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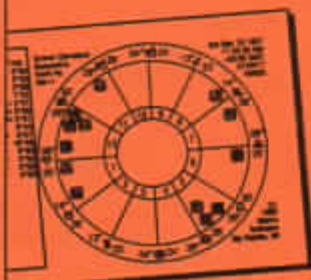
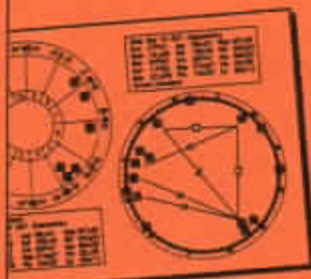
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Hi!!

Once again I have to ask you to please try to confine your letters to 4 double-spaced pages or 2 single spaced. We like to try to give everyone a chance to have their say but some of our wonderful subscribers can't seem to find a stopping place. I don't want to have to edit the pieces, that is a frustrating and time consuming work, mostly because I don't know what you consider important and want in. I try to keep you all happy, which is also time consuming and frustrating!!

Another problem we are having is that you are forgetting to give the source of your chart information. The actual source is what is needed, not just from the Mercury Hour, page so and so or from Lois Rodden, etc. I have been guilty of letting some of it go as well but I just forget when I read so many letters and give them to Betty. When you don't include it it means that I would have to write back to you and ask you for it before we can do the article. We have enough time delay without adding more for lack of information, don't you think?

Once again I have to remind all of you that we do the best we can do with time and space. Pam starts pasting up as she goes, whatever Betty has gotten ready for her. Some folks write a lot more than others so they seem to have a lot more in but again we try to hold it to the guidelines as much as we can. We want to encourage first time writers and new subscribers to communicate with us. It all gets in eventually (usually) so just have a little patience. I guess the most frustrating part of this magazine is trying to get as much as possible in without getting several letters about "why wasn't my letter (article) in the last edition?" There is no answer for that except for what I have already said. We do the best we can do...given the time and space we have to work with. That's why we started the extra editions, trying to please you folks.

I have waited until I got some responses on raising the cost of the subscription. All received so far have said to "go ahead and raise it, everyone else has". I will raise the subscription rate at the beginning of the next MH year which is APRIL. It will only be raised \$3.00 across the board. The new rates will be \$30.00 for Bulk Rate, \$35.00 for First Class and Canada and \$38.00 for all

Foreign subscriptions. When you figure the amount of pages you get in MH for that and what you would pay for the same amount in other magazines, the cost is in line.

The NCGR Southwest Regional Astrological Conference will be held on Oct. 4-7, 1991 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. It will be sponsored by the NCGR Oklahoma Chapter. It will feature such astrologers as MICHAEL LUTIN, STEVEN FORREST, DAVID POND, GLORIA STAR, STEVEN COZZI AND EILEEN NAUMAN. The theme will be "ETERNAL SYMBOLS". Contact JAMES HAYS, P.O. BOX 12743, Oklahoma City, OK 73157. Any questions? Call 405-359-1480 - after 6:00 P.M.

On October 25th to the 27th, 1991, there will be a conference in Painted Post, N.Y. at the Best Western "Lodge on the Green". This one is the CENTRAL NEW YORK ASTROLOGICAL CONFERENCE, AFA ASTROFAIR and will feature such astrologers as SOPHIA MASON, ARLENE NIMARK, MOHAN KOPARKAR, GILBERT NAVARRO, MARTHA LANG-WESCOTT AND YOURS TRULY. Would love to meet some of you there! For more information on this one call CHRISTINA WISE at 607-962-8761 or write to her at 3 Dogwood Circle, Painted Post, N.Y. 14870-9308.

For the folks at the 7 Hills Conference who were asking about DON MACDONALD - he is now back with the MERCURY HOUR. He wrote to say the past couple of years have been rather hectic, he got married, lost his dad after a long illness, has been very busy with his own work and things just piled up on him. At any rate he is now back so from the staff here and from all of his friends out there - CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME BACK DON. We have missed you! I know some of you will enjoy this quote from his note to me... "I'm sitting in a suburban railroad station in Zurich, with some free time...." He is living in Dallas, TX now.

As seen by the Cast of Characters, there are two editions this time, the Regular and the Extra. The Extras are \$6.75 for the BULK subscriptions and \$8.00 for the 1ST CLASS, if you haven't ordered yours yet. There are a limited number of them so please get your order in early. The next edition will be mailed the 1st week in December. See you then!

Love and Hope,

Edith

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MISSING VISA BOOK

Another miserable time in locating something important that took all of nine hours in location. Lost or misplaced didn't coincide with the rules.

Moved was the answer shown by mutual reception this ruler 2nd and Mars and bringing the ruler 2nd (Mercury) back to the 11th a money house. FIND sat conjunct the natural ruler in the 10th and angular and so I was sure it was in the house somewhere.

Very important to me that particular day as I had work done in the yard and the price was over the amount in my checkbook - yet I always kept the Visa book with the checkbook - this day it was gone.

After hours of searching I decided to chart the question. Venus (natural ruler 2nd) was conjunct FIND angular in the 10th business house.

Moon's S/P was in Pisces (bedroom) and this room was converted into a working den from a back bedroom. S/P both FIND and VENUS was in Leo trine Fortuna so I was assured it was here someplace.

Mercury now back in Gemini (papers) and on the cusp of the 11th (another money house) gave me an ulcer believe me.

Uranus the imp was mutual reception Saturn (ruler the day) and his S/P was conjunct the Nodes degree confirming the crisis. Uranus now in the 7th by mutual reception was square FIND and Venus (always the imp in upsetting things.)

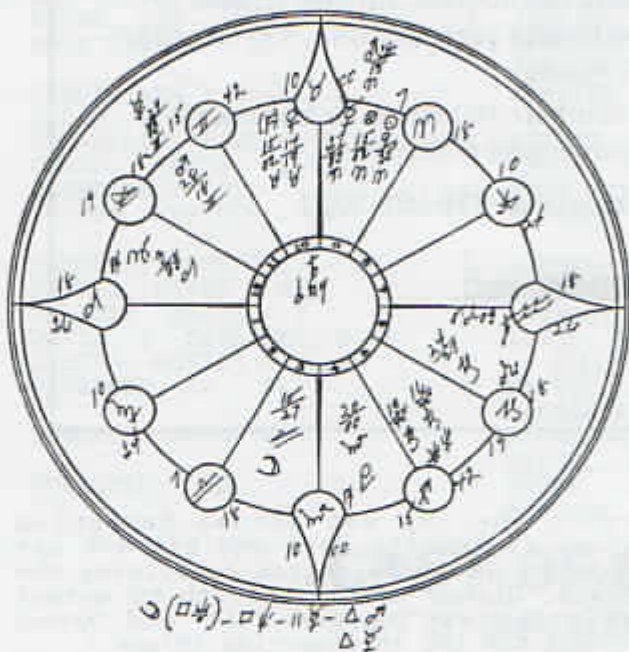
As I said many times the Moon must be in an aspect to the ruler 2nd and/or FIND or its S/point and here it was within minutes quincunx FIND. It had already been in quincunx Venus. Last over a retrograde Jupiter in the 12th bedrooms was another clue to the room it was in. VENUS and FIND in money sign and Mercury moving back to conj. the cusp of another money house had me gray headed. S/P Saturn conj. the Nodes degree was very upsetting, but he ruled the day.

Since Virgo rules desks and filing cabinets I went through the desk first with no results - then came the tedious job of the filing cabinet.

Four drawers were gone through when I hit the 5th that contained three years bank statements. With Jupiter retrograde I worked backwards beginning with 1990 statements then success came with '89 statements - I located the culprit in NOVEMBERS statement (JUPITER) with a question that still puzzles me. WHY would someone put something as important as that in a bank statement in the first place? AND why in an '89 statement when I had just used the book in February this year. With my natal Neptune on this Ascendant maybe had something to do with it but I prefer just plain DUMB.

And why does this mathematical point become so important many times just by being angular when nothing pertinent is? He sits angular many times looking as smug as a cat with a mouse when nothing else important is.

Ivy Jacobson told me she never failed to locate a missing possession with this point while I have been nearly gray headed and many times failed to locate. For instance a lottery ticket (instant) worth good money - never found AND he was the only thing angular. I must locate that chart again. He is like a mischievous brat - hummmmm I wonder if he is related to Uranus?



BY MUTUAL RECEPTION

MOON ENTERS SCORPIO 3/31 10:02 P.M.

MISSING VISA BOOK

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ERRATA

I am sending in a correction on my article (Never buy a car when Mars is retrograde that was in the 23/X April, '91)

I wrote that Jupiter was exalted in Leo which of course is not true since it is in Cancer where he shines. My apologies to the readers.

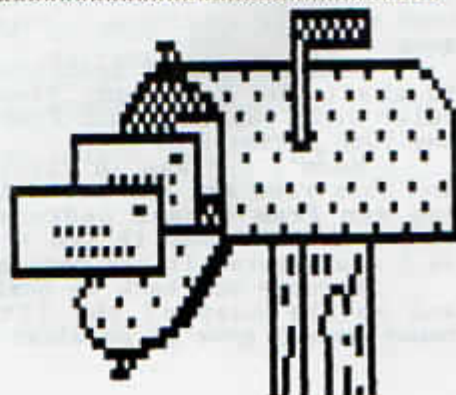
**JEFFREY JUPITER
SPARKS, NV
APRIL, 1991**

To John Kalus (23/X/42) There are some who might take exception to your casual dumping of all those names into

the same monster bag. I believe almost anyone would agree that JIM JONES and JEFFREY LUNDGREN fit into the monster bag. For reasons of patriotism many would probably agree with your inclusion of HITLER, KHOMEINI, and SADDAM HUSSEIN. But Hitler was recognized, at least early in his career, as an able statesman who changed the collective mind of his people from a direction of apathetic despair to one of the progress and economic improvement. His later policies of the economic and military vampirism of Europe, and the wholesale genocide of the Jews, proved his status as a monster without doubt. There are interesting indications that HIROHITO, if not directly aided by the Roosevelt political machine, was at least tacitly allowed to attack the United States, thus rallying popular support for our entrance into WWII in order to establish a war economy which finally catapulted us out of the depression of the '30s. Old HAIRY ASS TRUMAN was no monster, but his decision to obliterate two defenseless Japanese cities after the Japanese war machine had been brought to its knees is questionable. LENIN certainly was no monster. His ideas were instrumental in freeing the Russian people from the brutal yoke of the Czars, and despite the later perversion of his ideas by Stalin, and despite the ultimate economic failure of those ideas, LENIN nevertheless was instrumental in transforming a backward nation of peasants into a sophisticated world power in just a few short years. HO CHI MINH cannot be held wholly responsible for the loss of 60,000 American lives. The unjustified interventionist policies of our own short sighted politicians at the time must bear most of that blame. American economic expansionism created a renewed power base for SHAH PAHLEVI, whom you paint as a saint, though he certainly should be included in the monster category. His fall from power, despite our help, created the political vacuum into which KHOMEINI naturally settled. Our blind support of SHAH PAHLEVI is largely responsible for the hatred most Arabs direct toward the U.S.A. Our support of HUSSEIN against Iran certainly helped HUSSEIN to attain whatever political strength he still enjoys.

By the way, everyone on your list, with the exceptions of KHOMEINI and the SHAH PAHLEVI, are SIDEREAL ARIES. How very appropriate, astrologically!

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MARION MARCH ENCINO, CA JUNE, 1991

Edie - As time goes on, one certainly notices your touch. Mercury Hour now reads like in the old times; lots of good will, fun, humor and good learning.

Boy, do we ever have a lot of different U.S. charts. It's a good thing we are planning to present a 3 hour workshop on some of those charts at UAC '92. Hope all your readers with strong opinions come to participate so we can all have a real debate. The title will be: "Will the real U.S. Chart Please Stand Up!"

We haven't really talked about UAC yet, have we? It will take place April 16 to 21, 1992 in Washington, D.C. at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel. We will have 18 tracks (instead of 13 as in 1986) to satisfy some of the requests for such subjects as Cosmobiology/Uranian, Professional, Psychology and Mundane. Our international faculty will again be the best of the best. There will be a concert, an "Alien" cabaret, an evening of politics, an art show, a talent show (with prizes), an elegant banquet with the Regulus Awards and of course a fabulous trade show with a bookstore! Our brochure should be ready in July. Anyone who has attended UAC '86 and '89 knows what's in store for you - if you haven't: try it, you'll like it!

To Haya Murray 69/42 (I like this new system) I totally disagree with whoever it was who said that the semisextile (30°) is "beneficent." Practice and logic say something else. In the flat chart, which is the base we always work from, Taurus is 30° away from Aries on one side and Pisces on the other. Now don't tell me that an Aries/Taurus or an Aries/Pisces union is an easy one. It will require lots of adjustments. There'll be quite a bit of irritation when quick on the trigger Aries has to wait for deliberate Taurus. Sensitive Pisces will be mortified by Aries' foot in the door tactics. And so on... This does not spell out beneficence or harmony in my book. Connie Mayer, an excellent, now deceased astrologer who specialized in minor aspects, compared the semisextile

to a mosquito flying around at night while you try to sleep. That description fits exactly with my clientele and loved ones.

L. Chavellier-Powell - 69/49 You are so right! Why don't all of us users really protest until ALL computer programmers use the same language. We do have the correct name, why not use them instead of confusing everybody. The expression "Secondary Progression" was always meant to erect a new chart where the wheel is figured just as the natal wheel, only for a progressed date. In other words, same L & L, same time, only a different day. Most books refer to this as "Right Ascension" some programmers call it that, others use "Naibob" and still others just crank out a wheel that may be wrong, based on the Solar Arc Midheaven and secondary progressed planets. What a mess!!! The Solar Arc does not fare much better with half the people using it and others using "Direction" a name Joan McEvers and I prefer, since it is not confused with Solar Return.

Doris Greaves - 69/50 Very interesting bio by Wallis. If you receive Lois Rodden's Newsletter, you will have learned that not only are there more than three birth times for the Duchess, but now there are even three or more birth dates. Unfortunately the same holds true for Klaus von Bulow. It's dirty data. I have never seen anything on Sunny - yet.

My self-imposed limit of 1 page is up...more the next time.

T. PATRICK DAVIS 6096 MASTERS BLVD. ORLANDO, FL 32819 JUNE, 1991

Picture yourself in this situation. You are 34 years old and have a small business downtown, a specialty shop where customers enter briefly, make a purchase and leave. The usual lunch time customers have come and gone and you are alone in the store. Two rough looking males enter, visually scan the store, and your inner warning signals begin flashing red lights in your mind. Too late! The pair draw revolvers, and bark out that they are taking your money and intend to leave no witness behind. They shove you to your knees behind the counter where those passing by outside cannot see you through the window. You feel the revolvers pressed hard against your head. You have seconds to live. It is 1:02 p.m. CST on November 25, 1974 in Milwaukee, WI (43N02'18 - 87W54'48).

You are a white male born July 5, 1940 at 11:47 a.m. CST in Milwaukee, data from birth certificate.

What happens?

For the answer, tune in to the next issue of Mercury Hour and see if your conclusions are correct. Prove your bravery by sending in your answers in time for them to be printed along with

the results. The not-so-courageous might test their abilities by committing their conclusions to paper.

As you must all know by now, I use a combination of geo and helio charts. So, there is a hint. In reading this case, I found that each system confirms the other. The prime significator is in an exact-to-the-minute aspect.

If sufficient interest is demonstrated, astrological puzzles can become a regular feature of MH to test the various concepts and techniques we use. It might help sort out what does and does not work. But you will have to let Edith or me know there is an interest!

**DIANNE LAWSON
TOPEKA, KS
JUNE, 1991**

In response to the July 1991, 69th Edition:

Virginia Keller p.4 - first, I congratulate you on your courage to try and guess which person goes with which chart. You are the only person, at least so far, to have the courage to guess and put your guesses where others could see them in Mercury Hour.

Second, I regret to inform you that none of your guesses were correct. However, it is interesting that your guesses match up exactly with the guesses of Janice Giles who wrote me a letter with her guesses and her reasons for her guesses.

Dennis Frank p.5 - I heartily agree with you about the "imbecilic 12-letter alphabet." How can anyone think that Saturn in Aries is the same as Mars in Capricorn? Saturn in Aries can inhibit drive, while Mars in Capricorn can accomplish a great deal.

Rick Houck p.9 - I'm not going to get into an argument with you about how poorly constructed my test was. I thought, and still do, that my test was a good one. Your idea was also good and since you said that "a real astrologer should easily be able to say which chart was which", I challenge you to tell me which person goes with which chart.

Match persons "A" and "B" with charts 1 and 2. Match person "C" and "D" with charts 3 and 4.

Person "A" - A male who is exceptionally brilliant, started college after the eighth grade, handsome, in good health, heterosexual, much beloved by his parents, has a brother, and sister, and a half sister, who all think he is terrific, and is athletic and artistically talented.

Person "B" - A male who has below normal intelligence, had problems in school, dropped out of school before he finished high school, ugly, strange-looking, was in a car accident in which he was driving which caused him to be paralyzed from the waist down, has severe emotional problems which have driven

everyone, including his family members away from him, one brother homosexual, and is extremely bitter about his lot in life.

Chart 1 - February 9, 1965, 7:15 p.m. MST, Alamosa, Colorado.

Chart 2 - September 2, 1976, 10:44 p.m. DMT, Butte, Montana.

Person "C" - A female with a stable marriage, has married once, has two sons, is a secretary, has a high school education, never goes to church, rarely drinks, is very social and has lots of friends, was a cheerleader in high school, and is superstitious.

Person "D" - Is a male who has been married six times, has been a drug addict and an alcoholic for 22 years, has two daughters, has several degrees, practices law, is a devout Catholic and studied to be a priest for three years, has very few friends, and prides himself on being intellectual and rational.

Chart 3 - October 14, 1948, 1:50 a.m. MST, Roswell, New Mexico.

Chart 4 - September 1, 1947, 4:48, EDT, Buffalo, New York. (Sorry but Dianne did not include AM or PM for this one nor did she give source of birth info on any of the four. Edith)

I think that these charts meet your specifications as to being opposite from each other and that you only have to match up two persons at a time to two charts.

Testing charts in this way makes one think about the validity of astrology, because if astrology works, tests such as these should be easy. If anyone else would like to try your hand at these tests, go to it!

Until next time, my best to all of you.

**NORMA STOREY
ROCKFORD, IL
MAY, 1991**

Thank you for the chance to hear some new speakers and to renew old acquaintances at the 7 Hills Conference the end of April '91. Please! Have another!

These are my kind of people! There was so much that I didn't have the time to do and so many places I did not get to see. This card is not big enough to say all that I would like to, nor to recognize all the people that I would like to mention.

Just please, please, do it again. My offer still stands. I will do whatever you need.

I have non-astrological questions, too. Who was John Lynch? (Founder of Lynchburg) How does one get to Monticello? (From Lynchburg, straight out 29 North to Charlottesville). I simply must come back! (Definitely)

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STUDENT'S CORNER

The ancient astrologers considered the rising sign the fulcrum and the determinant factor in casting a chart and declared the Ascendant the horoscope itself. The word "horoscope" derives from the Greek letter Hora, meaning hour, and Skopeo, meaning the observing of time, whether of an event or that of a human birth. Figuratively speaking, the cosmos notarizes that at the instant of birth a certain zodiacal sign was rising on the horizon and that the planets were in certain houses in geometrical configuration (aspects) with each other in the cosmos, enabling the astrologer to cast the nativity for the particular individual born at such time, properly. A time-less or incorrect birth time is an exercise in futility in casting and interpreting a chart, properly. It is the correct rising sign that spins the other eleven signs round the wheel in natural or alien house and establishes the hemisphere placement of the planets round the wheel, a key factor in interpreting a chart.

In those remote days mechanical clocks were unknown; they appeared in Europe as late as the 13th century. Augustus Caesar had an obelisk erected "for finding out the hours of the day by the Shadow of the Sun, with the Increase and Decrease of the Days and Nights." This probably was the first sundial. Later, a more effective and precise sundial for time reckoning was devised: an ingenuous instrument that registers time by the position of the shadow of a pointer or gnomon cast by the Sun on the face of a calibrated flat dial, in hours. Many such sundials are still extant in Medieval castles, official administrative buildings and churches around the world and in use to this day.

Manilius, well versed in astronomy and in Greek and Roman astrology, said that the ascending signs in the horoscope governs every aspect of life and that "when and where the Birth is born declares and guides the various virtues of the Stars, and by this they are settled, as this (ascending sign) defines by Birth (The native)," and such a sign "is by Infancy possessed." Thus, the first house focal Ascendant acts like a beacon, or a pilot, as it were, steering the wheel along the native's path of life. It has been said that the ruler of the rising sign indicates the influence that were at work previous to birth.

The Ascendant, therefore, is the most important and dynamic of the angles in a chart for it defines, particularizes and personalizes the native's innate permanent ego. What this ego really means nobody seems concrete about it. Descartes thought that the pineal gland was the

seat of the soul. But both philosophers and psychoanalysts alike agree that "ego" is the conscious feeling that "I am ME," the Awareness of Self, the very immutable Person Itself. It is then the person with an unique subjective world view, as distinguished from the personality which, in my layman view, is the result of aggregate external earthly influence and experience, such as appearance, behavior inclination induced by environment, taste, education, mannerism, etc. which constitutes the external social character. In Astrology "ego" is summarized and defined simply as "selfhood" and the primary significance of the rising sign is Action and whatever destiny in the making in the course of the native's life time.

The ascending sign, then, acts like a picture window from which the native's selfhood sees the horizon and the world outside and forms an opinion of it, and the world outside (which may be the astrologer) sees how the native acts in the inside. This selfhood will influence and guide every step of the way round the chart. The native is not likely to surrender totally his or her selfhood to the demands of the outside world contrary to their ego-focus.

Thus, with a rising sign that sees an independent, physical world full of urgencies, peopled with competitors with a military-like disposition to be fought and outdone, physical assertion, frontal attack, explicit, direct way of approach to situations will dominate the chart. There will be little patience with anything lethargic and philosophical. Anything the native touches round the chart is bound to have an energizing disposition of "Hurry up!" - "Action!" - "Now!"

Conversely, an ascending sign with a sensitive, poetical selfhood and a rosy world view as if ordered by cherubims, riding passively on a rainbow of art, aesthetic, mysticism, sacrifice and fantasy would become weary with the struggle for survival in a world of harsh realities and mundane practicalities and is likely to withdraw from the struggle and resist to be awakened to the real world which destroys the oasis of blissfulness. Not only does the Sun-sign have its decanates; rising signs have those, too, for a fine tuning of the chart.

JERRY MAKRANSKY
COBAN, GUATEMALA
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Thank you Cammille Adams and Lee Weinreb for the DST information, and Morgan D'arc for the defense.





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**EDITH CUSTER
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WENDY HAWKS was browsing through some old AFA Bulletins when she ran across one from 1981. (Vol 43 #9). It had to do with something George J. McCormick had said 15 years before in 1966 referring to "Record Cold Winters", the title of the article in the Bulletin. She thought some of you, especially in the mid-west might be interested in excerpts from that article. I thought you all might be interested!

According to McCormick the bitterest cold winters in the northern hemisphere occur when Saturn or Uranus reach their farthest south declination. Also when most of the planets in the winter months are at their maximum south declination.

George McCormick wrote that the WINTER SOLSTICE OF DECEMBER 22, 1991 will bring "Double punch cold waves. Worst January freeze in Weather History". All planets in this Solstice chart except Jupiter and the Moon are in low southern declination.

The time given for the Solstice Chart is 8:54 AM GMT (3:54 AM EST) Using a longitude of 96w26, latitude 45n00, puts Saturn right on the IC. The Moon in Cancer is quincunx Mars and opposes Uranus and Neptune.

This winter Solstice chart will be activated by a lunar and solar eclipse, the lunar on Dec. 21, 1991 and the solar on Jan. 4, 1992. When the Sun conjuncts Uranus, or about that time, activating the Moon in Solstice chart at 13 degrees of a cardinal, we could see intense cold waves. This, according to McCormick, spreads eastward from the mid-western area where Saturn is exactly on the nadir at the time of the Winter Solstice.

McCormick predicted in his lecture that the icy blast will move eastward and result in a record deep freeze when the Sun forms its conjunction with Saturn during the last week of January 1992 bringing about the lowest temperatures in weather history "cradled in the Dakotas, in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan, to spread southward and eastward". He did say, however, that more moderate weather will be at Washington, eastern Pennsylvania and eastward. (The state of Virginia and the Custers are hoping he is right!) I am sure Dot Willis will have a lot more to say on this in the January edition.

A friend of MH's, Tani Toyen moved to St. Paul, MN in July of '91. After living in Hawaii, Florida, and California, if I were her, I would seriously consider moving AGAIN quick! All the water in her chart could freeze solid....

The good news is ----- it is summertime in Australia and New Zealand...

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JULY, 1991**

**JUPITER-NEPTUNE
The Celestial Twins
Part I**

Astrologers should be giving more attention to the placement of Jupiter to Neptune in the natal chart. The aspects of the 'twins' to each other constitute some of the most significant configurations in natal chart interpretation.

These two planets are literally twins. Both are extreme in their energies -- one is extremely hot and the other extremely cold. Both have rings, as it was recently discovered, and both have identical spots, or storms, according to astrophysicists. The red spot of Jupiter has been known for quite some time, but recent observations of Neptune by satellite revealed a blue spot identical to the red spot of Jupiter. A major moon of Neptune, named Triton, surprised our scientists by its orbit that moves in the opposite direction of its parent Neptune. But this is not a surprise to astrologers since its sign Pisces is symbolized by two fish swimming in opposite direction. Jupiter has rulership over both Sagittarius and Pisces, as does the planet Neptune; Jupiter the physical and material world, and Neptune the psychological or mental and spiritual. Both can be used in a positive or negative manner as each individual chooses. If only human beings can just learn to balance the two energies, they will find their lives to be truly joyous, with success and happiness throughout their lifetime on the earth level.

JUPITER conjunct NEPTUNE: The key word here is *AWARENESS*. Insofar as deception is concerned, this aspect brings immediate awareness. These natives learn very early the deceptive and negative practices of others, and thus decide early in life as to whether or not they should also be deceptive to accomplish those things they desire out of life. There is an extreme energy here and they need to decide early whether to be on the high road or congregate with the lower element of society. The danger here is that they would be inspired by the physical pleasures of Jupiter to the extent that they would be involved with illegal drugs, cigarettes, alcohol, gluttony or other harmful habits. This works similar to Jupiter in Pisces -- they truly enjoy drinking, and can drink forever with little affect. However, it is unlikely that they will ever become addicted to anything for their entire life. It is truly a very happy position even when they are on the lower path as they have too many things going for them.

There are not as many opportunities to benefit materially with this aspect as there are with those who have a trine of the two planets. Material benefits are not denied but just not as easy to ob-

tain.

JUPITER trine NEPTUNE: The key word is *TIMING*. This is the energy of timing in that these individuals do not have to sit down and figure out what they are to do in advance. They just do things at the right time and at the right place without consciously realizing it. They could be extremely lazy persons, the alcoholics, the tramps, the criminal, and still be at the right place at the right time for it does not take any effort on their part. They would never be at a location where they would find themselves in a harmful situation. This is their gift and the way it is used is up to them. They are subconsciously aware of this vibration and they work with it even though they do not understand it. Those on the higher level of society can accomplish great things for themselves and for humanity and they can even accumulate great wealth if this is their desire. Most, however, just take the easy road instead.

Another important part of this aspect is that they are the ones who are able to get away with everything so easily that it is tempting to use the negative and deceptive qualities of the trine instead of the inspirational. They can charm anyone out of anything and never be criticized for it. If the individual has the trine of Jupiter and Neptune, and in addition has no oppositions in their chart, they should go ahead and enjoy the life to its fullest extent and have fun while it lasts for they will have to pay for it in some future lifetime, unless of course, they are on a very high inspirational level.

JUPITER opposition NEPTUNE: The key word is *BALANCE*. This is the negative versus the positive. It is the individual who finds it difficult to reconcile the material work-a-day world with their psychological processes. This does not mean that they cannot straighten themselves out for they are conscious of the pull of the opposition. If they choose to take the lower road in life then they are not balancing out the material with the mental, or psychological factor, for they involve themselves in over-indulgences, delusions of self, hatred of themselves and others, criticism of others, self-pity and other means of self-destruction. This is caused from childhood, and the only way they can develop out of this imbalance is to find the problem through regression, either through hypnosis or through a psychic medium who specializes in past lives. This is definitely a condition brought forth because of a former life and it is absolutely necessary for these individuals to discover that which they must balance out -- through courage, and not through fear of the unknown.

There are those individuals who, as children, realize the imperfections and weaknesses in others in the family group. They then decide not to remain in that realm and discard all bitterness and hatred. They can thus become strong, highly educated and successful human

beings for they would be balancing the two planetary energies properly.

These persons wish for material gain that will never be obtained. They would never experience the material gain of those with a trine. Also, this is not a good position for individuals to indulge in such things as alcohol, tobacco, drugs and other things of a harmful nature for there would be unpleasant experiences associated with these things. They should be very careful what they put in their mouths.

To be continued

**BARBARA MAY
TUCSON, AZ
JUNE, 1991**

First, I don't think I've ever felt as big a sense of loss as not getting to the 7 Hills in April. Lee & Maggie have told me I missed the best one yet. I'll have to do handstands longer at the next one. I really wanted to see everybody and just talk astrology. And learn more.

Don't you love all those prognosticators who say the recession is over? Let's get real. In the US chart we have Saturn in the sign of our national Moon. We are a Cancer country, with lots of Cancer planets. The Moon disposes of all these Cancer planets. The Moon has Saturn in its sign right now and things get better?? I've noticed something kind of strange tho. Everybody seems to think its a local phenomenon. But its happening all over: layoffs, lots of commercial real estate for lease, the homeless, the hungry. Maybe Saturn in Aquarius makes everyone feel isolated from everyone else, too?? Who knows.

