environment. Again, there is a cultural clash. In the East, religion is philosophical and associated with educating the mind. In the West, religion is associated with conduct, behavior, and one's reputation in the community. Sag., especially when it's on the Asc., is the most irresponsible sign in the zodiac. Following it is Capricorn, the prudent and most responsible sign. Humble Virgo follows proud Leo. Feeling Cancer follows the mental Gemini. Believing Pisces follows doubting Thomas Aquarius.

Another stupid keyword is "I use - Capricorn," implying utility or manipulation of others. Why not "I achieve - Capricorn?"

There is not much that is either religious or philosophical about Sag. This sign is optimistic and adventuresome. If it's fun or funny, do it, seems to be his philosophy. If Sag. becomes philosophical in his mature years, it's because he's learned that this is a lousy world with a lot of creeps in it, and he's become philosophical about that.

Some readers probably think that I have been confusing Venus with Lilith, but Lilith denies and frustrates, which would be appropriate for a witch moon. To my mind, Pluto does not create desire, but only intensifies whatever it aspects. Maybe Venus is Elvira, Mistress of the Dark, showing off her fine features, but if so, it's because she desires to act this way when she transits Scorpio. Venus wants to do something or desires to be something. I think that is its nature. So when in Libra, Venus wants to be artistic, appreciate beauty and refinement, and do everything in good taste because this is what she wants to experience when in that sign.

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Would you know where I could purchase these 2 books (postage and price).

1. "The Lunar Effect" by Arnold Lieber, Anchor Doubleday, 1978. Paperback.

2. "Instant Astrology" by Mort Gale, Warner Books. Paperback.

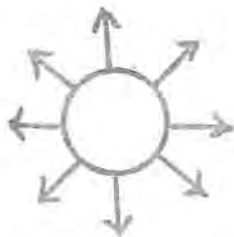
Thank you.



We seldom see studies of the nature of anger. When textbooks undertake a dissertation on Mars, anger is usually touched but not addressed at length. It is my firm belief that a virtually untapped source of learning is held within the symbol itself. The glyph for Mars is a circle with an arrow going out at one o'clock. Heading off to the upper left. The image is one of energy shooting outward. In order to gain more knowledge of how that outward flow of energy is expressed, study the following "symbols."

ARIES

Mars in Aries spews forth energy in all directions. In anger the Mars in Aries may have a tendency to slash out quickly, furiously, and the anger dissipates rapidly.



TAURUS

Mars in Taurus, however, would want to make something of it, hold it closely to himself, and might even grow to value his own anger. Ultimately, he could even harness it and put money in the bank with it.



GEMINI

Think about Mars in Gemini, now, just think about it! The world is likely to know just how angry he really is. This is the "argurer...my words are better than yours!" (Remember, Mars is the great competitor.)



CANCER

Mars in Cancer expresses inwardly. Just by studying this glyph, it is easy to understand why this is not the ideal placement for Mars. There is a major conflict in the symbol for Mars is supposed to express outwardly in the environment. Anger, therefore, might be expressed in illness.



LEO

Mars in Leo likes to make a show of his anger. What's the use of having it if there is no one around to appreciate it! It is the biggest, best, grandest anger ever to be seen in the history of the universe! Step right up folks, next show at 1* PM!



VIRGO

Naturally, Mars in Virgo wants to analyze his reasons...and yours too! This is the person who can remember every word you ever said, deed you ever did, and does not hesitate to bring it up. He has to be very careful not to spend every moment analyzing and not experiencing.

LIBRA

Mars in Libra should take pains not to be cut off from his anger. Also not a great placement for the proud owner of this planet. How do we resign the planet of "ME, ME" with the sign of "you, you"? The tendency might be to have you own his anger. Also this person would probably be a lot less "quick on the trigger" than his Mars in Aries complement.



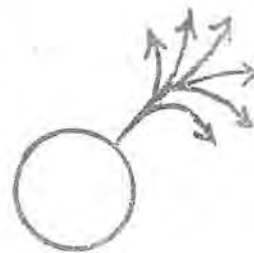
SCORPIO

Mars in Scorpio, expresses differently from Mars in Aries, even though it rules both signs. Notice how the arrow is in the complete opposite position. This is the detective, doing things and expressing anger very subtly. He can absorb it, internalize it and transform it. Like Mars in Aries, it is very comfortable here.



SAGITTARIUS

Mars in Sag. is like a fountain. It goes out in all directions. Sometimes it slings many arrows, and frequently misses the target. Once he can philosophize about it, it is put in better perspective.



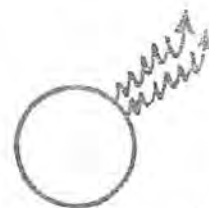
CAPRICORN

Mars in Capricorn is the builder...a very strong placement for Mars. Let's use it! Let's manage it and make something out of it! Of course, at the same time, they do have a bent toward hammering home their point a little too strongly.



AQUARIUS

Mars is a little kinky in Aquarius. There is always that underlying feeling that something really crazy might happen when these people let go. Their reactions are usually unexpected. They can be very objective about anger.



PISCES

Mars in Pisces fizzles out. Anger tends to dissipate unless constantly fed. Sort of like a wet firecracker.



It is important to understand that these glyphs are prototypes, and that not every Mars reacts as indicated here, so do your own meditating on this little symbol, and check your own impressions with a reliable source. Astrological thought is a creative process if one is well grounded in the basics. This type of exercise can help you to experience the feeling of the planets.

THE HOROSCOPE OF RUSSIA
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The universal dilemma plaguing all astrologers from time immemorial is the time of birth. The same holds true for countries as it does for individuals. In the case of Russia, this is especially important, not just because it's the largest country on earth, but because what happens in Russia might finally determine the future of the planet.

Fortunately, times of various events that occurred between 7-9 Nov., 1917 have been well-recorded, through the diaries of Lenin and Trotsky, not to mention newspaper clippings, etc. Any of the following birthtimes have often been used by other astrologers for the chart of Russia:

NOV. 7 (Oct. 25 O.S.)

2 a.m. - Insurgents (MRC) capture the telegraph office, post office and railway stations.

10 a.m. - Proclamation, written by Lenin, issued announcing prematurely the fall of the Provisional Govt.

2:35 p.m. - Petrograd (Leningrad) Soviet meets to plan the Bolshevik takeover.

6:50 p.m. - Ultimatum delivered to the Provisional Govt. Cabinet in the Winter Palace demanding its surrender within 30 min. or else the cruiser Aurora will fire on the palace.

9:40 p.m. - The cruiser Aurora begins shelling the palace - blanks were used.

10 p.m. - The Women's Battalion surrenders inside the Winter Palace.

10:40 p.m. - Second Soviet Congress opens - All Soviet government voted in, Mensheviks (anti-Bolsheviks) depart the session.

NOV. 8 (Oct. 26 O.S.)

2:10 a.m. - Provisional Govt. Cabinet arrested in the Winter Palace (now that the old government has fallen, we can consider any time from now on as being the birth of the new nation).

3 a.m. - Congress vows to take over the government - adjourns at 5 a.m.

8:40 p.m. - Congress re-convenes - Lenin elected Chairman and Trotsky made second in command. During the night, land decrees were passed.

If one arbitrarily draws up any of the above charts, one would be in error, unless one took into consideration that Daylight Saving, or War, Time was in effect. That's why all those charts with Leo rising for Russia had me puzzled. One might get the impression from the chart that with Neptune in the 1st house, along with Saturn, and both planets squaring the ruler of the Asc. in the 4th house, that this represented the nature of the people. Doris Chase Doane uses the 10 a.m. time for the proclamation, and Glenn Malec uses a time of 4:55 p.m. for the birth of Russia. Even if either time were the correct one to use, Doane was off by one hour because she didn't use DST (noted in her book on Time Changes). Malec at least got the DST correct. When one subtracts the hour for War Time, then the chart has Cancer rising (Mother Russia, etc.). Even the excellent book by Baigent, Campion and Harvey entitled "Mundane Astrology" fails to take War Time into consideration.

So, even Russia, which celebrates Nov. 7 as her Day of Revolution, has a chart for the following day about 8:40 p.m. when the Provisional Govt. had fallen, the new nation was effectively born.

I won't go into a vast delineation of this chart, just pointing out some of the more obvious points. Cancer rising represents the emotional nature of the Russian people, their love of watery substances (especially vodka) and the fact they call their country "Mother" Russia. Neptune rising suggests the secrecy which surrounds everything in this country, not to mention the propaganda and lies which emanate from various agencies. Saturn in the second points to the stringent economic controls imposed on the people, especially consumer goods. The farm programs just don't seem to work with Saturn in this house. Moon in Virgo points to the fact that this was labelled as "the worker's revolution," and Russia tries to pass herself off as a nation of the common people. Pluto just above the Asc. points to the mass of people imprisoned in work camps or in Siberia, and the trans. of Pluto over the Asc. during the early 1930's was shown by Stalin's purges. Sun in the 5th house square Uranus in the 8th house illustrates the often sudden demise (often through nefarious means) of the leaders of this large country. Lenin succumbed when Saturn was trans. the Sun in 1924, and Stalin did the same in 1953. Brezhnev died from old age during the most recent trans. of Saturn over the Sun, to be followed by Andropov and Chernenko during the same trans. through Scorpio. Neptune square the Asc. probably poisoned Stalin in 1953, the actual Saturn trans. through mid-Scorpio occurring in the summer of 1955. Malenkov and Bulganin were vying for power in those days, and eventually Khrushchev took over, to be ousted when Neptune went over that Sun's degree.

Clearly, the transit of any major planet aspecting that Sun's degree is very important when figuring out who will last and who will be ousted from the top position in Russia. Note that the Part of Fortune opposes not only the Sun, but squares Neptune within 1°.

I know that War Time was in effect through the diaries of Lenin, who was an astrologer's dream; he kept very accurate records minute-by-minute of what occurred during those eventful days in the fall of 1917. For example, in an entry of Nov. 7, 1917 (Oct. 25 O.S.), he stated that at 4:30 p.m., night was falling. By all accounts, the Sun should have set about 3:45 p.m. if Standard Time was in use, but with that expression, we can clearly see that the Sun was about to set in another fifteen minutes. And at that latitude, the Sun would have been quite a distance south of the city, and rather faint on the horizon to begin with.

Two other charts worth mentioning at this time are the abdication of Czar Nicholas II on Mar. 15, 1917 (March 2nd O.S.) at 3 p.m. in Pskov, Russia. The other is for the formation of the Soviet Union on Dec. 30, 1922 at 8 p.m. in Moscow. But the most incredible thing to me is the prog. Moon in the Cancer rising chart exactly opposing the MC (11 Pisces) when the capital was moved from Petrograd to Moscow in March 1918. The government Moon (represented by the Asc.) opposing the MC indicates a move within 4 months. Other directions illustrate this Cancer rising chart as the correct one to use for Russia, or the Soviet Union, or the USSR, if you prefer.

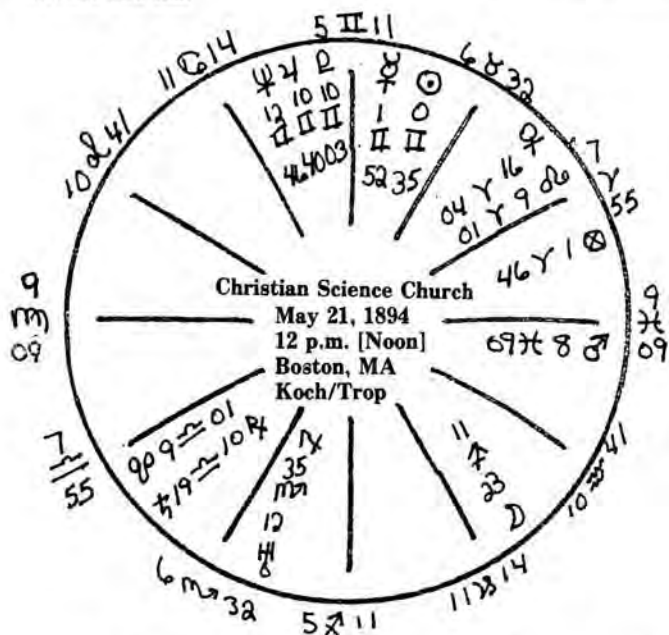
RALEIGH JORDAN DOUGLAS, Boston, MA June 1, 1985

I'd like to submit the enclosed charts on Mary Baker Eddy, the Christian Science Church (both Michelsen's and my own hand-drawn one with up-to-date secondary Progressions) + the birth chart for my mother, who is a classic example of what Joylyn Hill of Denver, CO calls "Neptunians" who refuse to recognize the existence of evil. (p. 37, Apr. 85.)

My poor mother is so thoroughly "Neptunized" on the subject of the un-reality of "evil," that she is now, at the advanced age of 87½, having an awful time struggling with the "evil suggestion" of "death" which - according to M.B. Eddy, is something else that doesn't exist. As I was raised in the most militant Christian Science atmosphere, and since the rabid, fanatical allegiance of my mother to M.B. Eddy had a great deal to do with twisting and warping my entire young life, Joylyn Hill's comments dated Sept. 21, 1984 really struck a responsive chord with me!

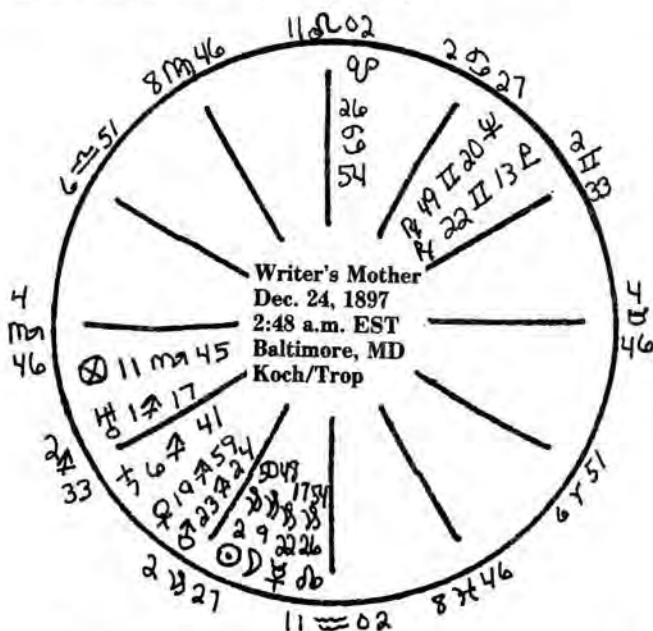
One of the first things I did when I became a professional astrologer was to study the chart of the C.S. Church, which

officially had its birth in Boston at high noon on May 21, 1894. I'm still fooling around with it, to see if I might live to see its decline and fall.



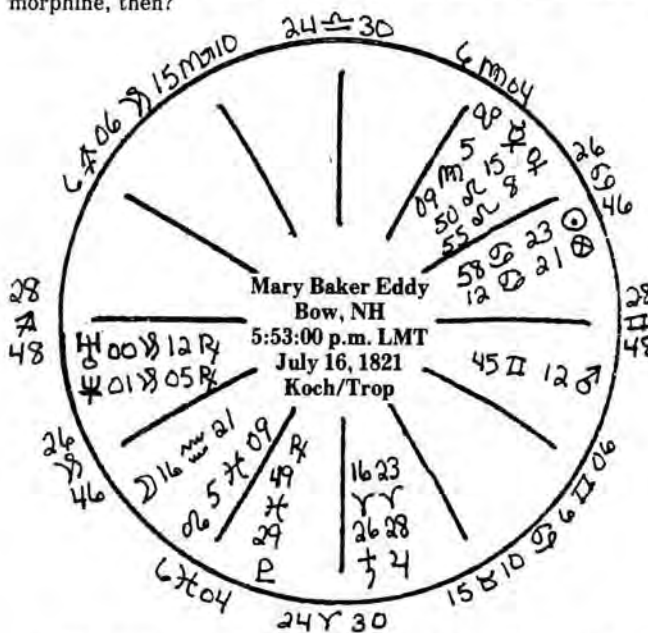
My continued observational involvement with this cult (that's what it is in fact) seems to suggest that the remaining members are increasingly elderly, the last remnants of the generation born with Pluto in Gemini, as was my mother. The Mother Church refuses to give out any data on membership, and I've got a pretty good guess as to why that is. I'm wondering what **MH** readers think of the future of Christian Science, based upon an examination of the chart(s).

Having suffered for so many years under the irrational dicta of the founder of this cult, who was an 8th grade drop-out and - I deeply believe - more a shrewd business woman, heavily money-minded, than the inspired spiritual leader she pretended to be, I'm naturally emotionally involved in the entire inquiry. To this end, I thought that perhaps **MH** readers might have a more detached view of this cult's prospects.



Incidentally, there is a very illuminating biography of M.B. Eddy, written by a Boston psychiatrist, Julius Silberger, M.D. I discovered this book in my local library a few years ago and have read it three times from cover to cover. To my knowledge,

it is the only **non-church**-authorized biography of the founder of C.Science and certainly far more objective. From it, I learned what "The real Mary Baker Eddy" was like, which was something I had suspected even during my childhood when I grew to loathe this disembodied woman who controlled every thought and move my mother made, from beyond the grave! I learned, for instance, that M.B. Eddy did many things behind the backs of her close associates, that she had an incredibly violent temper, was so ruthless as to make Jimmy Hoffa look like a puppy dog, and that she "trained" certain carefully-controlled members of her inner circle, to administer morphine to her on a regular basis throughout her "career" right up to the end of her days - all this while demanding of her abject, fawning followers that to ingest or inject **any** form of medicine amounted to a sin against God who created everyone **perfect!** - Why the special, clandestine personal indulgence in morphine, then?



These notes are given only to help readers to assess the natal chart of Mary Baker Eddy. Note that the natal Moon of her church sits alone in the 4th house at 23 Sag. If the birth time given by Dr. Silberger in his biography for her is off by 18 to 20 min., M.B. Eddy could have had a 23 Sag. Asc. and I'll bet anyone almost anything that the church's 23 Sag. Moon just didn't happen by chance. I'll bet anything that M.B. Eddy, who wrote so furiously against astrology and every other form of what she viewed as the occult, probably had her own personal astrologer, and probably had a "best-time" chart cast for the birth of her beloved church.

What I'm wondering - along with Joylyn Hill, is how so **many** thousands upon thousands of human beings could have been so Neptunized by this woman's frankly absurd, often disjointed and incoherent jargon. As Ms. Hill rightly says, there is enough pain, suffering, torture etc. in this world to resoundingly refute such frilly rhetoric as M.B. Eddy's, suggesting that "evil is only in your mind." Or - here's another one from her book, "Evil is **only** the absence of Good!" - Well?!!

One answer to my above query as to **how** this woman, and others with similar "messages" and cult doctrines, could wield such power, is to study the chart of my poor mother. Millions were born with that Pluto-Neptune conj., and in my research, I've found that this particular generation had both the best and the very, very worst of those two planetary energies.

That was Ernest Hemingway's generation - also Baudlaire and Rimbaud, and the French writers who experimented with drugs and the written word while under the influence of hallucinogens. That was the generation which produced the famous "Muckrakers" in journalism. It was also the generation of the silent film stars. But in the 1890's particularly, the Pluto-Neptune conj. opposed Saturn and Uranus in Sag. +

Venus and Mars and, of course, the Sun for Sag. Well, the good ones produced marvelous writing; the worst became con artists (I have one chart of a woman with Uranus, Mars, Mercury, Venus, North Node and Saturn all in Sag. from 7 to 23°, opposing Pluto at 16 Gem. and Neptune at 26 Gem. and she's been a career criminal all her life. She's nearly 86 now and at last she has been caught and may be heading for jail. She was born Nov. 21, 1899!)

The more pathetic of this generation - like my poor beleaguered mother - lived with an illusion from birth to death - in my mother's case, with her Pluto-Neptune in the 8th house it means that she was mesmerized and held captive by "someone else's values, or writings." Notice Cancer on the cusp of the 9th with South (Saturnian) Node the only occupant! Wherever the South Node sits, the native gets back far less than he or she gives in the affairs of that house. This certainly has been the case with my mother. She rises before dawn (around 5 a.m. **every morning**) and sits with M.B. Eddy's text books in her lap reading, reading, reading until 9, when she has breakfast. Then, after breakfast, she has a short nap and goes at it again, almost like a nun in a cell going over and over some catechism.

Well, enough of this. All of you experienced **MH** readers can see the sad syndrome for yourselves. I'd love to hear what you think about the future of the church, though. Personally, I believe that the few current suits against the church, by parents whose young children died because some C.S. practitioner demanded that the parents rely **solely** upon C.S. treatment - these few might swell into a wave. Up-coming young people of child-bearing age will probably recognize the antiquated theories of M.B.E. about the ineffectiveness of doctors, seeing as how she was - in any case - criticizing the state of medicine as it existed between 1820 and 1868 when she wrote her famous diatribe against doctors and the medical profession. I would guess that when Saturn reaches the 7th cusp of the church chart, as Pluto makes its way through the 3rd, conj. Uranus, then proceeds to transit the I.C. and go into an opposition mode to all of the church's Gemini planets, that might cause the "corporation" to change drastically, from a "religion" to perhaps a publishing house.

DON BORKOWSKI, Salem, OR 16 June 1985

Recently, I had the opportunity to make the most of my transits. With a Full Moon and transit Uranus both conj. my Sag. Asc. and Chiron, what better thing could I do than go to an astrological convention in another country? I had considered the Fraternity for Canadian Astrologers to be an alternative to the divisive political nonsense that has afflicted American astrological organizations for the past 3 years. But now that **Georgie** and I have seen the FCA up close, we realize that such a description is unfairly limiting. The FCA is a dynamic, positive, honest group of sincere people who strive for the improvement of astrology and astrologers, even at the expense of their own egos.

This year's conference, "The Northern Lights, An Astrological Adventure," was held in Vancouver, Br. Columbia, June 5-9, 1985. This conference differed from the 1982 event in that the number of American speakers was limited to 5, so that the Canadians could get a well-deserved chance to shine. I was very happy with all the Canadian-given lectures I attended. The Canadian speakers were, alphabetically: Alan Annand, Heinz Antoni, Sira Beaumayne, Brian Clark, Priscilla Costello, Lesley Francis, Martha Frohlinger, Paul Ostan Hewit, Sandy Hughes, Lorna Lake, Dona (Spano) Matthews, Stase Michaels, Sharon Mundwiler, Dr. Lee Pulos, Loralee Scaife, Lois Strantz, George Struch, Erin Sullivan-Seale, Anne Toth, Donna Van Toen, Marilyn Waram and a substitute whose name I didn't get. Judith Lee and Chris McRae were both scheduled, but they had to cancel due to illness. So, if many of these names are unfamiliar, remember that you've heard of them now. The speakers also included Glennys Lawton of Australia and Jeff Green, Jeff Jawer, Jim Lewis, Diana Stone and Angel Thompson of the U.S. American organizations that wish to broaden their horizons should really consider inviting some Canadian speakers every now and then.

If I had to isolate the distinctiveness of Canadian astrology,

two themes come to mind. The first is the very strong emphasis on the mythological roots of Astrology. Of course, this idea is thousands of years old, but I have not been exposed to it that often in the U.S. Frankly, I had been rather put off by this approach, as is consistent with my Virgo stellium in the 9th house. But I promised myself to go to The Northern Lights with an open mind. When I saw how extensively mythology was accepted up there, I decided to give it a try. Paul Ostan Hewit, having 5 earth placements, recommended starting with children's stories, such as fairy tales and the like, if a person hasn't had too much exposure to this area. Perhaps the enforced bilingualism in Canada has enabled Canadians to develop a higher semantic content in their collective intellect. This, in turn, would make the verbal analogies of going from mythology to astrology more facile. The chief hazard to this approach is that mythological archetypes may be somewhat removed from personal astrological reality. Also, the understanding gained from mythology may be too limited to just the planets and perhaps the signs. But I am going to try it.

The second major theme in Canadian astrology is the belief that astrology is a healing art and a useful adjunct to counseling. The practice of astrology is illegal in Canada, but astrology *per se* and counseling aren't. Fortunately, the use of astrology to facilitate counseling is accepted, even though it is a gray area. Many presentations at the conference took just that approach: a concentration on human potential with astrological terminology used to clarify points.

I had been an FCA member in the past, but I let my membership lapse when it looked like they might be throwing their support to AFAN. I had hoped the FCA would be above all that. Two years later, my fears have not been substantiated. The convention did allow AFAN to have a meeting, but it was allowed as more of a courtesy than anything else. The FCA wants to foster, encourage and preserve Canadian identity without having "A bunch of Americans coming up and telling us how to do things." That's the way it should be. The power structure of the Fraternity was also deliberately designed to keep individual political power from becoming too concentrated and from staying in effect too long. The quarterly journal, "The Fraternity News," offers fresh, crisp, scholarly material, and it makes a useful addition to one's library. Also, the regular chit-chat is printed separately in "FCA Directions," but which is included in the same mail-outs. That way, the balance and quality of each type of material can be kept constant. **Georgie** and I have rejoined and have pledged to support the FCA without interfering. Any Canadian astrologer owes it to his country, to astrology and to himself to support this organization. I would personally like to recommend that other non-Canadians join, as well.

