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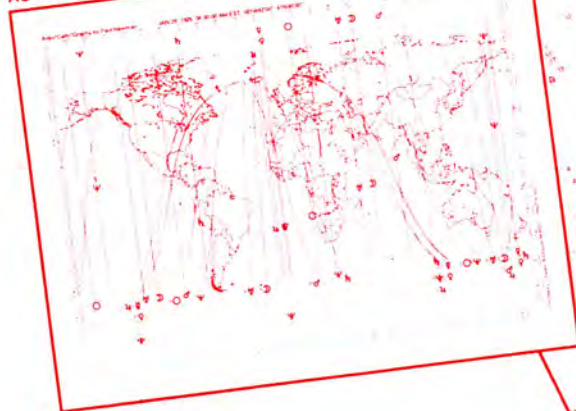
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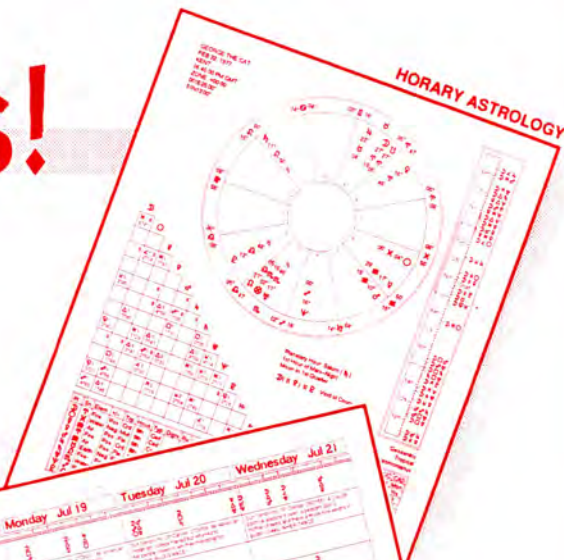
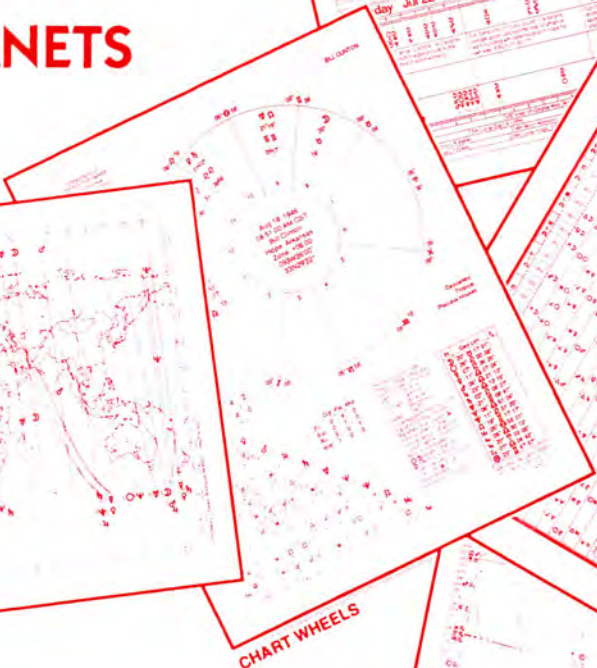


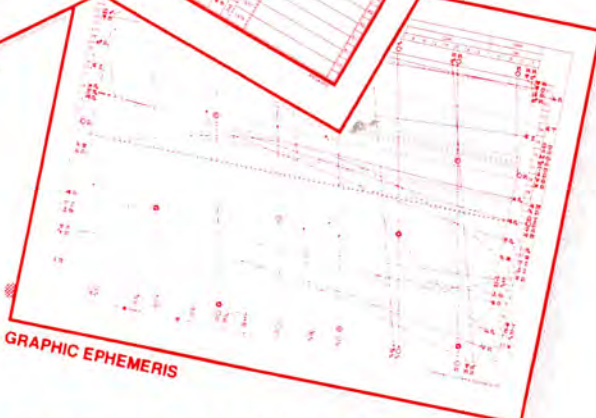
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HI!!

Okay, Okay!! You asked for it, kept pestering about it, NOW YOU GOT IT! All you have to do is show up for the 9th 7 Hills Astrological Conference. It will be held from Friday morning October 7th thru Sunday evening October 9th, 1994. Most folks will be coming in on Thursday October 6th. The Radisson Hotel in downtown Lynchburg is the place again. We are in the process of contacting the speakers and will announce them later. Most arrangements are in the forming stage. The rooms will be \$61.00 for a single and \$71.00 for a double. More info will come along as we get it.

The Radisson and I have come to terms and we are ready to go forward. Mainly I would like to hear if any of you might be planning on coming Oct. 7 to 9, 1994 to the 7 Hills Conference. The Conference and banquet will be \$135 for the 3 full days. The room rates did go up, nothing I can do about that but a shared room is only about \$37.00 per person with tax.

I got to know Roger Elliot at one of the large conferences in San Diego many years ago. I also recall an AFA conference in which he wore a multi-colored clown's wig at the Starlight reception. I enjoyed his ability to be a serious astrologer and to have a wonderful sense of humor at the same time. It is with heavy heart that I learned of his passing. The notice said he died during a heart by-pass operation on Sept. 29, 1993. I believe he was 56 years old. He will be missed. Our condolences go to his family.

Information for our new subscribers: When referring to a letter from a previous edition we indicate the person's name, then the edition number and page number. (78/42). This makes it easier to refer back to the discussion and saves a lot of reprinting and space.

I really appreciate the writing you folks have done. Betty has been a busy little beaver! Some have even been a little feisty but that's okay. As most of you know you are entitled to speak your piece, have the person respond and then if you wish to continue the argument you do it on your own between just the two of you.

As promised James Santa-Mo has sent more info on the ASC Symposium to be held

March 18-21, 1994. It will be dedicated to the memory of Howard Sasportas. The symposium will meet at the Marriott Hotel in Rocky Hill, CT., a suburb of Hartford. There will be international as well as national lecturers. You can write to The Astrological Society of CT., P.O. Box 934, Wethersfield, CT 06109 or call 203-328-0026, for more information.

