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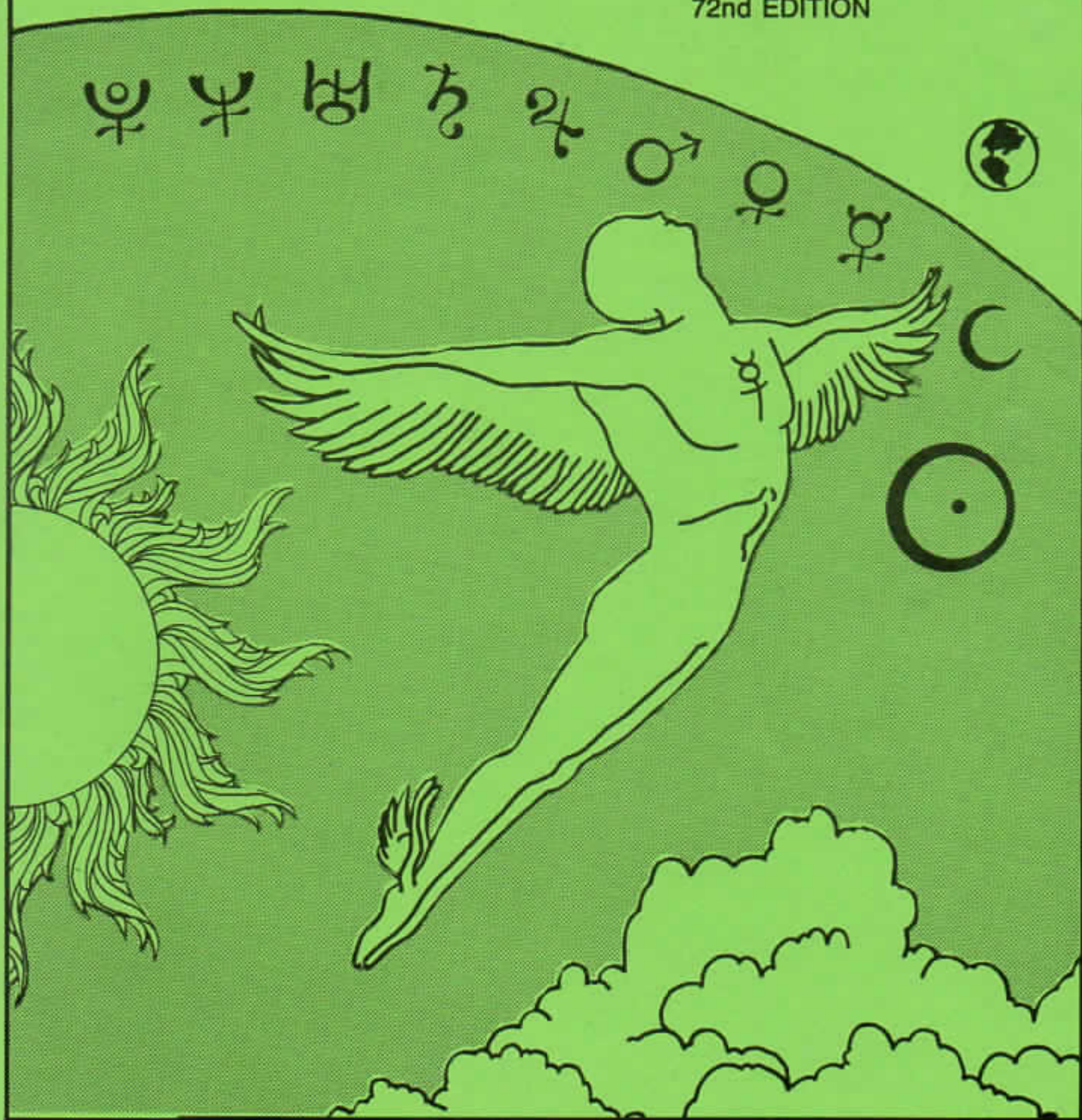
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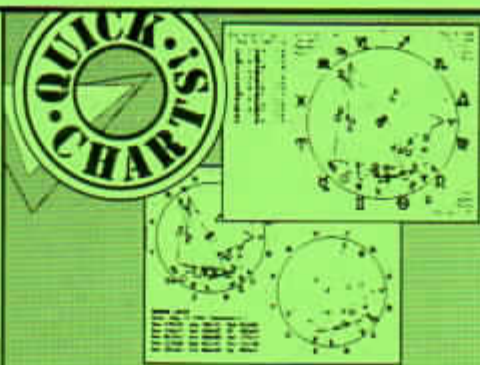
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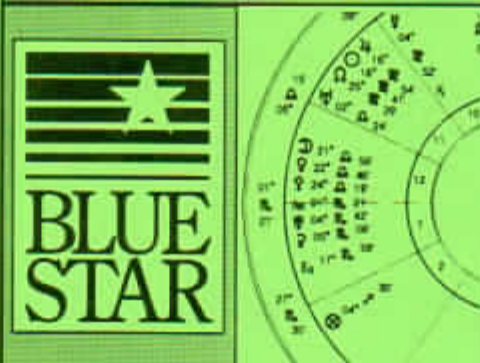
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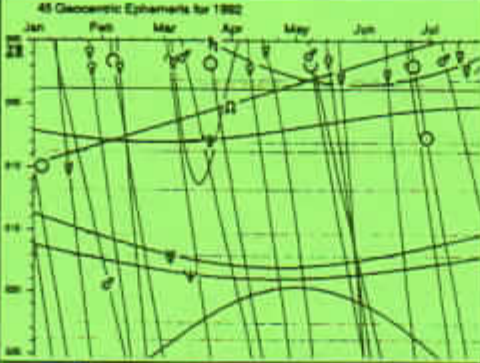
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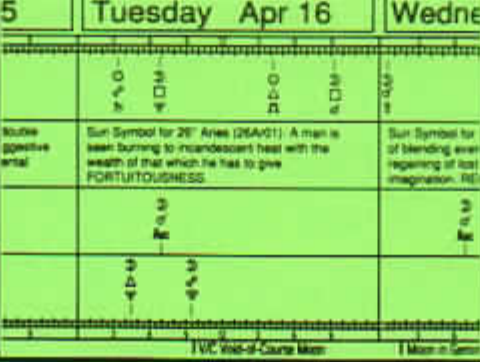
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HI!!!

ATTENTION: THE NEXT EXTRA EDITION WILL BE MAILED OUT WITH THE JULY ISSUE. We thought we would have enough to do it with this April issue but we were short a few pages so rather than send it out short we will hold it until we can do the regular amount we usually do. I don't want anyone to think they are being short-changed!

IMPORTANT: The PTOLEMY phone number for UAC registrations will be closed on March 31, 1992 at 7:00 P.M. EST 800-786-5369 between 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. EST. After March 31, 1992 UAC registrations must be made at the door when you arrive for the conference in Washington, D.C. PLEASE, if you are coming, GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IN NOW.

DARRELL MARTINI (THE COSMIC MUFFIN) called the other day (December) and told me about some plans he has been finalizing with a European company. It is sort of like the equivalent of our "900" number here. There are five different countries interested and it involves radio as well. Don't know anymore about it at the moment but I am sure Darrell will let us know when everything is worked out.

Along these same lines, Neil Marbel called to let us know that he is doing an astrology show once a week for PBS. It is a half hour show and has a variety of topics on each one. If you don't get it in your area he said "seven or eight calls to your PBS station will get them to put it on". It sounds like an interesting show and it might be worth having a few folks call in to see if you can get it in your area.

We are about to start our 18th. year of the MERCURY HOUR. Some of you have been with us since the very beginning and many almost as long. For this we thank you. Without our subscribers there would be no MERCURY HOUR! We need each and every one of you in order to continue the open channel of communication started so many years ago. One thing in regard to your subscription -- we all make mistakes now and then and we ask you to please let us know as soon as you realize we have made a mistake so that we can correct it immediately. We try hard not to make them but they will happen. We can do nothing about something we are not aware of -- so please tell us.

DARLENE ENBER and her store have a new address and phone number! She has moved THE ASTROLOGY AND SPIRITUAL PUBLISHERS to: 9721 Ave. L, Chicago, IL 60617. The phone number is 312-731-2942. She will still handle phone orders, mail orders, etc., just as she has done all these years. See ad in this edition.

We received word of the passing of KATHLEEN D. GRISHAM of Reno, NV. Kathleen was a resident of Reno for the past 5 years, having moved there from San Jose, CA. She had been a subscriber to the MH since 1988.

THE ASTROLOGICAL SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT will have Bruce Scofield speaking on "Cycles of Venus in MesoAmerican Astrology", on March 19th. at 8:00 p.m. On April 16th John Marchesella will give a lecture on "Astrology and Jungian Psychology" at 8:00 p.m. and then on May 29th. at 8:00 p.m., Ingrid Naiman will speak on "The Inner Child". For more information please call Kathiann Tevlin at 649-1531.

SALLY HARRINGTON of Camano Islands, WA sent us word of the passing of HELEN PFLUGRAD of Bothell, WA. Helen succumbed after a long battle with cancer. She had been with the Mercury Hour since April of '82.

JOHN GOODE wrote to ask me to remind you all that his book that many of you had inquired about is now available. The title is "STARGATE TO PAST LIVES", Healing Through Past Life Regression. Price - \$12.95, available from Goode Insights Publishing Co., 200 Virginia Street, Ashland, VA 23005. John got the idea for the book during one of the 7 Hills Conferences and finally brought it to fruition. He gives the technique he used for the regressions in Chapter 2. Susan Horton, in her "Foreword" for the book says "Following his advice in this book, one can achieve not only the fullness of physical health, but also a way of thinking, believing and knowing that gives joy in the living of life."

The 5th annual world conference of Astro-Economics will be held all day Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 7 & 8, 1992 at the Hotel Sofitel near O'Hare Airport, Chicago, IL. Contact GRACE K. MORRIS, 4931 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. (708)-636-3858.

THE ENGLISH HUBER SCHOOL OF ASTROLOGICAL COUNSELING has a newsletter out.

I received a copy of the 11th issue. If you would like information on this you can contact the school at P.O. Box 118, Knutsford, Cheshire WA168TG, England. The charge in American funds is \$10.00 for

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Edith

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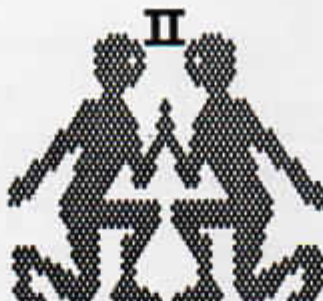
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PART I

WHERE IS VULCAN & NEMESIS?

There have been times in my studies that I became especially interested in one or two questions or notes that certain scientist had put down on paper. This is one of those times. The book is "Epitome of Copernican Astronomy"; by Johannes Kepler. The page number is 888 and it deals with the understanding, at that time, of the motions and movements of the planets. This was the time of Kepler and his great work and his understanding of what Copernicus had related about the velocities of the planets. It has been said that these planetary relationships are not the work of Copernicus but from ancient times. This however is not quoted but left unsaid by Kepler.

I will quote from that book the entire paragraph used.

"How is the ratio of the periodic times, which you have assigned to the mobile bodies, related to the aforesaid ratio of the spheres wherein the bodies are borne?"

His answer was to his own question: "The ratio of the times is not equal to the ratio of the spheres, but greater than it and in the primary planets exactly the ratio of $2/3$'s the power. That is if you take the cube root of the 30 years of Saturn and the 12 years of Jupiter and square them, the true ratio of the spheres of Saturn and Jupiter will exist in these squares. This is the case even if you compare spheres which are not next to one another. The example Saturn takes 30 years; the Earth takes 1 year. The cube root of 30 is approximately 9.672. But the cube root of 1 is 1. Therefore the sphere of Saturn is to the sphere of the Earth as 9.672 is to 1,000. And a more accurate number will be produced, if you take the times more accurately."

And the second paragraph was next in the book and the one I was more interested in.

"What was gathered from this?"

His reply and I Quote again: "Not all the planets are born with the same speed, as Aristotle wished, otherwise their times would be the same as their spheres, and as their diameters but according as each planet is higher and farther away from the Sun, so it traverses less space in one hour by its mean movements: Saturn - according to the magnitude of the solar sphere believed by the ancients - traverses 240 German miles (in one hour), Jupiter 320 German miles, Mars 600, the center of the Earth 740, Venus 800, and Mercury 1,200. And if this be according to the solar interval proved by me in the above, the number of miles must everywhere be tripled."

I have thought many hours on these words, and I will explain why.

Let me begin by first charting some facts about the planets:

MERCURY.....	47.89.....	29.748756
VENUS.....	35.03.....	21.762556
EARTH.....	29.79.....	18.509061
MARS.....	24.13.....	14.994427
ASTEROIDS.....	18.32.....	11.386528
JUPITER.....	13.06.....	8.115754
SATURN.....	9.64.....	5.993097
URANUS.....	6.84.....	4.226054
NEPTUNE.....	5.43.....	3.376015
PLUTO.....	4.74.....	2.947252

Now these are the velocities of the planets first in Km or Kilometers, then in M or Miles or miles per second. I use six places in the miles per second to better compute the best velocities for the planets, and in computing the other factors, which will later become apparent, to the planets.

Now we will chart the work that Copernicus gave in his article that Kepler quoted. As he only gave the probable velocities for the planets and the Earth, I will do the same and later on show you some interesting facts I have gathered from this small series.

MERCURY.....	1200 GERMAN MILES PER HOUR
VENUS.....	800 GERMAN MILES PER HOUR
EARTH.....	740 GERMAN MILES PER HOUR
MARS.....	600 GERMAN MILES PER HOUR
JUPITER.....	320 GERMAN MILES PER HOUR
SATURN.....	240 GERMAN MILES PER HOUR

We first notice that he uses the standard German miles per hour. I am not sure just what the difference between German miles per hour are, and the regular miles per hour? But I would expect them to be the same. And as to where they came up with these figures is not stated. It, as was said, was from the ancients. Or I believe this is what Kepler referred to as coming from the ancients!? And this series is the one I found to be of such great interest to me and in the later on work of the other planets.

But let's go on.

Kepler believed, as stated in the article, that he should have increased the velocities given. And his belief was that they should at least be tripled. This means we should increase them by three.

Let's look at one of them, little Mercury. Copernicus said it was 1200 German miles per hour. If we triple that we have 3600. That is 3600 miles per hour! Now if we divide by 60 X 60 we have little Mercury moving, by Kepler, at 1 mile per second. We look at the chart and find it actually moves at 29.74 miles per second. So even Kepler was off. But by how much? Well Kepler tripled it, and it's still about 30 times off. What if we were to triple it, then also increase it 30 times more.

On the whole that would mean we increase Copernicus values by 90 times what he gave.

Let's do it!

MERCURY	1200 X 90	DIVIDE	BY (60X60)	= 30
VENUS	800 X 90	"	"	" -20

EARTH	740 X 90	"	"	"	-18.50
MARS	600 X 90	"	"	"	-15
JUPITER	320 X 90	"	"	"	-8
SATURN	240 X 90	"	"	"	-6

Now we can see the values we receive by the method just given. What are these compared with the real values of the first chart I gave?

MERCURY.....	29.748756.....	OR.....	30
VENUS.....	21.762556.....	OR.....	20
EARTH.....	18.509061.....	OR.....	18.50
MARS.....	14.994427.....	OR.....	15
JUPITER.....	8.115754.....	OR.....	8
SATURN.....	5.993097.....	OR.....	6

To me these are very close! It seems to me that some how we have managed to approximate the velocity of the planets from the values Kepler used. Still I am perplexed?

How does this work? And why does it work? All I did was to increase the values even more than Kepler did, and we found that this gave us the correct, or close to the correct, values that the Sun uses to keep the planets in their course.

But is this just coincidence? No, I don't think so. For if it is more than just coincidence than we should be able to go beyond this small series and compute the other planets, or some of them.

Now Kepler, and Galileo, both stated that they had thought the space between Mars and Jupiter was too large not to have a planet there. Of course both knew that there wasn't a planet there but both considered the probability one could easily fit. These were stated in letters sent back and forth between the two, and in private conversations repeated by others about the subject.

But is there a probability they were correct? Yes. And I will show you why. To do that we need to investigate the gaps between the planets more. I will use the pattern that we looked at earlier. This is the information Kepler stated reported in the note on page 888 of the book "Epitome of Copernican Astronomy". Let us review the information.

MERCURY.....	1200
VENUS.....	800
EARTH.....	740
MARS.....	600
JUPITER.....	320
SATURN.....	240

TO BE CONTINUED

**MARION MARCH
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DECEMBER, 1991**

Lots of good stuff in the January edition. Since this is December and most of us are deeply into the holiday rush, let me just very briefly answer some of the letters that intrigued me.

(71/14) Andrew Homer, thanks for your invitation to join you and a few illustrious others in a TRAVEL SIG. Might not be such a bad idea as long as you don't expect anything until after UAC '92 next April in Washington, DC. By the way,

how active is astrology in Argentina? Any groups going?

(71/48) T. Pat Davis has written an excellent letter regarding an ever vexing subject, namely the terms "Feminine/Masculine" in astrology. You are absolutely right in everything you say and your examples are perfect. But for some reason, despite women's lib, people seem to regard "feminine" as possibly weak and "masculine" as aggressive or macho. We are creatures of habit, and the use of language becomes a habit. Unfortunately "positive/negative" has other connotations in people's minds, and "active/passive" which Joan McEvers and I use as an alternative in our books is not much better.

Of course experienced astrologers know what each sign, planet, house or combinations thereof stand for, but the beginners should shy away from simplistic interpretations and use concept keywords, as T. Pat suggests. This dilemma exists not only for male/female but also when describing above and below the horizon with "objective" or "subjective" and East or West of the meridian as just "self-starting" or "needing others". In astrology too much depends on what is above or below or East or West.

(71/66) Morgen D'Arc ponders about a few interesting subjects, from old to new techniques (Lee Lehman's letter brought a lot of responses!) to time and clocks to predictions and the lack of a good astrological vocabulary. I like the way your mind works and wends its way from one thought to the other. But I cannot totally agree. 90% of my clients, for example, are not astrologers and don't know (nor want to learn) what "Plutonian" for that matter any astrological term is supposed to mean. This has forced me from the beginning to talk plain, yet hopefully good and clear English in order to convey what the horoscope is trying to say. I pride myself on having a fairly large vocabulary, yet I do not wish to predict. One, to me, has nothing to do with the other. I do not wish to predict because I do not want to live my clients life, I do not want them to actualize something because I put it into their reality or awareness. I believe in the free will, including when to get born and when to die, though the last two are more often than not in our sub- or super conscious and not easy to access. Therefore I give my clients trends, potentials, areas of activation and I will answer any of their specific questions which can go into very exact timing with such tools as lunar returns, diurnals, electional charts and so on. This is a fascinating subject deserving more than the few lines I have time for, but let others pick it up from here. See you all at UAC!!



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Lela Chavellier-Powell and Jim Haynes Re: 71/3 The information you received from 105D of the Horary Course has to be very minimal, since very little information on declination exists on that page. All you can determine from that page is when a planet is "Out of Bounds". The actual declination of the zodiac at the farthest parts, from the Tropic of Cancer to the Tropic of Capricorn is $23^{\circ}26'29.84''$. This has very little to do with outer space, but the Earth. This is the actual latitude of the Earth where the Sun will directly shine upon to the North with the Tropic of Cancer at $23^{\circ}26'29.84''$, and to the South with the Tropic of Capricorn at $23^{\circ}26'29.84''$. The Sun will not directly shine upon the earth at any latitudes above $23^{\circ}26'29.84''$. At any latitudes higher, either north or south, the Sun will shine at an angle when highest in the heavens. To explain it in a different way. If you were to place a stick in the ground above the latitudes of the Tropic of Cancer or Capricorn you will always get a shadow. If you place that stick in the ground right at the Tropic of Cancer or Capricorn, you will not get a shadow right at the Summer and Winter Solstice if you match up the right Tropic with the right season. If you placed that stick in the ground at the Latitude $19^{\circ}30'$ your stick would not cast a shadow until the Sun entered 27 Taurus in the Spring and again when the Sun entered 3 Leo in the Summer. This would always be at high noon. What I'm talking about is the Celestial Equator, as it crosses the equator at 0 Aries and reaches the farthest point North at the Tropic of Cancer at 0 Cancer and crosses the equator again at 0 Libra and then reaches the farthest point South at the Tropic of Capricorn at 0 Capricorn.

That's the astronomy behind Declinations. I hope you understood me. Only the Moon and the planets can be Out of Bounds and only when they're in the upper part of the zodiac or the lower part of the zodiac, when you're looking at a natural wheel. Let's take the Moon as an example. The Moon can have the widest latitude of $5^{\circ}18'$ minutes North or South of the Sun's path. It never deviates more than that. When the Moon is very close to the Sun's path during a New Moon or Full Moon, that's when we have our eclipses. If for example, the Moon were at 7 Aquarius, its Declination would be $18^{\circ}32'$. If at the same time the Moon's Latitude were $5^{\circ}18'$, then her declination would be $23^{\circ}50'$, just beginning to be "Out of Bounds", that's out of the bounds of the zodiac. We get that total by adding the declination of the degree to the Latitude of the Moon: $18:32+5:18=23:50$. What this means is that the Moon can only be "Out of Bounds" when she is between 23 Scorpio to 7 Aquarius and 7 Leo to 23 Taurus. The Moon can never be "Out of Bounds" when

she is in Pisces, Aries, Virgo and Libra. This implies that the Moon tends to function within proper limits when in those signs. It also functions within proper limits while in most of the fixed signs, just the first 7° of Aquarius/Leo and the last 7° of Scorpio/Taurus.

Now to turn it around, if the Moon were at 28 Sagittarius, its Declination would be $23^{\circ}25'$, but at the same time her latitude were $5^{\circ}18'$, then her Declination would be $18^{\circ}07'$. We get this total by subtracting the Latitude of the Moon from the Declination of the degree: $23:25-5:18=18:07$. Jim, maybe I'm getting too technical, but you got me started.

Jim, I've enclosed page 105D and also 106A of the course, Edith has my permission to print them if she sees fit. Page 106A gives you the Declination of every degree of the zodiac. You can use this to find the Declination of cusps, parts and usable declinations for the fixed stars. Anything can be given its declination in the chart whether Natal, Horary or any other kind of chart.

You ask for my source. Well I can't give it to you, because I don't remember. Maybe Mrs. Jacobson, at least in part. It also may be Robert Jansky, and or Marc Edmund Jones, not from a book but from speaking to them. I'm sure I also picked up something here and there from the AFA Bulletin, Mercury Hour or some other publication, but I can give you my observations.

Not taking Planetary Standing, aspects to the planet or the motion of the planet into consideration, which are all very important; if we just look at planets out of bounds. Those planets tend to find solutions to whatever they need a solution to, by going out of the normal bounds of societies rules. Rules may not be a good word, because it could be contrary to the way society works, but extraordinary. One Planet may work by killing the one who cheated him, instead of taking him to court, another planet may discover a new law of nature, by going beyond the laws of nature we now have. Another planet may actually go out of bounds as in a man who is legally confined to his home, who sneaks out. Aspects to that planet will likely indicate whether he gets away with it or gets caught.

Venus "Out of Bounds" is likely to go out of societies bounds socially, as in social behavior or dress. Mercury may say something no one should say. Pluto who has the widest latitude can sink well below the depths of society, but can in turn reach the heights that normal society can never expect to reach.

Remember what we're talking about has a lot to do with simply latitude, the distant a planet is in latitude from the Sun's path. Planets right on the Sun's path tend to tow the line, the farther they are from the Sun's path, the less they tend to tow the line and find their own way. When that way takes that planet "Out of Bounds", that planet, in some manner, actually goes out of bounds. It

could be the bounds of society, the bounds of nature, or even the bounds of earth, like when we first flew, or went in space. I hope I've given you enough information on "Out of Bounds" planets. Maybe you can take the ball from here and become an expert in this area. You can tell me more about it. I know there's a lot more to learn here. Oh, by the way, despite what you've heard or read, Mercury is never Combust the Sun, it is under the sunbeams, so it can be nervous, shy or just plain scared near the Sun, but is never combust the Sun. As we all know Mars is never combust the Sun but is even healthier around the Sun. A planet combust the Sun is similar to a planet in the Via Combust Area.

I'll close with this: I have the Moon, the ruler of my Ascendant parallel Uranus, both within bounds, but right at the edge of the bounds of the zodiac: when it comes to astrology, I go right up to the line, but don't cross it. My Pluto is out of bounds of the zodiac, but still parallel my Moon and Uranus, so when it comes to research in astrology, I may cross the line to learn. Pluto also rules my 5th house, and my daughter was kidnapped from me when she was a baby. That certainly is out of bounds of normal society. Isn't it?

DIANNE LAWSON TOPEKA, KS DECEMBER, 1991

THE MOUNTAIN ASTROLOGER will be publishing an article I wrote on John Lennon. Due to space limitations, they decided to not use the part of the article that compared John's chart to the charts of Paul McCartney, Richard Nixon, and Yoko Ono. Like all writers, I hate to see my words wasted, so decided to send in the chart comparisons to Mercury Hour.

I've been doing a tremendous amount of writing since 7 Hills. AMERICAN ASTROLOGY published an article in December that I wrote on Ted Kennedy. Other magazines should be following suit soon. I found the chart comparisons interesting and hope you do too.

JOHN LENNON AND PAUL McCARTNEY

In comparing John's and Paul's charts, the most obvious feature is that John's two planets and North Node in Libra, trine Paul's five planets in Gemini, signifying an ease of understanding between the two men. Besides their music in common, the two men both suffered the loss of their mothers while they were both about the same age.

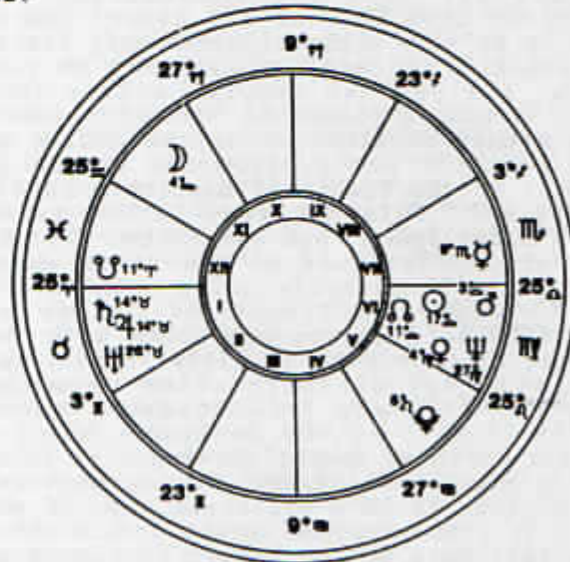
With John's Saturn conjoining Paul's Venus, they could effectively work together.

As Mercury rules communication, look at how well aspected their Mercuries are to the other's chart.

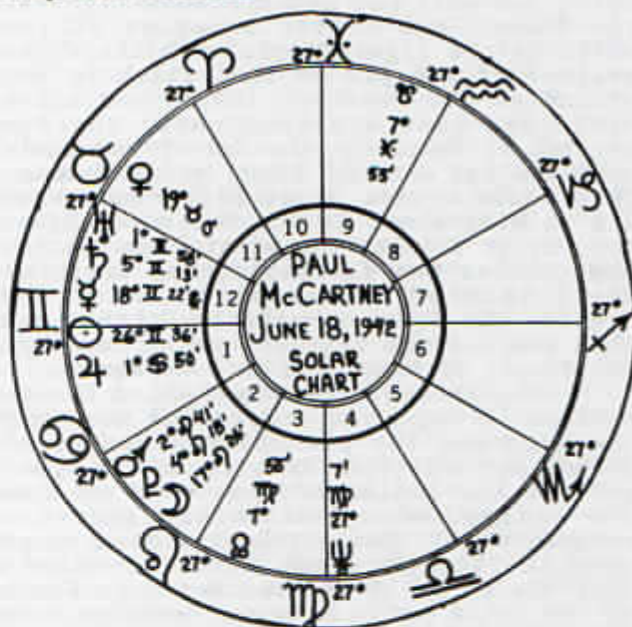
With John's Sun trining Paul's Mercury, they communicated well.

Paul's Venus in John's 1st house was helpful for money making, fun, and partnership.

Paul's Sun in John's 3rd house was helpful to John's communicating to others.



John Lennon, October 9, 1940, Manchester, England 6:30 P.M. British Summer Time. Tropical Placidus.



JOHN LENNON AND RICHARD NIXON

John's Sun and Nixon's Suns are in square aspect, the aspect which is traditionally incompatible. And who says Sun Sign astrology doesn't work?

John's North Node and Sun are conjoining Nixon's South Node, touching off Nixon's paranoia and delusional thinking. (The Hindus believe the South Node has Neptune qualities). How could Nixon seriously believe that his chance of re-election could be hurt by a rock star?

Nixon tried to get Lennon removed from the United States, using as an

excuse Lennon's drug use in England. F.B.I. agents followed John in hopes of arresting him on a drug charge. He was told to leave the United States several times, but he appealed each time. Eventually he was allowed to stay.

Persons who have their Ascendants 5 signs apart, as do Lennon and Nixon, view the world differently. It is hard to

that Mercury contacts between charts are the greatest indicators of compatibility. Even though John and Yoko came from different backgrounds, they could communicate better with each other than with anyone else.

Astrologers look for Mars-Venus contacts for sexual compatibility. It should come as no surprise that John's Venus and Yoko's Mars are in the same sign-Virgo. John's Mars trines Yoko's Venus. That explains why they spent extended periods in bed.

John's 5 planets in Earth signs are well aspected by Yoko's 3 planets in Earth signs, assisting them in doing well together financially.

Having their Saturns squaring each other in fixed signs can indicate a stubbornness and an inability to give in. Any Saturn contact, however, usually brings longevity to the relationship.

We could go on and on as John and Yoko have many, many ties between their two charts. As John said in "Woman", their relationship was truly "written in the stars."

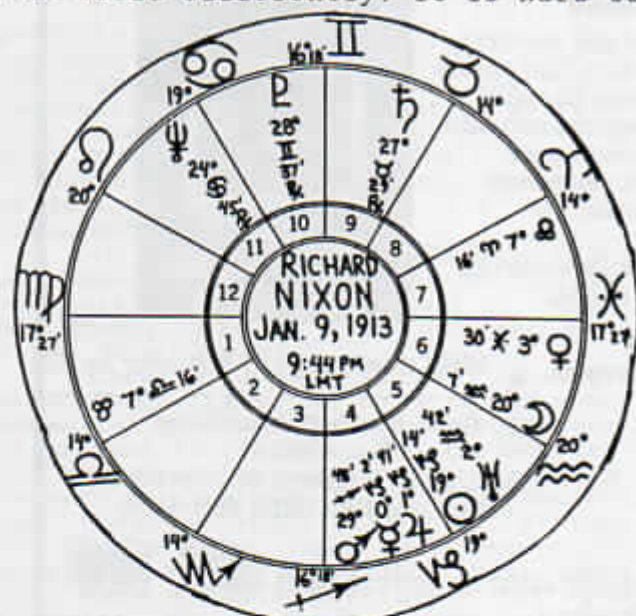
**EDITH CUSTER
LYNCHBURG, VA
JANUARY, 1992**

Most of you are aware of the passing of NANCY ANNE HASTINGS on December 16, 1991 after her long bout with cancer. Who is not aware of her reputation, her credentials in our field? She was certainly regarded as one of our foremost astrologers and her service thru NCGR to the astrological community is also well known. Nancy was my friend for many years, we shared many a room and many a glass of scotch in the evening. I valued her friendship greatly and am very grateful that she was able to make the 7 Hills Conference last April in Lynchburg. It was probably the last conference she did. I know I am not the only one who will miss her sense of humor, her warmth, her friendship.