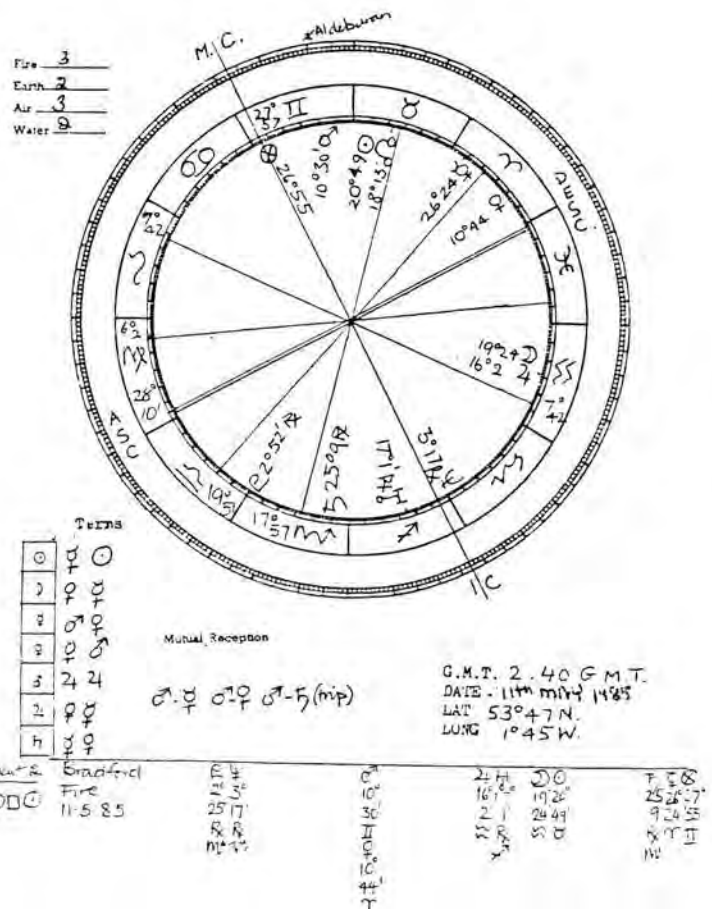
The next FCA national convention will be held in Montreal in 1987. According to Paul Ostan Hewit, the new Pres. of the FCA, they will be aiming to have 80% of the lectures in English and 20% in French. I am going to start saving up to attend this one right away. Although it would be very invigorating to see my new acquaintances again, I also have a very unusual, personal reason to attend. Montreal is exactly the same latitude as my birthplace, Portland, OR, and I want to compare the relative feelings.

On a final note, I would like to mention that we finally got to meet **Joe deMello** among my fellow conference attendees. The spontaneity of his wit is often misinterpreted in a publication with a long lead time such as the **MH** has. In person though, it is very bright and sparkling.

On a totally different topic, I have found that when I pay strict attention to transits, an unanticipated progression will get me in trouble. Likewise, if I brace for progressions, a transit will kick me in the teeth. I thought I had conquered the system by paying attention to both, but after recently having two potentially serious falls, both time by transiting parallels, I know what else I have to consider. I am going to try to put together some material on parallels. I would sincerely appreciate hearing from anyone who wished to share his or her experiences with me.

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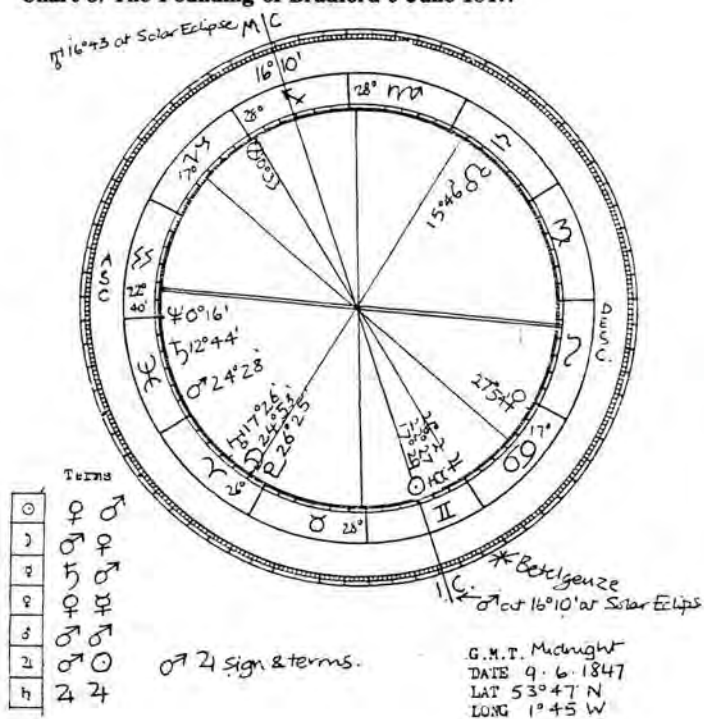
Chart 1. Solar Eclipse of 19 May - 9:41 p.m. GMT 53N47 1W45



Mercury ruler of the Asc. also rules the 12th house of self-undoing, and the people were their own hidden enemy in this case, for it is believed someone dropped a match or cigarette.

The Moon co-signifier of the people was in the 5th house of pleasure, in large numbers, shown by Jupiter, and also having a good time shown by Jupiter, watching a football match. The Moon is natural signifier of the populace.

Chart 3. The Founding of Bradford 9 June 1847.



**Chart 2. The Bradford Fire - 11 May 1985 - 2:40 p.m. GMT.
Source from an Astrologer whose son was in the stand.**

In this chart Uranus is at 17°1' Rx Sag.

The ruler of the Asc. Mercury, represents the people of Bradford, and Mercury is in the 8th house, of, in the context of this question, death. The 8th house is ruled by Mars, who is therefore symbol of Death in this chart. Mercury and Mars are in mutual reception by sign, by which I mean for those not used to event charts that Mars is in the sign of Mercury and Mercury in the sign of Mars and that therefore they can exchange places. The people Mercury can exchange places with death, whom we

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This chart shows why the energy of the Eclipse hit Bradford. The M.C.-I.C. axis echoes the same opposition that was prominent across the horizon of the Solar Eclipse. Sag. 16°10' on the M.C. is the position of Uranus at the fire, and the Eclipse, and the Sun, exactly opposite, is the position of Mars at the Eclipse.

Uranus is at 17°26' Aries, trine the M.C. and sextile the Sun. In my experience the type of aspect hardly matters, it is the contact between planets that counts.

Jupiter on the 5th cusp of pleasure may show the chief enjoyment of the people of Bradford, but in 1847 that degree was conj. Betelgeuze, an orange red fixed star of the nature of Mars with a touch of Mercury. Usually with Jupiter it shows honours, and perhaps Bradford has earned honours at sport, but if it is in conj. with Mars it shows death by lightning, fire and explosion. Now in this chart Jupiter and Mars are in mutual reception by sign and term. That is, Mars is in the sign of Jupiter, - those unaccustomed to traditional astrology may not realize that Jupiter rules Pisces - and Jupiter is in the terms of Mars. (This is a division of each sign into sections called terms, which can be found out by looking at Ptolemy's Table of Dignities.) Therefore the planets in mutual reception exchange places and Mars is transposed to the degree where Jupiter is. The previous Solar Eclipse on 15 April 1846 fell on 24° Aries on Bradford's Moon. There is a modern invention that when planets exchange places they retain their original degree. I can see no justification for this invention and think the present example illustrates that it is more likely planets exchange places, as Ptolemy says.

Chart 4. The Previous New Moon 20 April 1985.

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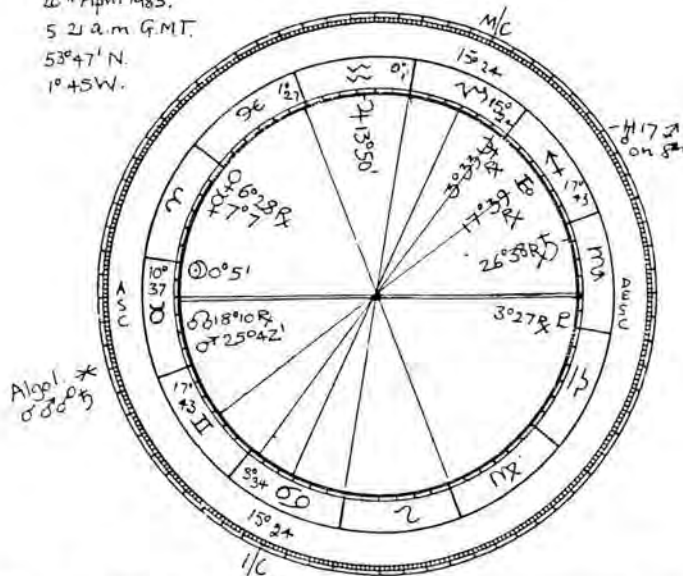


Chart 4 New 2)
Proceeding
20 April
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It is more usual to look at the syzygys preceding the event rather than those after it. This chart is certainly worthy of inspection. Uranus is at 17°39' Sag., the degree of transition, heat, flame and homicide on the 8th cusp of death, denoting suddenness.

Mars ascends with Algol, the most malefic fixed star, going

to the opposition of the malefic Saturn Rx.

Venus is lady of the New Moon, since the New Moon is in Taurus. Venus is badly placed in the 12th of self-undoing, and is in mutual reception with Mars.

Chart 5. The Lunar Eclipse before the Event - 4 May 1985.

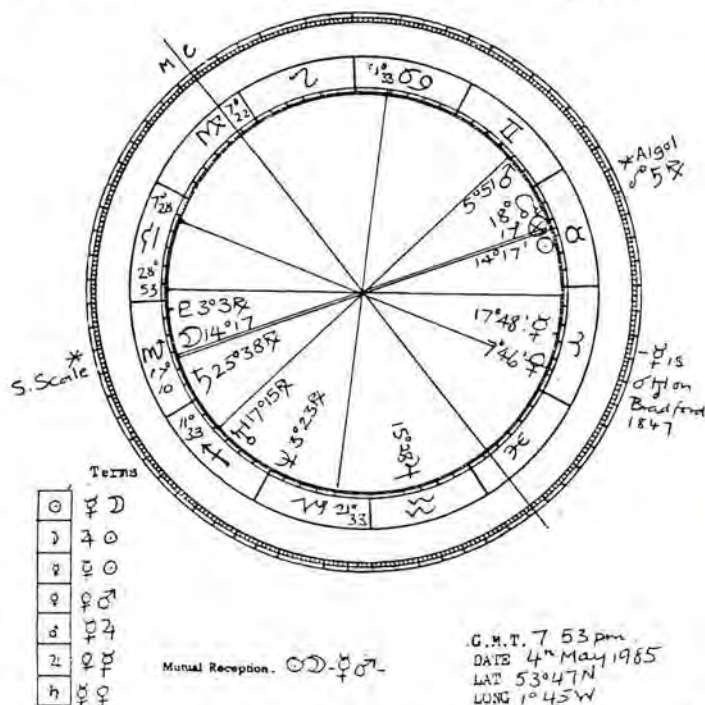


Chart 5 Lunar
Eclipse
Preceding
May 4th
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In this chart Mars rules the syzygy, the luminary above the horizon being in Scorpio, the sign of Mars. Mars is 5° from the 8th cusp and therefore in traditional astrology is counted in the following house. It is therefore on the 8th cusp and going to the sextile of Venus, badly placed, though on the 5th cusp, to the square of Jupiter, and the opposition of Uranus. Saturn ascends retrograde.

There must be many correspondences between these charts that can be found and many midpoints of relevance. I have tried to mention just the headlines. Each one of the charts is worthy of study, but **Chart 1** of the Solar Eclipse on May 19 seems particularly dramatic. With Sag. on the Asc. I immediately thought of Spain, and waited for an explosive event there. It occurred the Sun. after the Eclipse. An oil tanker exploded off the coast of Spain near Algcieras with approximately 300 killed. The lightning speed of the 2 tragedies showed a resemblance.

We have had terrific thunder and lightning storms in this country this early summer.

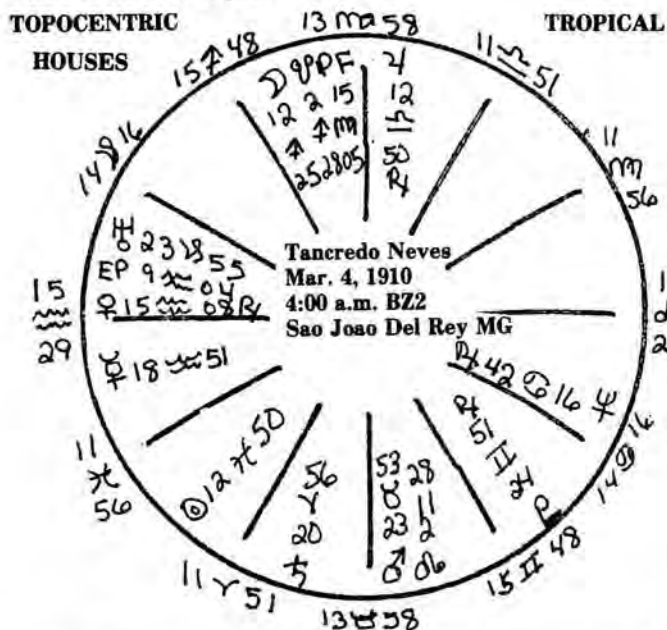
All of the charts in this article are from the Regiomontanus House System.

MARY LOU DI VILLAROSA, Sao Paulo, Brazil May 30, 1985

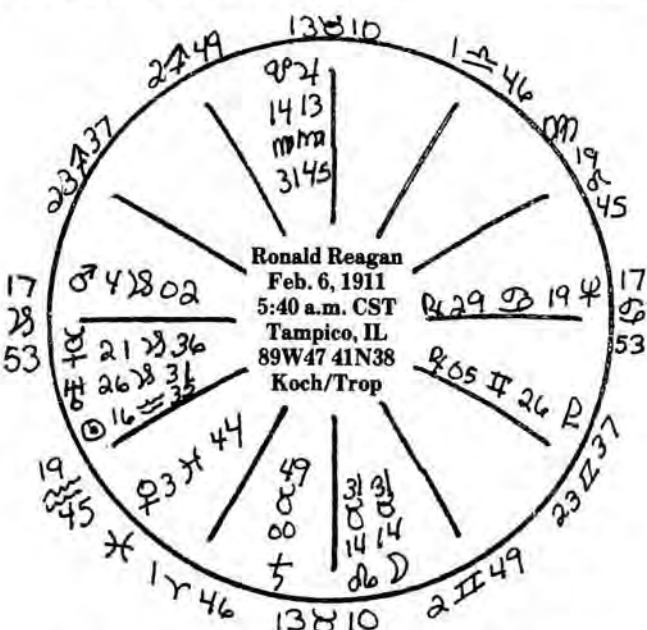
It was very nice to meet you in Miami, and I hope we'll have a chance to meet again soon.

I'm enclosing the natal chart of Tancredo Neves - he was elected on Jan. 15, 1985 for president. The first civil president after 21 years of military government. He was supposed to start his government on Mar. 15th at 10 a.m. and a few hours earlier on that same day he was taken to the hospital with a

serious problem of infection - and 36 days later on Apr. 21st at 10:20 p.m. he died. During that time the whole country stopped and prayed for his recovery. After his death he became the "hero and martyr of the New Republic." I hope this data will be of some interest to you.



CHARLOTTE TUTON, Wellesley, MA **June 1985**



Marc Penfield, 14th Extra, p. 6: Re Reagan birthtime. See my article on Reagan's rectified chart which appeared in Fall '84 Aspects, it might be interesting to those still wondering, including Mr. Penfield. Incidentally, look at **Lois Rodden's** "American Book of Charts," and you'll see that the most reliable b.time was given directly "from the Governor's office" while Reagan was Gov. Time of birth - "pre-dawn." In reply to the same query I made by phone, then letter to the White House, I got "pre-dawn." Manifestly, this rules out all of the p.m. times, and also rules out everything but a 1st house Sun, since pre-dawn doesn't mean "in the middle of the wee hours;" nor does it mean "a little after midnight." Pre-dawn is pre-dawn - 1st house Sun - 5h. 40m. Central Standard Time.

In checking this rectified chart, I also used the events listed by **Marc Penfield**, taken from a slew of books on Reagan but the most reliable of all was his own autobiography,

"Where's the Rest of Me?" All the transits, nodal returns, nodal conjunctions to these 5:40 a.m. cusps work to perfection. Item: In the Winter '84 and Spring '85 issues, several Aspects readers wrote to the Editors agreeing with this 17 Cap. rising chart. One lady was a numerologist, who said that she'd been working for years to hit on a natal chart for Reagan which matched her numerological calculations for him, and this one was the only one that did it! - I'm not boasting, but I really can't possibly see any other chart for this man but this one. There has been so much guesswork concerning his possible chart that it's a good feeling for me to have hit the nail on the head.

N.B. One Aspects reader doubted the Cap. Asc. but probably failed to take into consideration that any sign on the Asc. is going to be vastly modified by the presence of whichever planet fall into the 1st house. With this 17 Cap. Asc. Reagan has 1/2 Cap. and 1/2 Aquarius, including his Sun in the 1st, plus his Uranus conj. to Mercury. Anyone with a 1st house Sun comes off sunny, pleasant, often witty and jovial, but the Aquarius factor gives him his "Teflon" quality, plus his easy-breezy comportment.

This is to say that there is a world of indifference between a native with a Cap. Asc. and no alleviating planets anywhere near the Asc. and a Reagan-type Cap. Asc. with an "electrically-loaded" 1st house. He certainly doesn't seem dour, as most Cap. Asc. folks are, but he's entirely disciplined and serious. Furthermore, he has the top half of his face pure Aquarian - high, wide, flat forehead and sparkling Aquarian eyes; while the lower half of his face with all those tell-tale creases that run from the sides of the nostrils down around the corners of his mouth are pure Capricorn. How - I ask you - could anyone make this man out to have a Cancer Asc., for instance? Don't people pay attention to the way a native looks [!!!] when they start a rectification project? That's the first thing I start with (if I have no data at all, but the day and year). Next, after ruling out all of the signs the native simply **can't be**, I then decide which ones are even possible. Next, I position the chart so that the heavy, outer, karmic planets are where they **ought to be** in the native's chart...for example, what is he or she **doing** right now? Is this person at the height of his or her career and public prominence, authority, status and dominance? - Or, has he or she seen the prime years, or not yet ready for them? That way, you can tell where the hemispheres ought to be. It's rather simple logic that Ronald Reagan's Saturn and Pluto ought to be somewhere in the 9th and 10th now - which is where they are with this perfectly logical chart, supported, of course by the "pre-dawn" replies emanating from his offices. Incidentally, of the two women in his life, Jane Wyman is a quadruple Cap. and Nancy is a quintuple Cancer, it's practically a guarantee.

Given the "Tuton Rectified chart" note what's happening right now with the Beirut dilemma! Jup. rules Reagan's 12th from the MC - 10th and 13th Scorp. Trans. Jup. is now in a triple-T-Sq. configuration to natal Jup. and Moon as it hits his Sun at the moment, thus highlighting him, personally, but frustrating that really quite powerful natal T-square. I don't envy him in the frustration. Makes sense that Jup. would rule his 12th - the H. of frustrations, confinements and limitations. This hostage situation is surely the kind that every Pres. fears. There's almost no way out, and the present transits show it clearly. It's awfully scary, come to think of it, when you realize that the triple pass of Jup. over his Sun and the end of this transit T-square to Jup/Moon won't really be over until Christmas time. Now's a chance to test out something I've always found to be astrologically sound by way of predictive tools - namely that when a native has a triple pass over a natal planet by one of the heavies, or a triple aspect being made back and forth, the native's involvement with it isn't going back and forth, the native's involvement with it isn't going to come to an end until the last or 3rd pass is completed.

JUDITH GEE, London, England **21 June 1985**

Just received July '85 edition - not read through it yet, but must hasten to point out you have got the Tel Aviv Chart wrong on p. 15. I enclose corrected one and please get it right this time. You make my words silly according to the map you

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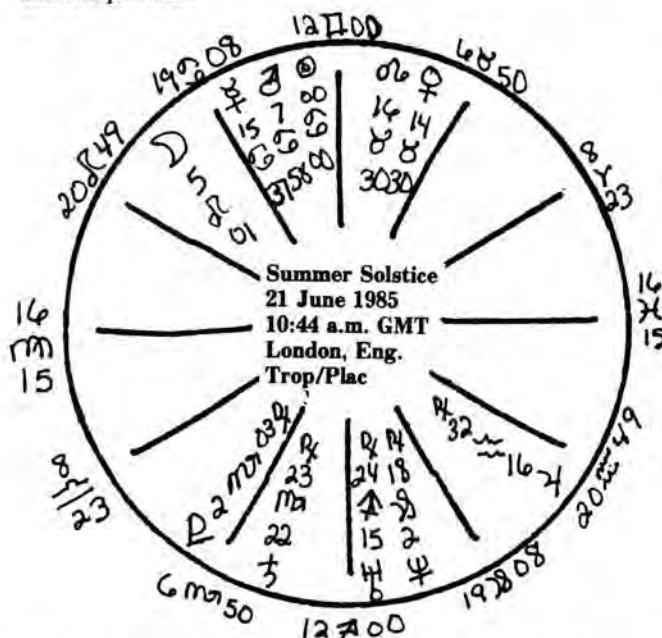
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As they need to be, founding a town on sand! and in an hostile area, among bitter murderous enemies. Without that ardent pioneering Aries fire and the determined persistent cardinal planets, there could have been no survival. Fighters and conquerors...



10th promises a lively year! With Uranus and Neptune in 4th, there could be accidents and incidents and some spectacular parades. Theatres will do very well Jupiter in 5th and many visitors - tourists. Pluto in 2nd, promises much money and sext. Neptune in 4th could mean more houses and money from property. Venus/Taurus in 9th, will bring many lovely people from other lands, but square to Jupiter, it will be expensive for them. I fear some muted growls about invasion from the usual dissidents with Saturn in 3rd. Also possible accidents on journeys and deaths on the road...some wealth from Sun trine Pluto. And of course the Moon/Leo in 11th house, certainly indicates the Prime Minister who rules in Parliament and with no close aspects, rules supreme.

"The Germans finally surrendered unconditionally to the Allied Supreme Commander, Gen. Eisenhower, at his headquarters at Reims at 2:41 a.m. on May 7, 1945. The terms laid down were to become effective at midnight on the night of May 8/9

The instrument of military surrender was signed by Gen. Jodl on behalf of Adml. Doenitz, whom Hitler before his suicide had appointed as his successor, and the German High Command.

Eisenhower's Chief of Staff, Lt.Gen. Bedell Smith, signed for the Allies, and Maj.Gen Ivan Suslaparov for the Russian High Command. Gen Savez of the French Army, who was Deputy Chief of Staff for National Defence, signed as witness.

Formal ratification of the surrender was executed at a meeting in Berlin on the night of May 9. This time Air Chief Marshal Tedder his deputy signed for Gen. Eisenhower, and Marshal Zhukov for the Russians. Gen. Spaatz of the American Air Force, and Gen. de Lattre de Tassigny on behalf of the French Govt., were present as witnesses.

As Gen. Eisenhower put it: "With this final capitulation by the German leaders, the mission of the A.E.F. placed under my Supreme Command on 14 Feb. 1944 was accomplished."

Having defeated the strength of the German Army west of the Rhine, where it had unwisely decided to stand and fight, often fanatically, the final phase of Allied military operations in Europe began with the crossing of the Rhine, Operation Plunder on the night of March 23/24, 1945."

Please publish this, for the archives of fellow astrologers...I have not drawn up a chart, because I am not sure just what time was used...Greenwich Mean Time or British Summer Time. I am hoping one or more of the erudite astrologers will know and draw up a horoscope for you to publish...

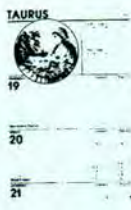
Sorry indeed to read of your agonising time of it and pray that you have now fully recovered.

For **Bernard Waxelbaum** - and Solar Charts - these are charts for the dawn, with Sun on Asc....when no real birth time is known, this can be used allowing for a margin of error, re the Moon degree and place.

