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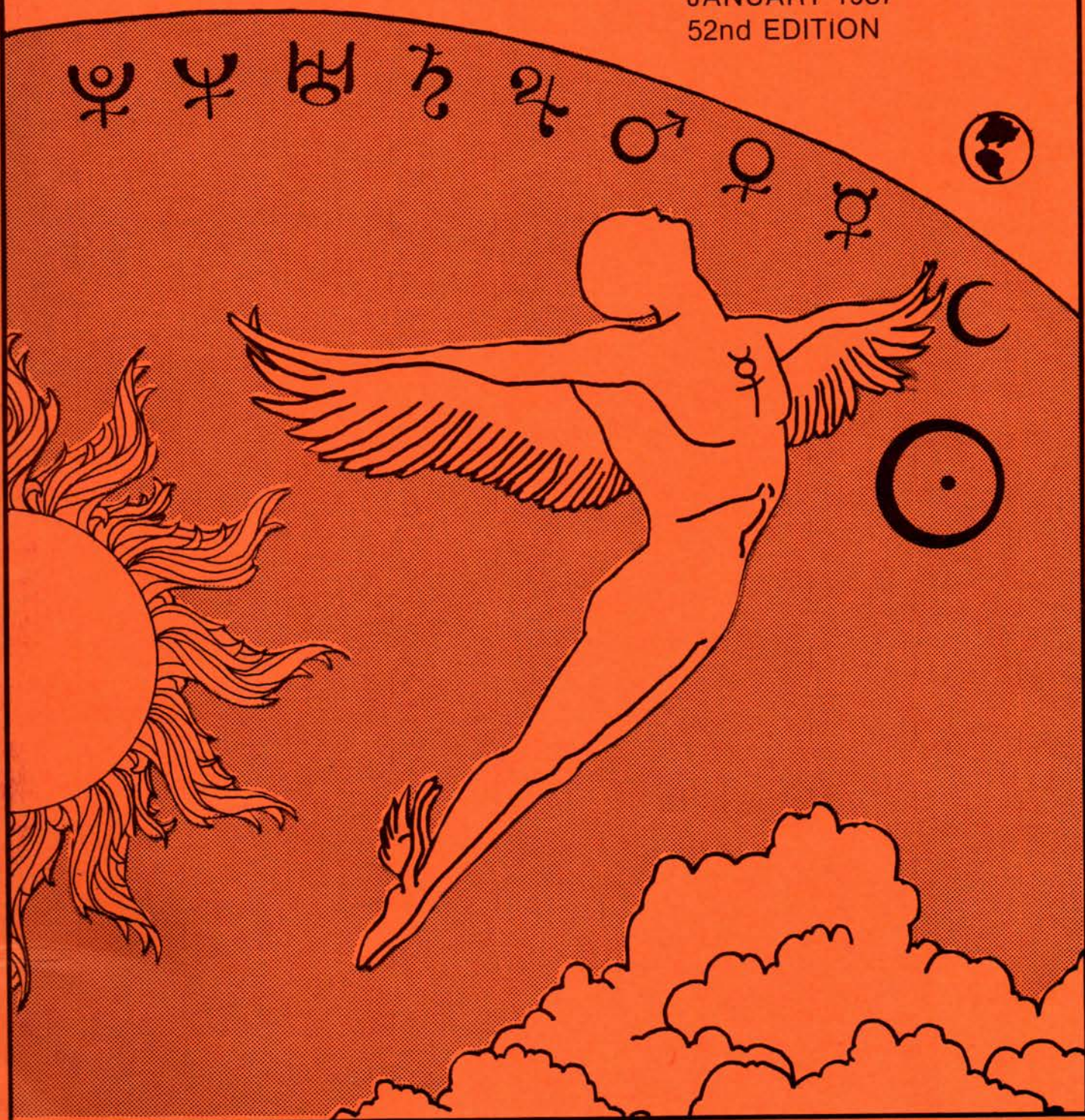
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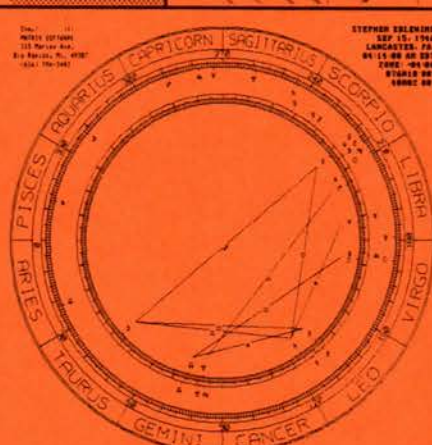


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▲ Tri-wheel, unequal houses

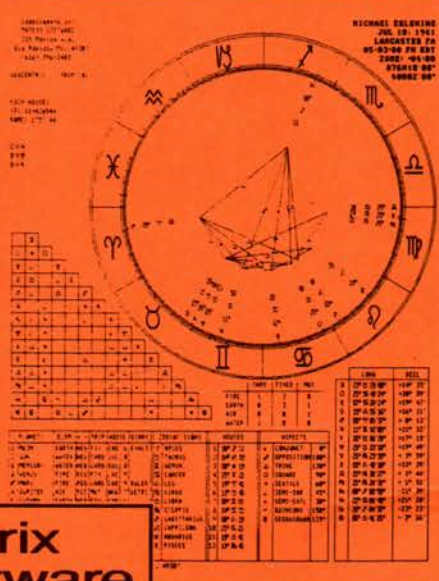
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SEASONS GREETINGS!

I hope that receiving this edition of **MERCURY HOUR** finds all of you bathed in warm holiday cheer. We here at **MH** [Edith Custer, Jewell Cook-Fahey, Pam Huang, Betty Johnson and Vance Clay] all wish you Happy Holidays and a wonderful New Year, beginning with another full and brimming edition of our magazine.

As I'm sure you will notice, we were deluged with letters and articles for this edition and some of you had to be left until the April edition. Considering the present status of material we have on hand, there is a good possibility that we will be printing another Extra Edition (17th). Please be sure that you've paid for the 16th Extra Edition that was sent to you along with the Oct. 86 edition if you wish to receive the next one. Don't forget, there has been a price increase beginning with the next (17th) Extra Edition. The 17th Extra Edition will accompany the April 1987 edition.

Secondary Progressions by **Nancy Hastings**, which we have offered for sale for some time through **MH**, is temporarily out of print. It is being reprinted and should be available again in the next couple of months. We will advise you when it's ready. Meanwhile, any of you ordering it will be put on a back-order list and it will be shipped as soon as it is available to us.

I would like to thank **Buz Myers** and **Eric Bloom** and the WESTERN RESERVE AWARENESS CONFERENCE in Cleveland, Ohio for hosting me once again at their wonderful get-together. On Sept. 25 through 28 I attended their 4th annual conference held in Westlake, Ohio. As always the lectures were excellent and the friendship and hospitality very seldom equaled. I am always impressed with the beautiful vending room they offer. The touch of the white and purple helium-filled balloons this year succeeded in attracting me several times and causing me to spend far more money than I should have.

As we begin another year of service to the astrological community, we would like to thank all of you for your wonderful support and we hope that we will be able to return the favor to all of you through the pages of the **MERCURY HOUR**.

Enlightenment and Peace,
JEWELL COOK-FAHEY



HAVE YOU HEARD....
By **EDITH CUSTER**

wrote something in particular down but I do love going over all my old notes. Besides bringing back fond memories I also run across little gems for my students. Here is another one, this one from my Capricorn friend, **Doris Hebel**. She mentioned in a lecture a long time ago that after a retrograde planet in transit returns to its stationary position, things start moving forward, not when it turns direct.

I had written to **Richard Nolle** and suggested that someone should really consider doing the Mundane Data for the Ingresses and New and Full Moons. I enjoy working with weather and mundane charts but need this information in one place

HI GANG!

Believe it or not, I am still here. Things have been a little hectic but life would be a little dull without some of the surprises our friends the planets bestow on us. **Betty** is not too sure Neptune is a friend since it has been transiting over her ASC., Mars, Saturn and Mercury. As a matter of fact she isn't too sure about anything at the moment!

Came across a couple of notes I had made on the **EAST POINT** and thought maybe some of the newer students might be interested in how to find it in their charts. Some astrologers feel it is as important as the Asc. or MC. It is supposed to allow the Asc. to find its proper place in your chart. Formula: Add six hours to the birthtime and recalculate the corrected sidereal time. The MC with the new sidereal time will be the east point. (I hope I have done this correctly. If not I am sure someone will correct it for me - please?) Charles Emerson also mentioned this "East Point" in a lecture for ISAR many years ago. He said, if I remember correctly, that the regular Ascendant is "other image" - how others see you but the East Point is "self-image", how we regard ourselves. Try it and let us know what you think. My East Point is 2° Scorpio....

When I attend a lecture I make little notes of things that are said. Years later I may or may not remember why I

to do it. The AFA has already put out the data for 1987 so I, among others would need it starting with 1988 charts. This was Richard's reply to my letter: "I thought about your suggestion to publish a mundane data annual for quite awhile. It occurred to me that a good reference of this sort would also include **Jim Lewis'** Astro*Carto*Graphy maps for the lunations. No sense in publishing something that's just as good - go for something better. So I talked to Jim about it, and offered to provide whatever calculations he would need in the way of standard lunations charts, etc. He thought it was a good idea, and said he'll get back in touch with me on it. If Jim doesn't go through with it, then I will publish some kind of mundane data reference. Thanks for the idea." I was pleased to hear that Richard will do something with it and will look forward to the next information coming through on it to pass it along to you. I love Jim Lewis' yearly maps and wouldn't be without them. They certainly pin-point trouble spots around the world very clearly. I go over his Pluto, Saturn, Uranus IC lines with a red pen and watch those longitudes. When something does happen along those lines I make a notation in the book. You would be surprised at all the notations I have made! I had marked 89° West on the Autumnal Equinox when I first got the 1986 book since Pluto was on the IC there. You all know that the earthquake in San Salvador was at 89° West! **Dorothy Willis** also uses Jim's maps to quickly pinpoint weather spots she wants to check more thoroughly.

Chuck Gilreath wrote to us a couple of times to inquire if we had any information on "Astrology West". All I know is that it hasn't published in a long time. His problem was that he had renewed in April of 1985, never received any magazines nor got a refund that he requested. Anybody else having problems along these lines?

I am off to San Diego and then on to Indianapolis the weekend of this writing. **Jewell** needs this stuff to get to the printers so will have to wait until next edition to report on the SDAS and NCGR conferences. There is no way I can make the printers deadline - sorry!

Jewell, Pam, Betty and I want to wish all of you the Happiest of Holidays. I plan on leaving here around the 15th of December for Pompano Beach, FL and will be in that general area probably until March sometime. If anyone wants to reach me there they can do it at this phone number - (305)-781-9962. There is usually someone there until 11:30 a.m., or all day if I am there.

Love & Hope
Edith



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**METROPOLITAN ATLANTA
ASTROLOGICAL SOCIETY**

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August 15, 1986

I know you have followed with interest the progress of the Metro Atlanta Astrological Society's efforts to build its own headquarters. Well, it's finally completed!

Yes, it's true! This project began several years ago with a concept. The construction was done in stages, as money became available. And now we have a 1,234 square foot astrological center -- the only one East of the Mississippi to our knowledge!

The building, located at 2054 Harobi Dr. in Tucker, is shaped like an octagon. The roof over the core of the building is constructed to the dimensions of the Great Pyramid.

In addition to a library, the building has an 18 x 18 meeting room, the usual rest room facilities, and a small kitchen. The interior is carpeted throughout, and is tastefully appointed with lovely antiques. The library shelving is finished Oak. Our new 40 megabyte hard disk computer is used to catalog the library, and maintain membership records, but it is also available to members for computing charts.

The members of this organization worked long hours during the construction. Others gave generously of money and other resources. We want to make this center available to the entire astrological community.

We are making plans to have someone at the center on a regular basis. We have installed a phone with an answering device (404-634-2677). A series of classes will begin in the fall and continue through spring, which will take the student from the very basics to a level skillful enough to pass one of the many tests offered throughout the country.

If any of the readers in MH land happen to be planning a trip in this direction, please drop us a note or call us. We are also soliciting book donations. Additionally, we would like to exchange newsletters with other astrological organizations. We are also very much interested in expanding our own astrological knowledge, and would welcome guest lecturers who might like to include us in their itinerary.

Lillian Huber

Building Project Chairman



**A FLOOD WARNING
FOR NEW YEAR'S
By NANCY RAY**

STEPHANIE C. PEARCE of Philadelphia, PA, sent us the following article that appeared in **THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER** on Sept. 14, 1986. She thought it might be of interest to you folks and we did too!

BONITA, CA. --Fergus J. Wood, a retired government meteorologist, has a dilemma.

He has scientific evidence that severe tides could rise up next New Year's Eve and wreak havoc along low-lying coastal areas and, if they hit without warning, take a heavy toll. But he is not quite sure what to do with that information.

Wood, a resident of Bonita, just south east of San Diego, and a former National Ocean Survey official, has written a thick book on tidal movements based on the relative positions of the

Earth, Moon and Sun--a major factor in the ebb and flow of the Earth's oceans. The next date when the oceans are most likely to surge, he says, is Dec. 31, 1986.

Wood's projections are based on solar-lunar positions that are so stable that they can be predicted for decades in advance--an exercise that Wood has accomplished through the year 2064.

What he contends, and other experts do not contradict him, is that when two celestial events occur about the same time, tides around the world rise higher and more swiftly and, if combined by heavy onshore winds, can cause severe damage.

The two events are perigee and syzygy. In layman's language, perigee (pronounced PAIR-ah-gee) is the point when the Moon in its irregular orbit most closely approaches Earth, increasing its gravitational power over tidal movements by its proximity.

Syzygy (pronounced SIZZ-ah-gee) refers to the near-alignment of the Sun, Moon and Earth, which is an event that also increases the lunar-solar impact on the Earth's tides.

When those two events occur within hours or even days of each other, record tidal surges occur.

Wood has coined the word proxigee to define the coinciding of the two events, and he has charted the occurrences back to the ninth century, documenting historical evidence of coastal flooding coinciding with the proxigean tides. Such events, in greatly varying degrees, occur at intervals of roughly 1 1/2 years.

In 1635, for instance, a historian in the Massachusetts Bay Colony, recorded a proxigean event, describing how the sea appeared to swell and how the Indians took shelter.

More recently, a three-day storm that occurred March 5-7, 1962, along the Atlantic coast with 70 m.p.h. winds coincided with the high, strong tides resulting from near-concurrence of perigee-syzygy. The storm caused coastal property damage from South Carolina to Maine that reached \$500 million and killed 40 people.

The same conditions of perigee and syzygy that existed in March 1962 will recur during the three days around New Year's Eve, according to Wood.

But what can not be predicted is whether the strong, steady onshore winds -- the trigger -- also will be present. Without it, Wood noted, the proxigean tides could just be gentle giants, lapping higher on the shoreline, possibly causing little more than some minor flooding. **(MH Emphasis)**

So what should he do? Say nothing? Issue another warning?

In late 1973, Wood delivered a flood warning after a public information officer with the National Ocean Survey, where Wood was employed then, asked him to name the date of the next perigee-syzygy event.

Although Wood also had issued a disclaimer that the proxigean event could produce nothing more than higher tides unless the winds misbehaved, the date he named -- Jan. 8, 1974 -- became a world-wide flood watch.

"It all just got out of hand. I had calls from all over, even a cablegram from South America somewhere," Wood recalled.

Sure enough, a storm system along the Southern California coast brought heavy flooding. And several days later the same tides caused flooding on the west coast of England and the north and west coasts of Europe.

"We felt vindicated," he said. "But the way the news was handled -- sensationalized and with many of the cautionary statements left out -- is something that must not be allowed to happen again."

Wood has never made a "prediction" of coastal flooding because he cannot predict in advance the meteorological conditions that will occur. But, because the New Year's Eve event so nearly matches the 1962 proxigean tide levels, he hopes that coastal residents will be alert to the potential dangers of flooding.

I have run charts for Dec. 31, 1986 and Jan. 1, 1987, to see if there were any aspects between Mercury and Uranus since he said "winds coincided with high tides". George McCormick says

the combination of Mercury and Uranus produces strong winds, especially in the conjunction, opposition or square. Mercury and Uranus will be conjunct in Helio on those days. In the flooding of 1/8/74 these two planets were square heliocentrically. On Jan. 1st., Mercury (helio) is also sesquialter Mars, semi-square the Moon and Pluto. It is also at the mid-point of Moon/Pluto and Moon/Mars. On Jan. 1st., the Moon will be at 3° of Aquarius around noon, approaching the exact square to Pluto/Mars is opposing Pluto so Moon will square Mars as well. This is all in the helio placements.

The winter solstice chart (Geo) has Mercury conjunct the 4th cusp and Uranus. On Dec. 31 and Jan. 1st., (Geo) Mercury will be conjunct Neptune, which is conjunct the Sun. The east coast can expect a lot of wind this winter, and I am afraid, with Neptune/Sun square, a lot of moisture as well.

George McCormick says in his lecture notes: "Some of the most destructive sleet storms and blizzards in winter and cold months have been characterized by Mercury in the lower meridian and forming a conjunction, opposition or even a sextile with Uranus."

The winter chart for the east coast does not look promising nor does the period around Dec. 31st. and the few days following. I would suggest running charts for the winter solstice, also for Dec. 31 and Jan. 1st. If anyone can supply us with the times of high tides on those dates it might be a good idea to run those charts as well. I just looked at the Lunation chart for Dec. 30, 1986 -- It has Mercury, Neptune, Sun and Moon, all conjunct in Capricorn in the 4th House! Saturn is conjunct the 4th House cusp and square the ASC. This is for Washington, D.C.

DOROTHY WILLIS, Nova Scotia, Canada August 26, 1986

We've had 26 volcanic eruptions so far this year. As of June's report since the Nov. 12th eclipse 1985, many have gone on and on in small doses - including Stromboli, Etna, Ruiz and Hawaii. Many were submarines in the S.E. Pacific but two areas, perhaps three need eyes on: Mexico, Tacana at 92W06-15N08, Colima at 104W30-21N09. San Miguels in El Salvador came to life apparently not too seriously at 88W16-13N26. Areeial in Costa Rica also erupted mildly. That whole fault section is shifting as quakes have also been reported. Water seems to hit South America more though.

I would be inclined to say that the Mars perigee in a fire sign is true devastation, complicated of course by Saturn and Uranus with Sagittarius as well.



As coordinator of UAC 86, I have had the pleasure of receiving hundreds of evaluation sheets, and I do mean pleasure, since most people seem to have had a wonderful time. I did want to share a few facts and figures with MH readers, before I file everything away.

We had 816 paid registrations, 145 speakers, 125 trade show participants and 16 staff people (audio visual, taping, hospitality, registration and so on), a total of 1,102 people, which is no mean achievement for a first convention. Our faculty did not have to pay registration, but instead they were paid for their services -- 60 percent of the net went to them, 40 percent to the three participating groups, AFAN, ISAR and NCGR.

We had the largest trade show ever assembled at any convention, 42 different trades, and according to reports received so far, every one of them made money; and best of all, the attendees all seemed to enjoy what was offered.

Everybody loved the location, the water, the bay, the view,

the climate. Our own success was our worst enemy, since the hotel was much too small and we had to occupy two other hotels plus a motel and had to hire buses to shuttle people back and forth on a continuous basis. The overcrowding also meant tents to accommodate extra lectures needed for all the attendees, not exactly an ideal situation, but according to the evaluations, people took it all in stride, because according to them, the atmosphere was open and fun and friendly, the evening entertainment great and different, the faculty the best and the topics covered what they were looking for. We did get a few good suggestions for the next time, if and when there is a next time.

The biggest, and unfortunately legitimate objection, was to some of the food offered by the Bahia, which seemed overpriced unimaginative and poorly served. According to the evaluations, 51 percent want another UAC at a resort hotel, 28 percent at a convention hotel and 21 percent have no opinion or alternate suggestions. 21 percent considered it the best convention they ever attended, 46 percent one of the best, 8 percent same as others, 8 percent not as good and 3 percent poor. 14 percent said it was their first time. 5 percent were beginners, 22 percent intermediate, 30 percent advanced, 39 percent teachers, 7 percent vendors and 6 percent other. (Over 100 percent because some people marked teacher and vendor etc.) The top 30 lecturers they want back: 19 percent **Rob Hand** and **Jeff Green**; 18 percent **Buz Myers**; 13 percent **Alan Oken** & **Marion March**; 12 percent **Richard Idemon**; 11 percent **Noel Tyl**; 10 percent **Michael Lutin**; 9 percent **Erin Sullivan-Seale**, **Jeff Jawer** & **Eileen Nauman**; 8 percent **Joan McEvers**; 7 percent **Leyla Rael-Rudhyar**, **Maritha Pottenger**, **Debbi Kempton-Smith**, **Philip Sedgwick**, **Joanne Wickenburg**, **Bruno & Louise Huber**; 6 percent **Angel Thompson**, **Jim Lewis**, **Zip Dobyns**, **Joan Negus**, **Lois Rodden**, **Doris Hebel**, **Donna van Toen**, **Tad Mann**; 5 percent **Mary Downing**, **Ed Steinbrecher** & **Philip Levine**, who was a substitute speaker. If any attendees forgot to send their evaluations, it's not too late even now, we are always open to suggestions.

Since I do not want to take up too much space, I will only make one brief comment on the October issue--pg. 67, "Astrology and the Weather" by **Dorothy Willis**: Sounds lovely, but what happens to all the people South of the Equator where it's hot under Capricorn and they have summer thunderstorms under "deep-freeze" Aquarius and so on???

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On 22 September 1986, we found that the month of March 1987 in the Void of Course Moon Ephemeris has all the days wrongly named. The first day should be named Sunday, but it is printed Saturday. The whole month is off one day, but is otherwise correct.

You would think that in 46 years of observing the Void of Course Moon, and in 18 years of publishing an Ephemeris, I would eventually get it right. That has not yet happened. Every edition so far has had at least one minor typographic error.

This one is, however, a computer error, in the American Ephemeris published by **Neil F. Michelsen**. He gives all the Void of Course Moon periods in Universal Time. Before he published this generally extremely accurate work, I used to pay considerable sums of money to have them computed, to order.

We are now mailing out correction sheets to all whose names we have as regular users of the Void of Course Moon Ephemeris. There are thousands of such individuals, all over the western world.

Anybody who wants a correction sheet can have it, free. Please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

The 19th Edition will be available 15 October 1986. It will begin with 27 February 1987 and run through 4 April 1988. For these we continue to ask \$2 contribution. It will help if you will send also a SASE.

We are sorry to have all this inconvenience involving so many thousands of people. We are doing everything we can to make the necessary correction.



Introduction:

Coming in over my car radio on the six o'clock evening news, July 14, 1986, as Pluto reaches its station, this item: "6,000 young people between 15 and 24 committed suicide in 1985, three times the number during 1982."

In 1982 Uranus was in the early degrees of Sagittarius. By 1985 Uranus was moving across 14-17 degrees of that sign, directly squaring (90 degrees away from) the position of a rare and profound Uranus/Pluto conjunction which occurred during the years 1962-1968. The children born during that conjunction, who have that conjunction seeded deep in their collective psyche, those souls who streamed into the earth plane during that revolutionary time--were, in 1985, between 17 and 23 years of age.

Transit Uranus squaring Natal Uranus/Pluto in 1985: an extraordinary generational signature was coming alive, and thousands of these children were killing themselves.

Sometime on a cold winter Wyoming night in early 1986 a report comes in on the police radio. Teenager ... disorderly ... disturbing the neighbors ... landlord called in. The police car swings around, heads north, accelerating.

Flashback to a few minutes earlier. The teenager in question is short, muscular, 17 years old. A recent high school dropout, he is sitting on the single remaining chair in the living room of what had been his first apartment out on his own. Now the room is empty, except for broken glass and plaster littering the floor. The boy is wasted, spent. He leans over, his arms dangling to the floor. In one hand he clutches an obviously deadly medieval looking crossbow; in the other, he holds an arrow. There is a glazed look in his eye.

He begins to raise the crossbow up off the floor. As he does the landlord suddenly bursts through the door into the room. The boy sits directly across from the door, and he seems to be aiming an ancient crossbow and arrow directly at the landlord's face.

Frightened out of his wits, the landlord panics, backs out of the room, slams the door and runs to call the police.

Five minutes later the police arrive. Cautiously, they kick open the door, to find the boy now standing, facing them, feet apart, tensed, defiant, slit-eyed. The crossbow is aimed at his own open mouth, and his finger is on the trigger, ready to fire.

A sergeant the boy has encountered on a previous occasion begins to quietly talk to him. No response. The finger stays on the trigger. The sergeant persists: "If you miss, you'll damage yourself, be a vegetable. Is that the way you want to live for the rest of your life?"

The boy moves the crossbow a few inches, so that it no longer aims at his face. The sergeant continues, pleading. Finally, the boy pulls the trigger, releasing the arrow, which pierces the ceiling. Sighing, he drops his hands to his sides, crumples in obedience to these adult, uniformed authorities he has always hated.

The boy's name is Andy, and his mother Todd is a friend of mine.

Three years ago Todd asked me to read the birthcharts for herself and her family. At that time Andy's explosive energy was still nascent. She had a hard time accepting what I had to tell her about his future, the violence inside him, his coming need to let that out.

This article focuses on the "astrological signature" of Andy

and others like him, born during a revolutionary time, and destined to play principal roles when that revolution comes of age. As these young people grow into maturity, so will the seed planted within them at birth sprout, take root and flower.

Between 1962 and 1968 two planets, Uranus and Pluto, came together in the sky for the first time in 115 years. Both these planets travel in orbits which lie at enormous distances from the Sun. Their cycles are of great length, and signify slow moving collective processes, mass conditions and events. Each successive conjunction between these two "outer" planets sounds a new note in the heavens--and in our inner lives.

Uranus/Pluto: During these conjunctions the energy of sudden, radical change (Uranus) and massive, total transformation (Pluto) unite, fuse. This last time, between 1962 and 1968, these planets met in Virgo, ruled by Mercury. The planet Mercury governs the mind and the nervous system. Placed in its own sign Virgo, mercurial energy is particularly strong, and signifies service and healing, using the concrete, technical, practical, analytic mind.

Here on earth, the Uranus/Pluto years are now known as "the '60's," a time which began a slow moving, but accelerating, and inexorable social and cultural shift. The revolution in consciousness, initiated then, is transforming the ways we perceive and order both our world and our function within it. And the fruits of this revolution will ripen as the children born during it mature.

In this article, I investigate the astrological signature of this generation, how it has already begun to make its mark upon the world. I then place this group within the larger sociological context of its birth, the "60's" and discuss the astrological signature of the "hippies," who made that decade famous. The hippies were the parents of the "Uranus/Pluto" generation; their role in the Uranus/Pluto drama continues to this day and beyond. Indeed, the nature of the ongoing relations between these parents and their children will be critical for many years to come. This generation is truly an endangered species. Deprived of any real support among adults who do not understand them, these young ones may well self-destruct.

SOME CHARACTERISTICS OF THE URANUS/PLUTO GENERATION

These young people, now 17 to 23 years old, are extremists by nature, and must be recognized as such. For some of them this intensity will remain muted, buried--perhaps forever, or perhaps until some inner or outer events sparks them into action. For others, like Andy, intensity is a fact of life.

"He was contemptuous of the educational system since first grade. It was hard for me to argue with him, since he was usually right!" says his mother. "He ran away from school the very first day. In one door and out the other."

Now 18 years old, Andy was born in 1968. His birthchart shows Uranus and Pluto conjunct, both sextiling Sun, Mars and Midheaven, all conjunct in Cancer, and sextile Moon which is conjunct Neptune in Scorpio. Six out of 10 planets, plus the Midheaven, all related through one geometrical pattern in the sky. Six planets crosslinking, synergizing--this is a major energy system, known in Astrology as a "minor grand trine."

Both the Midheaven and three of these planets (Sun, Moon, Mars) are personal, individual. Because they are personal, they are usually experienced consciously. The other three (Uranus, Neptune, Pluto) are collective, generational.

Generational energies are those of the long-cycled planets, so long that we cannot hope to complete even one cycle of them during one lifetime. Therefore we cannot see how they work as a whole, cannot understand them. What we cannot understand we usually are not aware of. These planets work underground; they activate unconsciously, causing us to think and act in ways we do not understand.

Most people experience the energies of the collective in this indirect manner. Blindly, unknowingly, they follow in the unconscious urges of their generation. For most people in any given generation, the outer planets exist as more or less "dumb notes" in their birthcharts. People like Andy, however, are

different. Andy's personal energies connect/collide with his collective energies in a very direct manner through the "aspects" made among them. On a very personal level he enacts the unconscious energies of his generation, tunes into those winds. His experience typifies what his particular generation is all about. His life serves, in a sense, as an archetype or catalyst—good or bad—for others who were born during the same time.

Like Andy, many of those with their personal planets linked directly through aspects to their collective planets are destined to live lives which are decidedly not "normal." They transcend the norm. They set new standards. The lives they lead carve out new forms of cultural behavior in the future—or they can. And they will, if they are consciously understood and appreciated.

These same people can also go in the other direction. Overcome by the impersonal forces seeking expression through their personalities, they descend into chaos, hell. Especially is that true of this generation. It's as if each of them, at his or her root, has a nuclear bomb buried deep inside, waiting to detonate.

The Bomb is inside them, and they are restless, irritable, extreme. Utilizing speed and cocaine to put their physical beings into overdrive, they unconsciously attempt to match the power of their inner fire. Failing that, they use liquor and sleep and even do unusual exercise to numb the intensity, to take the edge off the constant inner feeling of irritation.

Andy is one member of an entire Uranus/Pluto generation. A generation which harbors an extraordinary energy, deep inside. The energy of brilliance, genius, cutting through old, outmoded forms with laser swiftness and power. An energy so swift, so incisive, so powerful, and so oriented towards emergency, intensity, that only sudden massive transformational shifts will do. And when such shifts occur, this generation will be both its agents provocateur and the ones cool enough to be able to manage the crisis.

People like Andy are gifts to the world; they are capable of more, much more, than usual. They are also much more likely than others not so gifted to go off the mark. Great gifts are double-edged, they carry with them great danger. There really is a fine line between genius and insanity; between leading a fulfilling life of significant accomplishment, and ending it all in one significant act of self-destruction. The more conscious Andy and others like him become of the great forces lying within them, the more they can learn to use those forces productively and in an integrated manner.

Andy's way of using the Uranus/Pluto energy is typical of some gifted members of this generation. Typical in another way is my son Sean, now 22 years old. Like Andy, Sean is also an extremist. Long ago, he learned how to focus the Uranus/Pluto energy. Rather than having it swell to the bursting point—and explode, Sean channels it outward—in a precise, focused laser beam stream.

Once, when Sean was 12 years old I found him in his room one day, ironing his dollar bills ... (Uranus and Pluto in Virgo, an earth sign: materialistic). Then, when he was 17, he started playing computer games ...

"Hey, Mom, I got over a million points! Come on down and watch me play!" Sean is excited. After weeks of daily practice, he has just broken through another personal barrier. I walk down to the game room with him. Enter the buzzing ringing blinking clanging room. Kids everywhere, mostly boys, all gathered around these noisy machines, most of their games imitating some imagined technological version of past, present or future wars. Sean leads me to the game called "Asteroids." The boy who is playing backs off in deference to Sean, acknowledged top dog. Sean puts in his quarter and begins to dance, his feet, fingers and eyes precisely attuned to darting blipping lights on the screen. The lights fly faster than I can

see. His own rhythm is entrained with the lights. I get dizzy simply watching him.

Sean was born in 1964, another member of the Uranus/Pluto generation. He has that conjunction in the 7th House, in opposition to Saturn in Pisces in the 1st House, sextile Neptune in Scorpio in the 9th, trine Mars, Mercury, Jupiter in the 3rd. Sean is more disciplined than Andy (his Saturn is in opposition to Uranus/Pluto). Normally a silent, somewhat repressed boy (Saturn in the 1st), Sean comes alive to dance with the other, in the form of an electronic machine (Uranus/Pluto in Virgo, in 7th).

Sean has fully seven out of ten planets in a single energy system—four of them personal, the other three collective. Sean is another one to watch. Since he has direct personal ties to the collective energies of his generation, the structure his life takes, the experiences which he attracts and how he learns from them, will all be paradigmatic of the Uranus/Pluto generation.

Andy is now living with relatives in another city in Wyoming, working hard digging graves for a cemetery! He is grateful both to the system which showed him his limits by putting him in jail, and to his parents who sent him next on a NOLS (National Outdoor Leadership School) expedition, where he tested his mettle against the forces of nature.

Sean went on to be kicked out of that game room for holding up the same machine with one quarter for five hours, and then entered Carnegie/Mellon University, where he majored in computer math and now designs robots.

So far we have looked at two individuals who exemplify the energies of the Uranus/Pluto generation. Remember, however, this is an entire generation we are talking about, a stream of souls who all entered the earth plane within the same time span, and who respond as one to the same collective winds. And already, we are beginning to see certain types of social phenomena associated specifically with this generation.

The most obvious example is their music. I list a few of their favorite bands: AC/DC, Back in Black, Metalica, Ride the Lightning, Kill 'em All, Master of Puppets, Judas Priest, Turbo, Screaming for Vengeance, and Hell Bent for Leather.

Get the picture?

Uranus/Pluto in Virgo. The first such conjunction in over a century. The last one occurred just before the United States Civil War. These children are gifted with a terrible energy, they are geniuses, and they can also destroy.

The Uranus/Pluto kids, both in their music and their fashions (orange spike hair, outrageous color and dress combinations) seem to emphasize shock value (Uranus) over any other. Their philosophy is nihilistic. They have contempt for the past, and as for the future, their motto is punk: "There is no future." Already, they are radical critics of the society they grew up in (Virgo), and undercut its values, to the root (Uranus, Pluto).

Those young people who can identify with their music, use it to express their emotions, are lucky. Others are more introverted, and thus perhaps even more caught up personally in what this music is saying. Thus, for the past several years we have been hearing about the strange rashes of teenage suicides which take over whole communities, leaving the survivors with a mixture of sadness and horror. Closest to home for me was an epidemic on the Wind River Indian Reservation, near Shoshoni, Wyoming last year where 19 young Native Americans died within weeks, most found hanging from the ceiling with their belts around their necks.

At the other end of the spectrum are the young computer experts called "hackers." Displaying a near-symbiotic relationship with their machines, they lock themselves in their rooms and work behind the scenes (how Virgo!). These members of this generation have learned to harness their

Uranus/Pluto energies so well and so finely that their technical (Virgo) methods baffle the best minds in the Pentagon as they access secret defense codes. No electronic network is secure from their masterful reach, as was shown recently by the young hacker, "Captain Midnight," who interrupted a midnight television show to send his greetings.

I like to think we can look to the hackers and the "hacker ethic" to see one creative positive direction to which Uranus/Pluto leads. Hackers seem to be eccentric types (Uranus), with no respect for authority (Uranus, Pluto). They believe in the dissemination of information (Virgo), as a free object, are rapid and collaborative in their brilliant technical efforts (Uranus, Pluto, Virgo), and are constantly experimenting (Uranus) and improving (Virgo) upon previous efforts.

THE TRANSITS TO URANUS/PLUTO

That we are already beginning to see collective phenomena associated specifically with this generation is not surprising. Since 1981, transit Uranus has been traveling through the sign of Sagittarius, square (90 degrees) to its original position at their birth. Squares and other critical aspects (especially 0, and 180 degrees) activate original birth positions which otherwise lie latent, as tendencies. Uranus will not pass out of Sagittarius until early 1988, and especially those born in 1967 and 1968 will experience the direct square from Uranus until that time. The period of time of the square from transit Uranus is difficult for those young people, as their original explosive tendencies heat up even more than usual.

During the time Uranus has been in Sagittarius this generation has been forced to register for the military draft, or lost student loans. What will happen next? Indeed, what will happen next year?

What will take place during 1987, when Transit Saturn, now in early Sagittarius, hits the middle degrees of Sagittarius, crossing the same points Transit Uranus has been on this year and last, again squaring the original Uranus/Pluto conjunction?

Saturn is known as the planet of manifestation, bringing in what has been waiting in the wings. As a shorter cycle than Uranus, it could be the trigger which reveals the intent of draft registration. If the U.S. Government does have plans to draft these young people, I would expect it to be announced and enforced during the coming Saturn transit.

Saturn requires us to make choices, to decide. This Saturn transit—with or without the draft—may put this generation in touch, at least temporarily, with the self-discipline, long range planning and sense of responsibility that will hopefully click in for good later on.

THE PARENTS OF THE URANUS/PLUTO GENERATION

The Uranus/Pluto generation is perhaps the most interesting and valuable living on the planet today, perhaps the most crucial in this entire century. The century of the earth changes. The century the ancient Egyptian and Mayan calendars, the Hopi and Nostradamus prophecies lead up to. The earth changes beginning to occur now, at the very end of the second milenium, A.D. Now, when these children are in their late teens and early 20's—physically mature, but mentally, emotionally and spiritually still adolescent. They have not reached their Saturn returns yet. They do not have the self-discipline and responsibility we associate with the planet's first return to its own natal place at 30. They must be protected until they do.

And that is the job of their parents, the generation which, during the 60's, was both birthing these children and rebelling against the establishment at the same time. We must continue to protect our children, even though the rest of the culture would call them nearly grown up now. We must protect them,

not so much because we are their biological parents, as because we are their spiritual guides. They need us. And we need them.

Only we don't know it.

We don't understand our children. They seem like alien beings. They don't have our gentleness, our loving ideals, our vision of a more harmonious and unified world. And no wonder. Our unconscious signatures are vastly unlike.

For us, born during the 40's, coming of age during the 60's, the following outer planetary positions were in place at birth: Pluto in Leo (we are the "me" generation), Neptune in Libra (love, peace, dope), Uranus in Gemini (new revolutionary ideas). These three are all air and fire (visionary and idealistic); and are related to one another through what is called a minor Grand Trine (sextiles between Uranus and Pluto, Pluto and Neptune; linking to a trine between Uranus and Neptune—the "psychedelic" aspect, which encourages the vision and the validity of what we call "alternate realities").

Our teenage children have their unconscious planets in earth (Uranus, Pluto in Virgo) and water (Neptune in Scorpio). They are more grounded, realistic, not to mention cynical and materialistic than we ever were. As I heard Arlo Guthrie, an old 60's hero, sing recently in concert: "My teenage kid said to me the other day, 'Hey, man, your universal love is a drag!'"

We became revolutionary in the 60's, actually acting out our ideals—draft card burning, demonstrations, sit-ins—but this action was temporary. Fundamentally, we are dreamers, visionaries. This is our gift to the world.