From 1977 thru 1991 Dorothy (Dottie) Pierce of San Diego, CA was a subscriber to the Mercury Hour. Margaret Clarkson just wrote to let us know that Dottie passed away Sept. 9, 1993. As Margaret said "Dottie was a superb astrologer and will be missed terribly by her many friends."

We received a notice too late to notify our subscribers, of the 10th History of Astrology Seminar on Sept. 20th. It was held in London on Nov. 21, 1993. Please, get your notices in at least 3 months ahead if you want us to mention them.

The Astrology Association of St. Petersburg, Florida honored Julie Baum, who at age 91 was retiring from astrology and going to a retirement home near Chicago, IL. The Testimonial Luncheon was held Sept. 26, 1993 in St. Pete in acknowledgment of Julie's 55 years of service to astrology. She was on the Board of the AASP, an organization she founded along with SPICA, ARG of Orlando and "originating" with the AFA for which she served as an officer for many, many years. I am sure her many friends in Florida will feel the vacancy created by her move but we all wish her well.

Serafin Lanot, a long time subscriber to the Mercury Hour, suffered a stroke before dawn on Sept. 22, 1993 in Manila, Philippines, and passed over. He was 80 years old. Born Aug. 21, 1913, c. 12:30 P.M. in Boac, Marinduque (Source: Holden & Hughes/Astrological Pioneers of America.)

Serafin had a long and varied career and at the time of his death he had a regular astrology column, "Cosmic Chatter," in the Manila Bulletin. His many friends and clients will miss him I am sure.

Here and there thru this issue are some definitions for "Bureaus Have a Word For It: (with an astrology comment added.)

I noticed in the Astro-Twin file that there are 4 other people born on January 5th, different years. I know of 4 more, 2 I went to school with born on the same day and year, and the other 2 in different years. Must be a popular date for giving birth! Anyone have Taurus (16/17) rising? Just curious.

We still don't have anywhere near enough material for the extra edition so please do continue to write. It doesn't

have to be several pages, just a couple of comments, paragraphs will do nicely. We need to communicate even if only briefly. Get with it gang!

Love & Hope,

Edith
Edith

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS
FROM THE
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**DOROTHY WILLIS
NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA
SEPTEMBER, 1993**

**WINTER SOLSTICE
DEC. 21, 1993 - 8:26 P.M., GMT**

The most predominant feature of early winter is Saturn squaring Pluto. They begin the winter in the same degrees, Saturn at 26 Aquarius and Pluto 26 Scorpio, but the square culminates Jan. 2nd and by Jan. 12th Saturn moves off. Next, all but Saturn are in the northern half of the chart, and all declinations are south. This indicates extreme cold, with thick ice building up in the north again. There are no eclipses this winter period.

Saturn's MC is over the arctic Islands of Ellsmere and Baffin, over Quebec and across New England at 73W. Extremely damp, cold, easterly winds. As Saturn always picks up moisture when over water and intensifies, with Pluto's influence, New England can expect very severe blizzard like storms, ice storms and deep frosts, high humidity and almost constant cloudiness.

Pluto's MC is over the Aleutians where the square from Saturn will produce the same effects except the winds will blow off shore. This square is going to be particularly nasty as it culminates Jan. 2nd, with Saturn still over New England and Pluto the Aleutians, because the Sun semisquares both from 11 Cap. which is the midpoint of the square at 114W, from Calgary down thru Yuma, followed by Mercury on Jan. 3rd who also semisquares both, and then cojoins the Sun on the same day. This will bring one of the coldest, windiest days of the winter. Just recall last spring's "freak" winter storm that hit the southeast.

Mercury and Venus are cojoining over the Yukon and squaring over the Atlantic. Moderate temps. and clouds.

December 28th's lunation has 6 planets in Capricorn on the Nadir of the chart, within 20°, with the Moon in opposition, and Pluto and Saturn still squared. January 11th's has SEVEN planets in Capricorn within 9° all on the Nadir again, Pluto and Saturn 1° apart in square. The square of the cluster runs from 87W to 71W Venus cojoined Neptune at 76W, heavy snows over New England along with the Sun cojoining Uranus for very cold temps. New England to Chicago may be battered. On January 13th Venus cojoins Uranus, more freezing, and on the 16th Mars cojoins Neptune for heavy storms and/or seismic.

Neptune and Uranus are now 1° apart over the western plains at 104/5° Eastern Montana down thru west Texas and Mexico. Stormy, windy, snow and rains. As the storms move eastward, this system will reach into adjoining areas.

Jupiter is on the IC over Great Britain and squares over the Midwest states at 91W. This will intensify storm systems coming in from the west. Jupiter is not benevolent in adverse situations,

altho he may raise the temps. slightly. Being in Scorpio, he will be wetter than usual and that's also a seismic sign. February 11th Mars squares Jupiter but not over heavily populated lands in the west. (In the east Mars on the IC crosses over Japan, squaring Jupiter over the Mideast, i.e. Iraq etc.)

Mars on the MC runs over Yukon and B.C., then off the N.W. and California coasts over the Pacific. He squares over Greenland, his IC is over Iran. During Dec. and Jan. he moves over the Aleutians cojoining Venus, Mercury, Neptune and Uranus reaching Saturn on March 14th continual storms. The lunation of March 12th puts him over San Francisco. The conjunction of Mars and Saturn on March 14th, takes place at 5:01 A.M., at 90W. Severe wind storms. Seismic.

The Sun begins 1° short of Mars at 126W, over B.C. and the northwestern states, into the Pacific. He joins Mars Dec. 27th for a warm spell, the full Moon falling on the 28th Dec. January 11th he cojoins Neptune and on the 12th Jan. he joins Uranus for dropping temps. on the east coast. February 20th the Sun cojoins Saturn for a bitterly cold spell over eastern California.