Tell Betty I liked her "Iraq and Scud are four letter words". As for Saddam, I just don't see him lasting if this internal rebellion keeps up. There are still too many Kurds, and he can't gas his whole country can he? On second thought, he's so stupid, he might! I've seen speculative times on him, nothing seems exactly right.

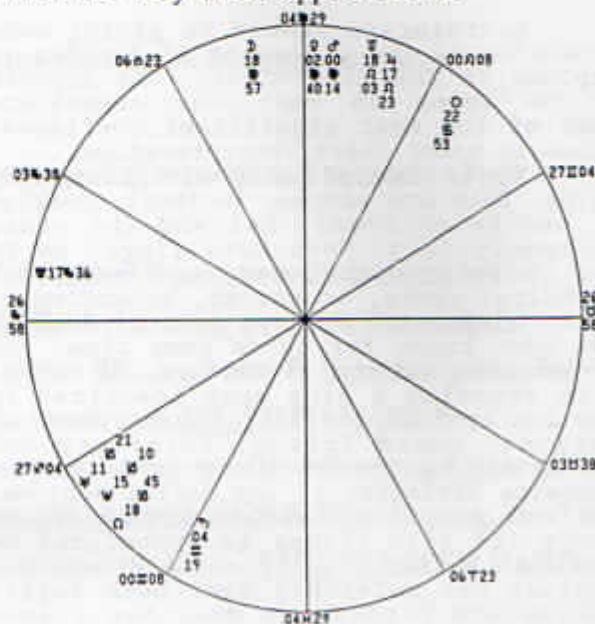
This summer ought to be hot with Mars & Jupiter in Leo. I guess it will all start happening when Mars gets there. So far this has been an unusually cool Spring. We haven't hit 100 degrees yet. It's been abnormally windy, and this has kept the pollen and what the weather man calls "plant parts" airborne. Sneezing happens lots with this going on.

**JOHN PAUL SLOAN
HOUSTON, TX
JULY, 1991**

I'm in a quandary here. A while back, cleaning house, I threw out a lot of things, including some photographs. Recently I started wondering whether I had saved a few that were important to me

or thrown them out as well. I honestly couldn't remember.

So I thought of a horary question, "Do I still have my pictures of Amir and if so where the heck are they?" Enclosed is the chart. Any advice on the subject would be very much appreciated.



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This really was a good conference. It was advertised as an Education Conference and speakers were asked to stick to the guide lines provided in NCGR's Study Guide. Thankfully most of them did. I took notes at some of the lectures I attended fully intending to share them with you -- and then left the folder with the notes in it who knows where. I could blame it on senility setting in but prefer to blame it on Neptune conjunct my Sun - does this EVER end? At any rate many of the speakers were given high marks for the excellent lectures they presented. DIANA ROSENBERG gave tons of information on the Fixed Stars - and had tons left over to give she didn't have time to do. Amazing the knowledge she has on this subject. ARLENE NIMARK did "Synastry on the 360 degree Dial" and that was also very well received. I listened to JOAN NEGUS do "Transits" and that is always a good lecture as was MARIA SIMMS on "Solar Arc Directions". I also got to hear JOYCE LEVINE on "Transits", another good job, well done. KIM GALLAGHER gave another perspective for looking at the houses which was well received. JOAN NEGUS sat with me through a couple of the lectures and had a rough time. She kept trying to keep me quiet and you all know how impossible a job that can be. (I was only trying to be helpful for the sake of the students!) As a teacher you can not assume the student knows anything - YOU have to give them ALL the information that you possibly can.

I had the pleasure of sharing a suite (all the rooms were suites at the Radisson Suite Hotel) with MARY DOWNING and MARIA SIMMS. Everything was wonderful until Mary and I were awakened about 6:45 AM on Sunday morning. Maria had already left on Saturday. What awakened us was a tremendous clap of thunder and lightening you would not believe. Mary and I sat and watched as it streaked across the sky time and time again. It was then we realized WE HAD NO LIGHTS! It seems it did strike in the area and eliminated all the electricity for all the hotels in the Rosemont area. All the computers at the Trade Show were down, only one elevator was working and that on a generator, no electricity to make the gallons of coffee necessary at that hour of the morning, no lights in the bathrooms for showering or putting make-up on. Oh, almost forgot - NO AIR-CONDITIONING and by 11:00 AM it was 92 degrees outside. The electrical storm in the area and the ones along the East Coast didn't do much for the airline schedules either. They were all screwed up. At least the airport had air-conditioning which felt real good after the morning in the hotel. I don't suppose the Sun opposing Uranus that day had anything to do with it, do you? The Sun and Mercury were in Cancer and the Moon

in Pisces - and boy did it ever rain...did I mention Jupiter was inconjunct Neptune?

One of the things that could have been and should be done differently though next time is the information on the pre-paid luncheons. Participants should have been told they would be strictly vegetarian. There was nothing wrong with the luncheons, just that folks should have been given a choice as to whether or not they wanted a vegetarian lunch as long as they were paying for it.

I would like to see many more conferences run under this premise - as an educational conference with guide lines to be followed. There were plenty of advanced classes as well as lots of discussions on research for those who felt the need for them.

I think this was one conference many will remember for a long time, for more reasons than one.

EDITH CUSTER

BOOK REVIEW

WORKING WITH ASTROLOGY - MICHAEL HARDING & CHARLES HARVEY - Arkana Publications, paperback, 472 pages, American Price \$10.95.

Although Cosmobiology has spread throughout the world during the last twenty years, books with contemporary thought on this subject have been rare indeed. To combine Cosmobiology with Harmonics and Astro*Carto*Graphy in this book is a real breakthrough for serious Astrologers, particularly those who wish to give in-depth analysis to their clients' charts through the ability to predict future events and trends.

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ANN CAHOY **WESTMINSTER, CO** **JULY, 1991**

As has become my habit, the Mercury Hour traveled to Boston with me last month, and as always I enjoyed your company!

Gerry Jackson-Posch (69/14): So nice of you to share the Palestine Unmanifest chart. I always enjoy your view of world affairs and appreciate your sharing the data.

Edith Custer (69/27): Thanks so much for the information on Pluto from Joyce Wehrman. Joyce and I learned astrology together in Colorado in the early 1970's. She was always an astute observer and it was great to hear her ideas on Pluto. It brings back good memories of fun times. I was particularly ticked by "Pluto/Asc -- They only tell you what they want you to know." So true, so true. Also Edith (69/65): Hurrah! Glad to see you put a halt to any Kalus/deMello feud. I was a new subscriber during the Tuton/deMello dispute and was not at all impressed by it. In fact, I nearly didn't re-subscribe and it is only because you took over again that I gave MH another try. By the way--raise the rates. That would be better than utilizing lots of advertising; in my view, we get enough of that with other publications.

Roxana Muise (69/36): I have been watching the progressed station points (when natal planets turn either retrograde or direct) in charts for the past few years. I have found that the year of such station marks a significant event of the nature of the planet involved. I've been exploring this with clients. I ask a broad question about a specific year or age and they always describe an event of the nature of the planet. I haven't explored progressed planets "escaping" their retrograde path, but I certainly will start looking at that.

Barbara Shafferman (69/47): I really like your idea about an enlarged MH and eliminate the Extras. I too have noticed that some people may miss getting their questions answered if they haven't ordered the extras, especially new subscribers who don't have a handle on the system! It looks like it is either more pages or publication every-other-month? (Dear Ann - Betty and Pam just heard "every-other-month"-----and quit! Love & Hope Edith)



PICS FROM THE NCGR EDUCATION CONFERENCE - JULY 3RD TO 7TH IN CHICAGO, IL.



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**CAMMILLE ADAMS
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APRIL, 1991**

"INDICATORS OF A WINNER"

OR

"DO YOU HAVE A GAMBLING CHART?"

First, if you are to play any sort of game of pure chance for money, it is best to have a mathematical mind and a thorough appreciation of the odds. Most astrologers have mathematical minds...or we hope they do.

Second, if you have been taught that gambling is a Sin, you have problems...even if you do have a gambling chart. My experience with "gambling" came very early, betting on snails climbing up the window panes at my grandfather's stables. My winnings were candy, that was okay, till I started riding horses.

Do not gamble if you are afraid to lose, and never, ever gamble if you can not afford to...remember, there is always the Godliness and Wickedness of reasons to gamble, Bingo, for instance. Playing the horses has been one of many ways to prove to "He of the 7th" that astrology works wickedly great!

Now let's consider your chart. Note the Sun, Moon, Jupiter, the ruler of the 5th house cusp and planets in the 5th house, ruler of the 2nd house and planets in the 2nd. Consider aspects and dignities. Are the Sun, Moon and Jupiter seriously afflicted? Is Saturn in the 5th house? Where is Transpluto, also known as Bacchus and Persephone...and where is the Part of Fortune...hopefully, both are in money houses. That list should be your first priority. Know your chart, hopefully it is correct. Still referring to your natal chart, is Jupiter prominent--in the 1st, 4th, 7th, 10th, 2nd or 8th? Saturn, we are dealing with time, Saturn is time...are Saturn and Jupiter in a trine or sextile, and what are the houses? Jupiter expands, so those two in sextile or trine expands your luck. Jupiter trining Saturn in the 5th house from the 2nd house, FINE. Saturn in the 5th house, afflicted, forget the gambling...also, if the ruler of the 5th makes malefic aspects to your gambling planets -- this can make you a compulsive speculator/gambler. Start listening...do definitions of your natal planets; list signs, elements, etc. List meaning of ruler/rulers. Now to the aspects within your gambling chart...Sextiles, Trines are good, Squares, Oppositions are energies. Incidentally, if you find a quantity of semisquares and sesquisquares to gambling points, you are too uptight and easy to spot at games of chance.

READING THE RACE CHART

With race chart in hand, as explained in the previous issue, are YOU on the wheel? The race chart must make a conjunction, opposition or square with house cusps and planets of your chart. Orbs, Joyce Wehrman says, 15 minutes applying, and 1 minute separating. I use a wider orb if my intuition tells me so.

You must have transiting planets activating your natal gambling planets. For instance, in my gambling chart, I have Sun, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune, Pluto, North Node, Part of Fortune and Transpluto to work with. Check the planets transiting the 11th house of dreams, hopes and circumstances...also the 10th because it is the 2nd from the 9th (9th horses, racehorses, trainers) and Midheaven and Ascendant, your ego, remember?

Jupiter is not a gambling planet unless it is on your gambling chart list. Joyce Wehrman lists several exceptions regarding transits to natal, in her book "Winning"...however, time is of the essence (what the H does that mean?) -- I often have only a few minutes to check out my natal and race chart, so, I do not use parallels, semisquares, sesquisquares, between the two charts. I like conjunctions, squares and oppositions and over the years I watch for certain degrees within the race chart.

SO you are on the wheel...the next step is to match the horse to the chart...we use correspondences, which are things that go together astrologically...this is age-old and well known to astrologers. Rex Bills' work "The Rulership Book" is great for this. This sounds time consuming - it is at first, be patient and keep an orderly mind and please keep it simple. Remember there is no substitute for handicapping ability. A horse can get bored with racing, a jockey can get fat.

For those who have an interest in horse racing and would like the lunar mansions as they relate to "favorites", longshots" etc. if you will send a SASE to me I will gladly mail you a copy. As I am writing this article Venus is moving over my 4th house cusp. Time to call the painters, choose the paint, send "He of the 7th" to his brother in Pennsylvania, and when the Moon is right, set the painters to make the first stroke, and before Venus leaves the 4th, have the astrological classes resume in my home.

See you at the track (on my good days of course).

In the July edition, I mentioned Lunar or Moon Mansions, I am enclosing same, however I obtained this, years ago from an astrologer who also handicapped the races, but I cannot remember his name - I don't want credit for "Moon Mansions".

Seven Hills, as usual was the greatest - will write more soon.

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MOONS MANSIONS

- (1) - 23 Ar 20 to 6 Ta 39 - favorites
- (2) - 6 Ta 40 to 19 Ta 59 - longshots
- (3) - 20 Ta 00 to 3 Ge 19 - longshots
- (4) - 3 Ge 20 to 16 Ge 39 - favorites
- (5) - 16 Ge 40 to 29 Ge 59 - mixed
- (6) - 0 Can 00 to 13 Can 19 - mixed
- (7) - 13 Can 20 to 26 Can 39 - favorites
- (8) - 26 Can 40 to 9 Leo 59 - longshots
- (9) - 10 Leo 00 to 23 Leo 19 - longshots
- (10) - 23 Leo 20 to 6 Vi 39 - favorites
- (11) - 6 Vi 40 to 19 Vi 59 - favorites
- (12) - 20 Vi 00 to 3 Li 19 - mixed

- (13) - 3 Li 20 to 16 Li 39 - favorites
- (14) - 16 Li 40 to 29 Li 59 - mixed
- (15) - 0 Sc 00 to 13 Sc 19 - favorites
- (16) - 13 Sc 20 to 26 Sc 39 - mixed
- (17) - 26 Sc 40 to 9 Sa 59 - longshots
- (18) - 10 Sag 00 to 23 Sag 19 - longshots
- (19) - 23 Sag 20 to 6 Cap 39 - longshots
- (20) - 6 Cap 40 to 19 Cap 59 - favorites
- (21) - 20 Cap 00 to 3 Aq 19 - mixed
- (22) - 3 Aq 20 to 16 Aq 39 - favorites
- (23) - 16 Aq 40 to 29 Aq 59 - mixed
- (24) - 0 Pi 00 to 13 Pi 19 - mixed
- (25) - 13 Pi 20 to 26 Pi 39 - favorites
- (26) - 26 Pi 40 to 9 Ar 59 - longshots
- (27) - 10 Ar 00 to 23 Ar 19 - longshots

Using Tropical Zodiac

If the Moon is in a mansion indicated as "mixed" strong favorites and longshots should win, depending on the aspects... lunar and mutual.

If the Moon is in a mansion indicated as "favorite" and the lunar and mutual aspects are favorable for that day, the majority of the races will be won by favorites.

If the Moon is in a mansion indicated as "longshots", longshots should win, especially if the Moon and other planets are afflicted on that day.

Remember even with astrology there is no substitute for handicapping ability. Practice.

WENDY HAWKS CHICAGO, IL MAY 25, 1991

Edith: I hope Seven Hills was a roaring success. For the benefit of those who were wondering what happened to me I registered but had to cancel out because I'm having extensive and costly work done on my choppers. (Transiting Saturn on my Moon appears to be the culprit, although the problem is hereditary.) I can hear you complaining that I haven't written to MH since September of last year, but this time I'm sending you two items. I'm also sending a check to renew my subscription which includes enough to cover the next two Extras.

Even though it's almost the end of May, I've only just finished reading the April Editions. This is partly because I've been very busy and partly because there were so many interesting and well written pieces that merited further study.

Comments on the 68th Edition:

To: JOHN CRAWFORD, (p. 13). Regarding your comment that sometimes nothing can be gained by a client if his/her level of awareness is higher than the astrologer's. I agree, although I've only encountered this situation once or twice (mostly with older and wiser clients). However, I have received blank stares when attempting to read for other astrologers, psychics, etc. And, on the occasions my peers interpreted my transits I benefited not at all.

To: LEE LEHMAN, (68/37). Thanks

for the news about the next UAC conference in Washington, DC next April. Several years ago on our way back from a Seven Hills conference you and I changed planes together in that city and perhaps that's where we'll meet up next time.

Comments on the 23rd Extra:

To: JOE DE MELLO, (23/X/12). Loved your comments on non-prediction of death. Sonja Foxe and I had a good chuckle about the "four times a day, four times a month" stuff. I definitely intend to try out this patter on my clients.

To: DIANE ZEINES (23/X/14). I use the method you suggest when writing Sun sign Astrology. As I don't want to take up too much space, I've written a separate reply (article) to you which may or may not appear in the same MH issue.

To: G. JACKSON-POSCH (23/X/17). Back in 1976 I started studying Astrology on my own by sending away for the Rosicrucian Fellowship correspondence course. Their little study booklets as well as "Message of the Stars" were my introduction to the world of Astrology. As a grew in awareness I realized the Rosicrucians were a bit old fashioned and puritanical and my next step was "Planets in Aspect" and other "Planets in" books. Then I got hip to Liz Greene's "Saturn, A New Look At an Old Devil" which I simply adored. I have read dozens of Astrology books over the last fifteen years or so, but the above stand out in my mind more than all the rest.

To: DENNIS FRANK (23/X/44). I always enjoy your letters as you seem to be a realist and a person after my own heart. I agree that few astrologers are capable of objectivity. Perhaps we strive to be objective around our clients but fail in this capacity while around our peers or when "on display". For example, several years ago, after an Astrology convention in Chicago, about thirty of us appeared on a morning TV talk show. Before the show began one wise (and famous) astrologer said: "Even though we'll probably disagree with what some of the others say, let's at least try to present a united front." Unfortunately, there appeared to be a number of deaf astrologers present as the viewers heard a few raised voices and some name calling. As to your comments addressed to me that few astrologers would be capable of educating the general public about our art/science, you're probably correct. I might add that some might even consider such an activity beneath their dignity. Thanks for your past favorable comments on my letters.

PAT LEWIS PALM BAY, FL JUNE, 1991

Thanks again for a wonderful 7 Hills Conference - always great to look forward to or back upon.

**PAUL O. HEWIT
TORONTO, CANADA
MAY, 1991**

PLANET WATCH

Upon reading in Time magazine that the conservatives in the Soviet Union began to really assert themselves in October 1990, I thought Oh-Oh. That would mean the date of the storm on Saturn I was given (November 22, 1990), and passed along to Mercury Hour readers, was completely wrong. So I checked a number of sources. Sure enough it seems that an amateur astronomer first noticed the storm as far back as September 24, 1990. By early October the "storm news" was spreading by telegrams, FAXes, computer bulletin boards and astronomy club newsletters. Then at the end of November 1990, the Hubble telescope was focused on Saturn. That was the report I read. So my apologies for not double checking the discovery date of the storm.

The other years these storms have appeared on Saturn are 1876, 1903, 1933, and 1960. Spot the cycle? About every 30 years or so. The classic Saturnian cycle, but what does this mean? To traditional astrologers who only look at natal charts, probably not much. But to astrologers who follow cycles and trends it means a lot. Politically, it means a swing (small or large) in most countries towards conservative politics and themes. In Britain, they have a new Conservative Prime Minister. In the Soviet Union the conservative reaction to the reform movement has begun to gather momentum. The Soviet military, the KGB and very conservative voices appear to be speaking out as they haven't done for years.

To digress for a moment, one little noted cycle in the history of the Soviet Union comes to mind. The Soviets tend to militarily expand beyond their borders in 12 year Jupiterian cycles. The next year for the cycle to repeat is 1992, probably only months away by the time you read this. In 1920 the Russian armies spread out from their small territory to the Polish border in the east and the Pacific Ocean in the west. Nineteen hundred thirty two is the only year of the cycle that no expansionist military campaigns were begun. (Stalin started building concentration camps in '32-'33. Saturn was in Aquarius. Again as Saturn enters Aquarius the Allied coalition is building camps for the Kurds. How long will they be there? Decades?)

In 1944 the German army was counterattacked by the Soviet army and Eastern Europe eventually overrun. In 1956 the invasion of Hungary took place. In 1968 Czechoslovakia. In 1980 Afghanistan. Which brings us to 1992. Will there be a new Soviet expansionism in their foreign policy?

Now I realize this 12 year cycle is a bit simplistic. But it is worth noting, as it may be about to repeat. Perhaps Jupiter triggers something in some obscure Soviet Military chart. Please don't

get the idea that I am fascinated by the Soviet Union. I'm not, but I do like reading history and noting cycles.

To update the "PLANET WATCH", on December 8, 1990 Galileo was making its first Earth/Moon flyby on it's way to Jupiter. It is doing this to pick up speed, and it will do it one more time. Included in the photos were pictures showing new details about the dark side of the Moon, and beautiful new shots of the Earth. (Just before reaching the Earth Galileo sent us the photos it has taken of Venus on its way by that planet on February 10, 1990. Galileo will go by the Earth/Moon again on December 8, 1992.) The themes for awhile in 1991 should be a combination of Saturn, Venus, the Earth and the Moon.

I haven't talked the Earth over with many Helio astrologers. But here are a few observations. Since December 1990 we have seen two of the largest environmental disasters ever. The deliberate spill of crude oil into the Persian Gulf during the war, and the hundreds of Kuwaiti oil field fires set ablaze by the Iraqi army. These two events have been underplayed in significance compared to the Exxon Valdez. Does the Earth in the Helio chart connect with Environmental Sciences, Life Sciences and the people working in them? The Earth after all is made up mostly of jungles, deserts, forests, oceans, all teeming with "wildlife". How much "wildlife" has been making the news lately?

In retrospect Kuwait seemed to have been invaded by an army of scavenging "wild" animals. This only came to light after the Galileo photos were published. We have also seen the Kurds living in the "wilderness" areas of the Iraqi mountains. Would anyone wish to trade places with them? Hardly. We pride ourselves on having achieved a certain level of civilization. When was the last time we Americans or Canadians had to fight for our very survival? Unless you've had to deal with "wild" street people, and they are certainly on the increase, it isn't likely.

One thing I have noticed in the charts of women with Helio Earth square Helio Mars, are the "wild" men they seem to have to deal with at various times in their lives. Has anyone else noticed anything similar? I am not making dire predictions here, just passing along some observations. The Earth in the Helio charts seems to contain wilder and less civilized tendencies than the Sun in the Geo chart. With the Galileo probe set for another pass of the Earth in December of 1992 we will certainly be learning more about our own planet - the only one that isn't "godlike". Adding the Helio planets to a chart6 reading has certainly increased my accuracy. Especially looking at Helio "Solar" arcs (renamed Earth arcs). You Geo types might take a look at them. Sure it's a little extra work. But I guarantee your life won't get to wild to handle!!!



JOHN FROM BEGINNING TO END



All of the humorous things that John McCormick wrote for the MERCURY HOUR during his eight years of association with it have been put together in one book, along with his serious works as well. Photos of John taken at various conferences are included. Also included are letters he wrote to various members of our community that they consented to our publishing. There were definitely two sides to our beloved John and we have tried to include both in this book. Cost \$6.00 - order directly from the MERCURY HOUR. Price includes postage and handling. Very limited supply.

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"JOHN FROM BEGINNING TO END" is simply wonderful! - I wish I had 20 more of his books. What a delightful curmudgeon. RW

"His humor and pithy observations on human frailties and strengths were greatly enjoyed." DAN

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Keeping extremely busy, this Mercury Retrograde in Aries was a woozy. My reliable late model Volvo has given me a lot of grief as well as costing a bundle. I haven't had the use of it since the 18th of April (Uranus and Neptune retrograde stations), now some \$1500 later it finally works. I'm selling the damn thing. I organized a fund raiser at the school, which went so well, that I am faced with a nomination for President of Parent Advisory Council. My 3rd house just went haywire with this one.

We may have an astrological association up here soon. Have uncovered people interested in organizing and running it, people interested in participating as well as some funds to get it going. Wish me luck, the two Capricorn Moons and the Aquarius Moon should balance my Aries Moon out.

Have spent some time looking at astrologers charts and found couple of interesting points. The 19th degree seems to be present either as the degree of a planet, node or asteroid. The other thing that seems to be strong is a prominent Mercury and Saturn, and often in a minor

aspect to each other. Uranus seems to have very little to do with it all. I'd be more and more inclined to think astrology is a Mercury/Saturn ruled subject.

(Anyone up in Anne's area who might be interested in joining the new organization can write to her for information. Edith)

**SHIRLEY WARREN
MEDIA, PA
JUNE, 1991**

This summer I've decided to re-read all of my years of MH back to April of '77. I've been really enjoying them and finding some very valuable info. My greatest find was to see the articles by Eugene Moore. He was a friend, teacher, mentor whatever. We have all lost a dedicated astrologer. When I first met him in 1975 I asked him what a 'new to astrology' student could subscribe to to get a rounded picture of the craft and he told me to send for "Mercury Hour". I trusted his judgment so I am still subscribing and it has only gotten better.

Thank you all for your dedication. You are the shot in the arm that we all need.

**LEE LEHMAN
MALABAR, FL
MAY, 1991**

The debate has been going on for decades in Astrology: as new techniques are proposed, the adage goes, life has changed, it is so more complicated (or evolved) that Astrology must also change, that old techniques must be modified to deal with new times.

Actually, until recently this wasn't even a debate. There were so few advocates of the "old" system that this "logic" went virtually unchallenged. I, too, used an argument similar to this in *The Ultimate Asteroid Book* in advocating natural - but not sign - rulerships by asteroids.

However, as the Outer Planets have left Sagittarius and entered Capricorn, and as Saturn continues its journey in its own day sign, advocates of old systems have been coming forward. Out with the New, in with the Old? Now, the counter-argument may be heard:

(1) We have lost many astrological techniques, and for no reason other than historical whim.

(2) If Astrology was really so impoverished (lacking midpoints, asteroids, Uranian planets, etc.), how could it have survived millennia?

(3) Maybe, just *maybe* the reason that prediction became such a dirty word is because modern techniques are so bad that they no longer allow it!

The major change in Astrology over the past eighty years (the major change over the century prior to that was to lose techniques!) has been to transform Astrology into Psychology, a strictly 20th Century fad! This may have benefited psychology, but it has certainly impoverished Astrology! Without prediction, there is no way to test your technique, and without testing, technique inevitably declines.

This is not to say that no modern technique is able to predict, and hence, worthy of testing: cosmobiology is a perfect example of a modern technique which is intrinsically predictive. But in being predictive, it is not psychologically based.

But come on: in coming up with planetary pictures or asteroids or hypothetical bodies to show things like death, who are we kidding? Death has been around a long time, and the typical Astrologer of ages past certainly had more experience with it than those of us who revel in our sanitized society!

And *Ann Foley* (October 1990): You may be interested to note that at the recent Seven Hills Conference (kudos again, Edie!) there was a lot of attention paid to *Saturn's* rulership of Aquarius. I have known too many people to go off the deep end trying to make their Neptune transit's "Spiritual." There were reasons that Saturn was considered the greater malefic, and the sooner we realize it, the more realistic our approach

to Saturn will be. And doesn't that sound like Saturn! The historical sketch you recount for Saturn lacks one essential element: the literal, rather than figurative, meaning of certain words. When Tacitus referred to Saturn's sphere as of the "chief" power, he was saying that Saturn would win! This was a concept that Dennis Elwell elaborated a couple decades ago: that when you have a faster body transiting a slower one, it is the faster one that is effected by the slower one, not vice versa. The fact that Saturn *can* be a good influence does not mean that it *will* be one. One of the consistent problems that *Olivia Barclay* has noted in the teaching of classical horary techniques to modern natal astrologers is that modern types are constantly forgetting the respective speeds of the planets. You cannot have Saturn *applying* to the Moon! As far as the malefic nature of Saturn and Mars, there are circumstances (Bonatus cites a dignified Saturn or Mars as being less malefic, for example) when Saturn is less of a problem, but you cannot just wish away Saturn's influences, or maybe do a ritual to "get in touch with your Saturn." If wishes were horses, then beggars would ride!

It is intrinsically dangerous to dismiss classical technique without mastering it, while jumping to "modern" concepts: it's rather like trying to write without mastering grammar, spelling, and vocabulary!

To *Defiance Gregg* (January 1991): Your contribution concerning Wim Van Dam's book on homosexuality was most disconcerting. Van Dam's book was egregiously bad, an example of delusion-in-print. I discussed the problems of the book in detail several years ago in the *NCCR Journal*. ("Predicting Homosexuality from the Horoscope: A Review." Winter 86/87: pages 51-57.) Essentially, his model does not stand up, either to the test of a large sample of lesbians, or to simple principles of logic. Neither does yours: it represents too narrow a sampling, essentially those for whom lesbianism is an inability to live within societal norms. It's hard to peg that kind of label on lesbians who test as "different" as early as eight or nine! ("Replace the masculine partner????!!" Your biases are showing!) Unfortunately, few people seemed to have realized that lesbians and/or homosexuals are too diverse a population to be amenable to such theorizing. What is clear, however, is that many astrologers pull one "kind" of lesbian or gay man. This is really true of us in general: we each only see a subset of humanity, and then unfortunately generalize our friends and acquaintances! Rare is the person who can tolerate true difference.

The phenomenon you report for Ju-neau, namely women getting together with women for reasons other than true sexual preference, has also been observed in the "Lower 48." A psychiatrist (computer) client of mine reported on a similar scenario in San Francisco among hetero-

sexual women during mid-life crisis. They get sick and tired of watching their husbands flirt with teenagers, get tired of the whole dating scene, and end up with women, who care about them on emotional levels, even if the sexual chemistry isn't completely ideal.

It would appear that, if this phenomenon continues, and even grows, that we have a very serious societal problem: the possibly widening gap between men and women does not bode well for societal continuity: although it may help the overpopulation problem!

WINIFRED DAVISON HORST

OCALA, FL

JUNE, 1991

With a 29° Uranus standing imperially on the Midheaven of my bucket chart one would not think of "prudence" and "forethought" as words descriptive of behavioral patterns for this native. But life has taught me to test the waters and get a second opinion. Having so done - and - after two years - here goes!

To you all, a very grateful "thank you" for many chuckles, many nods of agreement and quite a few near strokes. (Some of you do take French license with this science we call ours) I've learned much from each of you and now perhaps you will allow me to drop a few more coins in the fountain.