I use Noon chart for public events, as so rarely is there a correct time given. As the events are in the public domain and affect the people - the many, this can give a general idea of the trends and meaning of the events...as in my Horoscope published in the April edition of the devil's pact between Hitler-Stalin which foretold all the evil events that led to the conquest of Europe and the slaughter of millions of Jews, Russians, gypsies and other nationals.

JOAN ABEL, New York, NY **May 19, 1985**

Went to a Uranian Society meeting yesterday, May 18th. The NCGR is inviting Special Interest Groups for exchange of info by mail, sort of mini-MH's! **Charles Emerson** was going to talk on Reagan's birth time, but he didn't have time to prepare a whole lecture, so he just told us he's arrived at 19 Scorpio 55 rising. The long lecture was by **Diana Rosenberg** and **Arlene Neimark** on the Bhopal disaster being a Karmic result of a prior Union Carbide massacre in 1930 at Gauley Bridge, W. Va. They hired jobless guys to tunnel through pure silica, and they all died of silicosis. It was amazing how the event charts hit Union Carbide's chart in Karmic spots and also touched on India's chart.



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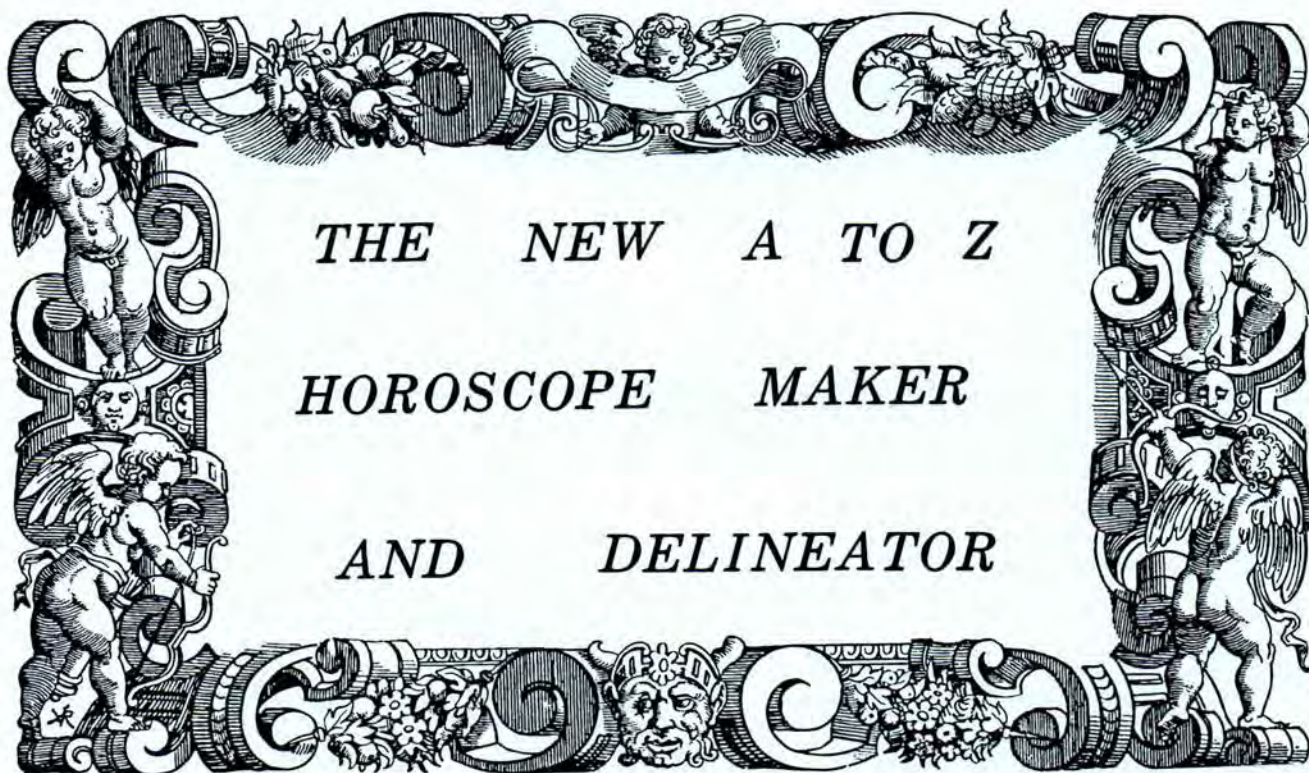
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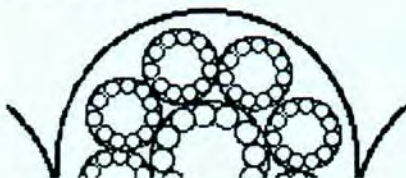
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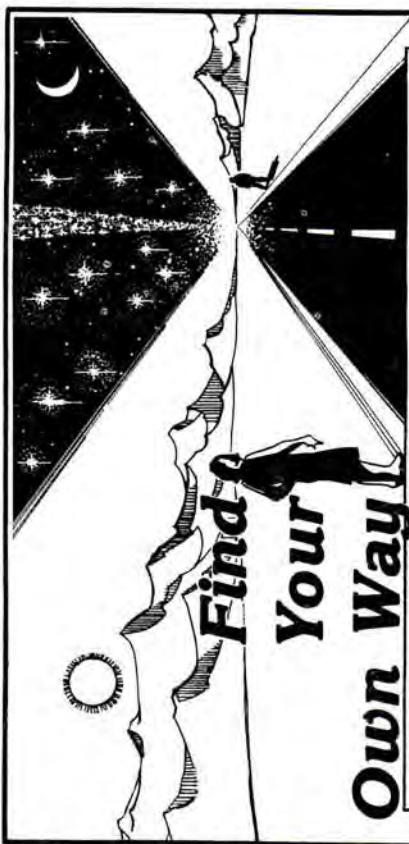
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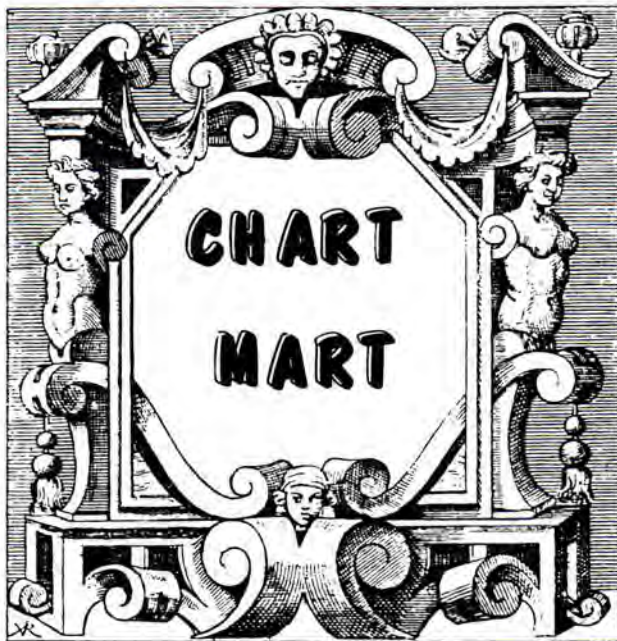
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Hollywood, CA

Well kids, not much new data on famous personalities these past few months. Already appeared are the following:

COSBY, BILL (comedian) born in Philadelphia, PA, July 12, 1937 about 3 a.m. according to his mother, from an article which appeared in a recent astrological monthly.

GORBACHEV, MIKHAIL (Soviet leader) born in Privolnoye, Stavropol district, Northern Caucasus, Russia, March 2, 1931. No time as yet given.

From the book, "Hongkong 1997" by Ted Gormick, comes the following:

DENG XIAO PING (Chinese leader) born Aug. 22, 1904 at 8:30 p.m. LMT at 30N25 106E41. Unfortunately, the name of the town was not given.

From a friend who lives in Iowa, comes a newspaper clipping from the Winterset Madisonian dated May 30, 1907 (a Thursday).

WAYNE, JOHN (actor) born on a Mon. morning (May 27th weighing 13 lbs. to Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Morrison. All other sources state the birth occurred on May 26, 1907, which was a Sunday. Here's one to work with.

Now for some Mundane data:

Data from the Miami Historical Society gives the date of July 26, 1896 as the date of that city's incorporation. The votes were taken at 2 p.m. Most other source books, including the American Guide Series, give the date of July 28, 1896.

The birthdate of the Boeing 747 occurred in Everett, Wash. on Sept. 30, 1968. The 50th anniversary of Social Security arrives on Aug. 14, 1935. Anyone care to speculate on its future? Seems I saw an article years ago which gave a Scorpio Asc., so the signing probably took place in the afternoon.

Also, from the book "Hong Kong 1997" by Ted Gormick comes some interesting data on that British colony. The Treaty of Nanking was signed on Aug. 29, 1842 about 11 a.m. LMT, and ratified the following year. He uses this chart to illustrate the personality and characteristics of this famous colony. And Hong Kong reverts to the Chinese at 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 1997 when the lease on the New Territories expires. One event he doesn't mention, however, is the moment when the British first arrived here and took over the region. That occurred on Jan. 20, 1841 about 11 a.m., according to my sources in Hong Kong. The chart for Aug. 29, 1842 is enclosed. A lot of emphasis on materialism and luck, but with Neptune moving now through its 2nd house, no wonder the financial institutions are beginning to panic. In 1997, Pluto (at 3 Sag.) will be within a 2° square to Hong Kong's natal Sun. A classic interpretation of re-organization and transformation if ever I have seen.

Lastly, I would like to address myself to those people who

are questioning the veracity of much of the data on famous personages that have appeared in this magazine, as well as others on the market. In a recent issue, Ms. **Lois Rodden** again cast aspersions against my ability to gather data, when she alluded to the fact that some of the information which I reported on from the Gauquelin material appeared in the magazine some months ago.

First off, the data came from a computer print-out of the data, not the book which appeared on the market some months later. The data is in the hands of Ruth Dewey, in Denver, and she was kind enough to show me the original. Exactly why some of that data did not appear in the subsequent book is anybody's guess, but it's there, believe me.

To go over her inquisition: Joe Dallesandro, John Rubenstein, Joe Theisman, and Jim Klieck (not Klick - typesetter's error. My apologies.) were in the original manuscript, or read-out. Gordon MacRae was also in the book, under the name of Albert Gordon MacRae. As **Sylvia Tobia** has already pointed out, Florence Chadwick was in there.

Getting back to Karen Black (the actress) the Gauquelin data as taking place at 5 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time was entirely in error. When reading a computer print-out, when one sees such a blatant error as that (Chicago might have been on EDT Spring 1936) but certainly not in 1939. First goof for the Gauquelins. If the birthtime in fact is listed as 5 a.m., then it might be CST or CDT. There is still this confusion when doing charts for anyone born in Chicago. If I made an error in this, my sincerest apologies.

As for Melvin Belli, when his handwritten note came to me some years ago, it was possible that I mistook Sonora for Sonoma, but the letter sure looked like Sonoma to me. Guess the letter should have been typewritten, right?

Finally, some new data and one bit of confusion. According to the Gauquelin data, **DAN RATHER** was born in Wharton, TX on Oct. 31, 1931 at 6:13 p.m. Central Standard Time. According to the May '85 American Astrology magazine, on p. 47 the time is given as 12:13 p.m., with a Capricorn Asc., instead of the previously-known Taurus Asc. Anyone care to clear up the mess?

HEXUM, JON ERIC (the actor who shot himself last Oct. on the set of Close Up) was born in Tenaflly, NJ on Nov. 5, 1957 at 11:41 a.m. Eastern Standard Time according to the same issue of American Astrology, May '85, p. 46.

More corrections and additions from **LOIS RODDEN** on the **TOBIAS** collection.

PART II

GABLE, CLARK: Feb. 1, 1901, 3:30 a.m. EST, Cadiz, OH, 80W59 40N16. DD: American Book gives 5 more times. (T.Pat Davis in Apr. '82 Extra)

GANDHI, MOHANDE: Oct. 2, 1869, 7:33 a.m. LMT, Porbandu, India, 69E30 21N45. DD: American Book gives a dozen different times, most of them ranging around "sunrise." (McEvers in Oct. '81 quotes SS #367.)

GARDNER, ERLE STANLEY: July 17, 1887, 8:14 a.m. LMT, Malden, MA, 71W04 42N26. DD: American Book quotes Scarsella, from Baird, but 3 reference sources give 1889. ([Penfield in Oct. '80 gives only the Scarsella quote.)

GARFIELD, JAMES: Nov. 19, 1831, 2:00 a.m. LMT, Orange, OH, 81W32 41N29. A: Data Collection 3 quotes AO Science Fall 1942 from Charles Latimer, a close friend of the family, who was given the data by Garfield's mother. (P. Bertucelli in Oct. '80 gives 3:25 a.m., the time that is in H. of US Presidents.)

GARRET, LEIF: Nov. 8, 1961, 3:41 a.m. PST, Hollywood, CA, 118W21 34N06. ??: M. Anderson in July '82 "from Leif Garret Scrapbook by Underwood." (LMR has not located the quoted biog or magazine; have you seen it or are you quoting Penfield, who gave the same information in Apr. '81?)

GERULAITIS, VITAS: Penfield in July '81 "from a family member." (?? May we see a copy of this correspondence?)

GISH, LILLIAN: Oct. 14, 1896, 3:30 a.m. CST, Springfield, OH, 83W49 39N55. DD: American Book quotes PC, spec. CL gives 5:40 a.m. CST but for 1894. Steinbrecher confirms the year of

1896, from her to a mutual friend. (B. Williams in Apr. '77 gave the date and place.)

GLEASON, JACKIE: Feb. 26, 1916, 2:13 a.m. EST, New York, NY, 73W57 40N45. DD: Rodden in Apr. '78 quotes Penfield and Jansky. Dewey quotes Mary Baker in Dell for the same data. M. March has 3:13 a.m. EST, "reported by his manager in a mag article."

GOLDWYN, SAMUEL: Aug. 27, 1882 NS, 4:29 a.m. LMT, Warsaw, Poland, 21E00 52N12. DD: American Book, from Ziegler. Same date in Famous People; World Book Obit gives 1882. Circle #387 gives Aug. 17, 1882. McEvers quotes Goldwyn by Arthur Marx for Aug. 27, 1881 (no time). (Penfield in Oct. '77 quotes Lockhart for Aug. 27, 1882, with no style designation, 4:30 a.m. no time designation, no source.)

GRANT, CARY: Jan. 18, 1904, 1:07 a.m. GMT, Bristol, Eng., 2W36 51N27. C: American Book quotes Cary Grant by Albert Cavoni, 1971, p. 16, "During the first morning hour of Mon., Jan. 18, 1904." (T. Pat Davis gives the same date in Apr. '82 Extra, no source.) (SS #404 gives Jan. 14, 1904, however PC misquotes SS for Jan. 18, 1904.)

GUILLAUME, ROBERT: Nov. 30, 1932, 00:30 a.m. CST, St. Louis, MO, 90W12 38N37. A: Data Collection 3 quotes MacKenzie in AA Feb. '81, from Phil Margo of Margo/Guillaume Prod. (Penfield in July '81 quotes AA without the source of origin.)

HARDING, WARREN G: Nov. 2, 1865, 2:30 p.m. LMT, Bloomington, OH, 82W40 40N41. A: Data Collection 3 quotes BJA Dec. 1920 from M.A., "data from his father."

(BJA Oct. 1920 gives 2:00 p.m. from a personal letter from him to Frank Allen; in later issues the BJA accepted the time of 2:30 p.m. as an accurate correction.) (P. Bertucelli in Oct. '80 gives 2:00 a.m., the same data as in H. of US Presidents.)

HARRISON, WILLIAM H: Feb. 9, 1773, 10:38 a.m. LMT, Charles City Co, VA, 96W15 36N50. (C: P. Bertucelli in Oct. '80, the same data as in H. of US Presidents.) (Kraun in AO Science Summer 1942 says "time unknown.")

HAUPTMANN, BRUNO: Nov. 26, 1899, 1:00 p.m. MET, Kamenz, Ger., 14E06 51N16. A: American Book quotes T. Pat Davis, who reports that a radiogram was sent by his mother to Paul Clancy. (D. Anderson in July '82 gives the data as AA Aug. '77, without the source of origin to denote accuracy.)

HENDRIX, JIM: Nov. 27, 1942, 10:15 a.m. PDT, Seattle, WA, 122W20 47N36. AA: American Book quotes CSH. (McEvers in Oct. '81 quoted AA, same data, no source of origin to denote accuracy.)

HEYERDAHL, THOR: Oct. 6, 1914, 4:40 p.m. MET, Larvik, Norway, 10E02 59N05. C: American Book quotes Ebertin in Cosmobiology International July '72. (Dewey in Apr. '77 Extra gives Oct. 16, 1914, from Cosmobiology Int'l #12 July '72.)

HOLLANDER, XAVIERA: June 15, 1943, 6:15 a.m. ST Zone 7, 5; Soerabaja, Java, 112E45 7W14. A: Profiles of Women quotes M. Moore; data from her brother, who worked with Hollander, (in his profession, not hers), "Sunrise." (Penfield in Apr. '82 gives Sunrise as 7:30 a.m.; no source.)

HOPE, BOB: May 29, 1903, 3:36 p.m. GMT, Eltham, Eng. C: American Book, which gives London. Eltham confirmed by him to a mutual friend recently; he doesn't know the time. (LMR quotes Bulletin of Astro-Science in Apr. '78 Extra.)

HORNE, MARILYN: Jan. 16, 1934, 3:20 p.m. EST, Bradford, PA, 78W38 41N58. ?? Penfield in July '81 quotes "hospital records, acc to correspondence." (May we see a copy of said correspondence? Cassandra K in Apr. '82 quotes Concise Dictionary of Opera for 1929.)

HUDSON, ROCK: Nov. 17, 1925, 2:00 a.m. CST, Winnetka, IL, 87W44 42N06. A?: Storme in AQ Summer 1959 quotes data "from his mother." (CL quotes T. Lake for 3:00 a.m. "from him.") (Inasmuch as Storme's Data has been consistently reliable, and both CL and Lake have a credibility gap, the 2:00 a.m. is the preferred time.) (T. Pat Davis in Apr. '82 gives the 3:00 a.m. time, no source.)

HUSSEIN OF JORDAN: Nov. 14, 1935, 2:30 a.m. EET, Aman, Jordan, 35E56 31N57. ?? Penfield in Apr. '79 Extra gives "official records." (AQR Winter issue gives the same date "during early morning as given by an Embassy letter." H.

Hammitt in AA June '72 gives Nov. 12th. May we please see the copy of "official records."?)

HUXLEY, ALDOUS: July 26, 1894, 1:20 a.m. GMT, Godalming, Eng., 0W36 51N12. DD: American Book quotes PC for a spec time, "based on a report that he was born very early in the morning." Old-file has 00:10 a.m. GMT. (Penfield in July '78 gives 1:00 a.m. "from family records." Recorded where, by whom?)

IRVING, JOHN: Mar. 2, 1942, 12:11 a.m. EST, Exeter, NH, 70W57 42N59. AA: Penfield in Jan. '84 quoting Gauquelin Book (which gives EWT; EST correct.)

JACKSON, JESSE: Oct. 8, 1941, 3:30 p.m. EST, Greenville, SC 82W24 34N52. DD: R. Nolle quotes Aquk Fi Sabi'l'l'ah', from Jackson's mother. Jesse Jackson by Barbara Reynolds, 1975, gives 9:00 a.m. EST (P. Bertucelli in July '84 quotes The Man, The Movement, The Myth for 9:00 a.m.)

JOEL, BILLY: May 9, 1949, 9:30 a.m. EDT, Bronx, NY, 73W54 40N51. AA: Penfield in July '81 states B.C. (Confirmed by LMR, letter from him in hand, contributed by Penfield, which B.C. checked.)

JOHANNSSON, INGEMAR: Sept. 22, 1932, 8:20 a.m. MET, Taleborg, Sweden, 11E58 57N41. DD: Scarsella from Baird; AQ Sept. 1959 gives same data as spec; Fowlers gives 10:35 p.m. GMT as spec. (Penfield in Oct. '80 Extra quotes Scarsella only.)

JOPLIN, JANIS: Jan. 19, 1943, 9:45 a.m. CWT, Ft. Arthur, TX, 93W56 29N54. AA: Profiles of Women quotes R.H. Oliver, B.C. (M.F. Wood Apr. '77 Extra quotes Jansky for same data, accuracy not specified.)

JUAN CARLOS, KING: Jan. 5, 1938, 1:15 p.m. MET, Tome, Italy, 12E15 41N56. AA: Quistberg in AA Oct. '66 states, "His mother told a mutual friend 1:20 p.m., however officially recorded at 1:15 p.m. by biographer Jose Louis Quintanilla." (deMello in Oct. '82 stated "Official" but for 2:10 p.m. MET. Steinbrecher in Jan. '84 added the correct time "from E. Cordero.")

KEATON, DIANE: Jan. 5, 1946, 2:49 a.m. PST, Los Angeles, CA, 118W15 34N04. AA: Gauquelin Book. (Penfield in Oct. '79 states "B.C." of 2:53 a.m. PST, the time that was originally given in Profiles of Women.)

KENNEDY, JOHN F: May 29, 1917, 3:00 p.m. EST, Brookline, MA, 71W07 42N20. A: Data Collection 3 quotes G. Allen in AA May 1960, "data from his mother." (P. Bertucelli in Oct. '80 gives 3:15 p.m. EST; H. of US Presidents gives 3:15:26 p.m. LMT.)

KILLY, JEAN CLAUDE: Aug. 30, 1943, 5:10 a.m. MWT, St. Cloud, France, 2E12 48N51. AA: American Book from GAU #2018 Vol. 1 (corrected from the first printing of D-GDT). (Tobias quoted the data from MH '76, no source.)

KING, MARTIN LUTHER: DD: American Book gives 5 times.

KOESTLER, ARTHUR: Sept. 5, 1905, 3:30 p.m. MET, Budapest, Hungary, 19E05 47N30. B: Autobiography, Arrow in the Blue, 1952. (Penfield in July '84, same data, "recorded.")

KUNSTLER, WILLIAM: July 7, 1919, 7:00 p.m. EWT, New York, NY, 73W57 40N45. Penfield in July '81 "from correspondence." (Confirmed by LMR, copy of letter contributed by Penfield, no data source checked.)

- To Be Continued -

LOIS M. RODDEN, Hollywood, CA July 1, 1985

Please note the following corrections for the Chart Mart -

More corrections and additions from Lois Rodden on the Tobias Collection, Part II, July '85 MH:

CARTER, BILLY: 1937 [Typo]

CARTLAND, BARBARA: Fowlers gives 11:55 p.m. GMT, from her to Joan Revill as "shortly pre-midnight." In checking the letter from her to Marc Penfield I see that she has written "20 min. to 12:00." As astrologers, both Marc and I took that to be 11:40 a.m. - perhaps she meant 11:40 p.m.

CARUSO, ENRICO: Edwin Steinbrecher corrects me for Caruso and for Cugat: Caruso was born on Rome Time (3:00 a.m.) which is 3:07:48 a.m. LMT.

CUGAT, Xavier: 1:00 a.m. Madrid Time is 1:26 a.m. LMT.

DIETRICH, MARLENE: B.C. in hand, contributed by Luc De Marre: 9:15 p.m., MET.

FONDA, JANE: 9:14 a.m. EST, Manhattan, NY 73W59 40N46. B.C. in hand.

FONDA, PETER: 12:09 p.m. EST, Manhattan, NY B.C. in hand.

Bess Turner: WINNIE RUTH JUDD is given in "Profiles of Women;" Jan. 29, 1905, Oxford, IN, 87W15 40N31. The first edition gives 7:41 p.m. CST as unconfirmed data. (SS #510 gives 00:38 a.m. of Jan. 30th: CL gave 11:54 p.m.; Bradley gave 00:01 a.m.; PC gave 8:00 a.m.) Finally I found Astrology Bulletin of Apr. '32 where Greene quoted a letter written by the doctor who delivered her, in which he said she was born about 10 min. before midnight of the 29th, and because he got home in the early hours of the 30th, he'd registered the date inadvertently as the 30th. (Later editions of Profiles give 11:50 p.m. of the 29th.)

Ralph Shelton: JANE ROBERTS was given by P. Lucas in **MH** Oct. '80, as May 8, 1929, Albany, NY 73W45 42N39, "11:20 or 11:35 p.m." from her by letter. Persons who ascribe to Roberts concept of the group-soul may be interested in the information given to me by astrologer Bill Worbel for two of Robert's "counterparts." **SUSAN WATKINS**, (who wrote "Conversations with Seth"): Jan. 8, 1945, 6:16 p.m., Elmira, NY 76W48 42N06, and **ANDY**, June 21, 1944, 8:00 p.m. EWT, Lancaster, PA, 76W19 40N02. (Sorry, I don't know Bill's source.)