For our children, however, the energy for radical action is permanent. They were the ones who came in then. The energy of that time burns in their bones. The energy of rebellion, disruption, chaos, radical critique and destruction of existing personal and cultural forms. We had no patience then. And we birthed children then who have no patience, who want to "burn down the house" (from lyrics to a song by the Talking Heads), NOW.

These children were the first products of the detonation of the nuclear family which began in earnest within a few years after the murgence of so-called "female liberation." We women liberated ourselves from our kids' fathers, we uprooted our kids and began a restless gypsy life of failing expectations. Chronically distracted, desperate, exhausted, we moved from one tiny apartment to another, shuttling our kids back and forth between their fathers and ourselves.

According to Lee Copenhagen, "juvenile investigator" for the Teto County Sheriff's office in Jackson, Wyoming: "The 60's ideal of equality has made it so Dad no longer wears the pants. Both parents are gone, too busy working, making money. Family just isn't the priority anymore. There isn't any support at home. Parents aren't there. Grandma isn't there. The parents say, 'I don't know what to do (about their troubled kids), I can't handle it.' There isn't anyone teaching the kids how to solve problems, how to learn to make responsible decisions."

Of the kids he deals with, "the smarter ones fight the system, the others just bounce off walls."

I ask Lee, what can we do? "Believe in them. Let them know that. Pound it into them. Keep bending over backwards, giving them another chance. But things are so crazy," Lee grins, "how can we tell a kid to get his shit together when he's never seen anybody with his shit together?"

Much of what I've been saying here doesn't sound too optimistic. And it isn't. These young people are riding a fine line; their energies are so powerful that only the wisdom which comes from experience will enable them to express those energies creatively. And that wisdom still lies years in the future, consequent upon their Saturn returns.

Yet, for the first time in history, we can no longer take the future for granted. Our children are right. Perhaps there is no

future. And no past either, if the past is seen as something to build on. Our children live with a sense of collective failure; they do not believe in the organizations which are supposed to hold the world together.

If there is to be a future, then we are going to have to create it. And that future will exist to the extent that we come to terms with our past, and forgive.

Ultimately, our children's signature is one of forgiveness, healing: Virgo. Through Uranus and Pluto, that healing will be radical, explosive, transforming, purifying—through sudden emergencies requiring total shifts in perception, perfect coordination of body and mind, and a psyche tuned to the needs of the moment, now, right now.

Meanwhile, it is our responsibility as their biological and spiritual parents to help keep our Uranus/Pluto children from destroying themselves before they come of age. We have the vision of the future. They have the energy to carve that vision into matter. Without them an essential evolutionary step is not taken.

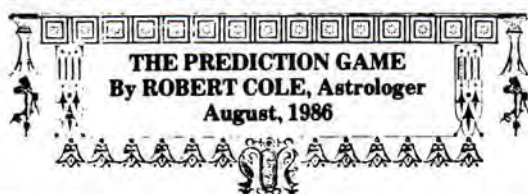
Let us appreciate our children. Let us encourage them to eventually express that extraordinary energy with direction and focus. Let us help them recognize how special, how very precious they are, not just to us, but to the entire planet.

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Predictions have become an important part of our lives. Daily we depend on the predictions of the weather forecasters, and many of us make investments depending on the signs given by the financial gurus in the marketplace. And millions read their astrological predictions in the mornig paper.

The techniques of prediction-making have been refined by the advances in technology. However, even with all the computers and complicated software, the best prognosticators in the world can only give us nine out of 100 accurate predictions. That's right, so far we can accurately predict only 9% of our future.

As a professional astrologer and popular sun-sign columnist, I have seen Astrology put to the most rigid of statistical tests. Skeptical scientists have proven to their satisfaction that astrological predictions are wrong so often that the whole system can be considered a hoax. So I decided to investigate the accuracy of other porgnosticators such as meteorologists (weather forecasting) and economists (economic forecasting). Just how accurate are **their** predictions. Better yet, just how accurate are they compared to Astrology?

Shawn Carlson from the Lawrence Berkely Laboratory proved in 1982 that the best astrologers in the world were capable of matching charts and profiles 33 out of 100 times. The results of his double-blind tests on Astrology were published in Nature (December 5, 1985.); in Table #2 he shows how the astrologers chose 40 profiles out of 116 on the first try, 46 out of 114 on the second try, and 46 out of 114 on the third try. Carlson scoffs at the results as "no better than chance." In private correspondence to me Carlson declares: "I proved that astrologers do no better than a blind monkey throwing banana

peels at stationary targets." Besides the fact that a blind monkey hitting one out of three targets placed randomly a round its cage is utterly astounding when you stop to think about it, Carlson proved that the best astrologers in the world can match random nameless Astrology charts with random nameless personality inventory profiles 33% of the time.

Henry Blodgett, a respected professor and editor of Vibrant Life magazine, has proven that even the worst astrologers in the world are capable of 5% accuracy. Blodgett, who is a fundamentalist christian, has carefully monitored the predictions of astrologers which are published in the supermarket tabloids like National Enquirer, Midnight and Globe. He took thousands of samples and carefully placed them in the memory of his computer; he then matched the actually newsworthy items with any accurate predictions. I was amazed when Blodgett declared that five out of 100 of those wild predictions were actually true. It's a very meager level of accuracy, but it will serve as a legitimate test of the worst astrologers in the world. Blodgett's work is published in the July/August and September/October 1986 editions of Vibrant Life.

The average accuracy of all astrologers, using the 33% figure given by Carlson and the 5% given by Blodgett, is 19%. In other words, according to the latest and most rigorous statistical studies, an astrologer in America should be able to deliver an average of 19 correct and accurate predictions out of every 100 made. Fine.

Meterology, more popularly known as weather analysis and prediction, is by far the most recognized for its daily forecasts on the radio and television and in the newspapers. Radio stations use five minutes out of every hour to pass on the weather predictions to listners. T.V. stations only use half as much time per hour but at six-seven times the expense. Considering the fact that a large city radio station spends \$15,000 worth of air time per day to bring you the latest weather predictions, you'd think it would be accurate information. Amazingly only 12% of the weather predictions which you hear or read daily are exact predictions.

My first project was to monitor the accuracy of the weather predictions in the San Francisco Chronicle, the New York Times, and USA Today. These mass-circulation, high-tech, urban dailies publish a whole page of weather information including high/low forecasts and the actual temps from yesterday's records. I personally monitored six months of predictions compared with actual highs/lows; out of more than 250,000 samples I found an average of only 12 out of 100 predicted high/low temps were accurate.

[Unfortunately, 88% of the weather predictions which you hear on the radio or T.V. are wrong. How wrong are they? Seventy-four percent of the predictions are as much as 5° off. Fourteen percent (almost one out of six) are **more** than 5° off. And it was not unusual to find that the entire forecast was completely wrong when it called for sunny weather but wind/rain actually occurred. I also discovered that the weatherpeople are prone to give a rosey, bright, warm forecast more often than a gloomy, rainy forecast. They proved to be more exaggerative when predicting highs and more conservative when predicting lows. The object of making predictions is to make exact predictions; it's not good enough to be a degree or two off when you are making your predictions in 1° increments. On this basis I have found the field of meteorology to be extremely inaccurate. We may have to wait a long time before the weatherpeople will be able to tell us just exactly what to expect from our environment.

It's important to add that I applied the "benefit of the doubt" rule to my tests of weather predictions; for example, I only compared day-to-day predictions and did not include the long-range forecasts. A brief survey of week-ahead and month-ahead weather predictions compared with the actual results in high/lows revealed an embarrassing, even misleading, ineptitude on the part of meteorologist. If anyone believes that the false hopes and inaccurate predictions which astrologers make about day-to-day events is a fraud on the public, then you will also have to admit that the

psuedo-accuracy of the weather predictions should be no less severely judged. After all, it's much more likely that you will change your plans because of a weather forecast than an Astrology forecast, even though the Astrology forecast is likely to be more accurate.

But now I would like to turn our attention to a different and much more expensive and time-consuming field of prognostication. I want to tell you what I found out about economic predictions.

Economic forecasting has been a booming business since the start of the 20th Century. The founding of exchanges and the monitoring of buy/sell activity on the marketplace have provided the economists with enough facts and figures to begin to make predictions about economic change. But even with all their high-powered computers and complicated graphs and their insider trading, the best economists in the world have much in accuracy to be desired. My research leads me to believe that only five out of 100 of the best economic predictions actually come true. It's no wonder the economic forecasts always seem so disconnected with reality in the marketplace.

In all I reviewed more than five year's worth of economic predictions made in the Standards and Poors Earnings Forecaster, the Statistical Bulletin, and the Dow Theory Forecasts. I was flabbergasted to discover that economists have an accuracy rate comparable to the supermarket tabloid astrologers, somewhere around 5%.

Standards and Poors Earnings Forecaster represents some 60 professional economists who make earnings-per-share predictions up to two years in advance. In the preface of every edition we find this carefully worded disclaimer: "These estimates may often be far from the actual results finally reported, but that does not lessen their worth as an analytical tool" Clever, and very true. Their estimates were often very far from the final results. I even began to question whether such "leeway" information was reliable at all. The only saving grace of the S & P Earnings Forecaster was its diligent presentation of the computerized material. It was very easy for me to compare their predicted earnings with the actual earnings to find out just how wrong they were. Eighty-nine times out of 100 the predictions were wrong, with the majority of wrong predictions favoring higher earnings. When earning predictions are made in penny increments it makes a helluva difference when the predictions are a nickel off! It's even more disheartening to see the same high predictions proving to be wrong as low realities occur year after year. Economic forecasters can be accused of promoting the marketplace better than they predict it.

Statistical Bulletin is a monthly publication of the Conference Board which monitors a median of eight forecasts including those of the UCLA Business School, Merrill Lynch, Georgia State University, and Chase Econometrics. The SB's complicated graphs are used to predict the up's and down's of the major economic factors such as the G.N.P., the money supply, the unemployment rate, and the prime interest rates. With stacks of computers at their disposal these economists consistently make predictions within the one-hundredth of a percentage point. For example, they will predict that unemployment will be at 7.36%, which is an extremely accurate prediction when you think about it. Because they stress the accuracy of their predictions, I have to stress the inaccuracy of their results. SB turns out 98 wrong predictions for every 100 made. It's true that 77 of the wrong predictions are within a few hundredths of a percentage point or within a few dollars of being exact; but the other 21 wrong predictions were way off. And again the inaccurate predictions tend to be those which exaggerate better and more profitable results.

Dow Theory Forecasts, celebrating its 40th anniversary in 1986, publishes a weekly "Stock Service Digest" which shows the percentages of forecasters who are predicting buy, sell or hold trends in the market. DTF reviews hundreds of marketplace newsletters all of which include forecasts in various aspects of the market. DTF lists how many predictions suggest BUY-signals, how many suggest SELL-signals, and how many suggest HOLD-signals. To check how accurate the predictions were I simply compared how many shares were

BOUGHT and how many were SOLD during the forecasted week; what was left over I considered HELD. It became immediately obvious to me that the actual marketplace goes through buy and sell trends quite independently of the DTF. The Stock Service Digest lists indicate that the vast majority of economic forecasters predict buy/sell signals of which only 2% are accurate. Even allowing for a 5%-point variation, the suggestions and predictions are not worth the paper they're written on.

The DTF also gives a weekly "Analysts' Choice" which is supposed to be the sure winner of the week. We only checked a few of these out and we found that more than half of the time, the Analysts' Choice actually performed worse than expected. That's not to say that the preferred stock didn't do better weeks or months later, but for the week predicted, these sure-winners often ended up in the losers' circle.

When I compared all the statistics I had gathered on economic forecasting, I came to a frightening conclusion. We are running the economy of the world on predictions which are 95% wrong! Goodness, that means the Astrology forecast is almost four times as accurate as the economic forecast. Now you know who to believe.

What all this points to is the obvious experimentation that's going on in the field of prediction-making. Even with the computers and state-of-art programs, we can presently predict only 9% of our future on the average. The science of making predictions is a fledgling science. Astrology is on the cutting edge of this research because it is a system of vivid images and a tradition of simplified folklore easy enough for everyone to understand. Astrology allows for the intuitive factor which could be the key to increasing our accuracy in making predictions up to 50% by the year 2000.

It was not my purpose to prove that Astrology is more accurate than the weather or economic predictions, but that's what happened. Personally I believe that only a synthesis of predictive programs will lead humanity toward a more secure future. Indeed, we are pioneers on a frontier never before seen by other living creatures. Our ancestors depended on the will of God to chart their futures in the past. Now we are slowly taking the power of creating the future into our own hands. Together we are discovering more and more about the future. It is a magical place where human beings have more potential than any place else in the universe.

To share information on predictions, please write to: Robert Cole, P.O. Box 884561, San Francisco, CA 94188. I graciously entertain feedback and criticism with lengthy letters of response. I wish you a great future, too.

DORIS GREAVES, Chadstone, Australia, August 14, 1986

It was so interesting to have your news of the AFA Convention and the UAC. I am so glad the UAC are prepared to pay their lecturers a fee as it establishes them as Professional Astrologers.

I have written many times to Robert Cooper with regard to this and have refused lecturing to the AFA conventions because of this. It is really too silly that astrologers of some 50 years standing have to pay the high costs of travelling and conference fees etc. to serve an organization which does not value their expertise.

In my case, as in many others, if you are running an astrological business, it is very hard to claim any taxation deductions without some receipts for work done in the U.S. For this reason, in Australia, we have always paid fees, not only to International lecturers but our local lecturers as well. It does seem to me that the AFAN are getting their act together very well.

The AFA have asked me to speak at their convention two years from now. I would like to see my old friends in the U.S. but the trip will depend on my health and business commitments. I recently had an emergency trip to the hospital for a Pulmonary Embolism, which I have been lucky to survive for a second time. I have been recuperating at Red Hill for the past month but with a little bit of luck I will be back at work within the next few weeks.

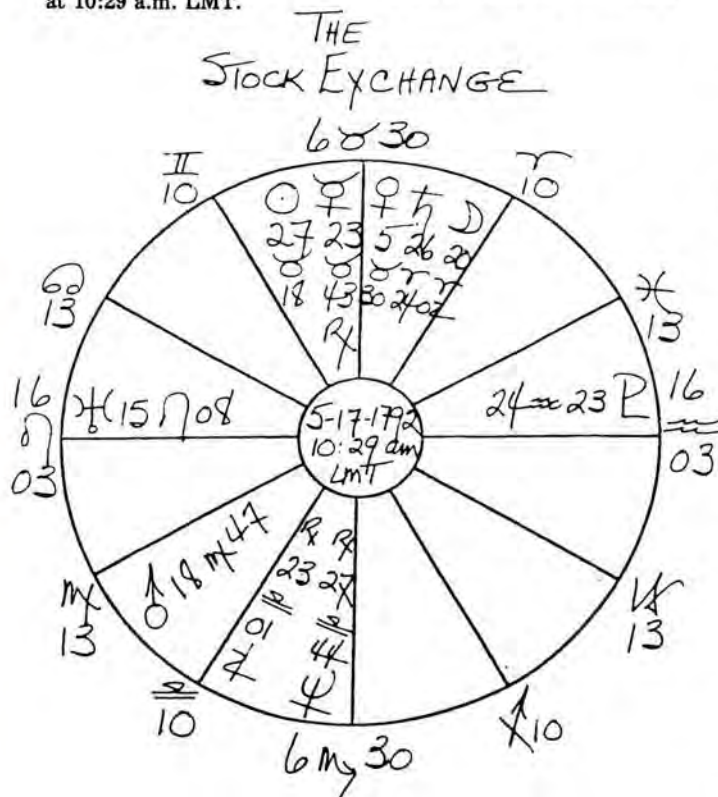
THE MARKET GOES UP AND DOWN

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Anyone who has even remotely read the financial pages during the past year knows that the Stock Market has had its biggest "bull" market in history. From May 20, 1985, (when the index stood at 1300) to Mar. 20, 1986, (it went over 1800), the increase was a whopping 27% in less than a year. Amazing, you say, but was it really? From viewing the Stock Market chart, all was predictable. The date was May 17, 1792, in New York City at 10:29 a.m. LMT.



Because this is a rectified chart, we must go back and look at what happened in former years, especially to times of financial crashes and panics, as they used to be called. The most serious ones in our history occurred in:

- 1837- prog. MC (19 Gemini 25) square Mars
prog. ASC (20 Virgo 51) sesquare Venus
- 1857- prog. MC (8 Cancer 29) sesquare Pluto semisquare Mercury
prog. Sun (29 Cancer) square Neptune
- 1873- prog. MC (23 Cancer 45) sextile Mercury, square Jupiter inconjunct Pluto
prog. ASC (20 Libra 19) opposite the Moon
prog. Sun (15 Leo) conjunct Uranus and the ASC
- 1893 prog. MC (13 Leo 03) conjunct Uranus square Mercury/Venus
prog. ASC (5 Scorpio 53) opposite Venus semi-square Mars
- 1929- prog. MC (18 Virgo 47) conjunct Mars natal
prog. ASC (2 Sag 44) conjunct Mars progressed
prog. Sun (8 Libra 58) sesquare Mercury and Pluto
prog. Moon (29 Aries) opposite Neptune, conj. US Ascendant progressed
prog. Mercury (21 Virgo) conj. US Neptune, inconjunct Pluto
prog. Venus (24 Libra) trine Pluto conjunct Jupiter
prog. Jupiter (8 Scorpio) conjunct the USA Ascendant, semi-square our Neptune and square our Nodes

Other minor financial panics occurred in 1819, 1869 and 1907, but the above were major monetary disasters which lasted for years. Due to the double line-up of natal prog. Mars at the 1929 crash, I know this chart is OK. Viewing the progressed chart, we find the following positions for Sept. 25, 1986: Sun-6 Sag 31-inconjunct the MC; Moon-29 Tau 44- conj. the Sun and inconjunct Neptune in July 1986; Mercury-20 Sag 40-inconjunct Venus and the MC, opposing the USA Mars; Venus-5 Cap 20- trine Venus and the MC and opposing the USA Jupiter; Mars-15 Cap 23- inconjunct Uranus and the ASC inconj. the USA MC; Jupiter-17 Sco 18- square the USA MC and inconjunct the USA Venus; Saturn-2 6 Ari 10- square the USA Mercury/Pluto as in the original chart; Uranus-23 Leo 42-square Mercury, opposing Pluto, sextile Jupiter; Neptune-0 Sco 12- sesquare the USA Mars/Uranus; Pluto-21 Aqu 43- sesquare the USA Jupiter.

Many of the slower-moving planets have been making these aspects for years:

ASC-21 Cap 24-Soon to trine Mercury but square Jupiter. In 1991, it will square Saturn, in 1992 it will trine the Sun as well as conjunct the USA Pluto; MC-15 Sco 43-square Uranus and the ASC. In 1989, it will sextile natal Mars as it sesquares the USA Venus.

There are both good and bad indications for the market going even higher in coming months, but caution is definitely advised due to the number of squares, oppositions and inconjuncts in the above list. If you use my chart for the USA (as you should), the USA prog. MC will be square natal Mars in 1993 and the prog. ASC will be sesquare natal Moon. Right now, our prog. MC (at 14 Pisces) is trine our Sun and our ASC (6 Cancer) has just passed a conjunction to natal Jupiter. Do you need any further indications as to why the market soared during the past year than that? Jupiter is ruler of our 2nd House, and placed in the 8th.

Looking at transits, we note that Uranus during the past year has trined the Stock Market Uranus and the ASC and the Moon, sextiled Jupiter and squared Mars. To me that is indicative of money burning a hole in one's pocket, and combined with a great deal of optimism and willingness to take a gamble. Neptune trining Venus at the same time Pluto was opposing it blows up the picture into wide-screen. Whether this will last after Pluto passes beyond the first decanate of Scorpio remains to be seen. In any event, things are not what they seem on the surface. Keeping that in mind, I hope you don't get the rug pulled out from under yourself later in this decade.

A lot of people are panicking because the Dow Jones fell 45 points yesterday (June 9th). In terms of percentages, it's a mere 2 1/2%. Compare that to Oct. 28, 1929 when the Dow fell from 299 to 260 - a 13% drop to be followed by another 12% drop the following day. At the end of the month, the Dow stood at 230, down 151 points in less than two months. That was a 40% drop. on July 8, 1932, the Dow hit an all-time low of 41 - a drop of 340 points in 34 months - a decrease of almost 90%. It took almost 20 years for it to soar above the figure reached prior to the Great Depression.



I recently finished two books dealing with the "extermination" of the Russian royal family in the summer of 1918: "The Hunt for the Czar" by Guy Richards and "The File on the Tsar" by Anthony Summers and Tom Mangold. Frazier comes to the conclusion that the entire family escaped thru Siberia with the aid of American and British intelligence, while

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come back together for a reunion and a strategy planning session. The Age of Aquarius has obviously dawned. What should we expect now that we're into the rush hours of morning traffic?

The commercial aspect of the convention was blatantly visible. The trade show covered the entire top floor of the hotel complex. Seventy-five of the world's most successful Astrology businesses had their finest products on display.

From the looks of things, Astrology software for the home computers had definitely come of age. Not only had programs been produced and marketed for every kind of astrological computation, but the very displays themselves were enticing, high-powered and expensive. Scouting around software exhibits I found people like **Robert Hand**, the genius who perfected the computer-printout Astrology reading; and there was **Jim Lewis** whose Astro*Carto*Graphy program allows the computer to chart major planetary influences across the face of the Earth according to the native's birth time; and of course, **Michael Erlewine** was there but hard to find—he's the one who made over a million dollars last year on Astrology software for home computers. One programmer astrologer from France had his chart-art program on display—seven colors, mythological figures, perfect accuracy—fantastique! Indeed, computers have eliminated the hassle with complicated astronomical mathematics. Much of the "occult" mystery has been turned into mathematical precision; novices can run hundreds of charts on their home computers which would have taken ancient astrologers lifetimes to calculate by hand. Statistical tests can now be run quicker and predictions can be made more accurate. At lunch on the second day I overheard two matriarchs of the "old school" complaining that computers had destroyed the prestige and elitism of professional Astrology. While they lamented, I cheered.

Video and audio cassettes and books about Astrology were everywhere. Astrology education produced a whopping 48% of the gross during the first five years of the 1980's. That comes to more than \$350 million dollars. It was somewhat disconcerting to realize that none of the major publishers such as Avon, Deli, and Vantage were at this convention. Nor were there any representatives from the major newspaper syndicates like LA Times, Chicago Sun, News America, National Enquirer, Midnight or Globe. It was impossible to find any books by the "pop" astrologers: Jeanne Dixon, Linda Goodman, Sydney Omarr or Carol Righter. It's been known for years that the old-fashioned "pop" astrologers sided with Truman in Hiroshima and Nixon in Vietnam; the new-age astrologers from the 60's say they don't want anything to do with such conservatism. It's nothing to hear a young astrologer bad mouth Jerry Falwell and Jeanne Dixon in the same breath.

Now we can get down to the nitty-gritty of what really goes on when astrologers gather to talk about the future of the world. Altogether there were 250 lectures delivered on five different tracks; there were four major gatherings, and of course, there were the usual "wee-hours" rap groups. I noticed the astrologers were proud to announce their affluence. More than half of the one billion dollars which the people of the world spend on Astrology each year goes directly to individual astrologers for their personal advice. Personally, I was not surprised at the statements of hard-working astrologers from America, France, Australia, England, India and Israel who have full schedules and make \$30K-\$40K per year; but I was shocked at this one man who charges \$500 for a two-hour session. His excessive charges caused alarm in one audience. You would not believe the intense discussion about professional ethics which followed. Most astrologers showed a strong ethical perspective; the vibe was "real professional."

But I had my most stimulating conversations with Noel Tyl, **Jim Lewis** and **Donna Van Toen**. These three astrologers have one thing in common, they are primary organizers in the American Federation of Astrologers Network (AFAN). For all intents and purposes is the think tank for the New Left, the ultra-liberal, so-called Aquarian Conspiracy. These well-seasoned astrologers (just now turning 40) have sold lots of charts while suffering the aggression of the conservatives especially during the Reagan years; but you can be sure that the Aquarian

Generation is alive and well.

Noel Jan Tyl is an advertising and marketing expert with addresses in McLean, Virginia and Saint Paul, Minnesota. Talking to Noel is like talking to a television executive from a major network, i.e., the information comes in crisp three minute segments and then there's some room for a commercial. Noel believes that the American media has a grossly inadequate idea of what Astrology is these days. Most of the major networks and local producers are convinced that the American consumer is a 35-year old housewife and all she wants is love-dovey predictions about movie stars. Noel, and most modern astrologers, think such an attitude is simply nauseating because we are the ones who read the leisure consumers' horoscopes. The media audience is not just women, not just 35 years old, and not interested in love-dovey Astrology. Noel has devoted himself to a major campaign to re-educate media executives about modern-day Astrology. "You're going to see astrologers demanding more access to the media, especially radio, television and newspapers. You're also going to see astrologers presenting a united vision, a liberal vision of the future. Those media people who attempt to slander or discriminate against astrologers are facing a formidable network of activists. We have already proved we can coordinate our efforts politically as we've had to face out-date ordinances and slander campaigns by the police already." Noel knows his stuff. The image of the astrologer in America is changing dramatically.

Jim Lewis is the image of the "new age" astrologer. He's the cosmic theoretician, the starry-eyed anarchist, the thinker in the pack. He and I talked several hours at the convention, although our relationship goes back to the early 80's when he and I used to parachute in Santa Cruz together. Jim believes partially (he always adds a huge heap of cynicism to everything he says) that Astrology is fundamentally anarchistic. There can be no leaders in the Aquarian Age, because everybody is a leader. Technology is about to wipe out the boundaries and we will soon be living in a world of peace. Astrology will then help us figure out what to do with all the extra time. I have synthesized Jim's words to mean that there IS an Aquarian Agenda, it is the agenda of the ultra-fringe, the super liberals, most of the baby-boom generation. And the Aquarian Agenda translates into the three D's: DISARMAMENT, DEMOCRACY, DISTRIBUTION. Radical astrologers are talking global disarmament from a fresh new perspective; they want to disarm the world one neighborhood at a time. They are talking fundamental liberalism, and demanding that individual rights reign supreme all over Earth. And they are talking socialized distribution of basic human resources such as food, housing, information and medicine. "We are the commies that Jerry Falwell and his bunch are really afraid of," says Jim; "we have spent the last six years pursuing our own defense. I honestly feel that it's time for us to stop backing away. It's time for the astrologers to offer humanity a unified field theory, as it were. When we show them what we have to offer not only will the difference be outrageously inspiring, it'll take the lack-lustre renaissance of the conservatives and turn into a truly great renaissance. We cannot forsake our destinies as visionaries for a New Age."

Donna Van Toen is a Canadian astrologer and her international perspective over lunch kept me hungry for more. Donna is beginning to work with the regional coordinators of AFAN around the world in social action. Astrologers in her neighborhood have found that the best "therapy" for many of the clients who come to astrologers is "good, old-fashioned service." "We have organized our astrologers so that we can supply the social service organizations with volunteers. A woman who has trouble with her husband is referred to the abandoned children center for volunteer work. A man who has trouble with his wife is referred to the homeless men's shelter. We have free-food kitchens in the backs of our minds right now, but they're not far off in the future." There is a distinct effort to weld the constituencies of the Aquarian Age tightly together with the strength of service.

Astrology is probably the most all pervasive connection between such varied political minorities as Chiropractors and

Herbalists on the one hand, and Gays and Lesbians on the other. In fact, I feel confident in stating that if there's one thing every fundamental liberal takes to heart these days, it is Astrology. The convention was attended by thousands of Californians. There was even a front page article in the L.A. Times. AFAN organizers are still patting themselves on the back for this one.

I left the convention on Tuesday morning after listening to a group-session agree on the probability that Reagan will be succeeded by Bush before his term is out. We may have to deal with heavy times from 1988 to 1992. But apparently in 1991, Saturn enters Aquarius. In 1995, Uranus enters Aquarius, and in 1998 Neptune enters Aquarius. These are important omens for all the Aquarians around the world.

The plane ride back was just an ordinary flight. We landed in San Jose and I drove the freeway back into the city. Suddenly I felt lightning bolts of inspiration firing from my head as my eyes caught the skyline, and all the little niches with faces in them.

FRANK FAUSTINO, Castorville, CA July 8, 1986

Enjoy **Mercury Hour** and will contribute articles later, especially about the "key" to the universe, which I invented and developed that **completes** Einstein's work that he was engaged when he died - to develop "The **Unified Theory of Relativity**" in which **everything** in the universe would be proven to be **inter-related** including man. He did not complete this work and no one may ever do so.

My approach found the numbers (the "key") that he was looking for, but instead, using ordinary arithmetic known to any 8th grader, thru the method of Astrology - numerology. Einstein believed that his last research was leading into the esoteric and all the way to the heavens (or God).

If I remember correctly, he said "God does not play favorites - **everything** in the universe is inter-related". He knew that if he found the proper math formula for one thing, he would have found it for all things - because of the universal inter-relationship.

Also, one of the major reasons he was having difficulty developing his **final** unified theory is that there are **exceptions** to virtually every "Rule" of nature - even all the way to the fact that human and other cells can **change** themselves even as they develop or function. Recent cancer research proves that.

There is something wrong with we astrologers - we indulge in far too complex a **system** in Astrology, variations in synthesis and delineation of a horoscope. No one has concentrated on **basics** - getting **directly** to nature - to the straight out influences of the planets.

We need a "straight out and **precise** system" that lays out a star "roadmap" that shows a precise "road" to one's goal, specifically states **which** road or decision one needs to make, to reach that goal. **NO** astrologer has done that. Our studies and research are off the mark. So far I have not heard of an astrologer with enough of an open mind to take a totally new and off beat approach. It's going to take inventive creative ability to do it, astrologically. (That includes numerology because the two **cannot** be separated).

Numerology is the numbers **equivalent** in **every** way of Astrology - thus it converts Astrology and its symbols to **numbers** - and with numbers it is then possible to invert and establish numerical arithmetical equations, formulas and **theories** (numbers don't really lie; it is **we** who do not understand them and are unable to put them into the uses I talk about). Numbers are simple - Astrology is complicated.

My "key" to the universe converts Astrology to numbers - and once I developed that simple principle, formulas and theories developed by the dozens and all of them had to be researched and statistically proved out or discarded. Nature and the universe is astonishing in its simplicity - it is **we** who don't understand it.

If appreciation of my research work was developed as I would like, **all** medical research would be brought to quick, often instantaneous conclusions. For example, in going straight to a cancer cure, developing that cure thru simple mathematics

of step by proven step, using the basics numerical "key" to the universe that I invented developed and proved thru research.

What Astrology is lacking is the time and work needed to apply the universal "key" to specific medical research or any other field.

I discovered these results accidentally yet directly, from other numerical Astrology research that I was doing, on of all things, - horse racing.

But stop and think - where, except in horse racing, can you get the **results** - and working backward that is, applying mathematical formulas to the races that have already **concluded**, with known answers (results) and if a particular formula succeeds, **then, that** formula can predict the results of tomorrow's races that are going to be run allowing, in the formula; for nature's exceptions to the rule - and they are always there - and frustrates all researchers.

So, that, if we know what will happen in tomorrow's horse race today, we therefore can "look" into for example, medical research - and predict the results of research or learn what it is the research actually is looking for even tho he doesn't know (because he hasn't found it yet.) Through the "key" we lay out the blueprint for his research. I admit that **applied research** is needed - but the field is wide open, as open as nature itself.

More at some later date. Just wanted to give other astrologers (I'm not a genuine Astrology expert, as many of you are, and I admire your fine work.) However, as you can see my approach is absolutely unorthodox, but that's why I have originated so much new theory.

My greatest wish would be that Einstein had lived to complete his **final** unified theory thru high mathematics, because I fear that there will never be another human being with his fantastic mind that could "see" into nature itself.

Other scientists are trying to complete his theory but I doubt that they ever will because they are unable to visualize the **esoteric** principles that he was trying to develop thru high mathematics. They have the math - they don't have the soul, feeling of vision for what they are trying to complete of Einstein's last work. A book by Einstein on this last unified theory, and his formulas to date was written by him, "The Meaning of Relativity" 5th edition, Princeton University Press 1955, Princeton, New Jersey. The book refers to the Stafford Little Lectures of Princeton University, May 1921. The fifth edition updates his unified theory, on which he was working - and I don't believe that he went much further than this book relates, on the unified theory.

It must be remembered that Einstein first published his theory at the age of only 25 (a true genius) - that the theory lay idle, untouched and unused and not really understood by scientists, for 40 years until World War II - and I understand that his theory led to the development of the atom bomb of World War II.

More at a later time.

P.S. From the book the following quotes: pg. 59, "We do not know directly the laws of configuration of rigid bodies...nor the laws of nature, in general."

Page 165 and 166 (last two pages) "One cannot give good reasons why reality cannot at all be represented by a continuous field. From the quantum phenomena it appears to follow with certainty that a finite system of finite energy can be completely described by a finite **set of numbers**, (quantum numbers). This does not seem to be in accordance with a continuum theory, and must lead to an attempt to find a purely algebraic theory for the description of reality. But nobody knows how to obtain the **basis** of such a theory."

Especially note the significance of the last sentence. The method that I have developed proved not only the **basis** thru the unified "key to the universe", but it goes beyond the mere basis to producing specific answers to any problem or to any new additional research in **any** field, factor or area of the universe, as it **should**, if the **basis** itself is a true, correct basis (as well as a **basic theory**).

Page 111...is a **universal constant** ["Cosmological constant"]

Note the reference to the cosmological - which takes us to the higher phenomenums of the universe.

ASTROLOGY IN THE BIBLE PART I By LEW PAXTON PRICE ETERNAL ENTERPRISES Sacramento, CA

In the first article of this series, you saw how **Bamidbahr** [Numbers] showed that Gad (Aries) is the first sign of the zodiac, or perhaps it is more proper to say the tribal patriarch representing the first sign of the zodiac. Since the signs were also the months in ancient times, Gad also represented the first month of the year. But, actually, it should be mentioned that there were two beginnings of the year. There was the first beginning after the winter solstice when the Sun was reborn in Capricorn. And there was the official year's beginning after the vernal equinox in Aries.

There were four seasons, each three months long. There was Aries, Taurus, and Gemini with Taurus as the fixed sign representing spring. There was Cancer, Leo, and Virgo with Leo as the fixed sign representing summer. There was Libra, Scorpio, and Sagittarius with Scorpio as the fixed sign representing fall. And there was Capricorn, Aquarius, and Pisces with Aquarius as the fixed sign representing winter. Probably the reason the fixed signs were chosen as they were had to do with the fact that each was at the center of its season.

As we go through the sequence of tribes given in the second chapter of **Bamidbahr**, we see that the place of each tribe is described. In the east, the direction of the rising sun, encamps Judah, meaning "praised". And in **Genesis 49** Judah is described as the lion's whelp. Translated from Hebrew, we see regarding Judah, "After having feasted upon his prey, he lies down, rests, and, making the sounds of a sated lion, who would dare to rouse him?" So Judah is the patriarch of the tribe which represents Leo.

Next to Judah is encamped the tribe of Issachar, meaning "he brings wages". And in **Genesis 49** we see "Issachar is a strong ass crouching down between two burdens (the donkey of those times carried a sort of yoke which held two loads of about equal weight, one on each side). And he saw that rest was good and the land that it was pleasant, and he bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a wage earner." This describes Virgo, the ministrator, the one who works for a wage, and natural ruler of the 6th House (house of service to others).

On the other side of Judah is encamped Zebulun, meaning "habitation" from a Hebrew root word meaning "to dwell". In **Genesis 49**, we see "Zebulun shall dwell at the haven of the sea, and he shall be a haven for ships (bay), and his border shall be unto Zidon (the center)." Indeed, Cancer is ruled by the Moon, and is the sign of the sea (universal subconsciousness). Each of us has a Cancer/Moon bay (personal subconsciousness) which connects with the ocean and from there to the center of the universal subconsciousness. And since the subconscious is the architect of our bodies and our bodies are our habitations, Zebulun which means habitation, is a good name for Cancer. And, of course, Cancer relates to the 4th House (home and property).

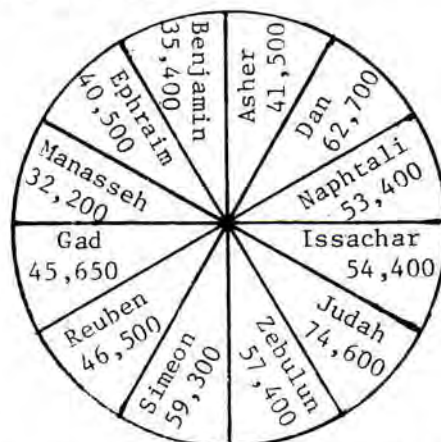
Reuben is the central tribe of the next group of three. Reuben means "behold" from a root word meaning "to see, to exist, to live". In **Genesis 49** Jacob says, "Reuben thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power." What better way to describe the sign which steadfastly finishes whatever it begins until a result exists and can be beheld, a sign whose symbol is the bull? Reuben is Taurus, and earth plane sign, a sign which causes ideas to solidly manifest. Reuben (Taurus) also stands for the first season of the year.

Next we go to counterclockwise from Reuben just as we did from Judah. And the next tribe mentioned is Simeon which

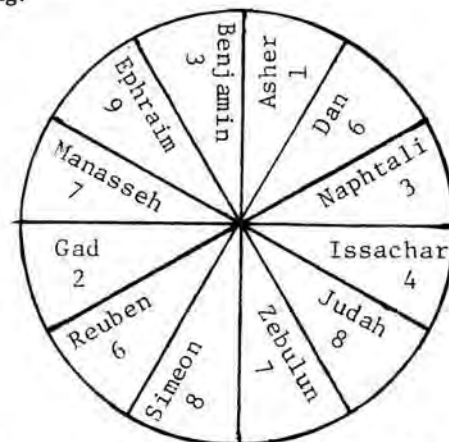
is what we call Gemini. Gad follows on the clockwise side of Reuben. And so the pattern is established with the fixed sign central, the next sign on the counterclockwise side and the sign following on the clockwise side. Ephraim is Aquarius, Manasseh is Pisces, Benjamin is Capricorn, Dan is Scorpio, Asher is Sagittarius, and Naphtali is Libra. Each will be discussed in detail later in this series.

Notice now that two of the three sequences given for the tribes begin with Reuben, the fixed sign for spring, so in one sequence, the spring and summer subgroups have been interchanged.