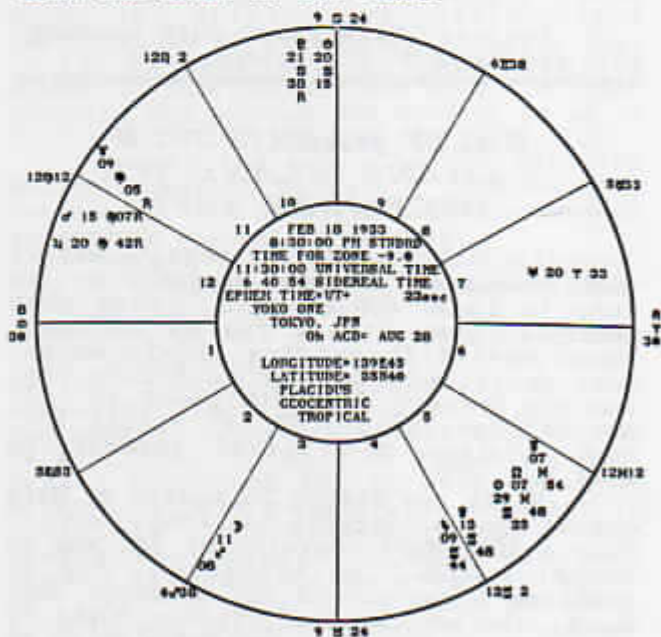
I used the following prayer at the beginning of the book we did when John McCormick passed over and I just felt very strongly that Nancy might appreciate it as well.

*"Do not stand at my grave and weep:
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamonds glint on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn's rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there. I did not die."*

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understand each other as each of their houses is ruled by an incompatible sign from one chart to the other.



JOHN LENNON AND YOKO ONO

John's and Yoko's Suns are in signs 120° apart, which is a classic indicator of compatibility. With both of their Suns in air signs, communication, intellectual pursuits, and relationships were important to each of them.

Their Mercuries are exactly trine, indicating an ease and understanding in communicating. Many astrologers believe



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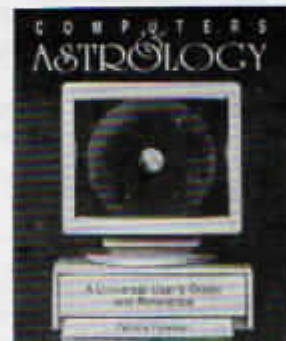
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Edie, you've helped us out so much with recognizing the importance of this pair's shennagins. I thought you might want to print this little table in a bit of odd white space.

Sources: Michelsen, 20th Century, 1990 and Hawkins, Transpluto, 1978.

**SALLY HARRINGTON
CAMANO ISLAND, WA
DECEMBER, 1991**

I'm still wondering what to expect with Uranus and Neptune conjunct my 7th cusp in late '92 and '93, other than changes in my 7th or for my husband, whose health is getting slowly worse. Also don't look forward to Saturn opp. Sun and Mercury from 8th house in '93. Asc 18° Cancer 40', MC 28° Pisces 10', Moon 28° Libra 51', 8-6-35, Hanover, NH 2:43 a.m. EST.

Right now Saturn is square my Mars Uranus opp. 4° Scorpio 14' (Mars) and 5° Taurus 30'. Mars co-rules my 5th and my daughter and I am estranged, due to problems I had around her deadbeat husband, who writes bad checks, runs up thousands in sex calls and makes \$6.00 an hour frying burgers at 26. Oh well. Jupiter will conjunct my daughters Jupiter 16° Virgo Asc. 17° Virgo and Sun 18° Virgo and my Mercury 20° Virgo. Hopefully, will reconcile them. It will also trine her 13° Taurus Moon and set off the trines to her Virgo planets so life should improve for her about then.

**LEE LEHMAN
MALABAR, FL
FEBRUARY, 1992**

To Dorothy Sarka (71/5): What is your evidence that the Greeks got their astrology from the Chinese? I don't know a single scholar who would agree with you!

To Carolee Spurgeon (71/6): Your point is well taken that Zip Dobyns does not take the planets to be the *same* as the signs or the houses. But that isn't necessarily the point. A lot of astrologers have simplified this in practice to such an extent that they don't know *how* to describe a planet without using key words actually ascribed to "its" alleged house and sign.

To T. Patrick Davis (71/48): Right on! Masculine and feminine, or positive and negative are only points of view - but then, this is all Rock and Roll (i.e., Maya) to me!

Carolyn Kaufman (71/64): You are absolutely right. We have no idea how often the older astrologers were wrong. Or present astrologers, for that matter! But the other issue you raised, humanism, is more interesting. Until a few decades ago, Humanism meant Mirandola, Erasmus and Thomas More; those Renaissance fun guys who had all sorts of utopian ideas that mere mortals have never put into practice. But then along came our good buddies Paul Kurtz et al, who dubbed their skeptical diatribes humanism. There is some excellent source material I have about the origins and philosophical implications of humanism/skepticism that is too extensive to go into here. If anyone is interested, send me \$3 to cover xeroxing and postage and send it to me at P. O. Box 501107 Malabar, FL 32950-1107.

And by the way: I'm *not* throwing out my computer because I like ancient techniques. I'm lobbying software vendors to *include* ancient techniques!

Morgen d'Arc (71/65): It's important to understand how C.S.I.C.O.P. comes up with names of people who are anti-astrology before getting too concerned about developing our own list. The start was the famous 186 scientists against astrology list. Enormous peer pressure was applied to get this list because, as we well know, it would be *terribly* politically incorrect for an astronomer or other scientist to admit to interest in astrology. Interestingly, one of the people who refused to sign was Carl Sagan. Although he is strongly anti-astrology, he pointed out that the petition itself was anti-scientific, because it relied on the beliefs of the signers, not their expertise. One need also be aware that the whole purpose to C.S.I.C.O.P. is to create publicity; a read through their Organizer's Manual is an illuminating experience! On our end of luminaries, though, don't forget Jung.

Wow! I guess I really hit a nerve about old techniques!

I don't even know how to begin to

express my feelings about the recent death of Nancy Hastings.

Mostly, I remember vignettes. Like singing "Ninety Nine Bottles of Beer on the Wall" or Tom Lehrer songs at Seven Hills. Like when she called me up in August 1989 to talk about how the eclipse on my Pluto was affecting me. We spent the time of the eclipse on the phone together - she, getting drunk on her porch in Concord, me, getting drunk in my chair in San Francisco. And that eclipse *did* have profound effect, as the October 17th earthquake in San Francisco was no doubt staged for my benefit!

Nancy could be completely impossible. We had our share of rotten disagreements, occasionally at full volume on both sides. She was arrogant and stubborn. But she was also kind. She was a crackerjack predictor, though I am not entirely sure how much was astrological and how much was psychic.

When we held that last N.C.G.R. Board meeting near Concord, so she could attend, we were treated to one more illustration of courage and sheer will. Nancy, despite the pain and the morphine, managed to perform her job as Clerk by taking minutes for the first hour of the Board Meeting - an awesome achievement that no doubt cost her dear. That weekend, we all had our chance to say Goodbye, although it was not worded as such. As it was, like the rest from outside the Northeast, it was the last time I saw her, although I spoke to her a number of times afterwards.

One of the more distressing things for so many of Nancy's friends was how long she managed to fight the cancer and the pain before she died. I think this was a reflection of Nancy herself, the biggest curmudgeon I have ever had the honor to know and love. We had talked specifically about her determination *not* to "go gentle into that good night," but to "rage against the dying of the light." She didn't go gently, and who is to judge whether she raged too hard or too long?

During October, Margaret Meister and I were in London, and we had the pleasure to meet Betty Lunsted there, where the three of us took in a Blake exhibit at the Tate. One of the Blake illustrations was of a soul reluctant to leave the body. I was flooded with thoughts of Nancy, but so much more so when viewing Blake's illustrations of the Book of Job. Nancy in many ways lived her life through extremes, much like Blake's illustrated dramas. But hers were real people, real situations. Ultimately, they took their toll. And I for one miss her.

**M. J. MAKRAISKY
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JANUARY, 1992**

THE LAST WORD ON THE KOCH HOUSE SYSTEM

(From me anyway)

To everyone except Guy dePenguern: I know you're all getting tired of hearing about the Koch House System; and indeed it would scarcely merit this much attention were it not such an outstanding example of how easily astrologers are duped - how their ignorance of mathematics and their hunger for the latest in hype can lead to the widespread acceptance and dissemination of a theory which is demonstrably a hoax. Since the original article was published plenty of Koch charts have appeared in the pages of MH, which shows how difficult it is to turn back the tide of error. So I'll make one more attempt to paint the picture for you all, and then remain silent evermore.

First of all it must be understood that mathematics is a descriptive tool. Of and by itself, mathematics is nothing; it only takes on meaning as there is some (non-mathematical) concept which it is describing (modeling). House system calculations, for example, aren't (or shouldn't be) just a bunch of sines and cosines strung together at random. They should model some geometrical concept (of how to divide the celestial sphere into slices), and then this geometrical model must be modeled algebraically (reduced to numbers).

Most astrological claims cannot be proven because the basic raw material of astrology is emotion, which doesn't easily lend itself to numerical measurement; although here and there statistical "proof" can be obtained for the validity of some astrological factor (as Gauquelin has shown). However, it more frequently happens that an astrological claim can be disproven (refuted by mathematical argument) when the geometrical or algebraic models on which the claim is based can be shown to be incorrectly formulated.

For example, it is a simple matter to demonstrate that the method of calculating primary directions described by Simmonite, Zadkiel, DeLuce, and J.A. Jones is mathematically incorrect; and that the correct way of calculating what they thought they were calculating can lead to differences of up to several years in the predictions. Therefore, when Simmonite talks about "...the arcs of direction, by which not only the nature of the events which shall befall the native may be foreseen, but also the period when they shall occur (to within a few days) may be undoubtedly ascertained."; we can be certain that he is wrong. Either he is mistaken, or else he is lying.

In the preceding articles (22/X/39 and 71/11) in this series we took a look at the house division question and some flaws specific to the Koch system. We won't repeat the whole thing again, but just summarize:

The Koch system has unique and interesting features, and is clearly the product of a vivid imagination. Koch took a bold stab at solving the house division problem, but he didn't know enough mathematics to realize that his solution was

unsound. It was unsound because 1) the house division problem is mathematically insoluble; and 2) even if it wasn't insoluble the Koch system is incorrectly formulated.

It fails as a geometrical model because it is not continuous (does not have a fixed point of reference, but rather flickers back and forth from one viewpoint to another).

It fails as an algebraic model because the mapping of points from the celestial sphere onto the horoscope is not a function (it is possible for the same celestial sphere position to be mapped onto two distinct points in the horoscope).

En passant: Koch uses geocentric latitude rather than geographical latitude to compute house cusps in his system, which is also incorrect. Geographic latitude should be used in all celestial sphere calculations (see Dean, Recent Advances page 182). Basically Koch didn't miss a trick: anything he could have screwed up, he did screw up.

Now, if the validity of the Koch system was claimed to be based upon an empirical derivation from objective events with unverifiable data (which is the claim to fame of the Topocentric system); or if its validity rested upon messages from the spirit world (the Solar House system); or if it was authenticated by hoary antiquity (Equal House); then that would be one thing. In that case its validity would be irrefutable (or at least nonrefutable).

But no! The entire *raison d'être* of the Koch system is its mathematical correctness: "With the solution at long last of the house division problem, a new era in the history of astrology may be said to have begun!" - intro. to ASI's Koch House Tables.

And the fact is, that to anyone conversant with high school trigonometry, the mathematical formulation of the Koch house system is a joke. It is absurd as an astronomical model, and the mathematics used to pull it together is full of holes. It's just a bunch of sines and cosines strung together at random.

An individual who uses the Koch system in his or her work can still get some satisfactory results because there isn't all that much difference between house cusps in the different systems, and because intuition overrides all other factors in astrology anyway. So it is possible to get good results in spite of using the Koch house system.

But when grandiose claims are made for the efficacy of some Koch-based technique - particularly when it is alleged that said technique will work only in conjunction with the Koch house system - then we can be certain that these claims are specious.

Thus, just as $2 + 2 = 4$, it is apodictic that e.g. Wangemann's work on facial appearance, Hubers' age progressions, and dePenguern's "saving several dozens of peoples LIVES ... because KOCH

works ALL the time, on EACH CHART, are - to put it charitably - mistaken.

(Jerry - Since I also work with Cosmobiology that doesn't use ANY house system, just Asc and MC, I don't put too much stock in any house system. As Joyce Wehrman used to say "things go better with Koch: and I've grown accustomed to using it. Placidus never did anything for me. I have Taurus rising so don't expect things to change around here! (And a Scorpio overlay!) One of the nice things about astrology is that each one finds their own system, own way of working. John McCormick used to say "if it works for you, use it." I appreciate your trying to teach an old dog new tricks - and I'm not about to argue that point since you are much more knowledgeable than I on this subject - so-o-o-o Edith)

**DORIS GREAVES
TATHRA, AUSTRALIA
FEBRUARY, 1992**

The eclipse of December 21st certainly had its affect in Australia, with a challenge to the Sagittarian Prime Minister's leadership. At 7:10 P.M. on December 19th he was licked by a Capricorn! In Australia's chart the eclipse fell on the conjunction of Mercury-Jupiter in opposition to Neptune. The Saturn-Pluto midpoint has meant that we have been landed with a Prime Minister who looks like an undertaker. I understand that the time of new Prime Minister Paul Keating's birth has been given out by his office as 01:50 A.M., GSD, 18th January, 1944. However, this was not given to me personally. Both Bob Hawke and the challenger, Paul Keating had their Ascendants in the last degrees of Scorpio. Pluto was within orbs of the opposition of Australia's Moon, which will make a hard road ahead for the new Prime Minister. (Due to our current recession it is not surprising that Paul Keating's nickname already is the "Pall Bearer").

The Cosmobiology stream at the A.F.A. Convention (July 2 thru 6, 1992) promises to be the best ever, with eight lectures, including Dr. Baldur Ebertin, giving at least sixteen lectures. I hope to be able to include some Heliocentric Astrology in my workshops. There will also be a Cosmobiology hospitality room so that we can all get together to relax after the lectures. I do hope that you will be able to make it. The Neptune transit should give you a lot of travel.

I have been asked to give workshops to the N.C.G.R. group in Dallas on the way home. I am looking forward to this, as Kaye Wilson did a lot to help me during my battle with cancer.



BOOK REVIEW

COMPUTERS & ASTROLOGY by Patricia Foreman published by Good Earth Publications @ \$24.95, 295 pages.

Patricia Foreman has done the Astrological Community a great service by writing her book entitled "Computers & Astrology".

As the astrology profession continues to grow, most modern astrologers find that they must become computerized in order to compete in the world today. Today's astrologer is not only a counselor but a writer as well, (this review was written on my computer).

Stop right there and take your coat off, do not go to your computer center as yet. Ask yourself first, what kind of computer will I need to accommodate the software I will be getting. Next question is what software should I get, better yet what software is available to me and how much will the cost be. If you fall in this category this book is a must before you even look at a computer.

Now what if you have been computerized for a while and you need more from a program than your program is able to do, like doing a chart in 90° format, or able to answer such questions as, where is the fountain pen my Uncle Morris gave me for my Bar Mitzvah? Then you too need this book.

What Pat has done in this book is inform the astrological community what computer programs can do that they themselves can't without a computer. Most of us use the tropical zodiac and don't even know how to erect a sidereal chart. What about house systems? How many of you would like to try another house system but don't because of the difficult math process. All the house systems are laid before you with diagrams. Pat also awakens you to local space and right ascension and ecliptic coordinate systems. In this book you are given the info on almost all the astrology programs available and what programs do what, who to contact for further information on the program or purchase. Pat has researched and has given a list of software companies both in the U.S.A. and Europe, addresses included and because of the respect she has for them she has also addressed the issue of software piracy.

What if you have no computer and have no intention of getting one. This book is for you too because it is an addendum to DeVore's Encyclopedia of Astrology. Part three is an astrological dictionary giving you meanings to terms like diurnal motion, dragon's head, and dwadeshamsa. The book ends with time zone listings and an international atlas.

I feel very strongly that this book belongs in your library whether you are a student of astrology or a professional astrologer.

Above reviewed by ARLENE MARCIA NIMARK

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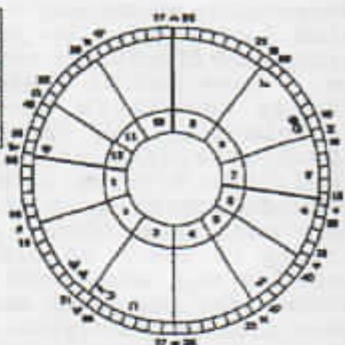
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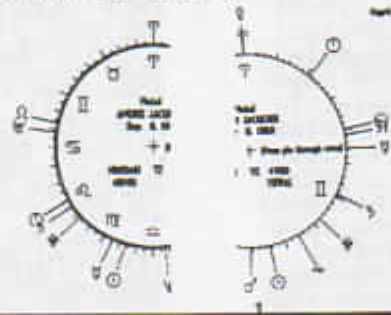
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Ann Cahoy 70/12 In reference to your comments on progressed station points, I would like to share my personal experiences. When my natal Neptune Retrograde turned Direct, I started astrology. Neptune is in my 12th and rules my 7th. What has that to do with astrology? Of course I can tie it in through aspects, but you said "the nature of the planet", so I'm curious. Another VERY interesting point is that my converse (day-for-a-year) Venus went Retrograde when I was 17 years old, just before I started dating and went direct the very year my husband moved out after 35 years of marriage. I have always known that my marriage and one boyfriend was very destined/fated, but look how this tells the tale perfectly. My whole dating/married life was started and finished in this period of going back and finishing up. (Retrograde)

Roxana Muise Just want to thank you for publishing your book on the graphic ephemerides. I have enjoyed it SO-O much. Before that I was drawing up my own for specific years. Your book is a dream come true for me.

Paul Hewit 70/17 Thank you very much for the Helio Solar Arc idea. I hadn't thought of that one.

Lee Lehman 70/19 I agree with you completely on your (1) (2) (3) and psychology. I know I have Never been able to predict with these "modern" methods and I yearn for the knowledge of the "Ancients". They really knew what they were doing. I hope the Saturn, Uranus, Neptune transits of Cap. and Aq. break up this new trend and allow us to regain information from the past techniques that were so exact. The reason I got into astrology in the first place was so that I would know what was going to happen after this, and I STILL can't predict after 18 years. Ex. In talking to a friend I could see all the planets involved in an upcoming event, but could not tell her the outcome.

Winifred Horst 70/20 Just want to say that we must have something in common. I too subscribed to MH for two years before writing and I too am into rectification, or Wreck-itification as someone said.

Don Borkowski 70/28 For feedback on your color theory--I too wear lots of colors, but they seem to focus on the Sun, Moon and Asc. The Moon and Asc. are Earth and I wear a lot of earth colors. The Sun is in mutual reception which brings in water and fire and I wear a lot of blue and pink and rose, but only at Xmas do I wear red. My car color is harmonious with my house color, since they are seen together, and they are earth.

Donald Byrne 70/49 I was fascinated by your note on Kepler's work, but would you please explain what P2-AU3 means.

i.e. is P for planets? And please explain how you use it. I look forward to this opportunity for some more math fun.

Karen Wise 70/58 Thank you for the Hindu books reference. I too am interested in this system. Perhaps you would like to join Institute for East/West Studies 2665 San Benito Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94598. They have a monthly newsletter similar to MH for \$17 a year. In it they answer questions on Hindu astrology, have articles, Hindu book reviews, etc. They also have instructional classes by mail and some computer programs.

70/64 In reference to the Nadi system mentioned here---I was introduced to this system in the late 70's and it was implied that it was "the way" as this article states. I worked with it extensively for several years before deciding that it did not work. My own chart changed 10" and I have used it all these years (forgetting the original birth time) and have not been able to see this chart working. As a result I have spent hundreds of dollars trying to get my chart "right" with no luck. Recently a friend brought something to my attention that reminded me of my birth certificate time. When I went back to that, lo-and-behold IT WORKED. I just wanted to share this information for your consideration, before you get into the "mess" I did, but then maybe it would work for you, who knows.

Back to 70/20 Winifred Horst I forgot to give feedback on the Vertex. A dear friend specializes in Synastry and she says that the Vertex is ALWAYS activated in major events. i.e. Marriage, Divorce, Death, etc. And yes the action IS between charts.

For Sale 70/20 With the early editions that Edith published and a big box of MH magazines (a gift from a friend) I now have a complete set of MH from the beginning with the exception of #17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and #5 Extra. These are Apr. '78 thru Apr. '79. Can anyone help me out? I only just discovered this. I thought I had it complete.

Bess Tornell 24/X/34 What a wonderful ability you have. I am green with envy. Thanks for sharing your insights with us.

Annibale Verzumo & Rae Fleetham 24/X/37 I to have Neptune in Leo. It rules my 7th and is in a T sq. I find it brings me deception and lying in a partner--"big time" with the Leo. Of course I also don't see them clearly for a long time and that's when I discover they've been lying etc.

Frank Jakubowsky 24/X/39 last paragraph. For those interested in this system I offer the following feedback for comparison. I have 3 planets in the 7th and have been married only once. Being an old woman now, I certainly don't plan another one. In fact I would run like a scalded dog should the opportunity present itself. Needless to say one of the planets is Uranus. Please understand I am not criticizing this system. It sounds wonderful. It just doesn't work

for me, proving that everything doesn't work for all of us. I have seen the every-other-house for marriages work beautifully.

Sally Stevens 24/X/39 I really got a good laugh out of your planetary quotes. Just shows what can be done with a good mind. I agree with you wholeheartedly, but I'm not brave enough to share my data yet.

24/X/55 Jim Haynes thanked Edith for the idea of Converse Solar Arc. I would just like to add the following. I was taught the Converse day-for-a-year and CSA along with the Progressed in my first studies. Since then I have read and heard on tapes that the Prog. is POTENTIAL and the conv. is what you MUST do. The things you brought from the past that must be done this time, or at least worked on. Also that the day-for-a-year both Prog. and Conv. are psychological and that the PSA & CSA are event oriented. I have certainly verified this in my rectification work (the event part). They time things beautifully.

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In the last issue of Mercury Hour Edith told you about our trip to Painted Post, N.Y. and how I missed the George Washington Bridge the first time around, she also made a comment about my driving skills.

I am now going to clarify a few things. First; on that memorable day, transiting Neptune was conj. Edith's Sun, and they both were sitting next to me in the passenger seat. One of them alone would have been enough, but both of them together in my car, it was a miracle I found that d-- bridge at all. Have you ever had Edie sitting next to you while you were driving for any length of time much less six hours. To make matters worse she had to bring her Neptune along!

A lot of people have spent a fortune on past life regressions. I am very fortunate, I have had past life memories come through on its own. There were two past lives that I have had very vivid recollections of. In the earliest past life I was Ben Hur, in fact it was in that lifetime that I learned how to drive. The other past life memory is of the life right before this one in which I was a New York City cab driver who got killed in a car accident on the George Washington Bridge. The accident occurred when I discovered that I was on the George Washington Bridge heading to New Jersey instead of being on the Brooklyn Bridge heading toward Brooklyn. As I attempted to make a quick U turn on the bridge I was hit broadside by a honey wagon (euphemism for a truck carrying manure) and died instantly.

As far as the mailbox is concerned, what can I say, only that I hope I will not come back as a bent mailbox in my next life.



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PRECESSION OF THE EQUINOX

For the Julian century of 2000 the precession of the equinox is stated as 5029".0966 or 50".290966 per year. That means that the movement of the signs in a backward condition is at the rate of 50.290966 seconds per year. If we note that the complete circle is 360°, then we find that there is $360 \times 60 \times 60 = 129600$ seconds in a circle. If the movement backwards is at the rate of 50.290966 seconds per year then $129600 / 50.290966 = 25770.03591$ years. So the precession of the equinox is completed in 25,770 years and some 13 days.

Now why do I quote this? Well I found out some interesting facts on the planets movements in relation to this number. This I found when I computed the planets as related to each other. What I did was find out if say, Mars completed one complete revolution around the Sun then what part of a completion did say, Saturn make? Well when I did the complete chart I found that it turns out to be when Mars makes one year, one Mars year, then Saturn makes .06384127 years. In the course of these diversions I found that the planet closest to the Sun and the planet farthest from the Sun have an interesting point in common. If we take little Mercury and far away Pluto we find this.

One Pluto orbit shows us 1028.4204 Mercury orbits. That is an interesting number since if we multiply this by 25 we show in 25 Pluto years that little Mercury has traveled some 25,710.51 orbits.

Let us compare this with the precession of the equinox. If we do we see that $25710.51 / 25770.03591 = .9976776$, which means that this number is some 99.79% of the same number.

Now what does the inner planet and the outer planet have to do with the precession of the equinox? I don't know, but I found this an interesting diversion, and thought I would share it with you.

As a note of interest if you use the book 'Encyclopedia of Astrology' and use the information given within you will find a more exact figure. Here the precession is given as 25,694.8 while the Mercury/Pluto ratio is 1027.788, this equates to $25694.8 / 1027.788 = 25.0000973$ Pluto trips. Very close! It was this that I found interesting enough to probe more into the relationship. And this gave me the Planetary Year Charts.

Now another interesting fact that of gravitational force and the planets. While the main force of the gravitational force of the Earth is Sun/Moon force, which amounts to 99% of the outer gravitational force of the Earth. It is due to the mass of the Sun and the closeness of the Moon. However the next closest planet

to affect the Earth is Mars which comes closest to the Earth than any other planet. But the mass of Mars is smaller than the mass of Venus which is the next closest planet to the Earth.

If we note that the amount of attraction Venus has on the Earth, we find it to be 1.13×10^{-10} dynes/cc. If we count all the planets we find it to be 1.30×10^{-10} dynes/cc. That amounts to Venus having some 87% of the total gravitational attraction effecting the Earth. With less than 13% comprising the rest of the planets. In fact the effect of Venus on the Earth on a Moonless night has been known to cast a shadow. A sort of Venus Shadow.

But to most of you the math is meaningless. So let me try to put this in a better perspective. If the Sun/Moon can cause a tidal effect of say 10 feet, then Venus would cause a tidal effect of only 1/400th of an inch. That's INCH not Foot. As the difference is only .000405 dynes/cc.

So even though Venus would cause the greatest gravitational effect of the planets, that effect is almost meaningless as far as gravitational effects go. This is why the scientists often deny the planets as effecting the common man on Earth. As any gravitational effect by a planet is very, very small when used as a force on the surface of the Earth. Most Earth bound effects will vastly override any planetary gravitational effect at the surface. Still it is the Sun's gravitational force that holds the Earth and other planets in their course.

When I did an article of Nemesis I found the best fit, to my standards was 50,727.45 year orbit, and 1370.3412 AU from the Sun, even at that distance gravity holds a planet to the Sun. So gravity is a force to be reckoned with, just not that effective when dealing on a surface level and with an object as a man on the Earth. We, as far as I'm concerned have to look in other directions to find the force we apply to Astrology. That is if we can call it a force? I'm now looking at a more universal force, one we as of yet have not come to terms with. I have a general idea where to look, and now in the process of looking for a formula to work with.

I have more scientific relationships dealing with Astrology and man. And if those of you who are interested will do some more writing of these in the Mercury Hour. However if I bore most of you I will not waste your time and mine.

For those of you interested in a chart of the 'Planetary Years Chart' I will be glad to send you a copy. I think some of you might find it interesting. Send a self addressed envelope please. I'm not that rich!

Edith: Do you know where I may find a Font listing of Astrological symbols and all the aspects? I would like to be able to write in Astrology when the need exists, yet find little out there on this subject, I will be getting a Mathematical Font library, now all I need is a Astrol-

ogy Font library. I believe if we talk Astrology we should write it also. Why isn't there someone out there able to help us write the language we talk. I know there are many Astrologers who love to program on the computer. So help us out, give us a Astrological Font listing library! I know most of you who write would love to write Astrology in the language it was meant to be written. So Edith, how about asking the Mercury Hour for our own people to do the work. Only an Astrologer programmer would do the job right. And I believe there are those out there who can do it for us. I would even help those to do it if they needed the help. I am not that much of a programmer, I do know the computer though. So I could if needed help. (Contact Martha Westcott, Reeds Bridge Rd., Conway, MA 01341. Maybe she can help you! Edith)

Another question? Is there any of you who work with the form of progression called 'Wynn Key Cycle' If so I would like to hear from you. I have completed a form that uses the Hp-65 as a calculator, but would like to see a computer form and some computer work on this subject. So please write to me if you work in 'Wynn Key Cycle' idea. I have some interesting work done on this subject to share. I do have the Nova program that uses this, but find it hard to read as shown in the readout. I would like to find a better form of readout to use with Nova or another program. (The only one I knew who worked with the Key Wynn Cycle was Robert Pelletier. Edith)

(Just remember Don, If you use a mathematical font (or symbols) we can not since we are not equipped to type them up on the computer. We'll do the best we can (draw them if we can) but don't expect much. We did try to draw or put in the one in this article but haven't the faintest idea what it is or is supposed to be. We have difficulty with adding and subtracting in this office! Edith)

BOOK REVIEW

THE HOUSES AND PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT by Dr. Karen Hammaker-Zondag 1988 \$10.95, paperback, Samuel Weiser, Inc. Box 612 York Beach, ME 03910 194 pp.

Doctor Karen Hammaker-Zondag is a practicing Astrologer in Holland with a postgraduate degree in psychology, enabling her to combine Jungian Symbolism with Astrology to write this much needed book on houses. This book is not just another "cookbook". It provides the student with new and valuable insight into the meaning of the houses regardless of which house system used.

This book begins by describing and analyzing each house individually, then addresses the polarities, showing how the houses are connected to each other through the opposing axis interplay: first-seventh, second-eighth etc. She next awakens us to the houses working together by triplicity; all fire houses

work in relation to each other, the same for earth, water and air, "Each house belonging to a given element has its own unique field of action, but interacts with the other houses of that element".

The author then informs us of how the houses (forming the quadruplicities) work together, "In the cardinal cross, the dual action of our own being (1st) and the being of our partner (7th) influences our mask and our emotional and social functioning (4th and 10th)." She does the same with the fixed and mutable crosses.

After all this is completed Dr. Hammaker-Zondag escorts the planets through the houses. When you read this book you will have a better understanding of how one plays out his/her chart no matter what signs are on the house cusps, or what aspects the planets are forming. I highly recommend this book for the professional Astrologer as well as the student of Astrology.

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THE NEPTUNE EFFECT by Pat Morimando, published by Samuel Weiser's @ \$4.95, 74 pages.

I purchased this book "The Neptune Effect" back in 1981. I read it then put it away and forgot about it until three years ago when I came across it again as I was frantically ripping my desk and bookcases apart in search of an important piece of paper I desperately needed. I picked up the book, sat down to reread it and completely forgot about the piece of paper I was looking for. After I finished reading it I immediately went to my desk and low and behold there was the paper that had originally started my search. This took place when transiting Neptune first hit my Sun creating the aspect of Neptune square Sun. I can honestly state that this book helped me hold on to my sanity at a time that had me feeling like I was drowning in Neptune's murky waters.

This author has written a very practical book about a very impractical planet. This book first starts with a description of Neptune's symbolism, and then gives a general description of Neptune's effect as a transiting planet. Pat next goes into the effect of Neptune's natal position in the horoscope, and the psychological orientation of the Neptune transit.

After you have finished reading what she has written about transiting Neptune's effect on all 10 planets and through the 12 houses, you find yourself thinking; my goodness this author really understands how I feel and what I am going through. For the first time you will feel that you are not alone. To make matters even better the last few pages consists of practical guidelines on how to deal with the transits of Neptune.