"Astro-Data III" will be out this Fall, published by AFA, and I'm working on DATA IV. Book III includes a number of psychics, mystics and metaphysicians, and about a hundred or more astrologers. As I didn't really set about to do a book about astrologers my biographical information is sketchy, and of course it's hardly inclusive - missed a lot of fine professionals, but included those whose data I'd collected over the years. Book IV will lean to the arts, dance, literature, film and of course current news figures. I'm most fortunate in having the collaboration of several of the finest data collectors possible, Edwin Steinbrecher, Thelma Smyth and Tom Wilson, not only for their AA data, but for the great help of editing and cross-reference work.

Thank you so much, **Georgie Borkowski** for the commendation. It really helps when I'm sighing over corrections to know people like you of professional calibre recognize the value of accurate data and are supportive, even, hopefully when I make typos or dumb mistakes.

Bruna D. Serrotti: What can I say if Laura Breska had a date of 6 years earlier than the date on her birth certificate for **INGRID BERGMAN**? I can easily understand it when a person doesn't know their birth time (Gee, didn't Mom say 6 a.m.?), and I can understand an actress giving a different year to the press, but seems strange to give a wrong year to an astrologer as a paying client.

For **FIDEL CASTRO**, Lavagnini in AQ Winter 1960 states "official government sources" for Aug. 13, 1926, 1:00 p.m. EST, Colonia Biran, Oriente, Cuba, 75W55 20N33. Terry Krall reports that Castro and the Russians celebrated his 50th birthday in a national celebration on Aug. 13, 1976.

BETH KOCH, Patchogue, NY June 26, 1985

I would like to submit the following data which I think will be of interest to **MH** readers. [Please Beth - next time give the "source" as well. Thanks! Edith.]

MAX SAMUEL SPIELBERG: son of Steven Spielberg and Amy Irving. June 13, 1985, 1:52 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time, Los Angeles, CA.

DAUGHTER of Susan Sarandon and Franco Amurri, unnamed at time of publication of data. March 15, 1985, 2:16 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, Manhattan, NY.

HALEY BENATAR, daughter of Pat Benatar. Feb. 16, 1985, 7:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time, Tarzana, CA.

ROBERT F. KENNEDY III, son of R.F. Kennedy, Jr., grandson of the late Sen. R.F. Kennedy, Sept. 2, 1984, 12:42 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time, Mt. Kisco, NY.

ELIZABETH SCARLETT JAGGER, daughter of Mick Jagger and Jerri Hall, Mar. 3, 1984, 1:37 a.m. EST, Manhattan, NY.

MELANIE CATHERINE EISENHOWER, daughter of Julie

Nixon Eisenhower and David Eisenhower, June 18, 1984, 8:12 p.m. EDT Phoenixville, PA.

BABY GIRL ANGELIA, abandoned in a marsh one hour after her birth, later rescued by her father. Data: Aug. 20, 1983, 1:00 p.m. EDT, E. Massapequa, NY. According to the newspaper account, Angelia's unwed mother gave birth to her at home and promptly called Angelia's father. Together they wrapped the baby in 2 bags and abandoned her in a nearby marsh. Overnight the father had second thoughts and returned to rescue her on Aug. 21, 1983, 8:15 a.m. EDT. The baby was found alive. The father called police, who brought the baby to the hospital where she was found to be in good health. The parents were arraigned on charges of endangering the child's life and with abandonment, though the judge did credit the father's actions for saving Angelia's life.

CROSS-YEAR TWINS. cross-year twins are reportedly somewhat rare but apparently New Year 1983-84 produced two sets of cross-year twins.

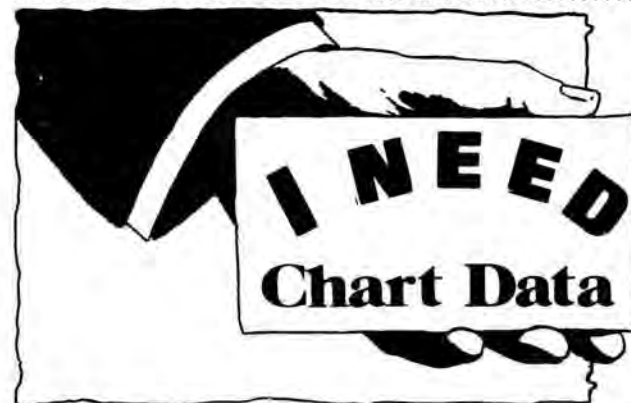
CANIO PACE. Dec. 31, 1983, 23:59:40 p.m. EST (20 seconds before midnight), Huntington, NY

THOMAS PACE. Jan. 1, 1984, 00:00:03 a.m. EST (3 sec. after midnight) Huntington, NY.

LOLUI SCHWAB, Dec. 31, 1983, 11:54 p.m. EST, Norfolk, VA

LEONA SCHWAB, Jan. 1, 1984, 00:00:06 a.m. EST (6 sec. after midnight), Norfolk, VA.

AIR INDIA 747 JETLINER CRASH, reported likely to have been sabotaged by terrorists. June 23, 1985, 8:07 a.m. British Time - last radio contact, 8:13 a.m. Br. Time - plane disappeared from radar, 120 miles off S.W. coast of Ireland.



DUANE HENDRICKS, Ontario, Can. July 1985

Does anyone have the birth charts of Savannah, GA [Feb. 12, 1733, 81W06 32N05, 2:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. From "Horoscopes of W. Hemisphere" by Marc Penfield.] and/or Sarasota, FL? These are two places I'm contemplating moving to in the near future.

Kay Mann, Ft. Myers, FL July 1985

I am interested in finding out Karen Ann Quinlan's birth data.

BEVERLY RIESBERG, New York, NY June 1985

Sent for an Illinois birth certificate recently - \$10.00.

NANCY BLAIR, Anaheim, CA July 14, 1985

I have a correction on the San Ysidro Massacre of July 18, 1984. According to Alan L. Adler, AP, in today's Orange County Register update of the tragedy, it commenced at 4:17 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time, not 4:01, and lasted 77 min., not 90.

This later time brings Uranus that much closer to the Asc. The time 4:01 could have been the time he left his house and began walking toward the restaurant.

Sorry for the misinformation. Corrected Asc. is 6 Sag., MC 15 18 Virgo. Chiron at 7 Gem. is only 1° from the Desc.

INGRID STAMATSON, Amherst, NH May 26, 1985

To Anyone: I would greatly appreciate any help in determining specific causes of my son's asthma (if indeed they can be found). His data: Nov. 1, 1979, 8:27 a.m. Eastern

Standard Time, 71W28 42N45. My data: Jan. 21, 1951, 2:13 a.m. EST, 71W54 45N24. Father's data: March 19, 1937, 4:57 p.m. EST (speculative), 73W57 40N45. Jaime was in perfect health until his first attack on Dec. 1, 1981. Hospitalized Oct. 1-5, 1983 and since then has required constant medication of up to 3 drugs. Spring and Fall are the worst seasons with rain or wind bringing on an attack. The cold air of Winter (and in NH we've got plenty!) will bring on dry wheezing. During his last major attack, in the wee hour of April 12, 1985, he "saw" 2 spirits, as he calls them. One was hooded and the other had a red coat on.

To those of you interested in contest wins: I received notification of a win in the Benson & Hedges Sweepstakes on March 21, 1985, 1:05 p.m. (EST). Sent affidavit to fill out but didn't know what I had won. Confirmation came April 17, 1985, 1:40 p.m. that the prize was (or is, I don't have it yet) \$6000 worth of mortgage payments. I promptly went out and bought a computer. Letter came April 26, 1985, 1:02 p.m. to indicate choice of prize or take \$200 in cash. So which do you think I chose? Don't have the money yet, but I can give you the dates I sent entries: Nov. 21, Dec. 4, 12, 26, Jan. 8, Feb. 7.

GERRY WILLINGHAM 4342 N.W. Claymont Dr.
June 1, 1985 Kansas City, MO 64116

To **Bobbie Adams** (14th Extra, p. 51): In response to your search for an Astro-Twin, my brother was born Oct. 28, 1952, 3:15 a.m., 36N19 78W24.

Please contact me directly if you are interested in more info.

GILBERT NAVARRO, Edgewood, MD **June 18, 1985**

Does anyone have the birth data of Lulu, the singer of To Sir With Love fame? I need it badly!!!

BARBARA NOWAK, San Antonio, TX **21 June 1985**

Desire birth info for Bruce Springsteen.

IRENE H. STEPHENSON, Chatsworth, CA **June 22, 1985**

I need birthdate (month, day, year) of actress Bette Davis' daughter "B.D.", Barbara Davis Hyman. Thank you.

FRANCOISE-THERESE FRIGOLA, CA **May 13, 1985**

CALL FOR CHARTS

The V/C planet is the one with the highest degree in one's chart regardless of the sign. It represents where we let go of things in our life, where everything ends, every 2½ days with the Moon, 30 days with the Sun, etc.

Could it also be where our life ends? Could there be a relationship between how we each express that V/C planet(s) and the way we elect to end our physical life?

I would like to undergo some research in this area. For this, I am going to need A LOT OF CHARTS! Please send me directly all the data you can and I will keep you informed of my progress. I need the following:

Birth Information - Death Information - Physical Cause of Death - Assumed Emotional State at Time of Death - Your Name and Address in Case I need Further Details.

Please send data directly to: Francoise-Therese Frigola, 2579 Calle Hermosa, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360, 805/493-2497.

JEWELL FAHEY **MERCURY HOUR**

Does anyone have birth data for Don Johnson, Miami Vice star.

NANCY BLAIR, Anaheim, CA **July 6, 1985**

Here are 2 charts I find extremely interesting, one of Loni Anderson, the actress, born Aug. 5, 1946 in Roseville, MN (anyone have her time?) compared to Vicki Morgan, the unfortunate mistress, born Aug. 9, 1952 in Colorado Springs, CO (and her time, too?). As expected, Ms. Anderson's is pure charm, and Ms. Morgan's is...unfortunate. Her demise occurred during the early morning hours of July 7, 1983, with trans. Moon and Chiron at 1 Gem. sq. her Venus at 29 Leo with trans. Venus at 28 Leo! She was within 2 days of her annual Sun-Uranus day. Her natal Chiron 7 Cap. completes a Grand Cross involving natal Saturn 11 Libra, natal Moon somewhere in Aries, and trans. Mars 5 Cancer and trans. Mercury 12. It

looks like in the early morning of that day, her natal Sun-Pluto-Mercury were conj. the IC, natively squared her Jupiter 19 Taurus and Mars 19 Scorpio, the nearest transits angular being the conj. of Pluto and Saturn at 26 and 27 Libra at the Desc. Anyone have Marvin Pancoast's birth data? And Burt Reynolds' (how'd I miss that one!)? Both women are Sun-Pluto-Mercury, but there the resemblance ends. The only square in Ms. Anderson's chart is one between Venus and Uranus. Poor Ms. Morgan had 2 sets of T-squares, Sun-Pluto-Mercury to Mars and Jupiter, and Moon (probably) opp. Saturn and Neptune square Uranus. [Marc Penfield's "2001 Collection" - Burt Reynolds, Waycross, GA 82W22 31N13, Feb. 11, 1936, 1:30 a.m. EST. His secretary says Lansing, MI. Another time floating around 12 hrs. later. Edith.]

The Frustaci Septuplets, born May 21, 1985, in Orange, CA, at 8:19 a.m. (and 8:20, :20, :21, :21, :22) are now numbered at three, a little girl is breathing on her own, and her two brothers are still on respirators. They are expected to go home in mid-Aug. At their births, Neptune (artificial conception with drugs) is conj. Desc. within 4°; MC is 20 Pisces, Asc. is 7 Cancer; Mars and Moon are conj. at 17 and 19 Gem. in the 12th in opp. to Uranus 16 Sag. in the 6th. Numerous trines and sextiles create what I call a bedsheet in the wind effect, like a sail on a ship. No matter. That darn Neptune, who can figure it. One wonders what would have happened had they waited a couple of hours until Venus hit the MC. Orchestration and choreography of lives is tempting, but just how much can we be expected to do? At my advanced age I've decided to let the chips fall where they may rather than attempt any reconstruction of fate, or something like it. I just contradicted myself! Don't think I didn't notice.

SALLY SINACORE, Menomonee Falls, WI **July 18, 1985**

I am still looking for the birth data for Dr. Leo Buscaglia of U.C.L.A. fame in California.

 [Thanks go to Chuck Gilreath from the Carolina Chapter of NCGR for the info below.]

The booklet "Where to Write for Vital Records, Births, Deaths, Marriages and Divorces," DHHS Publ. No. (PHS) 84-1142, is available for \$1.50 postpaid from the Supt. of Documents, U.S. Govt. Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. This publication gives you all the addresses and costs for the 50 states and U.S. citizens overseas. It is current as of Aug. 1984.

BILL HANSEN **333 Celery Circle**
8 April 1985 **Oviedo, FL 32765**

I have a data request for next MH: I need date, time, and place of birth of insurance salespeople. Please specify natural or induced birth and number of years in the insurance business. Research will attempt to isolate factors of success in the insurance sales field.

BOB PRINCE, Perry, FL **June 1985**

I desire complete birth data on: Richard Gere, Mel Gibson, Tom Cruise, Michael Pare, Steven Bauer, Rob Lowe and Matt Dillon.

LORETTA H. PEARCE, Camden, NJ **May 5, 1985**

I met and talked with Sarah Vaughn who stated that her mother told her she was born in the early morning hours probably between 2 and 3 a.m. She did confirm the month, day, year and place of birth listed in **Lois Rodden's** "Profiles of Women." (March 27, 1924, Newark, NJ)

BETH KOCH, Patchogue, NY **July 1, 1985**

Lois Rodden, July '85, p. 65: I also have the data for Prince Henry as follows - Sept. 15, 1984, 4:20 p.m. GDT, Paddington Station, England. Source: Published news accounts at time of birth.

KATHRYN E. FARMER, San Francisco, CA **July 9, 1985**

I would like to request the following: Henry Lee Lucas - serial killer and ANY Soap Opera Actors and Actresses - Birth times most important. Thanks.



THE SEVEN HILLS ASTROLOGICAL CONFERENCE

SPINACH DIP RECIPE

1 cup mayonnaise
1 cup sour cream
1 cup chopped water chestnuts
(drained well and chopped fine)
1 envelope KNORR's vegetable soup mix
2 pkgs. frozen spinach (chopped)
(drain well - squeeze out excess water between paper towels)
MIX TOGETHER WELL. (AND ENJOY...)

NANCY HASTINGS, Concord, MA **July 1985**

Thank you for a wonderful 7 Hills Conference. Now I know what everyone has been raving about all these years!

RUTH GARRETT, Sugar Grove, WV **July 12, 1985**

The 7 Hills Conference was, as usual, an incredible experience. It was so good to see so many old friends and to learn so much new info!

J. LEE LEHMAN, San Francisco, CA **July 1985**

Edith: Great 7 Hills Conference! I learned quite a bit from the other speakers, and had a great time. If you don't want to keep doing this, you simply have to train someone else to do it as well!

WENDY HAWKS, Chicago, IL **July 11, 1985**

At the risk of boring non-7 Hills Convention attendees, I want to tell you, Dot and Jewell what an absolutely splendid time I had June 28-31. You did a wonderful job. It was fun to match faces with familiar names and to meet so many friendly, interesting and intelligent folks who had thought-provoking ideas to share - both in and out of the lecture hall. And, if I happened to miss someone's lecture, please don't take it personally: I was probably sunning or swimming at the pool - after all, what can you expect from a double Cancer?

Edith, after reading the July '85 MH, I half expected to see you hobbling around on crutches. Much to my relief you looked positively radiant, healthy and obviously well on the road to recovery. You are a fine, tough gal, and I love you dearly!

I especially enjoyed T. Pat Davis' 2 lectures on heliocentric astrology, Lee Lehman's erudite and witty handling of research projects and Bob Pelletier's talk on getting in touch with the 12th house of one's Sun. To quote good old John McCormick, Bob has the knack of taking the sting out of scholarship. I think Bob is charming, attractive and doesn't look a day over 32. Take note, guys: don't let yourselves go to seed.

It was pleasant to run into a couple of gals from my local group, namely Margaret Golhoffer and Sally Sinacore. And, I made some new friends: Raymond and Betty Sollars, Bruce Beihl, Janet Wade and Camille Adams, among others. Like myself, Camille is British born. Unlike myself, she is a second generation astrologer. She loves unusual jewelry and I believe she really knows her astrology. Raymond and Betty are a delightful couple and I learned a great deal from them.

The banquet on Sat. night was a delicious and very jolly affair. You and Batya Stark gave hilarious after-dinner speeches which had us all rolling in the aisles! Don MacDonald was amusing too - he calculates the most favorable spot on the globe for his Solar Return and actually celebrates his birthday there - be it Alaska or Italy!

AMY FRANCO, Atlanta, GA **July 6, 1985**

I would like to thank Edith for hostessing a wonderful 7 Hills Conference despite the fact that she was still recuperating from her injury. Edith, I hope you feel better soon!

RAY & BETTY SOLLARS, Mesa, AZ

July 10, 1985

Congratulations on a most successful 7 Hills Conference. Betty and I came away with several very valuable new ideas and some wonderful new friends.

The presentation by Buz Myers on "Void of Course Planets" was very challenging and is standing up very well to the study we have been giving it in the limited time since our return to Mesa.

I would like to praise Lee Lehman for both of her lectures - especially the one on "Astrological Research - Proof or Prejudice." I would predict that Lee will make many more valuable contributions to the advancement of astrology.

Above all, I must certainly mention the magnificent singing voice of Batya Stark and the original lyrics she created for her solos. Music will never be the same again.

You presented a well-organized conference with no wasted time and no hitches or glitches. Betty and I enjoyed the presentations and the opportunity to get acquainted with other astrologers.

SALLY M. SINACORE, Menomonee Falls, WI **July 18, 1985**

Really enjoyed the 7 Hills Conference, it really was the best ever, speakers, accommodations, everything. My many thanks to T. Pat, Bil Tierney and Bob Pelletier as well as all the other speakers for some very valuable information.

BRUCE A. BEIHL, Sun City Center, FL **July 9, 1985**

I want to thank you again for the fine hospitality shown at a great conference, the 7 Hills. I look forward to the next one. In the meantime it seems only fair to hope to see you at the Florida conference.

MISTY KUCERIS, Alexandria, VA **6 July 1985**

I want to thank you for once again organizing, coordinating, creating, following through, etc., so that we could all meet with each other and share in the experience of another 7 Hills Conference.

I think that you may already have an idea of how much we really appreciate your efforts, not only with the conference, but with the MH, and in astrology. Still, I'd like to add my voice to the many people who already stated their appreciation.

What I personally appreciate is that over the years since I first met you, you've taught me the importance of feeling and experiencing the humor in astrology. Sitting at the table in the Hospitality Room and listening to you read various Sun sign attitudes (humorous, tongue-in-cheek, yet true) towards death, birth, and life really brought home how important it is that we remember the funny as well as the serious.

I feel that I've come a long way as an astrologer, and knowing people such as you has helped me in my growth, as well as will continue to help me in my growth. Thank you again.

ROBERT PELLETIER **Dracut, MA**

The thanks rightfully belong to you for your unselfish efforts in creating the kind of forum that brings highly skilled and devoted practitioners and students together in a wonderful sharing experience in the 7 Hills Astrological Conference. I just love very minute of it.

I was quite impressed with Bil Tierney's presentations. His material is rich with a deep understanding of how people behave and what motivates them. He certainly provokes the desire to improve the quality of how we deal with the client's problems - and he is unmistakably BASIC in a no-nonsense application of astrological tenets. Equally impressive was Buz Myers' material on the Void-of-Course planets, and its pertinence was quite evident as people commented on how the various void-of-course planets related to them in their individual stations. It was somewhat like the low-key or difficult to detect influence of the 12th house planets. His description of the void-of-course Uranus was right on the money in my life, (it is void-of-course in my chart) and I will certainly give this planet my attention in my analyses from now on.

BARBARA MAY, Tucson, AZ

10 July 1985

I still think the 7 Hills Astrological Conference the best around. It's your graciousness and hospitality that makes it so special. The highlight for me was getting to meet **Batya Stark** and **Lee Lehman**.

SHELLEY PAINTER, Clayton, MO **July 1985**

The Conference was wonderful - so congenial - so informal and relaxed - and so much knowledge - a real delight! Thank you.

JOHN GOODE, Ashland, VA **14 July 1985**

Thank you again for having the 7 Hills Conference. I have been to everyone you have had and enjoy each more than the last. The 7 Hills also has a special meaning for me. It was at the 1983 Seven Hills I was motivated to start writing "Through the Stargate Into Past Lives" - Healing Through Past Life Regressions. At the 1985 Seven Hills, I saw old friends and met new ones who have helped me to the point I am almost through with my manuscript. I've changed the title to "Wholistic Health" Vol. II - "Through the Stargate," Healing Through past Life Regressions and before the 1987, 7 Hills, I'll be in touch with you to advertise my book in the MH. Thanks again for all your hard work. So many of us really enjoy the fruits of your labor.

AGNES PRYTULA, Mt. Clemens, MI **July 15, 1985**

It has been 2 full weeks, and now we enter the third, since our very fine conference. I enjoyed it so much that I can hardly imagine how to describe it. I must certainly express my deepest thanks to you **Edith**. As one gentleman so eloquently said, "We could not have this pleasant and profitable time without you, **Edith**." This was a very profitable time for me personally.

RUTH WILLIAMS, St. Louis, MO **July 21, 1985**

Wanted you to know how very much I enjoyed the 7 Hills Conference. It was well-organized and everyone was so congenial. There was so much knowledge to be absorbed, it took me a week to rest up. Your town is a fine place with such lovely scenery, but my God, how do you manage in bad weather?

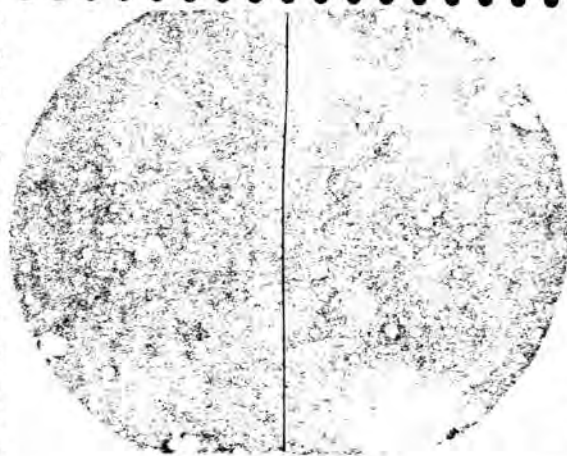
Thank you again for providing us astrologers an affordable experience.

DALE HUCKEY, Eugene, OR **May 14, 1985**

I was nonplussed when I read **Edith's** remark at the end of **Mark Melton's** letter (14th Extra, pp. 22-23). Surely important issues should be discussed publicly rather than privately. No one person should decide what is or is not important, or what conditions should be met to allow a discussion to take place. Finally, whether or not the protagonists to a debate expect to convince each other is irrelevant. Presumably each hopes to convince or influence **others** by constructing better arguments than his opponent. That's all I'm going to say, otherwise I might end up writing 3 or 4 pages. I think you were dead wrong in what you did, but I still think **MH** is the best astrological publication going.

MARCH H. PENFIELD, Hollywood, CA **July 22, 1985**

It is with great sorrow that I must announce the death of **Dr. Walter R. Van Courtland**. Born on Feb. 12, 1911 at 7:45 p.m. in Tiffin, OH, he passed away in the early morning hours of July 11, 1985 at his home here in Hollywood. Dr. Van was interested in astrology for most of his adult life, even during his stint in the U.S. Army during World War II (where he was severely injured by shrapnel lodging in his spine), and later in his career as a clinical psychologist. A genius in the truest sense of the word, I didn't always understand his theories nor follow his methods, but his comprehension of human nature went beyond superficial concerns and got down to the gut level, so typical of a person with Pluto conj. the Midheaven. His Virgo Asc. made him precise, and often laboriously slow to reach conclusions, but his Aquarian temperament was always there when you needed him most. A true friend indeed, and one who will be sorely missed.



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CELESTIAL PSYCHOLOGY- An Astrological Guide to Growth and Transformation by Doris A. Hebel; publ. by Aurora Press, 122 pp. Price \$8.95.

Doris Hebel is a highly respected and accomplished Astrologer and lecturer, therefore many of us have looked forward to a book by her; yet I cannot truthfully say that I am fully enchanted by what I read. In parts there is brilliant insight, in other parts rather trite reiteration of often printed material. I also miss a good editor who would have replaced certain words, added a few commas or other punctuation marks and corrected some spelling.