Barbara Shafferman (69/67) Agree with you re: non astrological material taking up space. I certainly don't enjoy those long dry articles anymore than you do. Also think G. Jackson-Posch's idea or sharing our astrological beginnings is a good one. Here is mine: awakened one morning with an overpowering urge to find out about astrology. My interest to this point had been nothing more than normally curious. Before days' end I had found a teacher, talked with him by phone, and had an appointment two days hence for my first class. One night and I was hooked for ever. Only found out later - many years later - that 29° natal Uranus sat on my diurnal chart MC the day this all began. (Are you listening J. deMello?) My first books were: How to Chart Your Horoscope by Max Heindel. The Manual of Astrology by Sepherial. [sic] A to Z by George followed by Carter, Jeff Mayo, Robert Luce, Ronald Davison, Alan Leo. Finally found Charles Jayne and became very interested in rectification. It is, in fact, my greatest interest in astrology. I can see no point in doing all the work in preparing a chart unless you are certain the chart belongs to the party you are preparing it for. Who is trying to fool who - or is it whom?

Apropos to the above, let me relate a recent experience. An older woman attended an astrology get-together held at my studio some months ago. When people call to say they are interested in attending, I take information on them and quickly work up a chart. I always ask for

2 or 3 important events with exact dates which I use to do a quick rectification job. This woman - Irene by name - gave me 7:30 p.m. birth time and I quickly got 7:13 with the events she supplied. When she arrived she advised me that she was "a gamblin' woman" of casino gambling variety and was looking for a new astrologer. She was dissatisfied with another local astrologer she'd been going to who, in Irene's words "was reading my lucky days to me from Dell Horoscope. Heck! I can do that for myself." All of this happened in early July. She planned to enter a tournament in Nevada in August. I saw money in the chart and told her so but said I would give no reading until I had rectified her chart to my satisfaction. I then became ill and went thru a long period of debilitation and although she called several times I could not see her. She left messages with my husband that she had won \$20,000 in Nevada in August and another \$2,000 in the Bahamas in January. One message said that she had another tournament in Nevada, April 10th but did not plan to go. My health had improved and I went to work on her chart, now rectified to a satisfactory 7:16 p.m. Her aspects for April 10th were so impressive they blew me away. Jupiter was making all the right moves to important angles. Venus filling in the blank spaces Jupiter had no time for. And transiting Moon making partile trines to her progressed Part of Luck. Now it's time to see how our friend Joseph's diurnals hold up. Calculating the chart for latitude of event I was now not shocked to see our old friend and benefactor Jupiter come up on the MC of the diurnal chart. Not go to Nevada?? No way!! Picking up the phone I advised her to make reservations. The rest is history. April 10th she called me from Nevada to tell me she'd just won \$10,000.

In closing muse with me for a moment on that indefinable point in our charts known as the Vertex. I use it successfully in my rectifications. Have any of you studied its action when hit by the planets of another person's chart. I'd like to compare notes. Contact me at 317 SE 35 Ave., Ocala, Fla. 32671.

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THE NATURAL DISPOSITION

PART II

A perennial source of friction in close relationships is a divergence of predilection, wherein each person believes that the other occupies himself largely with trivial matters instead of attending to the really important stuff of life, whether this is conceived of in terms of projects, ideas, or relationships. That which a person considers most important or to which he pays closest attention in everyday life is termed his Natural Disposition. It is symbolized in astrology by the three quadratures - cardinal, fixed, and mutable - and it is shown in the horoscope whenever there are oppositions in only one of the three quadratures.

When a horoscope has oppositions only in the cardinal quadrature (i.e. between planets in Aries - Libra or Cancer - Capricorn), then the native has a **CARDINAL NATURAL DISPOSITION**: he pays attention primarily to projects, activities, situations - the transient business of life. He thrives on excitement and challenge, and is the least cautious of the three types. He is cocky and self-dramatizing, and loves to make a big impression. He has boundless optimism and self-confidence, and often considerable swagger and panache. He tends to see the world as spoils to be seized and enjoyed. He is restless, impatient, opportunistic. He is not big on subtleties or nuances, but he can quickly spot any opening that will further his personal ambitions. In relationships he is gregarious but impersonal. He has a dominating, challenging presence. There is often a tendency to pigeonhole people, or to regard them in terms of the use which they can be put. He cherishes his independence, and therefore shies away from entangling commitments. Since he shoots from the hip, he often lacks a sense of the consequences his actions might have on the feelings and sensibilities of others, so that the other types tend to see him as being unconcerned and callous. He is cool-headed and unflinching, and never feels himself to be compromised even in defeat: he merely picks himself up, dusts himself off, and hurls himself back into the fray.

When a horoscope has oppositions only in the fixed quadrature (between planets in Taurus - Scorpio or Leo - Aquarius), the native has a **FIXED NATURAL DISPOSITION**: his slant of interest in everyday life lies in its ideals or potentials; hence his life tends to be more psychological than eventful. He prefers a grooved or routine existence to a constant stream of happenings. He has a deep sense of dignity and pride, a firm sense of direction in life, which con-

sists not so much of consciously articulated goals as of an unswerving fidelity to his own inner voice (his sense of private destiny). Albeit a bit eccentric, he is highly attuned to his own feelings, hence his moods don't go up and down with the world quite as much as those of the other two types, and he has by far the richest inner life. At the same time he is the most self-obsessed and the least responsive to the now moment, except when the spotlight happens to fall upon him. He is detached, calculating, and holds himself firmly in check. The other types tend to see him as being an inhibited, stuck-in-the-mud fuddy-duddy. He tends to idealize the world and his role in it: he sees the world as merely the ongoing confirmation of his own hopes and fears. In relationship he is introverted and reserved - not relaxed in a group. Usually he dons some social mask or hides behind some wonted stereotype or posture in dealing with other people. He can be disarmingly frank, perceptive, and intense when he is dominating the proceedings, but maintains a rather dainty or supercilious reserve otherwise, as if he was somehow exalted above the common hustle and bustle of everyday existence. Albeit brusque and aloof in manner, he is patient, tenacious, and has a deep sense of integrity.

When a horoscope has oppositions only in the mutable quadrature (between planets in Gemini - Sagittarius or Virgo - Pisces), the native has a **MUTABLE NATURAL DISPOSITION**: his slant of interest in everyday life lies in people and relationships. He is spontaneous, artless, and candid, and has a childlike sense of wonder and delight. He is genuinely interested in his neighbor and is solicitous for the well-being of others. He possesses the innate humility and a true desire to serve. There is a soft quality to him, a feeling of good will and an attitude of nurturing and cherishing. He is by no means as egocentric as the other two types: he is instinctively self-effacing rather than self-promoting. He possesses a refinement and delicacy of feeling, and is quite susceptible to emotional undercurrents. He is easily hurt or disappointed. He tends to view the world as both a refuge and an obligation, rather than as an object of control. Because he defines himself in terms of relationships and the measure of acceptance or rejection he receives from others, he tends to lack the robustness of the other two types. His life lacks cohesion and a sense of direction beyond vague yearning and hope, hence the other types tend to view him as being flaky, with a butterfly's attention span. But he possesses a deep trust in the essential goodness of things, and a faith in the ultimate triumph of virtue.

When there are no oppositions in the horoscope; or when there are only oppositions across the line of the sign; or when there are oppositions in all three quadratures (as might occur, for example, in a grand sextile), then there

is NO NATURAL DISPOSITION, i.e. no consistent slanting of interest in terms of projects, ideas, or relationships. This native is self-contained, with little need to assess his current status in terms of his interactions with the world around him. This means increased inner stability and self-adequacy; less inclination to be constantly putting his ego on the line; relative freedom from nagging doubts or the painful apprehension of failure. He tends to see life in its chess-game aspects, hence he is more effective in manipulating the world to his own ends than are natives who possess Natural Dispositions. He has an air of extreme gravity or seriousness, but none of the intensity of the three types of Natural Disposition, and nothing of their spirited joie de vivre. He is bent upon his own purpose, hence tends to be detached from and out of tune with his environment. He is the abashed or perplexed spectator of the drama of life rather than the eager, whole-hearted participant. This is perhaps the loneliest, most anguished of the types, but also the most steadfast and quietly determined.

End Part II
To Be Continued

**ANN CAHOY
WESTMINSTER, CO
JUNE, 1991**

Edith: I was just getting organized to respond to the April MH and Extra when the July (69th) Edition arrived! Thank you for your comments (p.29) on the use of the Earth in a chart. Yes, I see the Sun/Earth axis as having a definite house effect (like the Nodes). I like your suggestion of "grounding effect". In Esoteric Astrology, Alice Bailey suggests "field of experience". When I apply that phrase to the house and sign of the Earth I can get some dynamite results. For example, my Earth is in Aries in the 6th house. My field of experience is work/service. Simply said and quite true. When I am not doing work/service correctly, I get sick! That also is quite true. I've found that if I keep these interpretations very simple, they work very well. Another thing I've noticed by putting the Earth in the chart is how people can talk about and idealize the things signified by their Sun sign, but they put the Earth energy into action. For example, I've got this really nice Aquarian friend, who is always concerned about how the group will function and what's best for the group. But get him in a group setting and he suddenly turns into a Leo. He has to be in the first row at every meeting and he always does something to call attention to himself! He was the first person I noticed this with, but now I'm enjoying watching the Virgo's manifest Pisces! And I can even see myself, lovely Libra that I am (smile), shifting directly into my Aries gears, especially when it involves

6th house matters. I hope these thoughts will be useful to the MH readers and I'd love to hear your feedback on this.

Annibale Verzumo (22/X/16): I really like your excellent suggestion for an abbreviated way to date our MH references.

Moira Collins (68/12): Thank you for sharing the John Donne quote, "More than kisses letters mingle souls for thus friends absent speak". Yes, Edith (23/X/1) I definitely think you should adopt this as the MH motto.

John Crawford (68/13): Excellent article. I agree with your views on the need for our awareness of the level of the client. The longer I practice the more I am aware of this. I appreciate the distinction between the Old Ways and the Ancient Ways.

Jim Haynes (68/38): I was glad to see your comments on Out-of-Bounds planets as I've been watching them in charts for the past few years. In the Spring, 1991 NCGR Journal, Charles Hannon wrote an excellent article on this subject. He took a very interesting mundane approach to out-of-bounds planets and then briefly suggested that in natal charts they may indicate character flaws. What I have found is a dual effect. For instance, in one chart with the Moon out-of-bounds, and heavily aspected, the person said that her reactions to all of life's circumstances were "emotional, in the extreme". However, another person with Venus out-of-bounds and having only a few aspects, was not at all concerned with the Venus issues in her life, saying it was "as if they did not exist". I don't have enough charts to formulate a clear hypothesis on this subject, so put this out to you for your consideration.

G. Jackson-Posch (23/X/17): Great suggestion about the books. My first astrology books were the Church of Light series by C.C. Zain (Elbert Benjamine) and Grant Lewi's two books. From there like Edith, I bought just about every book in sight (Moon in Gemini)! Today my favorites are Isabel Hickey's "Astrology: A Cosmic Science"; Alan Leo's "The Progressed Horoscope" and Robert Hand's "Planets in Transit". There are others, of course, but I find myself most often referring for these.

Edith (69/1): In honor of your request to keep these letters inbounds and to the point, I'll stop for now. Once again I will have the real treat of taking the MH with me on that long plane ride to Boston. It really helps make the trip more pleasant to have friends along!

**LOUISE JENKINS
LEE'S SUMMIT, MO
JUNE, 1991**

Keep 'em coming! Some people crave chocolate, I devour Mercury Hour!

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MERIAM PEREGO DECATUR, GA JUNE, 1991

Nancy Reagan's public image has once again come under attack by yet another book. The propensity toward verbal abuse is shown in the natal chart by natal Mercury, natural ruler of all forms of communication, conjunct her Midheaven and closely square her Ascendant.

Could the Neptune retrograde station of 4/18/91 shed some light on this recent verbal assault? The station was in 16 Capricorn 46 square her natal Ascendant in 15 Libra 36, opposed her natal Mercury in 16 Cancer 25 and her natal MC in 18 Cancer 11.

I have found that it is very helpful when working with planetary stations to consider the particular phase of the aspect. The method I use to determine the phase is to mentally place the station on the Ascendant and note the phase to the aspected planets. Using a few generally accepted keywords for planets and houses, and for aspects as they relate to the houses, we get the following:

Neptune (scandal-private investigators-informers) stationed in waning square (publicity) to the natal Ascendant

(self). The station opposed (confrontation) the natal MC (prestige-public image), and also opposed natal Mercury, ruler of her Gemini 9th (publications) and Virgo 12th (secret enemies-betrayal).

Fact or fantasy? Nebulous for sure!

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- N.Y., N.Y.

KAYE SHINKER WILMETTE, IL MAY, 1991

Thank you for the terrific conference. I loved the program, what a great mix of topics. Everyone of the speakers kept us on our intellectual toes.

Dorothy Santangelo inspired me to call the volunteer organization Recording for the Blind. They promised to teach me their techniques if I helped an NU professor with an astronomy text. I thought that was a pretty fair deal.

By the way the scenery was gorgeous all the way from Chicago to Lynchburg. This has been an absolutely glorious Spring. I'm certainly glad I took the opportunity to drive. Your timing for the conference was perfect.

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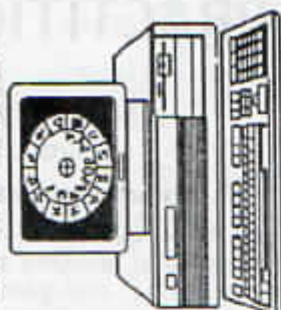
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**BARBARA J. JUNCEAU
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Like everyone else who writes to you, I have to begin by telling you how much I enjoy Mercury Hour. The significance of the work you are doing cannot be measured; the help that I get from the letters is just terrific - and I know that everyone feels the same way!

I spend a lot of time with students, clients, friends and the groups I belong to sharing information on what is happening today, and especially what it may mean in terms of historical and cosmic cycles. Somewhere along the way I came across a piece of data stating that the last time Saturn, Uranus and Neptune were transiting together in Capricorn was in 1771 B.C. To date, I have been unable to locate information on the last time these three planets were together in Capricorn and Pluto was transiting in Scorpio. Theoretically it was at least some 25,960 years ago - but does anyone out there have the data on when this phenomenon may have occurred since then? And is the data about 1771 B.C. accurate?

To have some sense of what may have been occurring on this planet the last time these four got together would shed some interesting light on the cycle today. I sure would love some input on the planetary cycles and what was transpiring on earth and among us humans at that time!

(Okay you research and cycle buffs. Give Barbara some info please. We'd all appreciate it, I'm sure. Edith)

**NANCE McCULLOUGH
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MAY, 1991**

L. Chavellier-Powell: Your note to Kay Shinker in April, 1991 ref solar returns. You commented to her that your solar returns did not time the years events and activities.

I find just the opposite to be true and have recently completed a tape entitled SIMPLIFIED INSIGHT INTO SOLAR RETURNS. My tape gives many examples of how the timing of events is set by the solar return chart. BUT, my charts are all equal house and you will find that equal house erection fits solar return charts much, much more specifically than does the unequal chart. My tape gives all (or most) of the solar return rules and then follows that rule with examples showing how the rule applies. Sophia Mason once told me she did all her diurnal charts equal house since they fit better that way.

(You may write to the above address for more info. Edith)

**STARR AUSTIN
ATLANTA, GA
JUNE, 1991**

This is my first real letter to MH readers. I have been a subscriber only a couple of years and have just now (early '91) had time to do any reading. I therefore would like to submit the following responses.

To Don Borkowski 23/X/35. BGT is Baghdad Time. I found it in the International Atlas. Sunrise is not available in the sources you mentioned (Eph. & Tbl. of Hses.) but it IS available in Horoscope Magazine. It is on the Planetary Hours pages each month, and does not change year-to-year. I.E. Jan. any year is the same as Jan. any other year and July any year is the same as July any other year, so one year gives you a permanent set. I would be happy to copy you a set if you would like.

At this point I would like to say that I have been following them for several years and they work beautifully for me. Ex. I have Mars at a focal point in my chart and I have two acres of yard to keep, so I am frequently sawing dead branches, getting tangled in a barbed wire fence trying to clean weeds from it, getting stung by yellow jackets, etc. I have observed later (I never used to look before going out to the yard) that it was always a Mars hour when something happened. Sometimes I have discovered a yellow jacket nest very close to where I am working, but do not get stung. Guess what? It was not a Mars hour. In a non-Mars hour they will fly very close and eyeball me real good, but not sting. In a Mars hour they just zap me and I don't even see them coming. I have also discovered that I really work hard during Saturn and Jupiter hours. They are in my T. square.

Another ex. I will be working away at a project and suddenly I just have to stop and go plant something or do some weeding (some type of beautification) and I find that it was a Venus hour (also in my T. square). As soon as that hour is over I can get back to my project.

Diane Zeines 23/X/32 and Frank Jakubowsky 67/67. This "trend" is no fluke! Some years ago at our local astrology club we asked visitors to stand and introduce themselves along with their Sun, Moon, and Asc. signs. We always commented on the similarities. The same signs would be there, but in different combinations. Of course there are always one or two exceptions. I am not sure if we associated it with the Transits at the time. It's been so long I just don't remember. If the transiting Sun or Moon was an indication, wouldn't it be interesting if their decan or dwad accounted for the other signs? Unfortunately I had only been in astrology a couple of years and it never occurred to me to jot down the information for future research. Along this line--haven't you noticed how several telephone calls will come in

about 5 minutes and none the rest of the day?

Anne Toth 67/5. I am SO glad to read that you have seen the following degree aspects working - 15, 75, 105, 165. I'm sure YOU know, but for the benefit of the readers, they are part of the semi-square/sesqui-square (quadrate) family and I have seen them activated MANY times in my charts of events. They are definitely action oriented, though not as obvious or as strong as the semi-square or sesqui-square, and contrary to common belief, (at least as far as I know), the semi-square and the sesqui-square are just a hair short of the strength of a square. I think people are unaware of this because they are difficult to find for some of us. I became aware of them through midpoint work.

A note on the 105° Charles Jayne called it the Squine because it was halfway between the square and the trine. He said it showed difficulty that would turn out all right. And on the 165° Louise Ward said it was where things fall short, and I have certainly observed this to be true in my charts. I was delighted to see your additional interpretation and please don't feel that I am criticizing you in any way. Far from it. I only want to add a little extra interpretation for the readers. Incidentally I have been trying for years to get local astrologers to listen to the fact that this whole family of aspects works.

Mary Hughes 67/65. I do not have the Matrix Blue Star chart calculation program, so I cannot check your comments, but if the Asc. is different from your calculated one I suspect they may have taken the Asc. from the Table of Houses of the MC. I have noticed charts in our local astrology club that have been progressed by day-for-a-year and yet they have Solar Arc MC & IC. To me this is mixing apples and oranges. If anyone out there is confused by this statement or was unaware of this, let me know and I can write an explanation of Prog. cusps and Prog. Solar Arc cusps in a future letter.

Jim Haynes 23/X/39. Your Enneads sound fascinating. Would you please elaborate as to how to read them and how to erect them, i.e. are the positions you mentioned used for the Asc. or for the Sun position? Or maybe I am just ignorant as to the meaning of ENNEADS I never heard it before.

Jerry Makransky 23/X/39. In answer to your daylight-time problem. I researched the American Atlas with the following results:

Arizona 10/29/67 MST and no further entry whereas other states refer you to the U.S. time tables which include DST, so I assume this MST is still in effect. I will list the other states that fit this category.

Hawaii 6/8/47 AHST (+10 hrs.)

Puerto Rico 3/28/1899 AST (+4 hrs.)

I hope this helps you. All the other states are observing DST according to this reference and we all know that

Neil Michelsen was THE BEST.

Now I have a question. On one of Buz Myers tapes he referred to a void of course planet and said we all have one. All well and good until it comes to my chart and there we ALWAYS find the exception. My VOC is Retrograde and it does complete an aspect by progression. Is it still my VOC planet? If I take the next possible planet it will aspect this planet thereby negating the VOC. Can anyone explain this? I'm confused.

Also my Mars/Saturn midpoint at 25 Sag. (the worst of all midpoints) is conjunct the Galactic center. Does anyone know what this means?

Kaye Shinker 66/32. I can back up your observation of the Sun in the Solar return chart changing from year to year. I have seen it move 3 to 4 houses in consecutive returns. About timing, I have read that you move the MC a degree a day, but I, like you, have not seen it working. I had a couple of ideas that I never had a chance to research. Perhaps you can and report back.

1) Divide the degrees between the Asc. & IC by 91.25 (1/4 yr.) and progress the Asc. this much per day. Do the same between the MC and the Asc. and Prog. the MC this much per day. Don't forget to change speed when the MC gets to the Asc. and when the Asc. gets to the IC. This really shows up when you have an intercepted chart.

2) Get the distance between the Asc. of one return and the Asc. of the next return and divide by 365. Move the MC & Asc. this much per day. After all the Asc. is moving from one position to the next. How can it jump from one sign one year to three or four signs away the next year all in the space of one day, your birthday? You might also want to try combining my two ideas.

Vallie Powers 23/X/24. What a pretty name you have! I checked my copy of World Horoscopes by Campion and it verified the date, however it stated that letters were exchanged during the day, so midnight would be doubtful. Hope this helps.

One last item--I would like to announce a new and VERY valuable book in our midst. It has just been published by Meriam Perego. It's on Planetary Stations. Now what use are they you may ask. I know I did. Well Meriam has been researching them for about 15 years and has many good examples in her book proving how they work. She has discovered a system of timing using them as a starting point and showing how they are triggered later. I knew a station was important at the time of the station, but I never thought of it as something starting a trend that would be triggered maybe a year or two later. The book is \$12.50 including postage and can be ordered from her. Her address is--4289 Hidden Valley Rd. Decatur, GA. 30035. Incidentally she has been chairperson for our local astrology club research group for the last several years.

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DON BORKOWSKI
SALEM, OR
MAY, 1991

I've been a MH participant for 12 years now, and although I've raised a fuss over a number of issues during that time, I've been extremely patient about typographical errors. Usually, I could just shrug the errors off. For instance, some of the older Rosicrucian ephemerides had a problem in which some of the 4's looked like 1's. So if I saw an 11 in the midst of some 14's, I knew it was supposed to be a 14. (Honest Injun Don, I didn't have anything to do with the Rosicrucian ephemerides - Betty) Yet, I was ready to hit the ceiling when a typographical error in the 23rd Extra completely twisted my intent. (Like Jim Haynes, I keep copies of everything I write.) I was getting one more little dig in at Ted George and his stupid imaginary planets. However, my term "psychically derived planets" got printed as "physically derived planets". For cryin' out loud, that makes me look as if I were validating his lunacy. (Betty's "cryin' out loud"! Sorry Don Edith.)

I am happy to report that I am working once again. I'm now employed by the oldest HMO in the west. My unemployment compensation ran out on February 2, 1991. I accepted a position as a computer programmer on February 7, but I didn't start work until the 20th, because my boss was away from the office until then. Also, I had to go in at a lower level of responsibility and lower salary than I had wanted, and I have to commute 47 miles each way to suburban Portland. But I am happy there. Most of my working life has been spent in 8th-house types of businesses, namely banks and insurance companies. In most house systems, (save for Campanus, Meridian and Morinus,) Venus at 29:15 Cancer rules my MC and 6th house, and falls in my 8th house. Yet I've seen some noticeable differences. Property-casualty insurance is purely Scorpionic in both the positive and negative attributes of the sign. The attitudes of life insurance companies aren't that much different. Health insurance, at least in the form of an HMO, has quite a large component of Virgo in it; they really do care about people's health. Banking is equal parts Scorpio and Taurus with a dash of Leo thrown in. Anyhow, only one astrologer correctly predicted when I would get back to work. That was Virginia Dayan of the Dragon's Head bookstore in Portland. She is not a MH subscriber, but she deserves acknowledgement here nevertheless. She told me that I would have to wait until Saturn left Capricorn and thereby quit opposing my Venus. Saturn entered Aquarius on the very day that my job was offered to me.

The situation led me to reflection. Many MH contributors have submitted letters about what these heavy Capricorn transits have done to their Suns and Ascendants. Now, it looks to me that all

of one's Cardinal placements have been subject to this stress. 1991 should prove to be interesting with Jupiter, Saturn and Pluto all in fixed signs. I have Sagittarius rising, so I have experienced Neptune, Uranus and Saturn all crossing my Ascendant at different times in the last 15 years, which was easier than having them all cross over at the same time. When Neptune crossed over, I quit smoking, quit drinking and got married all in the space of 2 weeks. Many people turned against me at that time, and I still am not sure why. When Uranus crossed over, it wasn't as difficult as the other two planets. It happened around Christmas one year, and our son received a lot of gifts that required more batteries than I've ever had to deal with. Also my hairline receded very rapidly as much 3/4" in some places. Then it stabilized just as abruptly. When transit Saturn was within orb of being conjunct my ascendant, I felt a lot of fear. While Saturn was still in my 12th, I was afraid of what I didn't know. Then when Saturn moved into my 1st, I was afraid of what I did know.

A few years back I wrote in to ask if anyone else had noticed that planets at 26° were prominent in the charts of Lesbians. After studying this for some time, I ruled this factor out for being an indicator of same-sex attraction. However, 26° of any sign makes a Ptolemaic aspect to the Galactic Center at 26 Sagittarius. Compared to various groups of people, Lesbians are definitely more politically active. I have now found that people, in general, who want to make a mark on the world have very strong ties to the Galactic center.

Some simplistic introductions to rectification like to correlate a person's taste in colors with the rising sign. This is usually directed to the color of clothing a client wears for an initial astrological consultation. I find this hard to accept. I like to wear a variety of different colors, and I have to wonder about those people who wear the same color of clothing all the time. Yet there are some instances in which choosing a variety of colors is impractical. What about one's car? I know that color is probably the least important factor in picking a car, but sometimes it could be the tie-breaker between two choices. So does the color of one's car reflect the ascendant or the third house? What would a black car say for the mental condition of its driver? I'd like some feedback on this point.

Speaking of feedback, it has been pointed out to me that the Raphael's Ephemeris does have tables of sunrise and sunset in it. When I first started astrology, I couldn't find a Raphael's for sale anywhere in Oregon. When I could find one, I didn't want to spend the extra money. In fact, I still find astrologers who won't "lower" themselves to use a Rosicrucian Ephemeris to be excessively smug.

I need some help: I gave up on using Chiron back when Zane Stein renounced astrology. I felt tremendously betrayed by Zane, especially since all my studies on Chiron had to be done without the aid of my astrological software. (Astro-Star I doesn't compute Chiron.) Yet recently, three of my most believable correspondents have all encouraged me to get back to paying attention to Chiron. Zane tended to pooh-pooh my opinions about Chiron, but I feel his current attitudes have re-empowered me. So, what I want to know is when Chiron made its station in late August, 1950. My natal Chiron is retrograde; my progressed Chiron is direct. As this could signify a pivotal or formative year in my childhood; I'd really like to have this information.

To Guy de Penguern (23/X/23): There is no astrological technique that works 100% of the time; that is simply the nature of astrology. I have Sagittarius rising with a Libra MC. All quadrant house systems give me interceptions, and I have quite a variety to choose from. I can assure you that Koch houses do not describe me natively, nor can transits, progressions, or returns under Koch houses facilitate accurate forecasts for me. As long as I am responding to your letter, I do want to add that I hold Chiron to have a closer affinity with Virgo than any other sign. My interest in mythology in [sic] minimal, but it is patently obvious to me that Chiron can be the true Vulcan. (Al H. Morrison says that no comet can rule any sign, for what it's worth.) Personally, I have Chiron conjunct my ascendant, about 1/2 a degree into the 12th. I have no Libra traits other than indecision; I do, however have a plethora of Virgo traits.

To Chris Walters (23/X/50): Even if you take any form of astrology at face value, it will seem preposterous. Imagine, our lives correlated to the Solar System! Yet, as astrologers, we all accept some form of astrology as being valid. Just because certain techniques, such as progressions and helio, don't fit certain preconceived theories, there is no reason to reject them categorically. Experimentation is the only reasonable criterion for evaluating new methods. Your usage of planetary returns, which is not all that common, does prove that you are willing to try new things. I suggest that you continue to keep your mind open.

**MARC PENFIELD
HOLLYWOOD, CA
JUNE, 1991**

A recent cover story in Time magazine brought to my attention that this former agricultural community is now the largest tourist attraction in the country. The home of Disney World, Epcot Center and Universal Studios, just to name a few of the many attraction in its immediate vicinity. Over 13 million

people come here each year (three times as many as in 1980) to play and escape the reality of living in more unpleasant climes. Orlando now has more hotel rooms (76,000) than does Las Vegas, its closest runner-up. All because of Walt Disney's vision to build a larger counterpart to its world famous Disneyland in Anaheim, CA back in the late 1960's.

Orlando was first settled in 1837 as Fort Gatlin, and seven years later a settlement grew up outside its walls. But the fort was abandoned four years later (1848) and the region once again fell into oblivion. On October 5, 1857, land was deeded for a city, beginning the present history of this city. Orlando was little more than a wide spot in the road back in the 40's when I toured the region visiting such famous sights as Cypress Garden and Winter Park. I remember one used to get free orange juice at roadside stands to promote the citrus industry to those of us visiting from up north. But all that changed in 1966 when Disney bought 43 sq. miles of land on the southwest side of the city, an area twice the size of Manhattan Island, or the size of Boston or San Francisco, upon which to erect a fantasy theme park and the Prototype Community of the Future (EPCOT). Since then, amusement or theme parks like Wet n' Wild, Sea World and Gatorland pack in the crowds thus necessitating housing for those who come here seeking work.