This little 74 page book contains all that is needed to survive a Neptune transit.

Above reviewed by ARLENE MARCIA NIMARK

**MORGEN D'ARC
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Marion March 70/5, Starr Austin 70/25 and others RE: "Secondary Progressions." I agree with your statement (March) and your definition, "...erect a new chart where the wheel is figured just as the natal wheel, only for a progressed date." is the standard; and your statement (Austin) "...mixing apples and oranges." Please do write an explanation. Kepler, an otherwise very decent program, uses the Solar Arc Midheaven approach which I didn't realize until I compared some of my progressed charts with it. It's misleading, because they call it Secondary Progressions with "Day for a Year," being one option, so I thought it was the right method. The strange thing is that there are a few progression options but not one for the one you mention which is the same one I like and use, and is also the one I more commonly found in books, far more common than some of the other options in this program. Progressions are indispensable in my practice, since I never do any work without taking them into consideration. It, therefore, reduces the value of that program for me. Programs using the Solar Arc MC should at least offer the other also and clearly state the way MC is calculated. This progression topic is mightily confusing for astrologers, and that confusion is now being promoted by programmers. Are they (computer programmers) confusing us, because maybe they're confused? In any event, we can't let what we do know to be a valuable technique leak out to oblivion because confused programmers are setting the standards of astrology. I noticed also Astro Numeric Services also offers progressions based on the Solar Arc MC, however, they at least state that. For some people, their secondary progressed Ascendants will be very close to the one by the solar arc MC, but most charts I've done differ enough to make a difference of a few years in timing events, etc.

Ted George 70/9: I always thought my Jupiter/Neptune at a nearly 8° orb was too wide for a conjunction. Yet what you described fits about the awareness, and decision, long ago, that I must pursue honesty so as not to be part of the deception I perceived and experienced. Over the years, I demonstrated by example and refrained from preaching, thinking that perhaps, if nothing else, just the efficiency of honesty would appeal. However, I happened to have read your article when my original decision was being challenged, because I don't think I've been effective. Also, now as I write, my Progressed Jupiter is exactly conjunct my Progressed Neptune to the minute! I've never been addicted to anything. I don't like drinking any liquids, including alcohol drugs and cigarettes don't appeal, though I've tried them all. Considering that I have

four planets (both chart rulers and three out of the four personal planets) in the 12th house, I think that's saying something. Oh, I almost forgot, Venus squares Neptune. Also, gluttony is not part of my character, quite the opposite (deprivation and intentional lack of gratification). However, what you say materially is apt, and there is something else, rather peculiar, which I have not been able to verbally describe yet about money. Also, I have to suppose that it's this combination that makes for the idealism that never wears thin. Thanks for the info.

Anne Massey 70/18: RE: 19th degree, Saturn/Mercury. My Saturn is at 18.5 Cancer in the potent left arm position. It is considered to be unaspected with no major aspects, however, it is semisquare with Mercury. Mercury is the ruler of my chart, since Virgo ascends and Mercury is on the Asc. So it looks like I fit your observations perfectly. Good work! How many charts did you use, etc.? However, Uranus plays also a major part in my choice of astrology for a career. It rules the 6th, and it is situated conjunct Mars at the MH and sextiles Sun and Pluto in the 12th. The only other occupation I might perhaps like equally as much would be going up in airplanes from time to time to study thunder clouds.

Bonnie Parker 70/34: Thanks for that wonderful quote by Jung. It's going to get tacked up near my desk. As for the suicide/death topic, my material is not in adequate order to be submitted for printing or viewing, especially given the sensitivity of both the subject and my approach to it. However, I would be glad to correspond or talk with you about it on a personal level. You can write me directly at P.O. Box 7629, Portland, Maine 04112, and should you ever happen to be in my area, you would be welcome in my home. You surmise correctly, I am Virgo rising. I would very much like to hear more of your "...experience on the cosmic drawing board," as intimated in your article. I do, though, think that mental perspective means a lot and can make the difference. I perceive the brain as a sensory and sensual organ. It is physical, too. When the right combination of words, thoughts, etc. take place, the resultant sensation feels every bit as physical as a caress, say, or sometimes hitting home as much as if it had been from an actual experience. But that is not to say, it works this way all the time. I'd like to hear from you.

Diane Zeines 70/38: Very funny what you said about Virgos...and right. I'm guilty. I must say, I don't really have a better appreciation for people of one sign over another. But Pisces has a trait that I've not found in other signs that I find particularly admirable and special. That trait is true compassion, not intellectual compassion and not guilt compassion. The reason I admire it so much, I guess, is because there is so little of it in this world among humans.

Pisces has it! And I think every other sign would do well to study Pisces and try to bring this trait into themselves, because I think COMPASSION is the next feature to be collectively developed in humanity, and it will probably be accompanied by a complimentary anatomical feature. Pisces has it! When will it ever catch on?

Anne Lathrop (Foley): For some time, I've been meaning to respond to your various articles, but to tell you the truth, I kept putting it off due to the article in 68/55. Not only was that such an incredible story and experience, but I could tell from reading it that it was only a bare sketch of what you really went through. Just amazing...but it makes me want to hear more. You are an unusual person to put yourself in a position that tenuous and challenging. No doubt, you have learned some secrets from what you have been through. Then there was your three-part article "The Gemini Theme," 68/22; 69/23; 70/63: The overall work is wonderful. It is inspiring, provocative, insightful, and written well. You did a nice job of conveying and grounding some concepts that are not commonplace. There are some items with which I do not agree, but I feel the space too limited here to write about that or to give you other corroborative and supportive feedback. Would you be agreeable to corresponding personally? If so, my address is in the previous entry. Also, if you're ever in my area, I'd like to hear from you. You've done a lot of fleshing out on a topic that doesn't get very much attention. I haven't noticed any others in MH writing on this topic. Have you developed or written more about this in the 10 ensuing years? I am also very interested in the concept of astrology as a language. Could you steer me to others writing about it? Also, I am interested in your Venus dark side writings.

Lee Weinreb 70/65: I agree with you that the Sun is vital to core identity, but as far as responding to hard aspects, the Sun person will still approach it with their Asc. also. For instance, I'm Leo with Virgo Asc. I don't always fight when I'm challenged, because my Virgo can see ahead to consequences. My Virgo recognizes the power of timely retreat. I have this thing for efficiency, and my Virgo can see the waste in many Leo type knee-jerk reactions. I also want to succeed when I have to fight and the Virgo knows better when that will be, since that part of me can string the details together to know ahead of time the probable outcome. However, there are certain hard aspects that bypass my Virgo and do go straight to my Sun. Pluto, for instance, in square to my Sun was so primal and Leo did not use Virgo at all. It felt real good because of that.

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**KAREN CHRISTINO
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Bonnie Parker 71/45: Carl Sagan is the man we all love to hate; nothing makes me angrier than his narrow views. Yet I seem to remember once hearing him spout a broader perspective (quoted in the original edition of The Compleat Astrologer maybe?) I still recall Carl S. versus Linda Goodman on a talk show many years ago. He in typical Scorpio fashion ever in control and she, the Aries, looking foolish because she exploded in a fit of temper. This is how I'd tend to react. I dropped an astronomy course because of a professor and textbook that both insisted on debunking astrology when no one had asked! Result was an F on my transcript: this attitude is obviously not productive. I should be more like Janice Giles 71/62: pleasant is definitely the way to go with these people! I have found non-judgmental views in some astronomy books stating only the facts, thank you! Also as in Jim Tester's A History of Western Astrology, he obviously has had his chart done and probably doesn't believe in astrology, but acts as a reporter only.

To Vivian Zolotas 71/18, John Somoza 71/32 and others re: solar returns. I was brought up by my mother using solars exclusively as a forecasting tool, and still use them to some extent. I can't personally comment on relocation on birthdays because with Saturn in 9 I hate to travel any distance away from home! But I do adjust solars to birthday location, do not correct for precession and read them alone, not placed as a second wheel on the natal.

I find a solar will give an overview of the events for the year, very often supporting transits. Here is a good example with simple patterns. This year I had 5 planets in Capricorn in the solar 1st house. New initiatives and hard work (as well as frustrations) in business have been important. Also a T-square with Venus conjunct Moon in Aquarius in 2, Pluto opposite Mars in 11 and 5; while I'm making more money now, much of it is payment for creative work already done, as in magazine articles, etc. More money from chart work, also coming in fits and starts. I know I will owe taxes this year, I had a temp job as an independent contractor and book advance. Finally Jupiter in the 8th: my husband won a grant and raised money to produce his play. This is just a quick overview...for full details on my year a la the much dreaded Xeroxed Christmas letter, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope...only kidding, folks! Although limited, I do find solars can be helpful. And, of course, we all just have to use what we find an affinity for.

Morgen D'Arc 70/65: I can't imagine having an astrological practice without forecasting, unless you are strictly a counselor -- but even then, wouldn't one have to use progressions or transits to

help the client know when the storm will clear, etc? Most of my repeat business is forecasting.

I, myself, am more fascinated by the past than the future, but both I think, remain fascinating mysteries, even for all of us who know a little more than most. I don't predict specific outcomes, because I don't believe you can: the final result is based on the native's use of energies. You can't really tell someone "the perfect person will sweep you off your feet next week" but you can say that this month or quarter or whatever is a good time for meeting someone. Am I naive or what? I suppose I haven't been involved enough yet with my peers to feel pressure!

What I think we need to keep reminding ourselves is that no one expects us to be 100% accurate all of the time. And I think that a lot has to do with how well the client is able to listen, interpret and apply what we've said.

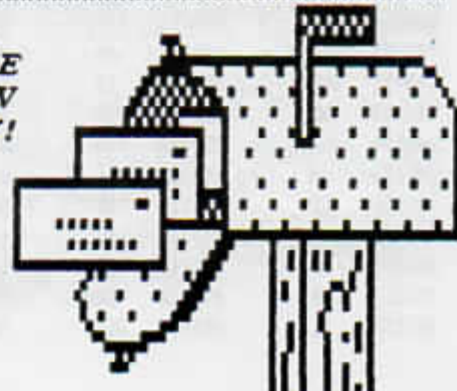
And yes, I do have a strong Saturn in my chart. Interestingly enough, I was introduced to astrology at an early age and in a family setting. All of this has to do with Saturn, as does getting back to basics which Lee also talks about in 70/19. It will take me a very long time to accept any new technique because I have a natural inclination to keep things basic and straightforward. I looked out my window on Christmas night to see Jupiter near the Moon: I wish it could all be this simple!

I would love to read more about astrology as translation: I have heard so much about it and really cannot quite grasp the concept.

Edith, I would also enjoy hearing about how Mercury Hour came to be: or is this a much-repeated story? (*Much repeated but one of these days I'll write it up again for all of our newcomers who have asked.* Edith) I want to note, too, that I amazingly found The Bowl of Heaven in the N.Y. Public Library. The librarian was very helpful: "if it's astrology, it's probably been stolen". For any of you locals interested, put in a call slip in a Manhattan branch.

It is amusing to note that the news on 12/17/91 reported a poll placing Bush's approval rating down to 47%. During the Gulf War it was over 90%. With his natal Sun square Uranus, I wonder if we'll be seeing even more of an extreme public reaction.

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WEST CHESTER, PA
NOVEMBER, 1991**

**HOW TO MAKE ASTROLOGY PAY
FROM A-Z**

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**PART II
CONCLUSION**

After all of this prep work, you are ready for some action. You are ready to drum up some new business. So, have a press conference. Write up a statement and then march it down to your local newspaper editor. Give them some predictions about the weather, or an upcoming election or whatever matters most to you and your community. If you are not comfortable with predictions, offer an astro analysis. But keep it simple. Avoid too much technical talk.

Here's a major hint for dealing with the press. Do not meander in your conversation. Tell them what you're going to tell them. Then, tell them. Then tell them what you've told them. If you jump around and talk about everything, they can print anything. If the paper prints something about astrology, either pro or con, write a letter to the editor. Keep your sentences short. Keep your remarks brief and to the point. This will insure that your comments get ink, and that they will be read and understood, and that my friends is the purpose of writing.

Make photocopies of any favorable press. Mail copies with all correspondences staple copies of different articles together. Put the words "PRESS CLIPS" together with your name on the front page. Hand out copies to reporters, publishers, editors, etc. After a while, the stuff practically breeds on its own. Good press brings in good clients. Good clients bring in good money.

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Still interested in learning new ways to make money doing astrology? Good. Every time you go to the bookstore and buy astrology books, slip some of your business cards into the books. Go to your local Y, adult night school or whatever. Tell them that you want to start teaching astrology. Contact real estate agents. Tell them you're available to do mini readings at their open houses. Work some psychic fairs. Go to your local chamber of commerce. Tell them that you are

available as a speaker for service clubs and social organizations. Become more visible in your community. Rather than seeing yourself as some kind of an eccentric or outcast, position yourself as the friendly neighborhood astrologer.

Go to some classy restaurants. Tell them that you're available to do mini readings. Contact some massage therapists/body workers. Offer to do a barter. You'll love how it makes you feel, and you will get referrals. Do a barter with an artist. Have them do your portrait. Next thing you know, their clients will be intrigued and will want to get their charts done.

Start a 1-900 pay per call phone service. Work for an existing one. You just sit at home and answer the phone and do your thing and get paid. One such national service is run by Nancy Green. For more info call (609)-727-9262.

To be a successful astrologer you must be like an octopus, with your tentacles extending in every which direction. Remember, as an astrologer you work with space/time. In order for some of these techniques to succeed, you must allow the space/time for them to work. Above all, persevere. I once hosted a local radio show for over a year without earning a single cent or getting a single client. It was small time radio. But, when people asked what I was doing, and I told them that I had my own radio show, they were impressed, and felt justified in paying my fees. The local paper figured if I was good enough to do radio, I was good enough for their paper. One day the most important figure of the local city council walked into the radio station and introduced himself. He has subsequently given me lots of business, and helped me to legally change my name.

Now I'm on big time radio. But I couldn't have done it without first paying some dues. As another example of perseverance, I used to do \$10 readings in a local cafe. (Hint, places where people drink alcohol are places where people are more likely to indulge an astrological reading.) I used to work all weekend with only \$20 or \$40 to show for it. But it was better than flipping hamburgers and I was being paid to do astrology. Some time later, one of those people who got a \$10 reading called me up and arranged for a dozen of her friends to get a full session, at \$60 per hour! so, persevere.

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**WENDY HAWKS
CHICAGO, IL
DECEMBER, 1991**

I've just finished reading the 71st Edition of MH and here are my comments.

To JOYCE LEVINE (p. 7): I had a similar problem, but this is usually the case in my practice during the summer months. As anticipated, business picked up in September and I thought I was back on track. However, Oct., Nov. & Dec. have been terribly slow. I know things must be bad when almost every perspective client who calls merely asks "How much do you charge?" and then doesn't make an appointment. My rates are reasonable and I didn't even raise my prices in 1991 because of the sluggish economy. It's very depressing. I would have to get a regular job if it wasn't for the fact that I'm writing Sun Sign stuff for magazines to supplement my income. I've done everything in my power to attract new business: I've started a newsletter, I make public appearances, do psychic fairs, and advertise regularly. However, I guess Astrology must be a luxury item for many people. I hope things improve for all of us soon.

To WIN KEMP (p. 28): Regarding your comments on the Anti-Christ, the conditions you describe seem to be with us already! It is to be hoped that the world is merely going through a bad patch and that your predictions don't come to pass.

To DIANE ZEINES (p. 42): My apologies to you for being so detail-oriented. It's my darned Venus in Virgo. Venus squares Uranus in my chart and probably seventy-five percent of the 1943 babies have this aspect. We do get a bit technical.

To BONNIE PARKER (p. 45): I completely agree with your comments about conservative politicians. As far as I'm concerned, Bush has got to go because he wants to take us back to the 19th century. Someone wrote an interesting piece on Jerry Brown in the Sagittarius 1991 issue of Welcome To Planet Earth. According to that article, Brown's birth data is 4/7/38, 12:34 P.M. PST, San Francisco, CA. I'll put my money on this chap. Besides, there's absolutely no question that it's time for a change.

To FRANK JAKUBOWSKY (p. 46): Here are my thoughts on automobiles. During my early astrological training one of my teachers told us that Cancer and the 4th house rules containers and that, for all practical purposes, a car is a "container". As far as my wardrobe is concerned, I have Scorpio on the 6th house, with Sagittarius intercepted therein. Virgo is on the 5th cusp with Libra intercepted. (Yes, I have two sets of intercep-

tions!) My favorite colors are rose, light purple, orange, emerald green and beige. I don't look good in dark blue, but think ice blue is okay.

To ANNE PARKER (p. 58): Thanks for the information on earthquakes. By the time you read this, your prediction may have come to pass. Thus far, you have an excellent track record.

To EDITH: I became a subscriber in either 1978 or 1979 and have every back issue of MH since 1982. I was leafing through some of these today, and came across a number of things I'd written. I now cringe at some of my earlier writings and realize I've become a better Astrologer than I used to be. On the other hand, I've written some real gems which may be of interest to students and newer subscribers. Here is a list of my better articles:

Students Corner on ELEMENTS AND HOUSES. 7/84, 42nd Edition, p. 25.

THE DISCOVERY OF PLUTO. 10/84, 43rd Edition, p. 11. (I was the first Astrologer to give a correct time for this.)

RETROGRADE NOTES. 10/86, 16th Extra, p. 64.

COMMENTS ON OUR MARVELOUS SOLAR SYSTEM. 1/87, 52nd Edition, p. 47. (An article on astronomy.)

THE VENUS MARS DUET. 7/89, 61st Edition, p. 29. PISCES VERSUS AQUARIUS ATTITUDES TOWARD RELATIONSHIP. Same edition, p. 35.

THE RELATIONSHIP IN EVERY HOUSE. 10/89, 62nd Edition, p. 21.

ON DIRECT MAIL ADVERTISING and MAKING A TV COMMERCIAL. 1/90, 63rd Edition, p. 10.

WHAT IS ASTROLOGY? 4/90, 21st Extra, p. 37. (An extract from a lecture given at University of Illinois Circle Campus and elsewhere.)

ON REFUNDING A CLIENT'S MONEY and INCORRECT BIRTH TIMES. 7/90, 65th Edition, p. 42.

IN DEFENSE OF SUN SIGN ASTROLOGY. 10/90, 66th Edition, p. 42.

HOW TO WRITE A SUN SIGN COLUMN. 10/91, 24th Extra, p. 26.

In addition, I wrote an article sometime during the mid-1980's on ORGANIZING A NATAL CHART READING and PREPARING A TRANSIT GRAPH. (I think you were away from the helm then.) This one received very good reviews. Unfortunately, however, I can't find it. I think I foolishly tore it out of the magazine when Mercury was retrograde or something and then misplaced it. Any ideas, Edith? (Sorry Wendy but I don't have a clue! Edith)

I don't know whether or not it would be prudent to suggest that newer MH subscribers ask you for back issues if they're interested in any of the above, as they might be sold out. If this is the case, then readers could write me and I would send them Xerox copies of the articles. Send \$1 for postage and handling to me at 5044 N. Marine Dr., Chicago, IL 60640.

**KRISTINA STROM
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SEPTEMBER, 1991**

Magic certainly surrounded 23/X/17, containing as it did two brainstormings that have resonated to all of us in MH Land! Many congratulations to you, Annibale F. Verzumo, for coming up with a system of letter identification that not only works beautifully in synchronizing the system but also has met with no opposition (do you realize how truly significant that is?!) Then there is G. Jackson-Posch's query, written I think just as an after thought to her heart rending tale, as to what books we hold dear and how each of us got started in this wild field known as Astrology. Amazing stuff.

Geri, I expressed an interest in exploring astronomy at the tender age of 7. My mother was just crazy enough to go with the flow and take me to the library (her data: Lois Moulton Chase Strom, Dec. 19, 1923, 1:15 a.m. EST, Saugus, Mass., 071W01, 42N28, from birth certificate). The result was a series of stories I wrote about the major constellations, etc. which were recorded in a little newspaper published by my elementary school. Unfortunately, only one of the "articles" remain, which I will transcribe here. Juxtaposed by "articles" written by my peers, who were at least a year older than me, (eg.: "Brush your teeth every day, you will live the happy way") was this:

ORION

Many, many years ago, it is told, there was a man named Orion. He was a great hunter and also a giant. Wherever Orion went he boasted about his great strength. The queen of the gods did not like this. She sent a little scorpion to bite him in the heel. After Orion died, the gods were sorry. They put him in the sky, where he can be seen on clear winter nights.

-- Kristina Strom, age 7, Grade 3
The Third Grade Dispatch
Mt Airy Elementary, Cinti. Oh.

By the time I reached age 12, I realized that astronomy was not where it was currently at because the astronomers were not in touch with what was really going on out there in terms of how stellar activity affected us on the planet. By some stroke of fate, I was given a copy of Astrology for the Millions by Lewi. At that time I was very much wrapped up in the external world of adolescence and like everybody else was dealing with the hormones from hell phase, observing the night sky from a very romantic point of view! However, even then I had an uncanny ability to remember everyone's birth date that I encountered, and exhibited a "knowing" of other people's "raison d'etre" that fostered strong connections with them. (At my recent 25th high school reunion, people were remarking about that! Only

one other classmate, a therapist practicing on the West Coast in the Bay area, had also studied astrology. She had gotten her start in India.)

Years later, in 1968, I got back to the stars in a serious, rather starry-eyed, way. The first books for me in that phase were Hone's The Modern Textbook of Astrology, Heindel's Message of the Stars, Write Your Own Horoscope by Goodavage and Astrology by Davison. My first teacher was Ed Kluska, who in the fall of 1973 introduced me to the various different fields of Astrology. I'll never forget those crisp evenings -- I think I will always associate autumn leaves with synastry and Cosmobiology!

Currently, I own an extensive astrological (1000 volumes or so) library and have recently developed a fondness for collecting old books regarding metaphysics. I don't have anything really rare yet, but treasure my original Evangeline Adams books. A couple of weeks ago, I found a book called Heliocentric Astrology and Solar Mentality, by "Yarmo Vedro", copyrighted by Holmes W. Merton in 1899. If anyone is doing any housecleaning please let me know before donating their books to Brandeis or wherever. As far as the books I have worn thin from use: CSI (Ebertin), Planets in Transit (Hand -- an all time high based on a casual survey of our current "poll" --), Astrological Insights into Personality (Lundsted), and all of Lois Rodden's data books. To my way of thinking, Secrets From a Stargazer's Notebook (Kempton-Smith) beats Arsenio Hall hands down for entertainment as well as being full of marvelous insightful gems and is one of the books I recommend to neophytes along with the McEvers-March series. I direct the spiritually inclined to the Shulman series and the scientific ones to Gauquelin. I could go on and on, hopeless bibliophile that I am, but enough is enough.

Again, many Kudos to both Annibale and Geri for their magical page -- that Extra has already gone down in history!



"Get me someone who thinks the recession is over."

**DAVID MEADOWS
GERMANY
NOVEMBER, 1991**

On page 45, 22nd Extra, Oct. 1990, I wrote that the Astrological Association wanted me to pay the normal conference costs to speak at the 1990 conference in Nottingham. I refused to give a lecture under these circumstances, especially when other speakers were given a free conference place.

I'm pleased to be able to write that I gave a lecture on ASTRO*CARTO*GRAPHY at the Astrological Association 1991 conference in York. This time I was given a free conference place like all the other speakers. But the organization at the conference was really poor, and I couldn't believe just how disorganized things were when I gave my lecture. I was due to start my lecture at 4:15 p.m., but at this time only two people were inside the lecture room! At 4:30 p.m. the lecture room was full and still people were arriving. At 4:25 p.m. an Astrological Association committee member decided it would be best to distribute my hand-outs before I started my lecture. What should have been a simple job turned out to be chaotic. It was eventually 4:40 p.m. when I started my lecture, so I had to cut my lecture short by 25 minutes. The Astrological Association said they would record my lecture, and every cassette that was sold I would receive 10%. But when I arrived at the lecture room there was no recording equipment in sight, and nobody from the Astrological Association committee could explain why. At the conference I had a small table displaying ASTRO*CARTO*GRAPHY, and many astrologers told me they had wanted to hear my lecture, but they had got lost looking for the lecture room! Astrologers who couldn't attend my lecture were very disappointed that it was not possible for them to purchase a cassette. Are astrological conferences in America much better organized? *(Most of them are well organized. Edith)*

On 1st November 1991 I moved from Leicester in England to Munich in Germany. My wife, Martina, was born in Dresden, East Germany, and after we got married on 18th March 1989 she moved to Leicester at the end of April 1989. But since her arrival in Leicester Martina has been unable to settle in England because of the many problems and difficulties she has experienced. On her ASTRO*CARTO*GRAPHY map Martina has Saturn IC and Sun ASC near to Leicester, so it was no surprise to me that Martina didn't like living in England. A few months ago Martina moved to Munich and stayed with her sister. Within two weeks of arriving in Munich Martina had obtained a well paid job. Obtaining accommodations in Munich is extremely difficult, but I suggested to Martina that she started looking for accommodations in August when she had a progressed New Moon. In August Martina put an advert in the local news-

paper under the accommodations wanted column. Ten days after it appeared in the newspaper Martina signed a contract to move into a flat on 1st November 1991! In Munich my wife has Jupiter ASC and Sun ASC., and on 1st November 1991 her CYCLO*CARTO*GRAPHY Jupiter was exactly in Munich! I have Jupiter DSC and Uranus DSC in Munich, whereas in Leicester I have Mars IC and Saturn MH. We are living in a small town called Ottobrunn which is 11 kilometers south-east of Munich. Ottobrunn is on my local space Jupiter and Uranus lines from the center of Munich! Transit Pluto is currently activating my skew Grand Cross (Venus, Mars, Saturn and Pluto). My CYCLO*CARTO*GRAPHY Pluto is starting to pass through Germany, and on my last five ASTRO*CARTO*GRAPHY solar return maps I have Pluto in Germany. With all this Pluto activity I felt the time was right for me to uproot from England and start a new life in Germany.

I would like to set up the horoscope for Munich, but so far I have drawn a blank in obtaining the data. The DAV in Germany were unable to help me with the data for Munich. Does anyone know the data for the foundation of Munich?

On 5th October 1991 I was at the Mundane Astrology day in London which was organized by the Astrological Association and the Astrological Lodge of London. Would you believe that there were more speakers present than attendees! I was there to give a talk on ASTRO*CARTO*GRAPHY and the Berlin Wall. Bernard Eccles gave a very interesting talk on the recent events in the Soviet Union. Bernard used the USSR Constitution chart (6th July 1923, 12:00 noon, Moscow). This information is given in the Book of World Horoscopes by Nick Campion, but no chart for this data is drawn. In this chart natal Pluto is at 10 Cancer 48. The coup to overthrow Gorbachev in August took place as transit Uranus was opposite natal Pluto. Transit Uranus will shortly oppose natal Sun, so expect to see many more changes in the Soviet Union.

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Part I

VARIANT FORMS OF ASTROLOCALITY MAPPING

In an earlier article in MH (68/6) I discussed a way of projecting a natal horoscope onto a world map using longitude circles, rather than hour or ascension circles (the conventional way of doing it at present). In this article we will look at some other possible projection methods, and discuss various pros and cons of each method.

In any projection scheme what we are doing is correlating points on the celestial sphere with points on earth. The center of the earth is (by definition) the center of the celestial sphere; and every ray emanating from the center of the earth intersects the surface of the earth at a certain point, and then goes on to intersect the sky (celestial sphere) at a certain point; and these two intersection points (surface of earth and sky) are then correlated. Another way of saying this is, a point of the celestial sphere correlates with that point on the earth at which it's on the zenith (directly overhead) at the moment of birth.

However, since the planets' declinations can never get much beyond the value of the obliquity of the ecliptic (23°), the rays from the center of the earth to the individual planets cannot intersect the surface of the earth outside of the tropics. In other words, just to be able to determine that (for example) Mars was on the zenith at Timbuktu at the moment we were born is not going to be very helpful. We need a line (actually a great circle on the earth) which passes through Timbuktu to map out our "Mars power zone"; and there are as many ways of putting a line through Timbuktu as there are house systems. Bear in mind, however, that only at Timbuktu (or wherever Mars was on the zenith at the moment of birth) are we unequivocally under the influence of Mars - elsewhere we are only under the influence of somebody's definition of the term "conjunct Mars".

In Astro*Carto*Graphy there are two sets of projection circles used - hour circles and ascension circles - which correspond to the cusps of the Meridian and Koch house systems. Therefore, from here on in, we will refer to this method of mapping celestial sphere positions onto the earth as the "Meridian-Koch" method.

The Meridian Mars line in this method is the great circle joining Timbuktu (in our example) with the north and south poles of the earth; i.e. it's the locus of places on earth for which Mars was on the Meridian at the moment of birth (the places due north and south of Timbuktu).

The Koch Mars line in this method is the great circle for which Timbuktu is

the pole; i.e., it doesn't pass through Timbuktu, but rather is everywhere located 90° away from Timbuktu (it's the locus of places on earth halfway around the globe from Timbuktu).

The Koch and Meridian lines, taken together, can be considered the "angles" - i.e. they are the places on earth where the planets were on the angles at the moment of birth. This is a sensible way of doing the calculations from a purely astronomical point of view, and also a sensible way from an astrological point of view (since we have a body of accumulated astrological lore describing the symbolism of angularity).

In the previous article in M.H., astrolocality maps plotted with longitude circles were described. This will hereinafter be termed the "Morinus" method. The Morinus Mars line passes through Timbuktu and the point on the earth which correlates with the north ecliptic pole. The north ecliptic pole is located on the 270° (zero Capricorn) meridian for the moment of birth, at a terrestrial latitude of 90 minus obliquity (about 67° north). This point is not fixed, but sweeps around the 67^{th} parallel in the course of a day. Thus the Morinus Mars power line is the locus of the places on earth on a straight line between Timbuktu and the ecliptic pole (at the moment of birth). These are the places on earth which are conjunct Mars in longitude (as opposed to RA or OA).

The Morinus method is not as good an astronomical model as the Meridian-Koch method, but it is arguably a better astrological model. If all we were interested in were the positions on earth which are conjunct or opposition Mars, then the Meridian-Koch method might be superior. But since we want to be able to take aspects in this system (not just look at our Mars power line, but also look at our trine Mars power lines, our square Mars power lines, etc.), the Morinus system is better, because we already have an accumulated body of knowledge relating to aspects in longitude - we know that aspects in longitude "work" whereas there's no general consensus on the value of aspects measured in RA or OA (i.e. the Meridian or Koch measures). Although the ancients certainly knew about RA and OA, they didn't take aspects in these measures; so there's no precedent for us to do so either.

Indeed, this has been borne out in my own experience. The Meridian and Koch conjunction and opposition lines do often pass through places significant to the native; but I've not found Meridian-Koch aspect lines to be of much value (whereas I've found Morinus aspect lines to be very effective in practice).

Sometimes the two methods are in very good agreement: for example, a place where I experienced a very unhappy love affair lies within $7'$ of arc of my Meridian opposition Moon line, and within $9'$ of arc of my Morinus conjunct Venus line (Venus is afflicted in my natal chart). The two lines happen to cross just out-

side of town (had I known that in advance I wouldn't have set foot near the place).

At other times the two methods contradict: for example, the place where I was born and raised is within a degree of my Meridian Sun line (I was born 10 minutes past noon), and also within a degree of my Morinus square ASC line. And while I like the place where I was born, and take a certain amount of pride in the town, I can't say I was very successful there. On the contrary, I was very unhappy.

End Part I - To be continued

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Since an emergency flyer went out to Astrologers regarding the proposed law changes in California, L.A. suggesting we call the ACLU, I admit I stand in murky-water as to the possible affiliation of the ACLU with the Council for Democratic and Secular Humanism.