Using the order given along with the numbers of fighting men found in **Bamidbahr**, chapters one and two, we can construct the following:



If we reduce the numbers of fighting men to one digit such as Gad's 45,650 ($4+5+6+5+0=20$ and $2+0=2$), we have the following:



Now we see that both Reuben (Taurus) and Dan (Scorpio) are given a value of six and these signs are opposed. If we add the two sixes of the opposition, we have 12 ($6+6=12$), the number of signs in the zodiac.

Naphtali and Benjamin are both given a value of three and are squaring signs. There are four signs that can be set up as squares at once (grand cross). If each of the four were valued at three and the four values added, we would have 12 again ($3+3+3+3=12$).

Manasseh and Zebulun are given as values of seven. They are trining signs. If the third trining signs were brought in with another seven, we would have 21 ($7+7+7=21$) which is the two and the one in 12 reversed. This reversing is not uncommon in this ancient technique of coding.

Simeon and Judah are values of eight and are sextiling signs. If each of the other sextiling signs were given values of eight, we would have six eights ($8+8+8+8+8+8=48$) for a value of 48 which reduces to 12 ($4+8=12$).

Now that we have finished with them, we can remove the sixes, threes, sevens, and eights. And we can remove Gad's number which is two and probably stands for the last major

aspect, the conjunction. Since we know for sure that the opposition, the square, the trine, and the sextile have been shown, it is logical that the conjunction also appears and should either be given by the number two (for two planets in the same sign) or the number one because one times 12 is 12. If we assume it is the number two, the unused numbers that remain are one, four, and nine. If we assume it is the number one, the unused numbers that remain are two, four and nine.

If the remaining numbers are one, two and four, they show the octave nature of the zodiac as going up one octave is the same as doubling the frequency. And one, two and four is a series of doublings. In fact, if there is no attempt to show the conjunction and we use the remaining series of one, two, four, and nine, we still have a series of doublings plus the nine which is often used as we use zero to signify nothing. This is because nine always drops out during a reduction process.

The ancients equated the musical scale to Astrology and this is a very lengthy subject that is part of **Astrology - The Music of Life**. One of the keys to knowing the correct frequencies in each musical octave lay in the knowledge that octaves are doublings with each note in between expressed as a ratio that is a root of the number two (tempered scale). I believe Gad, the beginning sign, has the number two here to show that each time around the zodiac we have a doubling and to signify the importance of roots of two. Thus, we can eliminate the number two, it being used to show the preceding, and that gives us a series of one, four and nine remaining.

The first three primes are one, two and three. These can also stand for the three physical dimensions of the earth plane. If we square these numbers (multiply each times itself), we have the series one, four, and nine. Their product is 36 ($1 \times 4 \times 9 = 36$). If we now include Gad's two, we have 72 ($1 \times 4 \times 9 \times 2 = 72$) or twice 36. If we add 72 and 36, we have 108 ($72 + 36 = 108$). And 36 compared to 72 compared to 108 is the same as 1:2:3. In the pentagram, the ancient symbol for man (humankind), there are three angles: 36° , 72° and 108° . Also, $1 + 4 + 9 = 14$ and $1 + 4 = 5$ which is the number of man. This all seems to tie everything back to the zodiac having a lot to do with mankind.

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Establishing Astrology as a valid academic subject should be given our highest priority. It's acceptance would lead to an increase in both the quantity and quality of research furthering our knowledge of how to better serve the needs of the public. To obtain this acceptance from the academic community will require astrologers to use their tools and methods. At a future point, after we have proven the usefulness of Astrology they may show an interest in applying some of our techniques in their disciplines. In the past few issues of the **Mercury Hour**, I have been describing some of the pitfalls of Astrological

Research. I expressed the opinion that one of the most fruitful and easily accomplished paths to establishing Astrology in the academic community could be accomplished by correlating Astrological data with information obtained from accepted Psychological Tests. This month I will begin to describe some of these Psychological Tests and point out their usefulness to astrologers involved in research.

Psychologists have devised a number of different types of tests for accessing different aspects of behavior. Intelligence tests provide a measure of intellectual ability, while Interest and Aptitude tests indicate potential skills and abilities that an individual possesses. Achievement Tests measure the degree of academic progress, and represent yet another type of test. Perhaps the most useful type of psychological test for Astrological research are the Personality Tests.

No simple definition exists for the term personality. Instead a number of complex theories and concepts are offered to help clarify its meaning. Understanding personality characteristics first requires becoming familiar with the terms by which personality can be explained. Genetics plays a major role in shaping personality. Studies have proven that certain behavior disorders occur at higher rates in certain groups and families than others when compared using standard sampling methods. Constitutional factors are believed to affect personality development. The shape and build of an individual affects the way they interact with others. For example, a large powerful individual is less likely to be confronted than a short, weak individual. The differences in how people react to their constitution have a definite influence over their personality expression. Learned factors also help shape personality. The rewards and punishments we receive for our actions help determine future choices in how we react to situations. Physiology or body chemistry influences personality. Conditions affecting our basal metabolism or the functioning of our endocrine glands affect the nervous system and the behavior patterns of each of us. Instinct also plays a role in determining personality. Though controversial, many interesting books on human instincts and behavior have been written. Perhaps one of the best is "On Aggression" by Konrad Lorenz. I strongly recommend this work to all interested in Astrology. Lorenz is the father of Ethology, the Biology of Behavior. Ethological research methods will prove useful in many different astrological studies. The Ethologists feel that to understand the instinctive patterns of an organism we must study it in as natural a setting as possible since many of the cues for the instinct come from the environment. As astrologers our studies into Astrology should include a client, astrologers, and situation in order to make the experiment come as close to possible to an actual consultation setting. Each of these elements plays a major role in the reading and separating them from one another destroys the gestalt patterns that an astrological consultation should be based upon. If our research is designed to prove that Astrology works, then it must prove that it works as it is practiced and not under artificial conditions. Artificial conditions may lead us to many insights into why it works; however, this stage of study should be the goal after we established our primary goal of proving that Astrology does work. The last major influence on personality is culture. The social mores and beliefs in different societies encourages certain behavior patterns while repressing others. For example, a Spartan society may place a high degree of reward on aggressive behavior that would be punished in a different culture. Someone whose natural inclinations might shape them towards peaceful action might display a radically different pattern due to societal pressure and shaping. This is an important factor to consider in astrological research and counselling. Similar charts form radically different cultures are really not similar. They indicate similar astrological pressures on individuals who are receiving different cues from their culture on how to handle these pressures. Personality tests try to take as many of these contributing factors into account as possible when accessing personality patterns and traits.

One of the most important concepts of personality is that we do not know the personality of an individual, we judge it

from inferences. We cannot see inside someone's head and hear their thoughts, nor know their motivations. However, we can observe their actions and behavior and form a judgment of their personality from these observations. This approach is used in therapy during the structured interview. Many astrologers conduct an interview with their clients similar to one conducted by other therapists. During the interview you establish the background and experiences of the client that helped shape their current situation and behavior patterns. This interview is somewhat subjective, but with proper training you can learn to judge patterns of response and gain a realistic appraisal of personality. One of the purpose of personality tests is to provide another means for performing a quantitative and qualitative analysis of personality in a far less subjective manner. Since we can only scientifically determine personality from responses and observations, the questions given in the personality test must provide the necessary stimuli or cues so that the subjects responses offer an accurate picture of their personality.

One of the most widely studied and useful measures of personality is the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory or MMPI. At the time when I studied Psychological Testing Methods this test contained 550 statements. The individual taking the test has three possible responses they can give: "true, false or cannot say". Different types of psychopathology are related to the items included. Nine different dimensions of personality known as scales are measured by this instrument:

- **Hypochondriasis:** The tendency to be excessively concerned with the health and condition of the body.
- **Depression:** A tendency to be morose, unhappy, and depressed.
- **Hysteria:** Expression of physical symptoms or the loss of movement without the presence of physical causes.
- **Paranoia:** The tendency to be overly concerned with the motives of others towards you.
- **Masculinity-Femininity:** The expression of masculine or feminine characteristics.
- **Hypomania:** Excessive body and mind activity relating to elation and ecstasy.
- **Schizophrenia:** Eccentric behavior with a tendency to withdraw from social groups.
- **Psychasthenia:** Obsessive and compulsive behavior patterns.
- **Psychopathic:** Failure to observe social mores and sanctions with a tendency to disregard the ethics of society.

Supplemental scales are also used in addition to the ones just mentioned.

The L Scale or Lie Scale is related to 15 items in the test. This scale measures the degree of truthfulness of the individual taking the test. Often we try to present ourselves in a more favorable light when taking a personality diagnostic test. There are 15 questions about how you would react in certain situations that would require you to possess virtue to a degree that is unrealistic in the real world. By answering favorably to these questions there is a reason for the tester to suspect that you are not being honest in your answers, but instead are trying to present yourself in a more favorable light.

The K Scale measures the degree to which we are self critical. Our tendency to be defensive is also measured on this scale.

The ? Scale focuses on the number of responses designated as undecided. A large number of these responses can indicate withdrawal from facing an immediate task requiring your efforts.

The F Scale contains items that are rarely responded to as being true. A large number of positive responses indicates you are not paying attention to the questions and that you are simply providing answers to the test to get finished faster.

Many additional scales have been added to the MMPI for the purpose of a specific study. These scales and the psychopathology they measure are defined as abnormal groups.

The proper assessment of this test and any of its scales requires extensive training in Psychological Testing methods.

For an astrologer to make use of this test it would require them to work in cooperation with someone possessing this knowledge. Simply administering the test would not be sufficient, and the reliability of the results would be open to legitimate criticism from experts in this field.

Another personality test is the Edwards Personal Preference Schedule. This test measures the strength of motivations or needs in the behavior patterns of the individual being tested using 210 items that are listed in pairs. Each need of the 15 included items is listed in a paired relationship. The subject responds by indicating which of the pair is more indicative of their personality.

The 15 needs covered by this test include: • Achievement; • Deference; • Order; • Exhibition; • Autonomy; • Affiliation; • Intracception; • Succorance; • Dominance; • Abasement; • Nurturance; • Change; • Endurance; • Heterosexuality; • Aggression.

After the test norming groups representative of the group being tested are referred to and the scores can be converted to percentiles for the differing needs.

Projective Personality tests are another valuable tool for analysis of personality. This approach doesn't only measure the apparent trait but tries to go beyond the conscious reality into the world of fantasy to explore the organization of these traits. Ambiguous stimuli are presented to the subject. These stimuli are usually highly complex and open to interpretation. The subject is permitted to freely respond to how he views the stimuli. An interpretation is made of the responses in accordance with established techniques. This interpretation offers insights into the personality make-up of the subject.

One of the best known of the Projective Personality tests is the Rorschach Test or predictive test. Hermann Rorschach invented this test around 1920. Ten symmetrical ink blots are shown to the subject. Some are black and white while others contain additional colors. The subject is asked to respond to the cards as they are presented one at a time. The order in which the cards are presented is standardized. There are few verbal directions and the subject is asked to offer as many possible interpretations of the pictures as possible. The responses are analyzed in several ways.

- **Location:** Is the subject responding to the entire blot or to a section of it.
- **Determinant:** The subjects perception of the form, color and shading of the ink blot is analyzed.
- **Content:** The type of perceptions such as animals, foods, etc. are analyzed.
- **Originality:** Attention is paid to how unusual the responses are and how they diverge from the norm.

Scoring this test requires extensive training in Clinical Psychology. This tool has "Ink Blot" validity when employed by those highly skilled and experienced in its use. It is not considered a highly reliable instrument since the interpretation is highly subjective and fluctuates in accordance with who administers the test.

Another highly popular Projective Test is the Thematic Apperception Test or TAT. It was created by H.A. Murray in 1938. There are 30 items in black and white depicting different situations. The scenes are open to interpretation and involve mostly human figures involved in different poses and activities. Certain pictures are for girls, some for boys, others for woman over 14, and still others for men over 14. Other pictures are shared by all groups. There are no time limits given to the subject.

The analysis of the responses are based on the following:

- **Style of the Story:** Attention is paid to the length of the story, as well as its style and organization.
 - **Theme of the Story:** Recurring themes in the responses are looked for.
 - **Outcome of the Story:** The outcome of the story in relationship to the theme is considered important.
 - **Persons of Importance:** The types of people made villains and heroes in the story and analyzed. The types of people viewed as authority figures are also analyzed.
- The scoring is based upon the analysis of the stories.

Factors involving certain needs are stress are scored. The motivation drives are analyzed and viewpoints on relationships studied. It is a very time consuming test requiring about five hours to score. Though useful when administered by a trained professional its reliability and validity are subject to question in a manner similar to the conditions described for the Rorschach Test.

For astrological researchers to make full use of these psychological tests it would require them to either hold degrees in Clinical Psychology or to work in cooperation with someone who does. Perhaps the easiest way to accomplish this would be to try to contact a local college and see if any graduate students needing an idea for their dissertation or theses might consider working on a personality study testing Astrology and Psychology. The plan of the experiment is rather simple. An astrologer studies a sample of individuals and using their charts describes features of their personalities that are capable of being analyzed using one of the many accepted Psychological tests. The test is administered to the same group and the results achieved by the astrologer and the Clinical Psychologist are correlated. A high degree of correlation would indicate that a trained astrologer can make inferences into human behavior with as much reliability and validity as is capable of being achieved with established and accepted Psychological Testing methods.

In the next issue of the Mercury Hour, I will begin to describe some of the more useful statistical formulas and how they can be used by astrological researchers.



In the 16th Extra Edition of Mercury Hour (Oct. 1986) I indicated that due to the obliquity of the ecliptic in Tampico, Illinois, where Ronald Reagan was born, which produces a different rate of change in the Ascendant with respect to the MC, that this gave an MC of 14° of Pisces if the Ascendant was 5° of Cancer, and gave an MC of 14° of Scorpio if the Ascendant was 18° of Capricorn.

In turn it was pointed out that either of these two speculative MC's placed the upper Meridian in good aspect to both Jupiter and Neptune, an ideal placement for an actor's or politician's chart. Both placements too, posited certain of Reagan's natal planets in cadent sectors, which according to Gauquelin's research are regarded as strong positions, having been found to occur statistically most frequently in the charts of notables, professionals and conspicuous personalities.

This gives rise to the question of whether the original 5 to 7° of Cancer Asc. is in fact based upon any given time (1:46 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.) or whether in fact it is a very masterful rectification by a Hollywood astrologer. There is much to indicate that the later is the case. Let us review the history of the Reagan Ascendant mystery.

While still a young man Ronald Reagan is said, by some accounts, to have given Carroll Righter his birth time as 2:00 p.m., and many astrologers have since used this Cancer rising chart. This is but one of the critical points in Reagan's often quoted 2:00 p.m. birth time which is in conflict, often with two or three versions being passed around.

It is possible that in their desire to have found a birth time for Reagan astrologers may have read into the 2:00 p.m. birth time more than had ever been there.

Because it is generally acknowledged that Ronald Reagan does not even to this day know the true time of his birth, it strains credulity to suppose that he could have known it at some earlier date, if indeed it was he who first passed around the 2:00

p.m. birth time.

The safest road to the truth seems to lie somewhere between probability and chronology.

What seems probable is that the 2:00 p.m. time was the rectification of either Carroll Righter or **Marc E. Jones** or some other Hollywood astrologer. Marc E. Jones is known to have been in Hollywood working as a screen writer during some of the same years Reagan was an actor, and thus, direct communication between the three (Righter, Marc E. Jones and Reagan) seems not unlikely. No birth time is given for Reagan in Marc E. Jones' "The Sabian Symbols in Astrology" a book which contains some 1,000 horoscopes. No birth time is given because in all probability none had ever been voiced by Reagan. If a birth time was voiced by Reagan, as claimed, why then is it not listed? The book however, does give the birth times of nearly all other of the 1,000 persons listed. Yet an Ascendant of 5° of Cancer with MC of 14° Pisces is supplied for Reagan, strongly suggesting the probability of a rectified chart, by an anonymous astrologer. It is not inconceivable but very probable, that some astrologer rectified Reagan's chart, yet was unwilling to take credit for this Cancer rectification, considering that his or her reputation might be at stake should the real birth time ever turn up. Notwithstanding, it must stand as an amazingly good rectification.

Years later, while Governor of California, Reagan answered the many inquiries regarding his birth time with the same letter to all—that he was born in the "hours of the early morning", or "pre-dawn", and that this was the only family record available. His replies to astrologer's queries have been quite consistent concerning the "pre-dawn" hours.

The term "pre-dawn" must be taken to mean just that, not "shortly after midnight" as the use of the 2:00 a.m. (for a Scorpio Ascendant) would imply. Sunrise occurs around 7:07 a.m. in Tampico on any given February 6th.

If the "pre-dawn" birth time is the straight best birth time we are able to obtain through inquiry, then rectification must surely result in an Asc. in either the 2nd or in the 1st decan of Capricorn. For speculative purposes I offer the time of birth as probably between 5:20 a.m. and 5:41 a.m. - 5:41 yields an Ascendant of 18° and 28 minutes of Capricorn with a corresponding MC of 14° of Scorpio. An Asc. of 14° Capricorn works well too.

In essence what the Cancer rectification (by some Hollywood astrologer during the 1930's) does is that it tends to affirm that the later revealed "pre-dawn" birth time (given when Reagan was Gov.) is in all probability an accurate recollection of events on the part of Reagan's family, based on available family records.

And in turn what the "pre-dawn" time given by Reagan does is that it confirms the amazing accuracy of some previous astrologer's "rectified" Cancer Ascendant and its corresponding MC at approximately 14° of Pisces, trining Jupiter in Scorpio and Neptune in Cancer. the 16th Edition of **Mercury Hour** lists some of the astrological keywords that come to mind as correlative factors when either a Pisces or a Scorpio MC are used in the Reagan Chart. This is the connecting link in this analysis.

What may have been occurring regarding Reagan's Ascendant may well have been that while astrologers were searching for an Ascendant, its secret lie in the meaning of the original 5 to 7° of Cancer placement and its corresponding Pisces MC. Then, when Reagan passed out the letter stating he was born "pre-dawn", the puzzle should have fallen together. The "pre-dawn" birth time places the MC in Scorpio, near Jupiter—co-ruler of Pisces. There is a close correlation between these two speculative MC's. Each chart strongly confirms the other (detailed in the 16th Extra Edition by this writer). And taken together, in the context of their correlative meanings, both charts tend to indicate that the later given "pre-dawn" time was not chosen randomly by the Reagan family, but in fact is in all probability an accurate and HONEST recollection of events.

If we go a step further and examine Reagan's public life and correlate it with the Grant Lewi theory of the "obscurity" period we find that here too, it correlates so well with either the

Pisces-Scorpio MC placement and this placement's corresponding Cancer-Capricorn Ascendant Axis that it could be used as a text book example, much as Grant Lewi in *ASTROLOGY FOR THE MILLIONS* used the natal charts of FDR, Hitler, Mussolini and others to prove certain astrological points about the "obscurity period".

Those familiar with Grant Lewi's "obscurity period" theory know that it is an ancient and long accepted axiom that significant obscurity or difficulty often accompanies the nativity when Saturn transits through the nativity's 1st through 3rd House sector, commonly known as the lower eastern quadrant of the chart. This theory states that as Saturn moves downward through this eastern quadrant it inevitably entails with it a diminution of the nativity's former powers of self-identity. It is also commonly referred to as the "seven years of bad luck" or a time of relative hardships. It can, and often does, signify a period of new inner gestation and growth brought on by the native's introspective tendencies coinciding with Saturn's near proximity to the Ascendant.

Let us run Saturn "the clock of destiny" once around the chart and as we do so review some of the incidentals of Reagan's private life during his Hollywood career and his marriage to fellow actress Jane Wyman.

One of the first observations to be made is that Reagan's prospects tend to diminish when Saturn transits the signs of Cancer and Leo. These phases occurred from 1916 to 1919, then again during the middle to late 1940's, and again from 1974 to 1979. Assuming a Cancer Asc. for Reagan it is Cancer, Leo and Virgo which constitute what amounts to his 1st, 2nd and 3rd House lower eastern quadrant.

Reagan's fortunes tend to be considerably enhanced once Saturn passes the critical Nadir, 4th House cusp, approximately 15° of Virgo, opposite the Pisces MC. There is also a pronounced setback or slowing down in Reagan's activities when Saturn transits the lower quadrant's exact opposite quadrant, the upper western quadrant, which includes the later part of Capricorn and first half of Aquarius.

Reagan's father, John Edward Reagan was a shoe salesman who desired one day to own a shoe store. But his progress in the things he attempted to do was always impeded by what acquaintances referred to as an insatiable thirst. Reagan spent his childhood in a succession of small Illinois towns. Saturn was transiting through Cancer, Leo and Virgo-Reagan's lower quadrant which often marks a time of relative difficulty and introspection. But since Reagan was less than ten years old, he probably took it in his stride.

We jump ahead a half Saturn cycle (14½ years later), to Reagan's young manhood. Saturn is now in the upper Western quadrant of the chart-Capricorn and Aquarius. This is often a time of some public recognition. Reagan graduated from Eureka College on June 7th, 1932, during the depth of the depression. Along with millions of other aspirants he had dreams but no prospects. This phase of his life represents one of the few times in his life he felt truly discouraged. If we assume a Capricorn Ascendant for Reagan this places Saturn in his 1st House, below the Ascendant, in the lower Eastern quadrant. It is during this phase too, during the second half of 1932 that Margaret (Mugs) Cleaver, his high school and college sweetheart, mails back to him an engagement ring he had previously given her. If a Cancer Asc. is assumed, Saturn (at approximately 28° of Capricorn) is in retrograde in Reagan's 7th House of partnerships.

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Roy Alexander has written me from London to say (among other things) that he agrees with **Tracy Marks**. She writes in her latest book that working with the symbols and glyphs of Astrology inspires the unconscious to yield up all sorts of profound intuitional material, stronger awareness of subtle truths that escape the attention of most people.

I think so too. There comes a time when vague references in old books sing with meaning. There comes a time when you can literally see Jung's archetypes in both the chart and the

client. There comes a time when the chart tells you things that no text can show you how to find.

I would do something else, too. I believe that going out to look at the sky, to see the planets and stars with your own eyes, does another kind of inner awakening. In big cities where smog hinders seeing much of anything, the chore is simpler: It is easier to learn to identify the few planets and big stars that can be seen.

Marc Edmund Jones taught that when an astronomer views planets and stars with his/her own eyes, the personal response to it is reflected/transmitted to other people by contact between astral bodies. I think telepathy is conducted by contact between astral bodies. This is why telepathy does not thin out with distance. It is conducted, much as electric current is conducted through a wire.

Just looking at Chiron does not tell anybody what it is. It was discovered by comparing photo plates taken at different times with use of a microscope. But now that a few astronomers have actually looked at Chiron directly, knowing what it is, we are getting the impact transmitted amongst us all. As **Marc Edmund Jones** predicted, we are beginning to experience a rise in cosmic consciousness. The excitement is rising.

Getting back to **Tracy Marks'** profound observation: Quite a number of us have found drastic revelation surging up from within us from working with the Chiron glyph.



The loop embodies the basic equation of some exotic modern mathematics, although we are sure the original artist had no awareness of such. Tiffany's has been selling three-dimensional examples of this loop as a talisman, an odd present for the wealthy who already have everything imaginable.

I hope you will print this glyph of Chiron, as quite a number of people have not really looked at it yet.

I also hope that more astrologers will learn more astronomy, use telescopes more often, so that our intuitions will be sharpened by viewing the planets and stars with our own eyes.

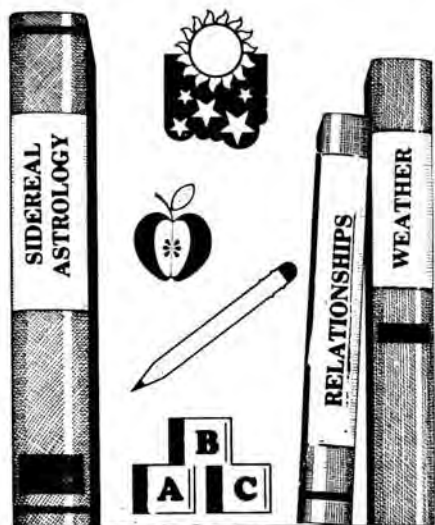
We already know that sharing observations, as in **Mercury Hour**, stirs all sorts of new awareness!

DEFIANCE GREGG, Anchorage, AK **October 9, 1986**

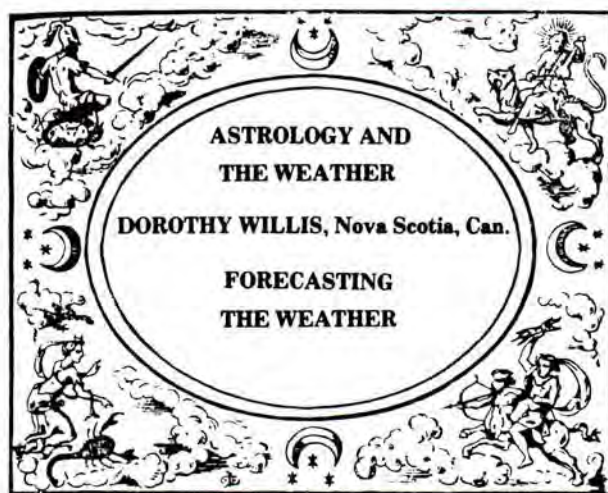
I've thought about how many young people commit suicide in America and wondered if I could reach out by giving them an idea of themselves via astrological data. I've found over the years, that most people recognize themselves just as I see them and just having someone there who isn't related and is totally objective makes that person leave feeling great about themselves and about facing the future.

I'd like to offer these young people chart work free but wonder how I could word an Ad in the personal column that would be cheap and to the point. If I could stop one person from walking away from life I think I could help myself indirectly. It's not an easy world to live in...it only becomes livable when I look to the stars for a guide in what I do. My greatest joy in life is from Astrology.

Congratulations on your many years assisting astrologers all over the world with your magazine. Your magazine is the best thing that happened to the astrological community. I like the cover...it's much warmer. Just don't change the format.



S T U D E N T S



SATURN:

Saturn is the next largest planet in our solar system after Jupiter. His sidereal period is roughly just over 29 yrs. and five months, he crosses the equator about every 14 yrs. and nine months. His perihelion position is two Cancer and his node is 23 Cancer. Any planet at 23 Cancer takes on a Saturnian feature. Saturn is a **NEGATIVE** planet. His action is slow, heavy and concentrated.

SATURN REFLECTS THE SIGN HE IS IN AND CONCENTRATES THE NATURE OF THAT SIGN! That is one of the most important points in interpreting his effects.

In Capricorn and Aquarius expect the most severe winters with record cold temperatures, and drought conditions depending on other aspects. (Rotating westward about 87° a year, opposite to the usual weather flow.) Saturn in Aquarius is the most frigid of all placements. Even sea water freezes, in Jan. of 1962, the harbor here froze, and the ocean had a skim of ice that crashed with the waves onto the rocks. In 1934, the East River froze, also salt water. The earliest records of the frigidity of Saturn in Aquarius is in 1686.

Saturn in Leo, expect **INTENSE HEAT** with high humidity and little or no rain.

In Cancer Saturn is particularly wet, wetter than in Scorpio or Pisces.

In Sagg. expect extreme cold in winter with windy blizzards to the north, hot, humid with little rain in summer and to the south. High winds sporadically.

For northern latitudes, as Saturn increases in south Declination, he grows colder. More intense and longer lasting cold waves follow in the wake of storms moving eastward. Frost levels in the soil become deeper and ice becomes much

thicker. Saturn increases heat waves and droughts in other areas. In winter, the cold waves penetrate deep into southern latitudes bringing freezing conditions to the gulf states and parts of Mexico. Declination must not be confused with his position north or south of the equator on charts.

The terrestrial longitude where Saturn occupies or squares the meridian is the point where **MAJOR** lows with maximum wetness and cold centers originate. Under negative aspects (including the semi and sesquare) and when Stationary, rising warm, moist air masses condense in the cold high air levels forming precipitation. Warm air flows counter clockwise towards the center of the low, rising temperatures and increasing cloudiness precede the eastward transit of the low, but fall rapidly with rain or snow following. Northwest winds follow in the wake with cooler and drier air. Over water, be it sea, lake or river, Saturn storms generate tempestuous intensity.

Under positive aspects, temperatures drop gradually, accompanied by cloudiness but generally fair weather.

Always note Saturn's Nadir position. Near that fourth cusp Saturn shifts storms northward. Temperatures rise in the south and southeast but invariably fall rapidly southward in ratio to the intensity of the storm. This nadir position is injurious to crops due to excessive cloudiness and wetness, with usually subnormal temperatures. When Saturn is on the M.C. heavier storm damage occurs over the southern areas as colder air drawn down from the northwest invades the south.

When the Sun cojoins Saturn (11 days later each year) heat waves usually break if in summer, in winter below average temperatures and heavier snows occur, with an even greater dip in the temperature. Parallels near the time of an opposition or conjunction to any planet operate more powerfully than either aspect. When the Sun parallels, joins, opposes or squares Saturn the peaks of weather anomalies will occur.

The sextile is one of Saturn's strongest aspects. The trine is the next. One of the coldest and longest lasting effects on weather is the sextile of Saturn to Uranus when one of these is on the meridian. When Saturn is on the fourth cusp, always look to where Aquarius lies, as that will be the focal point for cold Saturn results.

Generally speaking, Saturn is indicative of heavy, dull, overcast, leaden, cloudy skies with east winds and a lot of dampness, which last for days on end.

SATURN WITH URANUS:

Due to the slow movement of these two planets, both in retrograde and direct motion, their effect last for months! As Saturn brings low pressures, and Uranus brings high, the conflict results in some tempestuous weather. The conjunctions take place about every 45 yrs. six mos., the squares occur at about every 11 yrs. four months, semi squares about every five yrs. eight mos., and the sextiles occur about every seven yrs. six mos. after and before conjunctions.

The winter solstice chart for 1986 shows them within 9° of each other, just within orb. It will be interesting to see at what degree they will be close enough to act as one. The actual conjunction does not take place until Feb. 13, 1988. During that year we have a triple conjunction, Feb. 13th, June 26th and Oct. 18th, covering almost eight months of the year.

The conjunction, parallel, opposition, square, semisquare and sesquare are all conducive to prolonged atmospheric disturbances with intensities in the order shown. Sudden and extreme variations in temperatures occur. The abnormal frequency of east and northeast winds accompanied by continued overcast and cloud, contribute to pandemic diseases that spread from **EAST to WEST** (opposite to the weather flow) across the world. In the past various forms of the flu virus have been the most severe, however, cholera and even bubonic plague have appeared in the west in the late 70's.

The sextile, 60° angle, between Saturn and Uranus is the most crystalizing for anomalies of chronic cold temperatures with the trine, 120° angle, a close second. Both aspects read "bitter cold" in winter in northern latitudes, and heat waves in summer in southern lats. The last sextile occurred in 1979-80. That brought us Mt. St. Helens, intense heatwaves through the

southwest all summer, snow in Tucson and northern Mexico in the winter, tornadoes and floods in the midwest and Washington, D.C. registered 105° F. on July 18. It was a heavy earthquake year as well.

The last square between these two was in 1977, when enormous lows covered all of the north from Michigan to the east coast. A cholera epidemic worked its way from Bangladesh through the mid-east in Europe and England, with the odd case reaching the west. Europe had blizzards in May and the western U.S. was caught in drought and heatwaves. At that time Saturn was in Leo, in northern Decl. and Uranus was in Scorpio in southern Decl. Flash flood in isolated areas, strong earthquake and hurricane activity.

The last opposition was in February of 1966. Saturn in Pisces and Uranus in Virgo. A year of high volcanic activity and earthquakes. Again, blizzards and heatwaves. Saturn opposed Uranus in 1919, from Aquarius to Leo.

The last conjunction was in May of 1942, in Taurus, during the Second World War. Again the freezing wet weather in Europe is well recorded from England to Russia, down to Italy.

In 1988, we are coming to a triple conjunction in Sag. On Feb. 22, 1988, Mars transits both while the Moon parallels all three. Not only does this indicate intense weather aberrations, (Mars being heat as well as a trigger) but also carries overtones of severe seismic and health problems. In June the conjunction is at 29 Sag., while in July Mars squares that degree, as well as squaring both, from Pisces. The last conjunction in October sees Mars retrograde, but still coming within 2° of squaring. It is most important to note where Saturn and Uranus occupy or square the meridian both on ingress charts and on lunation charts, to see where the maximum intensities will react to the transits. The Helio conjunction is June 9, 1988, 3:12 p.m., GMT.

SATURN WITH NEPTUNE:

Neptune is another ponderous, slow moving planet. Its orbit is 165 years. Its ecliptical movement is very pronounced so that Pluto who's path is even more erratic, moves inside Neptune's path for 20 years every 248 years (Pluto's orbit) at which times Neptune then becomes the farthest planet in our system. That is where it is now, and will be through the rest of the century. There are no records of what, if any affects this changeover creates to either planet's aspects. Neptune's conjunction with Saturn occurs every 35 years 8 months approximately, the squares just under every nine years, and the oppositions about every 17+ years. The last conjunction was in 1952-3, in Libra. The next are March 3rd, June 24th and Nov. 13, 1989.

Both planets produce low barometric pressures. Under all adverse aspects the general weather becomes abnormally damp for long periods of time. The conjunctions and oppositions bring the greatest extremes due to prevailing south and easterly winds. Rain, snow and sleet are always above normal leading to disastrous floods. Humidity is extremely heavy. Due to the retrograde and direct motions of both planets, the repetition of aspects may affect extensive geographical areas sporadically throughout the entire year. The emphasized threat is SEVERE FLOODS due to heavy and prolonged rainy spells. However, bear in mind that as Saturn ALWAYS takes on the attributes of the sign he is in, this threat can be mitigated. In Leo, much less rain but high and hot humidity while in Capricorn and Aquarius the winter snow and sleet will be intensified as well as cold.

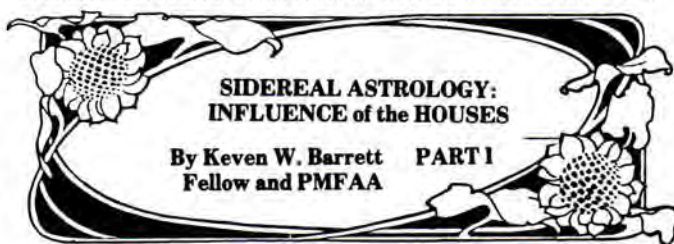
Seismic activity can also erupt, especially if Mars aspects.

In spring, diminished sunshine, mists, hazes and fog, or smog, predominate. In summer, haze and heavy atmosphere devitalizes while above normal rain depresses. In fall, excessive cloud cover with chronic heavy rain and continued counter clockwise low pressure patterns predominate followed by falling temperatures. In winter, excessive snows, frequent thaws, heavy night frosts with average temperatures well below normal. If Mercury +/- Uranus add their aspect, ice forms in the upper atmosphere, a danger to small planes.

The favorable (?) aspects are similar though less intense. Misty, dull weather and showery with lower than normal temperatures. The lowest temperatures lie where Saturn

squares or occupies the Meridian. When Neptune is at those positions, isolated storms, cloudbursts, flooding, hurricanes and tornadoes are intensified. As with other planets, the southern Declination will take these winter storms into the deep south. With oppositions and squares, find the midpoint and mark it, as this may well be the point where the most disastrous floods occur. Midpoints are not stressed in weather, but they frequently prove quite illuminating in pinpointing trouble spots.

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This article is written mainly for out students and maybe the 'grown-up' astrologers who will have missed some of the meanings in the ancient texts.

If some of you find, when looking at your natal charts, that some of the texts do not apply, then maybe it would be a good idea to have a look at the way the ancients erected charts and this is in the **Equal House** system by whole signs only. For example, if say, the Ascendant is at 20° Aries, then every planet in that sign of Aries is in the 1st House. Thus the cusp of each house begins at nought degrees of that sign. Thus the angles of such a chart are the 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th Houses. The M.C. was not known in those days, therefore you will probably find that point in the 9th, 10th or 11th Houses of your natal chart.

After adjusting your natal tropical chart to the above and still finding a few things not working correctly, then maybe you should place these planets in the **Sidereal Zodiac** by subtracting 23° from all the positions in the chart for people born between 1939 and 1956, subtracting 23° 15' for those born between 1956 and 1974, and subtracting 20° 30' for people born from 1974 to the present date. Thus you will notice that the precession of the equinox is moving approximately 50 seconds-odd each year.

To give an illustration:

Someone born in 1974 with an Ascendant 25° Aries (Tropical) would have a Sidereal Ascendant of 1° 30' Aries. In the same chart if the Ascendant was 5° Aries (Tropical) the Sidereal Ascendant would be 21° 30' Pisces.

The natal chart has a total of 12 Houses influencing the body, wealth, brother, friends, child, enemy, wife or husband, death, faith and religion, occupation, income and expenditure. There are many other influences coming from each individual House and these will be discussed in general by the following:

FIRST HOUSE

[The Ascendant]

The influence here is naturally the **personality and character**, together with **shape, beauty, colour, body, bodily descriptions, merits and demerits**. Naturally the ruler of this sign is very important. However, the Sun is the lord of the self and it's position and indications must also be considered. Thus the Sun's nature will indicate habits and inclinations, and power and weakness will all manifest through its influence. But, as light emanates through coloured glasses and changes colour, so we must look at all the planets in a chart. Planets and signs bind together as a golden rule to all the Houses and this is the cardinal rule in the interpretation of a horoscope. Thus relationships of a planet with the sign in which it is positioned at the time of birth shows the true colours of the native.

In deciding the influence a planet has over any particular House, we must look at the planets in exaltation, in its own sign, or in fall (debilitation) and it is worthwhile noting here also that in the ancient texts there is no mention of planets in detriment as it was not considered bad to be in the opposite sign in general terms but rather brought a stronger influence

into that sign from the opposite one. So, suppose the Ascendant ruler is in exaltation and is aspecting it, then the influence will be very great indeed and if in its own sign it is still considered a full aspect of good influence. If in fall, of course the result will not enhance the Ascendant sign. Naturally, in any other House it brings just a little less joy and, no matter how stressful the aspect may be, it is still good for character building and the ease of doing so will be subject to the position of the Ascendant ruler.

And so all this enhances the character of the Ascendant sign in the person's chart and given below are some of the probable effects of each planet being positioned in the Ascendant:

SUN

Build of body strong and healthy, sometimes broad chested, rather bony, giving qualities of the head and heart and personality - and for a negative Sun the personality will be somewhat of a non-entity and lethargic and flaring up at times because of such inadequacies and often develops a mean streak.

MOON

Responsible for a comely and fine complexion and bringing out homely and motherly traits and habits together with sentimentality showing in the nature that will adjust to circumstances more than any other planet in the 1st House. An exalted Moon here can give riches or maintain an even economic condition throughout life. With the Sun being masculine and the Moon being feminine and with both of these planets placed in the 1st House, it could be said of the native that they are a royal king having masculine qualities together with the deep emotions and the beauty of a queen.