On 1966, Orlando's progressed MC at 13 Aquarius had just trined the Sun and was approaching a square to bountiful Jupiter in the 4th house of real estate investments and transactions. The progressed ASC at 28 Taurus conjuncted Uranus, ruler of the 2nd house of income and placed in the 5th house of fun and amusements. By 1971 when Disney World and the Magic Kingdom opened, the MC at 18 Aquarius sesquiped Mercury, ruler of the 9th, putting this city on the international map once and for all. The prog. ASC at 4 Gemini trined Mercury as well but squared Mars, ruler of the 1C, bringing a housing crunch. Few could have imagined the transformation that Disney eventually brought to the region, shown by the prog. Sun (1971) squaring Pluto in the 4th. Like its founder (Disney) who had Virgo rising, Disney World was free of graffiti, clutter and cigarette butts, a place where one could escape the reality of living in crime-ridden, trash-infested cities. Beggars, panhandlers and homeless people were placed out of sight, and employees of this theme park were told how to dress, act and behave lest they lose their jobs. Liberal thought or attire was not part of the plan, but cleanliness and conformity seemed to rule the day. With the opening of Disney World, real estate values began to soar through the roof, shown by prog. Moon sextile Jupiter. Progressed Jupiter conjunct Pluto made the infusion of tourists and their dollars even more dramatic and Jupiter's trine to Venus and the natal ASC some say made this area too attractive and appealing for the infra-

structure and social services then operating, shown by prog. Saturn squaring Orlando's natal MC.

Orlando is ideally-situated in the middle of Florida, one hour from the Atlantic or the Gulf of Mexico. It's only an hour to Cape Canaveral to see the shuttle take off or to Tampa and St. Petersburg to see the Buccaneers or swim in the ocean. Within the region lie numerous lakes, making the area look more like Minnesota than Florida from the air. Looking at the chart for the opening of Disney World in 1971 (time not known to me), we see the Sun squaring Orlando's ASC indicating the impact this enterprise had on its parent community. Mars squaring Orlando's Jupiter pointed to the risk or gamble not to mention the vast amounts of cash flowing into the vicinity. Jupiter was also squaring Orlando's Mars making the wealth even greater while Jupiter's sextile to Mercury bought ads in the Sunday papers extolling the region as the new vacation paradise of the South. In days gone by, few people came to Florida during the hot summers due to the lack of air-conditioning. I remember when I lived in Miami during the late 60's the tourist business was rather slow and lackluster compared to the hordes who ventured south during the frigid winters up north. Disney World changed that imbalance forever shown by transiting Uranus in 1971 conjuncting the Sun of Orlando. Tourism in Florida was altered completely, new roads had to be built, new schools constructed, thousands of hotel rooms erected and housing tracts went up by the hundreds. Transiting Pluto trine Orlando's Uranus completely transformed and regenerated not only this city but the entire concept of going to "mosquito country" during the height of the hurricane season.

but the problems concerning traffic, school overcrowding, housing shortages and ugly boulevards with signs too numerous to count also began to proliferate due to Saturn's square to Orlando's Venus, the planet of beauty and attraction. Oldtimers lament the loss of peace and quiet and say the region near Disney World is ugly and unappealing. Orange groves are being torn up one after another and streets are being cluttered with fast-food joints, souvenir shops and cheap motels. Traffic in the Interstate moves at a snails pace and a beltway now being constructed will have to be wider than originally planned due to the number of people moving into the region. Some of the newcomers find they have to live in trailer parks, and those lucky few who can find decent housing do indeed witness that the cost of housing and the prices of most items is considerably lower than would be the case in California, for example. Wages are still dismally low as most jobs in the tourist industry still pay little more than minimum wage. Welfare agencies are chafing at the seams and the pot of gold most came here to find is lost in the struggle just to keep one's head above water.

Disney World is the largest single employer in Florida (33,000 workers) and its largest single taxpayer (\$23 million annually). It's the chief lure of 60% of the tourists who come to this state each year (40 million) but the operation is run like an autonomous community, and its vast wealth, power and influence oftentimes tells the government officials what to do. A crossroads has been reached in Orlando here in 1991, shown by Orlando's prog. Sun squaring Uranus and inconjuncting Saturn. It's not only a question of money (Uranus rules the 2nd) but also the integrity and image (Saturn rules Orlando's ASC) that is at stake. Saturn, ruler of the ASC retrograding back to square Orlando's MC has caused more than a few officials to question the often domineering and authoritarian ways of the Disney people, but that aspect has been going on for the past two decades but was largely ignored until recently. Venus progressed to a trine of the MC offers hope that a peaceful and equitable solution may be found in the morass of allegations being slung back and forth across the boardroom tables, while prog. Pluto trining Mars will no doubt enable opposing parties to work out the dynamic solution in record time.

With transiting Uranus still within orb of Orlando's ASC, it's time for all parties, residents and corporations alike, to begin working together to amend the problems before they get completely out of hand. Neptune has just squared Orlando's Sun and is now in the process of making its final trine to Jupiter, ruler of the 12th house of dilemmas once thought to be impossible to solve. The progressed MC for Orlando this year (1991) at 8 Pisces does oppose Venus (ruler of the MC) but sextiles prog. Jupiter, so harmony should ensue before too long. The prog. ASC at 23 Gemini trines prog. Venus but squares prog. Neptune. One can only hope all parties concerned in this fracas won't continue to bury their heads in the sand hoping someone else will pick up the pieces, leaving the final responsibility to some outside agency as shown by Saturn (ruler of the ASC) sitting in the 7th house of open enemies of friends, depending on the scenario and gameplan previously submitted.

Sources: Orlando from "History of Orlando" by E.H. Gore and Disney World opening from Disney Studios, Burbank, CA.

**NANCY EDWARDS
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA
JUNE, 1991**

Mercury Hour has more astrology, and news of astrologers, than any other publication. It is a major link for astrological unification (even if we do fuss with one another occasionally!)

**JIM HAYNES
HOLLYWOOD, CA
JULY, 1991**

I've been doing a little earthquake study the past few days. If you remember, I predicted on Dec. 2, 1990 an earthquake in Tokyo, and there was one on Dec. 7th. I finally found the information on another earthquake which I wanted. The seismologists said there was a chance of an earthquake near Parkfield, Calif. over the weekend of March 23, 1991. I studied the possibilities and phoned my astrology friend, Lenny Marcus. I told him there was a good chance of an earthquake Friday morning March 22, at Parkfield, but that it seemed to me that it should happen a little north of there. Well, I was right and I was wrong. An earthquake hit 3-23 north of Parkfield, at Watsonville; I never got the time, but it happened at night. I told Lenny to watch for it at 9:30 a.m. Friday. We came back from a disastrous vacation in Las Vegas and found a strange message on the answering machine. It was Lenny, saying "This is Lenny. Jim, you predicted the earthquake!" He was referring to the one on June 28, 1991. I was a little surprised as I hadn't remembered saying anything to him, but I could have maybe a month ago.

Anyway, to the present. July is a helluva month. Problems all over the world, seismic problems and I haven't got all the details on them either. I think part of it may be to the major geomagnetic storm on the Sun recently...maybe it's still going on I don't know. Anyway, I just finished a survey. Don't laugh...with a list like I have, you could say "Anyone could hit with that list." But there is a good reason or so for every place on the list. How many others do you have giving you specific target places? I couldn't pick out any specific date, there were too many possibilities.

<u>JULY 10 TO 12</u>	<u>POSSIBILITY</u>
Los Angeles (area)	Strong
Parkfield, Calif.	Outside
San Francisco	Outside
San Jose, Costa Rica	
Panama City, Panama	
Medillin, Columbia	
Sao Paulo, Brazil	
Hilo, Hawaii	
La Paz, Mexico	
Mazatlan, Mexico	
San Salvador, El Salvador	

<u>JULY 23 TO 27</u>	<u>POSSIBILITY</u>
Los Angeles (area)	Strong
Parkfield, Calif.	27th?
San Francisco	Outside
Panama City, Panama	
Medillin, Columbia	
Hilo, Hawaii	
Mazatlan, Mexico	25th or 26th?
San Salvadore	

<u>JULY 10 TO 12TH</u>	<u>JULY 23 TO 27TH</u>
Managua, Nicaragua	Managua, Nicaragua

If one should hit here, I figure about 6 to 8 a.m., maybe at about 7:30 a.m. But I hope it doesn't.

Okay, that's it. If I don't hit anything, you can give me 50 lashes with a wet whip...

**JANICE GILES
AUCKLAND, N.Z.
JUNE, 1991**

Must be a lesson for my Aries 3rd house planets - the next issue has already gone to press about 2 weeks after we receive ours here in N.Z. So, I must be more prompt! Will also try to keep this short as am not sure where you can fit it in.

Annibale Verzumo (69/7) Thank you for your thoughts. I prefer not to think in terms of masculine/feminine or positive/negative. Find connotations of the former sexist, and the latter judgmental. Is probably just a matter of personal preference in semantics. Prefer to think in terms of yin/yang or inward/outward.

Morgan D'Arc (69/10) Thank you for sharing. You are very brave. Also, your comment re 12th house Moons - have noticed this in gay charts (along with other aspects of course). Can anyone else confirm this. Of course a 12th house Moon alone does not indicate homosexuality.

Re geodetic angles. Have been thinking about this and am doubtful. If these are based purely on longitude, then a lot of credence is given to Greenwich as the point from which longitude is derived. I can't buy it - Greenwich isn't that important, it's just an historical convention - of not too long a duration either.

Barbara Shafferman (69/47) What good ideas you have. If these aren't workable, maybe write 2 separate letters - one for Xtra readers and one for regular. They could be in the same envelope.

Jan Moody (69/66) Re Saturn over the Ascendant. Your comments seems relevant. Saturn is currently in 12 and am seriously (is there any other way) considering working towards a psychology/sociology degree by correspondence. Commencing next year with Saturn on my Ascendant. However, see this as something I want to do for myself and my long term goals rather than for social approval - perhaps more a recognition of social realities, as in 'you can't get a job doing that stuff without qualifications'. Am still undecided.

Just returned from our annual N.Z. conference where, among our competent local fare, we were also treated to Carlos Boton (ex Brazil) and Jillian Boton (nee Norris-Hume) of Tasmania. I guess our art was made round so that it would get around.

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JOSEPH SILVEIRA deMELLO
SAN FRANCISCO, CA
MAY, 1991

Just back from Seven Hills with the admonition from Edie that I should not talk it up too much as she wants to keep Seven Hills small and manageable. The important thing was that it was intensive. I attended every session and felt as if I had worn all the padding off my tailbone. The quality of speakers, attendees, and the fun were wonderful. So we do not have to say that hundreds of people showed up. Numbers aren't everything. As a lecturer, I kicked off with two sessions on diurnals back to back. I don't think I will ever do that again as it does not give people enough time to think of all the questions they want to ask. Maggie Meister said she had never seen a speaker so relaxed. That's what she knows from out front.

Driving down to Lynchburg was wonderful. Dogwood was in blossom, and some places there were banks of azaleas. Nothing like it in California. At the hotel I had to keep the heat on low to combat their aggressive air-conditioning. Merc was retrograde still as we arrived and convened. I thought I had been having my one out of three easy retrograde Mercurys. I spent the night in Culpepper and could not sleep. When the wake up call came, I fell out of bed and hit my nose on the desk as I tried to answer the phone. Thought I had broken my nose.

Monday morning I drove to Monticello and took both house and garden tours. The house is a sort of large Palladian pavilion with the usually small colonial rooms. The views are extensive and gorgeous. The gardens well along both in flowers and vegetables. I guess if you have 5000 acres, there is no limit to the gardening you can do.

Which brings us to John Kalus (p16). Given the character of Napoleon, of all the ways in which he might have spoken to his generals, the most likely would have been "sarcastically."

Another thing which bothered me was that your letter gave all the coordinates for the chart of Wellington and little was said of him afterwards. No data for Napoleon, but the rest of it was almost entirely about him. Years ago I furnished the horoscope of Napoleon for a friend who collected everything Napoleonic. But I had not kept a copy for myself not thinking I would ever be interested in him as a lecture topic. But I never had a chart for Wellington, so thank you. There seem to be a couple of places where history has to be straightened out.

Nothing is so well documented as the life of Napoleon. In the marvelous biography by Andre Castelot everything is well-timed. I got it down off the shelf. To the computer I sprang and ran charts on Wellington, Napoleon and Waterloo. The chart I did was for 12:10 PM 15 Aug 1769, Ajaccio, Corsica. His mother was

taken with labor pains at the start of the Noon church service, hurried to her nearby home with a friend, and did not have time to even get to her bedroom, so Napoleon was born on a divan in the salon almost immediately.

Waterloo was one of the great scenes of carnage in war. The site was almost flat. The few rises of land could not even be called hills. Grouchy was sent to cut off vonBlucher, with two dots over the "u" for an umlaut. Messages sent to Grouchy went astray. One messenger was never seen again. Napoleon had such poor handwriting to cover his poor spelling ability, and the message as given was not exactly to the point. So Grouchy was happy where he was, and vonBlucher able to come to Wellington's aid. Wellington would never have been hero of the day but for vonBlucher's help or had vonBlucher a more heroic English name.

The grand debacle at Waterloo was not that Napoleon's first great charge did not succeed. The real devastation was caused by the ever loyal Marshall Ney who decided to wear out the English position by ten waves of direct onslaught rather than a flanking attack. Each wave cost the French 4,000 lives. Only then did the French form retreat squares, one of them around Napoleon, and attempted to leave the field of battle. Napoleon on horseback moved faster than his foot soldiers in their square formations, so he was ahead of them returning to Paris and Malmaison outside Paris where Josephine had died a year or two previously.

Napoleon abdicated at the insistence of Lafayette. He thought he could arrange quiet retirement in the English countryside, and his Polish countess and their son offered to accompany him (but he refused and boarded ship alone). For almost a year his ship was never permitted to land until they reached St. Helena. The hero of the piece, Wellington, was greatly honored and went on to become Prime Minister, a job of which he made a hash, but he still maintains historical hero status.

The configurations of Napoleon's chart underline his basic character. There is the grand trine of Mars, Uranus, Pluto rule his first, fourth and sixth houses. We can also stretch to have another grand trine from Saturn-Chiron-East Point which would be significant of first, third and twelfth houses. And then the T-square would be Asc-Jup-Merc-Uranus, ruling 1st, 2nd, 4th houses, or personality, immediate future, and security. I think what must have turned the tide of Waterloo was the Mars-Pluto-MC conjunction which was part of the grand trine to Mercury-Asc and Moon. This ruled 1st, 3rd, 4th, 11th and 12th houses in the Battle chart. The Pluto-Mars-MC were on Chiron of both Napoleon and Wellington's charts. The daybreak of battle saw the ascendant on Napoleon's Saturn and headed for Wellington's Neptune. The Moon that day was in Scorpio going through Napoleon's first house and

Wellington's 10th.

I know that your letter was in aid of the age-old silly argument about masc-fem, pos-neg planets. We must refute such nonsense. It is time women discovered that men with a preponderance of negative-feminine sign placements make sensitive lovers, among other things, and that men with "well balanced" charts are, at best, ambivalent, while those with heavily positive signs can fall flat on their faces in any popularity poll. Any prolonged study of astrology can only help us get rid of confusing dichotomies. But the main thing is that my balk at your use of a word set me on a path to preparing and giving one of my most successful afternoon lectures here at Theosophical. For over an hour and a half, I kept them on the edges of their seats. I wonder I never before saw all the interest of those charts.

As a closing note, I have always said that when the progressed ASC reaches the cusp of the 2nd house usually turns out to be the year of greatest change in the life. Progressing the charts of both men showed Napoleon's prog ASC 17Sag06 and Wellington's 19Pisces49 two degrees beyond his natal Moon, both on the cusps of their 2nd houses. The prog Jup in Wellington's chart was on his natal MC. prog Venus was on the MC of Napoleon's chart. Jupiter rules Wellington's 12th and 2nd houses; Venus rules Napoleon's 12th and 7th houses.

(Although I did teach the masc/fem part of astrology to my students I rarely if ever think of it when doing a chart. Not many do these days. One of the other things that is falling by the wayside is "Jupiter rules 12th and 3rd etc." since we have so many house systems available that sort of a statement can change with the system being used. Please remember, the planets are the energies - period! Everything else is icing on the cake. Edith)

**BONNIE PARKER
SALINAS, CA
JUNE, 1991**

Marion March, 69/R/19: I've heard about the "Books of Bhrigu" or palm leaf astrology for several years. You didn't mention if your friends who experienced their reading in India were given time and cause of death. I recently had an excellent reading from a Hindu astrologer in Berkeley, CA and expressly asked how much time I had left. While he gave me the year (2022) regretfully, I didn't press for any further specifics. His reading was most accurate. I especially enjoyed hearing "Yes, you are an astrologer...and a writer." The Books of Bhrigu leaves me wondering about the free will issue. If accurate charts drawn up hundreds of years ago for individuals not yet living can happen, the Jung probably comes closest to the point in describing

free will as "...the ability to do gladly that which I must do."

C. J. Puotinen, pg. 20: Thank you for your informative warnings to would-be writers. I learned the hard way, writing the book is the easy part. Getting through the publishing ordeal takes vigilance, endurance and balanced patience.

Morgan D'Arc, pg. 10: Thanks for your supportive insights on suicide aspects. I too have studied Jung and Jeff Green (even attending twice weekly sessions in his home while living briefly in Seattle several years ago). However, I have learned one must go through the experience on the cosmic drawing board irregardless of mental understanding. Since I am Virgo rising, I would be most interested in learning more about your research on Virgo rising, Suicide and violent death. With your Leo Moon in the 12th, might you also be Virgo rising? My daughter is also Virgo rising with Sun and Mars in Aries in the 8th. I recently rode with her on a trip to Seattle to celebrate my uncle's 100th birthday June 2. It was white knuckles most of the way as she rode the bumpers of cars ahead of us!

Diane Lawson, pg. 41: Thank you for your kind words.

**ROBERTA ASHBY
EMMETT, ID
JUNE, 1991**

I believe it was in 1988, Neil Michelsen wrote a special program for accurate charts for the outer conjunctions. I have enclosed the information for the charts on all four Uranus/Neptune conjunctions in 1993.

All charts are set for Washington, D.C. and EST 77W00, 38N53.

1st Geo.) Feb. 2, 1993 3:12 a.m. EST 19° Capricorn 34'

1st Helio) April 21, 1933, 4:15 a.m. EST 19° Capricorn 16'

2nd Geo) Aug. 20, 1993 2:43 a.m. EST, 18° Capricorn 48' (Helio at 20°)

3rd Geo) Oct. 24, 1993, 3:19 p.m. EST 18° Capricorn 33'

(I suggest you run the Helio chart for Aug. 20, 1993, 2:43 a.m. EST. Washington, D.C. with 23 Cancer on the ASC and 8 Aries on the MC...What do you think of the health and work aspects at that time? Edith)

It is very important to note that at the same time we will all be experiencing the Uranus conjunct Neptune, the world will also have the Saturn square Pluto in the late Aquarius/Scorpio degrees. Rob Hand calls the Uranus conjunct Neptune, "Reality gets weird" - The Saturn square Pluto (old get dumped?) seems like a "cruel reality" - personally, I'm for sitting on Neptune, watching through the mist...

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Michel Gauquelin 1928 - 1991

It was with great sadness that I received the news of Michel Gauquelin's death approximately 21 May 1991. He was born 13 November 1928 at 22:15 GMT in Paris, where he died.

Michel Gauquelin was a premier player on the stage of astrological research. His first book, *Influences des Astres*, published in 1955, established his reputation in the field through his work on what we have come to call the Mars effect. That influence has lasted for the more than three decades since.

Influences des Astres had one other result, besides thrusting Michel into prominence. It effectively cut off his academic career, because its publication made him politically undesirable as a doctoral candidate. Thus, although referred to in some publications as Dr. Gauquelin, the title was honorific.

He continued to enhance and expand on this work throughout the rest of his life, in part in collaboration with his former wife, Francoise Schneider-Gauquelin. Michel wrote a number of popular accounts of their work that were available in English as well as other languages, including *The Scientific Basis of Astrology* (Stein and Day: New York, 1969), *Cosmic Influences on Human Behavior* (ASI Publishers: New York, 1973), and *Written in the Stars* (Aquarian: Guildford, Surrey, 1988).

Michel was a principal in the series of events which led up to one of the most disastrous events in the fight by skeptics against astrology. C.S.I.C.O.P. made the mistake of assuming that the data that Michel and Francoise were accumulating could not possibly be correct, and so they felt confident that it would be a simple matter to debunk it, either through a replication, or by reducing the effect through astronomical anomalies. Instead, they replicated the Mars effect, and only reluctantly admitted so in a very obscure publication. It was also after that result that C.S.I.C.O.P. changed its policy to exclude direct experimentation. So much for the open-minded assessment of "scientific" claims of the Paranormal!

Michel gave freely of his time, and participated in a number of conferences and through publications. His articles graced such publications as *Correlations*, *N.C.G.R. Journal*, *Astro-Psychological Problems*, and *Journal of Scientific Exploration*, a scientific publication about anomalous subjects. He was the guiding light at the London Research Conferences, and a welcome participant at the National Council for Geocosmic Research conferences and the United Astrology Congresses.

Michel had been given the Marc Edmund Jones Award in 1989. Following the last United Astrology Congress, he had led a conference sponsored by Matrix Software and N.C.G.R. on the Gauquelin methodology.

Perhaps the greatest compliment is emulation, and the work of the Gauquelins has inspired astrologer and researcher alike. In recent years, two researchers in particular, Suibert Ertel and Arno Muller, have been attempting to replicate the Gauquelin work. They have both been successful with the professional data, but the results with either the character traits or the hereditary data (planetary diurnal placements that repeat from generation to generation) have been mixed, including a negative study by Michel himself.

In addition to his collaborations in astrological circles, Michel had begun to spend time at Fresno State University in California. The results of some of this work are published in the current *N.C.G.R. Journal*.

I could not end this remembrance without touching on Michel Gauquelin the man. Michel was a pleasure to know and to work with. In addition to his intellect, he had a fine sense of humor, and seemed genuinely interested in people. Skeptics have occasionally tried to claim that, even after positive results, Michel still did not embrace Astrology. I would simply recall an incident at the last UAC: speakers were asked to put on costumes and act out the various signs and planets. Michel did Scorpio. Would a skeptic impersonate his own Sun sign?!

Michel had been truly interested in Astrology since his teens. He simply decided to approach it from a scientific perspective. We have lost a friend, mentor, collaborator. *Pax tecum*, Michel.

**SUSAN MANUEL
FALLS CHURCH, VA
JUNE, 1991**

Thanks for giving us another 7 Hills! I couldn't have enjoyed it more, but what a lot of germs were in attendance. A gang of them followed me home and gave me an awful cold. I just hope the germs had as much fun in Lynchburg as I did. (Our singing was, as usual, superb - we sounded just like a choir of angels. Truthfully, if it wasn't for Vince, Batya and a few others who can actually carry a tune and remember lyrics, I think the hotel management might of run us all out.)

Your speakers were excellent, as always. Rob Hand was at the top of his form - profound, thought-provoking and attuned to the level of his audience. Everyone did a fine job.

Thanks again for a wonderful weekend.

ANNIBALE VERZUMO
ASHTABULA, OH
MAY, 1991

Part I

There are some USSR charts floating around with different times and one is not sure which one might be correct or nearly so. Revolutions by nature are sudden, violent and chaotic. Historian and (auto) biographers are not likely to concern themselves with the exact time of the creation of a nation, only with the main thrust of its event. I just noticed a USSR chart presented by Paul Bergner in AFA Bulletin of January 15, 1991 with the date of : Leningrad, November 7, 1917 at 1:00 PM. Mr. Bergner seems confident that this chart fits best Russia's recent history and events. To me also it seems much closer to be "it" than the other charts I have seen for it fits and describes, among other things, the particular events and activities of its 9th house presently under view. Aware of it, I try to escape C.E.O. Carter's remarks that astrologers are often "too prone to interpret maps according to their own bias, making the wish of the father to the thought and finding what they want to find."

In this USSR both Sun and Mercury are combust in mute, secretive, military, atomic energy Scorpio in the domal area of the 9th house. This combination is highly suspicious, detective and penetrative; can hear a fly breath and see a termite moving underground. Coercive Pluto (which Plato called "the best friend of warlike men"), ruler of Scorpio is in Cancer in the 6th house of the armed forces and forced labor. Scorpio, of the martial arts, falls into the psychic and secretive decanate of Pisces subruled by the secretive, evasive Neptune; much is going beneath the surface than meet the eye. This decanate has also much to do with maritime, naval activities, both above and under the waters. Since World War II, and particularly in the last decade or so the USSR international (9th house) activities have been enshrouded in secrecy and undercover actions in an unbroken web of intrigues and espionages by Russia's KGB international secret (Scorpio) agents involving political and military secrets against the U.S. Incidentally, some astrologers set up Stalin's natal chart without applying the New Style Calendar placing his Sun in Capricorn instead of Sagittarius of the Old Style is applied.

The 9th house rules the higher mind; institutions off higher learning, such as colleges and universities; publishers and authors and the educated class. Scientific Scorpio being there gives a clue about the notable physicists and scientists the nation has produced. Uranus/Aquarius are rising at 19 degrees. Of Aquarius 10 degrees Carelli says that it is "thought to possess 'nine lives' as cats are said to." Uranus/Aquarius rising

is the signature of futuristic technology and space exploration. The first mechanical satellite, Sputnik I, was launched into space by the USSR in October (a Scorpio month) 1957, stunning the international scientific community. A feverish race for space exploration ensued with the U.S. quickly surpassing the Russian feat by far by landing on the Moon a few years later. Scorpio that "prepares Men's martial mind" in the 9th house may indicate the selling of weapons to foreign (9th house) countries. The USSR is/was the prime supplier of weapons to Cuba, Iraq and other foreign countries. This might be a little far fetched, but not entirely out of astrological indications: Feminine Scorpio, of medicine, surgery, bacteriology, etc. in the 9th may account, I hear, for the high number of female students in medicine and physicians in the USSR.

The Sun in Scorpio (fixed) and Aquarius (fixed) rising makes this a double fixed chart. Uranus/Aquarius ascending (the nation's people) is the signature of revolution for freedom and independence, sooner or later; against monarchy, such as that of the Romanov. It tends to be spasmodic, iconoclastic, disruptive of the status quo and of tradition; to a contradictory spirit; disdainful and rebellious of restrictions and authority and can be violent and dictatorial in achieving own objectives. An astrologer observed that "Uranus often fails to know his own mind." But sometimes what happens to the goose may happen to the gander. The Russian revolution of 1917 was to topple the stagnant monarchy's authoritarian rule, but only to create a proletarian dictatorial regime for seventy years. Fixed signs are not the most democratic in the world. There is a dictatorial streak with them.

The 9th house rules a court of law and religion, but if adverse may indicate agnosticism, atheism, lawlessness and political assassination in foreign lands. Here it squares Saturn in detriment in Leo. This affliction may indicate arbitrary tribunals of the Inquisition-type, such as those conducted by the early settlers in the Old Wild West, in primitive tribal people and by revolutionaries (in Russia at the turn of the 19th century) where justice is summarily meted out in a kangaroo court by a self-appointed judge without a trial. Marxism and nihilism was essentially the "religion" in the USSR. At one point they had a bias against the Jewish religion and its people, but now they are allowed to emigrate to a foreign (9th house) country to exercise their political and religious freedom. Skeptical Scorpio is not known to be very high or fervent in religion for it doesn't like to kneel down to any icon. Stalin once asked "how many military divisions the pope had." In general religious freedom in Russia has been suppressed or at least curbed. The Russian mystic (9th house) Grigori Rasputin, known as the "mad monk" (said to have been born with Aries and gurgish Neptune

rising in his chart) was the high priest of some phallic or shaman sect with visions and healing power. He once had a vision of the individual who stole a horse from a farm. He had spiritual control over Czar Nicholas II and a mesmerizing effect over Czarina Alexandra. Rasputin was credited to have supposedly cured her son's hemophilia in 1905. She filled the court with hoboos, crackpots and favorites. Rasputin's debaucheries and sexual prowess were legends and the talk of the town. His sexual orgies along with his influence and interference in Russia's political affairs is said to have undermined the imperial government character in World War I. Rasputin was murdered by extremists conservatives, but only after several attempts and means, ranging from poisoning (Neptune) to strikes on his head (Aries) to drowning (Neptune), as I recall it.

Scorpio is not the most liberal or tolerant with the free press and speech. Water signs are not really oratorical. In itself it is a mute sign, of few words, one liner often abrupt answer or statement. Carter (air) had the better over Ford (water) in their public debate during the presidential campaign; so did Bush (air) over Dukakis (water). The sign is not exactly of the American statesman Patrick Henry's "Give me liberty, or give me death." Scorpio prefers to read, write and speak in bold type than in fancy diplomatic ones. It is a magnetic, sexy sign that seems to emanate a vibrational aura of peace and war. Scorpions can be subtly humorous and satirical, as well as acid with fulminating invectives against the opponent. Preserve a dignified silence and most of the time are inhibited in expressing softer feelings. Generally they are obsessed with secrecy, and are worshippers of military heroes.

End Part I - To be continued

GWEN STONEY
N.S.W. AUSTRALIA
MAY, 1991

I noticed in Mercury Hour Special 23rd Extra Edition, someone asked you why you had BGT and you were not sure. In Blue Star Matrix in "Time Zones of the World" it is for Baghdad time.

They are using 3 letters for each hourly zone. In Australia we have to put in for -10 hrs. GST Guam Standard Time, and everyone asked me why when I give them a chart, what has Guam got to do with us. The other programs have AEST, Australia Eastern Standard Time.

The only one for Australia is SAT, South Australia Time, -9.5 hrs.

In Western Australia, we have to put in CCT, China Coast Time for -8 hrs. I keep the page handy by the computer, otherwise you can't get the correct zone.