Does anyone know if any of the policy making people in the ACLU are members of (CODESH): the publishers of Free Inquiry Magazine who are in cooperation with CSICOP in building their new complex headquarters adjacent to the State University of New York's Amherst campus?

In the fall Skeptical Inquirer, CSICOP was pleased to announce that Phase one was completed without incurring a bank debt. This is most interesting...why are certain people willing to give large sums of money to build a building adjacent to a New York State campus whose only purposes are to shoot down any theory that does not have CSICOP stamp of approval on it and to house information gathered in a K.G.B. type effort on what they call Pseudoscience?

When I moved to the Palm Springs, California area years ago, I began attending Unitarian meetings on Sunday. The meetings were held in a Masonic Temple. In the back of the room pamphlets on the ACLU were available. I soon found that many of the people who attended were Atheistic, Secular humanists and pushed for the election of a Democratic party.

I want to make myself clear, I do not believe all who go to the Unitarian church are atheistic [sic] or hold membership in the ACLU, or follow the Democratic party. However, since CODESH is in cooperation with CSICOP and if they do hold positions of authority in the ACLU, it would be stupid for any astrologer to ask help from them.

When Roger Baldwin, at age 94 spoke to the ACLU Convocation on Free Speech in 1978, he who was the founder of the ACLU, had not strayed from his original intent of desire to work for freedom of speech for all people. Yet today, I wonder if this is still being carried out in a fair and unbiased way.

Certainly, atheists have rights to belong to any group they desire, but if they are affiliated with groups who are against mystical experiences and also in controlling positions in the ACLU the civil rights of many people would be jeopardized.

Since the CSICOP has the support of the CODESH, since they are adjoining a State University Campus, I would also like to know how this came about? I have not been on that campus...can anyone qualify adjacent in the context used by the CSICOP...is the land private but next to the campus or has CSICOP taken over State campus land to build on? If State controlled land is being used by them, has other land of the State University been used by other special interest nonprofit groups? If so who are they? Why don't nonprofit Astrology groups demand State controlled land for their purpose in New York, if the CSICOP gets it? Taxpayers should revolt on that.

CSICOP promises donors a wing of the building will be named after them if they give \$100,000; a seminar room in Phase two can be purchased for 25,000 dollars. This buy-in of rich people to have their names immortalized in the guise of science, on a state campus is revolting to me.

Most all States Educational systems are in financial need. Many teachers have lost their jobs, others have had cuts in salaries, yet enormous sums are spent on a University campus; not for Education of the students, but for glorification of a nonprofit group which does not practice true democratic action?

Many in the CSICOP deny the reality of hypnosis while accusing fringe elements of brainwashing. If hypnosis is not possible, how can fringe groups influence the innocent? Pseudoscience has not and never has been in control of the public school systems.

CSICOP members, many who are in public school systems as authority figures, now need to conjure up their own magic of hidden sales gimmicks to get the rich to back them. Note: Fall Skeptical Inquirer, quote...Inquiries regarding substantial donations may be made in confidence to Paul Kurtz. All this taking place at the time educational systems in this country are nearly bankrupt, right on a University Campus...Is this a legal matter...the mixing of special interest on State University campus land? If the research dept. can come up with any answers to my questions in this letter I would appreciate it. I am truly one ticked off person about the above.

Marian Blumenthal Doctor of Metaphysics, also degrees in Psychology and Parapsychology; still a member of ACLU with some doubts.



**M. J. MAKRAANSKY
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SEPTEMBER, 1991**

Part II - Conclusion

**FURTHER CRITIQUE OF THE
KOCH HOUSE SYSTEM**

Finally we come to the Koch system. In the previous article on the Koch system, it was shown that the Koch system (and only the Koch system) fails as a house system because the houses flanking the meridian "overlap" each other in such a way that it's quite possible for a planet to be in two houses at once. This is because the way in which the Koch system is defined only "works" unequivocally for points (such as the Sun) which lie exactly on the ecliptic. If a planet has latitude north of the ecliptic, then at a certain moment while the body is passing through the 10th house it will suddenly appear simultaneously in the 9th house; and if the planet has south latitude, then at some moment while it is passing through the 4th house it will suddenly appear simultaneously in the 3rd. That the formulation of the Koch house system is absurd is not a personal opinion; it is a mathematically demonstrable fact.

However, it is not the absurdity of the Koch system which concerns us here, but rather its inelegance. The Koch system is the only house system in which our tangerine lacks a central axis. The planes which divide segments of the tangerine are tilted, so instead of intersecting in a line they intersect in a point (at the center of the tangerine), forming a double cone (see figure 1A in Jan. '92, 71st edition). Note in the figure that the Koch house cusps are not the planes which intersect the double cone at the lines, but rather are the planes which are tangent to the double cone at these lines (i.e. they delimit the double cone). Our viewpoint in the Koch system is the center of the tangerine - the point where all planes (lines of sight) meet.

If left to itself, this double cone would rotate smoothly around the earth's axis (and hence be a perfect model of rotation, as the Meridian system is). Unfortunately what happens is that because all other house systems take a viewpoint located on the surface of the tangerine (the north celestial pole, north ecliptic pole, or north point on the horizon), we can "look down on" the whole tangerine at once. But if our point of view is the center of the tangerine, then we have to be looking either one way or the other - either up the double cone (north) or down it (south). We can't look both ways at once; so if we are looking at the ASC., we can never see the DESC. We can see the point P - the point on the double cone which lies directly across from the ASC. - but this point is not the DESC. (it has declination opposite to that of the DESC.).

Nor can we ever see the MC or IC, since the meridian plane is not tangent to the double cone (it cuts through it, see figure 2 Jan. '92, 71st edition). So the double cone had to be "split" at the meridian into two half-cones. Every time a body reaches the meridian, we have to shift our point of view from north to south (or the reverse) to keep it in sight. And at that precise instant, when we have to whirl around, we are able to steal a quick glance out to the side (down the meridian plane) and "see" the body transiting the meridian.

This is the basic problem with the Koch house system (apart from the logical contradictions it engenders) - it just doesn't make any sense. The Campanus, Regiomontanus, Solar, Meridian, Porphyry, Horizontal, and Morinus systems all make some kind of sense. There's a logic to them, flawed though it might be. Even the Placidus system makes sense at first glance (but falls apart under close scrutiny). In all these house systems there's a fixed point of view. We don't have to be jumping about and waving our arms and looking this way and that. We can just sit there peacefully and watch the thing rotate.

That's the real problem with the Koch house system - not that it's riddled with contradictions (which it is) - but rather that it's inelegant. It's squalid and ugly and made of patches on patches.

In the introduction to ASI's Birthplace Tables of Houses it says that in formulating his house system Koch "was assisted by some of the leading and most capable German and Austrian researchers in this field."

It's to be hoped that he didn't pay them too much.

(You are probably right. I also remember Joyce Wehrman saying "Things go better with Koch!" I've used it for many years and it works fine for me. I think a house system, which is only man-made, is really just a matter of choice. Since I always use a 90° dial in my work, I depend more on the God made planets than the houses. I also remember Doris Greaves once saying in the M.H. that Ebertin used the heliocentric placements for weather reporting as did John Nelson. I believe it is the planets and the aspects between them that are most important and not one of the 50 or so house systems. Houses can be changed at will, but not the planets.) Edith)

Conclusion

**HELEN T. CASE
BROOKHAVEN, PA
NOVEMBER, 1991**

I wish to extend my belated but sincere thanks to you and all those involved in making the 7 Hills Conference such a memorable, educational, and entertaining event. I hope you are well, and I look forward to meeting you again at a future Seven Hills.

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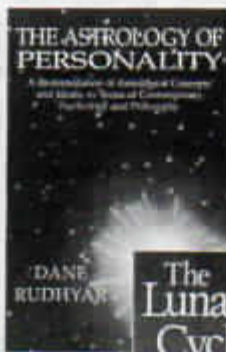
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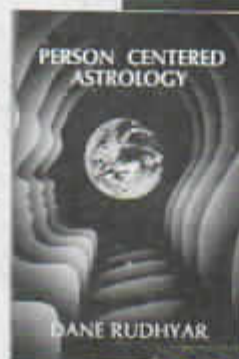


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**ANNIBALE F. VERZUMO
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Part III - Conclusion

Russia then feared the higher (mainly political) educated class and non-conformist writers (9th house). The press, communication and publishing was under strict control by the government. Up to a few years ago, its people and the world never knew of any failure in launching rockets or spacecrafts, of airplane crashes and of other public disasters. Even before the 1917 revolution authors (9th) were punished harshly for their political sympathies and anti-government writings. Fyodor Dostoyevsky spent several years in the army, but resigned his commission to devote himself to writing and then become a major Russian novelist. Arrested in 1849 for being a member of a socialist circle he was condemned to be shot but, as though by divine intervention, the sentence was commuted at the last moment in the very execution yard to four years of hard labor in Siberia. Poet Pushkin Alexander in the 18th century spent his adult life either in exile or harassed by police surveillance for his writing not palatable to the government. All this being said here is not to pass judgment on the past or present U.S.S.R.'s political system, character or actions; history does that.

Author Osip Mandelstam was exiled to Siberia for his liberal, anti-totalitarian government in 1938 and died there soon thereafter. Boris Pasternak, author of "Doctor Zhivago" was forced to refuse acceptance of the international Nobel Prize (9th) for literature under the pressure of his government. Alexander Solzhenitsyn, author of "Gulap Archipelago" widely read was banished from his country in 1974 for his bold writings against his totalitarian state. Invariably, the first thing a dictator does is to suppress the free press and the publishing industry and put in motion his own one-track propaganda machinery to brainwash his people.

In the '80s a submarine was plying secretly (Scorpio) the foreign (9th) water of Norway like a ghost, suspected of mapping (Mercury) naval routes and strategies. Efforts to detect it and to flush it out were to no avail. They never found out its nationality, but it was widely suspected it was Russian's. In the same period (still in the Cold War between the U.S. and U.S.S.R.) there was a flurry of intrigues and espionage by some U.S. personnel in sensitive military position with a poker face arrested for passing military (Scorpio) secrets along to Russia, while it was discovered that the whole U.S. Embassy (9th) in Moscow had been wired up to the ears with electronic devices to listen in, and the over fraternizing among both Russian and American embassy personnel of both sexes

possibly jeopardizing the U.S. security. With such 9th house of astral travel I suspect that Russians are highly psychic and good astrologers. In the recent war against Iraq the U.S.S.R. tried to drive a wedge with some amendments of its to the U.N. coalition (9th) resolution in the prosecution of the war.

The U.S. chart (that with Gemini rising) has secretive Pluto of atomic energy and war in the international 9th house, and secretive Scorpio in the 6th house of the military, pointing to efficient secret military strategies and activities. We also sell arms to foreign countries. During the '60s Vietnam War the U.S.S.R. had trawlers in that country's waters equipped with electronic listening devices, broadcasting secretly in advance U.S. airplane sorties and U.S. troops movements, making the war plan's strategies more frustrating. The revolt by some Eastern Europe Warsaw Pact states was crushed with brutal force by the Russian military, and their people kept forcibly under dictatorial rule for almost half a century. Some of them collaborated steadily in procuring and passing military secrets along to Russia. All this may dissipate in the apparent, reborn atmosphere of understanding between the two nations, but this chart is high in international subterfuges and espionage one can never be so at ease with it. With 6 planets in fixed signs, freedom, independence and democracy won't be easy to come in the U.S.S.R. Strange enough, the "Cold (Scorpio) War," and the "Iron (Scorpio) Curtain" were aptly named after the characteristics of the sign; so was the dubbing of Margaret Thatcher as "The Iron (Scorpio) Lady" with Scorpio rising in her chart.

Conclusion

**DIANA ROSENBERG
NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.
DECEMBER, 1991**

Re Jeffrey Dahmer - Did anyone notice his MC is the helio N Node of Saturn and his ASC the fall of the Sun?

His Venus, ruler of 1st and 8th, is in the longitudes of the Chinese asterism TA-LING - "The Great Trench of Hexed-up Corpses" (which includes Algol.)

The Great Trench runs from 17 Taurus 22 to 29 Taurus 14 as of January 1992.

(Thanks Diana! I really needed to know about the Great Trench what with 17 Taurus rising, recovering from Neptune over the Sun and anticipating Uranus next. Got anymore good news for me? You forgot my 17 & 18 Leo Neptune and Moon! Diana also mentioned her "Fixed Stars" is 2/3 done. Good work girl! Edith)



**CAROLYN CAUFMAN
BEAR, DE
DECEMBER, 1991**

In the 71st edition Don Borkowski asked for feedback on his experiences with Maritha Pottenger when he tried to have his book republished. In the same issue was my letter bemoaning the influence of Humanism on Astrology. Trust me Don, your book was rejected because the approach was not Humanistic.

I had an experience with Pottenger very similar to your's back in the mid '80s. As you know, I spent years working with charts of incest victims. I was contacted (through MH) by an interested astrologer who was an incest survivor, a PMAFA and a practicing psychologist. She believed my conclusions were 100% on target and liked my approach to the problem. After working together for a year or two she suggested we coauthor a book. We did. I wrote most of the astrological parts and she handled the psychology, therapy, counseling and sent the manuscript to ACS.

Pottenger did not like our "philosophical approach." (Her words.) Apparently she did not object to the fact that we showed an exact pattern that not only showed sexual abuse but also the level of psychological damage which the abuse cause. She did object to the idea that when the pattern was present there had been - or would be - sexual abuse. In effect she wanted us to lie and say that maybe it wouldn't happen. She wrote that she had philosophical problems with our insistence that the sexual abuser, the father, was always to blame. Why is it, she wanted to know, that a child who is sexually abused by her father is sometimes placed in a foster home where she is sexually abused by the foster father. First of all the question was hypothetical but even if that does happen that does not mean the child shares any of the blame, period. The adult is the one with the power, with the knowledge of right and wrong, with the responsibility to the child. He is the one who misuses power. Pottenger seemed to imply that even if a baby is abused by more than one person, then the baby shares in the blame. God, I hope Pottenger doesn't have any children.

I wrote back that many of these children were molested while still in diapers. How could she possibly assign any of the blame to them. I explained that our conclusions were not based on personal opinions but on what we learned from outstanding authorities on the subject. Pottenger wrote back, -and this is an exact quote, - "Authorities don't impress me."

In the 71st I also told Lee Lehman that Humanism has loused-up predictive astrology. I know I sound like a paranoid who is convinced of a conspiracy, so I was forced to root out my old copy of A Handbook for the Humanistic Astrologer, by Michael R. Meyer. Let me quote a few lines. This 1st passage relates to oc-

cult, esoteric astrology. "It is perhaps the most open and unlimited field of astrology and is essentially concerned with the 'perfection of man', and it is the 'perfection of man' that should be the motivating factor in the study of astrology."

Another quote: "When the event-oriented astrologer approaches his work, he assumes little responsibility for the results his statements may have upon the psychological condition of his clients and the predictions of events, rather than the personal integration and self-actualization of those who seek his services."

A bit further down: "This new approach to astrological knowledge and practice has been introduced by Dane Rudhyar" (Can't quote it all but omitting a lot it reads:) "In practice, the humanistic astrologer studies (perceives) the birthchart aesthetically rather than ethically, first as a whole and then in terms of it's individual factors. Nothing in the birthchart is seen as good or bad, fortunate or unfortunate; humanistic astrology recognizes no evil planets or bad signs." ETC. Now, skipping some more, "It is not the prediction of events that carries the primary importance; for the basic purpose of studying a birthchart and discussing it with the person to whom it refers is to help this person to become more positively, more meaningfully, more creatively, more totally what he potentially is."

So Don, any book that does not conform to Pottenger's philosophy, which is absolutely Humanism, does not stand a prayer of a chance of being published by ACS.

Recently I was reading a book about Bible prophecy and came across an interesting tidbit that I'd like to ask Lee Lehman about. When you are doing secondary progressions, a day for a year, do you use 365.25 days per year or do you use the ancient 360 days per year? The author of this book states that the reason so many scholars have misdated the fulfillment of prophecies is that Bible prophecy is based on the 360 day year. He quotes Sir Isaac Newton: "All nations, before the just length of the solar year was known, reckoned months by the course of the moon, and years by the return of the winter and summer, spring and autumn; and in making calendars for their festivals, they reckoned thirty days to a lunar month, twelve lunar months to a year, taking the nearest round numbers, whence came the division of the ecliptic into 360 degrees."

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LELA CHAVELLIER-POWELL TULSA, OK DECEMBER, 1991

A dozen red roses to Dorothy Willis for her consistently good weather forecasting! 70/66 para. 3: We had record-breaking cold temperatures here in early Fall and it took the system that flooded Central and S.E. Texas in December six foggy, drizzly days to pass through N.E. Oklahoma. We were on the extreme western edge of the heavy precipitation.

Edith: In spite of good intentions, I never got back with you regarding the tempting chart submitted by T. Pat Davis. My husband has a cardinal T-square that was registering at that time and when Uranus made its station at 9:50 Capricorn on September 20 in opposition natal Pluto (for both of us), he moved in from the country because he had been tapped by the City Council to head up Tulsa Chapter, WWII National Commemorative Association--formed to work with veterans groups in bringing about 50-year reunions. He has Aquarius on his 6th. This was during the time I was preparing my talk for the early October NCGR pow-wow in Oklahoma City, which I subsequently scrubbed because he underwent a cystoscopy that weekend. So much for trying to plan anything when Uranus is involved. Also, Saturn made its station the weekend of

the NCGR program right on my Mercury: you just can't fool your stars!

Rowena Wall 71/4: Lee Weinreb 71/25: Thanks for the info on Naibod. I have been using this method, it is the one I was taught, without knowing its proper "moniker". Is/was Naibod a person? a place? or?

Annibale F. Verzumo 71/23: I am perplexed by your last sentence: "... the bottom line with this planet (Neptune) is that it has no influence or impact on the material and physical plane." I have Neptune/Leo/8. When my ex-husband died, an incredible muddle of errors and oversights made separately by three people began to surface. The insurance company home office had never been advised to remove me as beneficiary. This fixed sign, succedent house, Neptune event occurred as solar arc Neptune quincunx natal Sun-ruler-8 in 2nd; it was material. Right now, I have Neptune perfecting a square to radix Mars in 3 and a quincunx to its natal place. Normal sleep is 7 to 8 hours; now, 10-hour minimum and I have slept 12 hours straight. I doze off if I sit for any length of time. Coming from a 1st house transit, it is physical.

Bess Tornell 71/30: I hope I get through the sleepy part with my memory intact!

Joseph deMello: After years of

uncertainty, I finally found natal Pluto 9:22 Cancer Retrograde is not in orb of trine natal Jupiter 18:18 Scorpio (perhaps in mutual reception by sign and exaltation but I am not convinced non-personal planets are ever in mutual reception with personal planets or that they rule any sign). In spite of progressed Moon trine radix Jupiter, transiting Pluto passed over Jupiter without a ripple, nothing happened to ME; but natively in my 7 and Jupiter ruling my 12, Col. Powell experienced complications that lead to a common urological procedure on his prostate. 71/27: Enjoyed "Students Corner". Remember "Will you get what you want out of life?" in which Ivy Jacobson applies mundane aspects to the 11th cusp? With Mars in 3, Pluto in 7, both in mundane trine Scorpio 11th cusp, I watched with considerable interest as transiting Mars joined Pluto on Jupiter+11th, wondering what Mars would bring. Herpes! Herpes simplex broke out in and around my mouth; herpes zoster invaded the 6th cranial nerve (8th?--I forget). No fun! All that Scorpio-Mars-Pluto suggests another form of herpes and if I were less than 69 years of age, I would think it was benefic Jupiter that spared me further misery.

John Somoza 71/32: There are so many contradictory methods of reading solar return charts that I am beginning to suspect all of them. This year, I am going back to square one: a solar return is a derived chart and can be read only against the natal chart. PERIOD.

Marie DeLeone 71/52: So you're Calamity! Part of Ivy's charm was her ability to tickle us with our own foibles. I wonder, does your Aries car overheat? Does it need extra lubrication? In questions about automobiles, I find Robert DeLuce's instructions give good results (pg. 82, Horary Astrology).

Dennis Frank 71/53: A mutable earth phenomenon experienced as Saturn in air? You are absolutely right. Counting houses, the incident involved my mother's sister's husband's place of residence, or my 9th (an overnight trip across the Kansas-Oklahoma border--the greatest distance I had traveled at the time) with Virgo on the cusp. Saturn-ruler-1st in Libra conjunct MC is actually in the mutable earth house. Impossible to get too literal: my worth as an astrologer is in being graphic, as factual/realistic as possible. Incidentally, HRH could lose her tax exempt status as Pluto passes over 10th house Saturn.

Don Borkowski 71/61: I found a copy of Signs and Parts in Plain English (AFA 1988) in our local metaphysical bookstore. I bought it because I wanted to experiment with the timing of events and activity from eclipses described in it. Somewhat complicated but I am working with it and will share when I am certain I have good information.

Janice Giles 71/62: Sorry about 70/49, but--in the words of a well-known Capricornian--let me make myself perfect-

ly clear. I, too, have Pluto in 7, mine is opposed by Venus conjunct Ascendant. So, we both will confront and must deal with cans of worms from time-to-time. This is my way:

As a horary practitioner, I decline to read questions that have a medical basis. During high school years, I typed for a group of doctors. I am aware that I know little about physiology, chemistry, etc. This awareness gets in my way, creating uncertainty. I also decline to read for questions that relate directly to sexual conduct because I cannot be objective and I do not counsel. I have no reservations about reading for questions relating to other Pluto issues such as taxes, bankruptcy, hidden matters, crime, death, etc. A horary astrologer renders a judgment on a chart and death is not easy to call, probably because we do not really understand the process.

I find natal charts very different from horary charts which focus on one specific issue. Foreknowledge regarding a loved one is hard to deal with and I admire the way you appraised and handled the situation with your father. Surgery and death are both 8th house matters; the Sun refers to the life itself as well as, specifically, the heart. I find the Arabian Parts and their modern counterparts are helpful in sorting out mixed signals. Frequently our "world comes to an end" many times during a lifetime and this trauma closely resembles death. I wonder if this is what deMello refers to? Congratulations on your confrontation with a "scientist:!"

BOOK REVIEW

"PREDICTING WITH PLANETARY STATIONS" by MERIAM PEREGO, 4289 Hidden Valley Road, Decatur, GA 33035. 74 pages (8 1/2 X 11) - \$12.50 ppd.

For those of us interested in the Retrograde and Direct stations of the planets, here is a new book (March '91) containing 54 pages of tables and 20 of text. The 3 tables list the 8 planets for their ephemeral stations, 1900-2000, 1. chronologically, 2. numerically (0° to 30° irrespective of sign), and 3. astrologically (0° Aries to 30° Pisces in degree order).

"Predicting With Planetary Stations" is a workhorse of valuable tables plus 20 pages of text that includes keywords, orbs, station duration and activation; lunations and transits; daily or quotidian progressions; ephemeris guidelines; and example charts.

We believe Ms. Perego has created an excellent companion to Eleanor Bach's "A Graphic Ephemeris of Sensitive Degrees" (1986) which I believe she is revising. I urge the serious astrologer to have both of these fine texts for reference.

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VERNAL EQUINOX
MARCH 20, 1992. 8:48 A.M. GMT

Jupiter and Pluto are the only 2 planets in the northern section of the chart. The Moon starts off north, but very quickly changes to the south. Transpluto is also north. All the rest are in the southern latitudes.

Jupiter starts off opposing Venus but both of them only barely touch land, the rains will fall over the oceans. They lie over Alaska and the Pacific and square over the north Atlantic coast, and over the ocean to Cuba and South America. Having Jupiter North should bring us some milder early temps. Venus moves on to sextile Uranus on March 28th, for a cold snap, which could hold snow up north, and then the sextile to Neptune the 29th which probably will be snowy to the north, and rainy over the southwest.

Mercury crosses the IC over San Francisco and squares over Iceland. There may be some tremors as well as high winds as he first semisquares Mars, then semisquares Pluto, goes onto quincunx Jupiter and finally conjoins the Sun, all from the 21st to 26th of March. This will also keep temps. below normal in these areas. A cold and windy spring beginning for the California coast.

Mars crosses the Aleutians and Pacific and squares over the Atlantic and Brazil. (He is also on the MC over Yugoslavia.) Mars is still in Southern Declination, his impact will be felt more strongly in southern latitudes until May 10 when he crosses the elliptical equator to north declinations. April 4 he opposes Jupiter for severe storms with heavy lightning through the Midwest. April 31 to May 2 he semisquares Uranus and Neptune for storms along the west coast. He squares Uranus and Neptune just before the summer solstice, still over the western states where he starts off the summer. This will stir the hot air mass in Mexico bringing the flow north over Arizona and New Mexico, then north east. A hot summer for them, also fire dangers.

Saturn lies on the IC over the far Aleutian Islands. This position will prolong the ice packs in the Bering Straits and northern seas. He squares the meridian at 83W, over the Mideast and eastern states. Cold and cloudy, east winds, he semisquares the Sun to increase the winds, poor growing conditions, high humidity. Come April temps. will rise considerably.

Pluto lies over 80W, the northeast states through Georgia, down to Ecuador and Peru. The sesquare to Mercury March 24, along with seismic overtones, will bring some winds to the southwest California. April 7 the trine to Venus starts a warming trend for the northeast and eastern states. May 12, the opposition to the Sun could bring a brief fall in

temps., rain, even hail. Then on the 19th Venus opposes Pluto bringing a humid heat wave along the north eastern coast. Seismic disturbances perhaps in South America, the Himalayas or Greece.

Uranus and Neptune lie over Iceland and the Atlantic and square the western prairie states and Mexico. As the systems move, their line from Mexico north to Chicago will have a very unusual spring. Heavy rain bursts, flooding, high winds, tornadoes, fluctuating temps., stifling heat waves, the whole gamut. These 2 are only 1° apart in the equinox chart. They square at 110/111W. While this conjunction is of a seismic nature, it has in the past produced more volcanic action than earthquakes.

The Moon also starts off over the western prairies bringing additional moisture while the Sun, who is cool and dry lies over the Yukon and across the Pacific. Transpluto squares over the eastern states where Pluto lies.

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HELIO

VERNAL EQUINOX, 03/20/92

Mercury starts off with a quincunx to Saturn over the far Aleutians bringing cloudiness with east winds. He quickly moves to cojoin Jupiter over Central Alaska, winds will freshen, temps. rise and clear weather sets in. He then continues his seasonal journey, aspecting every planet several times before Summer.

Venus squares the MC at 91W, bringing rains to the Mississippi Valley areas. On 3/22 she cojoins Saturn over the Mideast. Wet lows with high humidity will develop. The opposition to Jupiter AP. 12th will bring light south winds and cloudiness. Chance of showers. Venus opposes Pluto May 25 probably affecting Brazil. She enters Cancer just before Summer starts.

Mars squares the Meridian at 99W to bring heat and drought through the plains states and Mexico. His MC/IC axis crosses Ireland and west Africa, heat and drought there also. April 8 he cojoins Saturn for a spate of heavy storms with destructive winds, then on to square Pluto April 24. By that time Pluto and Mars will be over Alaska. The next day Mercury adds his influence by a semisquare to both. Seismic and stormy. May 8 Mars semisquares Uranus for high winds, and the 11 Mars semisquares Neptune for heavy rains and seismic warning. By then both are over Iceland and squaring the eastern Rockies' states. The 12th sees Mercury cojoining Mars, thus aspecting both Uranus and Neptune and that may be a bad day, with all four planets badly aspected to each other and for the final straw, Pluto cojoins Earth. May 17 Mars is in Perihelion, increasing his affects. (7 Pisces) June 6th is another day when all those planets again touch each other. June 4 Mars opposes Jupiter, this brings heat and thunderstorms, usually at dusk.

Uranus, Neptune and Pluto occupy the same areas as they do in the Geo. chart, just spreading the influence a bit.

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PRE-SOLSTICE FULL MOON ECLIPSE
JUNE 15, 1992
4:51 A.M., GMT

There are 2 eclipses this summer, this one and the next lunation on June 30th. Venus cojoins this eclipse which places the Sun, Moon and Venus at 72W. Wet over New England even tho the eclipse lies in a dry sign, Gemini. Having Venus and the Moon there adds the rain factor, also breezy. The eclipse crosses off the eastern coast down and across the western area of South America. It squares the meridian over the Aleutians.

Uranus and Neptune, semi-sextiled Saturn, now lie over the Atlantic from Greenland through Brazil. Mercury follows close behind but he just touches Newfoundland at 53W. Uranus and Neptune square over the Yukon so they can look forward to some unusual events, while Mercury squares roughly over Anchorage and across the Pacific. Northeastern temps. will be cool to start the Spring.

Mars lies over the Yukon interior and over British Columbia to Vancouver Island, then off the west coast. He squares over the Atlantic. Early warmth to the far northwest. June 27th Mars trines Jupiter for a mini heat wave. Also danger from heavy downpours which while they can cause flooding, also help to keep the fire rate down. Mars is at 0 Taurus, a seismic sign, the sign which he will occupy until July 26th.

Jupiter lies at 173W over the Alaskan Islands and the Pacific. He squares over the eastern states at 83W. Being in the northern section of the chart, and north in declination, he promises a warm Spring from that area east.

Pluto lies on the MC over the western plains states. He is within 2° of squaring Saturn and Transpluto. The last Saturn/Pluto square was in 1974, when the season was bombarded with terrific storms. Tornadoes wiped out Xenia, Ohio, and Sao Paulo, Brazil, was struck with a killer heat wave for days. All of which indicates heat and drought with heavy storms for the plains. Pluto crosses into Mexico, actually his MC and then across the Pacific. Watch for weather patterns flowing north from Mexico into the southwest. In '74 Saturn was in Cancer, and Pluto in Libra. With Pluto in Scorpio and Saturn in Aquarius this time, there is much greater fluctuation in both temps. and precipitation and heavy humidity. The actual square occurs in exactly one year, at the Vernal Equinox of 1993.

Saturn lies over 15W, for the most part crossing the Atlantic Ocean. He does just barely touch Iceland and West Africa. He squares at 105W close to Pluto and nearly opposite Transpluto. He also semi-sextiles Neptune which will raise

temps. and humidity. Haziness will cut the Sun, thus affecting some growth.

On June 21st, Summer Solstice begins which gives a different underlay for the last week of this eclipse. Worth noting is that Solstice Mars occupies the eclipse Saturn's position bringing continuing heat and humidity to the west, also stirring up the hot air mass in Mexico which flows N.E.

Transpluto lies at 18/19W and squares at 108/109W at Pluto's MC.

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HELIO

Mercury lies on the IC at 0.31 E. Mercury's IC brings much cooler than normal temps. to the area it affects, in this case Great Britain and central France will shiver. He squares at 90W bringing winds to the Midwest states.

Mars crosses the Aleutians, squaring the eclipse over the New England states, bringing sporadic heavy rains and warmer temps.

Venus who is separating from the conjunction to Geo Venus and the square to Helio Mars, lies over New England as well. It looks a little wet in that area.

Jupiter crosses the Aleutians and squares the meridian at 77W, through the Mideast and east for generally fair weather. Jupiter trines Neptune for above normal temps.

Saturn crosses Iceland and squares at 110W over Alberta and down thru the southern Rockies. Cool and dry to the north and over the high plains. Warmer and more humid to the south and lowlands.

Uranus, Neptune and Pluto as usual are all within a degree of the placements and read the same.

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Does anyone out there have a copy of The Psychic World of Abraham Lincoln? I believe it was published in the 70's by Llewellyn, and I would gladly purchase it or borrow it to read. Anyone??? I am still in the process of skinning down my library, and preparing lists of what I would like to part with, but though ad writing was one of my career activities, for the life of me, I cannot compose one brief enough, clear enough, for my budget.