Hebel takes us into great depth with Saturn, describing its different cycles as well as its relationship to the 9 other planets. She even has a few pages on Saturn in contact with the luminaries as parental indicators, the different effect Saturn/Moon has on men than women and how Venus/Saturn contacts react to love. Uranus, Neptune and Pluto in relation to the other planets make up the rest of the book.

Some of Hebel's great insights can best be seen by a few examples: "Uranians really need permission to be different from those close to them...if their differences are accepted then Uranians cease to rebel." "A Venus/Pluto contact produces an insatiability that no amount of love, affection or attention can satisfy...these people want to be loved fully, completely by 'the one'." She also feels that Mars/Pluto contacts have an exaggerated reputation for being involved in violence. Instead she says it often manifests through coercive psychological manipulation.

Though I feel that Hebel has much more to give than is found in this rather thin book, there is enough good material here for me to recommend it to all who are interested in a humanistic approach to Astrology and counseling.

ASTROCHEMISTRY: A Study of Metal-Planet Affinities by Nick Kollerstrom; publ. Emergence Press, London; distr. by ACS, San Diego, 45 pp. Price \$6.50.

"This is a deeply important little book with revolutionary implications for our understanding of the scheme of things. It should be read and pondered by every student of Astrology and chemistry." So quotes Charles Harvey in his introduction. I may not go quite as far, but this booklet has many fascinating concepts, and many good ideas as to how every reader can try some of the experiments suggested.

Kollerstrom bases his idea on the affinity between planets and the basic metals on records dating from 2000 B.C. or even earlier. He ably details the historical, mythological, and chemical connections of the 7 basic metals and the 7 early planets and then leads us into the most interesting experiments based on Rudolf Steiner's philosophy that "So long as substances are in a solid state, they are subject to the forces of the earth; but as soon as they enter the liquid state, the planetary forces come into play."

These experiments show that at the time of some celestial event, say a conjunction of 2 planets, the chemical behavior of metals associated with the 2 planets involved, undergoes a change. Kollerstrom has pictures and graphs to illustrate his thesis. Another very interesting hypothesis arises through some of the results of the experiments - they found that the main effects and changes always occur AFTER the event, be it a conjunction, square, opposition or whatever; yet we in Astrology state that an aspect will be stronger when applying than when separating! Maybe this too needs more testing than we have given it?

There is a lot of meat in this little book.

INSTANT ASTROLOGY by Mary Orser, Rick and Glory Brightfield; ACS Publications, San Diego; 212 pp. Price \$9.95.

This is not the kind of book I can really recommend, because it serves no earthly purpose. For the novice trying to learn Astrology, there are many better "teaching" books around. To the curious public, interested in fun Astrology rather than an in-depth study, Linda Goodman's "Sun Signs" is much more revealing. To the slightly curious who wants a Sun/Moon combination, Grant Lewi's "Heaven Knows Best" (as old as it is) goes into more depth, and to get a Sun/Asc. mixture, Joan McEvers' "12 Times 12" is certainly more helpful.

"Instant Astrology" acts like it can do more, yet its few delineations, such as on compatibility, are based on Sun signs. Friendship, love and marriage as well as parent/child relationships are strictly interpreted by relating one Sun to the other. So here we go again...Is anything gained by this? Do we really want anybody to think that their love relations can be determined by judging how his Sun relates to her Sun and vice-versa? Where does that leave the Moon and Saturn and Mercury and house positions and aspects and all else? Most of us active in Astrology have worked so hard to raise the public consciousness to the real value of astrological interpretations, to end in "instant" Astrology. Yet the title alone will probably sell a mint in the big chains like Dalton and Walden! Americans love everything quick and easy.

In fairness to Osler and the Brightfields - there is nothing "bad" in their book. Not one statement is totally deterministic or predictive (do I detect editor Maritha Pottenger's gentle hand?). Whatever they do describe is well done, with good common sense and good key words. It is just the inadequacy of it all that is so sad.

THE ASTROLOGY OF DEEP SPACE by Philip Sedgwick; publ. by Seek-It Publ.; 225 pp. Price \$12.95.

Philip Sedgwick has written a very interesting book, but it has certain drawbacks which could have easily been avoided. The book is a mixture of a scientific and esoteric approach to Astrology - unfortunately both are stated as FACT, not as potential or philosophy. He gives us a scientific dissertation of quantum physics leading into galactic dynamics, and then relates it to reincarnation, the ionosphere or density of atmosphere we must cross in order to incarnate here on Earth - and all as if this too was a scientific fact.

Sedgwick takes us through the structure of the Solar System, and aside from the luminaries and planets, includes the planetoid Chiron with some interesting correlations of its possible association with or rulership of Virgo. He discusses Pluto as the only known binary planetary system, and includes Pluto's Moon Charon in his interpretation. He also mentions Trans-Pluto and the different theories surrounding this not as yet discovered but supposed planet.

In his next projection, which he calls "Matrix Dimension," Sedgwick takes us through all the planetary moons, planetary nodes, asteroids and even mid-points. Trying to expand the realm of traditional Astrology, he next takes us "Beyond" into the "Universe." Modern Astrology is very interested in this area which has already been brilliantly described by Michael Erlewine and Charles Harvey (ed. Aspects Winter '84 and Winter '83 respectively.) We read about the Solar Apex, Galactic Center, Supergalactic Center, Black Holes, Pulsars,

Quasars and the other "Cosmic Oddities."

In one of the final chapters called "Directions for New Dimensions," Sedgwick asks the readers to think carefully and to expand their horizons. He muses on the inclusion or exclusion of asteroids, unseen planets et al and leaves plenty of room for each of us to make up our own minds. This is in welcome contrast to other chapters where his description of the meaning of, for example, Pulsars or Chiron is downright annoying in his "fait accompli" attitude. Or his assumption that "...the Galactic Center stimulates the depths of the subconscious mind...simultaneously the root chakra begins to resonate in synchronization with the emanations from the Galactic Center." A lovely hypothesis, but all these astrologically as yet unproven areas should be carefully observed and at best suggested as possibilities. With so many new and as yet gullible astrologers, let's separate fact and potential.

SPIRITUAL ASTROLOGY - A Layperson's Guide to Self-Unfoldment by Jan Spiller; publ. by Seek-It Publ., Birmingham, MI; 123 pp; Price \$5.95.

This is a very nice little book; in fact in the introduction Jan Spiller very effectively explains her reasons for writing this booklet, including her approach to life and Astrology and all other factors pertinent to the reader's understanding her motivation and basic philosophy. She also points out why she has written the material in the context of "Static" and "Dynamic" or how to lose and how to win. I hope everybody reads introductions as I do, else they may immediately miss the main gist of her writing.

Four and a half pages are devoted to briefly describe the meaning of the planets, signs of the Zodiac and houses to the non-astrologer. The rest of the book devotes itself to taking each planet through the 12 Zodiac signs in either the "Static" or "Dynamic" stage, with an additional few words on each planet in the houses. (And I do mean a few words, less than one page for the personal planets, a bit over one page for Jupiter and Saturn, but 5 pages or so for the transcendentals).

Most of it is well written and rather good astrologically speaking - so why don't I rave? Because the book, in my opinion, has little to do with "spirituality" of any kind. It is a nice, at times simplistic, but always astrologically correct approach to positive and negative usage of the planetary energies. There is nothing wrong with that, I just find the title misleading. The sub-title better fits the text and probably should have been used instead. Maybe after reading so many of the new books on the market, I'm becoming too aware of the repetition in them and keep looking for new gems which are harder and harder to find.

As Ray Merrimean writes in his prologue (by the way, since when is a prologue at the end of a book? Should that not be an epilogue??) this book can be a valuable guide to the beginning Astrologer, and it can even be used by the layman with an ephemeris or a computer printout of a horoscope.

THE PRACTICE AND PROFESSION OF ASTROLOGY by Stephen Arroyo; publ. by CRCS Publ., Reno, NV; 190 pp; Price \$7.95.

This book has left me strangely disappointed, surprised, a bit mad and a bit happy. Disappointed, because the subtitle of the book "Rebuilding Our Lost Connections with the Cosmos" as well as Arroyo's introduction, led me to look for something the book did not deliver.

Surprised and a bit mad, because Arroyo addresses a theme that many prominent and caring professional astrologers have debated and acted upon for the last 10 years, yet he makes it sound like hardly anyone except Rudhyar and a few English astrologers, have even noticed what is the problem with Astrology and he has the sad duty to now inform the rest of the world! (Yet he does admit that he barely associates with Astrologers, and really does not know what they do in a consultation, and that his statements are based on the Astrology that exists in "the literature on Astrology." Obviously he is not an extensive reader either.)

A bit happy because Arroyo's basic good approach to

Astrology is always a pleasure to read about, as is his understanding of a client's need. This book is again a collection of material taped at lectures and conferences (most of it at the Saturn/Pluto conference in Nov. 1982), but this time the transcripts have been edited, so that the writing is clear and concise.

In Chap. 1 titled "Astrology Today and the Astrological Psychology of Tomorrow" he emphasizes that he does not believe in psychological Astrology, but in Astrological psychology and explains the difference. He uses many quotes from Dennis Elwell (a marvelous English astrologer, I fully agree) but never mentions that entire schools of Astrology (Aquarius Workshops in Los Angeles, the Hubers in Switzerland to cite two) and astrological groups (such as AFAN) have been formed specifically to meet the professional demands of a modern world. Yet many of Arroyo's philosophical and human insights are great and definitely worth reading.

In Chap. 2 "The Purpose and Profession of Astrology," he enlarges on the theme, deplores the fact that so many Astrologers don't believe in themselves, charge too little, know too little. That we should not let science bamboozle us into giving up our philosophical or esoteric approach. Arroyo has good insights into the "purpose" of Astrology and some of his statements on licensing Astrology or alternate ways of handling that ticklish situation, are very much in line with the general thinking of the modern professional astrological community.

"Counseling and Astrology as a Healing Process" (Chap. 3) shows Arroyo's concern for his clients, and though I and most of my astrological colleagues are using psychological or counseling techniques in our dealings with clients, I share Arroyo's concern - there are too many untrained people calling themselves "Astrologers," who push their solutions onto the client, never listening to or understanding the problem at hand. Playing God is what they are good at, never mind what it does to the client. Here again Arroyo shows his sensitivity and he has many good ideas and suggestions.

The weakest chapters are numbers 4 and 6, where discussion groups have very few new ideas for "Structuring a Practice" and it is obvious that they were given little guidance. "Rebirth of Simplicity" is a well-written chapter that deserves much exposure, since Astrologers have a tendency to indiscriminately embrace everything that's new. All in all, a well-presented book with some good ideas.

BIRTH PATTERN PSYCHOLOGY by Tamise Van Pelt; publ. by Para Research, Gloucester MA; 251 pp.; Price \$14.95.

This is another one of those well done, scholarly and thoroughly professional books. It is really a pleasure to report that Astrologers and astrological publishers are getting more professional every year. It is obvious that Van Pelt has done a lot of research before writing this book. (The back cover states seven years, 2000 birth patterns and hundreds of case histories.)

Despite all the above good attributes, careful choosing of test charts which have "clean" birth data, intelligent use of language that can be understood by the average reader not schooled in psychology - I have grave reservations in the final conclusions drawn by the author.

Her basic research assumptions are that birth measurements measure core personality factors; that the most basic personality factor is need; that basic need, if considered a building block of personality, must be common to all people. As the theoretical framework of two dimensions yields four distinct measurable factors, possibly the core needs might be four in number. To correlate these four factors in the birth pattern, she chooses house sectors to establish her theory.

She breaks her houses as follows: instead of elements, (fire, earth, air, water) she calls 1, 5 and 9 the houses of growth; 2, 6 and 10 houses of security, 3, 7 and 11 houses of stimulus and 4, 8 and 12 houses of love. Her measurements are then based on how many planets are in the different houses, with appropriate explanations for how many or how few and what it means. She goes into many interesting refinements ("The Individualist" has

a growth need priority, the "Romanticist" a love need priority and so on.) She also adds some temperament traits, such as "spontaneous," "empiric," "continuous" and more.

Her other house breakdown, based on qualities (we call them angular, succedent and cadent) she calls houses of strength (1, 4, 7 and 10) houses of sensitivity (2, 5, 8 and 11) and houses of strategy (3, 6, 9 and 12). In part two of the book she puts it all together in form of analysis. The book is well written, has some great insights and ideas but...all of it is based on houses, not just angles, but intermediate houses as well.

Does Van Pelt realize how many house systems there are and how drastically that can change all the measurements she so carefully constructs? At the very end of the book there is a mention that Placidus is the house system used here. Using my own chart as an example, I have three planets that leapfrog from one house to the other depending on which system is being used. (I tried five different ones.) Personally I would be wary of any theory that is that fragile and my recommendation of this book is: worth reading, but apply with great caution.

THE ASTROLOGICAL PRAYER BOOK by Alda Marian Jangl; publ. by Samuel Weiser, Inc., York Beach, ME; pp. 147, price \$7.95.

This is a very gentle book, "using the birth chart as a guide to a more spiritual life," as the subtitle explains. In the foreword the author wisely states that each and every individual moves to the beat of a different drummer, consequently there will be those who cannot perceive prayer as an actual means of contacting a "Divine Force" - but she also urges the reader not to accept or reject what is said, simply because it is written in prayer format.

The first 20 pages briefly explain Astrology and its relation to religion and "Truth," most of it based on Edgar Cayce's legacies, as well as instructions on how to use this little book. (You will need your horoscope but not much astrological knowledge.) The prayers start with one for each sign of the Zodiac. The subsequent prayers are divided into all the planets, Asc. and Midheaven as they conjunct, square, oppose, sextile and trine each other. The average prayer is about 8 lines long (appr. 90 words). More than 25 pages are devoted to the North Node of the Moon in the signs and houses.

Jangl is rather simplistic in her approach: "Sun sextile or trine Jupiter - Lord, thank You for helping me maintain an optimistic attitude toward life. I pray that my attraction to fortuitous circumstances and earthly enjoyments does not lead to self-indulgence. Do not allow me to fall into a lazy man's pattern of simply avoiding inconvenient or difficult situations. Rather, may I always be ready to take on a challenging new project, lest I pass up the valuable opportunities for advancement You have given me in this life." Nevertheless, her astrological knowledge is basically sound and these prayers can harm few, but help many.

All the above reviewed by Marion D. March

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These are not the regular key word cards! There are 15 to 17 or more phrases on the planet cards that can be put together with a sign, or a house to give a definition. The 4 Asteroids and Chiron are also included. The combinations are endless. I think they would be excellent for students since they give the negative and the positive sides and depending on the aspects the student can get a good idea of the variety of possibilities involved. There is even a card for retrograde and stationary. They give the Ages, Color, Day, Metal, Nature, Places, Process, Quality, Sense, Sex, Substances and Temperature as well. Everything you would want to know about a planet and more!

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EDITH CUSTER

MAKA GRANTHAM, Coldfoot, AK

11 June 1985

I've had a lot on my mind lately, but haven't had the time to sit down and sort it out on paper until tonight. It's only 11 p.m., and our Sun stays in the sky for at least another hour, and even then it's like dusk, until it rises again at 3 a.m. It's hard to sleep with this kind of light unless you've been digging ditches for 12 hours, and I'm just not that kind of person!

I would like to make some kind of comment in regards to **Dr. Milton K. Ozaki** on his absolutely humorous letter to you, in the 14th Extra, but your letter of reply covered all avenues quite clearly. Without ever having met the man, it would be hard to really say, but he's probably the type one like myself, would like to pinch his cheeks, and kiss on top of his bald head for adding unique entertainment to so serious a business.

I suppose there is a lot of drivel in the **MH**, but I for one am just learning, and the so-called drivel is very important to me. Maybe there are even less knowledgeable souls than myself (I doubt it) and I find the **MH** very rewarding and informative. In all my life, I've never been able to get things off my chest so well, in an area that is so dear to my heart and soul. It has become my religion, and if you have spent so many years researching astrology as you claim you have, it should be yours also. I still love you **Dr. Ozaki**, and hope you keep teaching your opinions through the **MH**. I shall be your student.

Another man I would like to thank...**Al H. Morrison** of New York, for all the information he sent me out of the kindness of his heart. Mr. Morrison, you are a truly good man, and dedicated to the search for truth. You are rare.

And one more thing while my heart is in my mouth. Through the **MH** I have met a man whom I would care to adopt as my father, and have. I won't mention his name, that's not important, he knows who I'm speaking of, however, I would like to say this of him. There are those who are born with the capabilities of teaching great truths...he is one of these. There are those who are capable of deep understanding of others...he is one of these. Because he is there, I am grateful. I call him my Magi...for to me, he is. Hats off to **MH** for acknowledging another lamp lit! Me.

I know you might be getting a little tired of hearing about my loss when my astrologer 'Sam' died of cancer last Dec., but I just wanted to tell you about my good fortune. I was worried about what books to buy, how much it was going to run me, how long it was going to take to acquire all I needed to learn astrology, when to my great surprise, Sam's husband Dave, honored me with Sam's entire astrological library. What can I say? I simply have no more excuses for not becoming a student of astrology...hopefully, an accurate astrologer. I just have everything I need, and maybe more.

I think **Don 'Moby Dick' Jacobs** is great, and if you haven't read his book, 'Astrology's Pew in Church,' you should. It's important to know why Christianity is so confusing to the masses. Until I read this book, I thought I was the only one who was interested in ancient histories. I thought I had answers no one else had discovered. There I go again, living in my own little world.

I was told recently by a friend, that I wasn't fair to my children by keeping them away from the 'real' world. We do live 250 miles into the wilderness, but you can reach us by gravel road. We do have frequent encounters with the moose, and an occasional run-in with a bear, but if that's not the **real** world, I'd like to know what is. What do you think?

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Congratulations, **Edith!** You deserve that award.

To **Fran Rosen**: I think you've got a great idea with your "Marriage for...." list. Why don't you extend it further, and give example planetary positions? It would make a great article.

To **Robert "Buz" Myers**: I enjoyed your article on the solstice points. Now, I have some questions. What is the influence of 2 planets on each other's solstice point natively? How much orb do you give? Can you use solstice points for things like nodes? (My Neptune Libra is exactly on the solstice point of my North Node Pisces.) If a solstice point is "where energy enters the chart to contact your soul for growth" - what does that indicate for planets at 0° Cancer or 0° Capricorn?

To **Joyce C. Wehrman**: That was really telling it like it is about Saturn. Natively, I have Saturn square Sun. My 1st Saturn return produced no horror - but a greater awareness of how much control I really had on my own future. Saturn squaring my Venus did coincide with the end of my marriage. But only ceremonially - we had really not had a 'marriage' for a couple of years before the square. And if I hadn't ended that relationship, I wouldn't have met someone new, who I love very much. (I met her with Saturn sextile my Saturn!)

To **Joylyn Hill**: I grew up in a city with fluoride in the water. My eating habits were always poor, but I have only had 4 cavities in my life, and good gums. My daughter has grown up without fluoride and has many cavities, plus better diet. The only time I ever felt tired and worn out when growing up was when I had my sore throats. Please - document your statements about fluoride. I will be glad to avoid the stuff if you show me proof. As for having tonsils taken out - sounds like Jupiterian relief to me. I still have my tonsils - refused to have them removed. Since I changed my diet (no red meats, no sugar, no caffeine, less salt, more vegetables) I have had no sore throats.

I guess we need a statistical study over parts of anatomy and planetary positions, to really settle this.

To **Don Borkowski**: Just want you to know that I disagree totally with you on Sabian symbols. I don't care how they were arrived at - I get a lot of information from them. Especially the ones for Sun and Asc. Perhaps you take the symbols too literally - they are abstract representations. (Although sometimes, the images are startlingly accurate.)

As for the degrees in your chart popping up in life - I have not really experienced anything like it. Either I am not as observant as you, or it is simply coincidence. Nor can I say I have ever found significance with reducing house numbers "via modulus 360." My present address - 757 - is 7 Taurus, and my apartment number - 201 - is 21 Libra. I have nothing near either position. Maybe my chart is just an exception?

To **Amy Franco**: It was a pleasure talking to you on the phone. I hope my data helps your research.

To **Anyone**: We are still looking for photographs of people born with Chiron conj. the Asc. If you have any, we would greatly appreciate receiving them.

NANCY HASTINGS, Concord, MA **July 2, 1985**

A while ago I wrote something about what to do when Mercury is Rx. Well, I can't find the thing, so I'll rewrite it because that will be faster than looking for the original.

Most of what we hear or read about Mercury Rx tells us things to avoid during that period, such as signing contracts or initiating business. There are, however, a few things which actually go much better when done during Mercury Rx periods.

Have a yard sale. Everyone knows that at a yard sale people exchange useless junk. Therefore, you are not really promising anything other than old white elephants - and you can expect that all your old stuff will sell to other people (who should wait until the next Mercury Rx, and then sell the junk again). This simply sets up a round robin of junk exchange, dear to the hearts of many people. If you plan the yard sale well, you'll do all the set-up before Mercury turns Rx, get your ads in and up, and then, as Mercury turns or just after Mercury turns, you can set out the stuff. Make sure you are not too worried about being organized - just flow along with the confusion. You'll find you can have a lot of fun and really let go

of some of the baggage which is too good to take to the dump, but you'll never use it again.

Use this same premise with flea markets, but only if you can restrain yourself from collecting junk from other tables. For while Mercury is Rx, you'll take a fancy to that old chipped vase, only to find that it leaks just as bad as the one you sold for a quarter that morning! Actually, if you go to enjoy the fun and to exchange junk, you'll find the flea market a wonderful place to spend a weekend while Mercury is Rx. Don't expect to make a mint, just go to have fun and to make back the cost of the table itself. Then whatever comes, you're ahead.

Now, speaking of fun, Mercury Rx is a super time to plan a casual get-together. While it is quite difficult to set up a formal dinner party, it does lend itself well to an unplanned amorphous party. Stick to the chips and dip kind, with everyone bringing their own whatever, and you're likely to have a good time. Don't look for R.S.V.P.'s for those who say no will show up, while those who said yes will be invisible. I find the conversations the most interesting part of Mercury Rx parties. Folks may be saying what they mean at the moment - but it's not what they would have said 2 weeks ago, nor what they will say 2 weeks from then. It really loosens up lot of fixed types - which my own cardinal bias just loves. I bet a strongly mutable person would have even more fun with this than I do.

You CAN finish things very nicely while Mercury is Rx...or so I've heard. I've only got one (geo) planet in a fixed sign, and that's Pluto, and helio only adds one more (Mercury), so I'm not the world's best finisher. I notice that other people finish things when Mercury is retrograde.

You don't have to avoid travel because of Mercury Rx - if you bring a carry-on bag with a change of clothes, you will probably insure that the baggage mix-ups won't be yours! You're more likely to adopt a flexible attitude if you know that Mercury is Rx, for it won't do you any good to be obsessive about the trip. Several of my clients have commented that they actually had a better time during these trips, for they expected delays, and were more able to take little aggravations in stride. I've considered telling them that if they simply assumed that Mercury was always retrograde, they might always have fun when they travel. (Not fair, not good astrology, but perhaps a lesson in there somewhere?)

The best thing to do while Mercury is Rx is RELAX. Life goes on anyway, you'll have to make some decisions in spite of it, you can't afford to put your life on hold for 3 weeks. If you can stop trying to control everything in your life your life will be easier. (This from someone with Saturn on the MC and a Capricorn Sun, just watch me say this to myself 3 times a year for three weeks at a time.) - It's only THREE WEEKS! Have fun with it.

I do have some other stuff to tell you, Edie, and all the other folks out there in MH land. The New England Astrol. Assn. has got a super fall planned. I'm really excited about the stuff we're doing, so I'd like to tell you about it.

On Aug. 23, 24, and 25 we will have a booth at the Whole Life Exp in Boston. (Stole this idea, with permission, from the folks in Kansas City.) We are setting up a two-track lecture program, for we are on the prowl for all those folks who are interested in Astrology, but haven't anywhere to go for an introduction. Every month, on the second Tuesday, we are going to have a lecture for the general public, at which a board member will talk about one of the basics of Astrology. For example, the Sept. 10 lecture will be The Sun and the Moon, with Nancy Baker explaining basic symbolism, and at the Oct. 8 meeting Diane Willmont will explain the concept of house. Then Nov. 12 Kate Severinsen will talk about the symbolism of the planets, and on Dec. 10 Erik Mangenheimer will talk about the Asc. and the MC. Anyone could walk in to any of these lectures, having no knowledge of Astrology, and come away with an idea of how the system works, from whichever point of view they happened in upon. These lectures are \$4 for members, and \$6 for guests. At each of these meetings, the door prize is a chart reading to be given for the winner (and the public) during the half hour before the next month's general lecture. What do you think of this idea?