DIANE ZEINES
NEW YORK, N.Y.
APRIL, 1991

Re: The April 1991 Extra Edition

G. Jackson-Posch (p.17) - You asked which books were meaningful to other Mercury Hour subscribers and how they began their studies. Well, I had been interested in astrology since I was a teenager. Around age 18 I picked up a book called Write Your Own Horoscope by Joseph B. Goodavage. It really opened up a whole new world for me. By the time I was 24, I was searching for myself and I hungered to know more about astrology (and therefore myself) so I set out to find a teacher. I called a lot of people and didn't get the right "vibes" from any of them. But then I saw an ad in the Village Voice for astrology classes. I called the number and the person at the other end was Betty Lundsted. I really liked where she was coming from so she sent me a list of the curriculum she was going to be teaching at night and, when I received it, I was really excited. Betty was a very organized and dynamic teacher. I wish she'd go back to lecturing because I've seen people mesmerized by her talks. I continued studying with her for two years and then, eventually, with many other people, although nothing ever compared to what Betty had to say. At the time I studied with Betty, there were no books that had the information she was imparting (her teacher was Lionel Day who must have been quite an extraordinary astrologer). This all began in April, 1974 when Saturn was conjunct my Uranus in the 6th and Neptune was conjunct my natal Moon and Pluto was coming to a conjunction of my natal Mars in the 9th. I also started traditional therapy one month later.

My favorite books are: Graphic Astrology by Ellen McCaffery (only because it was my first serious book; Planets in Transit by Robert Hand; Astrology: A Cosmic Science by Isabel Hickey and Cycles of Becoming by Alexander Rupert. Of course, Betty's books are among my favorites too but the notes that I have from her classes are the best things I have.

Has anyone read Joan Quigley's book, What Does Joan Say? My Seven Years as White House Astrologer to Nancy and Ronald Reagan? which is now in paperback? It should be retitled "My Seven Years of Ego-Tripping." What a farce. It's actually pretty boring and not astrologically enlightening at all. Just one ego-trip after the other. As we used to say when I was little: she's not conceited, she's convinced.

Marie R. DeLeone (p.24-25) - I didn't take your remark as criticism. In fact, it was pretty funny that first I say I'm great and then I say I'm lousy at editing. That's so typical of me. You're right in that it is not easy having a Sun-Saturn opposition. One minute I'm conceited and the next minute

I think I'm a piece of dirt. Thanks for the compliment about my letters. And re: Your letter on page 34 about buying a car during retrograde Mars struck a nerve in me because I keep telling people not to do any important communication during Retrograde Mercury and also not to buy any communication devices because I always find that machines break down more when Mercury is Retrograde. But then I go and buy a phone when Mercury is Rx -- and I didn't do this once, but twice. And both times the damn thing didn't work. I do stuff like that all the time and slap myself later.

Annibale Verzumo (p.33) - Sorry that I didn't know who DeVore was but I don't have that book. I still think that saying something like "Pisces with Leo Rising has a cruel expression" is just plain silly. Those old books just piss me off because they are so weird, so final and so fatalistic and limiting. To tell you the truth, I really hate most of the old authors; that brand of astrology is a total turn-off to me. But to each his own.

But, yes, I am thin-skinned and I get sick of hearing all these snotty things about Pisces. I get very sensitive about it and I do take it personally. I tend to think that that's what people are thinking about me when, if I were to try to be intellectual about it, I know that people like me. But it's that inner thing I have deep down inside that makes me think that maybe they really don't. So when I hear things about Pisces, that we're connivers and liars, I get my feathers ruffled because I don't even think along those lines. Scheming and lying is something I actually hate in people and I don't want people to think that of me. But you're right when you say a lot of us put ourselves (or "our signs") down and I'm certainly guilty of that. I often say "maybe it's because I'm a Pisces" although I'm usually not aware of it as a self-deprecating thing; I just say it because I figure the person is thinking it anyway. Oh well, I guess it's all self-doubt in the end and I've got enough of that to last a lifetime!

Jim Haynes (p.38) - I wanted to ask you about Solar Returns. I have a few friends who were born in other countries or states and who now reside in New York City. In two cases, the people were only born in other places, then grew up in different states from where they were born and now both live in New York. The others lived for a time in these other states or countries and now live here. Do you think I should still do a Solar Return for their place of birth? I just can't figure out what to do with these charts. I'm going to prepare both their birth place Solar Returns and New York City Solar Returns and see what happens in their lives. I guess that's the only way, but I was curious to know what has been your experience with this.

Rita Friedman (p.39) - You had me laughing my ass off with your Virgo essay. I'm a Pisces who has a majority

of Virgo friends and I really like Virgo a lot, and my only Virgo planet is Saturn. Gee, I must be a glutton for punishment. HaHa. Only kidding. Linda Goodman says that Virgos can spot ring-around-the-collars three blocks away. That's my favorite remark about you little virgins. I'm afraid to have Virgos in my apartment because my dust balls are not only plentiful, I think I might have to name them soon. But seriously, I think that opposite signs make great friends, at least in the case of Pisces and Virgos. Pisces tend to see the bigger picture and usually hate little details so we broaden Virgos vision. We see the forest, not the trees. And Virgos, with their detail-oriented minds help me to see all the stuff I missed. So it works out really well. And Virgos really do know a lot about nutrition. When I need to know how to eat better, I always ask a Virgo. Except that they don't eat those delicious spicy meals I love; just plain old healthy food for Virgos. Are you really what you eat? (White bread, mayonnaise and American cheese?) My Virgo girlfriend always says that her husband accuses her of always thinking she's right, but that she can't help it if she is always right. Also, when I was annoyed with her criticisms of my clothes, my nail polish color, et al., she said "But don't you want to know when you're not wearing the right thing?" Funny. And I've never met a Virgo who isn't highly interested in sex. So let 'em eat cake, Rita, and you keep your filing system, your healthy salads and your great sex. Screw 'em if they can't take a joke.

Mary H. Perdue (p.50) - You said that you "lost" three close friends of 20 years when Neptune traveled through your 11th. Well, Pluto has been passing through my 11th and I've dropped three friends who I knew each for 20 years or more. And I didn't consciously do it. It just happened and I think it happened because these people were no longer relevant to the new person I was becoming. Now I have new friends who fit the present-day me. It's difficult and feel weird when you don't have certain people in your life anymore, but strangely enough I also don't miss them because I felt held back by them. They each saw me as the teenager I was, not as the adult I am. It was very frustrating because I couldn't grow with them anymore.

JAN MOORE INDIANAPOLIS, IN JUNE, 1991

Raising the price of the regular editions \$3.00 is, in my opinion absolutely necessary. If my paper The Indianapolis Star, is having financial woes, so is everyone in publishing.

Do it.

**HELEN PFLUGRAD
BETHEL, WA
MARCH, 1991**

PART I

This is a true story, for all of you who are fascinated by transits and corresponding events.

Background: I am in my early fifties, and have been happily divorced for over ten years. I have been an escrow closer for over 20 years. I have four grown daughters, one granddaughter, a lot of friends. I study metaphysics, do some healing work, read Star+Gate, read, write and play. In 1990 I had been working for Seafirst Escrow for six years, and had every intention of staying with Seafirst until I retired. Seafirst Escrow was a division of Seattle First National Bank, the largest Pacific Northwest Bank, which in turn was owned by Bank of America. Stable, right? In 1989 Sue, one of my daughters, badly wanted to get a divorce but didn't know if she could handle living alone. I agreed to move from the apartment I had lived in for four years, and get a new place with her. It would be a shorter commute for me, save me some money, get me out more. It would also cost some money for the moves, and disrupt my life, but I decided to do it. We found a great new place that had an indoor swimming pool and hot tub, 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. We both loved it. We enjoyed establishing a new, friendship relationship - two adults sharing a new home. I have been fortunate to have excellent relationships with all of my daughters, and this move seemed to be improving my relationship with Sue even more.

I have been plagued by depression for many years, alleviated only partially by estrogen. In early 1990, the depression settled around me like a gray blanket. Although I was happy, I had no energy, wasn't sleeping well, couldn't connect with people - I was clinically depressed.

Being an astrologer, I had naturally noticed that I had some pretty heavy transits coming up in late 1990 and early 1991. Saturn would square my natal Sun, trine my Mars, move into my 12th house, then square natal Pluto and natal Mercury. Transiting Uranus would trine my Moon but square my natal Saturn. Transiting Neptune would square my natal Saturn, and trine my Moon. Transiting Pluto would oppose my natal Uranus, and square my natal Jupiter. What would it all bring I wondered? I've been working on personal growth issues for years and years; I live a mostly conscious life; I'm careful about the karma I create; I'm careful about the state of my Soul - I should be able to handle some heavy transits pretty easily. Oh, really? Well, let's see. My birth chart is enclosed, but for those of you who want to run the data yourselves, I was born October 19, 1938 in Tacoma, Washington at 2:41 p.m. Pacific Standard

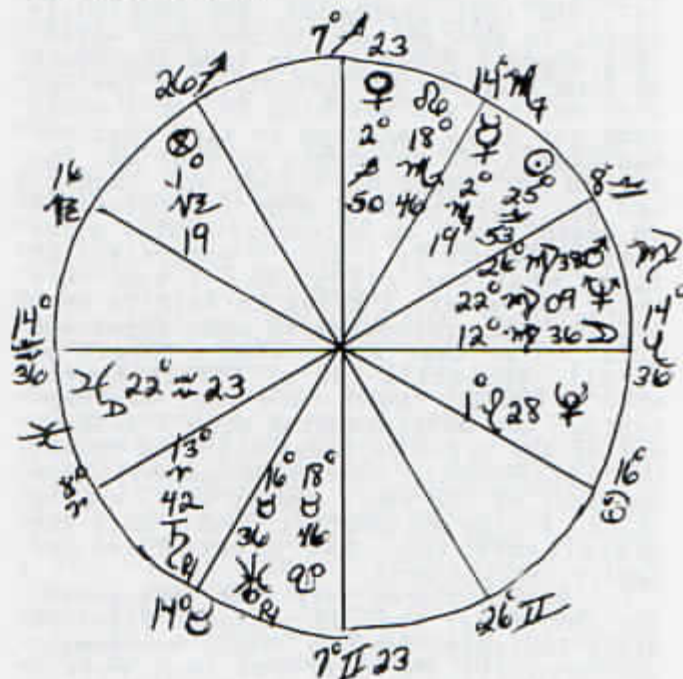
Time, per hospital records. I may have missed some transits in my description - as you will see I have been pretty busy.

In August of 1990 Seafirst sent me over to Spokane to work during the week. I flew home on weekends. This left Sue alone in our apartment. Sue found out that she could live alone - in fact she preferred to live alone. She wanted to buy a condo, and move out of our place. But she didn't want to run out on mom. How to handle this? "I know" said her subconscious "let's turn mom into a nagging, guilt-inducing hateful mother. Then we can leave guilt-free, and righteously." So sometime in September I woke up one morning as M-O-T-H-E-R!! Instead of mom. If I said "I think it looks like rain" she answered shrilly "Leave me alone, I'll use my umbrella if I want to!" She then proceeded, subconsciously again, to shut me out. In the real world, this meant I would get up from the couch to find that she had quietly shut the den door while I was watching TV, or I would come out of my bathroom to find that she had closed all the doors between us. She turned her music up louder and louder, and any small noise I made irritated her to death. And I am an exceptionally quiet person. Naturally I didn't understand at first what was going on - I was very hurt, and upset. I tried to talk to her, but she was projecting so much anger and guilt on me that she couldn't "hear" me at all. She still can't. I felt better when I finally understood what was happening, but understanding didn't relieve any of the terrible tension in the house. Our relationship continued downhill for the rest of the year, and is still on the skids. I miss my daughter, and I hate the disturbance this has created in our family. What a mess.

Why should my work life be proceeding any better than my personal life? On Black Thursday, Sept. 6, 1990, management gathered all the Seafirst real estate employees together and informed us we would all be out of work soon. Processing was being moved to California, escrow would be closed, all the loan representatives would be gone immediately. We would be given a lay-off package, and moved on out. It is difficult to describe the emotional devastation felt by the employees. We had been a close-knit group, a family. As Diana Stone put it to me, the emotional impact was as if the parents were killed in a car crash and all the orphaned kids had to be farmed out to different homes. My co-workers and I were thrown into a maelstrom of emotion - panic, depression, shock, anger, fear, rage, betrayal. The atmosphere at home and at work was terrible. But, I would be okay. I'm strong, I would survive.

I started looking for another job, getting used to the idea of radical change. One of the most frightening things about being out of work would be loss of job benefits such as medical and dental insurance. Everyone made appointments with their doctors and dentists. In late September I went in for a physical,

pap smear, breast exam and mammogram. My doctor and I finally broke down and decided I needed to start on an anti-depressant-Prozac. That turned out to have been an excellent decision - I don't think I would have survived the next few months if I had stayed clinically depressed. All the medical tests came back okay except the pap smear - it showed atypical cells and I needed to come back in a couple of months. So now I worried about cancer and a possible hysterectomy. So all through September, October and November I worried about my job, the loss of my friends, my health care benefits, my health and Sue. The worst thing was the breaking up of the office - the loss of the day-to-day contact with so many friends. I did really feel like I was being orphaned - thrown out into the cold, all alone.



TACOMA, WA., 122W26, 47N14, 10/19/1938.
2:41 P.M. PST. PLACIDIAN HOUSES

To Be Continued

GLORIA CROSS
HOUSTON, TX
MAY, 1991

These comments are directed to: Alan J. Ouimet, of Madison, CT, regarding his response in the 21/X/49, to Ted George re the existence of a "killer" degree. Although my sample is considerably smaller than yours, Alan, neither was I able to pinpoint a "killer" degree. (Not that I believe it is possible or even a good idea.) Coincidentally 19-20 Cancer did show up more consistently than any other degree but not necessarily with a conjunction to Mars. Granted Sagittar-

ian placements do seem to show up frequently in the charts of serial killers.

As a criminologist by trade (and astrologer by avocation), I have a methodological problem with lumping all types of homicides together. Given a specific set of circumstances, homicide is probably the only crime we are all capable of committing or being a victim of whether we want to admit this or not. If we are to gain any real understanding about those who commit murder and just as importantly those who are murdered, I believe it will be necessary to breakdown incidences of homicide into reasonably specific categories based on the elements of each incident. Since more than one person converges on this event, we also need to look at factors in the victim's chart as well as elements of the event itself.

Having been in law enforcement you know as well as I do how difficult it is to get folks just to share information let alone agree on definitions. Then just about the time you get a consensus along comes someone like Ronald Gene Simmons. Do you categorize him as a mass murderer or a spree killer? or both?

Presently, I'm trying to put together groups of perpetrator charts reflecting various categories of homicide. Although I suspect you already have quite a few of these charts, I would be more than willing to share this data with you directly. Besides I would certainly appreciate the comments of an experienced investigator.

To Edith: Many more thanks again and again for all the work you put in to provide this vehicle of exchange.

JENNIE S. ADAMS
SAN ANTONIO, TX
JUNE, 1991

Early beginnings for G. Jackson-Posch.

Christmas 1972 -- my 16 year old daughter asked for and received an astrology book, "The Compleat Astrologer" by the Parkers. Predictably, by mid-January 1973 daughter had lost interest but mother was hooked. I went searching for a teacher who recommended "Astrology For Everyone" by Edward Lyndoe; "Astrology" by Ronald Davison; the Grant Lewi books and Alan Leo's books. Guess you all know the "rest of the story" -- hundreds and hundreds of books later.

My birth data is 12-2-1933, 4:26 p.m., Yakima, WA. I am not a professional astrologer, just do charts for family and friends and consider myself a perpetual student.

Edith: My check for \$10.00 to assist with postage. If you have to raise the rates, so be it. As I said when I renewed my subscription, I cannot imagine life without the Mercury Hour.

**DENNIS FRANK
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FEBRUARY, 1991**

**Part II
Conclusion**

I predict that some of these Neptune-afflicted characters will continue to use the wrong U.S. chart, defiantly stating "Well, it works for me." In the free market of astrology, these people have always been around. Long ago, they were so numerous and persistent in their attempt to foist their personal fantasies onto others that they created the charlatan archetype, a creature that lurks in the collective unconscious of astrologers everywhere and finds expression in the thoughts and behaviour of many even today. Saturn rising in the US chart would make the nation as serious about diplomacy as Thatcher, with her Saturn rising on mid-Scorpio Ascendant, was about economics (I don't know if the same logic applies to that other well-known Scorpio attribute, sexuality, in her case!). The US is seen internationally as some kind of 'world policeman',* as evidenced in discussion on CNN resulting from the Gulf War, which fits Saturn rising, particularly with the grand trine Saturn/Mars/Moon making the US feel good about acting in such a role.

Such good correlation between astrological theory and real life will impress only sensible, intelligent astrologers; the others will continue to use whatever takes their fancy and raise the disinformation level in the public mind. As you point out, John, "accurate work depends on discrimination" (p64). Astrologers will continue to have the reputation of charlatans so long as we continue to allow those astrologers who lack the ability or will to discriminate to keep on churning out their pollution.

Anyway, we need to know if the Journal of Congress really records what Goodavage quoted, to confirm he is correct. Could someone check this please, and preferably someone without Neptune-afflictions and with a good strong Virgo.

I've seen no good reason to use either comets or asteroids in interpretation. Has it occurred to you John, that the principle you advocate on p64, that planet gains in power proportional to its proximity to earth, would make the Moon all powerful, followed by Venus and Mars? Strikes me that Pluto is in fact the most powerful planet, in spite of being furthest away and now the smallest. Obviously planetary power derives from the hierarchy of the orbits, as Rudhyar intuited with his analogy of the step-down transformer, and description of the outer planets as more universal archetypes, intermediaries with the galaxy.

To L. Chavellier-Powell (p63), I would sure appreciate it if you were willing and able to describe how you use

diurnals. My intuition tells me there may be something in this technique. Joseph deMello was kind enough to write me on the subject, but unfortunately his explanation wasn't clear enough for me to follow. Your comment about the 'inner clock' and relocation was very sensible, as is your later comment on 'guidance' from other astrologers in regard to client interaction. I'm also intrigued by your Saturn on the Midheaven. What part did it play in determining your career? Have you considered the suggestion, I think originally made by Lewi, that this position often brings downfall from a high public position? Hitler, for example. I guess if this notion is correct in a couple of years time we will see Queen Elizabeth abdicate in disgrace as the result of some sex or financial scandal when Pluto transits over her culminating Scorpio Saturn!!!?

I was interested that Mary Hughes has Virgo rising and spots errors easily, but believes we should be thankful for what does get reproduced properly in MH. As one who cringes at even ONE SINGLE change to my original script, let me announce joyfully that contributions to MH can now avoid retyping if supplied on DOS disk. Also on p65, I found Dorothy Sarka's story of the cats' memorial gathering profoundly impressive. Surprising it was a week later, and not two.

I thought Elliot Jay Tanzer's comments on the New Age were good (p33), and I agree about each astrologer having a specific type of clientele. Evolving, not fixed, though, for those of us that do actually evolve! I believe significant progress toward a New Age will result from the Uranus transit of Aquarius, but only the Pluto transit of Aquarius can be expected to produce fundamental changes in the nature of civilisation. As for the old equinoctial regression so beloved of Theosophists for the last century, best to leave that to the Neptunian pipe-dreamers as they retreat into the AFA's bunker.

Looks like your Kuwait apology on p4 got Mercury Rxed, Edith. Lots of 16s instead of 19s, which someone has no doubt already pointed out. Putting it together with the piece on p52 certainly leaves us with 19 June, preferably midnight for the reason you mention. Campion presents a noon chart, because the official letters were exchanged during the day, and says "It was noted at the time that Kuwait had enjoyed de facto independence for about two years, and this agreement was a formal recognition of an existing state of affairs". Doane cites the Los Angeles Times for midnight, which seems solid, but there's no way either the noon or midnight charts explain the successful Iraqi takeover last year. The axes are not threatened by hard outer planet angles in either case. I believe the unknown time the official letter formalizing independence was received by the Arab ruler would give us the right chart. Saturn at 28.36 Capricorn and Jupiter at 6.13 Aquarius are

pretty relevant.

To G. Jackson-Posch, p62, both you and Campion should understand that the Baathist coup in Iraq 8 Feb 1963 did NOT bring Hussein to power. Quite the contrary, what actually happened was another military coup on Nov 18 1963 which removed the Baathist regime. The Baathists did not regain power till a further coup on 17 July 1968; the failure to discover the existence of the second Baathist regime being yet another case of Campion not doing his homework. Then there was the next coup on the 30 July 1968, which involved the Baathists eliminating their coalition partners with which they had attained power 13 days previously. The Baathist President of Iraq was eventually arrested in 1979, when Saddam came to power. When did Iraq start using summer time? According to Doane's "Time changes" 1982, it doesn't. I agree with you about the transits to the Cuba chart, although I disagree with Campion that Castro's announcement of Urrutia as president is the moment to erect the chart of Castro's regime for, in view of the fact that the power transfer occurred the previous day. I don't blame you going for the Sibley chart, I did the same for quite a number of years myself until I realized that the signing was not critical but the vote of acceptance of the Declaration was.

I'm rarely given to making specific predictions, but I have been telling people for some time now that the Saturn transit of 7 Aquarius should produce an outcome to this war. I'm the proud owner of an exact chart of Desert Storm, and a real little humdinger it is too with Jupiter up there in the 10th conjunct the Midheaven! A classic indicator of success. One scarcely needs the trines of Mars to Saturn and Sun!! Anyway the Moon is at 6 1/2 Aquarius and the IC at 7 1/2 Aquarius. The node, the direction of future development, was at 7 1/2 Aquarius when Iraq invaded Kuwait, and is in the 8th house of the Invasion chart. When it reaches this point Saturn will structure the future of the invasion, and will ground operation Desert Storm.

* Since I wrote that a few days ago I have heard this phrase used on the satellite news yet again. It was uttered by someone interviewed on the streets of Tunisia by an ABC reporter, but this time it was applied to Bush personally, 'wants to be some kind of world policeman', rather than the USA generally. I get to watch international news bulletins coming in off the satellite frequently at work. It's great for getting accurate event charts.

Conclusion

**DIANNE LAWSON
TOPEKA, KS
JUNE, 1991**

7 Hills was wonderful! To explain what a wonderful time I had: during the time the conference was on, I had Asc.

sextile Uranus, Venus conjoining Sun and Mars, Venus sextile Jupiter, Venus sextile Mercury, Mercury trine Jupiter and Moon trine Mars and Sun in my progressed chart.

I flew to Philadelphia to meet Helen Case and the two of us drove to Lynchburg. I met Helen through the pages of Mercury Hour as she is an Astro-Twin of mine. We had been talking on the phone and writing letters to each other for six years, but this was the first time we had met in person.

I loved meeting persons whose letters I've seen in the Mercury Hour, heard their tapes or read their books. The lectures were all great and the hospitality room was great fun.

My enthusiasm remained after I came home. Since the conference I have sent off several articles to magazines and have plans with Todd Collard (whom I met at the conference) to write a book together.

Edith, I don't know if there is anything I can do from Topeka to help with another 7 Hills, but if there is, count me in. I hope there will be another 7 Hills.

Vivad Veraheren and I traded tapes after I read his request do so in Mercury Hour. It turned out so well that I would like to trade tapes with other people. Anybody interested? If so, call me at 913/232-2836 or write me at 2400 SW 22 Park, Topeka, KS 66611.

Does anyone have a copy of Evangeline Adams' Bowl of Heaven that he or she would be willing to sell me?

Edith, thank you for 7 Hills and Mercury Hour!

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JUNE, 1991**

To answer Edith's query (July '91, page 1), Edith in Lynchburg and Terrell Newage in Australia should turn their heads cocky-wobble or kitty-cornered to read the ad on page 37. Should one not wish to deal with an easy-does-it-all company (MICROCYCLES), then turn to the inside of the front or back covers for the addresses of the largest dealers in C-64 astrological programs. For the person not averse to dealing with the American Federation of Astrologers, their 1991 AFA Product List, page 29, gives a complete listing (over 50 programs) of Commodore Software from both Matrix and Astrolabe ranging in price from \$20 to \$300. If these references do not suit (or even if they do) please drop a line to the address above for info on a fast super-doooper-handy-dandy C-64 astrological program that produces 6 screens of data with printout that lists at about \$30.

**JOHN MAZUREK
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APRIL, 1991**

As you know I have been associated with the star lore for some 45 years. Both tropical and sidereal. So with that in mind I am sending you this article.

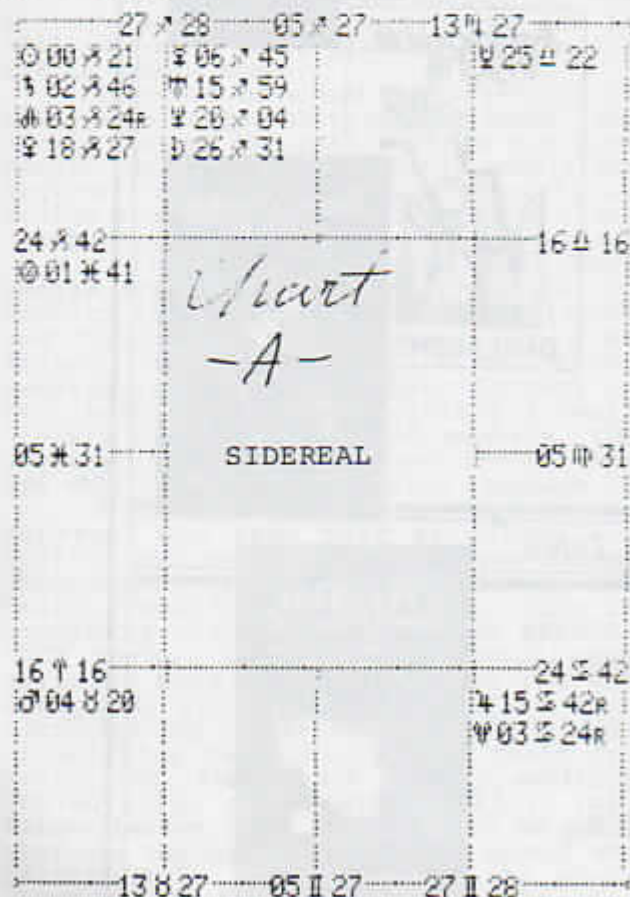
A news article appeared in the Santa Rosa Press Democrat on Thursday, Jan. 18, 1991.

"On Tuesday (Jan. 15) at 10:30 a.m., administration officials say, Bush sat in a wingback chair by the fireplace in the oval office and signed a typed document known as a National Security Directive committing the U.S. military to war with Iraq."

So, using my trusty DR 70 casting a chart for Jan. 15, 1991, at 10:30 a.m., Washington, D.C. so Chart A is cast in the sidereal zodiac, while Chart B is cast in the tropical.

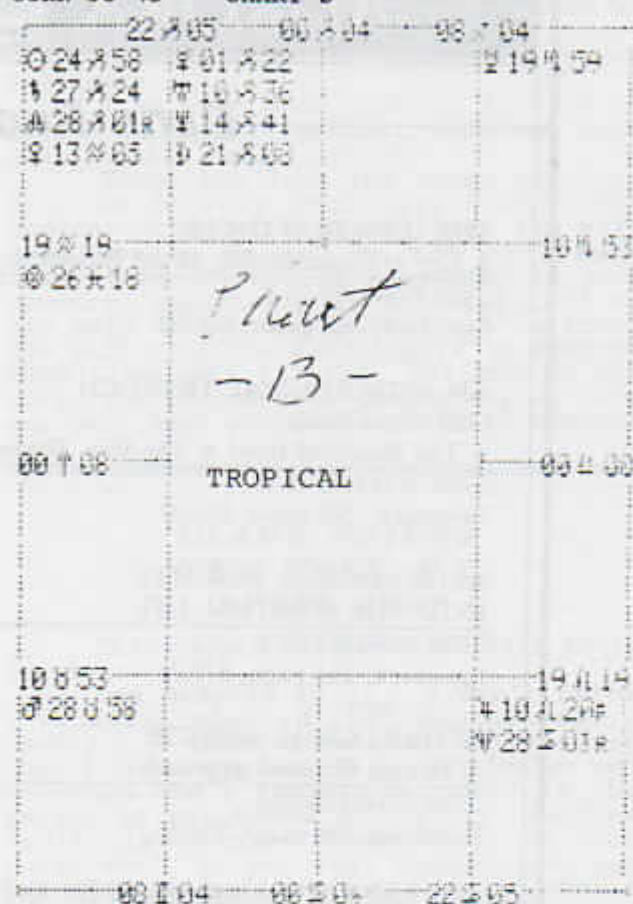
As we all know it was a very short conflict.

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Looking at Chart A, sidereal you will notice the Asc. and MC are both in mutable constellations with the Moon posited in the 26° of Sag. All mutable. And you will notice that Mercury in Sag., is near the MC. Note Mercury in Sag. is appropriate for the signing of the document.

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Looking at Chart B, you will notice that the angles, Sun, Moon, Mercury are all in Cardinal signs. Which to me do not suggest a quick, and easy conflict.

My object in sending you this article is not to curse the darkness, but light a candle.

**RUTHE RUNGE
LONGWOOD, FL
APRIL, 1991**

I got a note from Considerations and much as I would like to order, I must admit I don't always understand what I read -- and I read constantly and keep hoping some of it will go thru my skull.

I did join the Spiritual Sig (NCGR) and never got a word from anyone so that may be a lost cause.

I was most sorry to read of Jeanne Avery's illness and the non-return of the \$100 bucks...so I didn't buy Avery's latest book, and I liked her.