It is good to see some new names among the contributors, as well as the old familiars. So, here is my check for 1992 and the next two extras. Thanks for being there.

REMEMBER C-7 ON OUR ADDRESS

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Don Borkowski (23/X/35) is correct in saying that a heliocentric chart will not have houses, because houses are defined by apparent solar motion with respect to a local horizon on earth. I feel it is wrong for him to describe the practice of combining heliocentric planetary positions in the zodiac with a geocentric chart as 'inelegant'. It is not sensible to be so charitable. It is wiser to call a spade a spade. Fraudulence and disinformation need to be acknowledged as such. The horoscope has always been a diagram of the physical reality, the actual positions relative to the location depicted at the time. Any attempt to pass off a metaphysical invention, a mental construct, as a horoscope is fraudulent behaviour. I have previously pointed out that the tropical zodiac has been defined with respect to observers on earth only, ever since 139 BC. Heliocentric planetary positions can never occur in the tropical zodiac for this reason.

To Joseph deMello (23/X/40): you're right about the sign/season correlation, and your point about the difference between temperate and equatorial cultures is profound, and noted by few. Did you realize that the solstices are generally cooler there than at the equinoxes? Sun culminates lowest in the North at zero Cancer, and lowest in the South at zero Capricorn for an observer on the equator. At Aries and Libra equinoxes it culminates directly overhead at the zenith; most heat to be expected then. Ptolemy lived halfway between tropical and temperate climates, in Alexandria, & Upper Egypt is sub-tropical. He lived when the Vernal Equinox was coincident with the start of the constellation of Aries. He documented that this coincided with the new growth of Spring. He referred to the freshness (Aries) of new organic forms created by nature. Astrologers who still practise Ptolemaic interpretation (there are a few of these still around, it seems, though I've never met any) are using logic that was valid only in Ptolemy's vicinity in both space and time. Seasons have only local correlations, and astrology is based on universality.

You may be wrong about relocation charts. I would keep an open mind on this matter at present. You must admit, you DO live in San Francisco, you ARE an astrologer, Uranus WAS rising there at your birth moment; is this not a significant triple correlation? Astrologers are unusual people, eccentric, radically different, non-conformists. Uranus keywords. Mostly not inventive and definitely very few of them innovative, 'tis true, but the point is still well-made. And what in hell is wrong with Venus on the Midheaven, pray tell me... are you a

masochist or something? You aren't going to try and tell me being an astrologer in San Francisco is an unpleasant career, are you?

To Adze Mixxe (23/X/43) "You become what you hate, think about that." I did. I decided it only applied to people who can't handle oppositions. To Ted George (23/X/48), it is true that the Hebrews got their cosmology and metaphysics from older races and cultures. Regarding the 7th day, of rest, it came originally from the lunar cycle 4th harmonic, and I suspect the natural wisdom at these times is to avoid work in favour of family life and leisure. If so Western civilisation is clearly adrift of natural cycles as a result of adopting collectively an artificial calendar long ago. You have a mistake in your logic in regard to Daniel, putting him in 1500 BC and as contemporary with Nebuchadnezzar a millennium later. I thought this was an excellent letter of yours, making a number of valuable points, in stark contrast to your usual style. I hope you contribute more along these lines. In particular, I appreciated your description of Pisces as the ocean. So obvious, when you think about it. I can see why people felt the Neptune rulership of Pisces made sense - he was a Greek sea-god. The ocean is a hell of a lot better symbol than a couple of fish! You specify constellation though, not sign, so the message I received might not have been what you sent out.

Your quote of Psalms 19 was a very pleasant surprise. Seems it was written by King David, a millennium before Christ. The heavens declare the glory of God, the firmament his construction. The cycle of days and nights provides knowledge. There is no speech or language that cannot access the information in the cycle. The line of the diurnal cycle goes right through the earth (polar axle), and the information of it goes to the end of the world. The diurnal cycle is a 'tabernacle of the sun'. The word tabernacle I had to look up; it means tent, temple, body as vehicle of the soul, place of worship, seat, socket, receptacle, canopy. Then it likens to a bridegroom emerging from the bridal suite and a strong man rejoicing after running a race, both classic male success events. "His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it; and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof." Sure as hell sounds like the eternal solar cycle to me.

Edith disagrees with Chris Walters about where the planets really are (23/X/50). Surely we ought to be pragmatic and recognise what we see? Huh? Chris is right in implying that transit theory is based on observation. It always has been. Astrologers measured the observed planetary positions with astrolabes and performed calculations. Some observed created ephemerides, tables of predicted positions. Some of these were more accurate than others. Some astrologers don't care if their art is based on

the collective reality or not. These might best be described as unreliable and suspect. "I think astrology should get back to basics and the sooner the better" says Chris. Damn right. That's why we're having 'the basics re-defined' as the theme of our national conference this year.

To Ted George (23/X/53), I agree the New Testament was an edited compilation of literary works produced by several generations of Christ's followers. The teachings are not necessarily transmitted accurately by these people. Certainly perversions of the original meanings were made by the puritans who produced the King James Version, several of great significance to astrologers. Were all those 12 really saviours, and really crucified? If yes, then how come nobody knew that? And don't you mean the reverse swastika? To Annibale Verzumo (p73) regarding the historical development of astrology; yes, it certainly demonstrated vastly more incompetence than excellence, that's for sure. Charts that survive in historical writings are usually grossly in error in some or many respects. No wonder astrologers have traditionally been considered to be out of touch with reality - most of them were.

To G. Jackson-Posch (23/X/55), I would draw attention to your erroneous reference to a zero degrees Scorpio "event chart Ascendant at Baghdad" for the start of the first allied air strike. The event actually occurred in Saudi Arabia, as you reported. Event charts are drawn up with the coordinates of the place the event happens at. Your later reference to a chart of the planes departing Dahrn is very close to my chart of Operation Desert Storm. Desert Storm was launched from the allied command centre in Riyadh; it began at "12.50am Gulf Time" according to the New Zealand Herald. The TVNZ network news that evening reported the jets left Saudi Arabia on their bombing raid "at 10 to 10 GMT", also giving 0.50am local time. The 5 minute discrepancy with CNN gave my Desert Storm chart 6 Scorpio rising, Jupiter culminating in the 10th less than 3 degrees from the Midheaven indicating great success is likely and Mars trine Sun/Saturn/Node confirming this emphatically. I was immediately able to predict Bush would get what he wanted from the operation (this being also confirmed by his transits). Not having Saddam's time I wasn't sure how bad the Saturn eclipse would be, but right on his natal Jupiter looked pretty bad. Thanks ever so much for the CNN birth data! Yeah, the 4.37 time for the Israeli Declaration of Independence proclamation appeared in MH many years back, and I agree Scorpio rising seems more appropriate. The Neptune rising in Libra chart, beloved by so many, is evidently merely a delusion. Actually, the presumption of all those Noel Tyl clones that the proclamation chart be drawn up for the scheduled time of the start of the speech demonstrates

the sheep-like behaviour of the older generation of astrologers, in following leaders who prefer to cut corners when it comes to data precision. I've never produced a chart for Israel myself yet, because I'm uncertain if the claim that Palestine was on War Time is correct. If so, Doane's book is contradicted, as is Campion's EET reported time which agrees with Doane. Help, anyone?

To Annibale Verzumo (23/X/60), you are correct about the Declaration, and when it was actually made. I have also made this point; but Jefferson's long after the fact recollections have been contradicted by other participants to some degree, which you seem to be unaware of. To Warren Kinsman (23/X/62); you made some good points here. Thanks for the Kuwait invasion void Moon information, seeing it was at 16 degrees, I hadn't noticed that! Yeah, I had also spotted Pluto right on the Descendant of the Inauguration chart, with some amusement at the implication for foreign relations. My computer gave Pluto 4 minutes above the horizon for 12.03, suggesting that in the following 25 seconds it set. This is well within clock time uncertainty, and I'm concluding it was in the 7th (there's always the celestial latitude problem of course). How come you have Iraq and Kuwait on different time zones? You a non-conformist or something? And I also have never noticed the void moon in the Sagittarius rising Declaration of Independence chart. It was also void at noon, unfortunately. As you imply, logic would then seem to require that nationhood did not begin at the time of the Declaration. Either that or void Moon theory is conditional rather than absolute. Perhaps the Moon/Mars trine is sufficiently strong to retain cohesion of organic process, despite the void Moon. Let's face it, the United Nations has not fallen apart despite its void Moon, even if its functioning has been unsatisfactory. And that one is accurately timed from reliable source data.

LORRAINE FRALEY ANCHORAGE, AK DECEMBER, 1991

Thank you, Mary, but I gotta go. Me too, Mary, I have to run. Thank you all for coming, it certainly has been fun. The last guest is leaving, the kids are in bed. My head feels like bursting, my feet feel like lead. The stockings are filled, the presents piled high. The chores are all finished, so I collapse with a sigh. My energy's gone, I've run out of steam. I'll just drag off to bed, to tired to dream. The clock just struck midnight, Christmas is here. Maybe when I wake up I'll be of more cheer. WHAT!!! My husband just said in a voice light and airy. Well--- Christmas is here, so I'll go and "Make Merry"!

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I had hoped someone would venture an idea on how my chart might operate in '92 and '93. Other than Lois Rodden (who I appreciate very much for her input) there were no takers. My data is 8/6/35 at 2:43 a.m., Hanover, N. Hampshire EST.

Dianne Lawson - you asked for my data and since we have some similarities in our charts (Ascendants in Cancer I believe and since you seem to be very proficient, I'd been looking forward to some word from you. I sent you a letter through Edith. Don't know if you got it, months ago (If MH got it it was mailed to Dianne. Edith) Anyway, as I see it (and I'd certainly appreciate some input from others) with ASC at 18 Can 40, South Node 20 Cancer, MC 28 Pisces and Moon 28 Libra 51 & Sun 12 Leo 55 it seems to me, when Uranus and Neptune make their conjunction on my 7th cusp and N. Node my marriage will change or be gone, one way or another. Transit Saturn will then, at the same time, move into my 8th and oppose my Sun and Mercury (8 Leo 49) in 1st Sun in 2nd. Just before that, Saturn will have made a square to Mars and Uranus, Mars 4 Scorpio, Uranus 5 Taurus 30. With Saturn, my 7th ruler in 8th opposite Sun and being the co-ruler of my 8th, while Uranus rules the 8th and is conjunct my 7th cusp it seems to me my marriage could end along with my income from my partners (my 8th tenanted by transit Saturn) due to his demise. (He'll be 69 and has emphysema and is on oxygen now for two years sad to say, but that's how I see it. Guess I'd rather be forewarned than unsuspecting. The progressions will be prog. Sun inconjunct Saturn, 7th ruler, to and prog. Saturn conj. Uranus, 8th house rule, along with its opposition to Mars in the 4th in Scorpio.

I don't find these very cheery aspects. His daughters progressed Saturn, 8th ruler, will oppose her Sun, 4th ruler in '92 or '93, while Saturn crosses her MC coming from the 8th house.

To digress back to past events, when I was married to my first husband, prog. Moon was moving into my T Square to Mars, Uranus and opposite Mercury and Sun. Transit Saturn was conj. Uranus and opposite Mars. Uranus is in the 10th ruler the 8th. Since Moon was involved and the 8th I felt one of us would lose our grandmother. (Prog. Moon square Uranus 8th). My ex-husband's grandmother did pass away, but also an old girlfriend from my high school committed suicide. I never would of picked that up. It was a real Uranus surprise and shock, nor would I have picked up the death of one of our employees in a car accident at 22 that affected our business by 20%. We lost a major account repossessing cars for banks in the central area. Our employee was black and could go into the black neighborhood without arousing suspicion to pick up cars.

So there were three deaths with Uranus 8th ruler hit and from the 10th house, it greatly affected our business as we couldn't find a replacement.

In addition, with (7th Saturn) conjunct Uranus my husband separated from us for a few weeks, which also was a big shock that I didn't expect. That he came back helped, but 1 1/2 years later, left for good, when I had a progressed full Moon in my chart, transit Saturn in 12th square Venus and transit Neptune square Saturn, 7th ruler. I guess the first time was a trial run for him. He had Uranus in the 7th in opp. to his Moon Uranus conjunct in 1st at that time, so he wanted to be free. He went on to marry and divorce twice more and I was his second wife. His data is Nov. 18, 1934 in Grand Coulee, Wash. PST at 1:44 p.m. 16 Pisces Asc.

He now had a kidney removed 8/16 due to cancer. It was a big surprise, as he's only 56 and always been very healthy. He has a Saturn return coming up soon in the 12th, where it will square his Sun Venus exact in the 8th. I hope he makes it through that time frame. He's a very nice man and I was very happy for 7 years, with him.

We studied astrology and philosophy together and had a lot in common part of what we had was a double Mars Venus conjunction in Virgo and Scorpio. The Scorpio planets weren't conj. by degree, but by sign. The Virgo conjunction was exact. My Moon was opp. his Moon exact and our Ascendants were trine by 2°. We loved water sports, dancing, camping etc. If he hadn't had the 7 year itch at the mid-life crisis, I'd still be married to him. Pluto will go over his Sun and Venus 25° Scorpio with Saturn in square to it, about the same time. I don't like the looks of that. But we all live through some pretty ominous looking aspects.

P.S. No problem with raise in prices - you deserve it.

(Dear Sally - I had to smile when I read your original hand written letter. Why the smile? The way you draw the sign Scorpio! Johnny Lister said in a lecture many years ago, that you can always tell what a woman thinks of men by the way she draws the sign Scorpio. If she draws it like this  you know what she thinks, which is the way you drew it - and hence the smile. Edith)

**JOAN M. ANNETTE
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I saw an interview in the New York Times on Katherine Hepburn -- in her new book, "Me", she states her true birth date. I understand she was born two years earlier than she has claimed (1907 rather than 1909) and also in May -- not November. I threw out the interview by mistake and can't remember the exact date but it can be checked in the book.

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Dear John Halloran --

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mercury Hour.

I must thank you for your responsive and informative phone calls to my letter to you about Astrolodeluxe and Astrodynes. They're up and running on my home machine -- can't deal w/the DOS at my office machine, so no can print there.

Let me tell you what I like about your programs in general -- the strong uncluttered graphics are excellent for the general gestalt of the horoscope, and the basic info as to angular separation, and midpoint structure -- none better for a quick fix. Some studies that I do, I do exclusively on your stuff, despite my high regard for the Nova program I've had for years -- generally strip it down and take off most of the help files. It's great for keeping a kind of chronological account of the people I run into and for quick compatibility studies. I'm doing some research on the Jeff Koons/Ilona Staller marriage hopefully for publication.

I wrote you before about Astrol 95 and how I thought it would be great if you had a way for the user/astrologer to

set particular values on the synastry program. Then you wrote me that your values were KORRECT and I didn't know what I was talking about. You seem to have changed your tune a bit on your Astrolodeluxe when you say the reason you don't open that up to the user is because there are so many variables. Let me urge you to rethink that -- please. Should your values be rethought on the program to more closely reflect reality, your program would be much more powerful.

It's a real nifty program and worth every cent of the money, but it could be even better. I would really appreciate it John if you would send me a table of the values you've programmed in -- I would be glad to show you the way I would weight them and the interpersonal "drift" I counterbalance for when I use that part of the program. I did a big study in Mensa on compatibility using your numbers and got no significant results, whereas I'm really expert at summing up relationship potential between charts. I tend to zero in on the aspects I consider essential and consider proper sexual alchemy to be revealed in the male Mars to female Venus aspects -- you could reclassify summations into EROS PHILIA and AGAPE. However, I wish to mystify someone as to what is REALLY going on I give them your numbers -- the biggest blip on my radar

does not even show up in your trend analysis.

Rob Hand signed my Ph.D.

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The Trans Pluto book can be purchased through Eleanor Kimmel, 1601 Phillips Drive, Northglenn, CO. 80233. The cost is \$13.00.

Barbara May (71/21) Interesting about the Moon in 28° Pisces. I assure you that the progressed Sun in the late degrees of Pisces is no picnic either. My husband lost a good paying job with his progressed Sun at 28° Pisces. He worked various temporary jobs for the next two years for little more than minimum wage and didn't find anything permanent until his progressed Sun entered Aries. My sister, on the other hand, had a double whammy. Her woes started with the progressed Sun at 27° Pisces and the Moon at 28° Pisces. She had broken off a 14 year relationship that was causing nothing but misery. I remember how depressed she was when her dog died that year. She has no children and her dog was her family. Her health went downhill after that and because of the health problems, had to quit her job as a nurse. With no income, her financial situation got out of hand. She spent her 40th birthday in court after being sued by her creditors with the progressed Sun at 29° Pisces. If that wasn't bad enough, all her belongings were repossessed, had a major fire that destroyed the kitchen in the house she was renting due to faulty wiring, sued by the landlady's insurance company and finally evicted from her home. Her health didn't improve until the progressed Sun went into Aries. She's working again and even her whole mental outlook seems to have changed.

My own progressed Midheaven is now 28° Pisces and if that means anything, I can honestly say that this has been one of the most God awful years of my life! My only hope is that this too shall pass. In 10 years, and on my 50th birthday, my progressed Moon will be 28° Pisces. I'm depressed already!

Vivian Zolotas (71/35): For death, check aspects to the Mars/Saturn midpoint of the natal chart and see if it's activated by Solar Arc or progression and triggered by transit. The Uranus/Neptune midpoint is also another indicator. I've seen this in cases of death involving grandparents. Although the Saturn/Pluto midpoint sometimes points to divorce, I had a client who lost her father when her Saturn/Pluto midpoint was hit by her solar arc Sun.

Diane Zeines (71/42): For solar returns, I've noticed that the natal house rising points to the area that raises the most concern for the year. When my daughter was born, my 5th house

was rising and the Sun and ruler of the 5th was trine the Ascendant. Malefics in cadent houses don't seem to save me any. My bad years were oppositions to the Sun or Moon from cadent or succedent houses. Perhaps it's because my natal Sun and Moon are cadent and I don't have oppositions natively. The year my company reorganized my natal Ascendant was rising. Saturn was in the 6th opposing the Sun in the 12th. I was placed in an area that I detested. Saturn was exactly square the Midheaven. The interesting thing was that this was the year I also remarried. The Moon was trine Venus, trine Saturn, and sextile the Sun and opposing Jupiter which also trined the Sun. It was a mixed year with mixed angles. The only angular planets were Uranus and Neptune in the 7th. Uranus was opposing the Ascendant and Neptune was trine Venus and the ruler of the Ascendant in the 11th. The angles of the solar return chart seem to indicate the pace of the year. The last two years I have had cardinal angles and its been one crisis after the other. My returns have been filled with oppositions and squares. Lots of headaches! This year was a real peach. Natal 8th rising with a Moon/Saturn conjunction in the 2nd, opposing Jupiter in the 8th, Uranus and Neptune in the 1st opposing Mars in the 7th and the Sun in the 4th opposing Pluto in the 11th. It's enough to make you scream. Next year my 12th house is rising. Who know? I may go into hiding and I presume I'll have more control over my circumstances since most of the planets are on the east side of the chart. Of course, these are only my observations from my own experiences. I'm interested in hearing from others and their observations of the solar return chart.

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Fellow Astrologers:

I am doing research on a simplified type of Horary. It is how to quickly obtain a simple, quick 'yes' or 'no' to a question.

If you have a question that can be answered with a 'yes' or 'no'. Jot down the time, date and location the question popped into your mind and send it off to my P.O. Box. Please enclose a SASE. Since the process of getting the answer is simple, I can have the answer off to you that day.

The type of questions I am looking for are:

Should I buy a new car now?
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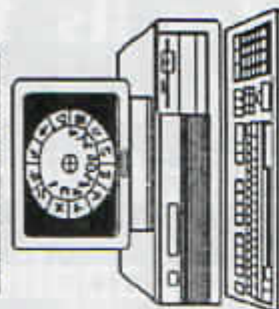
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EDITH CUSTER LYNCHBURG, VA JANUARY, 1992

From time to time I like to reprint some of JOHN McCORMICK's thoughts on astrology. I never seem to tire of reading the book we put out "JOHN - FROM BEGINNING TO END". His writings, in many cases, are just as pertinent today as they were when he wrote them over 10 years ago. Here are a couple of things from the book. EDITH

John speaks out against House Systems

We feel that Astrology is real...that it has meaning...but we are just as ignorant of its nature as we are of its import. To pretend that we have cut the veil of secrecy between ourselves and the "vast cosmic plan" is b--- s--- of the first order. We are not smart enough to find out for ourselves and not deserving enough to anticipate God's confidence in our discretion.

Should Astrology be studied through House Systems?

Should a rose be sealed in glass or plastic...or perhaps cellophane? There are Planets, there are Stars, there is an Equator, and an Ecliptic. The Earth turns, it moves around the Sun, the Moon follows the Earth or at least accompanies it. These things are real...God or whoever, made them. They were here when we got

here and they'll be here when we're gone! ... but House Systems have no validity at all. They are not there! All 57 of them are not there! Now to argue what degree of what Sign is on what cusp that isn't there is foolish indeed and anyone who spends his life in such wonderings is doomed to disappointment...in fact he'll probably end up in that special hell which is reserved for bores and/or residents of various other places.

Recently I have been urged by a number of my friends to attend a conference uncertainly scheduled to be held in Toronto, Canada on March 18 of this year.

I have refused to attend and my reason for having done so is based in the deep respect and conviction I have with regard to human dignity.

I am thoroughly convinced of the pertinence of Astrology to our lives and affairs and I resent the recurring implication that I have an obligation to PROVE the absolute validity of my convictions to every doubter who comes down the pike - and on their terms too.

I have commented in the past upon this matter and my comment have been brushed aside as amusing but hardly relevant. I claim for Astrologers the same right to harbor beliefs and convictions as has any other body of people. It is largely unimportant to me whether the

beliefs and convictions are susceptible to proof - or even, for that matter, whether they are entirely irrational.

I will undertake to demonstrate the reasons underlying my convictions to whom I please and at times my own choosing, and I will not be stampeded into an unnecessary defense against the spiteful attacks of ambitious egotists whatever their credentials in their own professions.

It is our relative weakness that inspires them into their bloodlusts? They repeat that they cannot accept anything or any idea that is no susceptible to proof and, yet, they have not spoken out after 2000 years against the Divinity of Christ nor the Immaculate Conception leaving us to bear the burden of Original Sin - a far greater weight than any that Astrology has ever imposed.

I am bitterly angry that the world has failed to perceive the implication of their militant assaults upon Astrology and even more bitter the Astrologers have fallen so readily to the bait in their eagerness to offer enthusiastic defenses against attacks, which in my opinion should be condemned rather than replied to.

I resent that I must point out again that, over the centuries, Astrology's only on-going contention (and the one upon which our convictions must stand or fall) has been that man is affected by extra-terrestrial influences. Science has denied this unequivocally.

They have come to learn, through their own researches, that man IS so affected by forces away from the Earth's surface and they are driven into the uncomfortable position of having to agree to the truth of certain doctrines that will unavoidably support the long held convictions of Astrologers.

They are embarrassed and they have struck out blindly, to destroy the earlier proponents of a doctrine that they now plan to make their own under the guise of 'scientific truth'.

So we are under attack by those who resent that we have for so long been aware of a truth that has only lately wormed itself into the scientific mind - that man is subject to extra-terrestrial forces.

If a force exists it will have an effect and, to some extent its effect will be both measurable and predictable and that, my friends, is Astrology whether they like it or not.

Their only chance is to lure us into insupportable claims and, if the response of many of our associates is any indication of what is to come, they will have an easy time doing it.

The proper defense is a refusal to reply. The question should be asked whether they have the right to walk into the Halls of Astrology and insist that we satisfy their egotistic demands or answer their impertinent question as the price of our continued existence. If so, do they have the same right to demand that the Vatican be leveled?

One of the scientist's foremost ideologues recently felt compelled to point out that it was improbable that a Vulcan could successfully mate with a Human to produce Spock.

Another, after a program attacking Van Daniken's opinion that Earth has been previously visited by 'Spacemen', said that science was only begging for an opportunity to 'save civilization' - (from WHAT he did not say) although one was left with the rather amusing idea that it was Van Daniken.

In any event it can hardly be from the Astrologers who have yet to blow their first Japanese city to Hell, develop a nuclear capacity, plan a germ-warfare offensive, stockpile a supply of nerve-gas to spill mischievously along our highways, or pollute the many rivers of our nation from what used to be sea to shining sea.

I suspect that I am much more afraid of the scientists than they have any reason to be of me - and still I take chances with them in the name of human liberty. I don't believe that physics should be abandoned despite its obvious threat to all of us and I insist that I have the same right to follow my stars as the biochemists have to destroy the lives of 500 people with their swine flu 'vaccine'.

I have hardly touched upon this subject and, already, I have become so incensed that I cannot continue - but I will not go to Montreal to participate in or (since I wasn't invited) LISTEN to any dialogue between Astrologers and People who ask the question, "Is Astrology a pseudo-science"?

Any response dignifies and affirms the right of the attacker to pose his question: not from a desire to LEARN but from a lust to DESTROY.

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I have something which may be of interest to your readers, and while I enjoy owning them, I know someone else could probably derive a great deal of information AND pleasure from having them.

They are:

BRITISH JOURNAL OF ASTROLOGY January 1924 to February 1939 in nine bound volumes.
OLD MOORE'S MONTHLY MESSENGER Volume 1 - October 1907 to Volume 12 - September 1910. Bound in one volume.

I'll let them go to the highest bidder.

They are really quite heavy, these ten volumes - around 35 lbs. They are in excellent condition.

(If anyone is interested, contact Kay at above address. Edith)

**JOSEPH S. deMELLO
SAN FRANCISCO, CA
SEPTEMBER, 1991**

Ann Cahoy (70/22) When I am reading for a client or lecturing, I can find my throat beginning to burn. To me this has become a signal that I have just said something incorrect. My immediate response is to stop, suggest that something was wrong by that statement and that I should back up and see what is wrong with it. And, if Earth is opposite to Sun, then in my chart it is in my intercepted 12th house Taurus. Perhaps this goes hand in hand with my throat signal which serves to ground me. New things to find in the old chart are what MH is made of.

Todd Collard (24/X/38) Perhaps we can differentiate. If the lost object is looked upon as property, 4th is the house of the loss. If it is a possession, then 2nd house is that loss. And then the 3rd house is the future of the 2nd house object, but it is the hidden side of the 4th house question.

Marie deLeone (24/X/57) The brochure says Joan Quigley will be at UAC. Do take the trouble to meet her. You will find her the least egotistical of persons. To me her book sounded more like an apology, she could not have done more. As for Hitler, you do know that when his astrologers told him what he did not want to hear, he put them all in concentration camps. And I am happy to report that Public Television was turned down on televised executions. The attendance at an execution is as much a civic duty as jury duty and voting, two things the biggest complainers routinely try to avoid. Since the dawn of time, executions have provided a circus for the ghoulish delight of the public.

S.G. Foxe (24/X/56) Thanks for your timely notes on the Chicago political scene. I assure you the current scene here is no prettier. This town is very Democrat and a bastion of unionization, but the Mayoral and Supervisory races are supposed to be non-partisan. I cannot think of one elected official being a Republican, but there is one avowed Independent. Add to that, we are going to have one of the nastiest reapportionment battles which will probably not succeed in redrawing the gerrymandering of Democrats in past years. One section of our town is cut so that it contains most of the Blacks, Asians, and Gays. Jerry Brown, our former Governor, Democrat, opened his campaign for President at a Las Vegas Union convention, where he gave members of both parties hell, the Republicans for making cocaine generally available, and the Democrats for wide and wild service to special interest groups.

Janis Giles (24/X/46) Trying to trace back why I included you in that group went back much too far. Hope you read Maggie Meister (24/X/30). Have not heard or seen any astrology book by Stallone's mother. I checked the catalog and noted there was a co-author, and the

book was published by New American Library. If I ever do see a copy, I will look at it with curiosity but I have no more to say as her clipping service probably mails directly to her attorney.

Frank Jakubowsky (24/X/16) I assure you that I understood exactly what I wanted to understand of your (22/X/49). I only commented on the first three paragraphs. I feel that starting a New Age in 1958 is no improvement on that started by Chaney circa 1875. I thought I exhibited remarkable restraint by not commenting on your short rays theory.

Jeffrey Jupiter (70/4) I suspect you are a siderealist I used to know here in San Francisco. Glad to hear from you. There are several points I want to make. 1. The use of the atom bomb was to avoid the costly project of attempting to establish beachheads on the main Japanese islands. 2. All successful demagogues know they must maintain tight control of the people, and the yoke of communism proved no better than the Czarist yoke. 3. American economic opportunism had nothing to do with our presence in Vietnam, a buzz-word idea of the 60's. 4. When I first saw the chart of the Shah, I felt he would have done better to have adopted elements which would have made an Ayatollah of him. His western education wiped out Islamic savvy. I remember the youthful Shah from seeing him as a student regularly frequenting the New York Public Library reading rooms. 5. Arab hatred of the U.S.A. does not run very deeply or sincerely as they come here in droves as "student" and do all the status things from blond girl friends to "coke" and "grass." My nephew, just back from Kuwait, had some GI-bitter remarks to make about "no beer" when he had to work alongside Saudi guards who often showed up for duty drunk and never shared the stuff they got or revealed sources.

A.J. Makransky (70/21) I find myself in a quandary of disagreement. It is nice to place myself in an area but disconcerting to find that the nice things about that disposition do not quite fit, while the difficult things also do not fit. I was hoping "no natural disposition" would do, but I have a couple of cardinal, a couple of fixed, and one mutable opposition, leading to a Heinz 57 situation.

Nance McCullough (70/24) Although I have heard Sophia Mason lecture on diurnals, I was unaware that she used equal houses. I do not think you can substitute an equal houses 4th/10th vertical for the important MC/IC, and MC and ASC are going to be the same in all the best used house systems. What really is bothering me these days is that, even with five books or six on solar and lunar returns, the proper technique has not turned on any lights. My goal is going to be to attend as many workshops on that subject as soon as possible. Jim Haynes is being helpful, but I still feel the presence of stupid-block.

Marion March (70/5) I own up to saying that people of adjacent signs do

get along, and I wrote three pages of notes about it which are going to have to be an article other than in the pages of MH. I know of several Capricorn-Aquarius pairings which were quite long-lived. In another letter, I write of a man who is Taurus with Aries rising as a partner of another man who is Aquarius with Capricorn rising. But this is probably more indicative of both of them learning to live with themselves.

Maggie Meister (24/X/30) Many thanks for definitively tying the bow to Pisces. Not one of those quotes said anything to match the opinions of what Pisceans have been writing about themselves. I am at the point where I could jump up and down. If I say something so-so about Pisces, it is immediately picked up, and everything good I say about them disappears from importance.

As for darling water signs, there were three Scorpios in my family, including myself, and three Pisceans. We grew up in a coastal area. Only my mother and I got visible recharging from the sight of the open sea, and she always felt the sea was dangerous. As far as I can remember, other than myself, none of them ever wanted to get into or onto water.

(24/X/60) I prefer the Gemini ASC U.S.A. chart because it is close to my own, as is the Gemini ASC San Francisco chart. I wish astrologers would stop reinventing the wheel; it only slows forward progress. Bertita Harding wrote a fictionalized biography of Archduke Ferdinand. All her writings were well researched. I wonder if she gives an approximate time for assassination. And thanks for the Amelia Earhart data update.

Lilia Molina (24/X/27) I find Goode's Rand McNally Atlas quite thorough for lats. and longs. Most libraries will have the horrendously expensive London Times Atlas. Our library has a service where you can phone in and they will scout several atlases for anyone who asks.