The Moon starts over the Atlantic, squaring Los Angeles. Except for the two week period from Dec. 28th to Jan. 11th, her influence seems to stay over the western part of our hemisphere. Those 2 weeks sees her bringing her moisture to the east coast.

Transpluto is still in orb to the square of Saturn and Pluto, thus influencing their actions.

All 3 of the Arctic air masses will be activated this winter. We will have cold waves from the north Pacific, from the mid-continent and from the north Atlantic all coming in. If that isn't enough, we also have disturbances coming in from the south Pacific. These bring the heavy lows and rains across Baja into the southwestern states meeting with the Caribbean flow coming north and west. All in all, it looks like a winter to remember.

**WINTER SOLSTICE
DEC. 21, 1993, 8:26 A.M.**

H E L I O

Saturn now in Pisces, lies over the northeast coast at 64W. This will increase the moisture, but Pisces is a bit warmer than Aquarius, Saturn may bring more snows but less ice conditions.

Neptune, Uranus, Pluto and Mars are over the areas as their Geo. counterparts, only 1° difference.

Mercury starts his season over Alaska, squaring the east coast and semisquared Uranus at 62E, over Newfoundland and Cape Breton. On Jan. 16th he squares Pluto and goes on to cojoin Saturn on the 18th. Both are seismic indications. When combined with the Geo. Mars conjunct Neptune on the 16th Jan. and Geo. Mars conjunct Uranus on the 18th

Jan. it may be a rather nasty spell for Alaska and the Yukon. Other than seismic, severe storms, blizzards, high winds moving east and south with hail and freezing rain added.

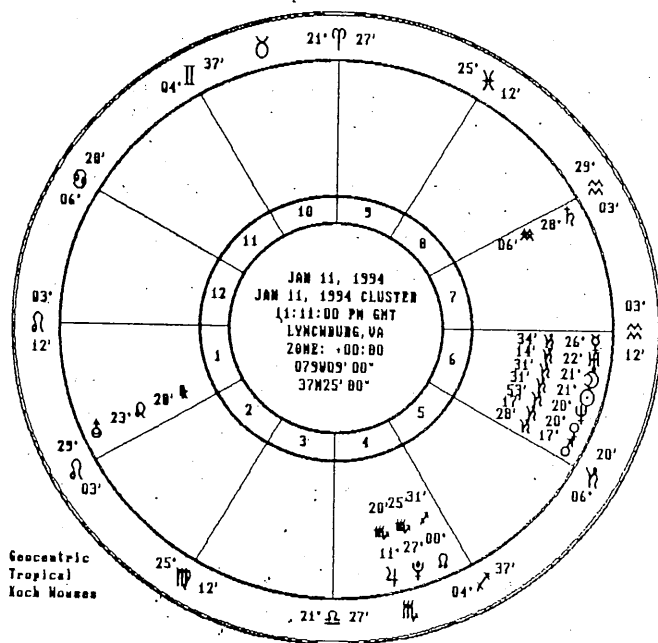
Venus squares the MC over Newfoundland, indicating much snow. January 13th Venus cojoins Neptune for heavy snows and Jan. 14th she cojoins Uranus for plummeting temps. from Alaska across the plains. On Jan. 19th she enters Aquarius for continuing cold. February 8th Venus cojoins Saturn, and they both square the MC for Los Angeles. Cloudy, damp, cold and rainy.

Helio Mars cojoins Neptune Jan. 22nd, and Uranus Jan. 24th. Both seismic and stormy. Mars to Neptune can indicate some flooding in the west.

Jupiter squares the MC at 100W. Wet to the south. He is squared by Mercury Jan. 9th for possible thunderstorms, and trines Saturn on Jan. 12th over Alaska, heavy snow.

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January 2nd when Geo. Saturn squares Pluto, Earth is in perihelion (closest to the Sun).



JAN. 11 MOON CONJUNCT SUN - LYNCHBURG - MC SQUARE STELLIUM - 11:11 P.M. GMT, 79W09, 37N25

Edie - I do not recall anyone mentioning the cluster of Jan. 11th and it's filled with all types of speculation - even to a pole shift - with all that mass jammed into one tiny section of the solar system - closest to the Sun. December 28th's is as bad - 3 weeks of constant storms stress. The declinations make the picture even worse - all south - and so close. Sun + Neptune 21S, Venus + Uranus 22S, Mercury + Mars 23S. Perhaps the saving grace for us, is that these

planets only influence the Mideastern states by square - and they are actually on the Nadir from 10E to 19E - + on the MC from 170W to 161W. The latter being the Aleutians - and unstable land - the former central Europe covering Italy and Sicily's volcanoes - and snows over the northern areas. This is the closest cluster we've had yet. So far most of my notations are seismic - and extremes of heat and cold - but nothing awesome - and I do hate doom and gloom forecasts - but I hope every person who can will have emergency supplies stocked - widespread blizzard and freeze - including Florida. Florida's MC square Venus Neptune.

BARBARA MAY TUCSON, AZ SEPTEMBER, 1993

Barbara May sent us an article from the "Arizona Daily Star" 8/24/93. She thought some of it might be of interest to you. Here are some excerpts from the article entitled "Scientists prepare to track fiery collision of comet chunks, Jupiter" by Jim Erickson.

Next July, the icy remains of a fractured comet will meet a fiery end when they collide with Jupiter in a series of massive explosions.

Yesterday, about 100 researchers gathered in Tucson to prepare for that rare event....

Telescope images revealed at least 21 chunks of comet lined up across the sky like pearls on a string, and researchers suggested that a single comet had been torn to pieces by the force of Jupiter's gravity during a close encounter with that planet last summer.

Interest intensified in May and June when astronomers predicted that the fragments, now in orbit around Jupiter, will collide with the giant gaseous planet next July. Early estimates put the largest fragment at about 6 miles across, comparable to the projectile that blew a 100-mile-wide crater into the Yucatan Peninsula 65 million years ago, possibly wiping out the dinosaurs.

But subsequent calculations have shown that the comet fragments will hit on Jupiter's back side - the impacts will not be visible from Earth - and that the explosions won't be as big as first thought.