MARS

Bold, daring, hot headed and arrogant, energetic and the opposite to lethargic. Also being quick in decision and action, bony in build, prone to injuries and accidents at times. And if Venus is with this planet then an interest in the opposite sex or a devious attitude to the laws of the land.

MERCURY

Intelligent, fluent speaker, interest in books or a writer, a legal influence and an opposite attitude to all these if in a negative sign.

JUPITER

Indicates love of poems and songs, good bodily structure, a fair complexion, happy in middle age, brings honour to the person and has somewhat of a religious temperament.

VENUS

A very learned person and a lover of good things in life, enriches the character by their own efforts and learnings, is practical and discerning. However, in a negative sign it can bring a different power.

SATURN

Can be a silent worker, laborious, a sufferer for mankind and others, and really the only planet in the Ascendant that will help you to rise to great heights in life or in reverse. Thus Saturn here gives the true meaning "to reap what you have sown".

NORTH NODE

Here is enhanced by fits and starts of the effects of the planets it associates with. This space does not allow even to briefly describe what can happen with the North Node here - it is really a book on its own.

SOUTH NODE

Here it is considered to be a retarding planet. However, it can send a person to a high place on the mental plane, give deep insight and spiritual inclinations.

If there is more than one planet in any one House, or aspecting it, then naturally it will vary the effects on the nature of such planets in relation to their character. In the ancient scriptures all aspects were by sign only and so they say that if the aspect is more than 15° apart, then these planets shed their effects independently. In some cases if they lose their aspect in the 9th Harmonic the same applies.

We can already see with just the basic statements of the above that it is already becoming complicated for the student.

When considering aspects to the First House, the natural

sign is Aries and its ruler is Mars. Venus, Sun, Moon, Jupiter and the South Node are friendly and Mercury, Saturn and the North Node are enemies of Mars. This is a very interesting concept when reading standard meanings for aspects. When Mars is weak then naturally the friendly planets will not have very much influence and those of its enemies will dominate the interpretation.

SECOND HOUSE

This House deals with matters relating to **wealth and fortune, loss or gain in business, the right eye, amassed wealth and friendly help of colleagues.**

What follows are some of the special characteristics of the Second House relating to poverty as stated by some of the texts of the ancients:

1. Sun and Mars, Saturn or a weak Moon in this House or aspecting it can make one very poor.
2. Mercury in this House aspected by the Moon also can make one poor.
3. If the ruler of the Ascendant is in the 12th House and the ruler of the 12th is in the 1st House then one becomes the poorest of the poor.

AFFLUENCE

1. Saturn in this House aspected by Mercury gives wealth.
2. Sun in the 2nd free from bad aspects gives money.
3. Good planets in 2nd and aspected by favourable planets brings riches.
4. If Jupiter in 2nd and in good aspect will give riches.
5. Venus in 2nd aspected by Mercury produces wealth and if aspected also by other good planets will bring a lot of money.

Special Combinations for Wealth

If Mercury is in Cancer and Saturn is in the 11th House, then the person becomes very rich.

2. If the ruler of the 5th to be in the 5th and Saturn is in the 11th, one becomes rich.
 3. If Jupiter is in 11th House and the Sun is in his own House (that must be 5th House) then the native becomes very wealthy (this combination only applies to Leo Ascendant.)
 4. If Leo is the Ascendant and Sun, Jupiter and Mars are placed in the 2nd, the native will become rich.
 5. The Sun, Mars, Jupiter in Cancer when it is in the 1st House will also bring wealth.
 6. Mercury in his own House conjunct Venus and aspected by Saturn is the sign of a very rich person.
 7. The rulers of the 1st and 2nd Houses placed in the angles bring riches.
 8. If there are negative planets in the 2nd and the ruler of the Ascendant is in the 12th, then you will incur debts throughout life or if the ruler of the 10th House and the ruler of the 11th are conjunct, you can also expect debts throughout life.
 9. If Jupiter is in the 12th House and the ruler of the 2nd is weak, then this combination will bring wealth.
 10. Sun, Mars, North Node and Saturn generally bring in loss of wealth if any of them aspect the 2nd House.
 11. If a weak Moon aspects this House it generally does enhance wealth.
 12. The rulers of the 2nd and 11th in 6th, 8th or 12th brings suffering from loss of money through conviction or prosecution at some stage in life.
- Taurus is the natural sign of the 2nd House, with its ruler Venus being friendly to Mercury, Mars, Saturn and North Node, and enemy to the Sun, Moon, Jupiter and the South Node.

THIRD HOUSE

This House indicates aspects about **brothers, travel in foreign land, health of parents, power of hearing and diseases of the ears, correspondence and short journeys, neighbours and appointments, enjoyment and secrecy.**

Ruler of Third House in Different Houses

Before, we looked at planets in the Ascendant and space does not permit complete details of all combinations. Now we

will look at the influence that the 3rd House ruler has in other Houses. Once again these are only general comments whose influence will be negated or enhanced by the aspects:

In the 1st House, by nature ready to serve others, cruel and has no friends or the native makes bad friends.

In the 2nd House, benefit of wealth, rather miserly in habits, could determine a short life if other good aspects and planets are not affecting here.

In the 3rd House, which would be its own sign, gives best results and the person is honoured and respected and can gain a certain amount of fame.

In the 4th House, can be a favourite of the father and brothers but will not pull much weight with the mother. Often the person takes up the father's profession or continues in the father's business or, on the other hand, can live a considerable amount of his life with the parental home.

In the 5th House, the native is a benefactor of all, very high minded, having good friends, sons and brothers, and can denote (if aspects are correct) a long life.

In the 6th House, the native can have trouble with his eyes especially if aspected from 12th or 2nd Houses or their rulers. There will always be quarrels with friends.

In the 7th House, the native will not be very happy in the early period of life (even if well aspected), thus saying it is not a very good idea for anyone with the 3rd House ruler placed here to marry too young.

In the 8th House, this could indicate loss of brothers and also problems in the communication area to do with lump sum earnings or inheritances.

In the 9th House, the person is generally loved by both his parents and family because in some Hindu texts the 9th House is the House of the father, and it will definitely influence travel.

In the 10th House, the person will have much happiness through various sources and bring wealth through intelligence that will mainly influence conditions in the work area.

In the 11th House, here we find the 3rd House very helpful in attaining wealth and anything else to do with hopes and wishes through all the activities pertaining to the 3rd House.

In the 12th House, this could mean the person lives away from home because of quarrels with the family and often indicates a source of trouble with relatives. A person with the 3rd House ruler here also seems to indicate that, even when provided with every kind of happiness, they seem to undergo many miseries in life through not making practical use of common sense and thus totally lacking communication or having unintelligent actions.

Gemini is the natural sign of this House and its ruler Mercury is friendly with the Sun, Venus and the North Node. However, it is the enemy of the Moon and Mars.

FOURTH HOUSE

The influence here is from the mother and friends, knowledge and intelligence to do with the livelihood of the family, together with peace and success, property, conveyances and comforts and matters to do with the end of the native.

If the natural ruler of the 7th House, Venus, is in the 4th House of the chart with a considerable amount of strength, or if the ruler of the 4th is in the 7th, or the rulers of 4th and 7th are friends and conjunct each other, then such a person will inherit property through their husband or wife. So if the ruler of the 4th House conjuncts a negative planet and occupies the 2nd House, especially in the sign of its fall, then such a person is in danger of losing their property. Another ancient text says that if an afflicted planet is in the 4th House while Mars is also in any way afflicted, then such a person will have no inheritance or property.

If the ruler of the 4th House is placed in the 12th then the person may live in another's house or in a foreign country. Also if Venus is strong, having beneficial aspects or in a good position while the 4th House is unafflicted by any bad aspects, then such a person will enjoy a long and comfortable life. If the 9th House is aspected by good planets while the ruler of the 2nd occupies an angle (i.e. Houses 1, 4, 7 or 10) along with some benefic aspects (especially if an exalted planet occupies the 2nd House) then such a person will rise in life with all the benefits of

a leader. And so if there are bad aspects or the North Node is in the 4th House being aspected by other negative planets, then such a person will have no comforts. If the ruler of the 8th is in the 4th, this will bring a certain amount of worries.

The natural sign of the 4th House is Cancer and its ruler the Moon is friendly with Jupiter, Sun, Mars, Mercury and the South Node and the enemy of Venus, Saturn and North Node.

FIFTH HOUSE

This influences children, education, intelligence, the power of counselling, artistic and literary events and achievements, favours from governments, success in a spiritual life, together with success in any speculative adventures.

Jupiter is the natural ruler of intelligence and Mercury, ruler of the 3rd House, gives us our intellect and of course any conflict of Mars with either of these planets can make us behave rather stupidly. Therefore, if Jupiter is strong and in a good place then the person will be intelligent. Also if the 5th House has beneficial aspects or if the ruler of the 5th is in itself a benefic, or on the other hand if there is a benefic in the 5th House then such a person will be considered intelligent. However, if a negative malefic planet is in the 5th House and there are malefic aspects from the 5th together with a weak Jupiter, this will also make the native somewhat unwise and rather stupid in dealings with others.

I would like to mention here some of the influences of the planets when looking at their house, sign and position:

The Moon and Jupiter deal with all branches of study; Venus can bring poets or authorship; Mercury deals with the law, laws and medicine; Jupiter brings general knowledge and philosophy; Mars logic and oratorical matters. Also music and medicine; the Nodes mathematics, Astrology and especially astronomy; Sun of higher studies; Moon and Venus are good planets to deal with literature.

Delineations of matters to do with children - the capacity to have or not to have them, their number and life expectancy - are rather complicated and comprehensive. In trying, even on a simple level, to mention some of the texts without the reader having a complete knowledge of Hindu Astrology, one would tend to make the wrong delineation.

Leo is the natural sign of the 5th House and its ruler the Sun is friendly with the Moon, Mars, Jupiter, Mercury and South Node. Enemy of Venus, Saturn and North Node.

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Over the past 13 years of publishing Mercury Hour there has been many great and timeless articles that have passed through these doors. Since we realize that there are ever new students coming into the discipline of Astrology to learn the things that we already know, we have decided to reprint a few of the older articles for the benefit of our new subscribers and perhaps for our older ones to remember by.

The first article that we've picked will be [once again] printed in five sections. This was an article by Klara Henderson an English astrologer that was originally printed in "Astrology" an English quarterly magazine edited by Ron C. Davison, who had given us permission to print it in M.H.

The subject of relationships seems to be constantly on the minds and hearts of new astrologers. Over the years, this has probably been the most asked about subject from novices and other inquirers into Astrology. Virtually every new student is faced by a friend or acquaintance with the question, "Am I compatible with this person?"

We hope this helps everyone out there.



MARRIAGE

One of the most important aspects of life in a civilized society is the relationship of man to his fellow men. Everything that makes life meaningless seems to be inexplicably bound up in human relationships.

There is a great need for genuine friendship throughout the world today, an urgent need for sincere personal regard between nations, and likewise there is an ever-increasing necessity for respect, consideration and fond esteem between individuals. True, we cannot choose our families nor our daily contacts with neighbors, and some inharmony with our close associates is sometimes inevitable. But it must be realized when we are faced with a problem of other people's attitude or conduct towards us that none of us lives to ourselves alone, and it is likely we are giving as good as we get.

The advice of a psychologist would be that one of the best ways of dealing with relationship problems is to look into oneself, diverting one's energies from negative channels into more constructive ones. The astrologer, on the other hand, would remind us that we are just as much influenced by the horoscopes of those closely connected with us as by our own, and that the various planetary positions in our charts tend to show the relationships we may expect, and people entering our lives will be the outworking of such aspects and positions, either for good or ill.

Every chart has its own pattern and through it one can understand why people behave as they do. Understanding often brings tolerance. So when we are sorely tried by others, or someone does not come up to our standard, instead of blaming them, we should consider whether we might be the cause. We draw to ourselves or create conditions that are in our own natures, and likewise the horoscopes of those people with whom we link up, in some way affect us. In family life we see this very clearly and also almost all of us have experienced an instantaneous "like" or "dislike" reaction when meeting someone for the first time. Planetary magnetism is responsible for harmonious or adverse responses. The innate qualities that are compatible with one's own sign, as well as those that complement our own ability to attract and retain friendship, are contained in the personality as shown by our chart, especially as regards to the placing and aspects of the Sun and Venus. Closer ties are possible only when we understand the emotional and sympathetic sensibilities of our fellow men. Although environment can play an obvious part in the forming of social habits, our inborn characteristics form the firm and concrete foundations for enduring friendships. Where two people get on well together, the positions of the Sun-Moon-Venus are usually co-ordinated in their charts, bringing an easy-going sympathy to their relationship.

Cases of spontaneous mutual attraction, which occur every so often to most people, are simply due to planetary movements affecting the charts of the two beings simultaneously. Immediate recognition sometimes attributed to a knowledge of each other in a previous existence, may be due to nothing more than a transiting planet whose effects are short-lived. Since each sign of the zodiac has a rather individual capacity for giving and receiving friendship, one sign is apt to lend merit to another, the complementing one. They can then contribute the finest attributes and understanding that does not waver when adverse situations confront mankind on this plane. Others are merely on the edge of real compatibility. They bend with the times and sometimes break under pressure. Thus many

friendships break up because the friends are no longer in harmony, or because the friendship becomes one-sided.

People who come to know each other as individuals will respond to various elements in each other's chart. The more intimate the association, the more two people respond to each other with their whole horoscopes, i.e. the set of planetary forces prevalent in their charts. This accounts for the conflicts or tensions of personalities and temperaments in parent-child, marriage and business partnerships and very close friendships. All the aspects between their horoscopes cannot be harmonious, but the more difficult it becomes for the individual to cover up traits that a more casual association would remain quiescent, the more inharmonious the relationship becomes.

The forces which attract one person to another are of a relatively elementary nature. Any strong planet in one chart, whether natal or progressed, conjunct a strong planet in another chart, serves as an immediate bond between the two natives. Similarly, there can be a conjunction in the chart which creates repulsion rather than attraction, and where the two act simultaneously, the stronger impulse will register immediately, whilst the weaker one does not register until later. For example, let us suppose that a male's Mars is very strong and is conjunct a female's Sun, he will be attracted to her so much that the fact that his Saturn is also conjunct her Uranus will be felt only much later, when it is probably too late. The electromagnetic receiver in the human consciousness is so constructed that it can readily pick up these planetary contacts when we first meet a stranger, but it does not classify these at the time in any definite fashion. Upon first meeting a new acquaintance, we are conscious only of attraction repulsion, but we cannot tell why we feel the way we do. If more than one planetary contact exists, only the strongest signal will register. When two people of the opposite sex meet for the first time, the sex signals come through loud and clear, long before any other contacts have an opportunity to register.

When it comes to describing one's emotions, few people have the power to cultivate accuracy in their expression, unless they happen to be writers or lawyers. For example, let us consider the word LOVE. How often do we use this word in a false, or loose, or careless inaccurate, sense? We say "I love it", when we really mean "I like it". We talk about "falling in love", when we really mean "attraction to another". Such "love" can turn to hate when it is unfulfilled, or through jealousy, sometimes even end up in destroying the object of love. The real definition of the word LOVE completely lacks any personal consideration and is the mixture of the following qualities: Understanding, Fellow-feeling, Charity, Kindness, Tolerance, Mercy, Compassion, Respect, Admiration, etc. and last, but not least, Selflessness - the acceptance of others as they are. Real LOVE produces, or seeks to produce happiness, through association with something or somebody. It seeks to benefit the object of affection, even to the extent of great personal danger or self-denial.

Personal behaviour in a man's chart will be indicated by the positions and aspects of the Sun and Mars, whilst the Moon influences his attitude towards women. Personal behaviour in a woman's chart will be indicated by the positions and aspects of the Moon and Venus - to a great extent, but also the Sun, which will influence her attitude towards men, generally. In both cases, the Ascendant will also have to be considered.

Speaking generally, emotion comes under the Moon; passion and sex under Mars; likes and dislikes, pleasure, amorous relations, marriage and partnerships (the latter two of which are contracts) come under Venus and the sign Libra, which exalts true equality, partnership and mutuality. The love of Libra grows on beauty, peace, and true regard for the rights and feelings of the other party. Leo and the Sun have relations with love affairs and children. Leo is a great lover and in the good types, ready to give much to the beloved in affection and service. The love of Leo, however, is exclusive, as against the love of Aquarius, which is diversified.

The placement of the Sun in the birth-chart indicates the basic nature of the emotions and - taken together with Venus - the capacity for love. The fire signs in general are wholehearted, ardent and demonstrative; the water signs are

somewhat diffident and reserved and do not declare their feelings until a high degree of certainty is present. The air signs love with the mind and are not always intense, but nevertheless can be devoted and loyal. The earth signs are loyal, but rather possessive.

In a general way, the male is represented in a chart by the Sun and the female by the Moon. The Sun is positive in polarity and the Moon is negative. The primary characteristics of the Sun, which is fiery by nature, are power, aggressiveness, domination, self-assertion and protectiveness. The Moon, water by nature, is receptive, intuitive, gentle, maternal, self-effacing and subtle.

An important fact, often overlooked, is that every male is partially female and every female is partially male. Every astrological chart contains the Sun as well as the Moon, and consequently both sexes partake of the characteristics of the two Lights. The twelve zodiacal signs are also classified as either positive or negative. Hence, when the signs containing planets in a male chart are predominantly negative, the accent is on a feminine rather than a masculine nature. A female chart, containing a majority of planets placed in positive signs would be more masculine than feminine, although the individual might be the essence of femininity in appearance. When a predominantly masculine man and a woman who is oriented toward the masculine marry, the polarity of the two charts is off balance and friction arises.

Romantically and ideally, the man should approach the woman, court her, propose to her, dominate her and protect her. Life often reveals, however that this is not always so. A woman often has to make the approaches, set the scene, and even propose. Has the man been trapped, caught or ensnared in such a situation? Not necessarily so. As the man-woman relationship is shown by the Sun and Moon, if in a woman's chart the Moon is above the Sun, then she will have to take the initiative herself. If the Sun is placed above the Moon, then her man will come and get her. In a man's chart, if the Moon is above the Sun, then he will look up to a woman; feel that she is superior and wait for her to give the signs of interest in him. If the Sun is above the Moon, he will take the initiative. A woman with an elevated Moon, while not undesirous of being courted, will want to make her own choice through her emotions and will be irritated by physical overtures from a dominating male. A man with an elevated Sun, however, will want to make his own choice actively and subconsciously desire it to be a woman who reflects on him, not one who shines in her own light.

Sun to Sun aspects are important. Those whose birthdays fall on the same date but in different years, often fail to appreciate the finer qualities of each other. Perhaps this is an indication that the Sun combust the Sun is not the best exchange in two horoscopes in so far as compatibility is concerned. For an enduring partnership there is no better sign than the Opposition of the Sun in one chart to its place in another. This may mean marrying someone about as unlike oneself, as can be, but this is not always a disadvantage, for people of dissimilar tastes and temperament can teach each other a great deal. Where the two Suns are in adverse aspect to each other, it is far more difficult to maintain harmony than when they are in opposition. It is also very difficult to live continuously with anyone whose planets make too many adverse aspects to one's natal Moon. When the Sun in one chart is in harmonious relationship to the Moon in another chart, this is an aspect in favour of harmony. Here not only the trine and sextile but the conjunction also counts as harmonious, especially if the Ascendant is also involved. The Sun of one's chart being trine to the other's fifth House indicates that hurts and injuries will be forgiven.

In a woman's chart, the Sun and the aspects it makes, have much to do not only with the marriage partner but will all male associates she attracts and the attitudes that are engendered, beginning with the father. In a man's chart, the Moon's position and aspects to it often work out through the mother, wife, and other female associates he attracts. Sometimes a particular partner is described by a single one of several aspects made by a luminary which explains (in part) why one can have a happy

marriage after an unhappy one, and a disappointing marriage after a successful one.

In our day and times, statistics show that youth is in a great hurry to marry, simply to be married, because they feel that this will give them an adult status and an immediate freedom from parental restrictions. They fail to realize that adult status has really nothing to do with escaping from truly self-imposed discipline which allows organization of life on a reasonable basis to cope with the practical aspects of living. Many of these young marriages break up quickly, leaving children with only one parent and dependent upon rather unhappily burdened sources of care. Young people who sacrifice their "teens" to marriage and having children find out very quickly that they have lost something which they can never regain - the marvelous freedom of youth. For in marriage there are many tiresome aspects to cope with, such as the wise management of finances, the willingness to bring the best possible understanding to all problems which arise, for in living together, both parties are responsible for each other, and thus all difficulties in life tend to double.

A short courtship before getting married is ruled by Mercury; a long courtship is ruled by Saturn. There is no "rule of thumb" for the length which a courtship should continue other than the already mentioned advice that to wait and make sure often seems the best wisdom and that a hasty marriage may mean hasty misery. Venus in Aries is apt to marry young, driven by a fiery passion, which however is only mistaken for love, and sometimes dies down quite soon. Sun conjunct Mars can also act impulsively, in the spirit of adventure, and inclines the young to a hasty marriage.

It has been said the marriage is always a "lottery", but the problems that await the unwary and inexperienced may be varied and manifold. The happiness of a marriage based on physical attraction alone is doomed to be short-lived. A union contracted under mutual aspects of Venus conjunct or square Uranus will burst into flames but will be quickly extinguished once the aspect is gone. Afflicted Venus and Mars in Leo, Scorpio and Pisces stimulate excessive emotional indulgence. Also in this category fall the marriages which are entered into in order to prevent a scandal. Marrying with no intelligent thought, no exercise of one's powers of discrimination and choice, on impulse, or selfishly grasping what seems like a good "deal" for money or social position, may also serve as "traps" ending in unhappiness, disharmony, or even divorce.

The marriage of convenience includes those entered into where materiality and the social image are placed above all other considerations. This may be traced in a chart to afflicted earth signs or a badly aspected Venus or Jupiter, both of which love luxury, ease and affluence. Venus placed in Virgo or Capricorn is cold and calculating and sometimes values tangible things above emotion. Many Libra people marry for companionship and those wanting children above all else are usually predominantly Cancer or Leo. Still others marry for the purpose of working out a pattern of destiny toward which both have been propelled for that purpose.

In a successful marriage men and women truly get to know each other. No other institution in our social system offers such a good opportunity for enriching one's character and perfecting one's nature. It is an excellent vehicle for an experience which must stand or fall on its own merits. Each can help the partner by supplementing his or her needs. Marriage does not preclude the loss of individuality, but it sublimates it to the requirements of another. By means of true love (an attribute of Venus) self-centeredness is modified and transmuted into self-sacrifice for the beloved. Yet it is more of a joy than a burden to do so.

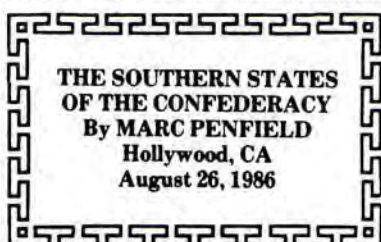
In astrological interpretation the traditional way is to categorise, assigning the various types of relationships to the various houses of the horoscope. For example, the marriage partner is indicated by the seventh House, which governs all partners (including the spheres of business and war, since in the latter enemies are regarded as partners in combat). The third House indicates brothers, sisters and neighbors; the fifth House lovers and children; the sixth employees and servants; the tenth employment and superiors; the 11th acquaintances

and companions.

Secondary relationships are handled in a slightly different manner. For example, grandchildren belong to the ninth House because a grandchild is a child of a child, and is therefore signified by the fifth from the fifth or ninth House, and so on. In this way, every type of human relationship is supposed to be indicated by a specific or ascertainable house of one's horoscope, whilst the planets which occupy or rule any of these relationship houses are said to govern the nature of the relationship.

However, this horary method of tracing the significant house can become quite confusing with some of the more remote relationships, and in any event, there is really very little one can learn about the relationship from a study of such signifiers. In addition, there is the problem introduced when more than one person falls in a given category, as it is difficult to believe that one's relations with all such persons would be the same. Thus categorical identifications prove to be too generalized, ambiguous and sterile. There is only one satisfactory method - a direct comparison of the natiivities. Using the birth charts of two prospective partners to determine marital compatibility is not new in Astrology. For many years, this kind of comparison consisted chiefly in pairing up suitors with compatible Sun-Sign or Ascendants. But the modern use of Astrology in the broad field of human relations has unearthed many new facets which show that the older method merely scratched the surface of an interesting part of this fascinating study. The difficulty here is that there is no "common meeting ground" for the two sets of planets involved, as it is always necessary to give precedence to the nativity of one of the principals. That is to say, we arrange the natal Sun, Moon, and planets of one person around the horoscope of the other and make our comparison in this way, since it is almost impossible to work with two separate charts.

*** TO BE CONTINUED ***



As any student of American history knows, the Confederacy was formed when 11 states seceded from the Union beginning with South Carolina in late 1860. After the battles ended, the southern states were required to ratify the 13th and 14th amendments to the Constitution outlawing slavery, etc. Thus, all states which made up the Confederacy in essence have two horoscopes: one for when that state was first admitted to the Union either by Presidential signing of a document or ratification of the Constitution, or when they were "readmitted" into the Union after the Civil War. I have searched newspapers for a time when these states were readmitted and nothing so far has come forth so I presume that their "readmission" became effective at 12:01 a.m. LMT. Whether you choose to erect the chart for Washington or the state capital is your choice. The dates are as follows:

TENNESSEE	July 24, 1866
ARKANSAS	June 22, 1868
ALABAMA	
FLORIDA	
LOUISIANA	
SO. CAROLINA	June 25, 1868
NO. CAROLINA	July 11, 1868
VIRGINIA	Jan. 16, 1870
MISSISSIPPI	Feb. 17, 1870
TEXAS	Mar. 30, 1870
GEORGIA	July 15, 1870

Seven of these states are under the sign of Cancer, one under Leo, Aries Capricorn and Aquarius. I don't know that

much about most of these states except Florida and Texas, having lived in one and having relatives in the other. In the case of Texas, I think that the "readmission" Sun in Aries conjunct Mars really describes the people of Texas quite well, and with Sagittarius rising, the boisterousness and optimism and enthusiasm of Texans is well illustrated. With Saturn in the first House, Texans are ambitious. The Moon in Pisces points to the myth-making that makes the Lone Star state seem larger than life, especially in its trine to Uranus. Neptune in the fourth House might point to the vast underground reserves of petroleum, while Jupiter and Pluto in the fifth House might point to the wild and lavish parties this state throws to celebrate almost anything. Uranus in the seventh illustrates the "Lone Star" nicely as Texas was once an independent nation separated from Mexico before it decided to join the United States.

In cases of all former states of the Confederacy, I think we should view both charts before making a final conclusion about those state's personalities and destiny. If astrologers can use a second chart for nations like Austria and Japan who were granted their "reindependence" after the Second World War, then the same rationale applies to states of our country as well. Think it over: the idea isn't as preposterous as it might first sound.

WINNIFRED A. KEMP

Mountain View, AR

July 26, 1986

In case no one else has sent in Reinhold Ebertin's reply to our greetings for his 85th birthday, herewith a translation:

Very honored Ladies and Gentlemen, dear Congratulators, and Friends of the Cosmobiology:

I am sorry I do not have the ability to personally answer the many lengthy letters, greetings, gifts and financial contributions for my research. The first letters from overseas (Australia, Canada, USA, Israel, etc.) arrived two weeks before my 85th birthday. I celebrated my birthday within the circle of my children, grandson, and great-grandson as only healthy, spiritually fresh and harmonious colleagues can. My health leaves a lot to be desired as I always have attacks at night to reckon with. I'm very dependent on the weather; some days I can't leave the house when I'd rather be out walking for several hours. Due to medical science and the loving care of my son and daughter-in-law I always get better. Every morning I practice my yoga (shoulder stands, five push-ups, etc.) and then 100 swings with my Bali exerciser. I live simply, for I am 100% vegetarian and have again reached my normal weight.

I was very pleased in that I was able to send in the manuscript of my book COSMOPOLITICS shortly after by birthday. It has over 250 pages with 160 illustrations. The country cosmograms have been checked, and for the most part have been newly revised; the cosmograms are devoted to many almost exact-minute correspondences between events and constellations. In place of the usual explanations I have in part reconsidered the constellations and events over the centuries in order to infer future cosmobiological events. It has become apparent that in almost every case of Saturn-Neptune constellations mass illness; with Saturn-Uranus conjunctions are attached in almost every case to revolutionary attempts, seizure of power, and warlike events, etc. For the most important countries a prognosis is made partly through the year 2020. The numerous graphical ephemerides also enable the examination of one's own passage through life, that is geo and heliocentric and with help from the declinations. Already the declination saphemeridian point out that long range developments can lead to increasing world crisis and wars. I don't believe there is a similar work out.

With this look into my life and creation I greet you cordially.

Your,

Reinhold Ebertin

(My step-son did the translation and does not guarantee that is 100% correct, as he doesn't understand astrological terms.



THE COUNTIES OF AMERICA
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When clients of mine come to me asking where the best location for them would be in this country, my first step is to calculate where their natal planets fall on angles, especially the benefics like Jupiter and Venus. Malefics aren't always bad, unless they happen to be horribly aspected in the natal chart. But in most instances, having Saturn or Pluto sitting astride the ASC or Uranus and Mars conjunct the MC is not always the best location to be considered. Then, if I happen to have the horoscope for the largest city in the region, I compare its planetary positions synaestrically, along with a composite chart, to determine the perks and pratfalls that might be expected. If the client or friend happens to be a government employee, I then look at the incorporation charts, and lastly, I delineate and compare the state's chart.

But what happens when the desired location has no large city whose founding date is known, or the largest community in the area is unincorporated? What if the person is a farmer, or prefers to live out in the sticks? What does one do then? After perusing through the almanac entitled *WORLD DATA* by George T. Kurian (1983) I came across the incorporation or establishment dates for most counties in our country.

It is my experience that after looking at the basic angular planets, one then should do a chart for the county first before even looking at the charts for any city you might already have data on. In this day and age, local and state governments have more control over our lives than we might at first suspect. I have chosen the largest cities across our country and listed the date of incorporation for each as follows:

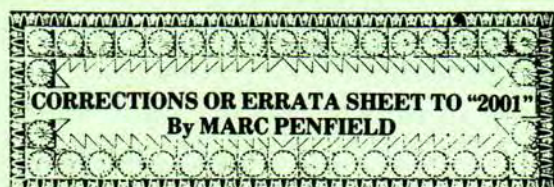
ALABAMA	Jefferson	Dec. 13, 1819	Birmingham
	Mobile	Aug. 1, 1812	Mobile
ARIZONA	Maricopa	Feb. 14, 1871	Phoenix
	Pima	Dec. 15, 1864	Tucson
ARKANSAS	Pulaski	Dec. 15, 1818	Little Rock
CALIFORNIA	San Francisco, Contra Costa,		
	Santa Clara, Sacramento, Los	Feb. 18, 1850	
	Angeles, San Diego San Mateo	Apr. 19, 1856	Redwood City
	Marin	Feb. 18, 1893	San Rafael
	Alameda	Mar. 25, 1853	Oakland
	Orange	Mar. 11, 1889	Santa Ana
COLORADO	Denver	Mar. 18, 1901	Denver
	Arapahoe, Jefferson	Nov. 1, 1861	
	Adams	Apr. 15, 1901	Brighton
CONNECTICUT	Fairfield, Hartford	May 10, 1666	
	New Haven	May 10, 1666	
DELAWARE	New Castle	1673	Wilmington
FLORIDA	Duval	Aug. 12, 1822	Jacksonville
	Hillsborough	Jan. 25, 1834	Tampa
	Pinellas	May 23, 1911	St. Petersburg
	Orange	Dec. 29, 1824	Orlando
	Broward	Apr. 30, 1915	Ft. Lauderdale
	Dade	Feb. 4, 1836	Miami
GEORGIA	Fulton	Dec. 20, 1853	Atlanta
	De Kalb	Dec. 9, 1822	Dacula
	Cobb	Dec. 3, 1832	Marietta
	Chatham	Feb. 5, 1777	Savannah
IDAHO	Ada	Dec. 22, 1864	Boise
ILLINOIS	Cook	Jan. 15, 1831	Chicago
	Du Page	Feb. 9, 1839	Wheaton
	Lake	Mar. 1, 1839	Waukegan
	Will	Jan. 12, 1836	Joliet
INDIANA	Marion	n.a.	Indianapolis
IOWA	Polk	Jan. 13, 1846	Des Moines
KANSAS	Wyandotte	Jan. 29, 1859	Kansas City
	Johnson	Aug. 30, 1855	Olathe
	Sedgwick	Feb. 26, 1867	Wichita
KENTUCKY	Jefferson, Fayette	May 1, 1780	

LOUISIANA	Orleans	Apr. 10, 1805	New Orleans
	Jefferson	Feb. 11, 1825	Gretna
	East Baton Rouge	Dec. 22, 1810	Baton Rouge
	Caddo	Jan. 18, 1838	Shreveport
MAINE	Cumberland	May 28, 1760	Portland
MARYLAND	Baltimore	1659	Towson
D.C.	Prince Georges	May 20, 1695	Upper Marlboro
MASSACHUSETTS	Montgomery	Sept. 6, 1776	Rockville
	Essex, Middlesex and Suffolk		
	Norfolk	May 10, 1643	
	Hampden	Mar. 26, 1793	Dedham
	Worcester	Feb. 25, 1812	Springfield
MICHIGAN	Wayne	Apr. 5, 1731	Worcester
	Macomb	Nov. 21, 1815	Detroit
	Oakland	Jan. 15, 1818	Mt. Clemens
	Kent	Jan. 12, 1819	Pontiac
	Genesee	Mar. 2, 1831	Grand Rapids
MINNESOTA	Hennepin	Mar. 28, 1835	Flint
	Ramsey	Mar. 6, 1852	Minneapolis
MISSISSIPPI	Hinds	Oct. 27, 1849	St. Paul
MISSOURI	Jackson	Feb. 12, 1821	Jackson
	Clay	Dec. 15, 1826	Independence
	St. Louis	Jan. 2, 1822	Liberty
MONTANA	Cascade	Oct. 1, 1812	Clayton
	Yellowstone	Sept. 12, 1887	Great Falls
NEBRASKA	Douglas	Feb. 26, 1883	Billings
	Lancaster	Nov. 23, 1854	Omaha
NEVADA	Clark	Mar. 6, 1855	Lincoln
	Washoe	Feb. 5, 1909	Las Vegas
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Hillsboro & Rockingham	Nov. 25, 1861	Reno
	Merrimack	Apr. 29, 1769	
NEW JERSEY	Bergen, Essex	July 1, 1823	Concord
	Middlesex & Monmouth		
	Union	Mar. 1, 1683	
	Hudson	Mar. 19, 1857	Elizabeth
	Somerset	Feb. 22, 1840	Jersey City
	Atlantic	May, 1688	Somerville
NEW MEXICO	Bernalillo & Santa Fe	Feb. 7, 1837	Atlantic City
NEW YORK	New York, Kings, Queens	Jan. 9, 1852	
	Richmond, Suffolk, Albany		
	Westchester		
	Bronx	Nov. 1, 1683	
	Nassau	Apr. 19, 1912	Bronx (NYC)
	Rockland	Apr. 27, 1898	Mineola
	Onondaga	Feb. 23, 1798	New Paltz
	Monroe	Mar. 5, 1794	Syracuse
	Erie	Feb. 23, 1821	Rochester
	Niagra	Apr. 2, 1821	Buffalo
NO. CAROLINA	Buncombe	Mar. 11, 1808	Niagara Falls
	Mecklenburg	Dec. 5, 1791	Asheville
	Forsyth	Nov. 3, 1762	Charlotte
	Wake	Jan. 16, 1849	Winston-Salem
NO. DAKATO	Grand Forks, Cass	Dec. 5, 1770	Raleigh
OHIO	Cuyahoga	Jan. 4, 1873	
	Lake	Feb. 10, 1808	Cleveland
	Lorain	Mar. 6, 1840	Painesville
	Summit	Dec. 26, 1822	Elyria
	Lucas	Mar. 3, 1840	Akron
	Franklin	June 20, 1835	Toledo
	Hamilton	Mar. 30, 1803	Columbus
	Montgomery	Jan. 2, 1790	Cincinnati
OKLAHOMA	Oklahoma & Tulsa	Mar. 24, 1803	Dayton
OREGON	Washington & Marion	July 16, 1907	
	Multomah	July 5, 1843	
	Lane	Dec. 22, 1854	Portland
PENNSYLVANIA	Allegheny	Jan. 28, 1851	Eugene
	Philadelphia	Sept. 24, 1788	Pittsburgh
	Delaware	Mar. 10, 1682	Philadelphia
	Montgomery	Sept. 26, 1789	Media
	Providence & Newport	Sept. 10, 1784	Norristown
RHODE ISLAND	Charleston & Richland	June 22, 1703	
SO. CAROLINA	Minnehaha	Mar. 12, 1785	
SO. DAKOTA	Pennington	Apr. 5, 1862	Sioux Falls
		Jan. 11, 1875	Rapid City

TENNESSEE	Shelby	Nov. 24, 1819	Memphis
	Davidson	Apr. 18, 1783	Nashville
	Knox	June 11, 1792	Knoxville
	Hamilton	Oct. 25, 1819	Chattanooga
TEXAS	Dallas	Mar. 30, 1846	Dallas
	Tarrant	Dec. 20, 1849	Ft. Worth
	Harris & Bexar	Mar. 17, 1836	
	Travis	Jan. 25, 1840	Austin
	El Paso	Jan. 3, 1850	El Paso
UTAH	Salt Lake, Utah & Weber	Mar. 3, 1852	
VERMONT	Chittenden	Oct. 22, 1787	Burlington
VIRGINIA	Arlington	Mar. 13, 1847	n.a.
	Fairfax	May 6, 1742	Fairfax
	Henrico	1634	Richmond
WASHINGTON	King & Pierce	Dec. 22, 1852	
	Spokane	Jan. 29, 1858	Spokane
	Snohomish	Jan. 14, 1861	Everett
WEST VIRGINIA	Kanawha	Nov. 14, 1788	Charleston
WISCONSIN	Milwaukee	Sept. 6, 1834	Milwaukee
	Dane	Dec. 7, 1836	Madison
WYOMING	Laramie	Jan. 9, 1867	Cheyenne

You must be very careful about some states. Baltimore is not part of Baltimore County, but an independent city. The same holds true for St. Louis. Denver and Philadelphia are contiguous with their respective counties. If this sounds confusing, you're in the majority. As for Virginia, cities like Alexandria, Charlottesville, Chesapeake, Hampton, Lynchburg, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Richmond, Roanoke and Virginia Beach are also independent cities, even though they may very well be county seats as well. Figure that out if you can.