Kristina Strom (24/X/18) How interesting to have data on Sirman Celaray. Please explain how Istanbul can be -5 time zone when Baghdad is -3. I did the chart for -1 (CET) and got Scorpio MC, Cap. ASC., everything in a trine on the right side of the chart. Cancerians with Moon conj. Mars are very thin-skinned, and Lee Lehman is probably going to bop me on the head for saying that Chiron is also conjunct. Please don't give us anything about "sweet and needy" Cancer. No such animal. They feed you and they mother you to death, but they are quite self-sufficient, and, when combined with Cap. rising, they will try to executively manage all who get too close, if my time zone is right. The chart has some interesting midpoint combinations. I just think he is another astrologer reinventing the wheel, and spouting buzzwords I would not believe from someone over thirty. Look forward to your article on the Vertex. Back to the chart, you know

charts with everything so tightly placed are like having a huge stellium and you can see transiting Moon hit everything from beginning Uranus to ending Neptune like an automatic weapon. It's a chart that needs sympathy, but you get hell if you do sympathize.

Bess Tornell (24/X/34) Take heed: letters to the President can end up on some desk at the FBI. I am sure you have been a psychic long enough to know that the only approach is through a relative who will then go to local authorities. Watch you do not sabotage your own credibility.

Annibale Verzumo, since you wrote so much, I made eight pages of notes. (70/7) Nothing whatsoever can be done until you stop confusing ego (Sun) with personality and power drive (ASC). So students of STUDENTS CORNER beware. I reject your Russia chart (70/36) as almost "too pat" to be true. U.S.S.R. Sun in Scorpio should trine U.S.A. Sun in Cancer. Pluto is where they are going to do themselves in. I like a Libra ASC for U.S.S.R., trine our Gemini ASC. An Aquarius ASC would also trine our Gemini, but Aquarians always know what is best for everyone but themselves. The important planet should first be the chart significator. (24/X/29) I am totally unaware that I am "fighting" with you, but at home politics and religion were always subjects for serious discussion. What we never talked about were servants or money. Even today the 12th may be ruled by Jupiter when natal Sun is below the horizon. 12th can rule the bed, one is usually born there, and it is there where one is confined in illness. How's that for thinning down eight pages of notes. I only have two more people to whom I have comments.

I apologize for the length of this, but I have read every word of MH. I assure you, I want to thank all who had feedback for me. I, too, wanted to do some charts on the letter from Chris Walters (24/X/53), but I had to settle for a diurnal. Nothing angular unless the birth time was four to eight minutes prior to the birth time given. That would put natal Chiron on MC, natal Neptune on IC. Interesting to see he was born with Saturn conj. Uranus. Anyway, I would not change the birth time until several more events can be tested.

Adria Wight (24/X/44) Good heavens, Pluto is halfway through Scorpio and I still haven't quite found what that means. Of course, in my case, Pluto is well aspected. Of course, when Pluto gets into Sagittarius. In the meantime, the loss of communism only indicates we shall have to find another boogymen, and I am apprehensive about what it will turn out to be.

Z is for Diane Zaines. I see the remark I made to Marie deLeone was really meant for Diane. I have come to like Betty Lundsted more and more. When I first encountered her, I thought she placed too much criticism on fathers and none on mothers. Giving workshops, she

has a good sense of humor. I bought two of her books when I got back from Orlando, AFA. At Seven Hills I bought two of Nancy Hastings books which I can recommend highly.

I think you should revise your thinking about what people are thinking about you. What they are thinking is not your Sun sign but your rising sign. There are snotty things which can be said about all signs. I know I have given examples of successful Pisceans, but it seems you can only remember the difficult things I have said. Hope you read Maggie Meister (24/X/30). Pisces say frequently "It's because I'm a Pisces." At least when Scorpios say they are Scorpios, it usually is when they are on the make, a sort of promise or a threat. You've got to remember that I am Scorpio with Gemini ASC and Moon, so more Gemini. I can't help wondering what I'd be like as Gemini with Scorpio rising and Moon. But glad I don't have to worry about that. I don't dislike anyone because of their sign, and I tend to like people for being unusual and different. Whatever else you may be, you're first and foremost a Cap. rising. Go with that. Of course you are going to be good at managing projects. It's as big a talent as any other talent. I know lots of people wish they were not Capricorns, but when Capricorns smile, they light up the room. More another time.

**BARBARA SHAFFERMAN
WANTAGH, NY
DECEMBER, 1991**

Enclosed is a check for \$7.50 for the April Extra Edition. I still think there has to be a better idea than the Extra Editions, since all the people who don't get them miss seeing messages that may be meant for them. One solution is something I mentioned once before -- putting all the articles together in the Extra Editions and having only letters, personal experiences, etc. in the regular issues. That way everyone will get the messages directed to them, and the articles will be gravy for those who want to spend the additional money for the Extra Editions. Also, this would shorten the time span between when letters are written and when they're printed. What do other people think about this?

Barbara May (71/21): I happen to have recently experienced progressed Moon in the last three degrees of Pisces. Sorry, but in my case it worked exactly opposite. During those last three degrees (Feb., March and April 1991), my son married a lovely young lady, my husband recuperated successfully from an operation, and I was very happy. However, when progressed Moon entered Aries in May, the ceiling fell in. First my 15 year old cat died in a particularly sad way, and then my 90 year old mother, who lives with me, became very ill. She is now almost bed-ridden and since I'm the basic caregiver, I am pretty much confined to the

house. Luckily I don't get too depressed, but I'm certainly not feeling cheerful.

Lee Weinreb (71/25): I've heard of using the 5th house for the first child, the 7th house for the second, etc., but I've never thought too much about the rulers. Here's something interesting about that. In my chart it's not that the ruler describes the child so much, but that the actual degree and sign of the ruler fits into the child's chart so perfectly. My 5th house is ruled by Venus, and my Venus at 16° Virgo forms an exact Yod with my first child's Sun/North Node sextile. My 7th house is ruled by the Moon, and my Moon is exactly conjunct my second child's Venus. Too bad I have only two children -- I'd love to see how my 9th house ruler would fit into the third child's chart. If I were younger, I might be tempted to have another, just to find out. Only kidding, folks!

Vivian Zolotas (71/35): Stop your searching. I don't believe anyone can clearly see death in a chart. I think it was Evangeline Adams who said it best -- that we die at least four times a year. In other words, there are that many times when a chart is so badly afflicted that one might predict death. At one point, I was collecting death charts to try to discover some formula. The only thing I found that occurred in almost every death chart was a Yod formed by natal and transiting planets. But that doesn't mean that every time your chart forms a Yod, you are going to die. As a matter of fact, when I was looking at all those charts, I found many more trines and sextiles than hard aspects, making me suspect that death may be far more pleasant than we think.

Jindra Johanisova (71/52): Thank you for one of the clearest explanations of Hyleg that I have ever seen. This is something that has always confused me. You really have a talent for communication. If you can explain something so easily and succinctly in English, I can imagine how effective you are in your native language!

Dennis Frank (71/54): Let me assure you I have no problems with the actual word, archetype. I understand its meaning fully. It's the over-usage, ad nauseam, by certain astrological types to which I object. Also, I don't reject helio positions; they may provide valuable insights. I just don't have the time or inclination to work with them. Fascinating though how you picked up my "practical/pragmatic/empirical/realistic" nature. This really happens to be an accurate description of me, with four planets and the Ascendant in earth, plus a grand trine between Virgo, Capricorn and Taurus.

Incidentally, you make a very definitive statement, "there are no causal influences, just synchronicities". It is strange to be that sure of something so unproven. In that context, let me refer you to a fairly recent book, "Astrology -- The Evidence of Science" by Percy Seymour, who takes a very different (and convincing) point of view.

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**THE SIDEREAL CORNER...
BROWSING THROUGH THE 70TH:**

Barbara May, p.10: About Saddam: I'm sorry but I don't have the source on these, but I was told the time of Saddam came from Lois and, if so, that's good enough for me.

Saddam Hussein, April 28, 1937, 10:30 a.m. BGT, Tikrit, Iraq, 43E42, 34N36.

Republic of Iraq, July 14, 1958, 5:30 a.m. BGT, Baghdad, Iraq, 44E25, 33N21.

War with Iraq, Jan. 17, 1991, 2:30 a.m. BGT, Baghdad, Iraq, 44E25, 33N21. If this isn't right, it's good enough for me.

Saddam: ASC 1 Ca 36, Iraq's: ASC 1 CA 47 sq. Mars 1 AR 13 10th house. Saddam: Mars 10 SC 27 Rx War: E.P.: 10 SC 08 opp. Mars 4 TA 34. Saddam: ASC 1 CA 36, Pluto 2 CA 39 War: Sun 1 CP 43, Saturn 2 CP 51. I understand the Ground War began Feb. 24, 1991 at 4:00 a.m. BGT. Saddam: Jupiter 3 CP 02 Ground War: South Node 1 CP 38. Interesting to say the least, I'd say.

Ann Cahoy, p.22: Thanks so much for the planet OOB input. I haven't had a chance to check it out, but I will. The personality connection with OOB seems very interesting.

Nance McCullough, p.24: Equal houses for solar returns makes more sense to me, too.

Starr Austin, p.25: ON the ENNEADS, no you're not ignorant. Let's try again. ENNEAD charts originated from the Greek word, ENNEAL, meaning nine. It's a sidereal technique of making 9 charts for the year, or one for a particular area in which you are interested. You read a solar return as the forecast for the year ahead. You read the Ennead the same way, as a forecast, but for the 40-day period ahead of the chart you made, okay?

You use the birth Sun as the basis for your regular solar return. You use the same base for the Ennead, except you can make one Ennead for a particular 40-day period, or you can make 9 Enneads from the solar return for the whole year, each of a 40-day period, ending at your next birthday.

The positions are not for the ASC, but for the natal Sun. Your natal Sun is 1° 13' 29" Sagittarius. Putting that into solar arc (or Zodiacal Longitude, if you will) you now add 40° intervals to that Sun and you get:

NATAL SUN
241 13 29 SAG - 1 13 29 Sag Aries Leo
281 13 29 - 11 13 29 Cap Tau Vir

NATAL SUN
321 13 29 - 21 13 29 Aqu Gem Lib
361 13 29 - 360 - 1 13 29 Ari, etc... You do what you want but I make my Enneads from the birth place. If you still don't understand, write me direct, okay?

Don Borkowski, p.29: Chiron is definitely pivotal for you at that time, Don. Did you perhaps have an illness during that period?

Gwen Stoney, p.37: Years ago I made a time zone schedule for Australia work, and I used:

120° WAT West Australia Time
142° 50 SAT South Australia Time
150° EAT East Australia Time. But I see there are two others, so I guess I'll have to figure out two new ones for 105° and 157° 30'. For daylight I just substitute a D in the middle. I can't mistake EDT for Eastern Daylight Time because of the coordinates.

Same page, Diane Zeines: This'll tickle you. I bought a washing machine the first week in April on a Rx Mercury. Then I realized what I'd done and phoned them and told them not to deliver it until the end of the month (when Mercury went direct.) I told them I'd be out of town till the end of the month. I'm glad that I did; the washing machine has been working fine. On Solar Returns try both residence and birth place. I can only say that if I were doing it I would do them for their birth place. I was born in Liberal, Kansas, where I lived at the most two years, and it could have been only one--or less, I don't know. Then I moved to Hutchinson where I went through school and then, I came to Los Angeles where I've been ever since. Regardless, my Los Angeles Solar Returns are zilch, and the Liberal ones are right on. That's my experience.

L. Chavellier-Powell, p.48: Although some articles in SPICA were tropical, most were about sidereal techniques, issues, charts. SPICA was a gem of a magazine!

Warren Kinsman, p.53: The Amelia Earhart saga was very fascinating, but Amelia was born July 24, 1897, 11:30 p.m. CST, Achison, Kansas, 95W08, 39N32, data I have always used for her, and verified by Lois Rodden in her Profiles of Women.

Anyone: I would like very much to know if that hardly known but very fine Mexican astrologer, Aldo Lavagnini is still around. If he is and you have his address, please let me know.

Win Kemp 70/60: Thank you. Much to my pleasant surprise, your time of sunrise method really works!

Lee Weinreb 70/65: Through study and reflection, this is how I see the Ascendant: It is like the window of the Soul. Like the lens of a camera through which our views of the world are colored. Also, the Ascendant is like another Moon, the Personality, how the world sees us, what they think we are like.

The Sun is, like you say, the Life Force; our physical make-up, aim or goal in life, our individuality, what we are really like.

Beverly Crosby, 70/68: You are a thinking astrologer. I enjoyed your very interesting letter. You are right about the Sun spot activity. At the present time, they are close to maximum activity..

You are also correct about the Sun not being the center of our solar system. That is the position of our galaxy called the Galactic Center, with emanations 3 million times more powerful than our Sun. The Galactic Center, sidereally, is 2° Sagittarius, or tropically, 26° Sagittarius. It is very stimulating to the sub-conscious mind and if it aspects your chart and you listen to its messages, you may acquire great knowledge.

I'm doing a research on earthquakes. It's interesting that you say the Sun was Retrograde in 1811. Late that year, on Dec. 11, 1811 was the great earthquake at New Madrid, Mo., about which maybe tons of print has been made. But I wonder how many know about the one 5 days later, Dec. 16, 1811 which hit Memphis, Tenn., and has been called the worst earthquake in U.S. history! You mention high Sunspot activity in 1837, and it was during that year that the earthquake hit St. Thomas, in the Virgin Islands. That Sunspot activity affects the radio, etc., we all know and it was during the high activity this year, that we all learned of it out here first hand. It was about mid-morning and everyone we knew could not use their telephones. A message came on that "all of our operators are busy". We later learned that the telephone circuitry was fouled up and put out of commission by the Sun spots for three hours.

NICHOLAS CAMPION ENGLAND NOVEMBER, 1991

CORRECTIONS THE BOOK OF WORLD HOROSCOPES

I would like to thank all those who have written with suggestions, corrections and additions to The Book of World Horoscopes, especially to everyone who has kindly sent documentary support. Full acknowledgement will be given in the second edition of the book. The following list consists of all the corrections that are backed by official information received by 31 October 1991. All times are taken from documentary sources, which I am happy to supply in detail. Not included are data for additional charts to those in the book. However, I am happy to enter into correspondence about the data for any national chart, especially of course those for the revolutions in the eastern bloc. I can be contacted at 51 Bellevue Crescent, Clifton, Bristol BS8 4TF, England.

CHART 10; Armenia, Independence. Correct date from 26 May 1918 to 28 May 1918.

CHART 13; Austria, Republic. Correct chart to 4.00 p.m., 12 November 1918, Vienna.

CHART 41; Canada, Dominion. Correct chart to 5.02.48 a.m. GMT (00.00 hrs. LT).

CHART 71; Denmark Constitution. The signing of the constitution took place some time between 12.00 and 12.30 p.m. I

suggest a horoscope for 12.15 p.m., 5 June 1849.

CHART 104; Germany, Third Reich. Correct chart to 11.15 a.m. MET, 30 January 1933.
CHART 105; Germany, East. The principle chart for East Germany should be that for 7 October 1949. I still have no undisputed documented time.

CHART 106; Germany, West, Proclamation. Correct chart to 00.00 hrs., 24 May 1949. This was the legal beginning of West Germany's constitutional existence. West German astrologers use a chart for 4.00 p.m., 12 May 1949, when the constitution was signed.

CHART 109; Greece, Revolution 1821. Chart should be set for the monastery of Aghia Lavra, near Kalavryta.

CHART 131; Iran, Islamic Republic, 1979. 10.30 GMT chart for the proclamation of the Islamic Republic of Iran has been confirmed from the BBC summary of World Broadcasts, ME/6082/i, 2 April 1979.

CHART 133; Iraq, Independence, 1932. Correct chart to 10.30 a.m. GMT, 3 October 1932.

CHART 134; Iraq Republic, 1958. Correct chart to 4.00 a.m. GMT.

CHARTS 157/8; Lebanon. Use additional chart for 22 November 1943, Lebanese independence day. No time known.

CHART 163; Liechtenstein. Correct chart to 21.45 LT, 25 July 1938, Valduz. Use additional chart for succession of current Duke, Johann Adam, 22.45 LT on 13 November 1989 in Valduz.

CHART 222; Saudi Arabia, Capture of Riyadh. Correct chart to 3.45 a.m. GMT, NOT LMT.

CHART 245; Sweden, Constitution. Correct chart to 3.30 p.m., 7 December 1865, Stockholm.

CHART 266; USSR, Revolution, 1917. Correct chart to 11.12 p.m. GMT, 7 November 1917.

CHARTS 297/8; Yugoslavia. Chart 298 should be regarded as the principle horoscope for the formation of Yugoslavia.

CHART 327; First Controlled Nuclear Reaction. Documentary evidence has been received to the effect that Central Standard Time should be used, NOT Central War Time, setting the horoscope for 21.25 GMT.

CHART 334; First Manned Moon Landing. Chart should be recalculated for 10.56 p.m. EDT on the 20 July 1969, corresponding to 3.56 a.m. BST (2.56 a.m. GMT) on the 21 July 1969.

CATHERINE SHERMAN NUTLEY, NJ NOVEMBER, 1991

I have tested Helio for a year now. I can not find fault with it, or another test to put it through.

If I was still teaching astrology, I would insist my students use it.

**SERAFIN LANOT
PHILIPPINES
JANUARY, 1992**

This is an excerpt from Serafin's column in the "Manila Bulletin" on "WHO WILL BE THE NEXT PRESIDENT" (of the Philippines)

... It also confirms that during this phenomenon, (the annular eclipse of the Sun, Jan. 5, 1992) Pluto in Scorpio permits the closet skeletons to go abroad and reveal their secrets to the delight of beauty and barbershop tenants, market, and public places. Pluto in Scorpio also animates the sexual appetite, incites the commission of crimes of passion, and intensifies deviltry as a way of life. The animism of Pluto in Scorpio becomes more compelling and seductive with the fantastic imagery of Neptune and the abstract viewpoints of Uranus in Capricorn, framed together with the Sun and the Moon.

Sometime in the near future, Tita Cory is scheduled to endorse the candidacy of a presidential aspirant and his team. With Juno, the Queen Mother of the sky, in the 7th House, forming an opposition with the Part of Fortune in the 1st House and a 90-degree aspect with Pluto in the 4th House of Family, the announcement of her choice will be greeted with scattered applause by her chosen group, derision by the opposition, and a deafening silence by the bystanders. Even with a healthy Saturn in the 7th House, Tita Cory doesn't have a chance to inspire confidence among her audience.

The present annular eclipse of the Sun bodes ill for the Philippines. While the government is confident to go on spending with the position of Jupiter in the 2nd House of resources, the government has an empty treasury. Of course, the country still holds a promise and a prophecy with the placement of Venus, Mercury, and Mars in the 5th House of creativity and romance. The flesh trade is very active and lively and, for all practical purposes, the country has still much to offer in spite of her semi-nudity.

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According to mundane astrology, the next president of the Philippines will be a man, with the initial R.M., like that of Ramon Magsaysay or Ramon Mitra. Esoteric astrology, on the other hand, proclaims that the "aspirant" should come from the North, a socialist and a confirmed entertainer.

Who among the presidential candidates answer both the mundane and esoteric definition? Apparently, not one of the declared presidential candidates fully answer the description.

In the face of this dilemma, what does the horoscope forecast as an alternative?

The next PR president will still be a man. Whoever wins, however, can expect foreign support. According to the correspondence this column receives, at

least three presidential aspirants may expect funding from sympathizers abroad.

Because the heavens call for entertaining talent among the other gifts of the "presidentiables," Mr. Justice Marcelo Fernan sang, Joseph Estrada clowned, Ramon Mitra masqueraded, Eduardo Cojuangco pretended as a wizard of Oz, Juan Ponce Enrile as a sort of savior, and Jovito Salonga as a reincarnated Martin Luther.

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BIRTH DATES

These birth dates are from "Planet Earth" - Aquarius '92 edition, from Celeste Longacre.

Paul Tsongas, according to his birth certificate, was born Feb. 14, 1941, 11:45 P.M. EST, Lowell, MA. Bill Clinton, according to him (from his mother), was born during an electrical storm, about 7:30 A.M. CST, Aug. 19, 1946, Hope, AR (Arkansas).



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A Positive Approach To Astrology

DOT DOBRINSKY
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DECEMBER, 1991

Marguerite darBoggia, Congratulations! Your predictions Oct. 1990 was right on the nose with Gorbachev. The best secondary work I've seen in a long time. The eclipse pattern was interesting for I have never found them meaningful in my own chart, so I am cautious with them. I had put that article on my bulletin board at the time for I knew he was in for some world shaking events, but I used a Leo Asc. and could not believe he could be shaken loose. When I discovered Yeltsin was an Aquarian I began to have reservations, but I kept your several articles in front of me and you were correct.

Does anyone have the William Kennedy Smith data? I called Edith but she said "Who cares"? I do, for that is how I learn. I had many clients over the country calling me, and I couldn't come up with even a guess. Help! (*Patricia Bowman - Aug. 11, 1961 - don't remember who called us with this. Smith's is Sept. 4, 1960, 3:47 p.m. EDT, Brighton, MA 071W08, 42N21. Edith*)

I took the job with the psychic line and it is an education. Has anyone else tried this? I use Blue Star Astro Screen Chart and work with solar charts. I have learned a deep respect for solar

charts. My analysis is confirmed by clients (to my surprise at the beginning) but I have gained confidence and say what I see and leave my cautious Capricorn Mercury out of it. So far I haven't been wrong in describing people and events past, present and future. I have many return calls, some weekly for 3 months. It's the easiest money I ever made. I restrict my hours for I have no desire to constrict my life again with any job. My freedom is too precious.

God bless retirement!!! This income takes the pressure off of my regular counseling, so I can enjoy it as I did when it was a hobby.

If anyone is feeling the economic pinch, try this. Body, mind and spirit is my sign on co. [sic]

FRANK JAKUBOWSKY
OAKLAND, CA
DECEMBER, 1991

Win Kemp (71/28). The rise of the anti-christ is something I don't worry about. I regard it as a fiction, a legend that has grown over the centuries so that people now believe it refers to a real person. The idea of anti-christ started with the writings of the New Testament. In 1 John 2:18 it says: "Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are

there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time."

Here Apostle John uses the word antichrist as a descriptive word meaning those that are against Christ. "Many antichrists" means it does not refer to one person. Since he uses it in the contents of the last time, we can assume it is the source where the idea of associating the antichrist with the end days events-the signs of the Judgment Day.

He also writes as if the people of that period knew whoever was an antichrist, so he doesn't write as if it will be someone two thousand years later.

He also writes saying the last time is when he was living. He was referring to the Judgment Day when Jesus died. Many people have an erroneous idea that the Judgment Day is the end of the world. Judgment Day means the end of an age--rather the end of a dispensation. There are more than one Judgment Days. There was a Judgment Day thousands of years before the one when Jesus died. In Revelation it predicts more Judgment Days. In fact, each Greek city refers to a certain period, a certain quality to be learned during that period, and a Judgment Day for that period. So we can expect seven Judgment Days, that includes those we already had.

I have written a book: This New World: Birth: Sept. 8, 1958 in which I show that a Judgment Day happened on September 8, 1958. I looked through the magazines from the fall of 1958 and I can see that there was a great change in the thinking of people at that time. I selected 100 samples to show that change, in fact, some referred to the Judgment Day, Apostle John, the Greek cities, or simply the statement: "The time is now". I also looked through magazines from the fall of 1957 and I could see that their attitude was of waiting, and looking to the future. I also selected 100 samples and did a word count on both the 1958 and 1957 samples and there was a notable difference. For example, they used the word "advent" several times in 1958 and didn't in 1957.

Here is an example taken from a magazine dated November 1958 that shows that people were subconsciously aware of the beginning of the new dispensation. I found this after I wrote the book so it isn't one of the samples.

Salutation to the Dawn.

Look to this day for it is life, the very life of life. In its brief course lie all the verities and realities of your existence: the bliss of growth, the glory of action, the splendor of beauty. For yesterday is but a dream, and tomorrow is only a vision; but today well lived makes every tomorrow a vision of hope. Look well therefore to this day. Sanskrit.

Since the Judgment Day has already happened we don't have to worry about the antichrist because the legends about it are associated with the Judgment Day end time events. Also since the idea of a millennium is associated with the Judgment

Day we can expect rumors of it near the year of two thousand.

Your description of the antichrist wouldn't even qualify him as an antichrist. He doesn't oppose Christ. He produces good fruits.

I don't even think there was a person born February 4/5, 1962 that is living that would fit the role you described. The idea of a person born then and the idea you mention arose out a person's vision of someone carrying a babe from Egypt. It, I believe, represented a symbolic representation of the new manifestation of the Spirit of Truth -- a reborn Christ for this world for this new age. It was a vision that was misinterpreted and given a material explanation, while the true message was spiritual--a beginning growth of a Christ like quality in the beginning of this new dispensation.

I believe the date of February 4/5, 1962 was added by astrologers to the story of the vision. I don't know of anyone claiming to be that person, or even of anyone of knowing that person. It's all one myth added upon another myth, which was made to fit another myth of a thousand years old. Over the centuries there have been hundreds of people that were pointed to as a possible antichrist, in fact, many Popes and religions were prime candidates, plus all the bad guys.

I have spent the last few years studying the question of antichrist, Judgment Day, and this new dispensation. The time of September 8, 1958 was given to me in a personal revelation. See also the word puzzle game #12 which I submitted a while ago to Mercury Hour Magazine for confirming evidence.

Lee Weinreb (71/25) I'll compare your system of describing the sequence of children with mine. I am the fifth child so by your system I would represent mom's 1st house, which has the sign of Leo. I do have a planet in Leo--it is in the 12th house though. I do have four planets in the 5th house, so Leo is somewhat represented for me. Mom's Sun is in Sagittarius where I don't have anything. But I don't consider those factors as important as mom's Jupiter conjunct my Uranus, which represents my system. I would say I was mom's far away son, instead of I was mom's number one favorite son. Mom willed the farm and her bank account to my older brother.

When I evaluated the whole family of 13 children by comparing the two systems, I found that nine children relates more strongly to mother's chart using my system. There are four children that would fit either system equally well. This shows that the sequence of the children relates to the sequence of the planets in a counterclockwise direction. The first planet in the 5th house relates to the first child.

These birth times are available from me for anyone wishing to do serious research on this idea.

**JOHN KALUS
CLEVELAND, OH
OCTOBER, 1991**

J. Johannisova (70/45). In return, I want to thank you for your generosity in sending me the digital recording of J.D. Zelenka's Missa in D by the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorus, and the forthcoming CD of Smetana's work.

H. Pflugrad (70/39). It is interesting to note that your Sun degree is 25 Libra 53' (10/19/38) and you write you were adversely affected by a lower square Saturn Retro. transit in Sept. 1990 when Saturn was at about 18 Capri 50', whereas my mother, whose Sun was 25 Aries (April 15, 1898) died on May 11, 1990, when Saturn turned Retro. at 25 Capri. May I ask: Did you experience anything adverse during May of 1990? Because one year later, on May 18th, 1991, Saturn went Retro. at 6 Aquarius 51', exactly square to my Sun at 6 Scorpio 18' (10/30/22). I was very apprehensive about that date, and needless to say, careful, and yet, when it came, it turned out to be a day like any other day, nothing adverse or unusual occurred. Saturn will again square my Scorpio Sun when Saturn tr. 6° of Aquarius the first 10 days of Jan. 1992. During 1992 Saturn will advance to 18 Aqu. 29 by May 29, go Retro., and back up to 11 Aqu. 49', exactly conjunct my Nadir at 11 Aqu. 31', and turn Direct. What co-incidents these are! I noted in 1990 when Saturn stalled at 25 Capri. before going Retro., it directly and adversely aspected Donald Trump's (June 14, 1946) Venus at 25 Cancer 26'. That's when his house of cards financial empire began to fall apart and when his wife left him. Martina Navratilova (Oct. 18, 1956) too, whose Sun is 25 plus Libra, must have experienced an unpleasant event during 1990, although I do not know what it was, not knowing her Ascendant.

M. M. Meister (24/X/60) You are right. The inauguration chart of Reagan's first term did set the tone for the rest of the '80s. When talking about Reagan's America of the 1980's it is well to tie this in with the inauguration chart, as it makes any statements about Reagan more credible.

Joseph deMello (70/33) Yes, I should have included Napoleon's chart too. Marshall Blucher of the Prussians was born Dec. 16, 1742, which made him 72 when he assisted Wellington at Waterloo. His Asc. is unknown to me. Beethoven must have thought, too, that Wellington was the victor at Waterloo, not Blucher, who only assisted, because Beethoven composed the "Wellington Battle", Opus 91, in his honor, which has been dubbed the "Wellington Battle Symphony" although it is not technically speaking a symphony. The object of the Wellington chart was to show that since Wellington, who had two interlocking grand trines in neg. signs, was the victor at Waterloo, that therefore King David, who is portrayed in the Bible as a battle field winner, could

very well have had two interlocking grand trines in neg. signs, as Jacobs believes he did, in his book "Astrology's Pew in the Church". Jacobs does not use the Wellington chart as an example.

Frank Jakubowski (24/X/16) That's a good point you bring up about neg. signs, that they, Water and Earth, are more subconscious and have a more integrated and sustaining power. It is part of internalizing, getting inside ourselves for the truth.

Janice Giles (24/X/45) Re: Taurus. Thanks. I'm glad that you are not taking remarks made about Taurus personally. It's not intended to be personal, rather a study in a wider historical context.

J. Jupiter (70/4) Even if I can't explain why Taurus politicians have been so prominent during this century they seem to have one thing in common, supposedly wanting to improve the common lot of the people materially, even if these efforts ultimately seemed to bog down in some ideological quagmire. Perhaps this is a 2nd house trait, the desire for material acquisition. Hitler wanted more Lebensraum. Saddam wanted the oil fields of Kuwait. Lenin said: Get rid of the capitalists and landowners and everything you work for will be yours, creating a workers' paradise. Actually, the crucial characteristic of both these ideologies, Communism and Nazism, is that each is a moral evasion of facing the truth, a desire to escape the judgment of truth. It divorces us from guilt because WE then operate in the MASS, during which the worst in US is systematically activated and enlarged. As par the Biblical injunction: "And Jesus asked him, saying, what is thy name? And he said, Legion, because many devils were entered into him". Luke 8:30. The original intent of a better livelihood for the many ends in the attempted ideological domination of others, and defeats its own purpose of a better life. As the 20th century draws to a close, it is impossible to escape the thought that Imperialism in Russia may have been a better solution. As a nation the Russians exported more grain during the first decade of this century than did America. After 73 years of Communism Russia is an importer of grains. Some have suggested re-installing the Russian Crown, in a figurehead position, now living in England and France. Perhaps that's not such a bad idea. But with an assist from astrology to pick the right moment. The Nov. 7, 1917 Communist chart was a pretty bad chart as was that of the Nazis. The U.S. chart, astrologically picked, was superior to either and more durable and lasting. And of course, better for the people.

Mercury Hour magazine has been arriving at Prague okay, but letters that I have sent there have not. About half of them don't make it. I believe the problem between the lack of communication between J. Johannisova and Dianne Lawson of Kansas is the problem of letter getting lost en route.

**DOROTHY J. SARKA
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SEPTEMBER, 1991**

**I CHING
The Trigrams-Fu Hsi Arrangement**

The old eight Indian signs may help to shed some light on the order.