"It's not the incredibly rare major event that we thought it might be, but it's still a major event," said Eugene Shoemaker of the U.S. Geological Survey, co-discoverer of the comet.....

RELIABLE SOURCE--The guy you just met. (Leo the super-salesman)

INFORMED SOURCE--The guy who told the guy you just met. (Leo's brother)

UNIMPEACHABLE SOURCE--The guy who started the rumor originally. (Aries in a hurry)

**DEFIANCE GREGG
JUNEAU, AK
JULY, 1993**

Part II - Conclusion

**"INTRODUCTION-TO M-13:
SPIRITUAL THEORY"**

Most of Clinton's appointments leaned toward women. (Women and Jobs=Virgo) Some events were very upsetting. The Texas Massacre of children through the Justice system under a new woman Attorney General. Her decision helped encourage the actions which triggered the deaths. (Fire of Mars could equate also to the anger against him as "The Unarmed One" which ancients called Virgo. This massacre is being hushed in the news media, but will not be hushed in our history books. It was a non separation of Church and State which is part of our Constitution. As for women, and Jupiter in Libra..the women he was choosing, included our newest Supreme Court Nominee. Also, during this time, the personification of freedom, in the statue of the Lady of Freedom came down from the capital dome for a cleanup job.

I think it is well taken that Virgo does have some influence upon Jupiter now as well upon Libra. All Leo people should be rather lucky this year, in spite of the anger they may engender through their actions. By August they will find life easier, when their birth date rolls around. Maybe the Constellation, Hercules, although too far away as yet, Bootes and the Corona Borealis are worth mentioning now. They will be in Jupiter's path. Hercules was seen as "Laborer on his Knees" and if we took a giant step into a spiritual plane of thought, Corona Borealis and Bootes above Libra, could be working in our lives this year. These two represent a spiritual approach to the study of heaven.

The Corona Borealis is a crown of seven stars. Within this time, the Queen of England has practically been dethroned, having agreed to pay taxes, now for the first time, to appease her people. The royal family being picked apart. Hercules which represents the laborer on his knees, is worth watching. Laborers who are on their knees economically, begging to be taxed, in hope of getting jobs. Virgo represents health and that is the new package going to Congress. In England, laborers are willing to relieve the Queen of her powers and in America we are willing to unseat many of our people in Congress. This is a struggle between all these signs. Many leaders can fall now while Jupiter is so closely related to this part of the sky.

Bootes called the Guardina or Keeper of the Heavens, which also gives us Arcturus, the fourth brightest star in the sky, can lead to a new spiritual awakening. For the first time in centuries, the Catholic Church misbehavior has come to the view of the citizens. The members of the church, who have lead

lives on their knees in prayer, seem to be pointed out for change. People do not see the holiness of sexual activity, in the sacrament of Confession as forgivable. Would the sacrament be used again if the next Pope allows women to become priests?

In July the sky is opened to Uranus and Saturn and we should see how closely related the nearby constellations to Capricorn can affect these two planets which give us shocks and responsibilities here on earth. Uranus in Capricorn can cause rebellion against the establishment. The Sky Almanac shows Uranus still close to star M22 in Sagittarius. Although Saturn took a tiny step into Pisces during May and June, in our ephemeris. We see it still very much in relationship to the Constellation of Aquarius. It is also close enough to the Constellation Pegasus, whose star Markab is the personification of the famed Winged Horse of Greek mythology. "Let's fly away" can be the theme after this year is over. As we see the mass migrations of people on earth, going from one country to another, crossing over borders, there may be some connection to a new era. An era started with new elections across the world and new women in high places in many countries can be the cause of major adjustments in everyone's live's. Like the burst of steam at Yellowstone, we can see events burst forth to give us a completely different way of life during 1993.

I no longer think the twelve constellations have all the answers to the future. I know we ought to expand our horizons. The big changes are frightening people to the point of reaching out desperately to find answers. The many so called, psychics on TV will have a field day, unless we can show up their commercial indiscretions. We all know there is a strong natural calling to the masses for a view of the future. We all believe in prophecy. Plenty of charlatans are cashing in now, with the help of our new 900 rip off by the telephone company.

As for the constellations, I like knowing signs much better this way. It makes the person, far more valuable in my evaluation of events in their lives.

When we step into the past, and take from the knowledge of our ancients, we listen to our spiritual brothers and sisters. When we equate their knowledge to our own, pitiful as it is, at the end of this century, we begin to realize how much we lost along the way. Our ancients were all our "Aries" and "Taurus" on earth. One day two or three hundred years from now, others will see us as their computerized ancients. We are their Gemini's. What do we give to them? Turn off electricity before you answer that question. Our ancients were our torch bearers. They are reaching out, to pass the torch. Have they found anyone to carry their spiritual torch in new centuries with the computers we spend our time developing? We should look about to see which of our young have the waiting

minds and hands to take over their torch and encourage them.

In May when I first realized that Aldebaran was part of the constellation Taurus, the furrower of the Heavens, I fell in love with astrology all over again.

Pleiades tossed the seeds of spiritual abundance to earth, and I am sure astronomers and astrologers caught them. We loused up royally in the past century by ignoring our ancients, but with computer know-how of this age, perhaps we can make up for lost time. Every now and then, we have that rare personality, who writes books or magazines or speaks, to open our minds. When astronomy and astrology come together within our college classrooms, to create a new group of thinking men and women, we can expect a completely new view of our art. We should beware of those who try to stop us from seeking our own truth, when theirs have gone no where. When astronomy and astrology were married, great minds were going in the right direction. After the church, which was far more powerful then, put our great astrologer Galileo in jail, astronomy and astrology took a giant step backwards and away from each other. We have never recovered.