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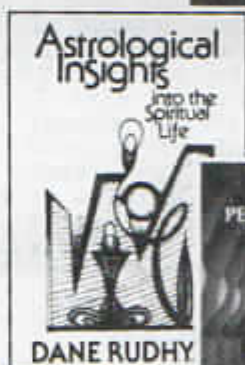
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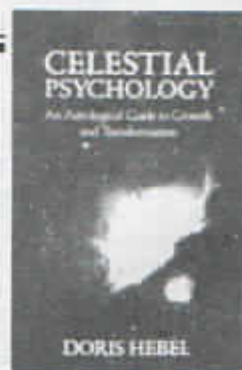
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Through the kindness of Mr. John Kalus I received last month, my first copy of MERCURY HOUR. He paid for the subscription and first contacted me on my address published in your magazine by Ms. Marion March.

I can hardly tell you how delighted I am with the magazine. I not only like what is written there but, also the spirit of camaraderie that is apparent in the whole issue. However, above all I appreciate the information in the letters and also the sense of humor in many of them.

Here in Prague, Czechoslovakia, astrology is only now coming into the open, having been banned for the last 50 years (first by the Germans, later by the communists). We have now established an Astrological society and are trying to get information to the general public about the new ways of astrological counseling that are almost unknown here. Many people still look with suspicion and perhaps amusement at astrology and it will obviously take time to explain its use in modern times.

I myself have had the privilege of being able to get astrological books from abroad during the past decades but most people could only read the old ones (from before the war) or some typewritten copies that were circulating in a clandestine way. Nevertheless, the knowledge of astrology has not died out. Many people are interested in it and so our Society is organizing lectures, classes and thanks to the kindness of some friends abroad (namely to Ms. Karen Hamaker-Zondag and Ms. Lynn Koiner) we have been able to put together a small library for the use of the members. The problem, of course, is that few of them are able to read in a foreign language.

There is a small group of friends, however, who know both astrology and English and we are meeting every second Thursday to discuss current issues and learn something new, perhaps. This is something very much like your MERCURY HOUR forum. Last time I brought the magazine copy I obtained from you and everybody was delighted. We are even participating in the test (page 34) aimed at matching four charts with their descriptions. And we are eagerly awaiting the solution - to test our skill. (ok, Dianne Lawson - the ball is back to you - what are the answers! Edith) I myself was particularly impressed with the story about the "Palm leaf astrology" written by Mr. Finn Wandahl. Mr. Max Heindel's (page 66) explanation of the Adam's rib story gave me great satisfaction as a woman. And to think this was written long before the women's lib movement!

Well, I could tell much more about

this country and its current struggle to get back to the place it once held - and not only in the field of astrology. But, I am aware of the number of letters you get, Edith, and so I shall stop now. If anyone wants to get in touch, we would be really delighted which is, I guess understandable after so many years of forced isolation.

I am very much looking forward to my next issue of MERCURY HOUR and hope that it will safely arrive.

Thank you John and thank you Jindra. We do very much appreciate your communicating with us and hope you will continue to do so. We are very much interested in what is happening in your country, especially in astrology. If we can help in any way please let us know. You will find the astrologers in MERCURY HOUR LAND very helpful. Welcome to our world and please tell your group we send our very best wishes from all in MERCURY HOUR. Edith

**DIANE ZEINES
NEW YORK, N.Y.
APRIL, 1991**

This refers to the April 1991 Extra Edition:

Joe deMello (p.3) - I don't think I've ever inferred that Neptune was a "softy." I think I've been quite clear that I think Neptune is both illusion and delusion and a "bubble-burster" if the person is not based in reality. Neptune isn't always the "place where we fool ourselves", as you say, because you can have Neptune well-aspected in the chart. It can then be inspiring rather than "fooling." That's like saying that Saturn is always a depressing planet, which it isn't if it's well-aspected or if you have some Capricorn planets or points that would make Saturn natural for you. In other words, some people fear Saturn but others thrive on it. I think this is true of Neptune. Many of us get inspiration from Neptune. I seem to meet people just as Neptune is transiting over their Suns and usually they start getting into some new ways of thinking. Yes, maybe their old ways of thinking and their incorrect ideas about themselves are being revealed and dissolved but this seems pretty positive to me and it's kind of exciting to watch them explore new philosophies for living.

Also, I totally disagree with you when you say, "We may not know right now what it [Neptune] is doing to us, but days or months later, we can always look back and know exactly what Neptune was doing, discover what was hidden from us when an aspect was exactly happening." This was not true for me at all -- and maybe it's because I'm a Pisces -- but when Neptune hit my Capricorn Ascendant, I didn't know what was going on with me for years after. Again, maybe I'm just dense and need more time than most people to figure things out but usually with a

Saturn or Uranus transit, I can practically see what's going on with me during the transit, but with Neptune I was in a fog for years.

However, I do agree with you that Neptune isn't all sweetness and light and many of the people I know who have Neptune on the Ascendant or conjunct the Sun usually kid themselves and others about who they are, how they project themselves and just how spiritual they really are. I had a girlfriend with Neptune conjunct Ascendant and she sat in my apartment snorting cocaine while telling me how spiritual she was. I nearly laughed in her face because she had no discernible belief in a higher power, nor any particular spiritual philosophy and doing drugs is definitely not spiritual. And she thought of herself as this wonderful loving person who cared about people, when in actuality she tended to sabotage those she loved. I also find that it depends on where in your chart Neptune falls. My sister-in-law has Neptune in the 7th house and she sees my brother as someone who is going to make it big (and perhaps he might) even though, at the age of 35, he still can't hold a job for more than 6 months, although he is an extremely talented artist. But she deludes herself into believing in him because that's what a Neptune in the 7th house person will do. I, however, have Neptune in the 9th house and it is not badly aspected and I tend to be very interested in philosophy and religion but I've never gone off the deep end with gurus or cock-eyed philosophies. I'm usually pretty sensible and realistic about what I'm hearing from all the human potential groups out there.

But what really bothers me about your treatise on Neptune/Pisces is that you come across as someone who dislikes Pisces energy and so that, in your case, I really have to consider the source. For example, I refer to page 13 of the extra edition, where you say: "I find my Scorpio father knew what he was doing, but my Pisces mother had no notion whatsoever of the long term effects of her personal sentimentality and intellectual liberalism or of her outward philosophical rigidity." Later you write, "I have a Pisces sister who likes to control, so controllers come in all shapes." So, Joe, is it your mother, your sister or Pisces who you really dislike?

You did make me laugh when you mentioned that you are not very Piscean and that people should ask me about that. Since we corresponded for a few years, I guess that's why you said to ask Diane Zeines. No, Joe, you are not very Piscean. You do, however, elevate Scorpio to a position of goodness and you leave Pisces on the lower wrung, gasping for air. Scorpions can be brutal and sour but they can also be exciting, passionate and funny to be around. Pisces can be controllers and weepy martyrs but they can also be very sympathetic, understanding and inspiring. I just don't think you care much for the Pisces/Neptune energy.

You claim not to be too spiritual except in the privacy of your own home. I have no idea how you manage to do that because my definition of spirituality -- and please don't get distracted by what you will probably say sounds like New Age rhetoric -- is the concept of embracing the total connecting universe. That is, the idea that "all is one." So that your relationship to the entire world, which includes friends, business and oneself is all connected and one has a feeling of that oneness in his life at all times. It's not just something you compartmentalize by saying, well, I keep my spirituality to myself in my living room. I could not have friendships with people who were not in some way on my wavelength, who were not somehow involved in the connectiveness of things. In other words, our visions are very much connected. I think it's sad that you have no spiritual attachment to your friends and community because it tells me that you have isolated yourself or put yourself above those friends or community. I'm not intentionally trying to insult you here, although you may feel insulted and for that I apologize, but there does seem to be some superiority in your viewpoint of yourself in relation to other things and people. Some "apartness."

I do agree with you that Pisces are not these little quiet mice who can't handle their lives. It's true that some can't, but most of the Pisces I know are successful and can take very good care of themselves. In fact, I've always hated the "wishy-washy" descriptions of Pisces, depicting us as delicate flowers who need some big strong Capricorn or Scorpio to balance out our pathetic, disjointed and unrealistic lives.

There is one Pisces I loved reading about because she did represent some of the stereotypical traits of Pisces and that is Elizabeth Barrett Browning. She martyred herself by staying in her bedroom for 40 years, claiming illness, and then met this young man, Robert Browning, who was able to woo her out of her room, marry her, and take her traveling through Europe. This so-called delicate flower even had a child at the age of 43, when it was not so popular or safe or easy to have a child at that age. Granted, she did not live too long (I think she was 55 when she died), but when Pisces is motivated, they can really get off their sick-bed and move their behinds. We just need to be INSPIRED.

**PAT TRUBEY
CLEARWATER, FL
JUNE, 1991**

Thank you and Betty, Pam, Vince, and everyone who made the conference a learning as well as a fun experience (as always). Hope you are making plans for the next one!

**SUSAN J. KIENTZ
LOS ANGELES, CA
APRIL, 1991**

**PART II
CONCLUSION**

THE THREE AMIGOS

If this were all that compared between these three ruthless men, Saddam Hussein, Jim Jones and Adolph Hitler, however, I'd expect many of you with Sun in Taurus and a challenged Venus to write me some very unkind comments. But I also found other curiosities that doubtless contribute to the similar destinies these three men seem to share. All three have very personal contacts with Uranus: Hussein has Sun/Uranus, Hitler Ascendant/Uranus, and Jones North Node/Moon/Uranus/Venus, all conjunctions. Doubtless all three feel their uniqueness very acutely, not to mention subjectively, and they show no trepidation about the radical course they set for themselves and the many who depend upon them. All three have strongly supported, Jovian Moons: Hussein with Moon/Mars retrograde in Sagittarius in a grand trine with Saturn and Pluto, Hitler with Moon/Jupiter in Capricorn trine Sun, and Jones with North Node/Moon/Uranus in Aries square Jupiter/Pluto and trine Leo Mars. Again, this accounts for the adamant subjective opinions expressed lavishly, intensely, often with accompanying religious fervor, and definitely with power and strength (Mars, Sun trines or influence). One further note: Hussein is different in that he has better aspect to Saturn (i.e. Moon trine Saturn, and no squares to Saturn) than the other two, and in general Saddam Hussein ostensibly has had a larger society behind him; neighboring Arab peoples and, beyond that, many of Islamic faith throughout the world have applauded him for standing up to the U.S. and for pushing the Palestinian cause with real power.

Yet Hussein shares one aspect with Hitler that will probably prove to cancel out the "popularity" benefits of his favorable Moon trine Saturn. Both Hitler and Hussein have Neptune afflicting the Moon's nodal axis. Hussein's Neptune square the Nodes and Hitler's semisquare. If the Nodes represent popular opinion, north being favorable and south unfavorable (I offer the recent Saturn/North Node contact in January and the incredible flag-waving, yellow-ribboned support of the administration as dramatic support of such an interpretation), Neptune so configured would surely indicate the ability to negatively deceive a large public (and, additionally, for this deception to be all too painfully revealed in time). (Jones' close North Node/Moon in Aries is comparable, when you think about it, even without a Neptune contact to the Node, for he wielded his power over his followers in person (Moon as most personal planet), and

though a comparatively smaller group of people were involved in the Jonestown debacle, still Jones' followers were of a sizable enough number to fall under Nodes' symbolism.)

All three leaders have Neptune in a mutable sign; in Hitler's case, only Pluto was also in mutable, and in Jones' case, Neptune is his only mutable planet. In combination with the other challenging configurations these men share, the mutable Neptune possibly has contributed to their ability to twist a belief system to their own use. These mutable Neptunes are not well placed in Virgo or Gemini, either. A Mercury-ruled Neptune often means that what should be elusive and transcendent is perceived and/or presented as black and white facts (Gemini) or as material understandable through analysis (Virgo). The stronger Mercuries of Hussein (trine Jupiter, sextile Pluto) and Jones (trine Neptune) convince others close to them of the rectitude of their plans and also explain these leaders' ability to gain ascendancy over the larger group they seek to influence. While Hitler had no Mercury trines or sextiles to help him, Mercury closely conjunct the 7th and opposite Uranus reveal a brilliant speaker, and likely this and his people-pleasing Sun trine Moon/Jupiter combined to seal his popularity with the German people.

Despite all this, however, the most telling factor I believe that most contributes to a perceived kinship of personality between Saddam Hussein, Adolph Hitler and Jim Jones is found in the distribution of the elements. All three men have a severe preponderance in fire and earth planets. Hussein has all planets except Pluto in fire and earth, all of Hitler's personal planets are in fire and earth (no air except the North Node), and Jim Jones has all planets except Cancerian Jupiter/Pluto in fire and earth (no air, again, except the Midheaven). Such an emphasis in fire and earth explains one who is ruled almost exclusively by his own will and desires (not to mention one prone to violence) and by a need for tangible, physical results. Such a depletion in water and air explains one who has no sensitivity or empathy for others and no ability to intellectualize, compromise, or appreciate intangible results. All three display the singular interest to take (fire) what they want (earth), no matter who is hurt or injured (water considerations), or how irrational their motives sound or how they may be viewed in the long run (air considerations).

I've heard many people wonder if we really know who is the bad guy in our present conflict. Each people generally finds their particular ruler right, they say; who's to say we are right and the Iraqis wrong? While comparing and contrasting the charts of Hussein, Hitler and Jim Jones, I noticed how many planets were just not well placed by sign: Hussein has Venus and Neptune in detriment, Jupiter in fall; Jim Jones, while Saturn

rules and Jupiter is exalted, has Venus and Neptune in detriment. Then out of curiosity I ran George Bush's chart. I'm no Republican, but I must say it was refreshing to see that our president's chart showed Jupiter ruling, Saturn exalted, Moon and Venus in mutual reception no planets in detriment or fall, and although pretty well balanced by element, lots of personal planets in water and air, thank God.

Conclusion

JOHN KALUS CLEVELAND, OH APRIL, 1991

Annibale Verzumo (23/X/16) You made an excellent observation that the stellium often falls short of expectations in the native's ultimate aspirations and goals. It may be due to conflicting planets.

Elliot Jay Tanzer (68/7) You note that certain elderly persons with heart problems may pass away during severe Saturn transits. My mother did. She was born April 15, 1898 and her natal Sun was 25 Aries and she died at age 92 on May 11, 1990, when Saturn was going retro at 25° Cap., in exact square to her natal Sun. She had a pacer maker. Her mitral valve was so calcified that the pressure in her heart was over 200 mg, in order to open the valve, but in her arms the blood pressure was a normal 100 to 120. She seemed okay on April 15, 1990, her 92nd birthday. She even smiled as she was being photographed with some of her 13 great grandchildren, although Saturn was already stalling at 25 Capri, squaring her natal Sun, her strength came from Tr. Sun going over her natal Sun. But as tr. Sun left her natal Sun she lost strength, gathered water (although she was on 180 mg. of Lasix a day), had difficulty breathing, and on April 21 had to be taken to the hospital. She there had four heart attacks in ten days, each of which set her back further each time, until she could hardly speak. By April 30 she begged to be taken home, but the doctors thought it risky. She kept begging to come home. On May 3rd she refused to sign her Social Security check unless she was taken home. Finally, dutifully, she signed it. This was very heart breaking to me. I again talked to the doctor, emphasizing that it's useless trying "to do what is medically best for her", when she doesn't want it. I think she figured the end was near and wanted to be home. The doctor agreed to order a hospital bed, oxygen providing machine and tank and other equipment for home use, if I would hire around the clock nurses. I agreed. She was under Hospice care the last three months anyway. She was brought home by ambulance on May 4th, at around 4:30 p.m., about the exact moment Saturn was starting to go retro. So worried and anxious was she that morning that she would not be taken home, even though she

was reassured she would be (it takes time to set up a hospital bed and oxygen equipment at home) that she threatened the hospital nurses she'd call the police to free her. She had been heavily sedated to calm her. At home that sedation caused her to have apnea (suspension of respiration) as she lay in bed (the muscles in the throat are so relaxed that they shut off the air for about 10 to 15 seconds). She said: "Help me". I didn't know what to do, felt desperate, helped her sit up, which helped, but her heart was so weak she couldn't sit up very long. Having read up on apnea since then I should have had her turn on her side. Apnea can be very frightening even if you're not sedated, but just laying flat on your back highly relaxed. I still feel guilty for not having known what to do. However, after about two hours the apnea subsided. A nurse I hired through an agency arrived. There were to be five in all filling in during a 24 hour period, some were practical nurses, and they cost \$150 to \$200 a day, altogether, but my mother did get good care, day and night. She needed to be turned and made more comfortable every 15 minutes. The hospice RN and the hospice practical nurse also came, but according to hospice regulations the two could only spend a certain amount of time with any one terminally ill patient. Hospice is paid for by Medicare. For a few days my mother seemed to be holding her own. However, on May 9th, she again had severe chest pains. The doctor prescribed opium with Belladonna for her, reminding me, again, that the hospital is always open and that my mother was welcome anytime she wanted back in. I thanked him. When I asked her if she wanted back in she shook her head and said: "No, let it hurt". Those were about the last words she said. After the nurse administered the opium she gradually fell asleep. At noon the next day she seemed partially awake. The priest came over. She went into a coma and died May 11 at 11:43 a.m., quietly. There is no good place to die, but she preferred it this way.

It stands to reason that with this experience my chart would show it. It did. With Saturn at 25 Capri. it was semi-square my Venus and semi-square my Moon-Uranus conjunction. The worst moments were the two hours my mother was experiencing apnea on May 4, just when Saturn was going retro.

L. CHAVELLIER-POWELL TULSA, OK APRIL, 1991

Edith: As you will see, I think Annibale F. Verzumo had a good idea (23/X/17) As far as a postage increase for mailing copies of MH, it is inevitable since all postal rates have gone up.

Joseph S. deMello (23/X/3): You are certainly on target about the poor interpretation of Pisces in current litera-

ture. Could this be the result of accepting misleading Neptune as ruler? Some of the most conservative, astute, scrupulous business people I have encountered are born under a Pisces Sun. I consider Jupiter to be ruler of Pisces--the sign most easily influenced by Neptune, for good or bad, depending on the house and sign holding this illusive/subtle planet.

I have Pisces on my 3rd: my early training was determined by family religious preference, my early schooling was proscribed by civil law--certainly more Jupiter than Neptune. My only living sibling is rotund, a church choir director, has traveled extensively, and is still "preaching" at me. During my entire lifetime no matter where I have made my home, there has been either a university or an imposing church in the immediate vicinity.

During the last few months as transiting Neptune in Capricorn has aspected natal Neptune 16° Leo in 8th and natal Mars 16° Aries in 3rd, I became a CNN addict, totally engulfed in Desert Storm. During this same period of time, there was a continual need for me to involve myself in out-of-the-ordinary ways with my neighbors' pets: one family moved away and abandoned a sweet Lhasa that I sheltered until a new home was found; a neighbor with a lingering illness needed a willing, reliable dog-walker; a new family arrived with two unrestrained young dogs requiring the homeowners association to invoke mandatory penning. Colored by the sign Leo and carrying the affairs of the 8th house, how could my Neptune be very spiritual?

Diane Zeines (23/X/14): The desktop computer w/printer has prompted a lot of people to get into the book business, even when they have nothing worthwhile to contribute to literature and no talent for writing. It is really "buyer beware" even when the book or pamphlet bears the name of a well-known publisher; otherwise, you can end up with a lot of "dogs" on your bookshelves. Lately, I have been inclined to buy only books from earlier generations of astrologers, reprints of old classics, etc. And, you know where that is coming from!

G. Jackson-Posch (23/X/17): Well, you certainly had a traumatic Fall '90! With Sun+Mars+Pluto in your 7th, how could you possibly avoid being married to a surgeon? I hope his recovery is complete and your life has regained some semblance of normalcy. Perhaps he is thinking of retiring?

When transiting Pluto passed over natal Jupiter-ruler-3 in Nov. '90, it occurred to me to rid myself of unwanted astrological books but the impulse was short-lived. In early Fall, Pluto will pass over that degree again, maybe I will be inspired to follow your example. I met my first astrologer while living in San Francisco in the late 1950's and began reading astrology books as I found them in the libraries and bookstores. I did not get "hooked" on astrology until I found a copy of Jacobson's "Simplified

Horary" in a used book store here in Tulsa in 1965. From that moment on, I "followed my bliss" -- Bonnie Parker (23/X/20): I have an Aquarian Sun. Dale Bright (23/X/29): Persons born under Aquarius are atypical their sun sign description. Believe me.

Marie deLeone (23/X/32): No doubt, you are impatient with fire so prominent in your chart, but that does not necessarily explain why some of your charts have failed. Ivy Jacobson compiled a simplified horary text, meaning she made it less complex in some way. To do this, she omitted some of the conventions of horary logic. I am currently perusing Christian Astrology and when I can pick myself up off the canvass, get myself sorted out and pull my act together, I have good intentions of doing Olivia Barclay's course based on the astrology of William Lilly. I have pulled charts from my file that were disappointing; applying the unsimplified logic of Lilly from examples printed in The Horary Practitioner, I have arrived at the correct answer which I missed earlier.

This does not diminish the worthwhileness of Ivy's book. She has made horary astrology available to millions who have neither the time nor the interest to learn the complex of rules and structures and the intricate procedures of this ancient discipline.

Jim Haynes (23/X/38): Several years ago I came across an issue of a magazine called Spica, whereupon I learned astrology was not necessarily tropical. Later I learned it was not always geo-centric. After that came T. Pat Davis. It is a wondrous never-ending road we travel.

Rita Friedman (23/X/39): Virgos tend to be analytical of the sign they were born under. No kidding.

Janice Giles (23/X/63): I don't think an astrologer can last very long working in this field if called upon to violate personal integrity or sense of ethics. If "endings" are difficult for you, perhaps you should decline to read. We have the right to do so and perhaps the duty to do so if our personal confusion or uncertainty is going to interfere with our objectivity. Study your natal 7th and how it interacts with your 1st, and don't let others views pull you off balance or compromise you.

**DONALD BYRNE
SPOKANE, WA
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I've been reading of "Kepler's" work on the planets and using his formula [$P^2 = AU^3$] have found many interesting relationships to the planets he never gave out.



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Seems you are right Carol but I think more and more are beginning to realize who we are. We must remember who we are. "Physician heal thyself" We can do it with divine guidance - just ask.

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**PART II
CONCLUSION**

How might the author of an astrology book be at risk? It isn't hard to imagine a lawsuit in the making. A member of a conservative religion or political group believes the book exerts an unhealthy influence on a family member. It might even be evidence of some kind of cult activity. The writer's present or former spouse, business partner, colleague, teacher, or student claims to be the true author of the work. Someone believes, for whatever reason, that the book invades his or her privacy. Someone has a grudge against the publisher and wants to create chaos, or someone has a grudge against a book seller who carries the work. All he needs is a pretext for filing suit. In a city that has passed a law against the practice of astrology, charges are brought against the owner of an occult bookstore and the book is named as evidence. After all, the contract requires the author to warrant that the book contains no "unlawful" matter, and astrology is against the law all over America. Or ponder this. Someone giving a talk at a conference five years ago introduced a "new" astrological theory, and here it is in the book with no credit or permission given. If you think this last example is far fetched, look at the March 1991 issue of East West magazine and its article "Trademarking the New Age" by Richard Leviton.

Two years ago Leviton wrote an article for East West (August 1989) on personality testing in which he described the anneagram, a psychological model keyed to a 9-pointed star. The anneagram had been described by several authors in recent books and magazines. Oscar Ichazo and his Arica Institute claim ownership of the anneagram concept and believe they have the right to prevent anyone from discussing or describing it without their permission, so they have sued every writer who has mentioned it. As Leviton explained, "The debate over the anneagram is not an isolated issue. It is only an intensified example of a broader trend among many members of the human potential and alternative health communities in the United States. Increasingly they are seeking the protection of copyrights and trademarks in order to restrict or control the presentation and use of their ideas." In no case have Ichazo and the Arica Institute won a judgment, but the lawsuits have been unpleasant, expensive, and stressful for the writers and publishers they have sued.

"The Authors agree...[not to] publish or permit to be published by any other than the Publisher, any edition or adaptation or abridgement or condensation of the Work in any form, nor will they publish ... [a] similar work based on

this Work or bearing a like title."

All books and articles by the same author on the same theme are "adaptations, abridgements, or condensations" if they contain the same ideas, theories, or examples. This is a particularly troublesome clause for astrology writers, who cannot avoid repeating certain themes. As the Authors Guild explains, this clause is unfair and unnecessary because the publisher will not make the same commitment, and the author has already granted the publisher exclusive rights to the book, so the author cannot use the same material in another work without rewriting or revising it. "A publisher might claim that the characters in a novel or children's story could not be used in sequels; that the author of a textbook could not write other books on the same subject; or that one cookbook or other specialized work is all that an author could write." If the publisher refuses to delete this clause, the Guild suggests that it be tightened. "There should be a reasonably short time period (for example, 18 months), after which the non-compete clause expires, and the time period should run from the time of acceptance of the manuscript, not from the publication date. The types of books to which the clause applies should be stated, specifically. Authors of textbooks should be particularly careful that they limit the effect of the clause so that the contract for one book on a subject does not prevent them from writing other texts on the subject for other age groups, or for different markets."

The Authors Guild (234 West 44th Street, New York, N.Y. 10036) publishes a recommended book contract and guide to help members negotiate with publishers and improve their contracts. The model contract, which evolved over the past 20 years, and its accompanying guide are invaluable aids for all writers.

Needless to say, I did not sign the contract. Instead, I requested that the indemnification and non-competition clauses be deleted or altered. The publisher refused, and I withdrew from the project.

In all likelihood, the book will be well received and nothing unpleasant will happen. But one never knows. Please encourage the writers among your readers to study any contracts they receive with care. Writers who dislikes business negotiations can hire a lawyer or agent to do it for them, and all writers should be sure that their spouses and business partners understand and agree to every clause that could threaten their jointly owned property.

Yes, it's exciting to receive an acceptance letter, sign a contract, polish a manuscript, work on page proofs, and hold the finished work in your hand. A book can open doors that weren't open before. It can bring invitations and opportunities to expand your business, share your knowledge, or bask in applause. With a little luck, it will even bring four-figure royalty checks.

But it may have hidden costs. These are considerations every writer should study on the road to publication.

Conclusion

ANNE LATHROP LEBANON, CT APRIL, 1991

To all those who shared Kuwait/Iraq data: thank you. I just broke down and bought my first television at age 51 in February, so you can see how behind the times I am! What an advantage we have in being able to get the real news instead of the pap we are fed over the network. There is only one other community so organized around information exchange--the ham radio operators. But they don't have the stars and astrol theory to work with... Thanks to Edie, we have the next best thing to the radio; we just have to report the tidbits we pick up so the information can be shared. I think MH is going to prove to be very important in the years ahead. Defiance Gregg [23/X/58] I particularly enjoyed your commentary. Please keep it coming.

G. Jackson-Posch [23/X/47] Thanks for the information on the October 27th Tax bill. Six months later, we are just starting to get trickles of truth about what went on during this budget session. You mention "a tax increase that isn't"; how about the budget cuts that weren't? And somehow the Congressional salaries seem to have frothed up to about a 40% overall increase. Then there's the little "retire-early and take your chips" package for the House members (165 of them) elected before 1980. I understand a couple of our Representatives have over \$1 million each to spend. (US News & WR 4/8/91). Foreign squabbles make wonderful camouflages for at-home abuses of trust and power. I am waiting for President Bush to declare the need for new presidential powers as Gorbachev did. It must be the next step.

(23/X/17) I went on a real time trip over your piece about "first" astrology books. I began the study of astrology in Alaska in 1976. I found a wonderful teacher through the classified ads of the local newspaper, believe it or not - a weekend course taught by one Robert A. Kenyon, a sociology professor cum astrologer who had resettled in Alaska from California. He taught a weekend course which contained such a wide range of metaphysical tidbits that I still haven't exhausted all of his leads in 15 years. We were lucky in those days in Alaska, the local book store, The Book Cache, had a decent selection of real astrology books. I was able to get the Rosicrucian ephemerides and Tables of Houses, Doane's *Time Changes*. I bought the A-Z *Horoscope Maker and Delineator*, *The Basics of Astrology* (a 3 volume basic manual by Ove H. Sehested), Rudyhar's *The Astrological Houses*, Max Heindel's *Mes-*

sage of the Stars, Alan Leo's *How to Interpret the Nativity* and Doane's *30 Years Research*. I haven't parted with a single one of them. Later when I returned to the east coast, I discovered Henry Weiser's wonderful New York City gold mine. And as soon as I got reestablished in Newport, not one, but two occult bookstores came to town, set up shop, sold most of their astrological books to me, took down their tents and left for parts unknown.

Paul Hewit (68/40) and Edie (67) thanks for the details on Saturn. Maybe Saturn's gas clouds explain why I have had so much to say on the old boy. I like the idea of a Planet Watch SIG very much. The actual physical properties of the planets contain so many clues. I would be happy to be a part of such a SIG.

Ted George (68/24) Thanks for the bio on Saddam Hussein. You might be interested in a book written by Swiss psychiatrist Alice Miller, *For Your Own Good*. She shows, with well documented cases, how abused children often become very despotical and abusive tyrants. Every now and then I see an acerbic remark about your contributions to MH. I just want to say that over the years you have been one of the most valuable and consistent contributors and someone willing to share research results which simply wouldn't be available without you. Thank you.

Batya Stark (68/19) Do you have any written material on your Graphology for Astrologers? If so I would be interested in obtaining it.

Gregg Castellucci (68/18) You must live near two dear friends of mine Ginna and Jim Hodges, fellow sailors I met while sailing around the world. Bainbridge Island can't be that big. I was glad to see that you mentioned Mars' close approach to the Earth. What was your source for the "closest approach in 50 years," as I would like to pursue that idea further. I have been rather surprised at the lack of attention paid, generally, to the Mars retrogradation and concomitant close approach in the various analyses of the Mideast situation, particularly in President Bush's role as organizer of the aggression. I always thought starting wars was a no-no with Mars retrograde. Too bad Joan Quigley wasn't still around.