Besides the general public lectures, we've got a line-up of

pretty well-known speakers for the regular meeting, which usually happens on the fourth Tues. of the month. Our first speaker (Sept. 24) is Faith McInerney, who will be talking about asteroids, our second speaker (Oct. 22) is Joan Negus, our Nov. 19 speaker is Toni Glover (from RKM) and our own Robert Pelletier will live our solstice party Dec. 15. The Nov. date is the THIRD Tues. not the fourth, because of the schedule of the speaker.

We're going to be meeting in the Unitarian Church in Bedford Center, and the lectures start at 8 p.m. Before each of the beginners lectures, we'll have the chart reading, and before the regular meetings we have an open board meeting. Nothing goes on behind doors - all members are welcome to listen in on the board meetings. (That's only partly altruistic - it keeps board meetings short and sweet, allows extra input - and a chance to get extra volunteers for special projects - and best of all it means that board members don't have to give up another night for NEAA business!)

We'd welcome any of you to come, bring your friends and students, join in the fun of meeting other like-minded souls. Coffee, tea, and goodies after the talk - come join us! My phone, for anyone who has questions about the NEAA is (617) 369-8157.

ERIN SULLIVAN-SEALE, Victoria, B.C., Can. July 4, 1985

To Joylyn Hill - to my knowledge there are no good books on retrograde planets - at least not comprehensive and explicitly dealing with retrograde planets. I am currently writing one, however, and did have an article in Aspects Magazine on Mercury Rx, and do have a tape via the RKM tape club that really covers the Mercury Rx cycle in all phases, etc. - a 3-hour workshop.

I have Mercury Rx in Scorpio in the 12th house. Watery enough? I am tempted to be facetious when you ask how does it affect my thinking. I have a very hard time thinking, to be honest. Now you will think I am stupid. Not the case, however, my thought processes do not often align with the status quo; & never have. They do, however seem to be what the majority of the people in the room are thinking, but not saying. Cassandra had a similar Mercury. As a child I was precocious, sensitive and acutely aware of what others were thinking. An outgoing introvert. However, I found it very difficult when I reached school, to relate to people at all. Fearful of disclosing my thoughts, and very serious while clowning around as much as possible. I found it very difficult to relate what I "saw" in my mind with what I saw in my environment. As a result, or perhaps resulting from, I was an infant philosopher.

I feel that people with Mercury Rx have to find something that allows the inner reality to equate somewhat with the outer reality - that could take a lifetime, but the direction of Mercury in the horoscope (by secondary progression) is usually the moment of awakening. In that, I mean, the individual must discover a method of communication that becomes a "language" through which they then develop communication skills that are largely dissonant from the accepted "average" type. Once this skill is developed, then the introversion of the Mercury Rx becomes more socialized and recognized. The intellectual inferiority complex that is apparently there, becomes diminished through overcompensatory mental work, or shyness continues as a personality trait.

Mercury Rx in water signs is particularly inspirational in type and relies greatly on the intuition (being taught from within) this takes experience to trust! Encourage those people to develop an obsession. That will release them from the bondage of inner vision, and create for them the success that is necessary for self-expression.

P.S. - it's great for Mercury Rx when the cycle is transiting! Quite honestly, I don't think I have really noticed any real personal effects of the Mercury Rx cycle being particularly great - except in the long range cycle that I use. I'll see if Edith wants to publish the Mercury Rx article. There are a lot of subtleties in the Mercury Rx cycle - and the fact that it will always station and turn direct by the time an individual is 22 (at the oldest) is a clear indication that the Mercury Rx person will

undergo some kind of awakening/awareness prior to that age and will spend much of their life pondering the transition - assuming that the individual is in full mental capacity, of course.

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Programmers: I have a Tava PC computer, which is an exact IBM clone, with several improvements, such as, the shift key is in the typewriter location, the caps lock, number lock and scroll lock, all light up when in use, and I have 3 floppy disk drives, instead of two. Two of them are 360K and one is 810K. I have, to go with it, a Panasonic, Letter quality, wide carriage printer. I love the whole operation, except for the fact that I can't find astrology software for it. AGS's NOVA has limited longitudes. I need east and west for the whole earth. Also, their Chiron option is not yet ready. Matrix Blue Star needs a continuous feed for the printer, and my space is limited and I must feed my sheets into the printer manually. They have no "wait" option on the program. Their research program is also not ready, and in any case, it will be a long time before the Chiron option is available. Is anyone willing to make adaptations for me on the Blue Star, to add Chiron and provide the option of manual feeding (wait to change paper), or to provide, with good instructions, and easy use, a program that will enable me to do research into antiquity, all over the world, to do returns, comparisons and match comparable house placements and aspects in different charts, and all to include Chiron. Write to me to talk money. I am serious. I have data to work on for 400 years by hand. I expect to make it to 98, but after that, it is iffy. At any rate, a computer would help considerably. There is a lot I want to try out and I am hamstrung by not having the facilities to do it with. Neither AGS nor Matrix is willing to do this for me, maybe there is an astrologer/programmer out there who can, and will. I need you.

DOROTHY B. HUGHES, Seattle, WA July 14, 1985

The following appeared in Sydney Omarr's column in our paper. Since it is syndicated, it probably appeared in many papers across the country. However, I do like the point he makes.

"Since you Asked Me: Three "distinguished" persons who attack astrology while obviously knowing little or nothing about the subject - Carl Sagan, Ray Bradbury and Isaac Asimov. John J. O'Neill, late Pulitzer Prize-winning Science Editor, once declared that persons who attack astrology without knowledge of the subject must, from now on, be regarded as suffering from professional paranoia. Friends of astrology include Ronald and Nancy Reagan, Merv Griffin, Mike Douglas, Linda Evans and Angie Dickinson."

I was asked by a friend in Florida to send some rain down there. Afraid there would be riots here if such were attempted. We have had only a little over 10" of rain since the first of the year. The normal amount for this time of year is over 20". Everything is very dry here as you probably have read in the papers. Logging is curtailed and campfires are outlawed in national forests. Thus far we have not been restricted on water use since there was a heavy snow pack in the mountains last winter. All of us Northwesterners have webs between our toes and if we go along without rain for a period of time, we begin to start asking for rain.

Thanks always for the MH. It continues to be my favorite astrology magazine.

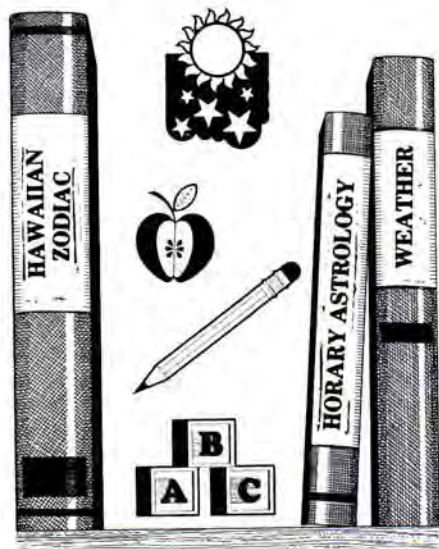
BETH GARRETTE, Sugar Grove, WV July 12, 1985

As you can see I have bought myself a mountain in West By God Virginia (4 planets in Taurus).

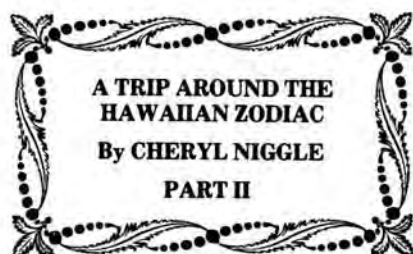
I spent last summer in India and last winter assimilating that experience.

We are about 2 miles from Kubla-Ross and will be working with her starting this fall.

Thanks again for the one event (the 7 Hills Conference) that can get me off this mountain!



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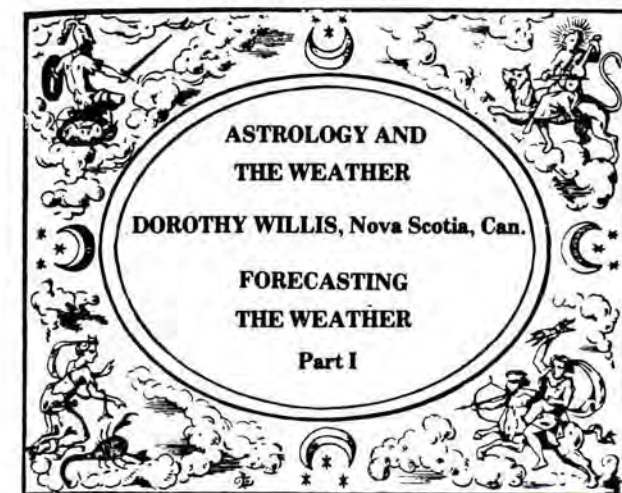
The following is from "Astrology, Your Daily Horoscope," written by Cheryl Niggle. It was sent by Annie Hollingsworth, Honolulu, HI and appeared in her Newsletter "Full Moon Forecaster;" and printed with her permission and Cheryl Niggle's.

KAAONA (kah-ah-oh ' - nah) is the Hawaiian equivalent of Moon Child or Cancer (June 22nd to July 22nd). The name is derived from the star that led the ancient voyagers from Tahiti to Hawaii. During the many months the sailors drifted upon the seas, they were driven by Kaaonans things - the desire to find land, to build homes and to enter into a settled-down existence with their families. Certainly Kaaonans, as much as their Moon-Child brethren, desire material and domestic security in order to establish a power base from which to operate. These people possess a subtle strength which would have provided enough stamina and drive necessary to make the journey of thousands of miles across the ocean. On July 14th, 1927, Ernest L. Smith and Emery B. Bronte departed from Oakland, California, in a Travelaire monoplane. They landed one day later in a kiawe tree on the Island of Molokai, destroying a wing in the process. Today a plaque stands on the site of their landing, to commemorate the first commercial air flight to the islands.

HINO-IA-ELEELE (hee ' no ' ya elly ' elly) is the Hawaiian counterpart of the sign Leo (July 23rd to Aug. 22nd). The translation of the name is, literally, "The Falling of the Dark Ones." This refers to a timeless island tale of a race of dark people-gods who lived in the sky. These dark ones used the guidance of a certain star visible during this part of the year to find their way to Hawaii. People born at this time of year possess strong, masterful attitudes and their imperious approaches to and interactions with others serve to dominate those of less majestic bearing. Their dignity is impressive. They love ostentation, pomp and ceremony. Coincidentally, the arrival of the United States military, a group traditionally comprised of commanding and authoritative types of men, was during Hino-ia-eleele 1889, on Aug. 16th. The United States Army, on its way to duty in the Philippines, landed on Hawaiian shores and erected Camp McKinley on the site of what is now Kapiolani Park at the Diamond Head end of Waikiki Beach.

MAHOE MUA (mah ' hoy moo ' ah) means "First Twin" and refers to the time of the Hawaiian year's twin or double moons. This time period is ruled by the star Wehiwehi (vay ' he vay ' he) which means "to explain" in Hawaiian. Those born under Mahoe Mua, the Virgoans born Aug. 23rd to Sept. 22nd, are methodical and analytical. They are discriminating and have excellent powers of constructive criticism. They are dedicated to duty, honest and loyal to those they deem worthy of such respect. The people are forever trying to unearth the innermost workings of a thing so they can understand how it functions to their own satisfaction. Frank F. Fasi, who for several years has been Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, was born under the influence of Mahoe Mua. The Mayor consistently challenges his political opponents in such a manner as to stimulate emphatic response. Then, in the midst of the ensuing brouhaha, he sits back and keeps his typical Mahoe Mua cool while at the same time calmly analysing the maelstrom around him.

- To Be Continued -



Every Astrologer has the means at hand to forecast the weather from 3½ days to as many years into the future as desired. Ever since the living earth began, weather has been the most single important factor to all life and evolution. It still is. On a day-to-day basis it governs many of our actions: what we wear, how we feel, what we eat and what activities we plan. Even our most advanced technological space ventures are governed by weather!

Before beginning forecasting, it is important to be familiar with the "normal" seasonal weather, either around the world, or for a set location. This means the prevailing wind directions, precipitation, be it rain or snow, the average temperature ranges and any anomalies peculiar to the area (such as the Santa Ana Winds in California or the Winter and Summer monsoons in Asia). Also the topography of the location, height above sea level, mountains, rivers, deserts and oceans all play important roles in how the weather manifests itself.

To repeat, weather charts are set for:

The four ingress dates and times, these are the Vernal Equinox, Summer Solstice, Autumn Equinox and Winter Solstice.

The Full and New Moon Dates and Times.

The Eclipses, Lunar and Solar, noting the type of Solar, Full, Partial or Annual.

The conjunctions and oppositions of planets to each other and to the Sun in order to determine at what terrestrial longitude they will be most potent.

Do not forget to **subtract** the time zone from the ephemeris time for **Western Hemisphere** locations, and to **add** the time zone to the ephemeris time for **Eastern Hemisphere** locations.

The Midheaven is south, the Nadir is north. The line running through is called the "meridian." This remains the same from pole to pole at the locations where it is set. The

meridian is the most sensitive point in the chart. The Asc. = the Terrestrial Latitude, which is the degree north or south of the Equator that the chart is set at, just as a natal chart. Planets occupying the upper (South) part of the chart influence the more southern regions while those occupying the lower (North) areas influence the northern regions. Weather patterns move from West to East.

The aspects used are the same as for a natal chart except that strong emphasis is given to the parallel and contra-parallel of declination. These two frequently act more strongly than the conjunction and opposition. The declinations of the planets are always noted. When 80% are in southern declinations, it indicates deep cold waves will penetrate the far south, when 80% are in northern declinations, it indicates extreme heat in summer, and a milder winter.

Signs and Their Effects

Aries is dry and inclined to be seasonal.

Taurus is the sign of sudden and torrential down-pours between periods of fair weather.

Gemini is the windy sign, on the cool side.

Cancer is damp, a rain sign and generally cool.

Leo is the furnace of the zodiac, dry with extreme heat.

Virgo brings below normal moisture, seasonal temperatures.

Libra is gentle, her winds are light, moisture is average.

Scorpio is very wet, cooler and a seismic sign.

Sagittarius can be bitter in winter and bring extreme heat in summer, it heralds heat wave with strong winds and is very dry.

Capricorn is cold.

Aquarius is the deep freeze of the zodiac, and very dry.

Pisces is the wettest sign, heralding down-pours, floods, and torrential rains.

BASIC PLANETARY INTERPRETATIONS

All planets take on the attributes of the sign they are in to some extent, overlaying them with their own special activities. The following is a brief and condensed interpretation of their specific actions. Later an in-depth examination of each with the changes brought by aspects of one to the others will be gone into.

MERCURY: This is the windy planet. Mercury not only takes on the attributes of the sign he is in, but also takes on those of the planets he aspects. The more negative the aspects, the stronger the winds.

VENUS: Venus is a wet planet. She brings heavy humidity, light showers to heavy down-pours and in winter light to heavy snows. In summer she can be very sultry, colder in fall and in winter she brings a warm spell before snow, then turns cold.

MARS: Mars is dry and hot. He represents evaporation. He is also a trigger, or catalyst when he aspects other planetary configurations. He raises temperatures, and is a drought indicator when on or squaring the meridian. He brings thunderstorms and heatwaves, and in winter intensifies the cold. When on the meridian for a specific location, he also indicates fires.

JUPITER: Jupiter is basically a fair weather planet with rising temperatures and minimum humidity when joined with beneficial aspects. However when accompanied by negative aspects his effect can be disastrous thru his natural tendency to expand and increase.

SATURN: Saturn takes on the attributes of the sign he is in, lowering temperatures. He brings only-miserable weather, cloudy, dull, stormy, humid, cold and heavy. His influence lasts longer and covers a broader area than the others. Frequently illnesses develop under his influence. Strong negative aspects bring some of the worst storms in all seasons.

URANUS: The signature of Uranus is cold at all times, in all seasons and all aspects. He brings the highest barometer readings. When in north declinations the cold waves cover the North, when in south declinations the cold veers deep into the South. An aspect to Uranus during a heat wave will frequently break the heat. He brings electrical storms and often power and

communication outages. His actions are sudden and erratic and when aspecting storm indications he brings violence to them. He is also a seismic indicator. In local charts explosions and sudden violent catastrophes are often indicated.

NEPTUNE: Neptune brings unusual weather, sometimes quite freakish. He has the lowest barometric readings and with them high humidity, haze and fog. He brings torrential rains, winter thaws and floods. Generally at all seasons, he brings "unsettled" weather that is unpleasant.

PLUTO: Pluto is still under observation. When he crosses the Equator Nov. 13, 1987, his true character will be revealed. To date he seems to intensify all other aspects to a degree far beyond what one would expect. Where Pluto is involved one also finds life and property seriously affected. He is involved with explorations, with nuclear fields and oil, (tho Neptune rules the oil) and high fatalities in storms.

MOON: The Moon is wet, and carries the moisture from one planet to another. She is the timer and trigger for the other aspects and is particularly sensitive when crossing the meridian of a set location, otherwise when aspecting the planetary configurations. Her changing declination contributes to determining the latitudinal paths of high and low pressure areas. She is the functional element reflecting barometric and tidal changes begun by solar or planetary phenomena. She also governs the 3½ day, 7 day and 14 day periods of weather.

SUN: The Sun controls the constitution of our atmosphere. Within itself it is in perpetual motion as it is continually reversing polarity every 11+ years. Its stormy times are when the positive and negative ions are clearly divided at each pole. Then the Sun flares, solar wind storms and sunspots become intense. This increases the release of charged radiation into the solar winds which then bombard the earth as well as all the other bodies of the solar system, and change our weather. Atmospheric protection is thickest at the Equator and thinnest at the poles.

THE NORTH NODE: The Moon's North Node is an important cyclic factor. It is closely connected to the Moon's maximum and minimum declinations. Oct. and Nov. of 1987 the North Node will be at 0 Aries, corresponding to the Moon's maximum declination at 28 north and south. This will affect ocean tides all over the world accompanied by climatic changes.

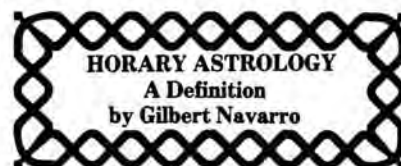
- To Be Continued -

All basic information is taken from George J. McCormack's "Notebook on Astro-Meteorology." As this is not in print at all, the closest reference book obtainable is Joseph Goodavage's "Our Threatened Planet" which also contains a summary of McCormack's work.

GILBERT NAVARRO, Edgewood, MD

June 18, 1985

I'd like to thank Joseph deMello for the nice words in the MH. I will send in more on Horary Astrology. As a matter of fact I'll enclose a small article titled "Horary Astrology, A Definition." It's from a new Horary Course I'm writing, designed to be taught in-class. I'll try to send more articles in the future.



Horary Astrology is a branch of Astrology in which an astrological chart is set up for the time of a question. The Horary Astrology Chart is examined by the astrologer to answer the question for which the chart was originally set.

The "New Dictionary of Astrology" by Sepharial, defines Horary Astrology as follows: "The system of Horary Astrology depends on the sympathy that exists between the minds of men and the stars, by reason of which people are led to think of and propound a question of serious import at a time when the aspect of the heavens bears a definite relation to the nature, origin, and termination of the matter involved. On this basis the whole of Horary Astrology had been builded."

Horary comes from the Latin word "Hora" which means hour. The word is pronounced hoe'ra-ree, not oe'ra-ree as some pronounce it; the "H" is not silent. Webster's Dictionary defines Horary as follows: "ho'ra-ry, adj. (ML. horarius, fr. L. hora) 1. Of or pertaining to an hour; noting the hours. 2. Occurring once an hour; hourly. 3. Astrology: Of or pertaining to specific or fitting times, or their determination."

A horary question can be asked only once, but sometimes a question is mulled over for such a long time and is thought of so seriously and in such detail that, when a person finally asks the question, he wonders if that is truly the first time he posed it. The answer is yes. As if going through a gestation period, the planets need time to position themselves so that they are correctly placed to answer the question. A horary question will always take care of itself so that it will be born at the right time to give the correct answer.

The right time can be found in many ways. When a horary question is asked directly, the place, date and time can be noted. The question can be phoned to the astrologer and, if the client does not offer a birthtime, the astrologer can note when the client posed the question to him. The Horary Chart should be set from the client/querent's locale, if the client's time zone is different from that of the astrologer, the time should be adjusted to the client's locale.

A horary question can also be asked by mail. If a client asks a horary question in a letter and gives the time he posed the question, the astrologer must use that time along with the client's locale. If no time is given in the letter, the time at which the question is read must be used and adjusted, if needed, to the client's time zone and set for the client's locale. For example, if an astrologer in NY read a question in a letter from a client in Los Angeles on Jan. 20 at 11:21 a.m. EST, he should set the chart for 8:21 a.m. PST in L.A.

A question may be received from a third party, but the first person should be considered the querent. If no time is offered, the chart should be set from the time the question is heard and adjusted to the first person's locale.

Someone may ask a horary question without realizing he is asking one, such as a fellow guest at a dinner party discussing his marriage and wondering out loud if the marriage will survive. The astrologer can note the time to set the chart and can give the chart a formal question such as: "Man asks: 'Will my marriage survive?'"

Regardless of how a question is received, circumstances will always take care that the question is born at the correct time to be given its correct answer.

Setting a chart before or after an event is part of Horary Astrology. Setting a chart before the event is Electional Astrology. This is electing a time to start an event for a specific future and outcome. Charts done after the event will give a better understanding of the event, its future and its outcome. This method is called Astrology Of Events.

The purpose of a definition is to give an explanation or to give an outline of something to clarify its meaning. I hope I have done this with this definition of Horary Astrology. If I have, then you have a tool that can be of value to you as the client of an astrologer or as an astrologer in accepting a horary question from a client.

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THE BUSINESS CYCLE article which appeared in part in the last edition of MH was sent to several magazines by mistake. It is not fair for this article to be printed again. The material originally intended for MH is being updated. It will be submitted at a later date. I apologize for this mix-up and offer the advice heard time-after-time: when retrograde transits are in effect, go over important matters twice!

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JOAN ABEL, New York, NY

June 23, 1985

I've been looking for info on the following, but so far no luck, and I wondered if you could get this inquiry into the Oct. '85 MH to see if anybody out there knows about it.

The enclosed literature was received by a pen pal of mine in Illinois. She's not an astrologer, but she's one of those poor souls who's miserable and discontented with her life and her abusive husband, and turns to a lot of psychics and other sorts of readers - some of whom might just be legitimate - who tell her better times are on the way. They've been telling her this for years!

The material comes from R I Research, "Special Human Being Laboratory," 949 Broadway, New York, NY 10010. They tell her she's a "Beyonders," that traditional astrology doesn't apply to her, that she's had such a terrible life because she needs their special research guide, which she can request from them. That Guide will make the difference between losing all she has, and getting everything she wants.

The news that her birth corresponds to a "unique astrological event" (her natal Sun conj. Serpents) and her luck and fortune are not astrologically determined, scared her half to death. Does anybody know who these people are, and do they have any claim at all to legitimacy? The ad is signed by a Dr. Roger Grimstone, which has got to be an alias! Can anyone help?

Dear Joan: I have sent a copy of that "thing" to Noel Tyl who is head of our [AFAN] Media Watch. I had sent a copy to Jim Lewis as well, who was going to pass it on to Noel who has promised to look into it since he goes to N.Y. frequently. I can only suggest that each astrologer who has received one write to the "Institute" and tell them what they think of it. Please note that all the file numbers are the same - 11831!! Some filing system. I have made notations on my copy and sent it back to them along with a letter. I am hoping many others will do the same. As soon as I hear anything on it I will of course, let folks know via the MH. Edith.

Otherwise, life is not dull. I've got Jupiter trine Jupiter, Saturn trine Sun, and Uranus doing a long-term boogaloo around my MC, and guess what! Seven years ago, I put my name on a waiting list for a low-cost co-op apartment, and I've finally heard from them. I've already looked at one apartment (as have 15 other hopefuls), and it takes a few shots before you get one, but I might well be moved before the summer is out, or at least before the year is out. The apt. and extras cost a few thousand, but once that's taken care of, the monthly maintenance is an amount so low it's unheard-of around here these days. To think, only a few months ago, I was grumbling that nothing ever changes!

My triple-Libra actor friend, Derek Jacobi, won the Tony Award for Benedict in "Much Ado," and not for Cyrano, as he should have...and a couple of weeks later turned up on the Queen (of England)'s Honours List. He's been made a C.B.E. - Commander of the British Empire - which I believe is one short

step below a knighthood...this with the Sun trans. his MC. You printed his solar return in a recent MH, and it predicted a lot of "Career" activity - man, was that ever accurate!

Must sit down and do mine, and his, for 1985-86. Could someone please persuade Saturn to take a year off? No? Oh well, just thought I'd ask...