Conclusion

BARBARA DUNN LONDON, ENGLAND SEPTEMBER, 1993

Will Daniel Day-Lewis get an Oscar (best actor) for his role as Hawkeye in "Last of the Mohicans"?
30th September 1992 15 44 GMT London

Background

In autumn 1992, BEST magazine asked me to prepare 1993 predictions for their Christmas issue. The Oscar nominations were a long way off, so I had no idea whether Daniel Day-Lewis would even get a nomination let alone an Oscar. Nevertheless, I posed the above question and from the horary, submitted the following judgment in October 1992, all of which we published verbatim:

"Oscars Outlook

Prestige for British actor Daniel Day-Lewis is certain through his role as Hawkeye in "The Last of the Mohicans". But although a nomination is likely, he may not be lucky enough to win an Oscar for best actor. One of the men standing in his way - an older, more established figure probably with dark hair - is likely to get that honour".

Radically

Jupiter is the planetary hour ruler and accords with the Aquarius Ascendant, since they are of the same nature. The chart is, therefore, radical by hour.

Reasoning

This is one of the most straightforward charts I have ever judged.

I considered Daniel Day-Lewis to be signified by the Seventh House and its

ruler (Leo and the Sun), since he has no relation to me. The Oscar to be the Tenth and its ruler Jupiter. Although Jupiter is certainly significant in this judgment, the Moon conjunct the Mid-Heaven has signification also.

I did not turn the chart and consider the Tenth from the Seventh. This is unwise, since the original Tenth House obviously represents the honour for all parties concerned. They are all after the Oscar, represented by the Tenth of the chart. In fact, my experience over the years seems to confirm that using house cusps from turned charts cannot always be relied upon to give accurate answers. The astrologer must always consider the original chart. As Fifth is children, so Tenth is "the achievement".

The Sun, in LIBRA, in the sign of his Fall is obviously in a weak position. Jupiter makes no aspect to the Sun and despite the fact that the Moon moves directly to a sextile of the Sun, the latter is afflicted by an applying square to a detrimented Mars. Mr. Day-Lewis was therefore ruled out.

Looking at the most likely candidate for the award was simple. Saturn conjunct the Ascendant (Mr. Day-Lewis's Seventh House of opponents/competitors) in his own sign and triplicity, although retrograde, is in a strong position.

Moreover, the Moon will apply to Saturn by sextile from the Mid-Heaven. Although she makes a sextile to the Sun initially, there is mutual reception by triplicity and face. In any case, the Sun is natural significator in Tenth House questions (CA p. 444) and applies to Saturn by trine, also in the sign of Saturn's exaltation and triplicity.

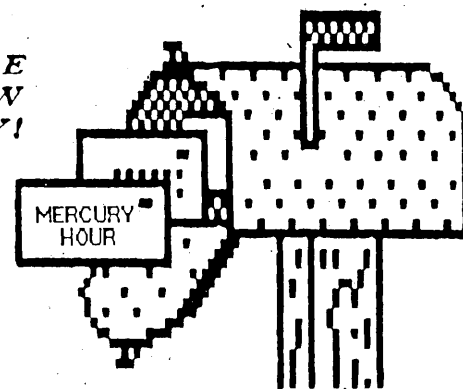
I reasoned that Saturn would, therefore get the Oscar. Saturn (an older man probably with dark hair) is essentially and accidentally dignified, indicating a person who is well established and well off. In the term of Venus: a lack of height.

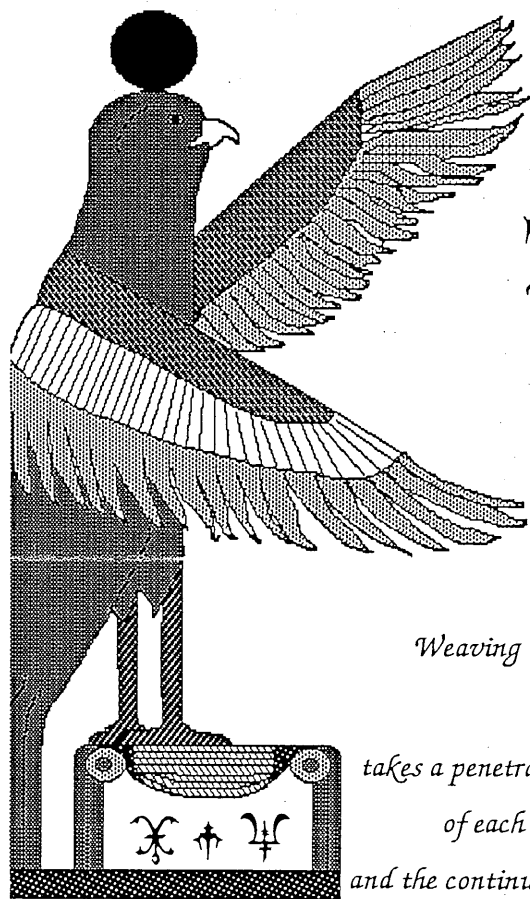
Outcome

Al Pacino won the Oscar for best actor. He is shortish, dark and certainly well established.

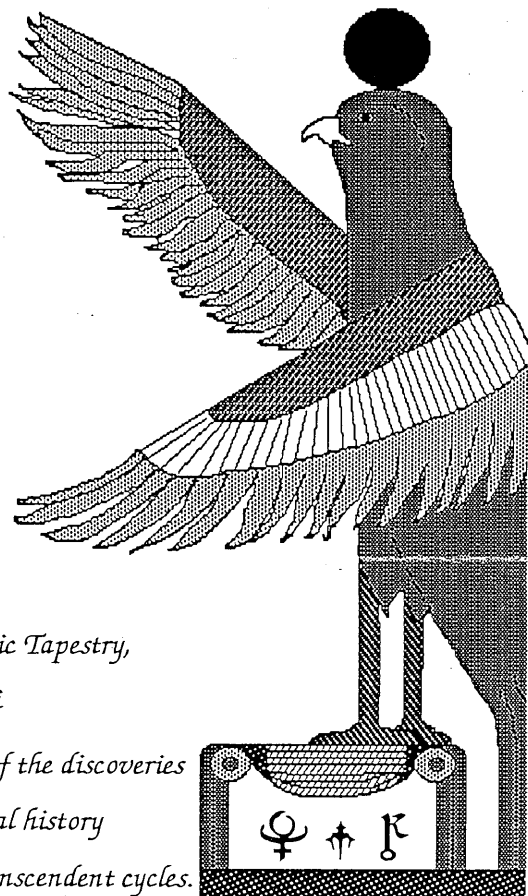
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SEPTEMBER, 1993**

The Sidereal Corner...I still remain convinced as to the value of my Astrology Clock, 26/X/38, not only for astrologers, but for all humanity. You don't time a baby's birth in the 7th or 8th month of pregnancy; you time it when it's born, when he's breathing, full of life. Timing the beginning of the year, January 1, when nature is asleep, the dead of Winter, makes absolutely no sense at all to me.