If there are any counties I did not mention, and if you cannot locate a copy of the book from which this data came from, then please send me a self-addressed stamped envelope with the name of the counties you desire, and I will get them off to you as quickly as possible. My address is: 1950 N. Tamarind #116, Hollywood, CA 90068.



I realize that since the publication of my book "2001" some 7½ years ago, much new data has been received which corrects about 20% of the material contained. Lois Rodden has been nice enough to inform me of many of the changes, while others were plain and simple typographical errors on my part. The changes are given according to the numbered item in my book:

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The question as to sources has been answered by either Lois Rodden in one of her books or columns or through other people in various publications.

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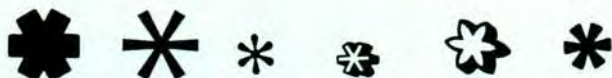
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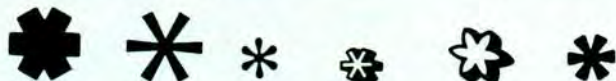
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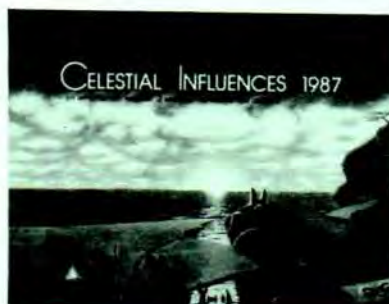
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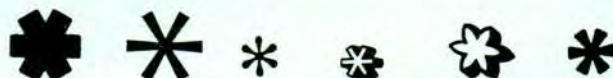
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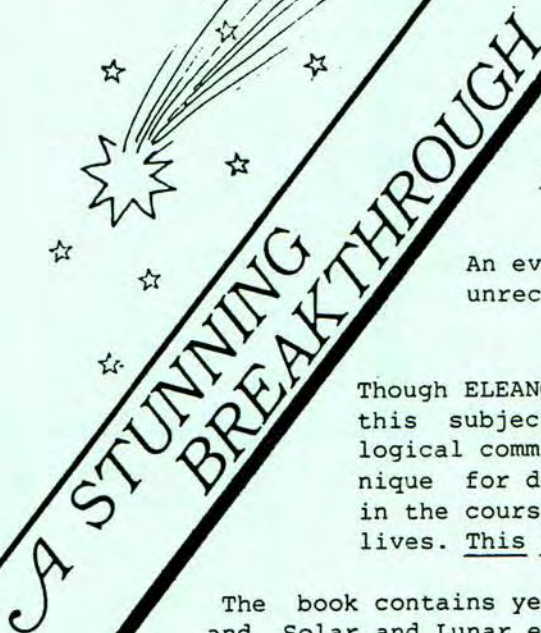
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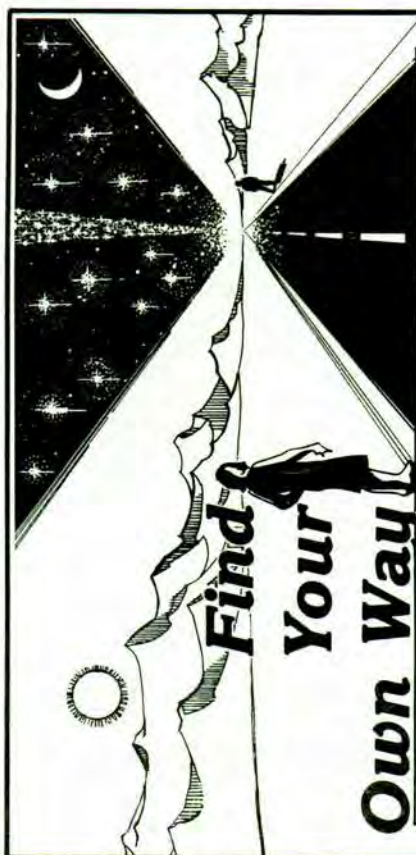
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In Search of ASTRO-MORSELS

We are undertaking an important task and ask for assistance from all quarters. Time is fleeting and only scattered efforts have been or are being made to record the development and growth of astrology in North America.

We (currently a party of one) propose to compile an astrological history which could be titled "Our Astrological Heritage and What We Are Doing With It!"

Our heritage is rich and we should seek to preserve information concerning the beginnings and development of astrological endeavors in the United States and Canada. I refer to the individual contributions as Astro-Morsels.

A few scattered efforts exist, such as Dorothy B. Hughes' recent "Reminiscences of Astrology in the Northwest," but much more needs to be recorded and collected. We are pleading with each of you to tell your own story and contribute an Astro-Morsel. I am retired from the regular labor force now and have time to devote to this time consuming enterprise.

Dr. L. L. Broughton and W. H. Chaney (Jack London's father) included autobiographical information and some historical notes a century ago; more recently we have several pages of data from Paul Grell, Sydney Omarr, Carl Payne Tobey, Dorothy B. Hughes (mentioned above), and a few others. However, the untapped reservoir of information is with you — student astrologers and practitioners alike. Each of you can contribute to the ongoing story of our astrological heritage and its development.

The information — letters or tape — could include 1. when you began your study of astrology, 2. who has helped to guide your astrological education, whether through textbooks or with teachers, or both, 3. other astrologers you know, 4. information about senior members of your "astrological community," 5. schools and/or societies with which you may be familiar, and 6. any other comments or anecdotes involving your knowledge of, or ties with, the past that you may wish to share. This could be done piecemeal if you desire, but please help.

Information about secret societies and schools that promulgated astrology would help greatly. For example, in 1916 Marc Edmund Jones wrote a pamphlet titled Evolutionary Astrology while a member of the Societas Rosicruciana in America; the society also conducted the Metropolitan College in New York City of which little is written.

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ALEXANDER, Richard - Astrologer in New York City in 1930's whom Miss Aldrich knew.

ALEXANDER, Roy - Author The Astrology of Choice (1983) & Chart Synthesis (1984).

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The above is but a beginning. Big oaks from acorns grow.

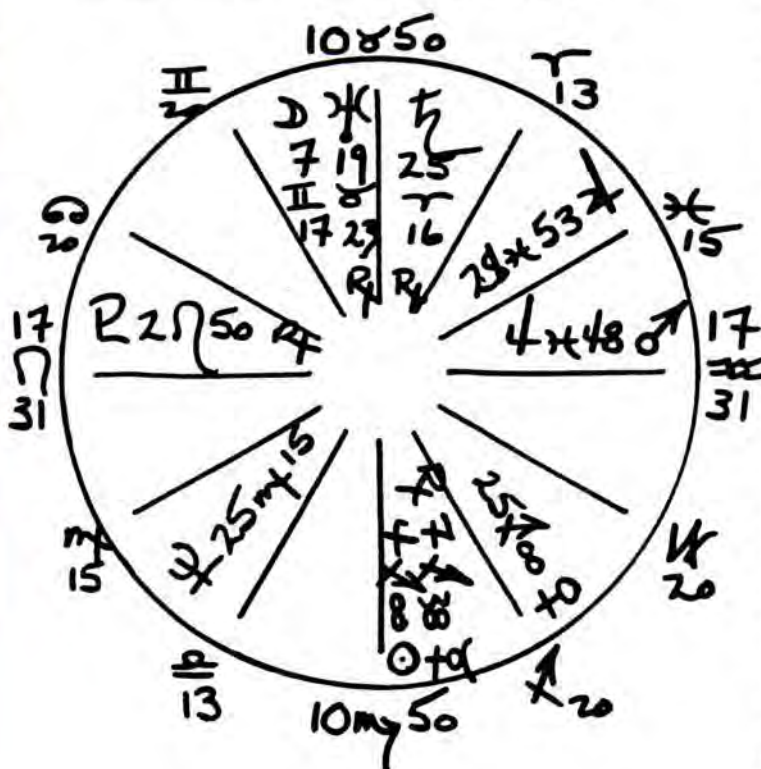
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No doubt, the hottest female singer in rock music today (or in any other field in my opinion) is Tina Turner, winner of numerous accolades last year at both the American Music Awards and the Grammys. Who exactly is this very sexy lady beneath those wild wigs and electrifying stage persona?



Name TINA TURNER
 Birthplace BROWNSVILLE, TN.
 Birthdate 11-26-39
 Birthtime 10:10 pm CST

According to her book, "I TINA" published last week, she was born in Brownsville, Tenn, on the morning of Nov. 26, 1939. When I asked her if she was born between 4-6 a.m. (convinced she had to have Scorpio rising) she told me the time was 10:10 p.m. Her friend sitting there at the autograph table said "but that's in the evening." Tina said "That's right. The book is wrong." I remember many years ago when I met her mother, she said Tina was born in the early morning hours, so possibly that's how the co-author got the facts wrong. In my original Scorpio rising chart, I had placed 17 Leo at the M.C.: as it turns out, that's the degree rising on her Asc. instead.

Leo rising points to the dynamic, catlike and extremely sexy persona that Tina projects to the world, mostly on stage, however. Her mane of hair is also indicated by her rising sign, her sexuality shown by a rising Pluto. The dual that rises is Pisces, which rules music among other things. Her singing talent is also shown by both Venus and Neptune being equidistant from the M.C., with Neptune being in the 2nd House of earned income and Venus being in the performing 5th House.

Her Mars in Pisces in the 7th House also points to her being married to a musician.

This Venus-Neptune square corroborates her statement in her book that she "never felt like she was every really loved." It's bad enough when you have both the Moon in Gemini and the Sun/Mercury conjunction in the 4th, it just adds more fuel to the fire. These aspects point to her husband being the abusive person he was towards her for so many years, despite his voluminous talent in the performing arena. Tina lost count of the times she was beaten up physically, not to mention the constant verbal abuse.

Fortunately, Venus has a good aspect to Saturn in the 9th House, pointing to her change of religion about one year before her separation from Ike Turner. A friend was introduced to her who was a member of a Buddhist sect which practices chanting a mantra to elevate one's spirit above the mundane plane of daily existence. Over the following months, Tina gained much strenght by chanting and began to feel the urge to break away. The fact that the ruler of her 7th House is square to the Asc./Desc. axis also points to the basic dissatisfaction with their relationship. Her husband was known to sleep around, sometimes even moving his new girlfriend into their home.

At this point before we go any further, I must mention that their attraction was very strong, despite the final outcome. Ike Turner was born on Nov. 5, 1931 in Clarksdale, Miss. (no birthtime known) with Sun, Mercury and Venus in Scorpio, all aspecting the angles of Tina's chart. His Jupiter was on her Asc., so he brought her and good fortune, despite his Mars being conjunct her Sun and square her Mars and opposing her Moon. Ike's Moon was in Virgo, just past a conjunction of Neptune. So their relationship had its good points as well as the more publicized ones which came out after their divorce.

On the night of July 2, 1976, Tina was at the Hilton Hotel in Dallas when she decided to make a "clean break from her husband." About 9 p.m., she walked out with 36 cents in her pocket. Transiting Saturn was conjunct her Pluto which was squaring transiting Uranus. The Moon was 19 Virgo, conjunct her prog. Asc. which was trining her Uranus, the planet of freedom. Prog. Mercury was conj. her Venus, thus squaring Neptune but trining Saturn in the 9th. She went back to California where she feared her husband would be waiting for her, but instead was offered a place at the home of her friend, Ann-Margaret, with whom she had worked with on the movie "Tommy" one year ago. Transiting Sun at 11 Cancer the night she left was opposing her prog. Sun at 11 Capricorn and squaring transiting Mars. Prog. Venus was square her M.C., Mars was conjunct her Jupiter and the prog. Moon at 18½ Libra was trine to her prog. M.C. and sesquare her natal Mars and semi-square her natal Sun. Needless to say, with progressed and transiting aspects like these, Tina could not just sit by and continue with the situation as it was.

During the first year, Tina did anything she could just to keep her head above water. Tina's natal Sun trine Pluto gave her the courage to face the fact she might have to start all over again, but she was determined to be a survivor. During this time, her prog. M.C. was semi-square to Pluto so indicative of the need for regeneration and transformation in one's life. Before long, she divorced Ike and was busy working the convention circuit and doing lounge shows in theatres across the country. The natal Moon in Gemini opposing Mercury points to the fact that Tina has spent a good deal of time in the past quarter century being on the road, with little time to spend at home. Her children (four boys) are all now grown up and like a typical Sagittarian mother, she says she lets them be themselves and is there when they need her, but she doesn't see them very often. Tina's prog. Sun has just entered the 6th House and her Moon is now in the 7th, so maybe there's another man on the horizon for her, but she's not counting on getting married in the near future. Tina's too busy enjoying her new-found freedom to worry about being caught up in another relationship. After all, once bitten, twice shy. But when the prog. M.C. trines Mars in 1993, she might feel differently. She doesn't really care if her career continues forever for she would like to dedicate her final years to show people the power of her

new religion, Buddhism, the source of her inner strenght to be herself, first and foremost, and to face the future willingly with open arms.



For some time, I have been interested in finding "root meanings" for various astrological factors. This is partially a result of my mental orientation, and partially a result of my hard science and mathematical background. In both mathematics and the hard sciences, theory is built up by development from as few basic factors as possible. This is known as Occam's Law, or Occam's Razor, and is one of the major reasons why the hard sciences are quite successful, while the human sciences are in disarray, and Astrology is regarded with contempt.

When I started to study Astrology, I was very surprised to discover that I couldn't find root meanings for such basic factors as signs and planets. All I could find were lots of keywords which didn't seem to have any real unifying factor.

As it turns out, there is a standard technique called "turning the chart," or "derivative houses." This allows you to derive compound meanings from simple meanings, and assign them to houses by addition. For example, your spouse's money is an 8th House matter, because the 8th House is the 2nd from the 7th, not because it is one of the root meanings of the 8th House. Standard natal textbooks don't mention it, and standard references, such as the "Rulership Book" totally ignore it, although it reduces the chaos of keywords substantially. In a scientific presentation, the derivative house system would be mentioned very early in the presentation, and all derived meanings would be taught using it. This method of presentation both reduces the memory requirements on the student, and also presents a system which the student can put to use immediately in extending the system.

A second (and less commonly understood) unifying principle is the "equilibrium houses", which are the modern version of the Arabic Parts. This is also regarded as an advanced technique, but it unifies the tropical signs with the houses, extends the house system, and essentially demonstrates the fallacy behind the "sidereal zodiac". In this technique, an equal house system can be erected on any active point, and used as an additional framework for interpretation. For example, most astrologers use "Solar Houses" whenever they cannot get a reliable ascendent. I have seen some astrologers use Lunar houses, and Nodal houses in this way. One brand of Karmic Astrology uses the Sun/Moon midpoint as a house system origin.

According to the instructions given for this technique, each system is to be interpreted according to the root meanings of the house, combined with the starting point of the house system. Notice carefully that the root meaning of the 1st House must be the same as that of the sign of Aries! The differences between the two are due to the starting point of the framework being used for interpretation. Unfortunately, I have never seen any list of real, basic root meanings, examples, or instructions on how to do it. All the lists I have seen have included derivative and cultural factors which are not true in general. (This is not the same as Zip Dobbyn's technique, since she includes Mars as being similar to Aries and the 1st House. I keep the planets conceptually separate.)

In this article, I am going to introduce what I currently believe are the root meanings behind the signs and houses, with six planetary roots (which is as far as I have gotten on the planets). Then I will apply this to the horoscope of President Reagan, demonstrating the essential simplicity of the technique.

We will first derive the Ecliptic. To do this, we basically need the astronomical facts, with the root ideas behind the Sun and Earth. The Sun is goal, intention, or Divine Idea, while the Earth is manifestation. This is in accord with most ancient western teachings. The Ecliptic is the path of the Earth around the Sun (or the apparent path of the Sun around the Earth.) In either case, the meaning of the Ecliptic is necessarily that of the Idea in manifestation.

The Equinoxes and Solstices are defined by the Earth's Equator crossing the Ecliptic. The Equator is a property of the Earth alone, and would still exist if the Sun were to vanish. It is not property of any individual part of the Earth, however. Therefore, the Ecliptic is measured from the Vernal Point (or the Aries Point, as it's also known) has to do with the Idea's manifestation in the Earth as a whole. That is, the tropical signs have to do with global, collective reality.

The Houses are defined by the intersection of the horizon with the Ecliptic, along the Ecliptic. The horizon is the boundary of that part of the Earth that can be seen by a given individual, or part of the Earth. That is, the horizon is unique to the individual, so the typical house systems have to do with the particular manifestation of the individual in the Earth. They do not have the Sun, or Divine Idea, symbology, however.

This could obviously be extended to Solar houses, Lunar houses, Karmic houses (i.e. based on the Sun/Moon midpoint) etc, etc, multiferous etc. All that would be necessary would be to add the roots for the particular planets that were involved with the house system.

The next major piece is to define the roots of the 12 signs, houses or whatever. The roots are the same, regardless of the index point and defining circle. These root meanings represent the growth of an Idea from the first seeds to the final integration into the World or the Soul. This growth is systematic, and can be represented as three groups of four.

For this technique, divide the signs (or houses) into three groups of four. That is, the signs Aries through Cancer are in the first group, Leo through Scorpio are in the second group, and Sagittarius through Pisces are in the third group. Within each group, the signs progress in the normal Fire, Earth, Air and Water order.

The three groups represent the Idea being expressed first internally, or personally, second interpersonally, and third in a social or organizational setting.

The first group of four denotes Personal interests. That is, whatever is indicated in this group is personally meaningful, not necessarily interpersonally or organizationally meaningful. Factors in this area will express the same way regardless of any personal relationships, or organizational roles that may seem to apply. People with interests in the first group quite frequently come off as selfish, as not being "team players", as having "hidden agendas", and other phrases which all mean that they don't relate to other people either as unique individuals, or in their obvious social roles. For example, the Gemini habit of switching sides in an argument is quite disconcerting, until you realise that they are really discussing the issue with themselves, even if they seem to be discussing it with someone else. Their goal is their own understanding of the issue, not convincing the other person anything.

The second group is Interpersonal. This group extends from Leo Scorpio, and has the common characteristic that they are interested in the other person as a unique individual. Factors in this group are needed to allow someone to relate to other as individuals. For example, Leos will tend to collect people, just for the fun of relating to them, while Virgos will relate to others on the basis of what they can do for them (either direction of control.) People with interests in this group frequently come off as inconsistent, unreliable, and sometimes just plain lacking in common sense. To the native, each person is unique, so it isn't rational to treat different people the same. Interests in this area are the only places where relationships can form between two people based on each one as an individual.

The third group is Organizational. Factors in this group structure relationships to other people in terms of social roles,

whether at a party, at home, in a class or in a corporation. For example, a married couple without second triad (interpersonal) factors and with organizational factors would relate to each other in terms of "husband" and "wife", with no allowance for individuality. Without offsetting interests elsewhere, they can be all work and no play, unless the play is well organized, of course. If you know one of them in a particular setting, they may not know how to relate to you outside of that setting.

The four signs or houses within each group represent four phases of development of the Idea. These four phases are learning about it, using it, understanding it, and living it. They correspond to the standard Fire, Earth, Air and Water signs of classical Astrology.

Fire signs (and houses) are interested in **learning about** things. They are not particularly interested in doing anything with the knowledge, organizing it so that they can understand it, or living it. Any factor in Aries would indicate an interest in experience for its own sake, while a factor in Leo would indicate an interest in meeting people for the sake of meeting people.

Earth signs, on the contrary, are interested in **applying** what they have learned. While someone with factors in Leo would simply enjoy a new acquaintance, someone with factors in Virgo would try to do something with them, or for them. Sagittarians would tend to want to go to parties, while Capricornians would not be happy unless they were playing a well-defined role at the party.

Air signs attempt to **organize** and **analyze** their experience. Gemini will incessantly try to find personal meaning, while Libra will try to find the "right" thing to do in its relationships, and Aquarius is the social critic.

Finally, **water signs live the experience**. This is hard to relate to, simply because they frequently aren't consciously aware of what they are trying to integrate into their personality. This is where we have the patriotism, bigotry and father knows best values of Cancer, the overpowering interpersonal relationships of Scorpio, and the faceless worker in the depths of the organization of Pisces. These people simply do what they do because it "feels right", regardless of what happens to others around them.

Of course, a chart has more than one factor, so most people have a wide variety of interests, or experiences that they are drawn to. People's dynamics can frequently be found by using the Fire, Earth, Air, Water sequence. For example, someone with factors in Leo and Capricorn would tend to meet new people (Leo) and then try to organize them or experience their organization (Capricorn). Alternatively, they might play a role in an organization that require them to meet new people on an interpersonal basis.

The dynamics of a person's experience is related to both sequence and aspects. That is, no element works alone in a chart. All factors effectively lead into other factors, to combine into complete experiences. Factors which are in aspect tend to combine into events that have the combined meaning, while factors that are not in aspect tend to manifest sequentially, as separate events. Also, sequences of events tend to go in order of the signs. Finally, when several people are relating closely, each person supplies "missing links" for the others, so that a combined chart would be needed.

The new planetary roots are those for Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. I have found that these come in pairs: Venus and Jupiter, and Mars and Saturn. The benefic, malific classification of classical Astrology is a derivative of how they work.

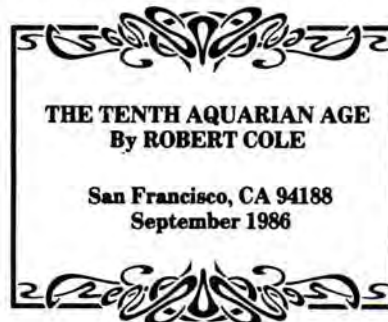
Venus and Jupiter both are the power of **attraction**. Venus in a chart indicates what one is attracted to, while Jupiter in a chart indicates what one attracts to oneself. For example, the classical rule that Venus in a male chart indicates the ideal wife simply means that that man would be attracted to that kind of woman. Venus in Virgo would mean that the person is attracted to applying their knowledge of people to the people they meet. (This is why Virgos tend to be hypercritical.)

Jupiter in Virgo means that you would attract people who would allow you to apply your knowledge of interpersonal interaction.

Mars and Saturn represent the quality of control. Mars represents the quality of controlling your environment by expending energy on it, while Saturn represents the idea of the environment controlling you. That is, there is a set of circumstances you have to live with and learn well enough to make it a tool rather than a stumbling block. For example, Mars in Aries would indicate taking action to control the environment to get more experience, while Saturn in Aries would indicate conditions in the environment that would have to be thoroughly understood and transcended before the native could get additional experiences.

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In the next edition Mr. Roth will take a look at and delineate Ronald Reagan's chart.



By my calculations we are at the beginning of the tenth Aquarian Age. Most archeologists agree that the first signs of real human beings appear some 300,000 years ago. If a Great Cycle is composed of 12 Ages each 2,500 years in length, then the human species is on the verge of it's tenth Aquarian Age. As an astrologer, I should be able to describe this new Aquarian Age by looking back into history for previous Aquarian Ages. I have, and here's what I've discovered.

First we have to expand our consciousness of time way beyond the traditional history that we learned in school. In fact, we have to expand our historical awareness about 40 times farther back in time than we were originally taught. There is obvious evidence that great civilizations existed long before the so-called "first civilizations of the Tigris-Euphrates River Valley." Our scientists have discovered perfume bottles, statues, coins, and mirrors from human beings who lived more than 290,000 years before the first tribes mentioned in the Bible!

The very first Aquarian Age that we have archeological records for occurred 300,000 years ago and coincides with a Great Ice Age. As far as science can tell, there were about one million human beings alive at the time. Most of these people were slouching, long-armed hominids who had the psychic ability to teach others how to use tools, how to hunt, how to make clothes, and how to respect authority. But there was a new breed of human beings who appeared in this Age. They stood up straight; they had larger brains; and they talked to each other with language. It is believed that the severe ecological conditions on the planet gave options to the new breed to which the old breed could not adapt. It's also possible that the new breed, officially known as Early Homo Sapiens, had learned how to make fire in order to survive in the cold. And just for the record, it appears that the social structure of these people was matriarchal. In the first Aquarian Age the mothers ruled.

The sixth Aquarian Age stands out in the record like a glistening crystal. One hundred fifty thousand years ago another Ice Age covered Earth. Glaciers spread from the poles as far south as the Great Lakes and the Mediterranean Sea. Some geologists believe there was a shift of the poles. And the human family experienced another significant twist in its evolution. Scientists believe that the Neanderthal people replaced the Early Homo Sapien people during this Age. Evidence indicates that the Neanderthals had discovered the magic of religion because they apparently conducted complex burial rituals and developed a highly symbolic form of art. These

people also had developed a technology for tracking the migrations of herds. Recent discoveries indicate that the worship of the Great Mother prevailed in this Aquarian Age also. It is not difficult to understand why the Fertile Mother was worshipped in times when survival was so hard.

The last Aquarian Age, the ninth one we know of, occurred about 30,000 years ago. John Pfeiffer, in "The Emergence of Man", calls this the Golden Age of Prehistory. (Prehistory is that part of the human record destroyed by the religious fanatics when they burned the Library at Alexandria. We would still have written records from 30,000 years ago if this tragedy had been avoided.)

Even though there was a major Ice Age as we would expect, the new breed which emerged from this ecological crisis favored jewelry, perfume, cosmetics, and mathematics. The new breed in this Age is called the Cro-Magnon people and they clearly developed a much more complex social structure although it was still matriarchal in nature. The Cro-Magnon people, more than four million in number, also participated in mass migrations. Because the glaciers had absorbed much of the water on Earth, great land masses were exposed across the Bering Straights and the South Pacific. Most importantly there is evidence of trade routes and open exchange between continents. During the last Aquarian Age, these people developed star maps and kept records of Sun and Moon transits. They were much more advanced than I ever imagined.

Now here we stand on the verge of the 10th Aquarian Age. What can we expect? One thing's for sure, the weather is sure to become very cold and most intolerable compared to the last 2,500 years. Within the next generation or two, the glaciers will invade and the winds will blow constantly. Ecological warning signals are everywhere already, and the fanatics have decided that the end of the world is near.

In times of severe geological change on Earth, we have to support our bodies through great transformations. The physical shape and structure of every cell from the skeleton to the brain is changing. It is important not to believe that we should compulsively attempt to heal what we might be mistaking for disease and deformity. The biological systems of the human body are adapting to increasingly dramatic fluctuations in the biosphere, and much of what the fanatics fear is what the spiritually prepared are becoming used to. There's no doubt that 2,500 years from now a much different looking type of human being will live on Earth. And they'll look at our old bones in surprise.

Just like the Early Homo Sapiens discovered the magic of language, and the Neanderthals discovered the magic of religion, and the Cro-Magnons discovered the magic of mathematics, I believe the new breed of human beings which is destined to evolve from the oncoming Aquarian Age will be remembered for its discovery of the magic of love. Love will help us cuddle up and stay warm through the Ice Age. Since love radiates from the mother; around her the human family will gather for safety.

In conclusion I want to share with you one reassuring perspective which I have gained from my research into the past Aquarian Ages. Despite popular fear of nuclear war and ecological chaos, such human games are small in comparison to what we face in the next 100 years as Earth rocks through geological change. A modest consolation, I admit, but a consolation none-the-less. I am convinced we will survive.

REBECCA MILLIMET¹, Concord, N/H **Aug. 12, 1986**

The name of your publication was given to me by my friend **Bob Pelletier**. I am a student working on my Master's Degree in psychology and a long time, private student of Astrology. More importantly, I am a dear friend of **Tony Josephs** (25 years). I have only heard of his recent death in the last week. Due to some personal problems in my own life, divorce, moving, etc. we had let our contact slip for the last few years—I did not know that he was ill.

In case you do not know who I am talking about, Tony was an astrologer and psychologist in the San Francisco area. His work combined symbols and myths in Astrology with Jungian

Psychology and he had written the introduction of the Ephemeris of Chiron. The last letter that I have from him he speaks of finishing two manuscripts that he had been working on for quite some time. I have not yet seen the publication of these two books.

Personally, I am devastated and dealing with the grief of his loss. Not only did I not know of his illness and thereby was unable to support him in this process, but I also never got to say goodbye. He has come to me in a dream (very powerfully I might add) to tell me that he has failed and that he is now lost and wandering. In the dream he appears very ill and sad. It was this dream that led me to call **Robert Hand** to ask him of his whereabouts or if he knew anything about him. He informed me (through his secretary) that Tony had died two months ago. Here lies the purpose of this letter. I am seeking information about the last few years of Tony's life. Was he alone, did he have friends or family with him, did he continue to work, etc.—and lastly—where is his manuscript?

I have been told that through your publication I might find the answers to my questions. If there is anyone who reads the **Mercury Hour** who may be able to help me could they please contact me at the address listed below. I realize that it is too late to say goodbye to Tony in this life, but there is still some work left for me to do, both for Tony and myself. Please feel free to place this letter in your publication. Thank you very much. **Rebecca Millimet, 90 South Fruit Street, Concord, New Hampshire, 03301**

DONA SHAW, Arroyo Grande, CA **Sept. 1986**

If you don't mind getting into the middle of the fray with AFA and the proposed boycott, you might like to print this list of some of the other book dealers. Most of the books that I have ordered from AFA have been one to two dollars higher than what I paid for the same book from another dealer.

I'm sure there are many outlets other than the ones I know about, so maybe some of you readers will send in your list also for the rest of us to use.

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T. PATRICK DAVIS, Orlando, FL **July 28, 1986**

A copy of an article published on June 28, 1948, in the Los Angeles Herald Express reported, "Jane Wyman was granted a divorce from actor Ronald Reagan today." It quoted Wyman as stating they were married in Glendale, California on January 26, 1940, (5:30 p.m. PST), first separated on December 14, 1947, reconciled briefly, only to split up again. "It was politics," Wyman declared when questioned during the hearing, which Reagan did not attend.

This information varies from that found in other sources. Those keeping records on the life of the President should check their dates. Relying on the accuracy of "Fact About the Presidents," I gave inaccurate information from this source in an earlier issue of **Mercury Hour**. Fortunately, Raul Davila of Texas gave me a copy of the original article published at the time of the divorce hearing. I was most appreciative of Raul's cooperative spirit of sharing.

Additional dates provided by Raul on the divorce are as follows: A property settlement was reached on February 17, 1948. Wyman filed for divorce on May 5, 1948. The divorce became final on July 18, 1949, although this date personally mystifies me since it was my understanding that a full year had to pass before finality. This date is ten days prior to a full year.



Since you've finished the "On the Tarot Path" article, you might be interested in an assignment of the major arcana of the Tarot to the astrological symbols. As far as I know, this is original, but my knowledge of the subject is hardly encyclopedic. The number of different assignments is legion; I gave up counting after the first six!

I'm making no attempt to find the "real meaning" of any of the symbols. Meaning is, after all, in the eye of the beholder; the Tarot seems to have as many meanings as the Rorschach test symbols. My thesis is that the major arcana was developed as a set of student aids (flash cards?) for beginning Astrology students, and spread from there. As a set of student aids, deep symbology is not needed. It's better to keep it as simple as possible when the student is still not certain of the order of the signs and planets. Further, the coding should be obvious to the initiated, but not so obvious that organizations such as the Church could tell what was being done.

Before going into the actual scheme, I need to cover one additional topic: why the Fool is number 0, and why it is not, in fact, numbered. Basically, at the time the Tarot was created, zero was just being introduced to European mathematics, and had not gained wide acceptance (negative numbers were not known.) There is an interesting little mystery about deriving house meanings that works much better if the houses are numbered from 0 to 11, rather than 1 to 12. It's also easier to teach to students this way!

We say that the 8th House is the spouse's money, because it is the 2nd (money) from the 7th (spouse.) However, adding $7 + 2$ gives 9, not 8. If you number the houses from 0 to 11, this works as $6 + 1 = 7$, giving the correct answer arithmetically. Interestingly, this scheme works regardless of the number of factors that are added. For example, your wife's (7) brother's (3) son's (5) friends (11) money (2) is $6+2+4+1+10=23=11$, or 12th House! Much easier than trying to turn the wheel to get this answer.

The first 12 cards, numbered from 0 to 11, are the 12 signs, or houses. The symbols are student obvious: there's much less here than meets the eye.

The Fool is Mars ruled Aries. Most versions include a dog biting the fool, and an accident about to happen (both Martian activities.)

The Magician is Taurus. This is the only card I have any difficulty explaining. Hopefully someone who knows classical legends better than I do can explain it. My current thinking is that it has reference to the Venus rulership, with the Magician being someone trying to use occult knowledge to get the good things of life. See the Venus symbol for the teacher's opinion of that.

The High Priestess (Juno, Pope, Joan, etc.) is Gemini. This symbol represents a teacher, or someone who will talk your ear off. Since this card, and Virgo, both depict religious leaders, it can also represent the Mercury rulership, in its role as the Messenger of the Gods. The sex reversal (Gemini is masculine, Virgo is feminine) is mildly puzzling, until you remember that Mercury is androgynous, and the reversal is a forceful reminder of the fact.

The Empress is Moon ruled Cancer.

The Emperor is Sun ruled Leo.

The High Priest (Jupiter, Pope, Hierophant, etc.) is Virgo. The reference is to the Virginian habit of focusing on nitpicking, and irrelevant, details. This could also refer to the Virgin and Child myth associated with Virgo, and the Pope as the head of the Church. The Mercury rulership is indicated with the religious leader as the Messenger of the Gods.

The Lovers are Libra. This includes both the Venus rulership, and the typical Libran habit of dithering over obvious decisions.

The Chariot is Scorpio. It's a war symbol, for a Mars rulership.

Justice is Sagittarius. The three virtue cards are all Jupiter symbols. This one is a reference to Jupiter's functions as the judge of the gods.

The Hermit is Saturn ruled Capricorn. The true Capricornian seems to give up much for his career (or whatever his goal in life is.)

The Wheel of Fortune is Aquarius. Aquarians generally tend to be social revolutionaries. Also, it could be a reference to the Saturn rulership, with Saturn ruling inescapable fate.

Force, or Fortitude is Pisces. Another virtue card, which indicates the medieval opinion of what Pisces needs: Fortitude in suffering. Also possibly a reference to the Jupiter rulership, this time to Jupiter's attribute of Force, or power.

The next card, **the Hanging Man**, is the **North Node**, as a symbol of inescapable fate.

The next seven cards are the planets, in reverse order, from Saturn to the Sun.

Death is Saturn. Enough said.

Temperance is the virtue that Jupiter lacks.

The Devil is Mars. This is certainly appropriate as the lesser Malific.

The Tower is Venus. The reference is to Aphrodite's part in fomenting the Trojan war. Medieval tradition regarded women as troublemakers, and also regarded the things of the flesh (Venus ruled) as attracting divine retribution for a serious student of the mysteries.

You can also make a good case for reversing the last two cards. The Tower being destroyed by a lightning bolt makes an excellent Mars symbol, and the usual Devil picture is very illustrative of the sins of the flesh that Venus promotes. The various medieval schools didn't always use the same order we do.

The Star is Mercury. I think the teacher ran out of ideas about here.

The Moon is the Moon.

And the Sun is the Sun.

The Judgement is the Ascendant. This is pure medieval terminology, especially since the picture is actually of the resurrection, i.e., the rising of the body. There's enough symbology in this card for anyone.

Finally, **the World is the Midheaven**, which is traditionally associated with career and other matters of worldly success.

One final note: most of the Cabalistic attributions completely miss the notion that the nodes, Asc. and M.C. have to be accounted for. They replace them with three of the four elements, which has always seemed to be bizarre.



This article was originally intended to be a speech, which I planned to give at the big convention back in 1984. However, the AFA did not seem to feel it would be suitable material for an Astrology convention. Then, I completely forgot about it. While going over my old papers recently, I realized that, after all, this is highly educational stuff. What follows is from my original notes, and is designed to both instruct and entertain.

GENERAL

The Greeks called the planets wandering stars, and the first astrologers were also astronomers. However, I am of the

firm opinion that they were a great deal more intelligent than modern astronomers, in that they appear to have had intuitive insight into the true nature of the heavenly wanderers. Nevertheless—to give credit where credit is due—20th century astronomers have, through the various space probes and modern scientific techniques, learned something about planetary characteristics, and it is interesting to compare present-day astronomical descriptions to traditional astrological keywords. For example, astronomers describe Venus as dazzling, mysterious, dense, having a cloying atmosphere, surface pressure 90 times that of Earth, very slow moving, resembling hell, heat, an oppressive atmosphere. We astrologers say Venus is beautiful, cloying, mysterious, sensuous and slow-moving; can be oppressively possessive. I will give similar comparative descriptions elsewhere in this article.

The best time for viewing planets is when they are in opposition to the Sun. Incidentally, when a planet is in opposition to the Sun, it is both retrograde and conjunct the Earth! Therefore, I believe we feel its presence more strongly at that time.

The men who discovered the outer planets were young and/or semi-professional astronomers. William Herschel, discoverer of Uranus, was an ex-soldier and violin maker. Clyde Tombaugh discovered Pluto at the tender age of 23; he was a farm boy with only a high school education. Adams and Leverrier (co-discoverers of Neptune) were also very young.

THE "BIG BANG"

Many astronomers believe the Big Bang occurred some 10-20 billion years ago, and some scientists claim the Sun may have died a couple of times before, exploded, become gas, and coagulated again to become another star. (Perhaps the Biblical quotation "From ashes to ashes, and from dusts to dust" is appropriate here.)

OUR GALAXY

Ours is a spiral galaxy and our solar system is on the outer edge of the Milky Way Galaxy, about 3/5ths of the way out from the center. A spiral galaxy looks like a sweet roll. The other type of galaxy (elliptical or rounded) doesn't last as long as a spiral. Each galaxy contains 100 to 200 billion suns. Andromeda, our nearest "neighbor" galaxy, is 1,800,000 light years away. There are thought to be approximately 10 billion galaxies in the universe.

THE SUN

The Sun contains 99.9% of all the matter in the solar system. The Sun was revered by ancient tribes for thousands of years. To the Egyptians, RA was the Sun god and, of course, as everyone knows, the Egyptians were astrologers. In all parts of the world structures have been built in honor of the Sun. Do you know why the Sun is called Giver of Life? The answer is obvious. Too much heat can cause famine, lack of sunshine can do the same. Do you know why the Sun can never be looked into directly? For one thing, to do so would cause blindness. This is why the Bible tells us that the ancients were afraid to look upon God's face. There are two ways of observing the Sun: (1) through a full-aperture solar filter, and (2) indirect viewing, where the image is projected by a telescope onto a white viewing card.

The Sun has many layers and is composed of various gases. Like our Earth, the outer layers are quite thick. The Sun's core reaches 27 million deg. F., and its gravitational force is 250 billion times that of Earth. All of the Sun's energy emanates from its core (or heart). The Sun rotates in 27 days (William Herschel, Uranus' discoverer, predicted 26 days).