P.S. - I've done my Solar Return. Sun conj. Mars conj. 4th cusp - looks like a move! Jupiter in the 10th, trine Moon Venus in 1st house, Moon conj. natal Venus Taurus rising (\$) 28 Cap. on the MC. Mercury in the 4th! Help!

Copy of my letter to Roger Grimstone:

I am returning to you a piece of correspondence you sent out to apparently a rather large, several thousand, mailing list. It has my comments on it and I would appreciate YOUR taking the time to read it. (as you suggested I do with your letters!)

First of all I am a professional astrologer and have been for 20 years. I object to your use of the work in this scheme you have concocted to make money. I am also the publisher and editor of the above magazine and have been for over 11 years. This magazine is well-known in the astrological community and has been awarded the MARC EDMOND JONES AWARD for 1984. I find it quite amazing - your claim to being the most advanced astrological research center in the world - when no one has ever heard of you or it! If anyone would have, I would have!

I am getting complaints, copies of your advertisement, from all over the U.S. Astrologers everywhere are objecting to your claims, to your "Threats" that is they don't buy your booklet "all your undertakings will be met with failure" to use your words. What you are doing is preying on the gullible and uninformed. If that is your way of being in the world, that's your problem but we would sincerely appreciate it if you would leave astrology out of it. We, as astrologers, are trying to upgrade our image in the eyes of the public and very much resent it being used in this way.

Your CLAIM to have my date and time of birth - where did you get this from? What are your credentials for setting up a research laboratory? or in the field of astrology? Incidentally, birth records ARE NOT available to anyone at any time. It takes time and effort and money usually, to get a copy of your own birth record, never mind several thousand others. Each state has different laws governing this! That is an out and out falsehood - your statement that they are available to you at any time.

I am sure my writing this letter will do nothing to dissuade you from continuing your preying on the gullible. I also will write something up on this for our subscribers in an upcoming issue.

Another comment on the Grimstone letter from Cheryl Niggle, Honolulu, HI

By the way, I received the enclosed R.I. Research material

in the mail yesterday. Have you people seen this? I was appalled! And angry! This kind of advertising preys on people's fears and anxieties and threatens the validity of everything we, as professionals, are trying to accomplish. I'm going to make a protest to the AFA, too, although I don't know if they're in a position to respond to it.



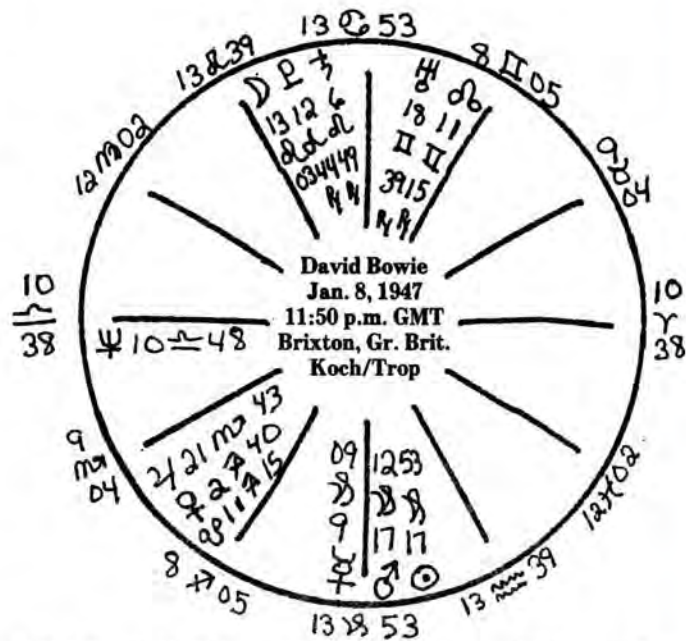
NATAL NEPTUNE IN LIBRA TRANSITING NEPTUNE IN SAGITTARIUS

Sag., in addition to ruling religions and related activities, is also associated with travel and voyages. Towards the end of Neptune's transit through Scorpio, experimentation with hallucinogens popularized such expressions as "spaced-out," "far-out" and "tripping," auguring the following trend. In July, 1969, the United States landed a man on the moon. As Neptune entered Sag., popular music became increasingly focused on space exploration, fantasy, the future and science fiction.

Science fiction writers generally utilize space to dramatize the moral and philosophical issues with which mankind struggles. The generation with natal Neptune in Libra, however, also had a tendency to project its search for Love into space. Some of the themes in space rock include mass emigration (Jefferson Airplane became Jefferson Starship in 1970 with songs like "Let's Go Together,") extra-terrestrial heroes (Jim Hendrix - "AstroMan," Steve Miller Band - "Space Cowboy"), romance (Jim Hendrix - "Angel," Lou Reed - "Satellite of Love"), astral projection (Moody Blues - "The Best Way To Travel," John Martyn - "Solid Air," Yes - "Astral Traveler") and supermen/spacemen/saviours (Byrds - "Space Odyssey," Bonzo Dog Band - "Urban Space Man.")

Although much of this fantasy about travel to other worlds indicated yet another attempt to escape the sense of alienation in our collective lives, by the mid-1970's space rock music was reflecting the global disillusionment with this concept. (At this point the Disco scene and its music took over.) Songs about space exploration began to suggest that leaving Mother Earth would ultimately result in an exacerbation of our isolation and loneliness. (Elton John - "Rocket Man," The Grateful Dead - "Dead Star," Pink Floyd - "Dark Side of the Moon" and Tom Rapp - "For the Dead in Space.")

The best example of the expression of all of the aforementioned themes can be found in the music of David Bowie. Bowie was born Jan. 8, 1947 at 11:50 p.m. GMT in Brixton, England (source - Lois M. Rodden, "American Book of Charts," ACS Publ., San Diego, CA 1980). Neptune in Libra conj. the Asc. and square to Mercury has given Bowie a romantic alien image as well as a considerable talent for acting, singing, painting and songwriting. He also has Uranus as the focus point of a yod involving Jupiter and Mars/Sun. This has increased his ambition and drive to incorporate numerous unique and futuristic ideas in his work. The compulsive quality is compounded further by the fact that the moon (ruler of the midheaven) is conj. Pluto in Leo, and Saturn is in the 10th house in mutual reception with the Sun. As Kate Lynch states in her book, "David Bowie - A Rock 'N Roll Odyssey" (Proteus Books,



London, 1984) "His desire to succeed, coupled with the realization that it would have to be on artistic terms, saw Bowie exploring his creativity to the point that it became a lifelong obsession."

Bowie has baffled fans (and probably himself) by embracing and discarding a large variety of musical styles, fashions and personas. He pioneered the space rock trend, predicted its self destruction ("When the kids had killed the man I had to break up the band" - "Ziggy Stardust" - 1972), and abandoned it. His first hit song, "Space Oddity," was released on July 11, 1969, and the BBC used it as theme music for their coverage of The American Moon landing. "Space Oddity" is the story of Major Tom, an astronaut hero who becomes stranded and left "floating round my tin can, far above the Moon."

Bowie's next project was an LP entitled "The Man Who Sold the World" (1971). While he was working on this record and to two which followed it, trans. Uranus conjuncted his Asc./Neptune triggering a dramatic change in his sexual image. Although he was married to Angie Barnett and had a son, Bowie began wearing a dress and told the press he was bisexual. This "confession" brought him international media attention and enabled him to get the publicity necessary to make him a star in 1972.

The two albums he released in 1971 were a preparation for his Ziggy Stardust concept and character. He first began to explore his saviour/spaceman/superman theme in the song "Cygnets Committee" (1969). At the time he released "The Man Who Sold the World" he wrote, "All my stories as based on the fundamental lore or legend that this world was at one time inhabited by another race who, in practicing black magic, lost their foothold and were expelled, yet live on outside ever ready to take possession of the earth again."

As both transiting Neptune and Jupiter conj. his natal Venus, Bowie designed his spaceman chic fashion for the LP "The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and The Spiders from Mars." Bowie as Ziggy toured several countries in 1972, and in a mesmerizing and theatrical show, acted out the "Starman's" martyrdom. Both the concert and the LP ended with the song "Rock and Roll Suicide." Bowie maintains an awesome control of his show and his audience. His awareness of this power is reflected in some unpopular comments that he made to Playboy magazine in 1976: "Rock stars are fascists, too. Adolf Hitler was one of the first rock stars." (He later recanted these remarks, blaming his interests in the Kabbalah and Grail mythology.)

From touring as Ziggy, Bowie developed another character, Aladdin Sane. In 1973 he continued his traveling until he was on the brink of exhaustion. (Bowie has the North Lunar Node in Gemini in the 9th house, which has impelled him to attain much spiritual growth from traveling. Until the

mid-1970's he was afraid of flying and had to travel by train and boat on his tours. Since overcoming his phobia, Bowie has maintained his privacy by living incognito in many different countries.) "Aladdin" foreshadowed Bowie's later preoccupation with "inner," psychological alienation on the LP "Low." With the end of the Ziggy/Aladdin tour, Bowie intended to bury space rock, but facets of it have re-emerged in his later works.

Bowie continued his obsession with futurism on his LP "Diamond Dogs," which was his interpretation of George Orwell's novel "1984." He took his version of love-in-the-apocalypse on the road with an elaborate \$200,000 stage set. Bowie followed this by dabbling in blue-eyed soul ("Young Americans" - 1975). His next major character was the "Thin White Duke" ("Station to Station" - 1976). The "Duke" announces in the title song that the "European man is here...throwing darts in lovers' eyes." However, the song continues with "It's not the side-effects of the cocaine. I'm thinking that it must be love. It's too late to be grateful..."

These words of desperation reveal Bowie's impending identity crisis as transiting Pluto conj. his natal asc./Neptune (and squared natal Mercury). In 1975, he played the leading role in the film "The Man Who Fell to Earth." Bowie may have identified with the extreme loneliness and depression of this doomed character. The hectic pace he had been maintaining in Los Angeles resulted in his "hallucinating 24 hours a day," and he later stated that he could not remember 1975. He moved to an apartment in Berlin "...to really cleanse my system. Especially psychically and emotionally. I really had to find myself again." He also said, "I stripped myself down and took myself apart, layer by layer." This process continued until 1980 as trans. Pluto squared natal Mars/Sun. He released the LP's "Low," "Heroes" and "Lodger" and performed in a variety of film and musical theatre roles.

Bowie returned to New York City in 1980 to play the lead role in the play "The Elephant Man." He also released the LP "Scary Monsters (and Super Creeps)" and continued developing his skills in the relatively new medium of musical videos. He stated in 1980 that the song "Ashes to Ashes" depicts the mass disenchantment with the Space Program. In it, he sings, "We know Major Tom's a junkie; strung out in heaven's high, hitting an all-time low...I want an axe to break the ice; I want to come down right now." He also exposes his vulnerability: "I've loved and I've needed love." This song now follows "Space Oddity" in his concerts.

When trans. Neptune entered the sign Capricorn, Bowie had already established his new image of father, businessman and supporter of the Underdog. He released "Let's Dance" in 1983, a conservative collection of pop-love songs, which is his greatest commercial success to date. He also refuted his previous claim of bi-sexuality. (He had stated in 1974, "I don't exactly lie, I change my mind all the time.") When asked about the secret of his success, Bowie commented, "...I've come to the realization that I have absolutely no idea what I'm doing half the time."

Is this conservative a "new" Bowie, or just his latest character? Understandably, Bowie has recently stated, "I'm cooled out... I've seen so much cool, it just left me cold." Whatever his next role may be, it should be surprising and very revealing of our collective dreams. Bowie may be providing some insight into his latest identity when he sings on the most recent hit song from "Tonight" (1984), "...can you believe you're Loving the Alien?"

**NEXT: Natal Neptune in Virgo/Trans. Neptune in Scorpio -
BOB DYLAN'S FOLK REVOLUTION**

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MICHAEL & MARGARET ERLEWINE Big Rapids, MI

We would like to tell readers about the opening of our new Matrix Heart Center here in Big Rapids, MI. We hope to have a sort of on-going astrological artist's colony happening here in Big Rapids. Matrix can now offer you food and lodging too. Our new Heart Center building has 7 bedrooms and some overflow sleeping area beyond that. The new building is in the process of

being painted and decorated for the re-opening of the Matrix Heart Center on Sept. 1, 1985. In addition to the new center, a 3-bedroom retreat cottage on nearby Horsehead Lake is available for use by guests. Located on a private cove, the cottage includes 3 boats, a dock and plenty of natural beauty.

There are great plans for the Heart Center, and we hope they will include you. Maybe it's the loneliness of the Michigan outback and the want of company. But there is more to it than that. It has been a lifelong dream for Margaret and myself to create a place where people can gather to share and enjoy meeting with one another. We are hoping that some astrologers may want to come try a different kind of vacation. Here are the details.

Since the center is subsidized by Matrix Software, we can offer inexpensive room & board. The standard rate is \$25 per day and this includes 3 meals and an attractive room. A lower rate is available (on a limited basis) for those who would like to work part of a day at the Matrix center on various projects.

And, as anyone who attended our Solstice Celebration can testify, the food here is outstanding. Staff member Martin Wolf is a professional chef, who has cooked and operated a lakeside resort since childhood. We offer both vegetarian and non-vegetarian meals with an accent on quality and wholesomeness. Marty is also a trained nutritionist. He works hard to insure that the food we eat is the best that can be obtained. His care shows.

The day-to-day schedule is loose but regular, including group meals, time for quiet meditation and work on astrological projects, plus group interaction and exchange. Each weekday afternoon, Margaret and myself get together with visitors for a group discussion.

The Muskegon River runs right through Big Rapids and that's where the name of our city came from. During the summer, the favorite pastime of city residents is tubing - floating down the river on giant innertubes. National forests abound and are only minutes away. The same goes for rivers, lakes and streams (fishing in all 3). We have over 100 lakes in our county alone. There is boating, swimming and water sports all summer. In winter we have skiing (cross country too), ice fishing, skating and gorgeous deep snowy panoramas. Less than an hour's drive will take you to Lake Michigan, miles of sand dune, a virgin pine forest, old logging trails, wildlife sanctuaries and all kinds of national forests. Nature and wildlife lovers come from all over the USA to this area.

The Matrix Heart Center is being established as a support center for astrologers. As you can imagine, we offer all kinds of technical support as regards computer hardware and software. If you have questions about computers or need some hands-on experience with the machines themselves, this is available to you during a visit here. Or perhaps you would like to learn how to operate computers or a particular Matrix program. We even have a room of computers available for your own astrological projects. The Matrix library and conference area is almost always open. Those of you with a technological bent have the opportunity to exchange information and ideas with Matrix system programmers Stephen Erlewine, Doug Pierce and the other programmers at the center.

Computer technology is only one part of what happens here at the Heart Center. While Matrix Software is known for hard technology (computers, software, research), the Heart Center is concerned with what we might call "soft" technology - soft science. The focus here is on developing our inner resources, strengthening those areas of ourselves that made us choose astrology in the first place. Working together, one-to-one and as a group is what the new center is all about.

FRANK HAMPTON, N.S.W., Australia 16 July 1985

This article on Chinese Astrology should clear up the mystery concerning the Chinese signs once and for all for the world in both East and West. There is no doubt now that not only are the heliocentric influences equally as strong as the geocentric - but now the "Chinese signs" have been identified as powerful Heliocentric forces operating in synch. with the geocentric ones.

The symbolic time measures of a day = a year and one sign = 1 year, are powerfully operating throughout our entire lives. And how the Ancients in China were able to identify these forces without the available astronomical equipment we in the West have access to is also a mystery unless we take into account the keenness of the Asian scrutiny and discernment.

Hope you enjoy this article - it's an eye opener for both Westerners and Easterners.



It was 2 years ago that I began research into Heliocentric astrology and began to have doubts as to the truth of the current Heliocentric ephemerides based on the Spring Equinox of the 21st March each year. The reason for this doubt which persisted in my mind was my own conviction that no heliocentric ephemeris could be based on any Geocentric data, and that the Spring Equinox rightfully belonged to the geocentric way of seeing things, and was therefore out of place in any Heliocentric ephemeris or any equations based on the heliocentre.

To my way of thinking, (which would of course be out of step with the majority of astrologers who claim the Geocentric zodiac to be universal and therefore stamped on all phenomena astronomical and astrological,) the heliocentric zodiac would have to **begin on a date corresponding to the crossing of the Sun's Equator and not the Earth's**. In other words we would have to take (for want of a better word)-the **SUN'S EQUINOX**, not the Earth's equinox. Only this equinox could be termed **HELIOCENTRIC** - and the resulting **ZODIAC** would not necessarily be the same as the Geocentric Zodiac. It could be very different from the Zodiac that we know. Well, the zodiac we Westerners know at least. For a start the rulerships **WOULD** have to be different owing to the Earth's inclusion into those same rulerships. What kind of zodiac sign could be ruled by the Earth? These are the kind of questions which occurred repeatedly to my mind in this investigation. Could it be a Chinese? Surely the Chinese zodiac is different from the Western zodiac? But why is it different?

Being a natural investigator, I honestly wanted to find out when the **crossing of the Sun's Equator** occurred, for this would time the beginning of the **TRUE HELIOCENTRIC ZODIAC**. A trip to the Sydney Observatory in Australia was all that was necessary to discover this data. The **crossing of the Sun's Equator** occurred on the 6th of June each year (ascending Node) and on the 7th Dec. each year (desc. Node). At that time I began my investigations into Chinese Astrology and had purchased Theodora Lau's "Handbook of Chinese Astrology" among other authors.

My quest was to prove or disprove that the Chinese Zodiac had anything whatsoever to do with heliocentric astrology. And it turned out after much computation that my suspicions that the Chinese Zodiac was in fact Heliocentric began to be confirmed by mathematical and astronomical data. From Theodora Lau's "Handbook of Chinese Astrology," I was able to confirm that the beginning of the Chinese Zodiac was **exactly the same date as the crossing of the Sun's Equator** - the Sun's equinox - the Sun's Node. This date is the 7th Dec. each year, which is again confirmed by her own computations of the Chinese Agricultural Almanac on p. 12 of her renowned book. Remembering that the first sign of the Chinese zodiac is the **Rat** (the Aries of the Chinese Zodiac), a glance at the Chinese Agricultural Almanac would confirm that the first Chinese sign begins on the 7th Dec. each year, the exact date of the Sun's "equinox." The exact date of the **crossing of the Sun's Equator** in other words. Don't we all know when our own Geocentric

Aries begins? - at the date of the **crossing of the Earth's Equator**. The same applies to the Heliocentre - the Chinese Aries (the first sign of the Chinese Zodiac, the **Rat**) must have its beginnings with the crossing of the Sun's Equator. This begins the series of 12 heliocentric signs from the 7th Dec. and these signs are the **Chinese signs**. In other words the **Chinese Zodiac is a Heliocentric Zodiac**.

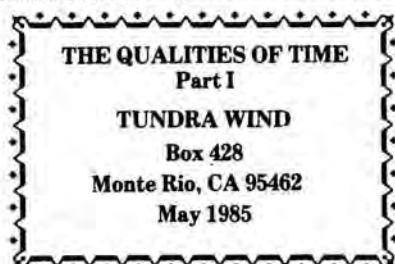
From the "Handbook of Chinese Astrology" we also learn that there are 12 Chinese months, 12 Chinese hours, and 12 Chinese years. The months are the same as the dates shown in the Lunar Agricultural Almanac. The years are based on the 1 sign = 1 year principle or month = year principle, giving birth to 12 Chinese Years. But what of the hours? What principle are they based on? It would have to be the 1 day = 1 year principle. But why do the Chinese hours traditionally have their beginning in 11 p.m. each day? And more importantly, what astronomical data could account for this? Believe it or not, even the Chinese hours have their astronomical reasons. For they are based on exact mathematical symbolism, on the principle of 12 months = 24 hours, or 1 sign = 2 HOURS.

The other principle is that the beginning of the day (**Sunrise at the Equinox**) or 6:04 a.m. is the physical analogy of the **Spring Equinox**. The **Spring Equinox** as we all know has its beginning on the 21st March each year, and times our own Geocentric Aries continuing in right ascension throughout the year. This **Right Ascension** of the zodiac is actually an **APPARENT** right ascension owing to the fact that the Sun actually describes an elliptical orbit - although its apparent orbit is a **CIRCLE** of 360°, measured in right ascension as viewed from the Earth. It is this **APPARENT** right ascension that determines when the **Chinese Hours** begin, for they are based on the principle of 1 year = 1 day, or 12 signs = 24 hours.

If this reckoning is correct then the **Arc of Right Ascension** between the beginning of the Geocentre and the beginning of the Heliocentre should be exactly the same as the **Beginning of Equinoctial Sunrise** as it should happen - 11 p.m. the first Chinese Hour. In other words we are proposing that the Chinese Hours are the exact mathematical replica of the Chinese Months - all based on Astronomical data from the Geocentre and Heliocentre. It turns out that this is correct, precise and accurate. It is **TRUE**. Let us begin our calculations to prove that the hours are the exact mathematical structure of the Chinese Months. If these figures confuse you or you just don't get **RIGHT ASCENSION**, then see an astrologer who does. He will soon explain it. **RIGHT ASCENSION** is actually time converted into degrees relating to the Earth's movement in spin. **Apparent Right Ascension** is the same measurement applied to the Sun's apparent movement in degrees as observed from the **EARTH**. In this case **RIGHT ASCENSION** begins from sunrise at the Equinox, and **Apparent Right Ascension** from Aries on the 21st March each year. We can not identify the beginning of the Chinese Day at 11 p.m. as being extremely close to the true reckoning in right ascension, by first finding the **Sun's Apparent Right Ascension on the Crossing of the Solar Equator** on the 7th Dec. This 254°18'42" arc of apparent right Ascension or 15° Sag.33'. If we subtract this from **ARIES** or right ascension 360°, we must get 105°41'18" which in time is the equivalent 7 hrs.2'45.2". This is the arc of right ascension in time between the two dates 7th Dec. and 21st March. And if we subtract this time arc from the beginning of the **EQUINOCTIAL DAY** in 6:04 a.m. each year we should get the hour of the **Rat**, the beginning of the Chinese Day. Shall we? Well, it so happens that 6:04 a.m. minus 7 hrs.2'45.2" is equal to - believe it or not - 23 hrs.1'14.8". Virtually the hour of the **Rat**, the first Chinese Hour. It proves that the Chinese Day has the exact mathematical structure of the Chinese Year. Our reckoning of 1 min. and 15 sec. past the hour of 11 p.m. is so close to the Chinese traditional reckoning that it needs no comment. The Chinese arrived at their reckoning through observation, scrutiny and keen discernment, whereas we Westerners have arrived at the same facts through

astronomical data and mathematics. And now we in the West can be proud to know that we have established the currently TRUE reckoning for the beginning of the Chinese Year (based on a 365 1/4 day cycle) and also the TRUE beginning of the Chinese day to the minute and second. The Lunar Year cycle to which the traditionalists cling can be fully explained in a revolutionary book by the name of "Worlds in Collision" by Immanuel Velikovsky. Mr. Velikovsky has taken great pains to research into the very ancient past and bases his theories on copious data. According to "Worlds in Collision" the Lunar Year became defunct after the 8th century B.C. BUT traditionalists in a number of countries kept to the old reckoning. The reasons were that after the 8th century the seasons, the equinoxes, the Lunar and Solar cycles as well as the other geocentric planetary cycles had been altered by severe cataclysm to the globe. This event was soon forgotten by later generations but still preserved in hoary documents, verbal tradition and folk lore. The Lunar Year was considered sacred by certain countries including China. It is no wonder then that the Chinese today still use the ancient reckoning against their better judgement.

In this article we assert that all other Chinese data are correct with the exception of the Chinese Year beginning. The Lunar Agricultural Zodiac however does not go by tradition, and its implications are that the true beginning of the Chinese Year is on the 7th Dec. - the same date for the first Chinese Month.



One of the questions that arose for me after several years of acquaintance with Astrology is why doesn't the study of Astrology have more academic acceptance. Looked at objectively Astrology has all the requirements of a collegiate discipline. Astrology is as systematic as, for example, biology or psychology. The fact that there are many conflicting schools of Astrology should be no more significant than the fact that there are many conflicting schools of psychology, physics, economics, etc. In fact, conflicting schools and methodologies are a good indication of a live science. Conflict within a discipline ceases when no more live issues exist and the field has become static. Conflicts within Astrology, as in psychology or economics, represent an indication of an evolving discipline and are actually a positive sign.

In addition, Astrology possesses as much predictability as psychology, anthropology, sociology, economics, and many other accepted academic disciplines. So, on the surface, it looks as if Astrology should be an accepted discipline with as much status as any other discipline.