To the ancients, March 21 was the most important day. Loretta Pearce--remember her?--was one helluva astrologer. Her relative, A.J. Pearce said this in his Textbook of Astrology... "The Vernal Equinox--the exact moment of the ingress of the Sun into Aries--is the commencement of the astrological year.

"From the remotest of antiquity there existed a belief that the world was created at the vernal equinox. It is a remarkable fact that the Christian era is connected with the epoch of the vernal equinox in Aries--the sacrificial ram or lamb."

Sidereal Time, or the Right Ascension of the Midheaven, is very near noon on March 21. Also, on that day, occurs the tropical ingress of the Sun into 0 Aries, the sidereal ingress of the Sun into 0 Pisces, the astronomical clock--the Big Dipper's pointing stars, Dubhe and Merak--point directly down toward Polaris, the North Star, the Big Dipper upside down, empty of its contents, waiting to receive the blessings of Spring, the awakening of trees, vegetables and warmth.

The Chinese are smart enough to observe a Celestial occurrence as their beginning of a year. Along with the Vernal Equinox, the Neomenia, was also a time of great festival--"the shadow of things to come."

Dennis Frank, 78/14: Thanks but I'm finally satisfied with the chart I have for Israel. I found the data in a letter that Judith Gee wrote to me...14 May 1948, 3:23 P.M. EET, Tel Aviv. Though England was on summer time, as you say and I have checked, the International Atlas shows that Tel Aviv was not. I did it both for sidereal and for tropical--which has Asc. 15 Libra 9, with Neptune only 5° above that and is thus on the ASC., Neptune being 10 Libra 33. Judith said C.E.O. Carter had the same chart that year in England's Astrology Magazine, so I am well satisfied with that. She said to compare Hitler and Stalin charts with Israel's. I couldn't find Stalin, but I did find Hitler, which comparison was interesting. Tropical.....

Hitler Uranus 19 Libra 29 Rx
Saturn 13 Leo 28
Mars 16 TA 23
Venus 16 TA 42 Rx
Neptune 0 Gemini 51
Pluto 4 GE 40

Israel E.P. 19 Libra 11

Pluto 12 Leo 36

Saturn 16 Leo 3 in 8th house, and Neptune exact on MC/DESC Midpoint.

I gave the Tropical so you could more easily follow.

Don Borkowski, 78/26: Thanks, Don. I am still of that opinion. But my main problem is coordinating the rest of the world L&L with the Pyramid.

Ann E. Parker, 78/28: I like what you do, and I follow your efforts with extreme interest.

On the sidereal PLO-Peace Agreement and Israel birth charts, the P.A. Mars is 1° from exact conjunction Israel's East Point. Israel's Mars is exact on P.A. Midheaven. Interesting.

Dorothy S. Willis, 78/38: Pardon my ignorance, but will you please explain the Super Moon on Oct. 15th? I called an excellent astrologer, and an astronomer at the Observatory and neither had ever heard of a Super Moon. (*One of the things it does is produce very high tides. Edith*)

Barbara May, and Nancy S. Edwards, 78/40: I read both of your letters with a state of shock about Mary Blaylock, the tears streaming down my face. Yes, Nancy, we did correspond, and we had a nice bond between us, like brother and sister. I cared a lot about her. She gave me a running account of her son, Dennis, going on and off the wagon. The last time I wrote, in June, he had been off the bottle for several months and he was living with her, I think. She was complaining to me about her husband, being loaded, in Louisiana and she was wondering how she was going to pay the rent. All I was able to give her was optimism and hope. I wish I could have done more. She had just moved again recently and had sent me the new address. She told me she had trouble breathing and now had an oxygen tank which she was using. Mary was all you said, and more. No matter how much trouble and pain she had, she always asked "How's Virginia?" and if Smoky still chased the skunks. The only thing I could never get used to was Mary Blaylock, as I first knew her as Mary Perdue. My heart goes with her...Vaya con dios, Mary. Yes, Nancy, I do have what you ask: Mary's birth was June 5, 1921, 10:25 A.M. EST, Titusville, PA. On the day she left us, she went peaceful...the Moon was exact; Jupiter was trine her Moon, and Mars was conjunct Mary's Jupiter exact. She will be missed.

Lee Weinreb, 78/43: Gee, thanks for all the good data; it's so nice to have friends like you. Let's see; I'll try to answer your questions. This wasn't a research of my own--a Jewish astrologer on the east coast sent me a paper on it to enlighten me, so I thought I'd condense it and enlighten others. It seems like a great idea. They used a Sun-Moon based years, arranged from the Sabbath itself. I imagine a Wednesday day would be from Wednesday day to Thursday day morning, or doesn't that make sense? The eastern astrologer claims that at that

time we were in more of a 364-day revolution. So they never had to add or subtract a day from the calculations: 364=4 seasons of 91 days. Take this year, beginning at the vernal equinox as I suggested before, only moving Sunday back to Wednesday for the vernal equinox. 3-21 (Sunday this year) 1993...

80th day of year = 3-21 = vernal equinox. plus 91 =

171 day of year = Sunday 6-20- = summer solstice plus 91 =

180 day of year = Sunday 9-19 = autumn equinox plus 91 =

353 day of year = 12-19 Sunday winter solstice plus 91 =

444 - 364 = 80 day of year = Monday 3-21-1994 = vernal equinox.