Our Sun is a yellow dwarf. It takes 100,000 to traverse the Milky Way Galaxy. In another 5 billion years, the Sun will start to die; it is now half way through its life.

THE MOON

Eons ago the Moon was much nearer to Earth than it is today. Why do we only ever see one side of the Moon? The gravitational pull of Earth gradually slowed the Moon's rotation to a halt. She travels around the Earth, but does not rotate.

The Moon's shadow is less than 100 miles wide when it strikes the Earth, and only along this narrow path is a total solar (lunar) eclipse seen. The inhabitants of a particular area of

Earth get to see a total solar eclipse only once in about 360 years. Ours is the only planet in the solar system where eclipses occur. (Later in this article I will discuss lunar eclipses which will be visible over North America over the next few years.)

MERCURY

Mercury and the Moon are about the same size, and each is pock-marked. Mercury also approximates Pluto in size. Mercury is rarely seen because it is so close to the Sun, and is retrograde more often than any other planet: three times a year for about 21 days. Mercury's rotation period is 58.6 Earth days, and he revolves around the Sun in 88 days. Mercury is never more than 28 degrees from the Sun. Best times to spot God's Messenger are discussed later in this article.

VENUS

The ancients thought Venus was two planets: PHOSPHORUS was the morning star, while HESPERUS was the evening star. Venus is never more than 47 degrees from the Sun, and her maximum brightness is when she is 39 degrees from the Sun. Venus is 10,000 times brighter than the faintest star, and is the brightest planet in the solar system. The Goddess of Love can sometimes be observed during daylight hours, especially around sunset and sunrise (more on this later). One day on Venus is equivalent to 243 Earth days, and Venus's year is 225 days! The Sun rises on Venus every 117 days.

Venus rotates in a retrograde direction, while all other planets in our solar system rotate in a prograde direction. In other words, while Venus rotates from east to west, all other planets rotate from west to east. Therefore, the Sun rises in the west and sets in the east on this somewhat eccentric planet. Venus is only slightly smaller than our Earth. The atmospheric pressure on Venus is comparable to that at the bottom of the deepest oceans.

MARS

Mars has two Moons: Phobos and Deimos, and is the most Earth-like of the planets. Fourth century A.D. astrologer Firmicus Maternus described Mars in the following manner: "Blood colored, fearful, with menacing flashes of light, dominant, fiery, aggressive, four-footed, sensual, with lascivious eyes, restless, impulsive, passionate and lustful."! Mar's rotation period is similar to that of Earth: 24:37:23 hours. His year, or the time it takes him to travel around the Sun, is 687 days, or a little under two Earth years.

While we now know that no life exists on Mars, it has often occurred to me that this might not always have been the case. While the atmosphere is thin, it does contain some oxygen, there is ice at the polar caps, and long ago there were rivers and streams on the Red Planet. Is it possible the inhabitants were similar to our violent race, and that they blew themselves up, or otherwise destroyed themselves? Since the 1940's there has been talk of colonizing Mars. Such aspiration could by now have become a reality, had it not been for the fact that the major powers on Earth fritter away their spare cash by adding to their already overstocked arsenals.

JUPITER

Jupiter is twice as big as all the other planets put together, and the diameter at the equator of this enormous ball of spinning gas is 88,980 miles. Jupiter is the second brightest of the planets, Venus being the brightest. This colorful, speedy planet revolves in a mere 10 hours, and takes 11.86 years to complete its journey around the Sun. While Galileo was the official discoverer of Jupiter's big four (Io, Ganymede, Callisto and Europa) GAN DE, (no relation to the Mahatma or Indian prime ministers) an ancient Chinese stargazer wrote in 364 B.C. that he had seen a Jovian satellite with the naked eye. (Gan De must have had an extraordinarily keen eye, as few can see Ganymede without the aid of a telescope.) Still on the subject of Jovian moons, some of them were psychically discovered. (For further details, see comments about Anna Kingsford in "Recent Advances".)

SATURN

It has always fascinated me that Saturn was, in Greek mythology, one of the Titans, which were gigantic creatures. And, of course, Saturn is an extremely large planet. How on Earth did the ancients know that Saturn (as well as Jupiter)

was so huge? (It strikes me that in the olden days the clairvoyant faculties of mankind must surely have been far more highly developed than they are in modern man.)

Saturn's rotation period is similar to that of Jupiter: 10:14:00 hours, and the ruler of Capricorn's year is 29½ years. Saturn's huge rings, from edge to edge, are more than two-thirds the distance from Earth to the Moon. Like Earth, Saturn's northern and southern hemispheres tilt toward the sun at various times. The northern hemisphere tilts toward the Sun for 15 years, and the southern hemisphere tilts toward the giver of life for a like number of years.

Until 1655, when Dutch astronomer Christian Huygens discovered Titan, it was not known that Saturn had moons. During the period from 1655 to 1898, eight more moons were discovered, but it was not until December 15, 1966 that any more Saturnian satellites were discovered. On that date, Audouin Dollfus found Janus. Space probes have unearthed a few more in recent years.

URANUS

Friedrich Wilhelm Herschel, discovered this planet on March 13, 1781. While Herschel was the official discoverer of Uranus, this planet had been observed by several contemporaries, among others Charles Messier and Nevil Maskelyne. However, these gentlemen were not sure whether Uranus was a star, comet or planet! A number of people had suggestions as to a name for this new planet: Gerogium Sidus or Georgian Star (from King George III of England); Hypercironus—"above Saturn" (from Jean Bernoulli); Neptune (Erik Prosperin); Herschel (Lalande). Uranus finally got its name from Johann Elbert Bode of Bode's law fame. Uranus takes 84 years to complete its journey around the Sun, and completes one rotation in a little over 17 hours.

Until very recently, it was believed Uranus had five Moons: Oberon, Titania, Umbriel, Ariel and Miranda. In 1985 and early 1986, the Voyager space probe discovered 10 more, for a total of 15 moons. Unfortunately, the 10 new moons of Uranus do not have fancy, mythological names; they are called 1985U1, 1986U1 through 1986U9. Uranus rotates on his side, and for this reason astronomers describe him as "startling and bizarre", which is quite in keeping with what astrologers believe to be the nature of the ruler of Aquarius. One school of thought (Rosicrucians) believes Uranus to be the higher octave of Venus. Venus and Uranus are certainly the oddballs of the solar system (Venus rotating in a retrograde direction, and lopsided Uranus), and each rules a fixed sign.

NEPTUNE

This planet was discovered Sept. 23, 1846. Interestingly, and quite in character with Neptune, a complex and confusing set of circumstances surrounded Neptune's discovery. Neptune was discovered by two different men, in two different countries! John Couch Adams of Great Britain and Urbain Jean Joseph Leverrier of France were the co-discoverers. Neptune was almost named Oceanus, Janus or Leverrier. As was the case with the discovery of Uranus and Pluto, Neptune had been previously observed before it was discovered, but was thought to be a star. Neptune's rotation period is similar to that of our own planet: 23 hours. This slow-moving planet's year is 165 years. As far as we presently know, Neptune has two Moons. Triton was discovered by William Lassell on Oct. 14, 1846, and Nereid was first spotted by G. P. Kuiper in 1949.

PLUTO

Pluto was discovered Feb. 18, 1930. (Please see my article in the Oct. 1984, 43rd Ed. of *MH* for more details on this subject.) Pluto takes 248 years to complete one orbit of the solar system and rotates in 6.39 days. Per information I received from **Al Morrison**, Pluto was named by an 11-year-old English girl, Venetia Burney. One astronomy book I read referred to Pluto as "nothing more than a huge snowball of frozen gases". Oh, if **only** they understood the principle of frozen fire!

Clyde Tombaugh, Pluto's discoverer, was born Feb. 4, 1906, on a farm near Streator, Illinois (time unknown). In his book on Pluto's discovery, Clyde Tombaugh states his life was tightly regulated by the Moon. (It is impossible to observe

planets or stars which are near the Moon at the time she is full.) In Tombaugh's case, this was a conscious act; in the case of many people it is not; but it is nevertheless true that their lives are tightly regulated by the Moon. (I find it significant that Tombaugh has a Pluto-Moon conjunction in Gemini.)

Not until 18 years after Pluto's discovery did we learn that Pluto has a moon. James W. Christy discovered Charon on June 22, 1948. Interestingly, Charon takes 6.4 days to complete one orbit, which is the same period of time it takes Pluto to rotate.

THE ASTEROIDS

The Asteroid Belt lies between Mars and Jupiter. There are two theories on how it came into being. (1) Originally, there was a planet in this general vicinity of the solar system which was smashed into millions of pieces after colliding with a meteorite, comet or the like. (2) The cosmic dust left over from the Big Bang never did properly form into a planet. (Most astronomers lean toward the latter theory.) The first four asteroids were discovered in the 19th century by a group of European men who called themselves "The Celestial Police". **Ceres**: 1/1/1801 by Giuseppe Piazzi; **Pallas**: 3/28/1802 by Heinrich Olbers; **Juno**: 9/2/1804 by Karl Harding; and **Vesta**: 3/28/1807 by Olbers again. (Enough said about asteroids, as **Joylyn Hill** wrote extensively on them in *MH* during 1980 and 1981.)

ECLIPSES

As previously mentioned, many eclipses are not visible over the United States. However, over the next few years, several can be seen from North America. (Check your ephemeris or AFA Mundane Data for times.)

Lunar Eclipses: 2-20-89-Visible from extreme Western Canada and U.S.. 8-17-89-Visible all over the country. 12-10-92-Visible in more parts of the country.

Partial Solar Eclipses visible over U.S.-None between now and 1992.

PLANET-GAZING

If you're on the lookout for Venus and Mercury, you'll be able to spot them at the following times over the next few years.

Venus: Western Sky at dusk [Hesperus]-Mid-November 1987 through early June 1988. Mid-May 1989 to early January 1990. Late December 1990 to mid-August 1991. Late August 1992 to mid-March 1993.

Venus: Eastern Sky at dawn [Phosphorus]-Mid-November 1986 through early June 1987. Late June 1988 to early February 1989. Early February 1990 to early August 1990. Early September 1991 to mid-April 1992.

Mercury: Western Sky at dusk-Early to mid-February 1987. Late May to early June 1987. Mid to late January 1988. Early to mid-May 1988. Early to mid-January 1989. Mid-April to early May 1989. Early to mid-April 1990. Mid to late March 1991. Late February to early March 1992.

Mercury: Eastern Sky at dawn-Late October to early November 1988. Early to mid-October 1989. Late September to early October 1990. Early to mid-October 1991. Late August to early September 1992.

(When attempting to observe Mercury or Venus, bear in mind that they are both very close to the Sun. It would be preferable to observe the Messenger of the Gods from a roof top if you live in the city.)

CONCLUSION

I occasionally tune in to a very brief astronomy show for children on PBS, and am picking up a few "pointers". For example, the other day I learned how to measure 15 degrees of the heavens. Take your index and little fingers, bend the two middle fingers into your palm, holding them down with your thumb, stretch the two projecting fingers to the fullest extent, raise your arm and stretch it, too. That's 15 degrees. As all astrologers know, 15 degrees is equivalent to one hour. If you want to know how soon the Sun will set, or how many degrees distant Venus is from the Moon, use this two-finger method. I presume many ancient astrologers must have done likewise.

I realize that the foregoing barely scratches the surface of our wondrous solar system. And, had this been a real lecture, my listeners would have been able to ask me questions, and

could have helped me out with their feedback. However, I hope it gives **MH** readers food for thought.

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RALEIGH J. DOUGLAS, Boston, MA October 10, 1986

To Joseph deMello RE: 16th EXTRA Oct. '86 p. 48. You have the right to disagree with my "Alfred-Barry" interpretation. However, shouldn't all of us treat each other with basic respect? Your rebuttal might have been less sarcastic. As an extremely hard-working, conscientious astrologer doing client's charts all day, every day, I truly must object to seeing in print another astrologer's nearly pejorative comment to the effect that I "have judgmental difficulties." Now that clearly goes beyond the bounds of scientific criticism and it also clearly states that your judgmental interpretation of astrological maps is superior to mine - perhaps to most, or some other astrologers as well.

None of us can or should make a claim like that.

To me, your entire article was hurtful and injurious.

You make erroneous, hypothetical statements about my having contributed to my own "loss of self-esteem" and loss of a fortune, and you do that without having the slightest idea of who or what I am, nor of what my natal chart says to contradict such wild guesswork.

I lived with "Barry" for 15 years. Shouldn't I know, better than you, how his planetary energies manifested themselves? You even admit that the printing was so blurred that you couldn't read the chart very well at that.

Be more gentle in the future, Mr. deMello, especially when evaluating the self-esteem of other astrologers who are trying their best to continue to learn, even as they serve their clients while honestly contributing to the vital pages of the **Mercury Hour**.

PHYLLIS HARRER, Winnemucca, NV October 5, 1986

Am happily reading the 51st Edition from cover to cover (almost), as usual, I'm not able to "digest" everything. It has such a wonderful variety of subjects I can't wait to see what is next.

I have joined the boycott of AFA and sent in the "Petitions to reform the By Laws" to all Board Members. The only thing I will really miss when my membership runs out in Dec. 86, is the "Communications Center" in the Bulletin. Living in an isolated area it let me know what was going on in case I had a chance to visit - particularly, Salt Lake City, UT. San Francisco or Sacramento, CA. or some areas of Arizona and now finally Las Vegas, NV.

Keep up the good work.

GEORGIE BORKOWSKI, Salem, OR Sept. 26, 1986

Margaret Meister, 16th Ex. Ed., pg. 47: and Barbara May, 51st Ed., pg. 48: Thank you both for correctly giving credit to Heinz Antoni for the NASA data.

Jan Van Schulyer, 16th Ex. Ed., pg62: Thank you so greatly for the data for Gifted research. You have a most outstanding family and it would be of great interest to be able to compare and contrast the family genius quality-astrologically speaking.

THIS AND THAT
By **MARC PENFIELD**
Hollywood, CA
August 1, 1986

In my book, **HOROSCOPES OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE**, I had to use the incorporation chart for St. John's, Newfoundland, as no viable founding date could be ascertained. According to Meredith Newspapers of 7-30-86, the capital of this Canadian province was first settled by the English on August 5, 1583, (OS) or August 15, 1583, (NS). The chart as I have rectified it reads as follows: MC 15 Gem 04, Neptune 21 Can 28, Moon 24 Can 39, Sun 21 Leo 47, Mercury 4 Vir 16 ret., ASC 18 Vir 03, Mars 1 Lib 28, Venus 1 Lib 36, Uranus 25 Aqu 20 ret., Saturn 21 Pis 55 ret., Jupiter 27 Pis 20 ret. and Pluto 6 Ari 45 ret. The time is 7:23 a.m. LMT.

If anyone in Syracuse, N.Y. or the surrounding area can get me the Birth Certificate for the actor, **TOM CRUISE**, I would appreciate it very much. He was born in Syracuse, N.Y. on July 3, 1962, as Thomas Cruise Mapother IV. His father was Thomas Cruise Mapother III and his mother was Mary Lee.

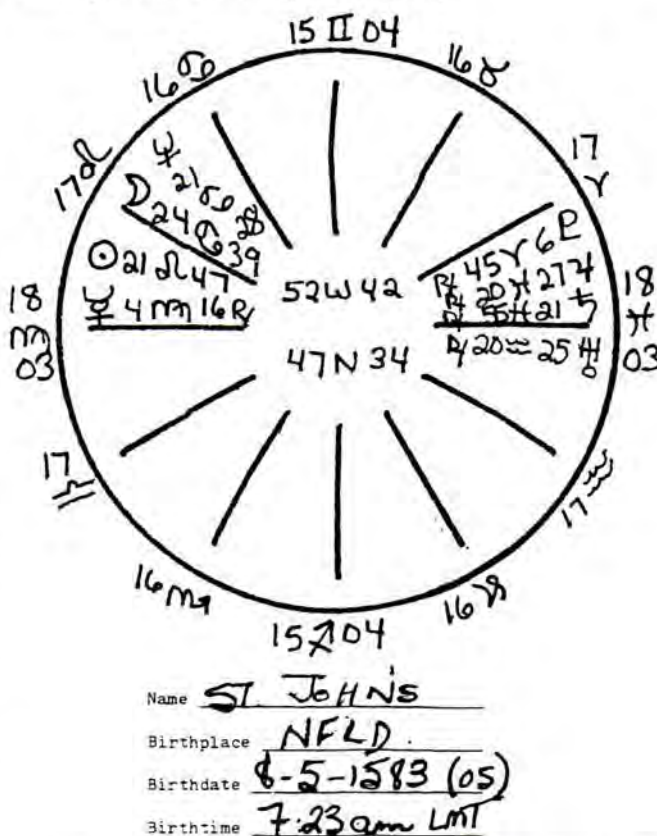
A recent article by Doris Kaye in Horoscope magazine entitled **A TRIBUTE TO MISS LIBERTY** was most interesting, especially when you compare the planetary positions of the original dedication, those of Bartholdi and Lazarus to the planets and angles of the USA chart. For example, the dedication Sun of Oct. 28, 1886, is 5½ Scorpio, a mere 3° away from the USA Ascendant. The Moon at 26 Aquarius squares the USA Moon, and the Sun/Moon midpoint at 15½ Scorpio squares the USA Midheaven. Bartholdi's Moon at 28 Capricorn conjuncts the USA Pluto, his Uranus at 25 Aquarius conjuncts the USA Moon, his Sun at 12 Aries squares our Sun, his Jupiter at 9½ Taurus opposes our ASC and his ASC at 8 Taurus opposes this position as well. In Emma Lazarus' chart, her Uranus sextiles our Moon, her Pluto squares the USA Pluto, her Venus sextiles the USA MC, her Moon sextiles our ASC and her Jupiter opposes the USA Moon. This leaves no doubt in my mind that the ASC of the USA is in early Scorpio and the Moon is around 25-26 Aquarius, just as it is in my book.

While attending several lectures on Electional Astrology at both the UAC and AFA conventions, several of the speakers were of the opinion that the moment when a priest or minister pronounces a couple as "man and wife" constitutes the beginning of that marriage. I would tend to argue that point, based on several marriage charts in my files. I would prefer setting up a time for the beginning of the ceremony, despite the arguable fact that the bride or groom could back out before the final pronouncement. Let me illustrate: My parents were married on Sept. 7, 1935, in Omaha, Nebraska. The ceremony started at 3:00 p.m. (that was the time on the invitations) and lasted about half an hour. Progressing the natal MC of 26½ Libra to the time I was formally adopted places Uranus opposite the MC, sextile the Moon in the first and trine Saturn, ruler of the ASC in the second. When my mother died in Feb. 1984, the prog. MC was 14 Sagittarius, square the triple conjunction of Sun, Venus and Neptune, the prog. Sun (ruler of the eighth) was two Scorpio, sextile the natal ASC, and when my father passed away in late Jan. 1985, the prog. ASC was 1° Pisces applying to a conjunction of progressed Saturn at three Pisces and a sextile of prog. Uranus at three Taurus. Progressing the ASC by Solar Arc, you have a square to natal Mars/Jupiter and a semi-square to natal Moon. For those who wish to do electional charts for marriage, I think you had better take the beginning of the ceremony into account. Not that the other chart for pronouncement won't work, but the starting time seems to hold more clues as to the outcome, especially when you use progressions as I have.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK

When looking at the marriage chart for **PRINCE**

ANDREW and **SARAH FERGUSON**, one thing really disturbs me. The wedding took place under a Void of Course Moon. Anyone care to speculate on what that means or the outcome of this union? Having the ruler of the ASC in the 12th House in Virgo, despite its trine to Mars, ruler of the DESC. but ret. in the fourth, doesn't augur well either. The birth data for Prince Andrew is as follows: born Feb. 19, 1960, at 3:30 p.m. in Buckingham Palace, London. Sarah Ferguson's birthdate is Oct. 15, 1959, place not given, time not as yet known. She might have been born in Dummer, Hampshire where her father currently resides. The British don't put the time of birth on the Certificates filed in Somerset House. The Scots do, however, possibly because of their original Catholic heritage. Maybe some British astrologer can take measures to correct this anomaly, it sure would help immeasurably.

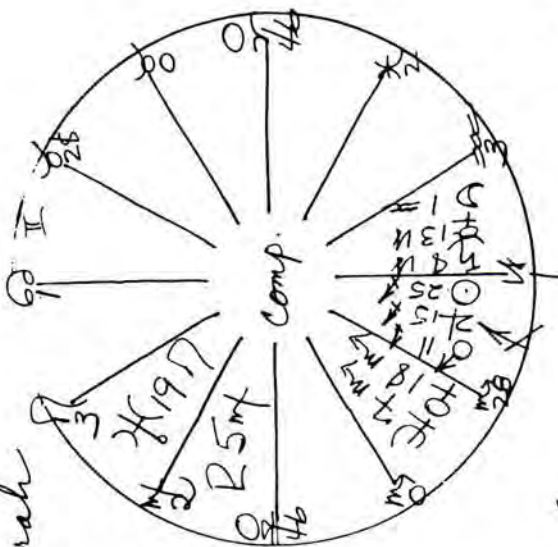


Prince Andrew, second son and third child of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip was born just as the Sun entered Pisces at 3:38 p.m. on Feb. 19, 1960, London. His previous reputation as "Randy Andy" can be shown by having Uranus rising in Leo and the Moon in Scorpio. Of course, anyone who has Mars and Venus conjunct is bound to have "sex appeal", especially if its in an earth sign sextile the Moon. The squares of those "love planets" to the MC account for the attention garnered by Andrew to the elimination of his strong ability as a fighter pilot, most recently in the Falklands War four years ago.

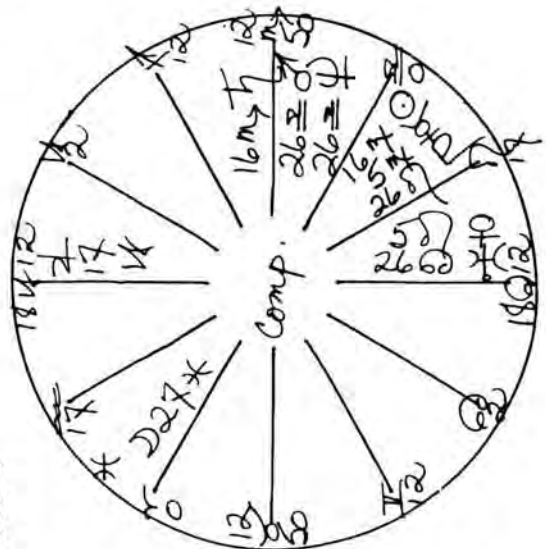
With Uranus ruling the seventh House, and placed on the Ascendant, relationships are extremely important to this young man, and with the ruler of the ASC in the seventh House, we can double the impact. Sun opposite Pluto also doesn't augur well for a spotless reputation, as Andrew usually got what he wanted, much to the consternation of the Royal Family, but to the delight of the British press. Anyone whom Andrew would eventually settle down with would have to be a person who was very independent and self-confident, with a desire to explore the unusual and out-of-the-ordinary. Someone who could hold her own, per se, without her individuality in the process.

He found just such a person in his new wife, Sarah Ferguson. Born under the sign of Libra on Oct. 15, 1959, at 9:03 a.m. GMT in a nursing home in London, she is a woman

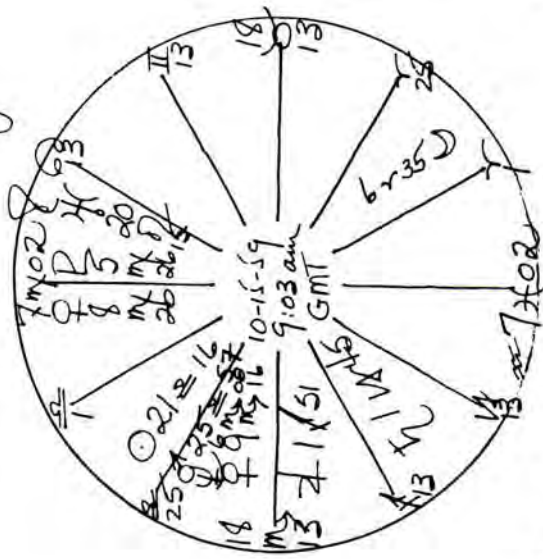
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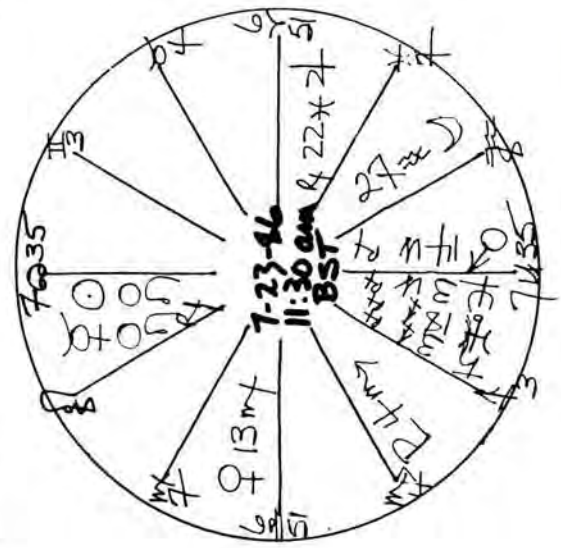
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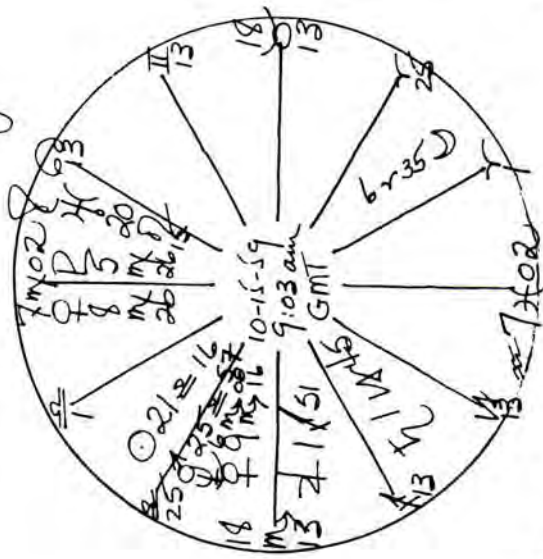
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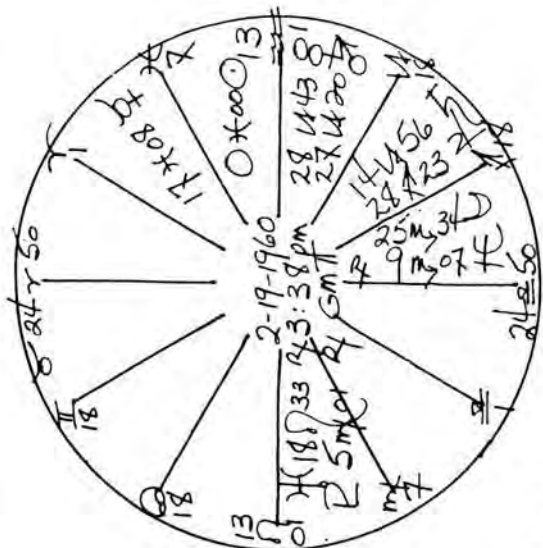
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who loves adventure as her Moon in Aries trines a rising Jupiter. She can "hold her own" quite well, having Scorpio rising and the ruler of her Sun-sign (Venus) conjunct Pluto at the MC trining Saturn. Her reputed weight problem is nothing more than the usual water-sign rising tending to have a water-retention problem with naturally wide hips. Personally, I don't notice the "weight", but then, this woman has so much personality it doesn't really matter in the end result. Sarah feels comfortable about herself, holding few illusions about herself. At least, she's not an anorexic like Princess Diana, Charles' shrewish and bossy wife. Of course, Sarah is 26 years old and mature. She's been around the block, so to speak, and is four months older than her husband: another plus. Andrew has eight planets setting while Sarah has seven rising on the eastern half of her chart. Her Sun conj. Mars also add quite a bit of spice, not to mention that famous red hair.

In the composite chart, one Cancer is at the MC with 0 Libra 45 rising. The Sun in the third House means they will be able to communicate well with each other, and a mutual love of travel and adventure is shown by a trine to Uranus in the 11th House. They do have several friends in the music business, and with the trine of Uranus to Jupiter in the third, they won't always be alone on vacations, etc. Uranus square Venus in the second indicates they had better settle on a budget, for expenses could get out of hand, especially with Neptune also in that house, even if it is sextile both Saturn and Pluto. All planets in the composite chart but two are below the horizon, so there's will be a very private relationship, despite what the press writes about them in the future. Sarah is not one to air her feelings openly with Scorpio rising, and neither is Andrew with his Moon in Scorpio. Despite the fact they were married on a "Void of Course" Moon, I predict a happy and fruitful marriage for these two.

Contrast this to the composite chart of Charles and Diana. Saturn sits in the seventh House sextile Jupiter at the Midheaven. There seems to be a more formal basis to their relationship, something more akin to Charles' position as the future monarch. Charles also has Uranus ruling his seventh House, and from what I read in the papers, Diana, while not her own woman like Sarah, is indeed inclined to be quite bossy and wrap her husband around her little finger. Jupiter at the MC trine the Sun in the fifth points to the stature of this relationship, that of the future King and Queen of England. Despite the fact her Sun's in Cancer and his is in Scorpio, the composite Sun is in Virgo: let's face it folks, Virgo ain't the most passionate sign in the zodiac and I sense a real coldness between these two. Moon in Pisces semi-square the ASC and inconjunct both Mars and Neptune in the sixth leads me to believe their sex life ain't all that hot, either. The fire and passion between them initially (if ever) certainly has burned out by now. Composite Moon in Pisces points to "something to cry about" despite its trine to Uranus in the fourth House. That's where the real upsets take place, in the home. Diana has been very open about her disapproval of some of her husband's friends and servants. She takes liberties no woman should in front of her monarch. This is how divorces are made, even though these two will no doubt put on a good front in the public eye, despite many serious differences between them.

It's a real pity that Andrew wasn't the first-born son with Sarah to be the future queen. I think they would make a better King and Queen, largely due to their inherent personalities, which are more harmonious than those of Charles and Diana. But alas, monarch are fed from birth about duty, honour and all that stuff. No wonder the former Duke of Windsor gave it all up!

Finally, I'd like to comment on the relationship between myself and the city of Bakersfield, according to its chart: Sept. 10, 1863, at 10:53 a.m. LMT. Despite the fact our Moons are square to each other, our Sun's position is sextile, and it sits conjunct my Nadir. That might account for the feeling in me right now that I would like to live there. The Mars of Bakersfield is sextile both my Moon and Jupiter implying that I might "get off my duff" and be able to do more up there than down here in tinseltown. Our Saturns are trine and its Venus is

also trine my Saturn, but square my ASC. Our Jupiters are square, so I might get more value for my money there (especially in rent) than I could here. Bakersfield's Neptune is opposite mine, but sextile my Uranus and trine my Pluto, which is opposite my Sun and Venus. Both good and bad aspects exist to be sure, as they will in any relationship.

When looking at the composite between Bakersfield and myself, Jupiter sits right on the ASC; Uranus is in the tenth trine Sun and Mars in the second House (good for making money at Astrology, right)? The Moon in Libra is in the first House sextile Saturn in the 11th. No wonder I found the people there to be so kind and friendly towards me. The fact I was on T.V. four times over the weekend might be accounted for by me having my natal Moon conj. the ASC and my North Node conj. the MC. All I'm saying is that I was pleasantly surprised at my initial reaction to Bakersfield, through which I had travelled many times before on a fast track to either Fresno or San Francisco. Don't sell small towns short, for they have a lot more to offer than their population might at first indicate. And of course, if you get really bored, Los Angeles is only two hours away, where you can get your fill of heavy traffic, rude drivers, pushy salespeople and smog that lasts for days on end, not to mention the fires, floods and Santa Ana winds that send the thermometer soaring. We do have our beaches, folks, if you can ever get to them. I suppose in the long run, would you rather be a big fish in a little pond or a small fish in a big pond? Many who have come here for success and fame find they can't hack it, so they return to a more normal world where people have time for each other. Los Angeles is getting too much like New York in recent years for me.

JOYLYN HILL, Denver, CO **June 12, 1986**

The big bad Glitch is at work, and this time the blame can't be laid on poor old typo. First my own error, and then I'll talk about somebody else's. I just sent off an article, have now recognized a glitch error, but I'm not going to call the post office and waste more postage. When I typed the article, I remembered that I remembered that Tom Lincoln had Mars in Aquarius. How then, did I get the idea while I was typing that this Mars conjuncted Abe Lincoln's Moon? Probably because I had my mind on the fact that Abraham Lincoln had his Moon in Capricorn squaring his own Mars in Libra.

Judith Gee: The nations of India and Israel were created only nine months apart. India's Independence Day is August 15, 1947. India's Venus conjuncts Israel's Saturn. India's Saturn conjuncts Israel's Pluto, etc. When the British left, 200,000 were killed in the ensuing Civil War, with two million displaced people surviving the conflict. A partitioning followed, and today we have Pakistan, and following that Bangladesh. In no other way could those problems have been peaceably. Nobody has accused England of instigating India's Civil War, and India would have resented it very much if England's soldiers had come back to restore order, even if it would have been legal. There was no profit to be gained by staying in Palestine. Nobody liked the British Mandate. The Israelis were in a hurry to have their own country. Count Bernadotte was assassinated, the King David Hotel was blown up, a British corporal and sergeant were murdered, mutilated, and hung upside down. Don't you think the British "military presence" was tired of being a scapegoat?

I read with interest **Edith Custer's** review of **T. Pat Davis'** book on Abraham Lincoln. She worked hard gathering all her material, and it was surprising the information she was able to gather on Tom and Nancy Hanks Lincoln, the parents of the 16th president. An objection to the sunrise chart is that it makes Lincoln's Moon void of course. The Moon in a man's chart is supposed to represent a man's mother, wife and sister's, if any. Ulysses Grant had a void of course Moon and so did William McKinley. McKinley's Moon is the same degree as Lincoln's; that is, conjunct the U.S. Pluto, and both presidents were assassinated. McKinley's wife was an invalid during a large part of their marriage, and confined to a wheelchair. Andrew Johnson's wife had tuberculosis, and the two married daughters fulfilled the duties of the First Lady. Lincoln's wife

was in a poor state of mental health during his presidency, and after his death she was for a time declared legally insane and thus incompetent to manage her own affairs. In the case of U.S. Grant, it was his mother who was mentally troubled most of her life, although she lived alone and managed her own affairs. She did not like Ulysses; avoiding and ignoring him as much as possible, even refusing to visit him in the White House. When Ulysses was a baby, some neighbors noted she made no effort to rescue the little tyke who was about to be kicked and trampled by four nervous horses. Battered and bruised, the little boy crawled somehow to safety. Her indifference and outright dislike of her firstborn may have been due to his birth five and a half months after she married Jesse Grant. By marrying Miss Simpson, Jesse Grant improved himself both socially and financially. Tom Lincoln was a cut above Nancy Hanks socially, but I've always wondered where he got the \$500 with which he bought the farm near Hodgenville. His previous job had been raising mules and selling them.

According to the William Barton book on Lincoln's paternity which was published in 1916, and the book which every biographer since has refused to either mention or corroborate, there were two Nancy Hanks who were first cousins. One was the daughter of Lucy Hanks (herself illegitimate,) and the other the daughter of Polly Hanks. Lucy had two sisters--Polly, and Betsy Hanks Sparrow. And she had five brothers. Richard and Joseph stayed in Virginia, and Luke, James and John moved to South Carolina. The other children in the family of 12 never reached maturity. Lucy's Nancy was raised by Aunt Betsy, allowing Lucy to marry respectably and have eight children of her own. When Uncle Luke died, his widow Ann asked Betsy and Lucy if she could have Nancy for awhile as an assistant. (She had inherited her husband's tavern business which was at Craytonville.) Nancy joined her Aunt Ann and stayed for awhile. When she did leave, she was accompanied on her trip back to Kentucky by Tom Lincoln and his friend, Abraham Enloe. Since Enloe didn't have as much money as poor hardscrabble Tom Lincoln, where did the \$500 come from? When Nancy Hanks got home, her problems were solved by marrying Tom Lincoln, and her relations were improved with her aunts and mother by adopting the motherless little girl, Eliza, the child of her first cousin, Nancy, and Polly's grandchild. Eliza Lincoln was then Abe's first cousin once removed and not his sister. Since Eliza's mother was deceased, she was forgotten. Tom Lincoln married Nancy Hanks in 1808, but when Lincoln ran for the House of Representatives from Illinois, the marriage record somehow changed so that the date of his parents' marriage became 1806. (Dennis Hanks, one of Abe's close childhood playmates, was also a first cousin once removed, and illegitimate, since he had his mother's maiden name.)

When Abraham Lincoln was running for the Senate, the papers were taking note of all the rumors. It was a close race, and Stephen Douglas advocates were listening to the tales of Lincoln's "White trash" origins. John Scripps, an editor of a respected newspaper, wanted to set things straight. (The Scripps-Howard newspaper chain descends from him.) Lincoln at first was quite wary and said he was going to stick to his original policy of ignoring the stories. Why should he talk about such a subject (in my opinion) to an editor when he had not talked about it to his wife or Herndon, his law partner? Mysteriously, however, after the interview with Scripps, who did keep his secret, the stories died down. Some biographers could stomach this, and would merely hit any stories connecting Abraham Enloe as Lincoln's supposed father. As for the identity Barton's sources brought forward as Lincoln's real father, they spoke of the man's Scotch-Irish background rather than an English background as physically possible with someone of Lincoln's physique, (considering that Tom Lincoln was somewhat short to average height, plump and with a round head.) The identity of the man was considered so far out that no reputable historian would touch it with a 20-foot pole, even if it were probable that this man, when young, visited this particular tavern while working as a circuit lawyer and getting experience.

Andrew Johnson was another president who toughed it out. The muck hit him, however, when he was running for the House (1842-45 period.) Johnson's campaign opponent was a minister running on the Whig ticket. (Today's political campaigns were nothing to what they were like 100 years ago.) Johnson's mother was a housekeeper at an inn and her husband was a janitor at the town's only bank. They were both illiterate and so was Andy until he married a schoolteacher, a Miss McCordle.

So here we have, three Presidents, one succeeding the other, and all of them having an afflicted Moon. Johnson, six weeks older than Lincoln, had Jupiter conjunct Pluto in Pisces in the fifth House, square Neptune in Sagittarius, with Saturn the ruler of the fourth House in the last degree of Scorpio opposing the Moon in Taurus which was situated in the eighth House near the Pleiades, with Mars in Libra in the 12th House, Venus in Aquarius deposed by Uranus in Scorpio, etc. (Dec. 29, 1808, 12:34 a.m. LMT 78W38-35N47 - D.C. Doane.)