Clearly this is not the case. Quite famous scientists continue to ridicule astrology. Scientists such as Isaac Asimov continue to demean themselves with irrelevant criticisms. What is interesting about this is that if these scientists had made the same kind of gross errors in any other discipline they would have been called to task by their colleagues. Yet when it comes to Astrology they seem to feel absolutely no need to examine what they criticize.

When confronted by such an attitude one begins to suspect that at some deep level the academic critics of Astrology do not want to examine the subject - much as those learned men who refused to look through Galileo's telescope. There is something profoundly irrational in their stance and I would suggest that the reason Astrology is so systematically rejected by academics is that implicit in Astrology are certain premises that simply can not be absorbed without radically altering their view of the world.

Perhaps the strongest difference between Astrology and

Academic Science lies in their different perceptions of time. The modern scientists' view of time is based on the clock, i.e. time flows regularly and smoothly forward. This is essentially a spatial notion imposed upon time. Time is viewed as another axis of space and is measured linearly. The astrological view of time is cyclic, or, more accurately, spiralic. That is to say that the movements of the planets, while individually possessing regularly repeating cycles, taken as a whole the planets produce a different effect at every moment which is never precisely repeated. Thus through the solar cycle, for example, repeats with precise regularity, the overall picture of time when, for example, the Sun is in Cancer, will be different each time the Sun is in Cancer, which results in a spiralling process (an irregular spiral at that). Scientific time flows in one direction and one dimension while astrological time cycles and spirals multidimensionally.

But even more importantly, astrology implies that time possesses qualities, that each moment in time has a "feel," implications and meaning. This is utterly at variance with scientific time which is dogmatically uniform. All points on the axis of linear scientific time are equal. In a sense Astrology can be viewed as the science of the qualities of time. The idea that time possesses qualities more nearly accords with our subjective reality than scientific time. We all have had the experience of ten minutes seeming to take hours, while two hours pass by in a flash. I have regularly taught Zen meditation. One of the interesting experiences beginning meditators almost always report is that the flow of time becomes greatly altered during meditation. Twenty minutes will seem forever or pass in a flash. I have noticed in my classes that more often than not the class as a whole will have the same perception of the flow of time, of the quality of that meditative moment. This phenomenon is perfectly consistent with Astrology's view of time. Modern scientists would explain it away by some sort of psychologizing.

It is important to note that Astrologers do not reject linear time (the clock time of our scientists). Rather, Astrologers consider it as one element in a time field which is multidimensional and use linear time when appropriate - as, for example, in an ephemeris. And it is not so much that scientists reject spiralic time as that they unquestioningly assume that time is linear. This assumption is an unquestioned paradigm and lies at the base not only for their rejection of Astrology but also such ideas as reincarnation.

Implicit in the view of time as possessing qualities is also the view the becoming is primary to being, or becoming precedes being, or becoming lays the foundation of being. Astrology implies that the world constantly unfolds, processing and fluxing. This runs against very deep notions of Western culture. In all of western philosophical history I can think of only three people who gave becoming primacy over being - Heraclitus, Aradia, and Bergson. The belief that being is central and that becoming represents an illusion goes back to at least Plato who viewed this world of becoming as an inferior shadow of the permanent world of forms (being). Interestingly enough, becoming has always represented a serious philosophical problem for the West and Plato wrestled with it in his Parmenides. But for those who consider becoming primary, being becomes easily incorporated as a limited case of becoming. That is, being represents an instance of "slowed down" becoming. Astrology perceives meaning in the universal flux, what Heraclitus called a "hidden harmony." The dominant Western intellectual tradition calls for finding meaning **behind** the universal flux rather than in it since the universal flux is perceived to be, in some respect, less reliable or even simply untrue. Thus spiralic time can not have truth because spiralic time belongs to the universe as it unfolds before us, rather than behind, on top of, or beneath us. And just as a philosophy of primary becoming can incorporate being while a philosophy of primary being can not incorporate becoming, so also spiralic time can incorporate linear time as one possible dimension of time while if time is seen as primarily linear then spiralic time represents a difficult problem, e.g. where does this time come from?, what validity does it have?, etc.

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My compliments on your very exciting, Uranian-style magazine. The tentacles of communication are reaching far and wide in the astrological community thanks to the forum your magazine provides, allowing novices as well as experienced professionals to become involved through *MH's* networking. Even to a non-professional, student astrologer like myself, it is the most invaluable tool in my astrological library.

I was delighted to read *Joylyn Hill's* letter on Pg. 60 of the Apr. 85 *MH*. There is nothing quite so frustrating (or humiliating) as having an idea, for which you pride yourself most immodestly on your brilliance, only to allow the idea to waste away dormant in your breast. The tarrying philosopher deserves the mortification he receives when he finds that someone else with more confidence and conviction put forth those very same ideas publicly. My own uncertainty and shyness led me to fear that I was the only person in the world who thought the way I do and made me reluctant to write. I was overjoyed and relieved however to discover my error, and find that I'm not quite so alone as I had believed.

It's unfortunate that the topic of esoteric astrology should be so undervalued by astrologers. There seems to be so little discussion of it among the writers to *MH* and it is generally rebuked with disdain whenever such letters appear. Neptune in Capricorn provides an excellent opportunity for the astrological community to enhance the public image of its field. Capricorn will lend credibility and the "professionalism" to Astrology that you seek. Public acceptance and recognition of Astrology (Neptune) is bound to result due to the status of Capricorn. Nothing impresses the public like business. However, while Neptune in Capricorn may be providing the field of Astrology with the legitimacy it has long needed and deserved, Capricorn can also burden Astrology with an austerity that might cause astrologers to forget that they are in the "business" of "humanity". Current topics in Astrology appear to favor practicality of methods and application to business practices. Indeed, *MH* is filled to the brim with an overwhelming wealth of technical computer information, and news of battles on the legal front, as befitting an Aquarian information magazine, but to use popular computer jargon, it is all hardware. This tendency does much to establish Astrology's reputation as a "tool," but where is the "software?" In short, without philosophy, what is Astrology a "tool" for? If no distinction is made between Astrology and Astronomy, Astrology will become a technical, soulless science.

There seems to be a certain elitist attitude among Astrologers, due to the influence of punctilious Capricorn, that can be very discouraging to beginners, and to those who do not choose to make Astrology a means of livelihood. A "dedicated" astrologer might argue that the ethics of student astrologers must be strictly regulated, and that the only way to do so is to discourage any but the most serious of students, when what they are really attempting is to manipulate the number of practicing professionals in their field. Ironically, this is also a certain way of insuring that a student astrologer will pursue a course of self-study to avoid such arbitrary censure, defeating the intentions of the "dedicated astrologer. There is a danger to students and clients alike by such devotion to self-interest on the part of Astrology teachers.

It is right that astrologers want to regulate their profession, assuring that would-be astrologers are properly instructed, ethically as well as technically. Protection of the public's interest is the best insurance of Astrology's reputation, reputation being another concern of Capricorn. In the process of "professionalizing" Astrology, though, it should not be forgotten either that there are still students out there who want to learn Astrology. Is it really right to exclude all those who want to learn who do not wish to become professional astrologers? Take care to know the difference between protecting the reputation of your field and protecting your marketable territory.

It is not for anybody to decide what career path a student may take. An Astrology teacher's duty is to guide the student towards beneficial ethics and good habits, no matter what practical use the student make of the study of Astrology. Regulation is the province of the law. The law may, and ought

to, demand that prospective counselors be licensed, and require that counselors be properly trained in the discipline of psychological guidance, for the protection of future clients. It is a very different matter for Astrology teachers to arbitrarily decide that only those intending to practice professional astrological counseling are fit to study Astrology.

Astrologers are rejoicing at the advent of the Age of Aquarius, which they feel will bring astrology into public acceptance. But, like *Joylyn Hill*, I feel a certain disquietude in heralding the coming of the New Age so unguardedly. Until we are clear of the nebulous vibrations of the Piscean Age, is it wise to pound the pulpit, as it were, so zealously? In this transient period between Pisces and Aquarius, no one can be confident about whether they are espousing Uranian or Neptunian philosophy. It is in the very nature of Pisces to be vague and deceptive, even to casting doubts as to the positive aspects of the Piscean Age, benefits which the Piscean Age's philosophers scruple not to eschew. No one should discount in scorn the significance of any Age. Pisces is noted for its deception, but it is also a sign of imagination and vision, without which mankind could not plan (or predict, my astrological friends) its future course. For the stage our culture has been in for the past two millennia, the religious philosophy was acceptable. There is no use in trying to evolve a religious beyond a culture's ability to comprehend it. To simple shepherds and desert nomads, the allegorical teachings of the Bible and Christianity were satisfactory. It is understandable that to our evolved culture on the brink of the next Age (note, I say, "next," not "new"), those preachings might seem crude and deceptive, and perhaps, to some, inane. But remember that to the Capricorn believers two thousand years from now, Aquarian Age philosophers will seem undisciplined, disruptive and perhaps even violent.

This transient period between Pisces and Aquarius will be a time when our psychological perceptions of religion and mortality will be put to the test, casting our long-held beliefs into blackened, broiling clouds of doubt. The fragile ego (Neptune) has a tremendous fear of dying and no amount of philosophizing will comfort it out of its doubts about whether it will survive the physical death of the body that has been hosting it. Its first priority has always been its own survival and it has trouble accepting the surrender of its individual identity and the gift of consciousness to that of the greater universal spirit (Uranus). It will seek to relieve its fear (Neptune) by rebelling (Uranus) against that greater authority (Capricorn - an Age that is to come) by denying it (Neptune) and forsaking it, the way young people seek to escape their parents' authority and restrictions by leaving home. This desire for liberation (Uranus) from childhood dependence (Neptune) is only a natural phase in the growth cycle. Still influenced by Neptunian overtones, the young adult deludes himself into believing that freedom means freedom from responsibility (Saturn).

In the same way, if unduly influenced by Pisces, a new religious culture could evolve in the Aquarian Age that holds that freedom means freedom in its most literal sense, that the individual (Uranus) may take whatever direction he chooses without regard to consequence or interference with the wills of others. A serious flaw belies this attitude, for in order to be "free" in that sense of the word, one would have to be able to control the course of galaxies and planets, the weather, and the lives of every living thing that ever existed or ever will exist. In other words, not only would one have to deny God, he would have to become God. What may result is that masses of people (Uranus) will be deceived into believing some dream (Neptune) of a Utopian brotherhood (Uranus), when they are really being misled (Neptune) into creating a state of Chaos (Uranus). Whatever benefic qualities Aquarius might offer to a society will then be lost. Instead of being united in Aquarian universality, souls will be divided (Uranus) by doubts and fears (Neptune). With a live-for-today attitude, time can literally be brought to a standstill. An example of this trend is the digital clock, where time is always "right now." The digital clock precludes any judgement of the motion of time. This can be damaging psychologically, for not only does it deprive an

individual of the freedom of judgement, but it infers that the universe is static. Time is suspended, the stars no longer revolve, and suddenly there really is a terrible black void, whereas, with the perception of a living, thriving universe the void is a tenuous thing at best, subservient to the varying, infinite courses of that which exists. There is, in a sense, no void at all, or if there is, it doesn't matter.

It is difficult to sum up a philosophy of Life in one word, but (and I hope I may here have the indulgence of New Age readers who tend to object to the enumeration of personal philosophies) if I had to select one word to describe mine, it would have to be "Everything." From galaxies to the most microscopic particle, Everything, in short that experiences the process of Growth, no matter the length of time as mortals perceive and measure it. God, if you would like to have a name, is all existence, Time is Life, and Life is Growth. That is why Einstein theorized that Time is relative. Charlotte Bronte wrote, "We know that God is everywhere; but certainly we feel His presence most when His works are on the grandest scale before us: and it is in the unclouded night-sky, where His worlds wheel their silent course, that we read His infinitude..." Like Joylyn Hill, (and like Charlotte Bronte), I believe that Life is Growth, and that the planets experience stages in the growth cycle, just as any other universal entity.

Scientists have a theory about the universe that states that it was once a unified mass of matter that, in the first split second of time exploded, precipitating the kinetic motion of the universe. Suppose that this scientific mass of matter and religion's God are one and the same? All existence - parted at the moment Time began and yet always a part of the universal spirit, no matter how distant in terms of time and space. Once separated, Life was allowed to follow a random course, not premeditated, yet predictable, through the freedom of space. A basic pattern of birth, growth, reproduction and termination, or a beginning, a course to follow, and a final transformation, would be constant for the life of a galaxy, a sun, a society, a man, a flower, an ant or a molecule. And more than just a material universe, a sort of collective psyche evolves from this diversity of entities, some, among the more sentient species and according to the development of their brains, developing a consciousness of this greater spirit and the capability to comprehend it and perhaps even communicate with it.

The value of Life itself lies in the freedom of diversity, or what we call "free will," that is to say, the ability of any entity to pursue its own course independently. Piscean Christianity advocates a vision of God as an impotent, Almighty Father, an authoritative figure. However, use that Neptunian imagination for a moment, and think of God as a Baby. A baby who wants to find out, who's curious. A child that wants to see what patterns develop, to learn how order evolves out of chaos. To this God, all things would evolve through a process of Growth. This being the case, premeditation would be inexpedient, as it would make all effort in vain. He would know everything already and would have no need to find out, and let's face it, if God doesn't have to try, then who does?

Astrologers, more than any other group, have the ability to turn vision from the dark void of nihilism, and even fatalism, to the infinite light of the stars and the choices inherent in their patterns. The void is an impotent thing in comparison, for it has no power over life and from one perspective at least, it and not Life, is finite. That perception may be the entire difference between good and evil - what promotes growth and learning, and what encourages decay and degeneration. If people once are blinded to the light however, it will be difficult for them to recover, and losing their ability to believe and live for what can be, Life will degenerate until there really is Nothing left. People often stare in awe at the vast emptiness of space, wondering if there isn't anything more, completely oblivious to the twinkling stars pursuing their far-flung courses through the heavens.

It is engrossment in the Self that narrows people's minds to the boundaries of their own births and deaths. The distinction of the Self is turned to debasement - "debased," for the glory of the universe is in its diversity of individuality. God

is the Greatest Self of all. Life should be lived for the sake of living, not in the fear of Death, nor in its prospect. There is a motivation for the self to believe itself to be alone and unconnected, however. Caring only for its own welfare and pleasure, it demands evidence of existence beyond existence. That is a logical impossibility, of course, but since it cannot be satisfied on that score, it then feels justified in not recognizing Life beyond its own physical demise. Life loses its value in living for one's own welfare and pleasure. It is not merely for some reward or punishment beyond the grave that the quality of living should be preserved and revered, but for the sake of Life itself. At best, people amuse themselves with such atheistic notions as the only immortality is in one's offspring. The marvel is that infinity is before them and they still deny it. In the desire and belief of "something more," mortals overlook the obvious.

Edith, please pardon the length of my letter. I will abridge here. The Aquarian Age affords a tremendous opportunity to enlighten humanity. But while the influence of Neptune is upon us, astrologers must take care in their guidance, recognizing the illusionary qualities of Pisces, without dismissing those aspects of imagination and compassion. Unless care is taken, many young people could find themselves misled by some leader who espouses the more beneficial qualities of Aquarius under the deceptive illusions of Neptune. This could manifest itself in massive despair of life, a tendency which we are already witnessing in the wealthier suburbs of America, such as Westchester County in New York, and on Long Island. If you do not wish to recognize the hint, that is for each of you to decide. Please pardon the kick in the shins from such a "nobody" in the professional astrological field as myself, but even little people with little voices have something to say, and it might do well for the mighty Goliath to pay heed. Thank you for your attention, and God Bless.

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Rod Chase (13th Extra): I wish to agree wholeheartedly with you on the equal house erection. I have written a book, "Equal vs Unequal," giving an extremely good argument for equal house erection. I put equal house charts next to the unequal house charts and then proceed to tear the devil out of the unequal since the equal fits so much better.

Ralph William Holden has written a very technical book entitled "The Elements of House Division." It lists all the different house divisions available and then concludes that the EQUAL HOUSE is BY FAR THE BEST AND MOST VALID.

Then Alan Leo mentions using the equal house system in his "Casting the Horoscope." The Muslim astrological community has used the equal house erection system for centuries; Ptolemy (150 AD) based his acceptance upon the equal house system as tho the zodiac with its equal divisions, were reflected in its entirety upon the ecliptic. I have heard through the grape vine that Pelletier also uses the equal house system as part of his dissertation.

Recently many astrologers have been using a peak-rising and peak-falling system in chart erection with only angles because of the problems with unequal house cusps. If they tried Equal House cusps, they would discover that the moment a transit of any significance or a progression crosses an Equal House Cusp, something transpires in that native's life pertaining to that house and colored by that planet.

I used the late Duke of Windsor as the prime example in my book, "Equal vs Unequal," (\$3.50, available thru me or some book stores). Everytime a progression or transit crossed one of his EQUAL cusps, things began to happen. In addition, with equal house, his natal Uranus is sitting on the cusp of his MC (unequal it is in the 8th), showing upsets with career. Wallis Simpson's Saturn at 13 Scorpio sits right on top of his Uranus in his 10th and she was the "squashing" factor in his career. I could go on and on. Particularly about the Duke of Windsor's relations to his brothers which is evident with the EQUAL chart and not applicable at all in the unequal.



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ELEANOR BACH, New York, NY July 1985

About **Marc Edmund Jones**. Let it be understood that I love that man. He truly is my best teacher. There is no better book than "Astrology, How and Why it Works" to give a no-nonsense description of the Signs, the Elements, the Quadratures and the Planets. And if you want a thorough grounding in the Houses, get his book on Horary Astrology. He is not the easiest writer to read, especially his later books, but with patience, there are jewels of information in his work. We had a little misunderstanding, in the latter part of 1977. It was my error. I tend to be a little paranoid. It is my deep sorrow that I never had a chance to straighten the thing out with him before he died.

Recently it has come to my attention that there is an impression out there, in the ether, that I refused to accept the **Marc Edmund Jones Award** for contributions to astrology. As a matter of fact I was thrilled.

In April of 1977, Marc wrote to me and told me "At the National Astrological Society Convention in Virginia Beach, on June 3-5, I am making my 2nd annual award for significant contributions to astrology...quite a few weeks ago I suggested and it is now official that the award would go to you..." He also said, since I wouldn't be there, that **Neil Michelsen** could accept the award on my behalf. Which he did. Well, that was it, that was the award, as far as I was concerned, Marc's own words. Though the plaque itself was presented in June, without me there, Marc's words were enough so that I felt I already had it. Of course I was proud and delighted. He sent me a small check too.

It was not till late summer-fall that the misunderstanding that I mentioned began to really bloom. Much is being made of the fact that I never picked up the certificate, or plaque. And I must admit that is pretty weird. It could be that since I wasn't at the presentation, it didn't seem so important, or it could be that since I didn't get it immediately, once the misunderstanding developed, I just sort of lost heart.

Anyway, the point of all this is: Let no one question my love and respect for Marc Edmund Jones. I just can't allow that. It is permissible and quite human for people to get mad at people they love. They get over it.

WIN KEMP, Mtn. View, AR July 1, 1985

For the woman with Agoraphobia (don't remember which issue nor her name), in the July '85 issue of Prevention Magazine a reader reports that she is symptom-free of Agoraphobia as long as she takes Vit. B-12, and the editor notes: "A clinician has reported complete disappearance of symptoms or marked improvement in 19 out of 23 Agoraphobics who received doses of Vit. B complex."

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Also, there is a national organization: **CHAANGE**, 2915 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 28211, which provides free information and an audio cassette upon request.

J. LEE LEHMAN, San Francisco, CA 4 July 1985

Amy Franco: With the Mars-Sappho opposition in your chart, I'm not surprised that you got into Kundalini. Sappho appears to be very involved in Kundalini work as well as tantra. Since the asteroids allowed me to start separating out these pesky concepts - sex, love, romance - I've been developing some ideas about what these topics mean for those asteroids, as well as for Scorpions and Pluto types.

The basic theory is this: there are fundamental changes in the way energy is experienced in the body according to how far the Kundalini is able to ascend without blockage. When the Kundalini extends beyond the second chakra - located at the genitals - then the orgasmic cycle is experienced differently. Among other changes, there tends to be less obsessiveness about sexual frequency, partially because the sexual encounter is more intense when experienced in this fashion. I have become convinced that a good chunk of obsessiveness of Scorpions or strong Plutos around sex is because these people intuit this possibility. However, without the opening of the Kundalini, this transformation does not occur and so these people can end up craving ever more activity as they attempt to replace quality by quantity.

The basis for tantra is a sexual partner, and so these practices cannot be fully engaged unless **both** partners are involved: it is not sufficient to assume the right postures and breathing techniques individually. Sappho is important in studying this energy cycling process in each individual. Your description of getting "burned out" is in fact a good Mars-Sappho description. One of the points made by many Vedanta teachers is that Kundalini yoga by itself is not adequate. It is not "nourishing" in this sense: the purpose of that variety of yoga is to move the Kundalini energy. In fact, the Kundalini energy moves naturally when other spiritual processes are engaged. The confrontation with our resistance to love, to connection, is the primary process while the movement of the Kundalini is secondary. Unfortunately, as I indicated, Sappho has little to do with this primary process, other than to tantalize us into finding our own path.

There is a lot of silliness about this whole process; I remember a few years ago sitting at a meditation intensive one weekend at an ashram in upstate New York. At the end of the second day, one of the participants talked about how she had begun to feel the Kundalini since she was experiencing pain in her lower spine. Of course - she had never sat that long and she really was experiencing pain in her lower spine!



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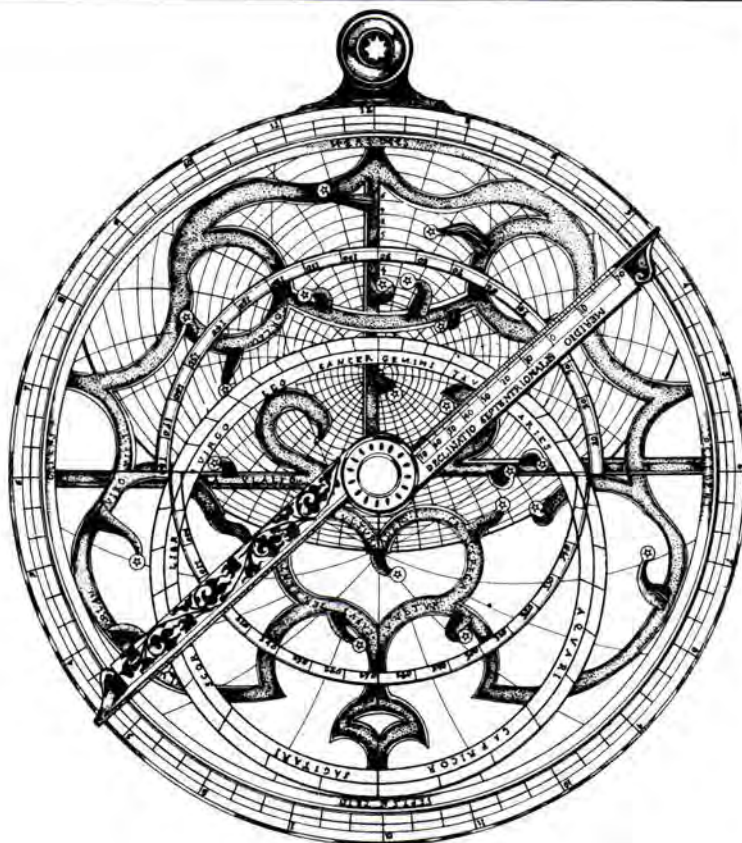
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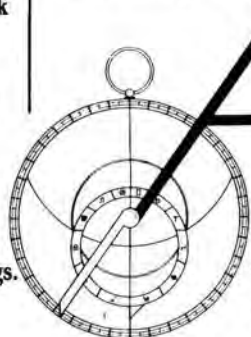
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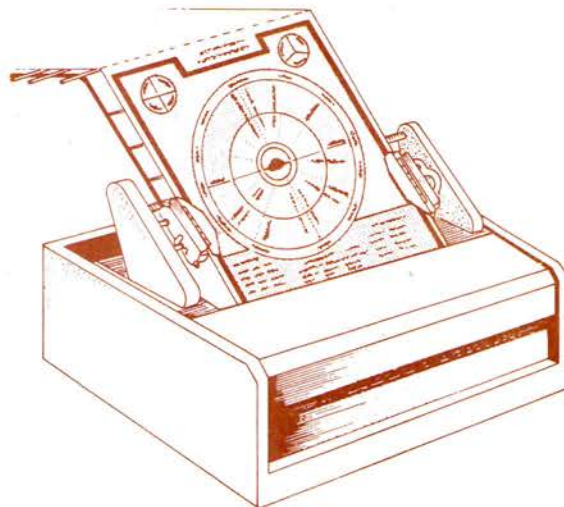
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