Right in line with their claim of using a 364-365 day year. I think the days were called the same as now; I think Jesus probably did go by the Moon cycles. "Jesus did not keep the Jewish Friday eve, to Saturday eve. Sabbath--but instead kept and upheld the true solar calendar of Enoch which places the true Sabbath 7th day on Wednesday eve to Thursday eve." Also Frank Jakubowsky, 78/45: Note the above suggested slight change of time possible in ancient days. Your arthritic knee will be helped by all motion on it. Citrus is out--it kept my mouth from healing after surgery. Honey is in; it healed it. Rub honey on your knee and wrap it. Calcium tablets with half potency of magnesium always helps too.

To M. J. Makransky, 78/60: Don't worry, my toes have been stepped on before. But they feel much better after I used my trusty Angel Cream...known from the fog-banks of London, to the picturesque Vermont, to the jungle of barracks of Thailand, to the wavy palms of Kona, Hawaii...heals cuts, burns, bruises, rashes, wounds, and is even used for facials. I know you're a good astrologer, and I respect your choice to agree or disagree with my views. Ah, so the Lavagnini house system perked up your ears! There may be two that you've missed, Jerry, and Lavagnini is one of them. At the time that I began using it in 1980 there were half a dozen astrologers in the world using it. The name came from the first person known to use it, Aldo Lavagnini, who gave it to Arthur Gauntlett, the English astrologer, who said about it: "It is the most perfect system that I have found; I can find no fault with it." You take what I loosely call the solar arc--which it technically absolute longitude--of the Midheaven and Ascendant, after adding them together, divide by 2, which gives you the midpoint between the MC and the ASC...the most powerful point in any chart, by the way...and from that point add 45° which gives you the first house cusp, but which Ken Gillman says is the center of the first house. From that point make equal houses all around the chart; each is supposed to be the center of that house. The ASC and MC are put wherever they appear in the chart, inside or outside of the chart as you wish. It is through

these charts that I have predicted half a dozen earthquakes, the most striking one, the Landers earthquake last year. The other house system you may have missed is the Morinus house system. There is a table for it, but it isn't that hard. The first house cusp in a Morinus chart is always exactly 90° from the Midheaven. This is the technical way; but another astrologer told me to merely add successive 2 hours to the RAMC and work the MC each time to get successive cusps until the 3rd house, so don't quote me. I'm not an expert on this, but I plan to study it more, since in one way at least it's a little similar to the Lavagnini system. The Morinus sometimes has intercepted houses, but the Lavagnini system never does. Edward Lyndoe used the Morinus system.

Lee Weinreb, 78/64: Mary Blaylock's last letter, to you, had the same old Mary humor in it, as usual. She was right about her ASC., it was not only Leo in Tropical, but also in Sidereal. Hmmmm. Maybe I should check Virginia's ASC for Leo--she always wants things done yesterday, too! Since you expressed interest in that Essene thing, I'm thinking maybe I should Xerox a copy for you. Anyway, my best wishes.

I like this in the Valley News Quotable Quotes: This one by Jay Leno..."President Clinton said yesterday he looks forward to the day when Americans can call the Internal Revenue Service and get told the right advice. Personally, I look forward to the day when you can call the IRS and hear: 'I'm sorry, this number's been disconnected.'"

Mary Blaylock, 78/68: She brought up an interesting subject.

Annie Aquilla. We might have to wait awhile, as Annie lives on the Eagle in the sky, either on Aquilla, or Altair, and it takes some time to get down here, you know, or even a letter from there.

S. Goddard Foxe, 78/41: I take it you weren't enamored by the Essene Calendar letter. No, I didn't know the reason for April Fool's Day--but I'm sure I'm not alone on that score. The Essene Calendar was not a research of mine; it was a condensation of a 34-page paper sent to me by a Jewish astrologer to enlighten me. By the way, he wrote me later to say that my calculations were correct, that there were four periods of 91 days each, equaling the 364 days of the year in effect at the time of the Essene Calendar. I can't prove that it did or did not exist as I wasn't there. Were you? I never professed to be another Kepler, Lilly, or Manilius. Are you? When you get through throwing icy darts and nasty insults at me, be sure to do the same to the originators of the Essene Calendar paper: The Holy Law contains the complete Essene communions;

See, The Book of Enoch; Secrets of Enoch; The Book of Jubilees.

See, The Gospel of The Holy Twelve and the Humane Gospel of Jesus;

See also, The Covenant of Love in the Essene Christ by Upton C. Ewing;

See, The Mystery of the Dead Sea
Scrolls Revealed by John Allegro;

The Essene Christ by Upton C.
Ewing;

The Psychic Sense by P. D. Payne
and L. J. Bendit...and then you'll feel a
lot better.

The M.C. of the Jewish Telethon
Sept. 11 told the many people: "Wednesday
night is the start of the New
Year:--5754--and I thought that interest-
ing and wondered if it had anything to do
with the Wednesday night beginning of the
Essene Calendar the following year. The
M.C. of the telethon also told everyone
to swing a dead chicken three times over
their head--I think it was at Rosh Hasha-
na--and then their sins would all be
swept away. Maybe you should do that--did
you? I hope you don't expect another
deMello/Tuton exchange. That's not my
style. When someone kicks me in the gut
and gives me a rabbit punch, I speak my
piece once and that's it. Shalom. Over
and out...