Edie, you have noticed because I changed my subscription to reflect my maiden name, Lathrop: I am slowly dropping the Foley, and, as I mentioned to Joe deMello earlier, my Newport practice and address. I expect to be fully phased out of Foley and Newport by the end of 1991.

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WARREN KINSMAN WASHINGTON, D.C. AUGUST, 1991

Thanks to Barbara May 69/18 for the kind comments on my article 23/X/62 on President Bush, the War, Saddam Hussein and whatever. I sure did write the incorrect sentence you called my attention to Barbara; I'd like to offer some real good reason, but let's just say I spaced out (right here is where Edith would place parentheses and say "What can you expect from an Ascendant and Moon in Pisces," so I'll save her the trouble.)

I continue to be fascinated with the Gulf War Chart. With the Moon's last aspect a square to Mars, we have witnessed the terrible destruction upon the Iraqi country and its army. If you had asked me in January what this meant, I would have fretted about how much havoc would have been wrecked on both sides. Never would I have foreseen such one sided devastation. But what fascinates me most is that this thing is still going on. Saddam Hussein is back at his old tricks from eliminating his adversaries (Kurds and fundamentalist Moslems) to continuing to ready his nuclear capability. We are rattling our sabers threatening to take out this nuclear capability in the name of UN sanctions. It wouldn't surprise me at all, if we go in and take this out. Yes, Moon/Mars are still at work in the Gulf War Chart.

Kudos Edith for calling a halt to the deMello/Kalus sniping. I guess everyone is entitled to one exchange, but I like it when you vowed there would never again be a running feud like Isabel Hickey and Jane Statlander's (*Wow - what a memory you have. Wasn't that the one where John McCormick offered to be nailed to the cross next to Jane? Very early years of MH! There was one after that I had nothing to do with. Edith*)

I confess I have found the channeled information Ted George writes about Amelia Earhart absolutely amazing (67/32, 68/53 & 69/34) The charts he supplied seem to work so well. I trust they are accurate.

Just one final comment, Edith. I like the way you are referring to past articles now, in fact as soon as I read your suggestion 69/1, I thought it would be interesting to make some smart ass comment regarding anything that appeared in and on 69/69, but you took all the fun out of it by stopping at 69/68

(*Sorry Warren - I keep telling you Aries doesn't always win! Incidentally, it would be nice if your Pisces Moon and Ascendant would remember to sign your letters somewhere. Betty said "so now I'm a mind reader?" The address did help locate "Mr. Anonymous". Edith*)

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**SUSAN MANUEL
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JUNE, 1991**

Edie, a belated but heartfelt thanks for hosting another Seven Hills conference. I couldn't have enjoyed it more. The speakers were excellent, as always; the talks were especially pithy--cogent and concise presentations filled with that sort of useful and reliable information that can only be gained from years of study, reflection and experience. Many thanks to all the speakers.

Ann Cahoy, 69/29, asks a significant question about the meaning of Earth in heliocentric charts, and she also wonders why the Earth is frequently missing from charts drawn in the combined geo-helio style. Like you, Ann, I want to see the Earth in the chart, first of all because the aspects of Earth to the heliocentric planets always differ from the aspects of the Sun to the geocentric planets.

To see just how various these aspects can be, look at the example below which lists five powerful events from nature and shows the Earth's aspects to the helio planets, then the Sun's aspects to the geo planets and angles for each event. Aspects with the closest orbs are listed first in each column.

If you skimmed down the columns, you've noticed that the only aspects of Sun and Earth likely to be the same are their squares to the outer-most planets, although even that is not a certainty when tight orbs are being used. Both the differences and the similarities of Sun-Earth aspects should be considered in delineating any chart if you are using both geocentric and heliocentric positions.

However, the first problem one confronts when attempting to assign meaning to the Earth arises from the very nature of astrology itself: In order to gain a detached and objective view of life, we have invented a scheme in which everything on and of the Earth has been referred to some other heavenly body. Do we take back some of these rulerships, some of these correspondences, and assign them to the Earth in helio charts?

In the case of the Moon, this may be a valid course to follow. The Moon does not appear in a pure helio chart (a wheel without houses showing only the helio planets, which I prefer over the combined geo-helio chart) because the Earth and Moon occupy the same position as viewed from the Sun. But the meanings we have assigned to the Moon are not absent in a helio chart. Because the Earth is composed primarily of water, because the Earth has the capacity to bring forth and nourish life, for all the reasons that we think of our home planet as "Mother," we can incorporate the traditional symbolism of the Moon into our interpretation of Earth. It follows that the Sun and Earth then become the preeminent male-female, positive-negative polarity of the helio chart.

The relationship of Sun and Earth can provide a rich source of new symbolic meaning for astrologers, and a valid, vital and useful system of symbolic meaning for Earth is now becoming more fully developed in contemporary Western culture which is based on our current understanding of life on this planet. We cannot go back to past ages or to primitive cultures and simply adopt their view of Earth as our own, although they may certainly offer guidance to late-20th-century man in formulating a better understanding of the Earth's meaning for us.

With the dawn of the Space Age, man has, for the first time, been able to see the Earth as viewed from a great distance. Any one of us can now close our eyes and visualize the beautiful blue sphere with its swirling white clouds on which we are all fellow travelers, and that image alone has been enough to inspire a new world view. I am sure that it is no meaningless coincidence that the environmental movement coincided with the beginning of the Space Age. Nor is it by chance that both the Civil Rights movement and the contemporary feminist movement had their beginnings at the same time, or even that there were massive and world-wide protests against war during

ASPECTS OF SUN AND EARTH COMPARED IN FIVE OCCURRENCES OF NATURE			
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EARTHQUAKE San Francisco, CA April 18, 1906	♂ ♀ ♂ ♀ ♂ ♀	♂ ♀ ♂ ♀ ♂ ♀	♂ ♀ ♂ ♀ ♂ ♀
AVALANCHE Wellington, WA March 1, 1910	♂ ♀ ♂ ♀ ♂ ♀ ♂ ♀	♂ ♀ ♂ ♀ ♂ ♀ ♂ ♀	♂ ♀ ♂ ♀ ♂ ♀ ♂ ♀
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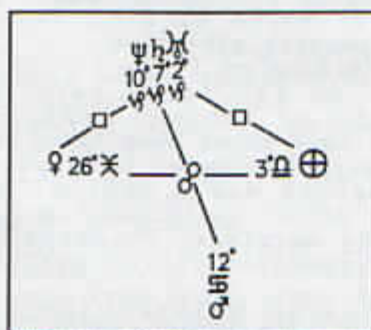
that era. These movements and the ideas that empower them begin to give us some useful clues about the meaning of Earth in a helio chart.

Although, like the Moon, the Earth may refer to home and family, our understanding of these concepts has become more universal, more all-encompassing. When Earth is seen from the distances of space, the boundaries that man has erected to separate himself from others, to mark and protect his territory, to define himself as dominant over or different from others, all disappear. The individual man becomes invisible. Instead, what emerges quite clearly is that this is simply a beautiful and various but rather small place which we must all share as our home.

This emerging symbol of Earth, then, is one that can represent mankind as a whole, man as a child of the Earth, a brother to all other living things. Today the Earth is saying something to us in the Western world about the union of man's spirit with the world of nature.

The Earth in the helio chart can show you what has meaning for man as a social and spiritual being at any given time, it can show you where mankind is being challenged to participate more fully, with greater awareness and heightened consciousness in the ongoing evolution of the planet.

In 1989 the Exxon Valdez oil spill caused widespread environmental damage. Think back to the pictures you saw then on your TV screen of scores of individual human beings scrubbing clean those thousands of oil-stained rocks. Why did all of these individuals chose to participate in such an activity? Weren't they seeking a visible way to show their affection for the things of earth? By accepting shared responsibility for large-scale and even global problems in which the individual has a stake, problems which cannot be adequately addressed by one man, one nation or even one generation of men, contemporary man expresses his personal sense of reverence and caring for the Earth and its inhabitants.



THE EARTH'S ROLE IN THE MAJOR HELIO ASPECT PATTERN FOR THE EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL OF MARCH 24, 1989.

In the May '91 Heliogram, AdZe MiXXe writes about the Earth using similar ideas and suggesting ways in which

the individual can tune in to Earth transits by involving himself with nature. AdZe, your article is brief, perhaps you could send a copy to the Mercury Hour.

I've illustrated the Earth's aspects from the helio chart for the Exxon Valdez oil spill to make another point about the Earth's role in helio charts. It is generally the case that when major events occur on Earth, the Earth and/or the rapidly moving planets Mercury and Venus participate by joining a major aspect pattern formed by the outer planets in the helio chart. These significant events need not be of a mundane type. If you will look at the birth charts of great men, those who have made lasting contributions to the world, you'll find that they are generally born on days when the Earth, Mercury and/or Venus are playing a part in the dominant configuration of heliocentric planets for that particular period of time. Often all three of these fast-movers will play a role. Studying such charts can help us further define the various meanings of the Earth in helio charts.

Ann, my copy of Alice Bailey's *Esoteric Astrology* has disappeared. What did she have to say about Earth?

Speaking of books, I agree with Barbara May, 69/18, that G. Jackson-Posch asked a marvelous question when she inquired about our first astrology books. My first was given to me by a good friend and almost-astro-twin (she was born the day after I was in the same hospital at almost the same time of day). The book was Goodavage's *Write Your Own Horoscope*. My friend was going to throw the book away because she had become a born-again Christian. At the time I had no particular interest in astrology, but the book peaked my curiosity. Next I purchased a Sakoian and Acker text, and then found Rudhyar's *Astrology of Personality*. That's the book that really sealed my fate! On page after page I was astounded to see that this man had eloquently formulated ideas and concepts that I had been struggling to define. Other early books that really influenced my own understanding of astrology were those by C.E.O. Carter, Ron Davison, Marc Edmund Jones and Ivy Goldstein-Jacobson. I read everything they wrote that I could get my hands on. While not, strictly speaking, an astrology book, I was also influenced by Mircea Eliade's *Cosmos and History: The Myth of the Eternal Return*, which I recommend to any astrologer who's also interested in anthropology and cosmology.

Finally, C.J. Poutinen, 69/20, that was a useful article about publishing contracts. Also, Ann Lathrop, 69/45, your astrology font for the Macintosh looks terrific. I know how taxing it can be to develop such a thing. I'm still working on the HP-format font I use for word processing on an IBM compatible, trying to refine all the glyphs and get the minor aspect symbols in a variety of sizes. Happily, Rob Hand tells that he's working on an astrology font for IBM.

Keep working, Rob, I really need that font. And I know I'm not alone! Meanwhile, if anyone could use a copy of the font I have, please let me know.

**LELA CHAVELLIER-POWELL
TULSA, OK
JUNE, 1991**

Dennis Frank (69/5): Re para 2, last 5 lines: BRAVO!!!

I surely hope you are correct in predicting traditional references will be the preferred astrology in the 21st century. I sense the pendulum has already begun to swing.

I have a vague memory of having read a long time ago (20-25 yrs) in some now-forgotten publication that the popular Uranus+Gemini rising July 4 U.S.A. chart is among the collected papers of that all-night debate on whether to justify the resolution adopted on July 2. The article stated Ben Franklin was the last of the 13 men present to agree to sign. Either the author implied or I surmised this chart was his elected time to do so. I applied the Part of Astrology (Asc+Mercury-Uranus): it conjoins the 3rd cusp and Mercury-ruler-Ascendant. To me, this chart looks like us--born on the northeastern edge of our country, always divided -- north/south, east/west, black/white--and a two-party political system; a talkative, restless people with short attention span, hopelessly hung up on the personal automobile, asserting the freedom of the press and the right to have a handgun. Venus, Jupiter and Sun in Cancer in the 2nd reflects our greed and our overwhelming generosity, our concern with security and our occasional lapses into isolationism and protectionism. Even Mercury, retrograde and in the 3rd, tells it like it is. Irrespective of its origin, this chart "works" and I note with some interest that our progressed Sun this year conjoins its MC.

Tom Bridges (69/24): You mention the Naibod Ascendant. AFA Feb. 14 Bulletin published a Saddam Hussein chart with Naibod secondary for the Kuwait Invasion. I searched my references and could find only a brief mention of Naibod in DeVore's Encyclopedia. A question from a reader appeared in the AFA May 13 Bulletin: Doris Chase Doane answered by saying she had studied Astrology since 1936 and had never heard of Naibod and she mentioned the same reference. Since Matrix is set on popularizing this obscure system by writing programs, how about educating us on its origin, how it is figured, and on whatever advantages it may offer over the other forecasting systems.

Edith Custer (69/27): You are right about Joyce Wehrman. I wrote to her a couple of years back seeking further information in connection with material she had authored. Her response was a telephone call and whole-hearted sharing

of her knowledge and experience. How wonderful of you to take the time to transcribe Joyce and share with MH.

An old saying that when the pupil is ready the teacher will arrive is apt in my experience. Previously, so much that I heard and read regarding Pluto was neither applicable nor useful; but since transiting Pluto has been passing back and forth over natal Jupiter, relevant information regarding Pluto is coming to my attention. Pluto will make its final pass this Fall; I will certainly let you know what surpluses arrive. Jupiter is on the cusp of my 11th, rules 3rd and 12th. Re para 3, pg.28, Pluto transited natal Saturn and MC in late '79 and '80 and brought a "killing" workload that started me seriously considering early retirement. Two years later when I had my 2nd Saturn return, I began to implement early retirement. The delay may have been because both natal Saturn and natal Pluto are retrograde and it took that long for the transformative urge to surface, to produce action and events. Joyce's interpretation is very accurate.

Haya Murray (69/48): Yes, I read the rest of the Saturn+Uranus story in the 68th Edition. I really enjoy encountering people who can roll with life's punches, keep perspective and be honest, like you! Re your observations on Mars-Venus: my 16° Aries Mars is 1° earlier than my husband's Venus. We found each other at ages 13 & 14, a stormy first love that eventually ended in a long-term separation. Married now, we do not have smooth sailing. There is strong attraction but it is definitely hands-off not-too-close give-me-space in order to prevent sparks from flying. My Ascendant is his 5th cusp. In the last few years, we have experienced transiting Uranus over my Ascendant and 1st house Venus. During this period, I have stayed in town; he has made his home in the country. We are not separated in the usual sense of the word--we feel we belong together. In September this year transiting Uranus will make its station in opposition my 7th house Pluto. Pluto is in Cancer; maybe we will resolve our present domestic situation.

Regarding my Pluto in 7th opposed by Venus in 1st (also refer Edith's transcript of Wehrman, page 27 this issue): I have never been raped or otherwise physically abused by a partner. My first husband was a gentle, passive, alcoholic artist and dreamer and I walked out of the marriage. My first love and second husband is career military, now retired.

Margaret Meister (69/67): The rewards of limiting public practice to horary astrology are twofold: First, the fine, clean language. Second, I can be absolutely certain of the time.



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CENTRAL AMERICA DATA

By way of follow-up on the article on Guatemala which appeared in the 66th and 67th editions, I would like to submit the following data on Guatemala and Central America:

7/25/1524 O.S.? Time? (91W00, 14N46) - founding of the colony of "Goathemala" at Iximche.

9/15/1821 - 2:00 p.m. LMT (90W31, 14N38) declaration of Central American independence from Spain (data from Diccionario de voces usadas en Guatemala, by J. Rubio). This date appears on the Guatemalan coat of arms and flag, hence the entire chart is given below. This is a birth date for all of Central America, not just Guatemala.

7/1/1823 Time? (90W31, 14N38) - declaration of absolute independence and formation of Central American federation of 6 states.

The issue of the dominance by Guatemala of the other Central American

provinces led to the breakup of the federation in 1838.

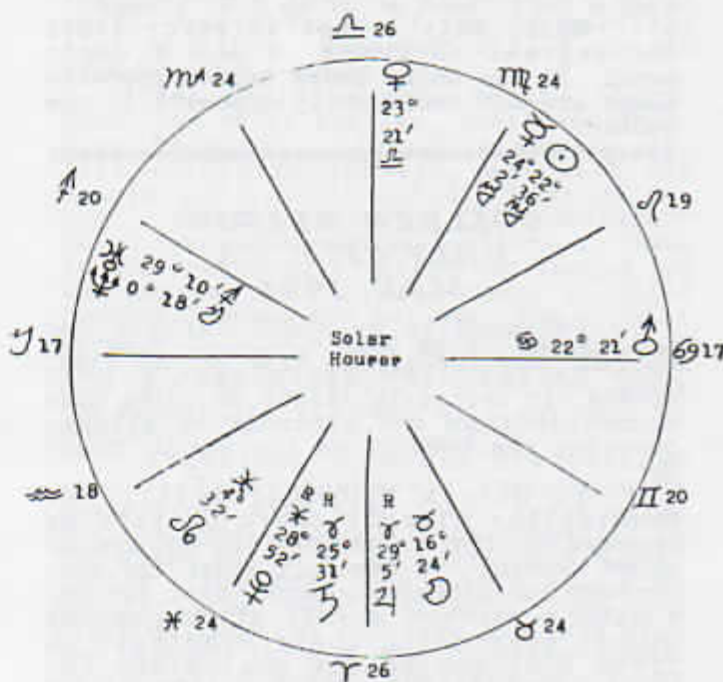
The following dates (times unknown) can be taken as the birth dates (independence dates) of the following countries:

7/7/1838 (89W12, 13N41) - El Salvador

11/5/1838 (87W13, 14N06) - Honduras

11/14/1838 (84W05, 9N56) - Costa Rica

Nicaragua also declared independence in 1838, but I don't have a date on it.



9/15/1821 2:00 P.M. LMT 90W31, 14N38,

Now since the other provinces seceded from Guatemala, it is difficult to pin down exactly when Guatemala was "born" as an individual political entity. One historian has suggested 3/18/1840, the date when the Conservatives gained final victory over the Liberals and established an independent Guatemalan state. This event was formalized by decree on 3/21/1847. No times are available on either of these dates; coordinates are for Guatemala City.

It will be recollected that the earlier article on Guatemala sought to prove a connection between political upheaval in Guatemala and eclipses and transits over and opposite the degree 3 Aquarius. However, in none of the possible horoscopes for Guatemala listed above (7/25/1524, 9/15/1821, 7/1/1823, 3/18/1840, or 3/21/1847) is the degree 3 Aquarius or 3 Leo tenanted by a planet or Node. It is possible that 3 Aquarius could be the Ascendant for one of these charts, but it certainly isn't the Ascendant for the most likely one - 9/15/1821 - which the Guatemalans them-

selves celebrate as their independence day.

Most likely, the degree 3 Aquarius refers to something other than horoscopes for dates of independence. In other words, it's conceivable that the use of event charts in mundane astrology may be barking up the wrong tree; that the approach should be something more like what Johndro had in mind (in The Earth in the Heavens).

If anyone's interested (don't all yell at once), I have a list of dates and times of damaging earthquakes in Guatemala from 1526 to 1976 (U.S. Geological Survey Professional Paper 1002). If you want a copy, send me \$1 in U.S. stamps.

NOTE: This is not an error (that the degrees on cusps 2 and 8 don't match. In the Solar House System opposite cusps are not necessarily opposite in the zodiac.

**COLLEEN NELSON
DALY CITY, CA
MAY, 1991**

Enclosed is my check for yet one more wonderful MH year, plus the 24th and 25th Extras. The Astrologer's best friend, it certainly allows us to be more connected than any alternative allows, covering the breadth of the world, really.

To Norris McCool (68/51): Re: Reading the clients chart on tape as opposed to the in-person one-on-one or typed reading - I can only speak for what evolved and ultimately works best for me. I didn't pattern myself after however others were doing their readings, so first I attempted the one-on-one in-person method. Most clients talked more than I did (even, heh heh) and they'd leave with much of the chart unread to them, yet telling their friends what a great reading they received, (ah, the psychology of it all!) and these were lengthy. I didn't feel good about all that they'd missed by not listening more, so I mailed typed-out readings, instead, for awhile, with a note stating that if they had questions we'd make an appointment. I began to find reading into the typer, tedious, so I went to the taper. The pause button became my new best friend, going direct from chart to recorder. I found to write it all out first and just read onto tape still missed a lot that was in my thoughts, and when I read it directly I get on a roll, at times, and it flows. I also discovered I should never read the chart to myself first. That was tantamount to telling someone all about the book you're going to write before you've written it. All the wonderful and spontaneous energy is now used up, dissipated, and the result becomes but a watered down version. The pause button is wonderful, while I cogitate on the chart as long as needed. I find there's far more than an hours worth, though I use 1 hr. tapes. I still

offer the get-together after they've received and listened to it, but most people have no questions. I only make little notes to myself when my mind runs ahead of myself. Know what I mean? So this is the way I've done it for several years, and the overall job takes a lot less time than any of the other ways I tried.

It'd be interesting to hear how others in MH land do it. I get orders from friends and relatives of clients, who live in far-away places, and I never do get to meet them in person, but I get some positive feed-back, so I feel comfortable with the way I do it. One-on-one only, would limit work to my immediate area, wouldn't it? Try it Norris. You may like it as I do.

On the same page of the 68th ed (51): Great cartoon fraught with meaning. I have Virgo on my 8th cusp and I do seem to pay a lot of attention to cleanliness of my bathroom, as in "paramount."

A Virgo client asked for an example of what might be a typical Virgo response to something so I passed on the late Cindy De Lee's description: "A man was moving into his new office. So far only the desk, one chair and a telephone, sitting on the rug over in the corner, are in - and a painter is busy gold-leafing his name on the door. The phone rings---and rings. The painter says 'Aren't you going to answer the phone?' the man replies 'I can't. None of my files are her, and my office isn't complete.'" My Virgo client said to me, "I don't understand your attitude. Had he answered, it would have been slipshod; no way to begin a new business." When he left, I cleaned my bathroom in frustration.

I've enjoyed all of the Neptune discussions, lately. My favorite key word for Neptune remains, "Huh?"

Thanks for "listening." Love to
ALL!

**KAREN WISE
CARROLLTON, TX
APRIL, 1991**

I want to thank you for your time and phone call in regards to my efforts to reach Jim Haynes. With Mercury retrograde I'm hoping he received my letter and could make heads or tails of it.

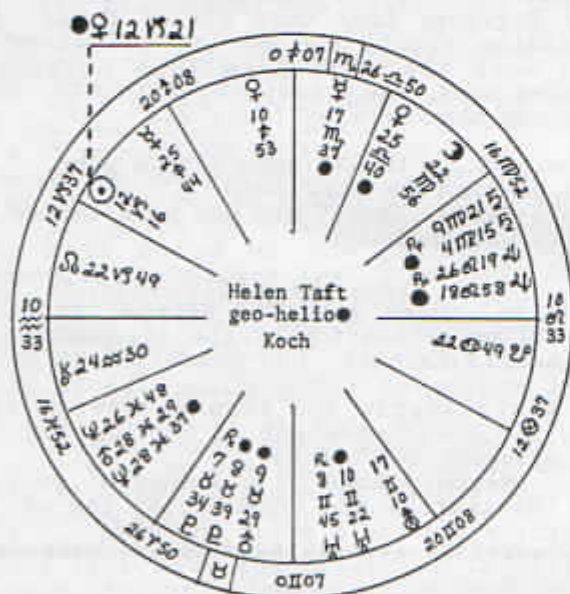
My efforts to get information on Hindu astrology have met with a lot of dead-ends. But, in the end, I talked to Evy Tishelman in New York and she was wonderfully helpful. I reached her through a representative of NCGR - Eileen McCabe who went out of her way to help me and Ms. Tishelman gave me the number of the 21st Century Bookstore in Fairfield, Iowa. (515)472-5105. They seemed to carry a great deal on the Hindu information and have a toll free number and catalog they are sending me.

T. PATRICK DAVIS
ORLANDO, FL
JUNE, 1991

HER PROUDEST MOMENT

The UAC '92 grand gathering of astrologers in Washington, D.C., from April 16-21, 1992, is timed to coincide as closely as possible with the famous Japanese Cherry Tree Festival. We have Helen Herron Taft, First Lady from 1909 to 1913, to thank for this enchanting picture of cherry trees massed in full bloom.

The life story of Helen (Nellie) Herron Taft provides a striking example delineating the differences in meaning between the traditional geocentric and heliocentric systems of planetary calculations. The examples found provided me with clues as to her possible birth time, and a speculative chart is presented along with a couple of examples to illustrate the value of incorporating helio into the chart.



HELEN HERRON TAFT
 January 2, 1861
 Cincinnati, Ohio
 39N06 - 84W31
 Time Speculative
 9:41 a.m. EST

Helen Herron was born in the then bustling Midwestern city of Cincinnati, Ohio on January 2, 1861, just prior to the Civil War breaking out furiously. Both sides of her family had a history of political activity and Helen was receptive to the influence. Typical "women's talk" always bored her out of her skull.

She became engaged to William Howard Taft, a young lawyer in town and the son of government diplomat, in May 1885 (prog. Moon 10° Leo) and they were married on June 19, 1886 (prog. Moon 26° Leo). Those attending the wedding were all close family friends and relatives. Coincident with the wedding, we find

progressed geo Venus conjunct her Sun (12° Capricorn), the sort of aspect an astrologer finds when there is a sense of romance. Remember this is geo Venus-conjunct-Sun.

Twenty-three years later, progressed helio Venus made the same conjunction with her natal Sun. On this occasion, Helen became First Lady of the United State with dignitaries from around the world watching. William Howard Taft was inaugurated President on March 4, 1909 at Noon in the Senate chamber, because of an earlier ice storm forcing the ceremony inside. In Helen's natal chart, helio Venus is in the marriage sign of Libra. Remember this is helio Venus-conjunct-Sun.

But there is more to the story. About two years earlier, President Theodore Roosevelt, appreciative of the Taft's foreign service, met with the couple and bluntly asked, "What do you want - the Presidency or Chief Justice?" Helen responded without hesitation, "Make it the Presidency!" Will, who longed for the Supreme Court, said "Make it Chief Justice." Helen got her way. The popular Teddy then pointed his finger at William Taft as the best one to succeed him, and Will won the election. (It was not until the summer of 1921 that Will got what he wanted.)

Impatient to begin his African Safari, Teddy Roosevelt announced he would break with tradition, leave after the Inaugural, and not ride with Will to the White House. Helen seized the opportunity, shocking the politicians by butting into "men's affairs", stepped right up into the carriage and rode with her husband through the cheering crowds to the White House, entering the front door with him. It had never happened before! Women had few rights at the time. Helen remembered the humiliation she felt on July 4, 1901 in Manila, when her husband was inaugurated governor-general of the Philippines and she was expected to entertain 2000 people that night, yet she was barred from standing beside him. No women were allowed!



Helen later described her ride to the White House as the proudest moment of her life, the best moment of the entire day! Venus was lighting up her Sun and

she was in the center of the rays. She had played a key role in her husband's success and his election. She earned the right to some attention and she intended to savor every moment.

Inaugural Day was not free of anxiety and exasperation. A severe ice storm the prior night kept many from attending. Her ball gown, ordered months earlier, did not arrive until the last minute. White feathers on the front of her hat tangled with a lighted gas jet that morning, requiring emergency scissoring to remove the singed part. The vituperative Alice, oldest daughter of Teddy Roosevelt, tried to cut Helen down to size by dubbing her "preening Nellie." And so it goes.

The speculative chart has the Sun-ruled sign of Leo on the 7th cusp for many reasons. For example, with Venus-conjunct-Sun experiences rose specifically out of partnership affairs, with geo being private and helio being public. Her progressed Sun was trine geo Uranus (ruling 1st) when she married, then her 23° Virgo Moon would be conjunct her husband's 23° Virgo Sun. Jupiter in Leo/7th, ruling the Midheaven, plus a 7th house Saturn seems to fit her situation, especially one rather intriguing fact. Helen had to plan ahead to prepare for her husband's massive size to be accommodated. He was over 6 ft. tall and left the White House weighing 340 pounds! She was slim and trim, but they could relate.

Two months past the Inaugural, Helen's pleasure in being First Lady was severely limited. She had a stroke. Incapacitated for awhile, she did recover but her speech was affected thereafter, not her mind. Multiple Venus aspects combined with high stress links are commonly found on such occasions. Remarkably, she made no mention of the problem in her book, "Recollections of a Full Life", published in 1914. She was also the first First Lady to write a book, a super 9th house-Sagittarian type account accenting her foreign adventures.

During her White House reign, Helen's progressed Sun was edging into an opposition with helio Saturn, as helio Mercury progressed to a square with both. This indicates her self-esteem and status was about to be seriously squelched in a highly public manner with intense mental anguish. Saturn in the 7th and Sun ruling 7th points to her husband as the focus of the problem. Teddy Roosevelt arrived back in the USA thoroughly disgusted with Will's stewardship. Conservationists had been replaced with exploiters. The working class, which included children at the time, were being ground down to a subhuman state. Teddy felt he had to regain the Presidency and announced he was running against Will Taft. This split the Republican Party, made history, and opened the path for the Democrats to win. Helen was devastated. On March 4, 1913 she had to turn her domain over to Mrs. Woodrow Wilson. Disinclined to obscurity, however she found her own place in the

Sun by writing a book. Helen Taft was a survivor.

WIN KEMP WEST VANCOUVER, B.C. JUNE, 1991

Re questions on how to find time of sunrise, Alan Leo seems to have a simple method (because even I can do it!) as follows: Take the degree of Sun at birth from ephemeris, go to birth latitude in Table of Houses and find when that degree is on the 1st house (ASC). Subtract that ST from the ST at noon on birthday, giving number of hours/minutes before noon sun rose, so subtract that from noon and get time of sunrise. Example: Birth March 17, 1893, 36N (mother-in-law). Sun at 27 Pisces 10, ST 23:41. Table of Houses shows 26 Pisces 32 as closest so take that ST of 17:51 from 23:41, getting 5:40, subtracted from noon gives 6:20 a.m. as sunrise time, to set up chart.