India

1. Edu-ram-Aries (Taurus combined)
 2. Min-fish-Pisces
 3. Kuda-pitcher-Aquarius (Cap. combined)
 4. Kani-arrow-Sagittarius
 5. Tuk-balance-Libra (Scorpio combined)
 6. Amma-mother-Virgo (Leo combined)
 7. Namd-crab-Cancer
 8. Yal-harp-Gemini
- (A.A. Bailey numbering) (Regional wheel numbered in opp. direction)

Fu Hsi Trigrams

- Khien 1. 0°-30.45 - Gemini
Tui 2. 26.15-30.00 Pisces
Li 3. 22.30-26.15 Aquarius
Kan 4. 18.45-22.30 Sagittarius
Sun 5. 18.45-22.30 Gemini
Khan 6. 22.30-26.15 Leo
Ken 7. 26.15-30.00 Virgo
Khwan 8. 0°-3.45 Sagittarius

Plate II, fig. I in James Legge's trans. has the six yin hexagram on North 0° Sag., so this is following the Chinese regional wheel, which goes left from N.

to Cap., Aqu., Pi., etc. with Gem. South 0° six yang hexagram. Sag. is earth mother. Gem. is heaven father.

In the old Chinese astrology all cardinal signs were earth so:

- Aries (Taurus combined)
Capricorn
Libra (Scorpio combined)
Cancer

all went to center of the wheel. (Later only Libra went to center.)

The signs that did not go to center are represented in the trigrams. To set up the western degrees for the I Ching, one uses fixed and mutable signs. Though the hexagrams go around the regional wheel, the readings start in Sc. first H. Sag. 2nd H. etc. This is the house reading which is now our Sc. Overlay. I like the readings in The Astrology of I Ching edited by W.A. Sherrill.

For myself, I have done up a one page reading for each hexagram, in the format in the book. This way I could study conjunctions and oppositions; and also verify that the 12 house readings with Sc. on the Asc. are really given.

Read James Legge's introduction for meanings for six (yin) and nine (yang).

I CHING TABLE - READ CARDINAL SAME AS FIXED SIGNS

	<u>Ar.</u>	<u>Ta.</u>	<u>Gem.</u>	<u>Can.</u>	<u>Leo</u>	<u>Vi.</u>	<u>Li.</u>	<u>Sc.</u>	<u>Sag.</u>	<u>Cap.</u>	<u>Aqu.</u>	<u>Pi.</u>
0		10	1		46	7		15	2		25	13
3.45		11	44		6	33		12	24		36	19
7.30		26	28		47	31		45	27		22	41
11.15		5	50		64	56		35	3		63	60
15.00		9	32		40	62		16	42		37	61
18.45		34	57		59	53		20	51		55	54
22.30		14	48		29	39		8	21		30	38
26.15		43	18		4	52		23	17		49	58

**CLEO P. EVANS
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NOVEMBER, 1991**

Edith, I have to discontinue my subscription to Mercury Hour. I have not had any lessons or anyone to talk astrology with, or teach me anything since I moved to Florida more than ten years ago. There wasn't any school or individual teacher close enough, and it seems I cannot learn without talking, discussing and learning from a teacher. And with all the changes and improvements in astrology I have become hopelessly lost.

I will miss all my friends of Mercury Hour. I first subscribed in April of 1974, which is pretty near to the time you first published it, and I still have almost all of my old copies. I will continue to read them and enjoy them from time to time. My first lessons were with

Lee Mann Scott and it was she who first suggested to all her students that they read the Mercury Hour. Her recent interpretation of the MH chart was right on course. She is an excellent teacher and I look back at my lessons with her in Hackensack, N.J., with great fondness and appreciation.

I remember also John McCormick who contributed much to the early issues of MH. When I re-subscribed to MH after I moved to Florida there were no contributions from John to MH and I wondered what happened to him. It was a great shock when I later read of his accident and death. His letters were great fun to read and enjoy. Also, good astrology.

(Anyone in this area who would like to keep Cleo interested in astrology or do you know of any groups, etc.? Edith)

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BOOK REVIEW

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Patricia Foreman has done the
Astrological Community a great service by
writing her book entitled "Computers &
Astrology".

As the astrology profession continues to grow, most modern astrologers find that they must become computerized in order to compete in the world today. Today's astrologer is not only a counselor but a writer as well, (this review was written on my computer).

Stop right there and take your coat off, do not go to your computer center as yet. Ask yourself first, what kind of computer will I need to accommodate the software I will be getting. Next question is what software should I get, better yet what software is available to me and how much will the cost be. If you fall in this category this book is a must before you even look at a computer.

Now what if you have been computerized for a while and you need more from a program than your program is able to do, like doing a chart in 90° format, or able to answer such questions as, where is the fountain pen my Uncle Morris gave me for my Bar Mitzvah? Then you too need this book.

What Pat has done in this book is inform the astrological community what

computer programs can do that they themselves can't without a computer. Most of us use the tropical zodiac and don't even know how to erect a sidereal chart. What about house systems? How many of you would like to try another house system but don't because of the difficult math process. All the house systems are laid before you with diagrams. Pat also awakens you to local space and right ascension and ecliptic coordinate systems. In this book you are given the info on almost all the astrology programs available and what programs do what, who to contact for further information on the program or purchase. Pat has researched and has given a list of software companies both in the U.S.A. and Europe, addresses included and because of the respect she has for them she has also addressed the issue of software piracy.

What if you have no computer and have no intention of getting one. This book is for you too because it is an addendum to DeVore's Encyclopedia of Astrology. Part three is an astrological dictionary giving you meanings to terms like diurnal motion, dragon's head, and dwadeshamsa. The book ends with time zone listings and an international atlas.

I feel very strongly that this book belongs in your library whether you are a student of astrology or a professional astrologer.

Above reviewed by ARLENE MARCIA NIMARK

MARY BLAYLOCK VIRGINIA BEACH, VA JANUARY, 1992

Here is a clipping that to me says
astrology loud and clear.

OFFBEAT

2 men born in same city same day die together

TAIPEI, Taiwan - Two men born on the same day in the same city were killed in a traffic accident while celebrating their first meeting, authorities said Friday.

Police in Taitung, 150 miles south-east of Taipei, said Lee Hsilung and Lai Yun-kun, both born in Taitung on June 25, 1973, died when their car smashed into the rear of a truck Thursday.

Police said Lee and Lai were introduced to each other earlier Thursday at a party arranged by mutual friends.

(January 17, 1992)

Also while doing clients charts this week, I was struck by this similarity. One client - born in the far east Feb. 8 was city manager (retired) in Georgia. Another client born Feb. 8 in Pennsylvania is a retired city manager in Florida. A lady born in North Carolina is a manager of a factory and a man, same day and year, is head of the city fire department.

Just wanted to share with y'all.
Have a nice new year.

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Jerry Makransky says (69th/17) that "the sun's diurnal circle is indeed the most logical circle to divide to produce mundane houses". I believe it is more logical to divide the earth's diurnal cycle to produce the houses. The difference between the two is that the former is an abstraction whereas the latter is real physical motion. Placidus knew this, but modern astrologers prefer to ignore the fact that their craft was originally based on the real world. Makransky also says there "is really no other way of being able to give specific information to a client except through intuition." Many of us convey specific information to clients by means of language as well as by means of intuition. Astrological language is a powerful tool for those who master it, allowing relatively universal meanings to be communicated.

To pl8 and congrats to Barbara May for being the first U.S. astrologer to come up with the correct Gulf War chart. I was amazed to see so many get it wrong when it was so obvious that the time for the start of a military action is the time to erect the chart for. I erected the chart of Operation Desert Storm immediately the data appeared in the world's press, and as soon as I saw Jupiter on the Midheaven I knew it would be extremely successful. My boss, News Operations Manager for Television New Zealand, put me on the spot by asking me for an astrological prediction of the outcome. I normally avoid making predictions but this time I explained that it looked very good for the attack and George Bush in particular looked to have things go remarkably well for him. Some weeks later he commented that things had gone pretty much as I said they would. I've always openly proclaimed myself to be an astrologer in the organisation, and this successful prediction no doubt helped my reputation. It was made possible by having the correct chart - identical with Barbara's, though she gave it a different name.

Edith, your point about the chart for the end of a race giving the outcome is quite correct. The analogy to the Gulf War does not apply however, since when the war started the moment of its ending was unknown. I do agree with Warren and Barbara that the Bush Inauguration chart is a war chart. Anne Foley (p23) certainly wrote something interesting. I liked the reference to the birth pattern as indicating a 'design law' in an individual context. I liked the suggestion that astrology provides a new conceptual framework that relates inner and outer reality. I liked the point about feedback diminishing "the separation between the symbolic and the 'real'". All good Saturn in Aquarius

stuff, restructuring the collective belief system in modern terms. Yeah, the occult property of money is a good one too - if somewhat traditional!

Edith, your reproduction of Joyce Wehrman's thoughts on Pluto was a good move. She seems to have had it pretty well sussed and I was rather impressed. Even learnt a little bit new for a change. Being Sun conjunct Pluto in Leo 11th trine Moon/Node/Desc in Aries 7th, I never had much trouble understanding it once having read Rudhyar. Mercury/Pluto for the persuader/convincer I'll have to go looking for examples that verify. The emotional extremes for the Moon I can verify from personal experience - I realized I was unusual in this respect compared to other boys around age 13/14. I recall experiencing at the time a deep insight into this aspect of my psyche. I probably wrote about it in my diary, tho I'm not yet ready to go back looking!! The thing about the Leo Pluto generation is not just the total annihilation of the bomb, a la total transformation of the nature of the local reality physically and collective reality mentally, but also the dramatic visual display. A powerful performance. The masses were greatly entertained at the time by this grand way of eliminating the enemy masses, with great Leonine pride in their national power thus demonstrated. Regal showoffs, they were. My generation was born in a time when the Neptune in Leo generation went all starry-eyed about the glamour of the atom bomb they created. Such arrogance is in the nature of us Leos.

It's interesting that the ruler of Kuwait has Saturn 19 Scorpio, T square to Jupiter/Neptune. He has survived the recent Pluto station thus far. Mars in Aries square Pluto/Node in mid-Cancer, transiting Uranus the Gulf War trigger. With but Uranus in Pisces, no martyr he! Not unless in an unusual somewhat nonconformist manner. In the critical degree, so very late is the only time possible unless a 12th house transit requires it earlier. And an exact trine to Mercury in the critical degree of Cancer?? Gee, I guess the bumbling idiot image is just a front.

To Gerri J. Posch, p33; thanks for the data, but it's incomplete. You say Bush "gave the go-ahead" at 4.27pm EST but give no date for this event. Was this an order to commence an attack? You give no source for the Newsweek/Ellsberg reference. It sounds like this could indeed be regarded the Iraq War chart, as you suggest, but unless we can check this out for ourselves we can't be sure. Then you say Bush approved an attack timetable on Oct 30. Was this subsequent to the other event? It is certainly significant that Kuwait "celebrates its Independence Day on February 25", not the day the British granted independence. I also would like to know why. And Yeltsin, just looking up his birthday in the ephemeris is liable to get one awe-struck! But the poor man has such a retrograde Mars...

To Roxana Muise, p36; it is to Sagan's credit that he properly rejected the lack of mechanism criticism. He would have signed "a statement describing and refuting the principal tenets of astrological belief." No one has ever proved talented enough to produce such a statement. However, on television here in '86 he declared there was no possibility of there being even an element of validity in astrology. I was surprised that the interviewer did not ask him if he had studied it or not. I thought your progressed Mercury correlation with reality story was most interesting.

Jim Haynes, p43; the solar return rotates about a quarter circle per year because of the extra quarter day (365 1/4) in the year, I presume. To L. Chavellier-Powell, p49; you seem to be using an incorrect chart for the Kuwait Invasion. This occurred on the northern border of Kuwait at 2am (zone -3), and the event has 27 Gemini rising. To Lee Weinreb, p61: yeah, I know about the zero in the 24 hour clock, we operate on it at work. I meant the numbers on a clock face! And if people intend to be so stupid as to start the 21st century at the beginning of the year 2001 then I'll resign from the human race in disgust. Gee, will they be consistent and apply the same logic to birth, and say the first year of a child's life begins when it is one year old??

Thanks to Jim Lewis for confirmation of the daylight saving time in effect when the October Revolution happened. First time in print for this, I believe. None of the times given can be considered as birth times of the Soviet regime. This did not occur until the Congress of Soviets assumed state power by means of a vote at around 5.30am. To John Kalus, p65; OK, I believe you, but it was not reported here or in Britain unfortunately. I get to see news telecasts constantly at work, both local & satellite, and a comment like that would have featured prominently.

Finally Margaret Meister, p67; yeah, that tendency of astrologers to give psychological characteristics to signs & planets sure does make them look stupid. Astrology is a language of nature first and a language of the human psyche second. The latter must be derived from, and subordinated to, the former. I agree with you about chart info being provided without sources. Delinquent astrologers who do this want to reduce the discipline to a game where rules are made up as you go along, data is spurious because it is based on hearsay or guessing, and charlatans can rip off the public in the traditional manner. Making up your own time zone can be fun - BGT is probably By Golly Time, a time when one's belief in the collective credibility of astrologers can indeed be suspended! Regarding Campion, a couple of years back I published a critique of his book in which I demonstrated serious errors in his treatment of about a dozen countries of note. His chart for my

country has never been used by any astrologer here, and the country operated as a nation since being granted the constitutional right to self-government several decades prior to the event Campion foolishly and falsely promotes.

Well Edith I see I wrote this before Mercury went retrograde but failed to post it!

I will refrain from commenting on the failed coup. I find myself having correctly predicted to co-workers at Television New Zealand that it would fail, but (typically for Mercury retrograde) having done it from the wrong chart!!

I was watching CNN off the satellite and they reported the initial Tass announcement "20 minutes ago" at 1610 local (NZT) giving 7:50 a.m. Moscow. Time magazine gave this event as 6 a.m., the Times of London gave it as 4 a.m. So far, so bad, but this event didn't originate the coup anyway.

Gorby said it was 4:50 p.m. on the 18th when they came to arrest him, and this seems to be the originating event. I used Sebasdopol coordinates, Foros being too small for the Atlas. This chart nowhere near as impressive as the initial one I used for the prediction which had Mercury retrograde 12th square MC inconjunct Saturn Aquarius which all said misunderstandings between the plotters would bring about loss of status - very loud and clear.

24TH EXTRA EDITION 11/23/91

To Anne Cahoy (70/22), your attraction to Edith's suggestion of the earth/sun axis in the chart as being a grounding effect I share. I don't actually do heliocentric charts, but I suppose that if I wanted to have an interplanetary consciousness the idea would have considerable aesthetic appeal. ANYTHING to get back down to earth, in fact!

To Starr Austin re several telephone calls within 5 minutes, yes, and isn't it irritating! A burst of noise from the cosmos, perhaps even more precise in time than is apparent, with callers competing for the air-time and having to dial repeatedly. The closest to the heart of the synchronicity wins! Regarding the sun moving 3 or 4 houses between solar returns, that's from the quarter day component of the 365 1/4 day year.

To Don Borkowski (70/28), Ptolemaic aspects don't include the quincunx and semisextile, unless you can find me a quote from him to the contrary. I'm interested in the fact that you have Chiron exactly rising. Would you care to essay a description of the characteristics you have that seem to be a result of this? To everyone; observe how my partner Janice (70/31), has Moon in Gemini needing lots of variety of ideas and information in her letters, in natal square to nasty old Saturn who won't let her write more than a measly half-page! Will she transcend this limitation? Stay tuned to this station...

**KRISTINA STROM
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SEPTEMBER, 1991**

Well Edie, given this responding roll I have been on, I have saved your query for last (24/X/23): Neptune has been with me by conjunction or opposition since December of 1974 and the whole process should be over by October of 1996, geocentrically. (The helio framework is a tad shorter -- June of 1975 until October of 1995. For your edification, the helio is far more accurate in terms of timed hits where Neptune is concerned, but the geo indicates a lasting effect that is hard to shake off). The whole thing started with Neptune conjunct my Venus, then Moon, then opposite my Ascendant/Uranus, then conjunct my Sun and Jupiter. It is currently by retrograde temporarily backing off a conjunction to Mercury which is square Neptune natally. This will be complete by October 1992 (geo), or December 1991 (helio -- I have my fingers crossed), when it starts heading for Mars.

Interestingly, (especially in light of the natal Neptune/Mercury square) this whole experience coincides with Mercury going retrograde by secondary progression -- that began in 1974 and will go direct in 1995. Nancy Hastings says this signifies a period of looking inward "to understand both [one's own] communication and the communication of others." Because of what has gone for me personally, I would go beyond that and characterize it as a review and consequent revision of constructs and concepts signified by transits to the natal planets during that 21 year period. As far as this regards Neptune, I am being forced to understand what is real and what is not regarding each aspect of my life represented by the inner planets. (For all the philosophers and metaphysicians out there, I am referring to functioning on planet earth in a way that works, given the limitations imposed by this plane of reality). Edie, periodically this has been scary as hell, and at times the fear and anxiety have been so great that I have felt I was losing my grip.

One of my illustrious ex-husbands, picking up on this (as Neptune was hovering just past the opposition to Uranus/Ascendant and moving toward a conjunction to the Sun), tried to have me committed during our grueling divorce. He took every book and journal about astrology etc. that I owned, which remained in his lawyers office for a year until the divorce was over (talk about paranoia -- every time I walked into the house something of great value to me was missing). Through court order, I was forced to go through a battery of psychological and psychiatric tests which took three days. During the process I was questioned for hours regarding my views on the order of the universe, the validity of astrology etc., etc. My children had to go through psychological assessment to determine whether my effect on them was deleteri-

ous. Of course my lawyer ordered identical testing for my ex-husband. He is the president/owner of a natural foods brokerage firm and leads a very conventional life which reflects of course his very conventional views of reality. My friends and colleagues thought it was curtains for me, and could not believe I refused to give up my Neptunian views and Uranian lifestyle in the interest of keeping my kids. However, the results of the tests were that I was found to be in unusually excellent mental health, particularly given the circumstances -- the only part of me that was a little "off" was that I did exhibit a temporary mistrust of men, which the court, having witnessed the whole fiasco, thought was perfectly normal. My ex, however, was found to be a real mess, and owned, basically, all of the aberrations he was assigning to me, to the extent that the court felt he should only be with the kids several hours a month. That, my dear, is a brief summary of just one of my Neptunian astrosoaps.

Through a series of more equally intense dramas, both internal and external, my perceptions regarding intimate relationships, significant partners (both personal and in business), open enemies and the institution of marriage (in short, all 7th house issues) were laid wide open for what I call Neptune's magical and mysterious housecleaning. Your Sun, using the Koch system, resides in the 9th and you say "The dumb part is that I really have no reason (emphasis mine) for feeling some of the things I am feeling, and KNOW I have no reason (again, my emphasis) but that doesn't stop the thinking or feeling." So here you are, T. Neptune (natally conjunct the Moon and quincunx the Sun) is conjunct your Capricorn Sun, and good old T. Saturn is conjunct your Mercury/Midheaven. (Since you only queried about Neptune, I am not going to go into the T. Pluto jazz that is affecting you, except to say, as you know, that none of these planets operate in a vacuum.)

I associate "pure reason" with the 9th house in its highest philosophical sense, thinking with Mercury and feeling of course with the Moon. So in a sentence, given the planetary action you are enduring these days, you encapsulized your dilemma. I would like to suggest, given the nature of Neptune, that you do have reason to be experiencing the thoughts and feelings you are, but it just isn't clear (typical Neptune) yet. I would imagine in your case that the whole thing has to do with an "opening" of the higher faculties of perception, or the brow chakra as some people say. When we are forced to operate in and experience unknown territory, there is always an element of very real fear, anxiety and paranoia (how does downright TERROR grab you?), which from a "logical" point of view might seem unfounded. When Jung went through his Neptunian thing he damn near lost it and attributes his making it through to the stability and support of

his wife and family, and, significantly, his knowledge of planetary motion. The only way out of this kind of experience is unfortunately through it.

I wish I could take my magic star wand and make everything all right for you, as I am sure hundreds of us in MH land would -- we all value you so much. For what it is worth, I do have this to offer:

I was talking to a dear friend, client and colleague the other night. He is a brilliant and loving German psychologist named Dr. Martin Luthke. We were discussing the Neptune dilemma, especially the fear part. I asked him, "What is the antidote to the major F word? [That's how I categorize fear to my clients.] And don't answer with any bullshit 'spiritual' platitudes, please."

He said, "The antidote is another F word -- Faith."

I went, "Come on Luthke, I said no useless bullshit -- unless -- wait a minute, how do you define Faith?"

He answered, "I consider Faith to be the understanding that everything is in its place and that each and every experience we have is for a specific reason in our development, even if it isn't clear to us in the moment." I thought that was quite beautiful, and worthy of passing along to you. Given that precise definition, I can close by saying, "Keep the Faith" Edie, knowing in your heart and mind that because of the mercy of the Universe and the peregrination of the stars and planets that this too shall pass.

(Thank you Kris! Edith)

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To Carolee Spurgeon: Your letter in the 71st brought back memories of an astrological problem I had nearly 10 years ago. I was collecting charts of those who had been sexually abused by an authority figure. It seemed logical that those who had similar experiences of a life-altering nature should have something similar in their charts. The first couple of charts did have Sun in the 12th house. The next few had Pluto in the 5th house but no 12th house Sun. And so it went. Charts seemed to arrive in groups which had things in common with each other, things that were not present in the charts of other groups. I was getting nowhere fast.

Then I attended a lecture given by Ray Merriman in which he talked about the astrological alphabet (Yes! Ray Merriman!) He talked about finding important themes in the chart when the same combination of numbers was repeated in the chart several times. When I got home I got my incest charts out. Wow! I found some charts that didn't have Sun in the

12th a 12/5 combination, did have the Sun in Pisces, another 12/5 combination. Charts that didn't have Pluto in the 5th house, 8/5, did have the ruler of the 8th house in the 5th, 8/5. So I went through all the charts and counted up the 12/8, 8/5, and 12/5 combinations and each time I found one I put a mark on the edge of the chart. I used signs, houses, planets and aspects. I found that I didn't just have 3 or 4 combinations. They ranged from 15 to 25. (Give an extra point for hard aspects closer than 3°, and an extra point for Retrograde.) There are a couple of other things that are also counted but the point is that the charts of incest survivors are loaded with links to the 5th, 8th and 12th houses. Had I not tried a method that seemed a bit stupid I would still be looking for the common factors in these charts. I have over-simplified the way I count up the combinations but if anyone needs more information, write to me.

I can remember years ago when I swore I would never use Helio, but once I gave in and tried it, it was another story. I never omit Helio now. Never. And if I had not tried Helio I would not be winning at the casino. I just won another Jackpot, this time a progressive.

So Carolee, when people have a closed mind they are the ones who suffer. Keep right on doing what you're doing.

Has anyone out there read Henry and Clare, by Ralph G. Martin? It is a biography of Clare Boothe Luce and her husband Henry. Martin states, "Ann Boothe (Clare) was born March 10, 1903, though for some unknown reason, thereafter she celebrated her birthday in April rather than March." In Profiles of Women, Rodden gives April 10. I think biographers are out to torment astrologers. Groan.

"CANDIDATES OF '92"

Robert F. Dierdorff of Portland, Or., has written an 11 page analysis of the "Candidates for '92" and some of their associates. He does this analysis by Sun signs and numerology and gives weights to the various negative and positive factors of each.

To quote Bob: "There were certainly some surprises when the results of this project were tabulated." and his last comment "Who may have the last laugh? They call him, "Dan."

Bob uses for his astrological scoring, the Sun in aspect to Neptune, Uranus and Pluto and also Mars aspects.

The whole thing is pretty interesting. For \$3.00 you can get a copy of the full report by sending to: Names & Places, Suite 12, 2386 W. Burnside St., Portland, OR 97210. Edith

"My car was legally parked as it backed into the other vehicle."

**TODD COLLARD
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SEPTEMBER, 1991**

John Paul Sloan (70/10): Since you've asked for help locating your missing pictures, I've decided to write yet another letter dealing with the horary of missing articles. I've cast more horaries on this subject than on any other, which is probably true of most other practicing astrologers. Hopefully, I can add some hints to help you recover your missing pictures and help others make use of this most practical phase of astrology.

The Ascendant of this horary chart accompanying your letter is 26 Scorpio 58, just two minutes away from being in the last 3° of a sign. Since your question was timed to the nearest minute only and because you probably don't reside at the precise geographical coordinates for which you cast the chart, it's possible the last 3° of Scorpio rise. If true, your chart would be rendered "not fit to be judged," according to some authorities. When I see a chart with an Ascendant near the magic borderline of the first 3° rising or the last 3° rising, I follow Mark Edmund Jones' advice and "test the grain of the chart."

One of the ways to test the chart is to see if the Part of Fortune is in the house of the question. I noticed your computer-generated chart does not show this all-important point. Whatever its value may be in natal astrology, the Part of Fortune is a valuable tool in horary practice. It is usually sufficient to calculate it to the nearest degree. See how far forward in the zodiac the Moon is from the Sun and put the Part of Fortune that far forward of the Ascendant. To the nearest degree, the Moon is a sextile, less 4°, from the Sun so the Part of Fortune is a sextile less 4° in advance of the Ascendant, placing it in 23 Capricorn. It is thus in the 3rd house, the house ruling misplaced articles, as I pointed out in my letter in the 24th Extra. The "grain" of this chart appears ripe to "harvest," at least as far as this test is concerned.

Let's answer the first question: "Do I still have my pictures of Amir?" Both the Sun and the Moon are above the horizon, a strong testimony of YES. Neptune-of-photographs (I have no idea why your friend said they were ruled by the 5th house, even if he was stretching this by virtue of the pics being possibly of your lover or child) is found in the 2nd-of-possession, implying that they are, indeed, in your possession. So we have another testimony of YES.

One of my favorite testimonies is the "Yes-and-No Technique" Jones taught in his "Horary Astrology." If the lord of the question forms a major aspect with the lord of the opposite house, you have a quick answer to any yes-or-no question. If they are conjunction, sextile or trine one another, the answer is YES. If square

or opposition, the answer is NO. If they make no major aspect, then try the lord of the house of the question and the lord of the 4th house FROM THAT HOUSE. This aspect is by sign so the orb can be up to some 30°! You don't care if one of the planets is retrograde or if one of the planets can't apply to the other. In other words this is the same as a Rasi chart in Hindu astrology, in the sense of judging aspects by sign location and ignoring orbs as such. And by "lords," I mean the house SIGN ruler. In the example chart before us, Jupiter is lord of this 2nd by virtue of his rulership of Sag., the sign on the cusp of this 2nd. (In this technique you use only the original lords of the signs.) The lord of the opposite house is Mercury because he rules Gemini, found on the cusp of this 8th. We find Jupiter and Mercury in the same sign, thus in conjunction and giving us another testimony of YES to add to our total.

Before I get into the question of "where," I must remark on the "encouragement" you got from Rudhyar's degree analysis. As most users of the Sabian Symbols know, the "proper" degree analysis to use would be Mars in 1° and Venus in 3° of Virgo, 1° advanced than you used, John. This seems further validation for my opinion that you cast a chart for the moment when it can reveal the answer by the rules the ASTROLOGER WHO CAST THE CHART uses! And, for that reason, I'm going to base my analysis on John's Placidian house cusps, even though I prefer Koch.

For MISPLACED articles (as opposed to things truly lost), I use the 3rd house. Here we find 0°, 8 minutes of Aquarius on the cusp. (Cap according to Koch.). Its traditional ruler, Saturn, is placed there and RETROGRADE, another important omission in your chart. He's in his own sign, giving him strength. Judgment: Found after a DELAY, since Saturn always demands the TIME element.

Think of all the horaries for the next couple of years with Saturn or Uranus as signifiers: for as long as Saturn transits Aquarius, it and Uranus will be in mutual reception! To use Ivy's technique, mentally swap Saturn's and Uranus' positions. Looks good. Saturn is now in the 2nd, an indication that the pictures are in one's possession, under one's control. Check out Uranus, now in the 3rd. Aha! Uranus is the ruler of automobiles, by most authorities. (Mars, by some, since the auto is primarily made of steel, a hardened IRON, and because the automobile is the product of MASS PRODUCTION ruled by Mars.) This chart is beginning to remind me of Marie deLeone's driver's license chart. Note 2nd house lord, Jupiter, conjunct natural 3rd house lord, Mercury. The 3rd house is the immediate neighborhood (just outside the house) as in a DRIVEWAY.

Jupiter is also lord of the end-of-the-matter 4th house, never to be ignored in horary practice. As we say here in the

South, "this is fixin' to get good." Additional key words for the 4th are "Hidden" and "dark." We've already noted the STRONG Saturn, the planet of darkness and things hidden. Now, since the chart shows the possibility of the pictures being somewhere in your car, let's get wild and see if we can narrow down the part of the car. If Aries is the front of the car, Pisces is the rear of the car (I warned you we were getting far out!) and what part of the rear of any car is dark? Bingo! The TRUNK! Finding them there would be most astrologically apt for Pisces on the cusp of the "that-puts-an-end-to-the-matter" 4th!

Jim Haynes (24/X/52) Thanks for your kind opinion of my horary work. I wish I could recommend just one good book on horary, but I can list three: "Simplified Horary Astrology," by Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson; "Horary Astrology" by Mark Edmund Jones and "Horary Astrology," by C.C. Zain. Some might be surprised at the books I didn't mention, but I must respond in the words of Jones: "Sometimes surprisingly inconsequential books on the subject" have been written.

GERRI J. POSCH GROSSE POINTE SHORES, MI NOVEMBER, 1991

Just finished reading "SECRETS OF THE SOVIET COUP," an "exclusive report" in the 11/18/91 edition of U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT. It gave different times than I have read before: 4 A.M. Moscow time - VP Yanayev assumed the presidency and 4:30 A.M. Defense Minister Yazov put the military on heightened alert. They stated "the coup had begun" at 4 A.M. The authors did not name specific sources. The 4 A.M. chart makes more sense to me than the 6 A.M. one. Can anyone confirm this time?

The progressions of both USSR charts are fascinating. The natal 12th house has reached the Midheaven and natal Uranus is conjunct the progressed nadir, while Venus is still direct, in the Trotsky Chart. Venus is retrograde in the progression of the WTPE chart. The feature article in the N.Y. Times Sunday Magazine 9/29/91 was about "building the barricades with the artists of Moscow" during the coup. The article described how the artists and intellectuals defeated the plotters.

(Gerri - The "Astrologer's Newsletter" published by the Boston Chapter of NCGR, had the following information you might want to take note of! Edith)

IMPORTANT MUNDANE INFO ON RUSSIA

We're indebted to the Astrological Society of Princeton, N.J. who published the following info in their monthly publication. They quote Jacob Schwartz, who spoke here in Boston a year or so ago, and who is now traveling in Russia. He writes from, Angarski, near Irkutsk, just north of Mongolia and reports that

the audiences of 250 to 350 have been attending his astrology lectures. Jacob says that "the end of USSR (as we had known it) is best timed for September 5, 1991, 4:30 p.m. BGT (Baghdad time, or -3), Moscow. The dissolution of the nation seemed to have been accomplished at 11:30 a.m. on that day, but the action was challenged, and the final vote was at 4:30 p.m."

(We really need to give credit to this NCGR Chapter. They often supply the rest of us with good information and do a lot of research that they willingly share. Our thanks to Frances McEvoy, the President, to Lorraine Welsh, the 2nd Vice President and Publications Director and to all of the rest of the Board and chapter members.

Incidentally, they also, in their Nov. '91 edition gave a birth time for Clarence Thomas of 9:00 P.M. EST in Pin Point, GA 32N00, 81W05 on 6/23/48. Source - Birth Records. Edith)

DOROTHY J. SARKA WHITE ROCK, B.C. CANADA DECEMBER, 1991

Nov. 13 & 14 in Vancouver Province

News

Mars S. Node 19Sc.30

Helio Mars 17Sc.47 & 18Sc.22

Geo Mars 18Sc.41 & 18Sc.22

Geo Pluto 20Sc.17 & 20Sc.19 a rare lineup.