As far as horoscopes are concerned, the adoptive parents of a child always have planetary aspects to the child they adopt, which shows that they would not have adopted that particular child if there were not some kind of a configuration between all of them. A Mars-Moon aspect between Tom and Abe Lincoln sounds real enough, especially since Abraham Lincoln had Mars squaring the Moon in his chart. (He refused to go to his father's funeral.)

The old style of depicting a country's situation or forecasting its future was to study the horoscope of its ruler. In Abraham Lincoln's chart you can see the struggle going on within his soul illustrated by the Civil War. If you study Andrew Johnson's chart, you see Reconstruction and the rape of the South. In Lincoln's term, 20,000 dissidents were thrown in jail. When Johnson became President, the Amnesty declared on May 29, 1865, disqualified any Confederate owning more than \$20,000 worth of property, and there were 16 other conditions. Some bold reporters (and even bolder editors) reported that it was strange why negro prostitutes were sometimes at the White House going through one of the back entrances. (They were not there for the President, but rather certain men in difficulty with the law.) On Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays only the President interviewed people who wanted amnesty and a chance to own their property again. Quite a few southern widows and fatherless girls received their family property back without much difficulty whether they had collateral or could pay their taxes or not. Give Johnson credit, though, with his Mars in Libra in the 12th House. He saved the country from a military dictatorship. It was Stanton who told Copperhead Democrat, "If I tap that little bell, I can send you to a place where you will never hear the dogs bark." (Edwin M. Stanton, Dec. 19, 1814, Steubenville, Ohio.)

JULIE O'TOOLE, Wilmington, DE **Sept. 4, 1986**

To Buz Myers: Just wanted to thank you for filling in with your lecture on 1986 Eclipses at the AFA Convention. It was one of the nicest surprises of the week. I know I have listened to the tape a half dozen times and still laugh and still learn.

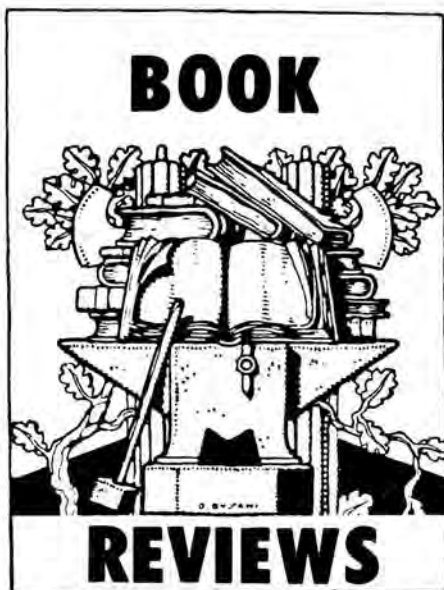
I am one of many who haven't had an opportunity to see and hear you, and if it hadn't been for this I wouldn't have known what I was missing. Thanks for putting other things aside. Continued success with RKM and I hope we meet again.

MH - Pg. 1, July 1986: Someone was listing state capitals in a previous issue and Wilmington was given the credit whereas Dover is the capital of Delaware. Latitude 39N10.

CAMMILLE ADAMS, Bowie, MD **Aug. 15, 1986**

Great 50th Edition! But then I think all the editions are great and if I had more time I would write constantly, constantly praising same. This is a hurried note my friends, regarding Richard Burke, Key West, Florida, 50th Edition p.69, requesting information on Edward Teller. Here is all I could find among Jacobs information: Jan. 15, 1908, Budapest, Hungary. [Cammille also attached a list of important events in Teller's life. If anyone's interested, let us know. Jewell.]

One of these days a really long letter of the trials tribulations and a few tributes of herself.



"THE CHANGING SKY, a Practical Guide to the New Predictive Astrology" by Steven Forrest; publ. by Bantam book; pp. 330; price \$3.95

Awhile back an excellent book called "The Inner Sky, the Dynamic New Astrology for Everyone" fell into my hands. It was a well written beginning book by Steven Forrest and I heaved a big sigh of relief that widely published Bantam Books chose a well versed astrologer instead of one giving us the usual Sun Sign wisdom.

The same author, Steven Forrest, has written a second excellent book -- this one deals with progressions and transits. Again, I was delighted to read a well written, well thought through book. The first page already tells the story: "We are free. No rigid, fatalistic prediction can bind us. There is no astrological event so baleful that creativity, intelligence and honest self-appraisal cannot turn it to constructive uses...."

Forrest gives a good review, talks about "Root Prediction" and then explains his definition of what transits and progressions are all about. In the last part of the book he "puts it all together" by actual delineation of some horoscopes. His style is easy to read, his examples always right on, new enough to make you think, familiar enough not to throw you.

This is not a "How to" book, but for those with some knowledge it is a great addition and illumination.

TOWARD A NEW ASTROLOGY [The Approach of Edgar Cayce] by Ry Redd; publ. Inner Vision, Virginia Beach, VA; pp. 217; price \$10.95.

Like so many skeptics who become real adherents, Ry Redd started his research into the Cayce astrological readings by trying to prove him wrong and ended up a total convert -- not only to Edgar Cayce's status as a true seer, but also to his approach to Astrology. This book is a testimony, and one that captivated me enough to read it from beginning to end.

Redd tells us about sidereal versus tropical, the advantages of using Nirayanas, why the Kaballah and Rudolf Steiner's teachings are closest to Cayce's way of thinking and especially Cayce's interpretation of what happens right after death. He gives full data for some reborn charts of formerly famous or infamous folks, such as Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Jean Paul Marat, King Louis XV and many more.

He tells us about the 100th monkey, a widely known, fascinating theory (too long to explain here) which he feels is the missing link between archetypes, reincarnation and Astrology. He gives us some great insights into Cayce's thinking, such as life/spirit starts with the first breath, but the soul's union with the physical body can occur as much as 24 hours later. Or Cayce's statements that the most important astrological influences are first the Sun and second the planet(s) rising or nearest the Ascendant.

This "old" approach to Astrology (after all, the Sleeping Prophet died in 1945) takes on a new tone, because Redd brings out many factors and presents them in a new light, including the rarely mentioned fact that Cayce was a prime believer in man's free will.

INTERPRETING SOLAR RETURNS by James Eshelman; publ. by ACS Publications, San Diego; pp. 200; price \$12.95.

This book, first published by Astro-Analytics in 1979, has undergone some nice revisions. It is now typeset and well presented, as most of ACS' publications.

The contents are still excellent, especially since so few modern books have been written on Solar Returns. The calculations are much easier to follow than in the old edition. There also are some nice updates, including a section on planets in various angles and quite a few more example charts.

Eshelman is a good astrologer and good writer -- but he is a siderealist and much of the book is based on sidereal Astrology. That is a great pity, since most of us in the Western world are tropical astrologers and would have enjoyed additional tropical information in this revised edition.

COMPLETE HOROSCOPE INTERPRETATION - Putting Together your Planetary Profile by Maritha Pottenger; publ. by ACS Publications, San Diego; pp. 545; price \$19.95.

Maritha Pottenger, editor par excellence for ACS, has done an outstanding job for her own book. It is clear, concise, easy to follow and beautifully put together. NOT everybody may agree with the 12 letter alphabet, or "Zip Code" originated by Maritha's mother, Zip Dobyns, but it presents Astrology in a way that is easy and consistent for the neophyte.

Yet Maritha has gone quite a few steps further and taken the concept into such realms as work and career options, relationships, mind and communication, money, children and sexuality, parents and so on.

Best of all, before you even get to page one, Maritha tells you what this book (and Astrology per se) can and cannot do for you, versus what you can do for yourself. She expands on this subject in chapter one, an excellent description of her approach to Astrology, one which I fully share.

This book, nearly encyclopaedic in its information, can really be used as a complete reference for horoscope interpretation. The only danger of any such work is that non-astrologers will assemble bits and pieces without the know-how of synthesizing the chart.

SEVEN PATHS TO UNDERSTANDING by Zipporah Dobyns and William Wrobel; publ. by ACS Publications, San Diego; pp. 347; price \$12.95.

Renowned astrologer Zip Dobyns joins with Bill Wrobel to analyze seven people through seven different paths. Though many of us may be primarily astrologers, it is fascinating to see how the other disciplines will tell the same story through a different blueprint.

In section one Dobyns takes us through all seven cases by using Astrology, numerology, palmistry and handwriting analysis. At the end of the section Helen Ewald, M.A., scores standard personality inventory tests which all the subjects had to take.

In section two Bill Wrobel analyses the seven participants in what he calls "Conscious Awareness." His approach is a combination of using the astrological chart, personal aura, interviews (written and oral) as well as an in depth numerological interpretation.

This book is of particular interest to those in the counselling fields, since it deals with case histories (all charts, handwriting samples, palm prints etc. are provided) and gives the reader a chance to use their own interpretations.

ASTEROID GODDESSES by Demetra George with Douglas Bloch; publ. by ACS Publications, San Diego; pp. 367; price \$14.95.

This is a well constructed book with lots of good information for all Astrologers who use asteroids or would like

to learn more about them. George calls them "Agents of Transformation" and explains that in her opinion "Ceres, Pallas Athene, Juno and Vesta represent new voices of the dormant feminine, recently activated and now demanding recognition and equality in our society." She feels they can be octave transformers between the personal (ending with Mars) and collective (starting with Jupiter) planets.

All four asteroids are described astrologically, mythologically and psychologically; two short chapters discuss 12 "minor" asteroids including their physical properties. Appendices describe the four asteroids in the horoscopes of famous people and an ephemeris of 16 asteroids from 1931 to 1990 is included.

The writing is not always of top quality, but the information is timely, well researched and very nicely presented.

ASTRO-DATA III by Lois M. Rodden; publ. by AFA, Tempe, AZ; pp. 265; price \$17.95.

Lois Rodden's long awaited third book of chart data has finally been published. Section one offers some 400 horoscopes of what Lois calls "AA" (birth records) "A" (quoted by the person or a family member) and "B" data (biographical). Section two includes some 300 data of chart calculations, but without a printed horoscope. This section includes "A", "B" as well as "C" (caution no source of origin) and "DD" (Dirty or conflicting data).

As always, Rodden's work is well researched, her explanations are clear and concise and her biographical sketches brief and to the point. Your favorite film or T.V. star, politician, sportsfigure, astrologer -- if the data wasn't in "Profiles of Women" or "American Book of Charts" (or in Gauquelin's "Book of American Charts") you'll find it in Astro-Data III.

My two complaints would be that the editor decided to leave off the "AA" category and made everything "A" -- a pity, since Lois felt this was an important differentiation between fact and possible fiction, and that there is no index of the charts.

(Lois Rodden corrected many errors in the galley proofs but the publisher didn't correct them before printing so there will have to be errata sheets issued. This is a real pain to have to make corrections that should have been done and could have been done before printing. With the hue and cry for accurate data going on today and with the hours Lois spent making corrections to insure accurate data, this is just a case of very sloppy publishing over which Lois is extremely upset.) [Edith]

HEALING PLUTO PROBLEMS by Donna Cunningham, publ. by Samuel Weiser, York Beach, ME; pp. 218; price \$10.95.

This is the second book on Pluto published this year. (The first one was written by Jeff Green and published by Llewellyn). Pluto is still such an unsolved enigma and maybe it is too early to write a definite text, but Donna Cunningham's will serve well in the interim.

Though I may not always agree with her description of what Pluto stands for by house position, aspect etc., I admire the way she confronts some of the Plutonic or Scorpionic problems. Not only does she confront them, but she has some advice on how to solve them, accept them and become "healed." The title of the book is well chosen!

Cunningham addresses such subjects as guilt, sexual problems, isolation, resentment, victimization, grief and of course death and transformation. With each problem she offers possible tools to help and heal, from flower remedies to light or color therapy to a whirlpool cleanse for chakras and just simple affirmations. Cunningham is a good writer and her 17 years experience in working with alcoholics and abused children and women stands her in good stead.

THE TIMING OF EVENTS: Electional Astrology by Bruce Scofield; publ. by Astrolabe, Orleans, MA; pp. 137; price \$9.95.

The back of the book states: "The first truly modern book on Electional Astrology" which is true except for a very good self-published booklet a few years ago by Christine Lorigan Rechter called **Electional Astrology**. So yes, we need a modern

book on the topic, and Bruce Scofield's, though short, serves as a good beginning.

Scofield gives the readers different ways of observing transits, progressions and directions in their own lives and then leads them from traditional to less orthodox ways of erecting an electional chart. This book, by the way, does not include Horary in its approach to electional. He also gives very specific examples and checklists of what to look for in such events as travel, weddings, business and employment. All of it very helpful.

Readers should be aware that Scofield uses midpoints and the 90° wheel, Uranian planets and many minor aspects. He apparently does not use the quincunx (inconjunct) at all. The book is nicely put together and useful to anyone looking for a specific day to a specific something.

GENERATIONS AND THE OUTER PLANET CYCLES by Steve Cozzi, published AFA, Tempe, AZ; pp. 121, price \$9.95.

This is a rather interesting book, especially when viewed from a generational, historical and cultural standpoint. Steve Cozzi divides it into three areas. In the first one he explains the East Indian concept of "Yugas" where all 12 ages are contained within one complete ascending and descending cycle.

In the next three chapters he discusses Pluto and its relationship to Neptune and Uranus, starting in 1292 and ending in 1983. In the last chapter he takes us into the future - 1983 to 2005. Though Cozzi always leaves room for the free will of each individual, he does admit that masses react differently. Countries fall under mass consciousness, and he does not really foresee a rosy future.

He bases his predictions not only on Astrology, but also on many books describing the future, such as Nostradamus, the Bible, Mayan and Tibetan calendars, Hopi Indians and more. All told, there was enough in this thin book to keep me interested.

All of the above reviewed by MARION D. MARCH

THE ASTROLOGICAL ART CALENDAR 1987, Published by Hugh Lauter Levin Associates, Inc. Distributed by Macmillan Publishing Company, New York, 24X12" [open], 24 pages with 24 color illustrations, ISBN: 0-88363-486-4, \$7.95.

THE ASTROLOGICAL ART CALENDAR 1987

Astrology, the foundation on which modern astronomy rests, can be traced back to the dawn of civilization in the East and the West, when sages first studies the "cosmic dance" of heavenly bodies, marveled at celestial influences on earthly lives, and strove to evoke these forces in images of stunning beauty. The iconography of the zodiac and the planets - the fabulous beasts, mythic heroes, demons, and arcane symbols - these pictorialized magical and religious beliefs still inspire wonder in **The Astrological Art Calendar 1987**.

Astrology, of course, has millions of adherents today, and all will want this magnificent calendar, as will anyone who delights in fantastic imagery. With 24 stunning color illustrations from Babylon and the Orient, medieval manuscripts, and the cathedrals of Europe, **The Astrological Art Calendar 1987** is replete with lore and astrological information. It includes horoscopes, lists all holidays, and offers ample space for writing daily reminders.

Reviewed by ELLIN YASSKY

LLEWELLYN ASTROLOGICAL CALENDAR, 1987 - \$6.95,
LLEWELLYN DAILY PLANETARY GUIDE, 1987 - \$5.95.

Here are two valuable tools for everyday use by astrologers. The calendar includes an introduction to Astrology with a fine synopsis of astrological history. Included is a denouncement of Sun sign Astrology, which most of us would appreciate. There are sections on Sun signs, Moon signs, aspects and even mention of Retrograde planet meanings and the Void-of-Course Moon. In other words, it shows the complexities of the subject, however briefly. Therefore while this calendar is very valuable to astrologers, it serves to promote a higher profile of true Astrology to the layman.

A monthly ephemeris is included along with daily

aspectarians, Void-of-Course Moon periods and Moon phases. Other notable features are a list of personalities born under each sign and other planetary visibility tables.

The one feature I do not like is that Void-of-Course times etc. are recorded for Central Time or one hour previous to our time zone. This can be very confusing because the information relating this to the reader is not given until the very back cover under a flap on the calendar. This would have been very much better to have been noted on the front cover.

The **Daily Planetary Guide** consists of much the same information without the introduction, but is clearly marked on the cover as to all times being recorded in Eastern Pacific times, for easier reference.

All in all, both are useful tools for the astrologer, but also would make great gifts to just about anyone you would wish to share your interest in Astrology with. The **Planetary Guide's** small format makes it easy to carry around and use as a datebook.

Reviewed by MINDY KRUPP

"THE MOON IN YOUR LIFE" by ARLENE ROBERTSON,
 published by AFA, 233 pages, \$16.95

I liked the way this book is written since it contains a lot more than just the Moon in the various signs. First Arlene goes through all of the Moon signs and then takes the Moon through all of the houses as well. She also does the characteristics of a female in a particular Moon sign and then the male.

In part two of the book she reviews the aspects to the Moon, first describing the aspect itself, then the Moon in conjunction, square, opposition and trine to the various planets. This book takes it a little further than the aspects by relating it to fire, earth, air and water influences. As an example, the opposition of Sun/Moon in Aries/Libra (fire and air) or the Taurus/Scorpio opposition (earth and water) is defined using the elements and the fire, earth, air and water trines are discussed. She interprets all of the planets in this manner, in regard to the aspects to the Moon.

Part three deals with the transits to the Moon, by aspect.

This book is excellent for students and teachers alike. It gives a quick handle on the Moon and is written in an easily understood manner. Everything that could possibly be said about the Moon has already been said but with this book it is easy to create an open dialogue between teacher and students and it does add a dimension that was lacking before. I really enjoyed the easy flowing style it was written in. My only objection to the book is the price. At \$11.95 or even \$12.95 it would be well worth it but \$16.95 is a little much.

Reviewed by EDITH CUSTER

CLASSICAL SCIENTIFIC ASTROLOGY. by George C. Noonan. Published by A.F.A., P. O. Box 22141, 6535 S. Rural Road, Tempe, Arizona 85282, 166 pages. Price Fifteen dollars fifty. Paperback. 1984.

This is a brilliant and scholarly work by George C. Noonan which should be welcomed with acclaim. The clarity and reasoning of his style reminds one of Ptolemy himself, as if that great man had returned to admonish us for our careless disregard of our subject. Reading this book I began to realize with growing admiration the stature and impact of Ptolemy on history and on the history of Astrology in particular. There is an apparent affinity between Ptolemy and our author which can be recognized in the same cool mathematical approach.

Mr. Noonan tells us that the book is an attempt to reconstruct the Astrology of 200 B.C. - 1600 A.D. He follows and compares the broad outlines of Greek and Arabic astrological thought, which, he points out, depended on mathematics and observational astronomy, in contrast to our modern oversimplified conclusions in which astronomical fact is sometimes ignored.

We begin to appreciate the emphasis placed on the planetary powers, and their comparative fixity of meaning, in antiquity; while the signs played a more subservient role, being modified by the planets occupying them. This fact is reversed by modern astrologers. One becomes aware of the ancient importance of the Sun, both in regard to the planetary aspects to it, and the dependence of the Ascendant upon it, and in other

respects also. There is a discussion of the refinements of the planetary positions, their exaltations, debilities, domiciles, orbs, masculinity, termini, faces, phases, friendships and enmities. We learn of the triplicities and their rulerships, of the planetary years and the planetary hours, both of the days and of the nights. Mr. Noonan explains to us the great importance of the apparent velocity and acceleration of the planets, so relevant to the determination of dexter or sinister aspects. In an Astrology of astronomical observation our present use of the outer planets, and especially our ideas of their associations with signs or houses, pinpoints the confusion of modern thought.

Perhaps the culminating highlight in a book full of remarkable highlights is the trigonometric calculation given for computing loci (house division; each house being related to facets of life,) as used in classical times by Ptolemy. This has been made possible only by the recent translation of fragments of writings by the sixth century astrologer Rhetorius. Mr. Noonan explains that Ptolemy's method was the first, and that he divided the equator into unequal parts representing the varying lengths of day and night. To clarify this for us, Mr. Noonan first carefully describes the astronomical coordinates directly related to the earth, using large clear diagrams.

Some of the pages that delighted me most included the beautifully graphic discussion of the movements of inferior and of superior planets as they move from orientality to occidentality, of their occultations, retrogradations and stations the like of which I have never read before.

Worthy of careful study are the reasons why Ptolemaic aspects are of greater significance than the plethora of practical meaningless minor aspects now in use. There is a discussion of the prevention or completion of aspects, and of many more items too numerous to list here, some of which have unfortunately been forgotten, (though readers of Lilly will recognize many of them.) The book brings hope that our future astrologers will incorporate this knowledge into their work to counteract the increasingly oversimplistic tendency towards glorified Sun sign psychology which could grind Astrology to a halt. It is rare and refreshing to find a book unashamedly about Astrology when so many prefer to hide behind statistics or psychology. Mr. Noonan has made a truly admirable contribution and we should be grateful to him and to Ptolemy also.

Reviewed by OLIVIA BARCLAY

ASTRO-DATA III BY LOIS RODDEN; publ. by AFA; Tempe, Arizona; pp 265; price \$17.00

Astrologers have been blessed once again by a rich source of new horoscopes to study in Astro-Data III. The origins of the data are given for reliability assessment, and information about each person accompanies the chart and data presented. This is Lois Rodden's third big book stuffed full of valuable horoscope data, and none are repeated between her books.

So much can be learned from these collections that we really need to know. For example, I have been informed by a number of people over the years that Sagittarius rising was the mark of the comedian. Sixteen people were found in this category, one way or another, in Astro-Data. Would you believe that NONE of these people had Sagittarius Ascendant? It's true! With these marvelous data books, astrologers have real people's charts to evaluate these pronouncements repeated endlessly parrot-style, but which are never checked out. An in-depth study of data books by every student is certain to create better astrologers.

The strain and frustration of collecting this data, the seemingly endless struggle to validate it, then check for errors, and keep everyone informed of corrections can be attributed to Lois Rodden's dedication to the profession. It is certainly a full time job! She is owed a vote of appreciation by the astrological community for raising the standards of data publication - and we need to encourage her to stay with it. Send her your very best data - complete, please - and a thank you. Now if we could only talk her into including the heliocentric placements.....

You can save on postage and handling charges made by others by ordering Astro-Data III directly from her at her new address: 11736 Third St.; Yucaipa, California 92399.

Reviewed by T. PATRICK DAVIS



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I always look forward to the day of receiving **Mercury Hour** ... especially that time of year whenever the Extra Edition comes in also. Also, I've been a fairly "long time reader" having been a continuous subscriber since 1977 and in my early years even purchased earlier copies of your publication to help satisfy my interest in what the astrological community has always had to say.

Perhaps my Libra Sun enjoys reading about both sides of issues, but I guess it's my three planets in Scorpio (Moon, Mercury and Saturn) that riles me up when I feel a great deal of some people's personal animosities are being aired through your publication against a fine organization, the American Federation of Astrologers. I am a paid up member of the group ... have been one since I joined in 1970 and since 1980 have attended many of the national conventions.

Although over the course of the years I've written a couple of letters to **MH** about some miscellaneous matters ... I've always held back my opinions even when I thought some of the writers were unjust. No, I am not an officer in AFA but I think it's time to express an opinion.

It is my opinion that what you are insinuating through your recent editorial in the Oct. 1986, 51st ed., is really an injustice to a fine organization. Everything I've read for the past two or three years negative about the AFA has just been a lot of criticism with nothing really positive.

I've been a member of the astrological community since 1970 ... and during this time I've attended a couple of NCGR two-day affairs during their early years in the Boston area also when they were just beginning to get their organization going. Whether it's AFA ... or any of these other meetings ... I've always enjoyed myself ... I've come away with something more than what I came in with. I note in your publication there are other astrological get-togethers in other parts of the country and I'm certain they are all as good as the ones I've been to.

It seems there is a disgruntled group of people in our astrological community that have a personal grudge against the AFA and are just trying to stir up a lot of unrest, when as far as most of the AFA members that I have come in contact with at all of the conventions I have attended since 1980 in Atlanta, New Orleans, Chicago and the most recent one in Los Angeles, just doesn't exist. All of the people - or should I say most of the people attending are there to learn and to enjoy themselves. That's the way it has been for me and my wife (not an astrologer) who just likes to attend and to enjoy the area and the people she meets at each convention.

It seems that some of the big names in the astrological community had a few gripes a couple of years ago - and from what I've read or heard - have aired them. And it seems that the AFA board of directors made whatever changes were suggested ... if the changes were constructive.

As of the most recent attack to AFA by **Richard Nolle**, I don't as yet know what his reasons are, but I will be sending him \$1 as you suggested to find out. I have always enjoyed his informative articles in the AFA monthly Bulletin. It is

unfortunate that his articles will not be seen any more.

It was interesting to note in Mr. Nolle's letter to the AFA membership, that the organization had 3,700 members. I never really knew how many people were in the organization. I think that's pretty good for one group as limited as our discipline is in regard to the general masses. And as for the 850 or more that attended (myself included) ... I feel it was "their loss" for those who weren't there, however I do understand that in spite of the wonderful work the AFA headquarters does in getting special low rates for hotel rooms ... it still is a great expense to travel and dine out for many. Even though they would like to attend, they cannot. There were many years I wished I could attend, but could not afford it ... so the "only 850" is really a meaningless statement - just the remark of a bitter person and I respect Mr. Nolle's reason for whatever it is.

To conclude this letter, I feel there is room for many astrological associations in the country - national as well as regional. At the national conventions I've met many of the officers as well as lecturers and they are all a dedicated bunch. I respect the work of Bob Cooper and his wife Sara although I really do not know them. Like any large organization it really must be nerve racking for them try to satisfy so many different types of people that are attracted to this discipline. There are many highly intelligent people doing astrological work, and I've read some pretty way-out philosophies in **MH** over the years also, but I try to take it all with a "grain of salt."

You can continue to gripe - and your readers can continue to express their opinions. Regardless, I'll continue to subscribe to **MH**, but please, people - do me a favor - print some constructive criticism. Let all of your gripes be aired. Stop keeping secrets. I'm the one with the Scorpio Moon. I'm the one that should like the secrets. AFA, the organization as a whole, the years of service to the community should be treated with the respect it deserves. The outside non-astrological community will not hurt Astrology ... it's the vindictive people within our community that will kill it.

Sept. 19, 1986

Doris Chase Doane, President and
Members of the Board of Directors
including Robert Cooper, Exec. Sec'y.
American Federation of Astrologers
Tempe, Arizona
Ladies and Gentlemen:

This concerns the Newsletter #1 of Save AFA Committee and the September 9 letter of President Doane. I have read the two letters carefully. I have mixed feelings. Probably there are some exaggerations in both in addition to truths. I feel the Richard Nolle letter carries the ring of truth. If I were employed by AFA and made some of the discoveries he made while working there, I would consider it remiss not to speak up. I do not view what he did as "rummaging through the files". When one works in an office, in the normal course of duties, one does see and have access to information about how the business is conducted.

I joined AFA in 1968, and passed the day-long professional exam in spring of 1973 (and some years later was notified in a gracious letter that I had been given professional status under some grandfather clause!) Perhaps I am still listed that way, I don't know. As a member for 18 years, I am not ready to give up on AFA. The first thing we need to admit is that not everyone who offers criticism and suggestions wants power or to control. Not everyone is a "dissident". That word, by the way, simply means one who does not agree. A lot of people who have dared to disagree and been labled with this brush are well-meaning. A large number of good people have given up. I think AFA can be healthy again, can overcome the present crisis period, but we do desperately need some changes without which we are in grave danger. We need:

- (1) By-Laws which reflect a democratic organization rather than the autocratic body we have become.
- (2) An independent outside audit done by a firm of accredited licensed CPA's. Our financial reports are almost laughable to any CPA or one who knows what those

reports should look like. Accredited, licensed CPA firms make and certify their audit and reports, not their clients. Their firm name appears on all their audits and reports. If there is nothing to hide, having an outside audit done by a reputable firm should pose no problem to anyone.

We appear to be a profit-making corporation engaged in publishing and book sales rather than a non-profit organization whose main purpose is research and education. Membership cannot take part in our research program without paying a fee over and above yearly dues, which limits the scope of research. And where is all the results of all this research we are supposed to have been doing all these years? I would like to see AFA consider giving up its non-profit, tax-free status, be the profit-making organization it is or can be and pay the taxes accordingly. Would that be so bad? It would certainly be more law-abiding, if we are making profit, and would give protection to board members who could be held accountable by IRS.

I would like to see more openness with membership. Example: The bulletin about the 1986 convention called it one of the greatest ever held, etc. etc. The truth is it was poorly attended, overly populated with teacher/lecturers (some of whom did not appear to be very well prepared, or perhaps even really knowledgeable in their work.) I did three days of driving and spent several hundred dollars to attend and present one of my addresses to three people! The titles of my lectures had been changed arbitrarily by persons unknown at headquarters, the new titles being "Beginning Astrology I" and "Beginning Astrology II", certainly not very imaginative and in no way remotely resembling the titles I had submitted some months before with typewritten scripts and audio cassettes, which receipt was acknowledged. However, attendance to hear the most popular lecturers was only about 15 to 20 which tells you how successful that conference was. The people simply were not there in anywhere near the numbers we have seen at previous conventions. The bulletin describing the convention was not very factual. Also, I found it strange that an astrological body holds its convention when there are six planets retrograde, including Mercury, and Pluto making a station.

So far as "openness" with membership, another example: At the S.F. convention, where there was a large turnout of membership, no announcement was made that I know of to membership that headquarters was being moved from Washington, D.C. to Tempe, Arizona, although the move was an established fact, the land acquired, architect hired, etc. We were notified after we all returned home, by the bulletin, that our headquarters was being moved! (I attended all meetings open to membership).

The royalty contract with Mrs. Grant which runs for life and pays her royalties on the sale of ALL books is indeed amazing. Dorothy B. Hughes, who was president the year that contract was made, told me that she was surprised to hear that Mrs. Grant receives royalties on ALL book sales for the duration of her life, and that she does not believe that was the intent of the contract. I have been a member for almost 18 years, and this is the first I ever heard of it. I wonder how many members knew about this? Perhaps the Board feels what they do or what previous Boards did is no business of membership, but I tend to feel otherwise.

I tend to agree that the Executive Secretary should be a paid employee to manage the headquarters and implement the business decisions of the Board, rather than being a voting member of the Board. Again this is not criticism of Bob Cooper, who has worked long and hard for AFA, but is criticism of our STRUCTURE. This is our problem. Isn't it time to admit there are some things wrong with our By-Laws? Perhaps it is time to listen to some of the things "dissidents" have been saying as far back as the New Orleans convention, following which the business meetings were made off limits to members.

I appeal to the Board to do the necessary to restore us to a democratic organization. Time is running out.

cc-each board member
cc-Dorothy B. Hughes
cc-Richard Nolle

Yours very truly,
Marwayne Leipzig

September 23, 1986

Doris Chase Doane, President
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Dear Fellow Members:

I am in receipt of the SAFAC letter as well as that from Doris Chase Doane. It is appalling to me to read about some of the snafus at headquarters, all of which were either denied or ignored.

Having been a member of AFA since the late 1940's and having served on the board for ten years (which was the maximum term at that time under a resolution proposed by Edward L. Strater and approved by the members), I find it hard to recognize any longer the AFA I knew. The by-laws of the organization have been changed so drastically since 1970 that it is impossible to believe this could be the same organization I joined.

During the years I was active at the AFA, business meetings were held for members at AFA conventions. Members were allowed a voice at these meetings, and any questions they asked were answered as fully as possible. Their suggestions, if feasible, were accepted and adopted by the members present. All members attending were informed of any major changes or activities and asked for their approval. There was never any dissent or argument between the board and members. I can recall only one person at an AFA meeting who walked out -- because smoking was allowed in the lecture hall. That is the amount of dissent I can recall.

The treasurer of AFA for years was either an accountant or bookkeeper. During the years when AFA started publishing out-of-print books as part of the Bulletin (before AFA bought NAL), it was necessary that the executive secretary be allowed a cash fund at headquarters, since the treasurer did not live in Washington, D.C. This was approved by the members and the board. Now I understand that the treasurer no longer handles any of the AFA funds. If I am wrong, I would stand corrected at anytime, if someone would so inform me.

AFA conventions were a time to greet and visit with friends we seldom saw from all over the country. There was an air of camaraderie that everyone felt. They were just all members, no blue cards, gold cards, except for honorary life members. Those more advanced shared their knowledge with all present. So many happy memories remain from those times. I attended my first AFA convention in 1950 in Los Angeles. It was such a treat for a comparatively new student, and I learned so much.

I understand that AFA is a corporation with a governing board supposedly elected by the membership who show their confidence in the board members' expertise. However, now board members select the nominees with no approval of membership. During my years on the board, no board member served on the nominating committee which was appointed by the president at the business meeting. Members were advised to contact the nominating committee to make suggestions.

The above were merely some indications of how AFA business was handled at the time of my terms in office. I believe a thorough house-cleaning with an audit by a recognized auditor firm on their letterhead as well as changes in the by-laws are very necessary if AFA is to continue as a viable membership organization. No one person should have the control of a member organization as outlined in the by-laws presently. I have said it before and will say it again, "What need does the AFA have for members who have no voice at all? If AFA is a business corporation instead of a member organization, why not admit it?"

There has been so much turmoil in AFA for so long that it is heartbreaking to older members who remember it different from the present administration. Many of us contributed and donated hours and hours of time as volunteers which helped bring AFA its reputation years ago. So many of those who remember those times cannot testify, but I am sure they would,

were they here presently.

It is hoped that the necessary changes will be made in the near future to save AFA from its demise. It seems entirely possible that something will force an understandable report on AFA finances, with both Saturn and Uranus squaring the natal Neptune of AFA's chart placed in the 2nd House.

I pray that AFA will again become what it used to be emphasizing the logo on the AFA seal, "Research, Education, Cooperation and Progress."

Sincerely,

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HOROSCOPE DU JOUR

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Edith Custer urged me to look at the American Federation of Astrologers horoscope with heliocentric included, and so I recently studied this famous chart for the first time. It is a chart of importance to all of us for many reasons.

Not being sure of its validity as a responsive indicator of the 48-year-old organization, I checked past history seeking

confirmation. I was astounded at its liveliness and accuracy, thereby becoming convinced of its validity.

After studying it, I see the private, behind-the-scenes life of the organization, headquarters, and the Board of Directors as being represented by the traditional geocentric planetary positions. The public part of the AFA's life, the general membership, the interaction with the public in order to distribute its products widely, are described by the heliocentric planetary positions, denoted in this chart by the solar dot adjacent to the planet.

The natal chart of the AFA is presented with progressions and transits for the opening session of its 1986 convention in Los Angeles on July 16, 1986 at 8:30 a.m. PDST. Reading the chart from these two dimensions, private and public, or Executive Board and members, now possible through the discovery of heliocentric's contribution, we are better equipped to evaluate the situation than we could before. The picture is more complete.

Looking at the transits first, found in the outer ring, it can

Data: AFA published.

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF ASTROLOGERS

11:38 a.m. EST Washington, D.C.

May 4, 1938 16:38 GMT 38N53'18 - 77W01

Progressed to the opening session of the 1986 convention; low attendance; conflicts in goals.

Wednesday 8:30 a.m. PDST Los Angeles, Calif.

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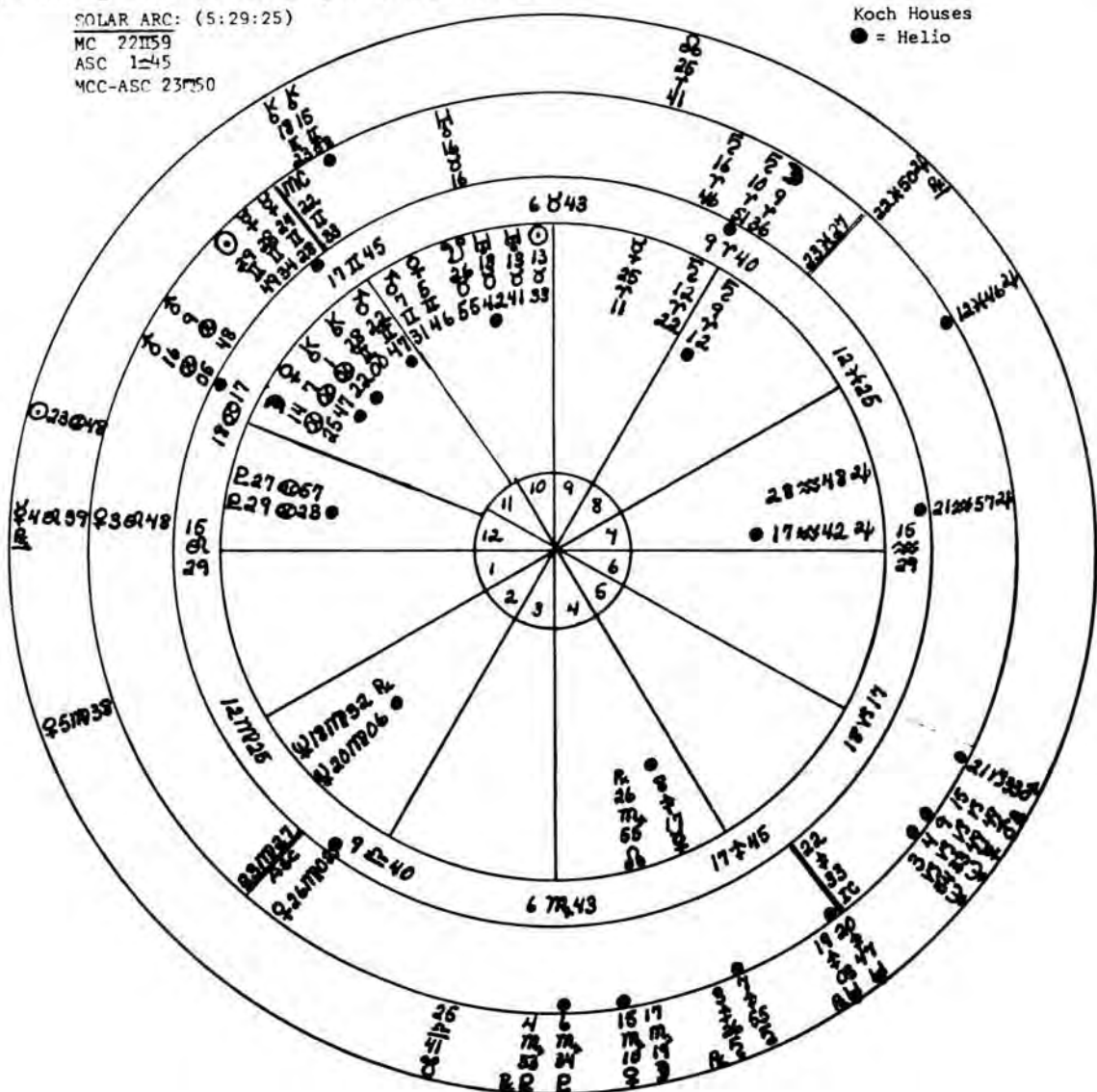
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● = Helio



be seen that the helio positions of Pluto (at the nadir and proceeding around the circle), Venus, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Mars, and Chiron, are all closer to aspecting the angles of the chart than are the geocentric transits. With the exception of Neptune and Chiron, the transits to angle aspects are stressful. Jupiter's transit location (8th) is a mixed bag.