One of our local papers ran a contest for 'poetry' about the GST (Goods and Services Tax) that all of Canada is groaning about, and one of the winners had used the same poem that Lorraine Fraley sent, only adapted it to GST. But the one that took my fancy was:

"How much is this?" asks little John,
His passion now concluded,
"It's fifty, love," his bed-mate smiled,
"With GST included."

Now, from the ridiculous to the sublime, thank you, Ted George, for the thrilling revelation of the disappearance of Amelia Earhart. How wonderful to have that source of information. Thanks also to Starr Austin and Frances Howton for the tip about midpoint of Neptune/Saturn in my chart (68/4 & 6).

Mercury Hour is a wonderful source of inspiration and stimulation for me. I heartily endorse a price increase.

MARISE RUPPRECHT LINCOLN PARK, MI MAY, 1991

I want to thank you so much for the great conference that you directed April 26 to 28th. It was the first 7 Hills for me and the first in several years due to family circumstances, it was like going home.

The caliber of the speakers was outstanding and needless to say, I learned something.

I have made a few new friends, we can always use those can't we?

Drove home the long way thru back roads of the Blue Ridge Mountains and enjoyed the scenery.

Best wishes, keep up the good work!

**EDITH CUSTER
LYNCHBURG, VA
JUNE, 1991**

I did some transcribing of one Joyce Wehrman's tapes. Knowing Joyce for so many years I am sure she would have no problem with my sharing some of her insights on Pluto and Transpluto with you all.

**PLUTO
BY
JOYCE WEHRMAN
PART II
TRANSPUTO**

The book I highly recommend for this is "Transpluto or Should We Call Him Bacchus the ruler of Taurus" by John Hawkins. The Germans have been using Transpluto since the early forties but, John didn't write his first edition until 1976. It took Joyce a few years to be convinced she should look at Transpluto as ruler of Taurus. She discovered that sweet Venus at the race track didn't do a thing for Taurus. When she switched to Transpluto, it worked.

At 3:00 AM one morning she got up and got out Hitler's chart. His Moon was in a 1° opposition to Transpluto, each of them ruling the 8th and 9th houses and he tried to take out an entire racial group.

The glyph for Transpluto () looks like Mars stood up and grinned. Dr. Landscheidt considers that Transpluto has the combined meaning of Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. I would agree. Whatever you think of Pluto multiply it by 10 or 20 and you have Transpluto. I have one criteria for doing a lot of chart work and that criteria is real simple, if I put it in a chart and I find something with it that no way could I find without using it, then I leave it in the chart. The principle of Transpluto has to do with visible and invisible forces and powers that have the potential to break through. Psychologically it is emotional freedom, release of emotions, conscious power and here is one of the main phrases, accomplishment or destruction beyond normal capacity or belief. It has to do with the joy of life. It is persistent and has enormous determination. It has to do with extremes. Hawkins concept is that Bacchus is the god of rebirth or reincarnation. I have two friends that deal in reincarnation and both are Taurus Suns, their Suns are even the same degree.

The polarity between Taurus and Scorpio, Scorpio has to do with death, Taurus has to do with rebirth. It has to do with holding on for a long time before letting go, it has to do with overnight successes, the people who have worked for 20 years are suddenly acclaimed as "overnight successes". It, by house position, shows where you can do anything you set your mind to do IF you work hard enough and long enough at it.

Many of the Pluto in Leo people in this room today will have a Pluto/Transpluto conjunction in their horoscopes. You will read in the books that Pluto/Transpluto is extraordinarily destructive and yes, it is in combination. As far as it goes in this generation since the 1900's to now we have moved more dramatically than in any other recorded period of history. We have gone from horse and buggy to inner planetary exploration, from killing with guns and knives to hydrogen explosions. Don't get upset when you look at your Pluto/Transpluto conjunction - you are just part of the most exciting era there is - that's all it is as far as change goes.

Transpluto moves slow, approximately 56 years in one sign. If that seems extreme to you consider how hard it is to get a Taurus ASC to move. They'll watch green and purple people on TV rather than get up and fix the color. They even watch programs they don't want to rather than change the station!

A transit of Transpluto can go for 2 years over 1°, Joyce mentioned the fact there is a 56 year cycle in the stock market and suggested, if you are interested in that area, that you take a look at Transpluto.

Transpluto in the 3rd can trigger psychic powers or in aspect to the Moon or Mercury. Look at your Taurus cusp and see if it makes more sense. Watch it and see what happens. (February 1991, Transpluto is 21° to 22° of Leo.) Transpluto would have to do with the same body parts as Taurus does and if you have a Venus or Moon or ASC connection with a hard aspect to Transpluto there is often thyroid problems. I'll go to 5°, over that I would ask, 3° and under I can count on and with 1° I'd book it. John Hawkins feels that we should call Transpluto Bacchus. Bacchus was born of a god father and a mortal mother and he was thrown off Mt. Olympus to earn his way back. Once he worked hard (Taurus concept) to earn his way back he got back to Mt. Olympus and was accepted, he threw the big bash which we call the Bacchanalia. So it has a lot to do with partying as well, the fun of life, the pleasure. You're into goals, values and money is not too shabby. By transit I have seen people make enormous changes in their life but they worked for years to get there. A lot of hard work goes into it, you don't get it cheap, you will pay for it.

Here are some people with aspects to Transpluto (these are within 1°)
Elvis Presley - Venus opposite - sexual breakthrough
Valentino - Mars conjunct
Jack Dempsey - ASC conjunct
Al Capone - Moon square
Walt Disney - Saturn & Jupiter opposite & Nodes sextile & trine
Salvador Dali - Jupiter square
Ronald Reagan - Neptune conjunct - Mercury opposite & Sun inconjunct
Richard Nixon - Sun opposite & Moon inconjunct

J.F. Kennedy - ASC square
John Glenn - Sun & Mars conjunct

PLANETS

The Sun to Transpluto gives sustained power and the power to acquire. Concentrated effort - the power to acquire things or people. Look mostly for transits to the natal Transpluto. Transits from Transpluto remember, often last 2 years.

The Moon to Transpluto is like a hypnotic power to influence people for constructive or destructive reasons. It can be a very inconsistent emotional mood swings depending on if you have it in an inconjunct, quincunx or semisquare aspect. You need to learn control. It also shows where you need to learn your own power. You have that power, you need to learn to utilize it in a constructive mode.

Mercury to Transpluto - if you think Mercury/Pluto is persuasive, try this one. They can sell refrigerators to Alaskans. They can talk you into anything because they will work long and hard at it. Super on sales, super on communication, excellent on speaking or lecturing or in giving interviews, the mass media. Talking and persuasion comes with Mercury/Transpluto, the ability to influence on a very vast scale. They can be very entertaining since Mercury/Transpluto are into humor.

Venus/Transpluto is charisma, very artistic, more than magnetic, its more like being magnetic and electric at the same time, a touch of the comedian in this, the ability to make things grow whether it is nourishing people, plants or multiplying fortunes, doesn't matter.

Mars/Transpluto is untiring, relentless and is always involved in earth changes, earthquakes, volcanoes. Mars to Transpluto never gives up, has to do with new beginnings that look like they sprang up overnight, but are plans that have been worked on for years. On the negative side it has to do with very brutal, bloody crimes, has also to do with decapitation. (Joyce had transiting Mars on her Transpluto and she went to see MacBeth, she was also allergic to bees and when Mars aspected she was bitten. She said it also has to do with bites and stings.) In the idea of decapitation or losing your head it can be done in a literal, not necessarily a physical manifestation, however let me tell you this, in every recorded case of decapitation we have, it has been there.

Jupiter/Transpluto is the ultimate of success aspects, absolutely the ultimate, its wealth in whatever. Ideally, if you want to chalk one up for next time around get the Sun, Jupiter and MC in aspect to Transpluto. Rich, Brilliant.

Saturn/Transpluto is the combination where they have to earn their own way. Some have been known to turn down scholarships because they have to earn their own way. If you happen to have Saturn in an inconjunct aspect to Trans-

pluto you will have a problem getting paid. "The check is in the mail" type thing.

Uranus/Transpluto is the ultimate freedom aspect and its freedom to do as I please. It will be far more intensified with an outer planet or a personal planet or angle involved. If you consider some of the most dramatic earthquakes, we have a combination of Mars/Uranus and Pluto/Transpluto.

Neptune/Transpluto is either compassionate, mystifying or mystified.

Pluto/Transpluto - born in the century of change. When they are in aspect somewhere in the world there is a break for freedom and some sort of mass madness that goes with it. (Dec. 29, 1991 to Mar. 30, 1992 Pluto will be at 22° Scorpio and Transpluto at 22° Leo and through '92 they will be within 1° of the square so it could be a rather explosive year as they are during 1991 off and on. Edith) There was a Pluto/Transpluto aspect at the start of the Civil War - which was the war for freedom from slavery. There was one at the beginning of WWII and early in the 1990's we pick up a Pluto square Transpluto, so somewhere in the world we will have a break for freedom and some sort of mass madness that goes with it. (I'm sure Joyce had no idea when she said this that we would be involved with a war in the Persian Gulf.)

Node/Transpluto is having to do with a great many people and if we have an inner planet in there, it is for fun, money and profit.

The ASC to Transpluto is one of the most compelling aspects I've ever seen (in any aspect). The person just draws people to them. Compelling magnetism beyond belief. I would look at no more than 5° and the closer it is the more intense it is.

The MC to Transpluto will do it their own way at any cost. Move out of their way when they are going there.

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PART III - CONCLUSION**

THE GEMINI THEME

USING THE ASTROLOGICAL LANGUAGE

Once the circuit between the higher and lower mind is opened through the study of astrology, an individual becomes the vehicle for divine principles manifest on the material plane. Just as the financier excites imitation by his activity in the handling of money, we, as astrologers, have this opportunity to create models for imitation in the living of life. Demonstration is much more effective in translating the principles of astrology into the marketplace than attempting to bend astrology into a belief system, a 'human science' or a money making device. Those of us who have chosen the study or practice of astrology must understand that astrology is in its infancy stages in terms of general public acceptance, and this is a valid growth stage. Astrology had its beginnings in astronomy, perhaps the first physical science. We have come full cycle in our science; we are just now rising again from the ashes. We have been through the scientific stage, the learning process, now we must forge our knowledge into material reality.

We are still shaking off the dust of justified prejudices. We have been cleansed of our egoism and elitism and have come to terms with our power. The modern-day scientific community will ultimately have to go through the same fire of purification. We need to be truthful without malice, call on divine principles in the face of materialist ridicule and get on with the program of making our lives work so the astrological principles can become as much a part of the working language as the dollar sign has become a symbol for commerce. We each need to spend whatever energy it takes to clean the rust off our machinery, to become shining examples of effective astrology in action.

I stress action because I strongly believe this is the medium through which astrological principles will most readily serve mankind. Astrology is a symbolic language with disputed translations. Like poetry it does not lend itself to linear, market-place effective English. And like the various other sciences, our vocabulary is specialized and difficult to understand. There is a popular demand for astrological information and we astrologers are as ill-equipped as the elitist scientific community when it comes to translation of principles and technicalities into common language. Most of us are not even equipped with professional speaking and writing skills. People like Rudhyar, Marc Jones and Rob Hand have aided us tremendously in creating a

literate translation from which astrologers themselves have greatly benefited. This still leaves the average person with only newspaper columns and hearsay to go on.

We are the medium for translation. It is by the example we set as models of consciousness, models of mind over matter, that the astrological symbols will ultimately be translated into common usage. Not everyone has the time, interest or patience to talk about life in terms of Mars or Venus, houses, cusps or solar arcs. This is the astrologer's professional language. We translate through our actions, through our awareness, through our cohesiveness and through our personal success.

Words may be considered as the symbols of ideas, numbers of the truth; but astro-glyphs are the symbols of mysteries: the contents of the universal unconscious carried down through the ages. We can work hand in hand with the scientists as they scramble to avert another Atlantian catastrophe, we can work to integrate the divine principles we study into the practical matter of living. Astrology may very well be the language of the fourth dimension, but we are embodied in the third, the Geminian realm of concrete mind and day-to-day reality.

When it is necessary to talk in astro-speak, such as with a colleague, or a client, think of astrology as a language, literally. Just as words are symbols for what we perceive with the senses and meter through the mind, so are astro-glyphs symbols for what we perceive with the higher mind. The symbols, as do words, group in our mind, forming astro-images. Identify with this ability to think at the para-intellectual level, let the astro-idea take shape, and then, and only then, translate into words. This maximizes the abilities of the intuitive mind, through which the symbology is registered, by taking the pressure of simultaneous linear translation away. This has the ulterior advantage of allowing the higher mind of the correspondent person to be working in tandem with your own. It is a technique which is only possible with a relaxed attitude; it is automatically ruled out if astrology is being defended or proven. The other person will often cooperate in forming the astro-sentence, rounding it out for completeness from his or her own experience. If the communication is effective, the other person will carry a sense of clarity, of relaxation, of light-ness home or back to work.

Last, and most obvious, is the body language we unconsciously speak to those around us. This is undoubtedly the most important, and perhaps the most neglected, channel for communicating astrological principles in action. The aliveness of good health and radiance strikes a basic chord in every human heart. Health heads the list as man's most precious asset.



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Over the years, there has been much discussion about my third book, *THE NADI SYSTEM OF RECTIFICATION*, which was published back in 1977 by Vulcan Books. Due to the fact this book is no longer in print, I have decided to again offer to rectify birthcharts for a nominal fee of \$5.00 per horoscope. What I will need is the following: either the name of the individual or their sex if the name is ambiguous, their birthdate, time and place and the source of the time in question. This system can only work when an approximate birthtime is known; it cannot be used when an individual hasn't the vaguest idea of when they were born. The times given on Birth Certificates and in Baby Books are the most reliable, but even those times are often in question. Birthtimes which come from one's mother are usually unreliable unless she was wide awake with a stopwatch. The system is one which has been in use for generations in India and after working with this system for over 15 years has proven to be quite reliable. Most birthtimes have to be adjusted only a few minutes or so while births which occur in states like California may have to be adjusted

nearly half an hour. Please send the required data and \$5.00 to me at the above address, and enclose a SASE if possible. Allow 2 weeks for delivery.

**MARTIN PIECHOTA
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JUNE, 1991**

I had a short phone conversation with you on Tuesday. The primary reason for my subscription is to make contact with some people who are interested in what people do for a living. I have begun some research and need more data to substantiate my findings. *(I believe Joan McEvers in Idaho is also working along these lines. Edith)*

This research begins stage two of my astrological studies. The first stage is still ongoing. It consists of interviews and observations of the signs. I've enclosed some of the work on Pisces.

I hope the subscription will allow me to make the contacts I need. I am willing to share any information and assumptions with those willing to help.

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**LEE WEINREB
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FEBRUARY, 1991**

I happen to pick up some of my back copies of MH (I enjoy re-reading them) and came across Wendy Hawks' interesting article in the April, 1988 issue, p.6 on Chart Organization. Great info. Wendy, you state that "when clients come to you hoping to be told all about their Sun sign, you try to make them see that, unless they were born around sunrise, the world will see their Asc. as opposed to their Sun sign." You further state "that it might be wise to mention the fact that Sun sign astrology is definitely not the right stuff, and that it is referred to merely as "pseudo-astrology" among the initiated."

If you mean the Sun sign astrology that appears in newspapers, I agree. However, I must admit I get a kick out of reading my Sun sign as well as my Asc. in the papers. At least, astrology is kept before the public, if only on the funny pages.

If you mean in an actual reading, with a timed chart prepared, then I think the Sun sign is very important. To me, the Asc. is how the person WANTS THE WORLD TO SEE HIM TO BE. Most of us prefer not to let the World see us as we really are inside. So we hide behind the Asc. However, the Sun sign is the LIFE FORCE and regardless of where the planets are,

that person is still his Sun sign - only "shaded" a little differently by the planets and houses.

When I see a hard aspect in a chart, my first thought is "how will this Leo or Scorpio or whatever, handle this situation." Will the Leo fight? You bet he will. (Do you expect the King of the Jungle to retreat?) The Scorpio? NO...but "I'll get you eventually, even if I have to wait six months." To paraphrase Gertrude Stein, "a Leo is a Leo is a Leo." And so on...and on..

Anybody else have views on this?

**MONICA HABLE DIMINO
WATERTOWN, MA
MAY, 1991**

Re: your inquiring in the April Extra about raising the price of MH - go for it! Of course you can't absorb those extra postal costs unless you do raise the subscription price. Anyway, it's the best thing we've got in the way of astrological periodicals so we must all help you survive.

Sorry I missed your 7 Hills Conference. I've heard a lot of good comments about it and hope there will be another one so I might finally attend.

DOROTHY S. WILLIS
NOVA SCOTIA
JUNE, 1991



AUTUMN EQUINOX
SEPTEMBER 23, 1991 - 0:48 P.M. GMT

In this chart we have 6 planets southing. Weather patterns setting up in the south will flow to the northeast. The remaining 4, the heavy storm bringers Uranus, Neptune, and Saturn are in the northern areas, along with the Moon. The effects of these will originate in the north and flow to the southeast. All but Mercury and Venus are also in their southern declination, intensifying systems in the southern Lats., which include South America as well as the southern U.S. There is one partial eclipse on Dec. 21, but there is also a lunation on the day of this equinox, some 10 hrs. later that will tend to mask the general forecast for two weeks.

Uranus lies at 93W. This will excite both the Arctic Air Mass and the Continental Polar Air Mass to bring cool but clear but dry flows directly south over Canada, into the eastern Prairie states, then veering eastward. This will become very much colder as we head into the colder months. At the same time, there may be a brief heat wave across the southwest states and northern Mexico, from Arizona to Texas, as the Sonoran Desert mass is dissipating. Around Sept. 28th the first cool wave will be noticed from the north. A chance of cold rains, snow in high elevations and in the far north. October 3rd will see a definite cooling with high winds over Montana, as the Sun and Mercury cojoin and square Uranus. Cooler weather over the east coast at this time will also occur. October 14th will bring some very strong winds across Alaska and to the east coast. The 25th brings a cold wave, this one a damp cold, to the east Prairies. November will be much cooler through the west and flowing east, particularly the 19th in the west. December will see winter's true cold moving down and into the east.

Saturn lies along the east coast through New England, bringing cooler and damp weather to the northeast. He squares the IC over the Aleutians setting up cold lows and bringing cool moist air down over the northwest states. He goes stationary and direct Oct. 5th bringing temperatures well below normal, particularly in Aquarius. The 13th to 18th of October may be very stormy. On the 17th Mars squares to increase the downward trend of temperatures and bring very high

winds. December 9th may see some severe storms setting up with very heavy precipitation in every form depending on the latitude. The system may originate off the southwest coast and flow northeast as Saturn will be squaring IC from that longitude then.

Neptune crosses at 88W, 5° east of Uranus. The pattern of heavy wet lows, followed by Uranian highs will continue. October 5th brings threats of downpours and possible flooding to the region, moving across the middle eastern states. December 7-9th starts the true blizzard season. December is a very snowy month, right across the country, heavier in the Midwest where Jupiter's influence will be strong due to his position in the lunation. Neptune is very prominent in December.

Jupiter crosses the Atlantic, at 42W, squaring over the Yukon and the northwest states. Now in Virgo, we can't look for warmth. On the 29th of Sept. he semi-squares Mars bringing coastal storms through the Midwest. October 13-18th again shows up as being a very stormy period as he cojoins Venus, and the Sun is semi-squared to both. Heavy rains. December 19th Mars squares Jupiter, always a storm breeder, and frequently thunderstorms. Venus sextiles Neptune on the same day for snow. These systems are then over the northeast and Alaska, although the midwestern states will feel their influence.

Mars lies at 1W, on the MC for eastern England, down through West Africa. Not very good for the drought conditions in the latter. Mars squares at 91W, over Wisconsin, Illinois into Mexico. Mars is very active this fall bringing much turbulence during the entire season to both the mid continent and to the eastern regions. October 14th he cojoins and parallels Mercury, quintiles Uranus for extreme winds along the northeast coast and the midwestern U.S. then a square to Saturn on the 17th. November 8th he cojoins the Sun in Scorpio. They are also at equal delineations. Temperatures will rise with extreme gusty winds through the Midwest. On the 15th Pluto enters the scene intensifying both winds and temperatures. Could be an early November heat wave, not long-lasting, but affecting the Yukon, Pacific and northeast coast over the Atlantic. Utah through Mexico may also feel the effects. December 3rd will be another windy period, but cold as Mars sextiles Saturn and Mercury parallels Uranus. The Moon will be the triggering element here. December 7th carries seismic overtones, more for the Far East and South America, but very heavy precipitation over the east coast. High winds developing around the 13th in New England and off the northeast coast. December 19th and 22nd are extremely stormy. Tornado force winds could whip along the east coast.

Venus lies over the Atlantic and squares the Yukon and Pacific. On the 28th she crosses the equator for an early fall. October 15th she cojoins Jupiter

and aspects Saturn for rain thru the central states. October 28th she trines Uranus, cool but very clear. Of course her position changes with the lunation. She moves to the western Prairies then.

Mercury starts off over Iceland and the Aleutians, squaring at 111W. That longitude crosses the Montana mountain area, Utah, Arizona and west Mexico. The Canadian Prairie provinces are in for some very windy weather. October 3rd is a superior conjunction with the Sun, squaring Uranus. As this brings maximum velocity winds, tornados could form, a severe cold wave will develop, moving easterly. On the 14th the conjunction with Mars reaches the eastern areas and on the 28th of Oct. Mercury cojoins Pluto, not only winds but seismic overtones. Pluto's IC crosses Anchorage. From Nov. 28th till Dec. 18th Mercury goes retrograde. He forms a number of parallel aspects in Dec. (Parallels being as strong as conjunctions) December 3rd is a parallel to Uranus, high winds and cold. The 6th is to the Sun and the 7th to both Mars and Neptune, another seismic overtone as well as bringing rising temps., sudden rains and possibly flash floods for New England. Temperatures will fluctuate suddenly, humidity rises. On the 8th Mercury forms a 2nd conjunction with the Sun, this is an inferior conjunction, but still brings high winds. From the 10th to 18th winds will be very active and unusually strong as Mercury will square Jupiter and cojoin Mars and then go stationary and direct. At that time Jupiter will be over Alaska and Mercury and Mars over New England.

Pluto crosses Alaska and the Pacific, squaring over Newfoundland and the Pacific. He moves to cross eastern California at the lunation. November 13th the Sun cojoins Pluto, back over Alaska and off the east coast. Geopluto crosses at 54W, squaring the IC at 144W over Alaska.

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HELIO

Jupiter is still in Leo in the helio chart, with Mercury about to cojoin him over the Atlantic Ocean. They square over the Yukon, northern B.C. and the northwest states. Washington and Oregon will see rising barometric pressure, clear and pleasant.

Venus is quincunx to Pluto, Venus squaring the meridian at 86W, rising temps., with the chance of showers.

Helio Saturn lies at 66W, over the Maritimes and northeast Labrador bringing cold, damp and wet weather to that region, also reverse flow winds as Saturn's winds are always easterly. Actually, helio Saturn is activating another air mass. This one the Maritime Polar Air Mass which always flows southeasterly. Geo. Saturn just barely skims the edge.

The remaining planets are all almost the same as in the Geo chart, so we expand the Geo. positions a bit.

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LUNATION, SEPT. 23, 1991, 0:48 P.M.

This new Moon confuses the Equinox reading because, as all lunations, it changes the planetary positions. However it only covers two weeks. Mars now lies over the Equinox Pluto and Saturn lies over the equinox Jupiter. This puts Mars over Alaska for a warm wave, with possible seismic activity and Saturn over the Atlantic at 40W, squaring the Meridian over the northwest states for cold, damp weather. October 17th Mars will square Saturn for severe storms in the region. These will gradually move eastward.

Uranus lies at 64W, on the MC for Halifax and off the U.S. east coast, again exciting the Arctic air for colder but clearing atmosphere this time, simply because Uranus brings highs. October 2nd heralds approaching storms for Newfoundland, high winds and anything from sleet to freezing rain to snows or very cold rain. This occurs also October 13/14 through the eastern states.

Jupiter at 98W squares the meridian at 98W during these two weeks, with Venus squaring at 106W. On Oct. 13th they cojoin to bring clear weather to that region east of the Rockies and slightly warmer temperatures. There could be some intermittent rain. October 11th sees a parallel between Jupiter and Mars. This brings storminess with scattered thunderstorms.

Pluto at 116W is sesquiped by Mercury. Tremors are possible and high winds.

Mercury squares over the eastern states while the Sun and Moon square the New England coast. The eastern states will see below normal temperatures and a bit of wind. All three are on the IC over the Aleutians.

HELIO

Helio Venus opposes the Geo. Sun indicating heavy precipitation. Venus squares the meridian over New England so New England and north will be a little soggy. To the south they run into the Atlantic and stay off shore.

Mars crosses Alaska, around Anchorage, and squares eastern Newfoundland. He squares Saturn on the 20th over the Atlantic. Jupiter and Mercury are separating from the square over the Prairies, and the remaining planets cover the Geo. positions. Geopluto crosses at 81W

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ECLIPSE, DEC. 21, 1991, 10:23 A.M.

This is a full Moon eclipse, falling the day before the Winter Solstice, so it will have more effect on that than on the last day of Autumn. Only two eclipse planets tie into the Autumn chart, but they are worth noting. Eclipse Mars lies on Autumn's MC for Los Angeles,

while the eclipse Jupiter is within 3° of Autumn's Asc. for Los Angeles. The Los Angeles eclipse MC opposes Saturn and semi sextiles Helio Jupiter while the Los Angeles eclipse Asc. sextiles helio Mercury. This should act as a quiet alert for that city. When we do go to the Winter Solstice, the city's IC is the midpoint of Neptune and Uranus, and is 1° from cojoining the Moon, while her Asc squares Uranus and the Moon, the Moon being in opposition to Uranus. Other than the helio aspects mentioned, there are none.

The rest of the eclipse chart I'll leave until the winter report, as the Annual Solar Eclipse falls two weeks later on Jan. 4th adding another change.

**BEVERLY CROSBY
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JUNE, 1991**

I wonder if anyone out there has done much research on Sun Spots? As I write this letter, I understand that they have become quite active again. In Neil Michelsen's Planetary Phenomena he talks about the Sun going Retrograde or the center of our planetary system being located somewhere else besides the Sun from time to time. 1990 was a year when this center was so far out that it was a real rarity. I also understand that universal time takes awhile for an action to manifest into a reaction. Looking back to the time the Sun was Retrograde before, as in 1990, was 1811. The next year Sun Spots jumped from 1.4 to 5 the next year and increased to 45.8 at maximum. This was a low period to the next Sun Spot cycles that were quite high in 1837 and 1848. But the British Isles and Ireland suffered from crop failures in 1815 at the maximum of the Sun Spot activity after the 1811 Sun Retrograde. It was also the time Napoleon was trying to conquer the rest of the known world. For that matter everyone was in empire building. Also in 1815 marked the eruption of Sumbawa Volcano in Indonesia killing 50,000. The New Madrid fault happened in 1811. My library on past history is limited, so I don't know what else was going on. Uranus/Neptune made their conjunction in 1821. This all sounds familiar. I would like to hear other people's ideas on this.

I have also been corresponding with a young man in prison who uses my computer chart service and has been studying astrology for the past five years. Since he is limited to the situation he is in by both, having to stay in a hostile environment and lacking funds to buy all the books he wants, he would like to correspond with others about astrology. He can't get money out, he pays me by stamps for charts. But, he is willing to trade birth data and personal history of other inmates plus his for instruction. Write to: Zeron Lewis, C38888 3B03 225u,

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Birth data 10/31/55, 6 a.m. CST 38N42, 121W09.

**EDITH CUSTER
LYNCHBURG, VA
JUNE, 1991**

Part of one of the lectures from the 7 Hills Conference in April, 1991.

Robert Hand's lecture on "Ptolemaic Astrology" was extremely interesting. Rob did say that some of Ptolemy's writings should really be taken another look at, especially the qualities, fire, earth, air and water and some of the writing is confusing. Jupiter and Venus were considered by the ancients as "good" because of their association with heat and moisture, they are nourishing and supportive and the Moon is also considered benefic for the same reasons. Saturn and Mars are seen to be of a contrary nature and "malefic causes of evil" (so sayth Ptolemy - not Rob!). Saturn from its excess cold and Mars from his excess of dryness. Further Rob goes into diurnal and nocturnal and why the astrologers of the period considered Mars nocturnal (the moisture of the night balances the nastiness of Mars and makes it work positively). Similarly Saturn diurnal (the coldness is counteracted by the warmth of the day). The Moon and Venus were seen to be nocturnal, the Sun and Jupiter diurnal and Mercury common, which is to say both depending on whether it is a morning star or an evening star.

What he is saying here is that benefics are improved by being with their own qualities and the malefics are improved by being with their opposite qualities. By this criteria a watery Mars is a benefic Mars, hence Mars rules Scorpio, in fact Mars rules the water triplicity. This is just a sample of what in on the first quarter of the tape. If you hear of Rob giving this lecture somewhere try to go and listen to it. It really is thought provoking.

**ED DEARBORN
NORWOOD, PA
MAY, 1991**

Those of you who missed the 7 Hills Conference missed out on a splendid astrological experience. I enjoyed all parts of the conference and look forward to another in the not too distant future.

It would be unfair to single out any particular sessions, for I learned much from each of them. Nearly all the faces were new to me, but I recognized several dozen names and enjoyed the fellowship the situation afforded.

Hats off to Edith and her staff for arranging the conference and to the fantastic bevy of speakers.

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