There were 38 homicides in Vancouver this year. Nine of them happened in less than a month in the Lower Mainland.

On Oct. 20, 1991 a family of four was slain. In mid-Oct. a man shot his ex-wife in Abbotsford. The same day another man shot ex-girl friend's new lover in Surrey. In each of these cases the gunmen shot themselves.

On Nov. 13 Vancouver police charged 18 people with drug trafficking at the Van Halen Concert. On Nov. 14, 1991 a 23 yr. old woman was shot to death in front of her two sons. the gunman shot at himself; but is expected to survive.

In Royal Oak Michigan Thomas McLivane 31, killed two people with a semiautomatic weapon and shot at himself. Several other people were injured.

A leaking toxic cleaning fluid sent 15 Richmond workers to the hospital.

The Canadian Pacific Railway line was closed indefinitely, when a steel pipe tumbled on the track and derailed a west bound freight train. Three locomotives and 13 cars were derailed at 2 p.m. PST 40 kms west of Kamloops. No one was injured.

"I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law and headed over the embankment."

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ELIZABETH GACKOWSKI BETHPAGE, N.Y. JANUARY, 1992

Please find enclosed a few pages from a new book **NOSTRADAMUS THE END OF THE MILLENNIUM** by V. J. Hewitt and Peter Lorie.

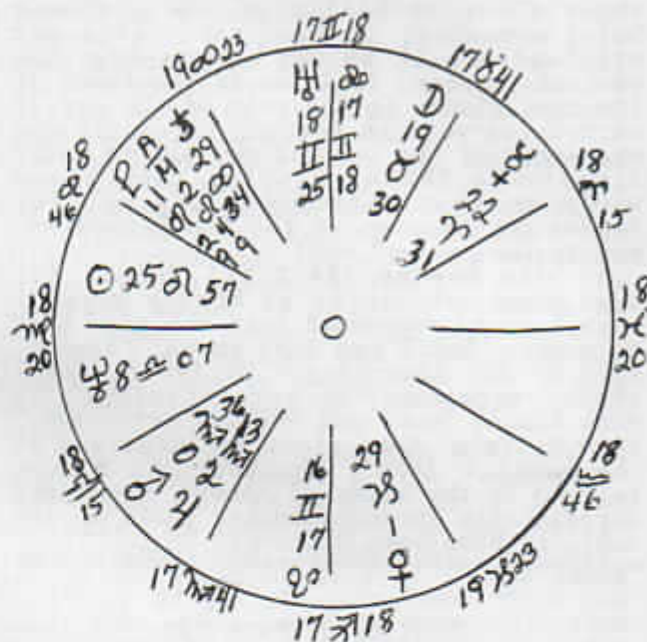
A few of the predictions includes dates. The date I am most interested in is May 8, 1993, 7:05 (P.M.?) California. The date predicting the BIG EARTHQUAKE in California.

Astrologically earthquakes should be predictable with Eclipses, major conjunctions, Ingresses and solstices etc. I have been studying some of these charts for 1992 and 1993 but haven't found the connection as yet. Perhaps some of the MH family are interested in studying this event?

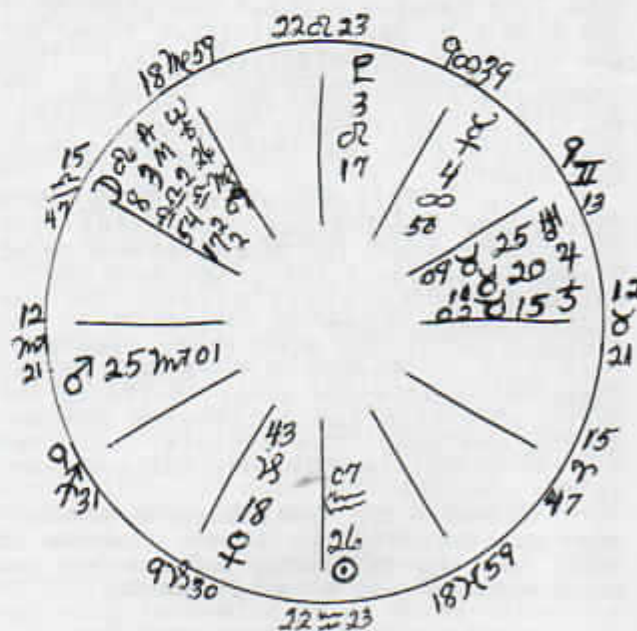
One of the predictions I didn't include was that President Bush would be re-elected November 1992. If Hewitt and Lorie are correct with this prediction, not far off 1992 I would be very concerned about the May 8, 1993 date.

We should all be around in 1993 so we will know if any of these predictions come true. Since I live on the East Coast I won't have any travel plans for California in May 1993. But I did tell my sister in the San Francisco Bay area to have a nice long weekend, with all her family, far up north on the weekend of May 8, 1993.

This is Bill Clinton's HELIO chart - Aug. 19, 1946, 7:30 A.M. CST, 93W36, 33N40, Hope, Arkansas - (Approx. from mother via Celeste Longacre)



This is Paul Tsongas' HELIO chart - Feb. 14, 1941, 11:45 P.M. EST Lowell, MA., 71W19, 42N38, (From BC - Celeste Longacre) This mans "public projection" is quite different from his "private projection".



SENT IN BY KRIS STROM

"Love your enemies, you made them!!"

**KAREN H. Malfregeot
Stuart, FL
September, 1991**

RE: 24th Extra and other on twins

Having been a subscriber since 1983 I have noted many comments on twins, astro-twins, identical twins, fraternal twins, and male/female twins. However, I do not recall anyone who was actually a twin giving any input into the discussion. I've decided perhaps I can give some understanding to those who are researching twins, at least from my personal experience.

I am the second twin in an identical twin set. There are 42 minutes between my older sister and myself. We have different ASC's. Her ASC being 29 Gemini, mine being 9 Cancer, she has more of the Gemini personality and build. I have the Cancer personality and build. Yet, according to the doctor who delivered us there was only one placenta, essential with identical twins, also, genetic testing shows that we are identical. How do they - the doctors - explain the physical differences? Through the environment, from womb to tomb. The order of birth, the interaction with family and friends play an essential part of any child's upbringing, but in my opinion more so with twins.

We had a brother born almost exactly a year before us that died after living 23 hours. My father was at Cherry Point, N.C. in training (1944), the baby died as he got off the train, to be with my mother and her dying infant. His comment to the doctor and staff was that he'd be back next year and he'd have twins! My grandmother was interested in astrology, so she asked the delivery room nurse, who was a good friend of hers, to keep her eye on the clock and call her as soon as my mother entered the hospital. At the time of our birth, the welcoming committee consisted of three generations, from my great grandfather to my nine year old uncle. All were looking at their watches, which had been set to "railroad time" to be as accurate as possible. Birth data: July 18, 1945, 4:45 AM EWT/5:27 AM EWT, Stuart, FL, 80W15, 27N12. My lungs were not fully developed, I had the same disease that claimed the "Kennedy baby". According to the hospital records, they surmised that I didn't get the same nourishment that my sister did from the placenta. According to Obstetricians I have talked with today the 42 minutes would not be allowed to happen. A C-Section would be performed within 5 minutes.

I have observed that twins always seem to take on certain roles. One is the yin, the other is the yang. More often than not the older twin is the yang. Somewhere along about 35-36 years of age there seems to be a switch that takes place. The one who was yang becomes more yin and vice versa. In other words one gives directions for the first half of life and the other the last half. At

least this is true of my sister and me and several sets of twins that I know fairly well.

It is interesting to note that the 10° difference in our ASC's has been significant in our lives. We were married within 10 months of each other, our boys were born within 10 months of each other, as were our girls.

We consider ourselves very fortunate in that our parents and family always worked hard to treat us as individuals, and not a single unit. With friends and their parents that was not always so, even today friends that we grew up with think that they can't have one of us over for dinner without the other. Crazy isn't it? Tho, even today our father will sometimes get confused and call us "K/Karen".

My feeling is that when dealing with twins, you have to ask questions, what role they played as a child, what role they are playing now, then maybe the astrologer can help them to become an individual who happens to have a lifetime partner. I feel that once a twin gets in touch with his/her individuality, then being a twin can be really fun, but not before.

Please note that these are only from my personal experiences, I'm sure that there may be twins out there that have a different experience.

To the Staff and all the contributors of Mercury Hour a big thanks for all hours of pleasure you have given me over the years.

**HAYA MURRAY
New York, N.Y.
September, 1991**

I was surprised that so many of you responded and really appreciate your remarks. In all my years in MH land, never received more than 1 brief response (at best) at a time. Could it be that, (unlike Rodney Dangerfield) I'm getting 'respect' in my old age???

Now for some answers. Beginning with OCTOBER 1991:

Marion March, page 5: Do not have much background on semi-sexiles, though I can't say that my own single one (Mars in Gemini-Neptune in Cancer) was ever irksome, even though they are a rather odd couple.

Annibale Verzumo, page 7: Loved the wisdom of Manilius on the ASC. It is the key that colors the whole chart: all too often its importance is down-played.

Ted George, page 9: How come you skipped a JUPITER-NEPTUNE square delineation? Surely it warrants equal coverage with conjunction, trine and opposition?

Lee Lehman, page 19: Right on! I recognize a kindred spirit. The 20th century 'fad' as you so aptly described it, has seeped into everything not only to the detriment of astrology but to everything else; people got by without it

for millennia and surely are more 'screwed up' now than ever before.

Lela Chavellier-Powell, page 56: Thank you so much for the nice things you said. Don't know how I conveyed honesty but have certainly 'rolled with the punches' throughout a tempestuous existence. (With 6 planets distributed in all 4 cardinal signs, what else could I expect?) but I find life well worth living.

Now about Mars-Venus aspects in synastry (this also in reply to Annibale Verzumo, page 29 and Janice Giles, (24th extra edition, page 17)), quite often I have found cases of forthright revulsion with long-lasting repercussions with close aspects while finding the utmost harmony between people who not only do not have Mars-Venus aspects in synastry but also no such aspect in their won charts. I pay attention to close aspects between VENUS-URANUS and VENUS-PLUTO and find them very significant and often extremely positive.

Margaret Meister (Extra edition, page 31), I'm with you! The DeVore Encyclopedia should be a 'must' in every astrologer's library, for it contains more valuable insights in its pages than one can find in dozens of astrology books.

Frank Jakubowsky, (Extra edition, page 38), Don't know how these particulars fit in with your theory: Have only 1 son, born Venice, Italy, July 14, 1937 between 10:25 and 10:35 P.M. (birth was so difficult I fully expected to give up the ghost, so forgot in the last 10 minutes to watch the clock: 21 hrs. not-stop labor pains and 23 stitches, 15 of them internal). I was born 4-7-10 at 8:03 A.M. London, England, with Gemini 18°40' rising and 1st house Pluto. My son has Pisces 23°38' rising and 1st house Saturn (in Aries, 5°) classic indication of mother's difficulty in giving birth. V house cusp in my chart has 11° Virgo, with a weakly aspected Jupiter (Libra) at 8° 44' Rx. His 3 Cancer planets in V square my 3 Aries planets in XI, his 7th house Moon in Libra is in exact opposition to my natal Sun.

Dennis Frank, (Extra edition, page 32) Always seemed to me that to attribute importance to positive-negative signs merely adds an unnecessary complication since every sign and planet is both positive and negative.

Gloria Leggett, (Extra edition, page 50), Glad to hear that you enjoyed my letters. Hope I won't disappoint you in future. Re the asteroids: was thinking in terms of natal placements, and how they contribute to emphasize themes in the chart. My Ceres and Vesta in XI (Pisces) are in close conjunction and Pallas is in Aquarius in X. Even without other corroborating factors, these 3 alone could tell the whole story.

Marie deLeone, (Extra edition page 57), There is certainly a Chiron ephemeris. I got mine from CAO Times, Box 75, New York, NY 10113. Don't know if that address still applies. I find that

CHIRON aspects a natal planet or is conjunct a natal cusp whenever something important happens in someone's life.

Margaret Meister, (Extra edition page 60), Thanks for the information. Wrote immediately to Astro-Communications and look forward to the ephemerides.

Matt Jones, Welcome to MERCURY HOUR. Knew you'd love it. We must find time other than our Monday evening Coffee Shop get-togethers to discuss planetary nodes, mid-points and other factors of mutual interest.

Jim Haynes, (Extra edition page 55) (to Diane Zeines) Of course singing is a form of communication, as are all art forms. There are no words in native-American languages to describe 'art' in the way that it is generally understood...instead any artistic expression such as a song, a dance, a piece of pottery, a woven fabric, etc. is defined as a 'prayer made visible' ...after all, isn't that what art is all about? And what nobler form of communication could we aspire to?

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A note to astrologers using Blue*Star who progress the Midheaven according to traditional methods: Choose NAIBOD MC in the progressed angles option of Blue*Star. This will produce the Midheaven you desire. Some astrologers call this Naibod, others call it Traditional.

'Naibod MC, as computed by Blue*Star, uses the daily sidereal time increment -- this is quite constant from one day to the next. Progression using Naibod MC accumulates the daily sidereal time, calling the time between two noons (or two midnights) one year. The traditional method of progressing the angles also uses the daily sidereal time increment, one day equaling one year. With some charts, Blue*Star users may notice a 1 minute of arc difference between these two methods, corresponding to about 6 days in progressed time. A chart would have to be rectified with great exactitude for this to be noticeable, because a 1 minute difference in birth time corresponds to a difference of 15 minutes of arc (a quarter degree) on the Midheaven, or 90 days in an individual's life -- for being only 1 minute off on the birth time.

The traditional method of casting a progressed chart is to count as many days after the birth date as the individual is old in years. A chart cast for that day using the time of birth is the progressed chart for that year, beginning with the birthday.

**TODD COLLARD
NASHVILLE, NC
NOVEMBER, 1991**

Re Dianne Lawson (70/6): Dianne gives the birth data and life events of four individuals as a test to see if anyone can match the persons with the charts. In a recent conversation, I asked her if she would send me copies of the charts (one didn't have the time listed) so I could attempt to solve her "astro-puzzle." She assured me, incidentally, that all four charts are birth certificate times. I asked her if she had sent the answers to Edie for the next edition and she said she had, so I'm going to rush this off before Edie mails the next edition. You'll just have to take my word for it that Dianne hasn't given me the answers.

The first pair seem like a "gimmie." One of the charts is for a male paralyzed from the waist down from a car accident in which he was driving. Dianne identified him as "Person B." Take a look at Chart 1: It's for a Sun-sign Aquarian with 12 Virgo on the Ascendant, conjunct Uranus. I couldn't help but think instantly of the horoscope with nearly the same cusps of a famous American who also was paralyzed from the waist down: none other than Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Paralysis is very much a Uranus affliction and this unfortunate person was born with the heavy Uranus - Pluto conjunction of the 1960's right on his Ascendant. For both of them, Uranus is co-lord of their 6th houses. Locomotion is very much a 3/9th axis affair. Chart 1 shows Neptune-of-atrophy opposed to Jupiter in the 9th, both square the 6th house Sun. This fixed-sign T-Square indicates a long term bodily affliction. Franklin Delano Roosevelt had Jupiter and Neptune conjunct in the 9th, both square his Sun. The indications for Person B's afflictions pile up in Chart 1: Saturn in his 6th square his Moon in the 9th from Pisces-Gemini as well as his lunar Nodes squaring Uranus, Pluto and Mars in body-1st mutable signs all point to the bodily affliction and the travel accident.

Curiously, an old text called the "Fixed Stars and Degrees of the Zodiac Analyzed, by E. C. Matthews, p.15, contains a chart with 11 Virgo 03 rising with the Moon in 12 Virgo and Jupiter in the 3rd square Neptune in the 11th. The native was "killed" by skull fracture in an auto crash. A friend went to the morgue to identify the body and insisted on calling a doctor to try to revive her. Life was restored, though the woman remained unconscious for six weeks and blind for eight weeks longer. She fully recovered after a skull operation. Matthews gives the data only as born April 25, 1874 and the date of the accident October 24, 1934. No place and no data source.

Chart 2 is for a person 15 years old and only 14 when Dianne sent this data to MH. Probably too young to have

been driving in the traffic and presumably at a speed to have been involved in an accident and too young to be "extremely bitter about his lot in life." Now this could be a trap - I mean it's possible a youngster learning to drive could be involved in an accident - but I'll rely on the chart, itself. Chart 2 has Taurus rising with its lord in its own sign, Libra, in a tight conjunction with Mercury and Mars. By Koch, they're found in the 5th rather than the Placidian 6th Dianne has them imprisoned. Looks good to me for a person "athletic and artistically talented." The 5th is what we LIKE to do. Moon, lord lower-educational 3rd, conj. the 9th of higher education, trine the Sun in studious Virgo ain't too shabby an indication of educational prowess. Jupiter in the 1st in the other Mercurial sign, Gemini, confirms the reading. He makes a pretty trine to Venus.

I just love the life story of Person D." Where do you get such interesting clients, Dianne? While it's hard to beat for contrast the lives of "Person C" and "Person D," their charts have several similarities. To name a few: same signs on the angles, Pluto and Saturn hovering about their Ascendants and Moon in Pisces. But enough of the grumbling.

I associate the Roman Catholic Church with 12th house - Pisces - Neptune themes - you know, the Church as the "crown jewel" of the Piscean Age. Both Charts 3 and 4 have them prominent. Chart 3 has Pluto in the 12th further up in the 12th. That's the heaven-and-hell, good-and-evil, sinner-and-saint syndrome that might drive a guy to the priesthood. Chart 3 also has a Venus-Saturn conjunction (restricted emotions) to impel one towards a life of celibacy. Jupiter is found in its own sign of Sagittarius, two further clues to the Church. Moon in the 7th in Pisces for putting women on a pedestal, beginning with mom, then Mary, mother and then one wife after another.

A big factor in my selection of Chart 3 for "Person D" is the "Savior Aspect" - a hard aspect between Sun and Neptune. Koch puts their conjunction in the 2nd and seems apt for one hoping for Justice, the divine Balancing of the Scales in the afterlife (future-oriented 2nd house) and justice in this one. So potential priest turned lawyer - and this in the sign of the scales: Libra!

The square of the MC and ASC is closer in Chart 3, indicating a stronger propensity for career changes. One chart for Martin Luther has a 26 Leo Asc., so I'm opting for Chart 3 to mirror the life of "Person D."

For all her "stable" marriage, whichever chart belongs to "Person C" doesn't readily reflect that fact. It will be interesting to see when the veil is closed on this life whether "Person C" can still say that. Chart 4 seems less afflicted marital-wise, but not greatly so. Sunsign Virgo might be a stabilizing influence along with Saturn on the Ascendant. The Sun is involved in a triple

conjunction with Venus and Mercury and all three trine the MC. A classic example of a "Stable secretary?" They sextile Mars in the 11th of friends and could indicate the many friends enjoyed by "Person C." Both charts have Uranus in the 11th, making it harder for me to draw any definite conclusions to contrast the two in this area. Even in Chart 4, Mars is in a water sign (like Chart 3) and square Neptune in mental 3rd. One could make a case for drinking and addiction and lots of party friends, but it seems, since they make no other difficult aspects, the triple Virgo sextile should draw off the negative energy of this single square, insuring that only rarely does anything stronger than milk cross our stable secretary's vocal cords!

Both Charts 3 and 4 have Chiron in the 4th, closely conjunct the IC. Chart 3, however, has Chiron conjunct Mars in water-sign Scorpio. It will be interesting to see if Chart 3 is the drinker. I know of a chart with Chiron conjunct Mars in the 4th and in Cancer and he has been known to have drunk his share of the nectar of the gods.

Venus is lord of occupational-10th. In fact, they are found less than 10° apart so I didn't find much help in distinguishing careers on the basis of Venus' locations. Jupiter, as indicator of children is found in both charts moving from a malefic and next approaching the Moon.

The charts share nearly the same planetary distribution pattern - a Bucket Pattern with the Moon as Handle Planet. Not much help to distinguish here, either.

So, my conclusions have been drawn and I send this off to the tender mercies of the MH family. I hope others will analyze the charts and give their conclusions.

ANN PARKER SKOKIE, IL NOVEMBER, 1991

After four years of research and writing, I have just completed a new book on the role of the Arabic Parts in Relationships. The book is called FORTUNES of the FAMOUS: Role of the Arabic Parts in Relationships. The word "Fortunes" is the ancient name for the parts described by Arabian astrologer/scholar Al-Biruni in his book, "The Elements of Astrology," written in 1029 A.D.

Although I had never found the Parts particularly meaningful in individual charts, to my surprise they were striking when compared -- by conjunction only -- to the personal planets and Parts in another person's chart. After I had compared the charts in dozens of relationships, I finally isolated 19 Arabic Parts that occurred again and again. Indeed, they appeared to be the hidden glue that held people together for years. These Parts were: Fortune, Spirit,

Friendship, Karma, Destiny, Soul, Inheritance, Love, Passion, Marriage, Happiness, Luck, Fame/Money, Success, Aid, Father, Mother, Male Child, and Female Child.

When I added the Angles, including Vertex and Anti-Vertex (East-West), the personal planets, and four important midpoints, I came up with 41 Sensitive Points which could all be related by conjunction only between the charts of two people. To make it more fun for myself, I created a point system to score the relationships -- giving 2 points to the most often occurring Sensitive Points, 1 point to the others. It soon became clear that any really "binding" relationships scored about 100 points.

So began my book -- and my growing fascination with biographies. I soon had some 11 "famous" couples chosen to study, and the rest was all exciting research and plain hard work. Although the famous couples all score above 100 points, I have found my clients' relationships often scoring higher. It would appear that the higher the Karmic involvement, the higher the score.

Here are some examples of the kind of inter-chart activity I found:

Duke and Duchess of Windsor

- 1) The Parts of Karma were conjunct.
- 2) The Duchess' Ascendant and Part of Marriage were conjunct the Duke's Part of Fame/Money -- a remarkable verification of her search for social prominence through marriage. Within the Duke's chart his Jupiter was conjunct his Inheritance.
- 3) The Duchess' Part of Passion and Venus/Mars midpoint conjoined the Duke's Ascendant and Part of Soul.

Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor

- 1) Richard's Moon/Mars midpoint (point of lover/sweetheart) was on Elizabeth's Ascendant and intimate East Point.
- 2) Elizabeth's Moon/Mars and Sun/Moon midpoints were both on Richard's 7th house cusp.
- 3) Her Midheaven was conjunct his Part of Soul.

Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy

- 1) Her Mars and South Node were on Spencer's Ascendant and Parts of Destiny and Happiness.
- 2) Katharine's Ascendant and Part of Spirit were on his Part of Fortune.
- 3) Her Part of Fortune and East Point were on Spencer's Midheaven, Moon/Mars, and Part of Passion.

All of these examples show only a few of the inter-linking Sensitive Points.

Should anyone be interested in ordering this book they can obtain it from: Ann E. Parker, Astrological Profiles, 9009 N. Lamon Avenue, #1A, Skokie, IL 60077 - \$21.00 - 1st Class postpaid.

ARABIC PARTS

Formulas are reversed if you were born at night (Sun below horizon). I have listed both formulas.

FORTUNE: Asc + Moon - Sun (Day)
 Asc + Sun - Moon (Night)

SPIRIT: Asc + Sun - Moon (Day)
 Asc + Moon - Sun (Night)

Friendship: Asc + Spirit - Fortune (Day
 or Night)

KARMA: Asc + Saturn - Sun (Day)
 Asc + Sun - Saturn (Night)

DESTINY: Midheaven + Sun - Moon (Day)
 Midheaven + Moon - Sun (Night)

SOUL: 4th House Cusp + Moon - Sun
 (Day & Night)

INHERITANCE: Asc + Moon - Saturn (Day &
 Night)

LOVE: Asc + Venus - Sun (Day)
 Asc + Sun - Venus (Night)

PASSION: Asc + Mars - Venus (Day)
 Asc + Venus - Mars (Night)

MARRIAGE: Asc + 7th House Cusp - Venus
 (Day)
 Asc + Venus - 7th House Cusp
 (Night)

HAPPINESS: Asc + Uranus - Jupiter (Day &
 Night)

LUCK: Asc + Moon - Jupiter (Day &
 Night)

FAME/MONEY: Asc + Jupiter - Sun (Day)
 Asc + Sun - Jupiter (Night)

SUCCESS: Asc + Jupiter - Fortune (Day)
 Asc + Fortune - Jupiter
 (Night)

VICTORY/AID: Asc + Jupiter - Spirit
 (Day)
 Asc + Spirit - Jupiter
 (Night)

FATHER: Asc + Sun - Saturn (Day)
 Asc + Saturn - Sun (Night)

MOTHER: Asc + Moon - Venus (Day)
 Asc + Venus - Moon (Night)

MALE CHILD: Asc + Jupiter - Moon (Day &
 Night)

FEMALE CHILD: Asc + Venus - Moon (Day &
 Night)

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NANCE McCULLOUGH INGLESIDE, TX JANUARY, 1992

Am reading through the January, 1992 Mercury Hour and had a few comments to make:

To Kristina Strom I find Venus square Mars is an immediate, exciting turn-on, but that it is EXCESSIVELY JEALOUS and OVERLY SEXUAL. I have several interesting chapters on Venus-Mars interplays in my book, LOVE FORMULAS: THE WORKS (\$6.65). Also a Saturn trine will keep people together; and several Saturn trines will keep them together forever, whether they want to be or not!

To John Somoza in reply to your comments on SOLAR RETURNS. I have an interesting tape, SIMPLIFIED INSIGHT INTO SOLAR RETURNS (\$7.55) which gives good, down-to-earth information on solar returns. The tape has practically every rule on solar returns with actual living examples elucidating those rules for better understanding of their usages. The tape has more rules with specific examples than any other single existing work on solar returns.

To Vivian Zolotas I find that for death to occur there needs to be more than one aspect predicting the death. Even death need not occur then as death is transformation, but transformation is not necessarily death. An individual needs to be urged (under such auspices) to burn off his negative energies and arise anew (transformation); thus utilizing these otherwise detrimental aspects. The lord of the 8th or planet in the 8th (nately) should be involved for a death to occur. I had one client with Moon conjunct Jupiter nately in her 8th, reiterated in her solar return the year she died (per my SR tape mentioned above). A strong Pluto aspect as well as a heavy aspect involving 8th house could cause death. I frankly believe that if the SR does not promise death that year in some way, it will not occur. I had another client die who had Mars nately in his 8th and when transiting Mars exactly conjuncted his natal Mars, an old car he was working on fell on him and killed him instantly. (His natal Mars was afflicted). However, I do agree with Joseph DeMello "there are a lot of times to die".

To Diane Zeines and Dennis Frank I would love for both of you to listen to my SIMPLIFIED INSIGHT INTO SOLAR RETURNS for some good, dependable and usable information on solar returns.

Edith, keep up the good work!



**BARBARA SHAFFERMAN
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SEPTEMBER, 1991**

Some comments on the 70th Edition.

T. Pat Davis, p.5 -- I love the idea of astrological puzzles. It's an excellent way to sharpen skills and also to get rid of some cherished misconceptions. Although I do not believe that you can specifically see death in a chart, it certainly seems that the young man was killed. I've looked at many death charts, and almost always have seen a yod formed by the natal and transiting planets. In this case, he has two intertwined yods: transiting Jupiter sextile natal Jupiter quincunx Ascendant and transiting Neptune sextile Ascendant quincunx natal Jupiter. The ruler of that high focus Ascendant, Venus, receives a semisquare from his exact progressed conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn at 14 and a half degrees of Taurus. As a further indication, transiting Moon at 16 Aries conjoins the South Node and squares his natal Moon. It certainly seems that this is a fateful time for him, with death the probable outcome. Also, if you look at the holdup chart as an event chart, Jupiter, which rules both the Pisces Ascendant and Sagittarius Midheaven is in the 12th house and squares the Sun, ruler of the 6th house and Venus, ruler of the 2nd house. (The 2nd house seems to be involved with death as often as the 8th). Also, Jupiter closely squares Neptune, co-ruler of the Ascendant, and quincunxes Pluto, co-ruler of the 8th house. The ruler of the 8th house of death, Mars, is in the 8th house at 19 Scorpio, which the ancients considered such a difficult degree. My guess has to be that the man was killed in the holdup.

Speaking of puzzles, I think Dianne Lawson did all MH readers a disservice. In the April edition (#68), she gave data for four charts with four sets of descriptions, but never gave the correct answers, although she had the chance to do so in both the July and October issues. I'm sure there must be others like myself, who took the time to try to figure out which charts were which, but never found out the answers -- very frustrating. Anyway, Dianne, as long as I'm writing, here's the way I thought the charts from the April edition matched up: Chart #1:C, Chart #2:A, Chart #3:B, Chart #4:D. For my own information, I'd like to know which, if any, are correct.

Anne Massey, p.18 -- I'm very interested in your conclusion that Mercury and Saturn may be more important in an astrologer's chart than Uranus, because those two planets dominate my chart (August 24, 1928 -- 4:38 p.m. DST -- New York City). Mercury is the final disposer of my chart and is the focal point of a T square and part of a grand trine, while Saturn is my Ascendant ruler. The two planets form a close square. For your information, I have been practicing astrology for 20 years and, although I do

readings, I much prefer writing, lecturing and teaching. When progressed Sun and progressed Mercury conjoined natal Midheaven a few years ago, I really began concentrating on writing and have had several articles published in HOROSCOPE, AMERICAN ASTROLOGY and the AFA Bulletin since then, with some others due out soon. So, here's one more statistic to add to your list.

Lee Lehman, p.19 -- Loved your comments on the importance of mastering classical techniques, before muddying the waters with all sorts of bodies and midpoints, hypothetical and real, that are floating around in the solar system. Every system of knowledge needs to be updated, but in my opinion, astrology has been "humanized", "psychologized" and "archetyped" to death. Anyway, I think you stated the case for back to basics better than anyone I've ever read.

Diane Zeines, p.37 -- The comment about your Sun-Saturn opposition in the April 1991 Extra was mine, not Marie DeLeone's. The reason I mention this is that it bears out your point about Virgo and Pisces. I am a Virgo and have several Pisces friends -- it seems to be one of my most compatible signs. Anyway, I'm forever pointing out to them contradictions like your "good-bad" editing skills, and they say it's helpful. They, in turn, do bring out my spiritual nature. I think there's a real symbiotic relationship between those two signs, even though one sometimes drives the other up the wall. Also enjoyed your comments on Neptune-Pisces, p.45-46.

Lela Chavellier-Powell, p.56 -- I, too, against all logic, believe the Gemini rising U.S. chart "feels" correct. To your very descriptive comments, I'd like to add two of my own. Saturn in the 5th house reflects America's ingrained Puritanical reaction to pleasure. The Moon (the general public) in the 10th house shows our system of government by the people -- to my knowledge, the first time in the history of the world that this principle was successfully implemented.

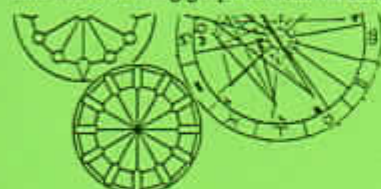
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Rereading your article on Transpluto in the Mercury Hour Oct. 1991, I had a few comments about what Joyce said. First, since my Transpluto is 2° 44 min. of my Midheaven, I have it conjunct MC and square ASC so certainly I would agree with MC to Transpluto being a "do it my way" type person (retrograde Uranus in Gemini in my 8th house). The Transpluto square to the ASC, exact to 20 min., may draw people to me but, due to the square, they are difficult or trying folks. Jack Kennedy had this square and look what he drew.

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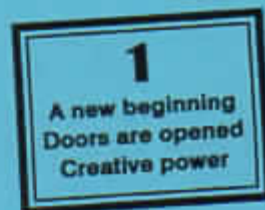
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