The attendance at the convention appeared to be the smallest I remember since I began attending in 1970, even though they had a roster of 232 teachers lined up. These stressful transits, mostly helio, appear to indicate the increasing resistance of members and the public to continue support. The transits enlarge upon the highly stressed day-for-a-year progressions found.

In this current chart, you will see the progressed Midheaven now conjunct helio Mars in Gemini in the 11th House. Former friends and supporters, convinced of having been ridden over roughshod (Mars in 11th), with many having gone off to organizations more to their liking, are clearly making themselves felt. An additional stinger is found through seeing helio Mars progressed to aspect the Ascendant. In other words, both angles are feeling the bite of Mars in the 11th, representing the more aggressive, action-initiating members willing to articulate their complaints (natal Mars in Gemini).

Seeing these patterns, the concern I feel is that the problems indicated may reach the antennae of the media - always seeking ways of holding astrologers up to ridicule. I am hoping the astrological community will try hard to keep its problems within the community. As widely scattered as we are, my wish is that this will be public enough to satisfy the urge for wide distribution of information (helio Mars in Gemini).

Four potent Mars-Saturn aspects are also found in this chart, which describes the hostilities arising over **Richard Nolle** showing up with a devastating critique of his year and a half experience working at headquarters. This fracas, with Nolle's membership being revoked, plus the abandonment of the AFA by so many members after finally comprehending they had no rights in the organization except to be a money-making machine for that 10th House Taurus Sun, does seem to be portrayed by the four Mars-Saturn stress aspects.

Note that the Mars-Saturn aspects are mixed between geo and helio. With the helio representing members, and the geo representing the officers, we can see the hostilities/frustrations which have been expressed - in both directions. Now Mars-Saturn links CAN be used constructively in getting some hard work done. Owing to the current circumstances, hostilities arose instead and focused on the steady erosion of members' rights, except to get the AFA Bulletin. I presume this right could be suspended, too. Publication is an expense.

I am not convinced, at this time, that the scene indicates the Board is trying "to make off with the loot" accumulated from members by discouraging continued membership until no one remains but a few submissive souls. Although it may reach such a point, my greater inclination at this time is to think that the enchantment of the "money game" is more significant. Having it, holding it, increasing it, without interference, is so much fun that other concerns and responsibilities gradually fade into the background of importance. It can become a consuming passion. Having been around rich people, and having acquired a comfortable amount of resources to "play" with, I know this can happen. Grand goals may truly be held by the Executive Board, but they have not shared their dreams and goals with the members. Look at the chart from this point of view. Does this make sense, or am I being gullible?

While some astrologers will look at this chart and declare, "The AFA will never change," the fact is that it has changed. Drastically! It bears little resemblance to the organization many of us joined long ago.

We used to have business meetings with reports and discussions, just like other organizations. We would receive a long list of those running for office, giving their birth data, background and interests from which we selected our choices. It was a reasonable facsimile to a democratic organization. This is no longer true. At the 1986 convention, there was no business meeting for members to attend. Who remembers the last

election? When was the last time members received a report from the President on the condition and goals of the organization, or from any of our other "elected representatives?" So many changes.

Good grief! Even the Teamster's Union members can vote on matters affecting them. Stockholders in a corporation can vote on important matters in several different ways. In government elections, there are places to write in names. Anyone with the filing fee can enter a primary election, and so on. For AFA members, none of the above applies any more.

Please note that I am not quibbling about the Cooper salary - reasonable for the responsibility. They put on a splendid, well-organized convention every two years. I personally have no complaints on the buying and selling of books, or how the accounts are handled. That has always been top notch. Many of us wish others were as reliable. I think going into the publishing business was shrewd. If you are an unknown wanting to become known, lecturing at the conventions is a plus. There are a lot of plusses which should be acknowledged. They have kept the focus on Astrology and not let the organization drift into nebulous Neptune-land and this conservatism is appreciated. The longevity, stability, and conservatism has been comforting to many of us. Our concerns center on all these plusses slipping away from the membership - but where are they going?

It is important to note that the AFA did function somewhat democratically, even with this horoscope arising out of the Age of Dictators in 1938. It is the decline away which is the root problem of all the individual complaints now being heard. To suddenly come face-to-face with a totalitarian government (in the United States, yet) holds a deep shock and astonishment after being raised with democratic principles of government. It takes a while to assimilate, then decide how to react. It is a new experience for most of us.

The more negative elements of the Sun and the sign of Leo seem to have become unusually prominent since the progressed Ascendant trined the Sun in 1974. These include traits of the absolute ruler demanding total loyalty, submissiveness, and slavery from its subjects. If a member should dare to make a suggestion for a change, or object to anything, the member is promptly denounced as being "against the AFA." Off with your head! Members are not "against the AFA," their own organization joined freely in order to participate, but against undemocratic leadership. They are not leaving the AFA, but feel the AFA left them. There is a difference.

It seems a matter of fair-play at this point to stop and ask such questions as the following: Is there any justification for the AFA leaders to distrust the membership's intelligence and aims to such an extreme degree that they fear the democratic process would fail to preserve the AFA and the resources the members have built up? How has the AFA leadership become so convinced of our unsuitability to participate in the democratic process that they lowered a cone of secrecy over all actions, goals, and decisions of the Executive Board?

I have studied this chart from their point of view to the best of my ability. I have analyzed the bulk of the membership and their backgrounds and see the preponderance are white women in the middle and upper-middle socio-economic class, with a steadily increasing number having exceptional educations. They do not seem like a fearful lot to me. If there is something in the chart warning them, I do not see this, either. Enlightenment on this point is sorely needed.

With helio Venus in Cancer in the 11th House, ruling the Midheaven, we have the significator of a primary goal of the members. Since it is Venus, it also represents where they wish to find pleasure and a sense of profit. Many members attend conventions for the sole purpose of renewing friendships with distant colleagues, and if they can share a recent discovery, it is icing on the cake. Colleagues are desired as friends (11th House), but more on the order of their being considered extended family (Cancer). We speak of the astrological community as though it was a large family. We have our ups and downs, we have our black sheep and barracuda-types, just like any family. The 11th House Moon in Cancer accentuates the

drive. A sense of emotional security is found in periodically seeing and touching our colleagues-friends-family.

Enter Saturn. Big Daddy. It is square the sensitive Venus-Moon in Cancer. Members must exert quite a lot of effort to overcome the restrictions, soaring ambitions, and fears of inadequacy Saturn can denote to find the joy of Venus. Many members must save up to afford the extravagance of attending the conventions, always held in the finest hotels. We can't have the world thinking astrologers are an impoverished lot! Yes, we have our pride, but we also have a powerful sense that the sword will drop on us if we do not show a strong sense of responsibility to the welfare and needs of the public we serve, as well as to our colleagues-friends-family. More to the point of the Venus-Saturn square, however, seems to be the disproportionate amount of effort and resources consumed for the financial rewards most receive. For many, it can only be described as a very expensive hobby, eternally fascinating.

The sensitivity of the degrees on the Midheaven and Ascendant were found graphically illustrated on many prior occasions, indicating this is a useful chart. For example, after **Paul Grell** became executive secretary in 1960 (with prog. helio Venus square Sun), interest in Astrology began increasing. Shortly thereafter, as helio Venus progressed over the Ascendant, it activated the natal promise of acceptance by the general public, most especially by women (Venus in Cancer; Venus ruling Taurus M.C.). Membership swelled dramatically. **Dorothy Hughes**, a member starting in the lean times, stated that membership grew from well under a thousand members to over two thousand members by 1970.

The San Francisco Convention (opened Aug. 13, 1974) had the largest attendance ever. Not one, but two hotels bulged at the seams with convention goers. The organization and public interest in Astrology peaked at this time. Helio Venus had progressed to 6 Virgo 41, two minutes from being in an exact trine to the M.C. when the convention began. The public and members, represented by this heliocentric Venus, gave its blessing to the American Federation of Astrologers. Support was warm, enthusiastic; cooperation and sharing was the dominant theme.

The Executive Board was enjoying the progressed Asc. trine the Sun-Uranus in Taurus in the 10th during the San Francisco Convention, but there were high stress Neptune aspects simultaneously. The progressed Sun was square the 2nd House geo Neptune, while transit Neptune was busy at 6° and 8° Sagittarius: conjunct Mercury, opposite geo Mars, inconjunct the M.C., and square the new executive secretary's Pisces Sun. (Robert Cooper had taken over management of the AFA in 1970 coincident with the AFA's progressed M.C. conjunct geo Mars in the 10th and opposite helio Mercury in the 4th.)

Perhaps the Neptunian influence, with its 2nd/8th House income implications, caused the Board to feel overwhelmed by the riches and power flowing in to the organization. It should also be mentioned that there were a few really weird Neptunians who floated into the San Francisco Convention that created apprehension among many members. Fortunately, most floated back out with the tide. Question: Did they leave a permanent scar of fearful distrust on the Board impacting on the entire membership? Does anyone know the answer? There was a decidedly noticeable change in the Board from then on.

Enthusiastic members, blithely unaware of the Board's attitude toward them, had a rude awakening at the Las Vegas Convention. At a business meeting held on Aug. 5, 1976, around 4:30 p.m. PDST, the previously unsuspected venom (distrust? fear?) was dramatically revealed. In an effort to smooth it over, President David Williams resigned at 3 a.m. the next morning, according to hearsay.

This episode is mentioned to demonstrate the sensitivity of the angles of the AFA chart to transit helio positions. Note that the natal M.C. is 6 Taurus 43. Transit helio Saturn was 6 Leo 50 sharply square transit helio Uranus at 6 Scorpio 24, with both focused stressfully on the M.C. The members, denoted by the heliocentric positions, were thoroughly shocked. Check out the interesting progressions for this time period. The chart works

well. At any rate, as far as the members were concerned, the 1976 convention saw the bloom begin to fade from the rose.

Each convention has had an interesting story to tell through the horoscope, and I have learned a lot by spending time studying the AFA chart. I'd like to explain the interactions between geo and helio planets now, having touched upon the sensitivity of the angles.

If you will look at the 11th House, you will see that both Mars have already progressed over the Cancer Venus and Moon. The conjunctions occurred simultaneously. Although it need not have been a crisis, the increasingly strained relationship between the leadership and membership predisposed it in this direction.

The Chicago Convention (opened Aug. 28, 1982) took place with geo Mars, representing the Board of Directors, at 7 Cancer 15 - conjunct helio Venus 7 Cancer 47, representing the members. But in a tit-for-tat sort of way, we find helio Mars, representing the members, progressed to 14 Cancer 16 - conjunct natal Moon 14 Cancer 25.

Both Mars are natal in the information seeking and dispensing sign of Gemini. They are carrying along this fundamental interest, Martian attitude and energy in their progressed positions. Two dynamic and revealing events occurred leaving a lasting impact - with Gemini, we can't have just one event.

A woman member (Moon in Cancer) discovered an opening day that the lucrative bookstore was charging full mail catalogue prices for publications. This meant that the hefty charges for postage and handling were tacked on, even though members were carrying home their own purchases. Incensed at this blatant Taurus greed, the inflamed membership threatened a boycott of the bookstore until the prices were changed to reflect the retail price. (No discounts to members seems to have ever been considered.) With the pocketbook in jeopardy, prices were changed. Transit Pluto in Libra was setting off the natal square between the Aries Mercury and the 12th House Pluto. The revenge motif functioned - with subtlety, of course.

The second major event in the 1982 conference had its origins with the awakening experienced by members at the 1976 convention, being enlivened in the interval by the resistance of AFA leaders to consideration of members.

AFAN was born, the American Federation of Astrologers Network, not to be a competitor to AFA, but as an attempt to find a way for members to communicate with one another and with the Board. The Gemini urge was manifesting.

AFAN was trying to get the Board's attention on the frustrations felt by members so the corrective process could begin, but the AFA leaders saw it only as a competitor, thereby forcing AFAN into this position. AFAN members were overly optimistic with the 21 Aquarius progressed Moon crossing progressed helio Jupiter.

The decline in attendance at the following 1984 convention was impressive, and became drastic at the 1986 convention. A number of people have been heard asking how to read this extreme decline in membership and interest through the AFA horoscope. It was so obvious that I overlooked it at first.

The loyalty demanding sign of Leo is on the Ascendant. The freedom demanding sign of Aquarius is on the Descendant, and Aquarius does relate to democratic methods. The Ascendant would seem to represent the Directors in as much as they forced those attending the 1984 convention to sign a loyalty oath, as one indicator. The membership relationship appears to be represented by the Descendant. The two rulers, the Sun and Uranus, stand tightly together in the 10th House, and the two functioned together for many years - as long as the organization was oriented to the organization as a whole entity.

The Sun and Uranus are also square the Asc.-Desc., with Uranus (the planet of separation) being more closely square this relationship angle. Next, we add the sleeper, unnoticed by those ignoring heliocentric. Helio Jupiter is at the Desc., with geo Uranus moving into an ever tighter square of discomfort through progressions. Taurus and Aquarius. We are talking very fixed signs here, dear readers, with the rigidity of Capri-

corn's natural 10th House demanding total control. This is a whopper.

Jupiter in Aquarius in "association-minded." Being in a fixed sign, it does not relinquish membership easily. It puts up with a lot, but when the magic moment arrives of "just too much," they walk away and don't look back. Jupiter in Aquarius in the 7th is seeking opportunities for expansion through Aquarian and 7th House interests. If these are denied, or kept too upset, or are too erratic (Uranus), other associations are sought.

The square aspect between Jupiter and Uranus in fixed signs can indicate catastrophic losses in those things ruled. Although the crisis may appear to be sudden or unexpected, being in fixed signs indicates a lot of pressure was exerted for adaption to both positions before the rending takes place.

Looking for an outlet to release the pressure, the only thing which seems to hold promise in this chart if found in Saturn's progressed position (this is an evolved situation). Saturn is sextile Jupiter and semi-sextile Uranus. The 9th House position strongly suggests that only legal action would be effective, such as a class-action suit initiated by members to regain control of their own organization. The media would have a field day with this one, and the highly valued non-profit standing could well be lost.

An easier alternative would be for responsible (Saturn) Board members to take the initiative and legally restore rights to members, thereby saving everyone from the legal hassle, expenses, and devastating publicity.

Those who did not cut their astrological eye teeth with the AFA may be wondering what all the fuss is about while reading this. "If you don't like the way things are run - just leave." It is not so simple as it sounds, but to enter into a detailed discussion of the business end of copyrights tied up, years and years of our resources and energies funneled into the organization, the fact that many of us were only able to make national and international contacts through it, and the fact that it is technically our organization, would take too much space away from other MH communicators.

The 50th anniversary celebration is coming up in 1988 for the AFA. How wonderful if it could become a mile-marker for more than just years of survival, and also mark a reunion of openness, honesty, and cooperation between officers and members in order to insure continued survival.

Plans are to meet in the nation's capitol, where birth took place, as well as the place where the beacon of democracy shines forth to the world. I can't think of a better time or place to experience both the joy and the responsibility of participating in a democratically run organization. Indeed, it would seem almost sacrilegious to my own Aquarian nature and heritage for it to be anything less.

Here is a chance for MH fans to test your talents as astrologers. Can you determine the correct and important answer to the really big question?

Will the Board of Directors of the American Federation of Astrologers initiate action to bring democratic principles of government to the organization in honor of its 50th anniversary celebration in the nation's capitol?

And to the board of Directors, I ask, "How about it?"

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In response to SAFAC and astrologers everywhere; it is time to stop acting like Uranian ruled children, and ask ourselves about the future of Astrology as a profession. How can we bring Astrology up to the respectable level of other professions if we cannot conduct ourselves as responsible individuals within our own organizations?

We must wake up to the reality of this world as it actually is, not as we wish it to be. AFA policy and its by-laws have been assessed by **Richard Nolle** and his 10% following as wrong, while many other groups practice along the same line of policy. Does not **Robert Hand** stand at the forefront of his group? **Jim Lewis** with AFAN, **Ken Negus** with ASP, **Barbara Sommerfield**

with the now defunct NASO, are but a few who remain in or held office persistently. Is it not noticable that the names of treasurers, secretaries, and librarians remain the same year in and out? Are these people voted in by the entire organization, including those not present? Or is the truth really, that these people remain in office because nobody really wants to do their job, or be bothered with the responsibility.

When will the non-thinking stop? When will astrologers claiming to be knowledgeable in research and counselling begin to practice thinking beyond the presumptuous beliefs of others?

There are those who claim, AFA devotes little to astrological research and education. When queried on what they think books, bulletins, workshop announcements and conventions are for, they quickly change the subject. Arguing that AFA is non-profit, and shouldn't be in the book publishing business! When reminded that astrological reference works are desperately needed, because profitable publishing houses are wary of losses on books which the average reader isn't interested in, the subject is again changed. Perhaps the subject keeps changing because they cannot argue with facts? That being, the Philosophical Research Society publishes Manly P. Halls works, and the Lucis Publishing Company which publishes Alice Bailey's works are also non-profit. Anyone wishing to take issue with AFA's publishing rights, or practice, should take a moment to read the fourth cover page in any Alice Bailey book printed by the Lucis Publishing Company. Wherein the statement reads, "No royalties are paid on the book."

For those who want to create controversy and begin a star-wars of their own, AFA, like many other groups and publishers can be made target, for there is none among us who can claim perfection. There is always one thing which can be improved upon anywhere we look. However, that one thing which may be easily changed, can also be lost if anarchy rules.

Anyone advocating drastic changes thru boycott, such as Nolle urges, should not underestimate what those changes may cost them personally. As an AFA member, I do not want to lose what the small membership fee of \$20.00 a year entitles me to. I know from experience AFA keeps their word, and I regret I cannot say the same about other groups I joined. Knowing AFA encourages all professional astrologers to teach at conventions is another area where AFA has treated its members more than fairly well.

Even though there are those who attempt to diminish the integrity of AFA by arguing AFA suppresses free speech, do they ask themselves, what is free speech? Is it the excuse to disrupt business or pleasure to cram politics at others? Is free speech license to label people incompetent and paranoid? Does freedom of speech sanction anyone to take over what isn't their's to take, and then distort the truth? For those who believe AFA went against your rights by requiring a "peace pledge" for the 1984 Chicago Conference, were you thinking about astrological education and not politics? And isn't it a sorry state of affairs that any organization should have to resort to such measures to keep peace among members?

AFA should not be used as a political arena for aspiring politicians, nor by those more interested in their ego, than in teaching or learning how to become better astrologers. Ones purpose for attending AFA conventions should not be to convince 10% of the audience to vote for revolt. The purpose must be to exchange ideas on astrological findings in research and education, thereby working together in harmony to raise Astrology to the level of a respectable and responsible profession.

It is in this light, I urge all astrologers to remain united. For if we lose sight of our purpose in this work we call Astrology, divided we will surely fall.

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Data & Corner

DIANE ZEINES, New York, NY

Oct. 5, 1986

For those of you who might be interested, the New York Daily News printed the dates for when daytime TV soap operas started. They are as follows (sorry, no times were given):

1. **The Guiding Light** (CBS), on radio, Jan. 25, 1937; on TV, June 30, 1952.
2. **Search For Tomorrow** (CBS), Sept. 3, 1951; moved to NBC, March 29, 1982.
3. **As the World Turns** (CBS), April 2, 1956.
4. **General Hospital** (ABC), April 1, 1963.
5. **Another World** (NBC), May 4, 1964.
6. **Days of Our Lives** (NBC), Nov. 8, 1965.
7. **One Life to Live** (ABC), July 15, 1968.
8. **All My Children** (ABC), Jan. 5, 1970.
9. **Young and the Restless** (CBS), March 23, 1973.
10. **Ryan's Hope** (ABC), July 7, 1975.
11. **Capitol** (CBS), March 29, 1982.
12. **Loving** (ABC), June 27, 1983.
13. **Santa Barbara** (NBC), July 30, 1984.

LOIS M. RODDEN, Yucaipa, CA **October 13, 1986**

Ann Franco: Did Dianne Seaman give you the source of her data for Margaret Mitchell: was this, perchance, a "psychic" source? For her own data, does Diane use EDT or EST? **Eugene Moore** tells us that Pennsylvania DID NOT USE DAYLIGHT from 1920 to July 1971, and American Atlas gives us Daylight, so it seems to be as sticky as Illinois.

Margaret Meister: Thank you for the data on the establishment of NASA. NACA began in March 3, 1915, at Langley Field, Hampton, VA. My friend Harry Shoaf, NASA executive (in ASTRO-DATA III) tells me that they left work one night at NACA and came back to work the next morning at NASA on October 1, 1958, Langley Field. I quizzed him about when the work began and he said that as he recalled it was 8:00 a.m. EST.

ROSE SANSONE, Port St. Lucie, FL **Oct. 12, 1986**

Loved the 50th Anniversary issue! I enjoy every single one although I do not contribute as I should like. Having a copy of the very first issue, I appreciate the marvelous growth and development. And, belated congratulations, **Edith**.

In answer to **Zane Stein's** request: I have a niece taking Lithium. Her problem became noticable during her first year at the University. A brilliant girl, a bio-chem major she did graduate from OSU and is now profitably working in the Ohio State Health Dept. July 30, 1986, she underwent thyroid surgery and all proved perfect. Her mother checked the birth certificate for the following data: Born April 14, 1949, 12:20 p.m. EST 83W01 39N38 (Columbus, OH.)

Sometime ago someone asked about children who were born with a club foot or club feet. In all three of these cases after medical help and braces the feet are perfectly normal now.

From the Mother of the first two who are sisters, from the birth certificates: Girl LS. July 12, 1977, 11:28 p.m. DST 80W49 41N14, Placidus 2 Sag. 44 MC and 16 Pi. 11 Asc. Girl VS, Sept. 15, 1980, 6:10 p.m. DST 80W23 41N24. I have for her an 8 Sag. 51 MC and 21 Aq. 51 Asc.

This is from a grandfather of a boy JH. The child is being raised by his grandparents as the mother has divorced, re-married and could care less. Nov. 9, 1974, at Noon. EST 80W09 26N00.

Anyone interested in a super astrological review of the Yogi Master of India, Yogananda using Uranian transneptun-

ians might like to see issue X of the Uranian Forum. It would be available from Penelope Publications, 7671 NW 6th Court, Plantation, FL 33324. A more recent issue has a revealing article on Andrew Wyeth, artist, using the 90° wheel.

RALEIGH J. DOUGLAS, Boston, MA **Oct. 8, 1986**

Birth data for Claus von Bulow was supplied by **Grace Whiteside** of Seattle, WA a frequent MH contributor. Grace also sent me a fascinating speculative birth chart for Sunny von Bulow for Sept. 8, 1931 with 15 degrees of Leo rising. That would fit "Sunny" as all who knew her declared that she was bright-spirited, friendly and warm. Manassas, VA is at Long. 77W28; Lat. 38N45.

SERAFIN LANOT, Quezon City, Philippines **Sept. 30, 1986**

Serafin Lanot sent us copies of a couple of letters he sent to Marc Penfield concerning Corozon Aquinos birthplace. We are not going to print those letters but would like to print Mr. Lanot's following paragraph.

To avoid any misconception and misinterpretation, I would like to reiterate that the birthplace of our current President Corazon C. Aquino was Malate, Manila. This was borne out by her birth certificate and hospital record. Malate, Manila, is at coordinates 14N34 - 120E59.

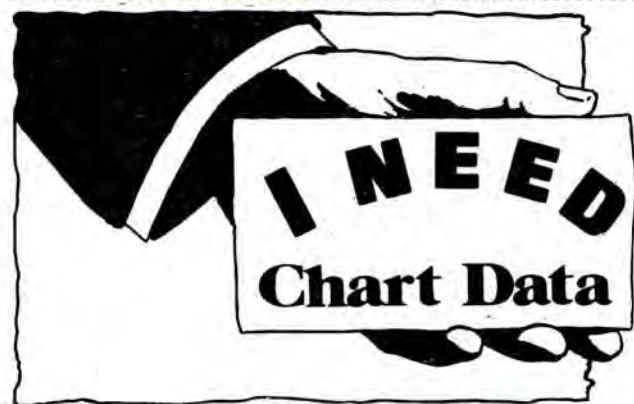
DIANA K. ROSENBERG, New York, N.Y. **August 17, 1986**

The info I have on Mario Cuomo says Jamaica, N.Y.--but I don't remember who I got it from.

Someone a while back wanted the date and time Regan was sworn in as Gov. of Cal. - according to the New York Times, it was 0:16 a.m. PST 1/2/67--no place given; I assume it was Sacramento, CA.

P.S. First manned, untethered flight ever, The Montgolfier Balloon: 11/21/1783, Paris, France, 1:54 p.m. (assume LMT) from "Bags Up!" by Kurt R. Stebling, Playboy Press, Chicago, Ill. 1975.

First steamboat run: "Clermont", 8/17/1807, New York City, Noon (correct time) Ref. "Fifty Years in Both Hemispheres" by Vincent Nolte.



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I need birthdates. Month, day and year are enough for me. Paul Bern (was once married to Jean Harlow), Drs. Hermann Swoboda and Wilhelm Fliess - pioneered biorhythm, Judge Joseph Wapner - People's Court, Barbara Branden -

ex-wife of Nathaniel Branden (involved with Ayn Rand), Curtis Sliwa and his wife Lisa - Guardian Angels, Henry Lee Lucas - Serial Killer, Barbara Davis - daughter of Bette Davis.

thank you so much. Love MH. Please send the birthdates to the above address.

W. LEE, Roanoke, VA **September 5, 1986**

Does anyone have any Birthdata on Porno Stars? Please include if possible.

TOMASIN NOYES **P.O. Box 18843**
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I'm a beginner and can't find much information on stelliums. My husband and I both have very heavy fifth Houses and would greatly appreciate any insights and answer any questions.

If anyone is interested, here's our info.: Mine, July 5, 1962, 1:16 a.m. EDT, Chardon, Ohio, Husband, Aug. 29, 1962, 10:41 p.m. EDT., Danvers, Mass. Is there a definitive work on the subject?

Also, does anyone have birth data for Richard Bach, author of "Jonathan Livingston Seagull", "Illusions" and "Bridge Across Forever"?

My address is above. Thank you!

MARCIA J. MONTGOMERY **2526 Tenth Avenue**
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Could you assist me with a problem or print the following letter in Mercury Hour.

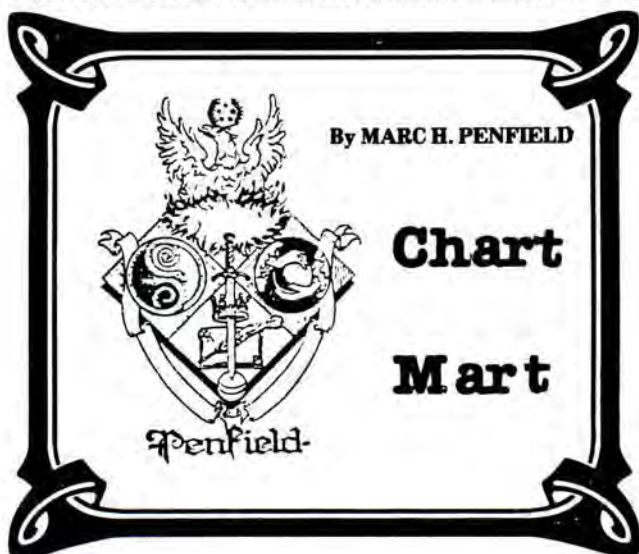
To: **Big Apple Astrologers**, I have recently run into a problem getting complete birth data for friends born in New York City in 1936 and 1942.

Each wrote for his birth certificate - they received computer printed **Certificates of Birth** from the City of New York, Department of Health.

There was **no** time of birth given on either certificate.

Surely, someone has dealt successfully with this situation. Please tell me how I might proceed getting New York City birth times.

Thank you so much, for your cooperation and (hopefully) a solution.



Here's what I have this month. Not much folks, but here goes.

CASTRO, FIDEL (dictator) was born in Biran, Oriente, Cuba on Aug. 13, 1927, at 2:00 a.m. according to the book "Fidel" by Peter Bourne.

GELDOLF, BOB (musician who organized Aid for Africa) was born in Dublin, Ireland on Oct. 5, 1951, at 2:20 p.m. according to a letter written by him to the editor of Prediction magazine.

IACocca, LEE (businessman) was born in Allentown, Pa. on Oct. 15, 1924, at 5:00 p.m., according to his Birth Certificate,

which gives the town as Lehigh County.

KNIGHT, TED (actor) was born in Plymouth, Ct. on Dec. 7, 1923, at 12:30 a.m., according to his Birth Certificate.

LANSBURY, ANGELA (actress) was born in London, England on Oct. 16, 1925, at 12:45 a.m., according to an article in the Oct. 1986 issue of Horoscope.

LEAKEY, RICHARD (anthropologist) was born in Nairobi, Kenya on Dec. 19, 1944, "in the early morning hours" according to his autobiography "One Life". From his looks and career, methinks he has late Virgo or early Libra rising.

LENNON, JULIAN (musician) was born in Liverpool, England on Apr. 8, 1963, at 7:45 a.m. according to the book "Julian Lennon" by Kalia Lulow.

ROSSELLINI, ROBERTO (film producer) was born in Rome, Italy on May 8, 1906, at 12:50 p.m., according to his Birth Certificate.

Data on Geldof, Iacocca, Knight and Rosellini is from **Lois Rodden**.

LEE WEINREB, Beverly Hills, CA **October 9, 1986**

Rgarding **BUZ MYERS'** articles on Prenatal Eclipses, I tested it in my readings and it worked. I impatiently waited for the October issue when he would continue with the signs. I'm a Libra with a Virgo Asc. and a prenatal eclipse in Cancer. I read that Cancer eclipse meaning ten times and could not relate to it. Perhaps it's my age (Grandma of two) but I'm not "always attracting and pulling" the family to me. (If I did, why would I have moved to California and leave a son and brother in New York and a mother in Florida.) I do have a Cancer North Node conjunct Pluto, both of which conjunct the prenatal eclipse. Obviously, there is some kind of mental block and I will have to sit down at a quiet time to study this. I do believe that conjunction to natal Pluto has a great deal of meaning that, at present, is eluding me.

Keep up the good work with M.H.

JIM BIRKE, Canada **August 15, 1986**

To all you astrologers out there, I am very surprised that you didn't get the fact that Halley's comet was the main factor for all of the aviation accidents that happened last year and the beginning of this year before its perhelion.

Now for the future. As you know Saturn, Uranus and Neptune are getting together near the point of our Milky Way galaxy center. I was told by a psychic two year ago that in the next five years there's going to be earthquakes, floods and other natural disasters beyond the normal. So obviously you can expect by 1989, 1990, a lot of the above is going to happen because of those three planets. **TAKE CARE!!**

Thanks to all of the staff at Mercury Hour.

VELMA I. RITTER, Glendale, AZ. **August 23, 1986**

I don't know how you are able to continue improving the Mercury Hour but each issue seems to be better than the one before. You really outdid yourself on the 50th Edition!

Thanks to **Buz Myers** Prenatal Eclipses on page ten of the 50th edition. I have his tapes on the Prenatal Eclipses but I learned still more by seeing it in print.

Thanks also to **Bonnie Beeferman** (pg. 18, 50th Ed.) on the time changes for the Chicago area. I really needed that information.

Diane L. Breitwieser's article on Pluto (pg. 59, 50th Ed.) was very interesting. Has anyone out there done any research on transiting Pluto conjunct Vertex in the birth chart?

CHUCK GILREATH, Greenville, S.C. **Oct. 9, 1986**

In the spring of 1985 I renewed my subscription to **ASTROLOGY WEST MAGAZINE**. Since then I have not received a single issue, nor have I received the refund I requested. This is not my first such experience with an Astrology magazine. Anyone remember **ASTROLOGY NOW** or **PHENOMENA**? I hate to see good magazines disappear, particularly when they owe me money.



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NANCY HASTINGS 456 Bedford Street
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These workshops are a dream that I've had for a long time. I've studied Astrology for awhile, and have gotten to the point that I really do know the basics pretty well. There are quite a few other people in a similar position, people who have really learned the signs, houses and planet stuff, who don't claim to know all there is to know, yet are bored at most of the workshops that are usually offered. While it's certainly true that you can learn something new from every person that you come across, it is a trifle much to spend all day waiting while the lecturer gets the rest of the group to first base (excuse baseball symbolism, the Boston Red Sox are in the playoffs, it's hard to avoid it right now.)

So I longed for advanced workshops, workshops which had limited enrollment, screened the attendees so that the caliber of knowledge of the people at the workshop insured an exchange of new ideas. When the New England Astrological Association folded its tent last spring (no one wanted to run for office, I was not eligible to run for president again and didn't want to change the by-laws so that I could) I decided that since I had already been doing most of the organizational work, I would form a dictatorship known as the Concord Astrology Center. There are no dues, no chores, only a mailing list and me. Because there is no membership, the workshops do have to pay for themselves, which currently means it cost \$25 for an afternoon workshop. This fee limits the speakers to ones within a very cheap plane fare, because the number of people who can attend is about 15. That's the number which comfortably fits in my front room around a large table and on the couch.

Workshops are set up to run from 1 to 5 p.m., but a curious thing has happened, which I think I will continue. At Arch Crawford's workshop, I decided to see if the folks would be interested in a pot luck supper afterwards. Well, they certainly were!! We finally broke up somewhere around midnight, saturated with new ideas, cross-fertilized by others who had worked in allied areas, having heard a couple of dozen different kinds of jokes and having dragged out Tom Lehrer albums and sung a rousing chorus or two of the "PLAGERIZE" song.

People who are coming from far away can stay over if they let me know ahead. I can usually put up six or seven people. I'm working on the public transportation directions, because I know that it is possible to get from Logan Airport to Concord by subway and train. Lee Lehman and Mary Downing as well as Arch Crawford stayed over last weekend.

After all that explanation, I'm finally about to tell you the agenda for the spring. On January 17, Diana Rosenberg will be talking about Fixed Stars. She's going to bring up copies of her lists of stars. If you have a passionate interest in the galaxies out there, or black holes or other astronomical weirdness, this

is the gal who has been looking at that stuff. If there are a few folks from New York City who want to come up, call to see if a car pool can be arranged. Flying might be faster, but car pooling is lots cheaper and might be fun. Depending on the Mars placement of the driver, it takes between four and a half to five hours to get from NYC to Concord (don't go thru Boston!)

Richard Roess will be talking about Chiron on Feb. 21 I Concord-- but he had a really cute little red car in which nothing much fits besides him and his briefcase.

March 28th has Gary Christen speaking, but I don't yet know what he's going to talk about. As anyone who knows him realizes, he had dials and wheels instead of feet, so whatever the topic, it will probably involve the 360 dial and possibly the 90.

Lee Lehman will be here April 25, and she'll be talking about research Astrology contrasted to reading charts for clients. Maybe she'll have some preliminary results of that sex survey--hah! I didn't talk to her about that, so she'll read this when you all do! (She may right now be shrieking out there in California--sorry Dr. Lehman.)

Sometime in May there will be another workshop but Neptune has gotten to me so it isn't planned yet.

If you have done wonderful work on any of these topics, swallow your ego and come to the one you know everything about. We'd love to pick your brain too! Rob Hand lead a workshop last September on primary directions. He told us the ways he used them which didn't work--a very important piece of information so that the rest of us don't run into the same walls over and over again. Then he told a few ways that seemed to work. That topic could use some more research, possible now with current computer programs. Arch Crawford's workshop on the stock market brought out quite a few market people, astrologers as well as technical analysts actually in the market. I hope the rest of these gatherings gain momentum and really start to roll.

Well, I'm certainly riding high right now. The number of topics a master-class quality workshop series could cover is nearly endless. The only things I guarantee a speaker is that I will cancel the workshop if there are not enough registrations to cover the cost of transportation, and that the quality of attendees will be very high. If you want to come to any of these, you MUST pre-register. My phone number is (617)-369-8157.

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T. PATRICK DAVIS, Orlando, FL August 18, 1986

This is written for those astrologers who have questioned my mixing geo and helio together in the horoscope, but who have not yet experimented with this technique to see why I flaunted traditional thinking which assumed the two coordinates should be kept separate.

During this past summer's UAC Convention in San Diego, I attended a meeting with Theodor Landscheit of Germany participating. Ted is a superior court judge by profession, and a brilliant astrophysicist by avocation. He was explaining some of the intricacies of his latest study on climate.

He was asked this question, "Ted, are you referring to geocentric or heliocentric positions?" This was his response: "Geo, helio, it makes no difference; they work together." I thanked him profusely for this additional confirmation of my own observations. So there you have it, folks!

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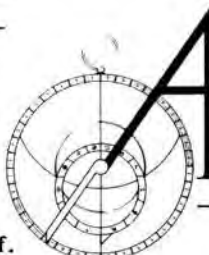
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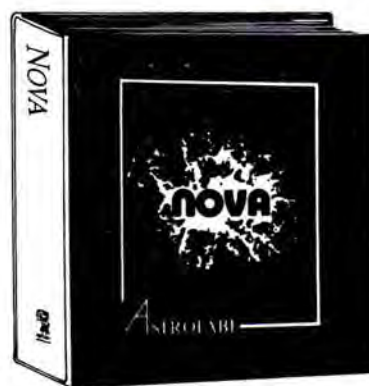
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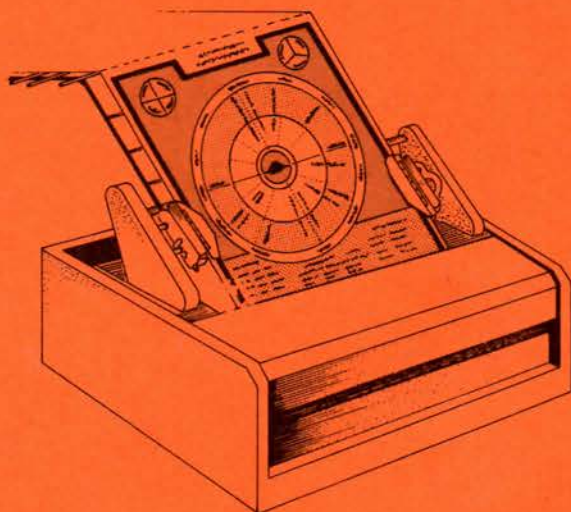
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