DEFIANCE GREGG JUNEAU, AK OCTOBER, 1993

Before I get involved with my own
writing I want to thank some Astrologers
who wrote in Mercury Hour's Oct. 93/78th
edition. I don't know what I would do
without you. I'm always just a shade off
with horary astrology, now I know it is
because I simply ask questions of the
future, and Robert Zoller while describ-
ing the Union Strike, pointed out that
questions can't be asked until the event
has already happened. Now I know more
about posing questions. Carol Lavoie, I
certainly enjoyed your Mexican adventure,
winding up with a lost, small, white
purse in Washington, D.C. I have never
really took an interest in the Nostrada-
mus' disk until this issue when there
were different points of view about its
abilities. Your's described everything
clearly and Jim Haynes has a bad review
because of Dorothy Kovach's experiences.
I over work my Matrix which no longer is
made for Commodore, since Commodore
didn't advance enough to be satisfactory.
But thank heaven, I got my computer and
printer for a Grand. Between the Sears
Sale and Matrix I felt like a Queen in a
new world. It was a grand buy and I got
every disk Matrix offered for Commodore,
including biorhythms. Matrix opened a
whole new vista to me back in early 80's.
If I get through this century..I would
upgrade my computer and still stick with
Matrix. It is so practical. It presents
the math and leaves the rest to the
Astrologer..which is how an Astrologer
grows in interpretation. Matrix's math is
top of the line.

Now I have added a low priced hand
computer by Fran Varnum: "Astro-Logic" to
my very large pocketbook and I don't
leave home without it. She has a very
nice product and it has come in handy in

the classroom for immediate information.
I think if we love doing charts we should
get all the help we can by quick access
to the math.

Thank you Lee Weinreb for those
cute "Sex Symbols" and Don Borkowski for
the "Heavenly Map" that Edith printed for
us. I enjoyed the Void of Course Moon
discussion by J. Lee Lehman Edith always
tells us to do the Helio too..but I took
"Helio Rookie" to heart. I will always do
Helio from here on in, to have something
in common with Kaye Shinker. That article
made Helio understandable for even a
beginner.

Janis Van Schuyler, I agree we need
to have a sign for earth too. Looking
over the other Constellations, two come
to mind: Andromeda (The Chained Woman-
since women have been bonded since Eve)
and Ursa Minor (The Lesser Bear-since the
North Pole star has given sailors safety
at sea.) Some may think they are Big
Stuff like Ursa Major and want that
one..but one of the other two fit better
in my estimation.

I noticed David Koresh is beginning
to show interest in us..with his name
mentioned more than twice. I made a VCR
of the damned day, when our authority
figures went nuts and burned up all those
kids. There is one slow-motioned part,
where a blond young boy was walking along
and looking toward the camera. He was the
most beautiful god like child that I had
ever seen. I kept replaying him. If
anyone could relate to Jesus this child
did. I thought at the time, "My God..you
are in his eyes." It was a very painful
experience, knowing we had killed him.

Enough chatting..Thanks Marc Pen-
field for your Founding dates. They are
treasured. I sent my date once to Astro-
Twin and I never saw it in the November
section. I will try again Marion Mendez.
I suppose I didn't follow directions
about what to do to get the date in your
data.

I have not mentioned "Hindsight"
and our "Heritage" Astrology Paperwork.
But ancient paperwork, of any kind, won't
leave Catholic hands very easily..as seen
by "Dead Sea Scrolls" which won't come
out of Jewish hands easily either. There
is so much color in history that scraping
even a tiny part of it off would be
sacrilegious. We all know it is a big sin
to let out the truth, if the truth is
deemed hurtful to "Common People..like
Me!" these two missions are "Missions
Impossible".

Certainly we want our heritage, but
these self-appointed archive keepers have
to decide if it may be
misinterpreted..don't they? They will
want to direct the research in some
manner..maybe put the paperwork under
glass before it is price tagged and
served.

God Go With Us, If We Have To Go.

REMEMBER C-7 ON OUR ADDRESS

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OCTOBER, 1993

Dennis Frank 78/14: It took months and a batch of letters and phone calls to find out where the Bill Clinton birth time of 3:44 A.M. came from. Marc Penfield called to tell me that he'd seen the original manuscript of the *Gauquelin Book of American Charts* and the data was in there. He added that AFA headquarters had a copy of the B.C. No one at ACS, which published GBAC, knew anything about data deleted from the manuscript and no one at AFA had any hard copy. Martha Ramsey, one of the nice folks at AFA HQ said that the data was given in the AFA Data Exchange by William Stickevers. Beth Koch, conscientious editor of the Data Exchange said that Bill Stickevers had gotten the data from someone at a lecture at Henry Weingarten's school in NYC. Henry answered my query that he had no knowledge of anyone quoting B.C. data of Clinton. Mark Lerner of *Welcome to Planet Earth* had gotten a phone call from a subscriber with the 3:44 A.M. time; I think it was supposed to have been from State Library records. (It was probably a quote from the AFA Bulletin.) Both Mark and Ken Irving of American Astrology called Arkansas libraries, nada, no information.

Meira Epstein called me October 1, 1992 and said that Shelley Ackerman sent a form letter to Mrs. Virginia Kelly, who answered with the time of 8:51 A.M. When I reached Shelley she sent me a copy of the correspondence. Lina Accurso writes that the magazine *Family Circle* of Febru-

ary 2, 1993, p.23, had an interview with Mrs. Kelly, who said that "William Jefferson Blythe IV came into the world by C-section at 8:51 A.M. on August 19, 1946."

The latest (and I hope the last) word on David Koresh is a letter from Joyce Mason who quotes Koresh's mother Bonnie Haldeman, who gave her permission to correct misunderstandings in the astrological community, with some discomfort because of her fundamentalist religious background. She said that David (Vernon Wayne Howell) was born August 17, 1959, 8:49 A.M. CST, Houston, TX, 95W22, 29N46. She said the grandmother must have given the birthday of one of the other grandkids because of the stress of a traumatic time.

SO . . . more than you ever wanted to know about the world of data collecting. Sometimes it goes 'round and 'round and never gets resolved.

**GERRI JACKSON-POSCH
ST. CLAIR SHORES, MI
SEPTEMBER, 1993**

First off, I want to say I received a phone call from Matrix the other day acknowledging my letter to them concerning the problems with PRIMA. I'm sorry to say I can't recall the name of the person who called because he was very pleasant. He stated they are correcting the glitches and the upgrade price for the original buyers would be modest. I was left with the impression that an improved and even more innovative version would soon be on the way. I'm looking forward to it because I do love the program even with its glitches.

My Uranus/Neptune on the Ascendant insomnia transits served me well recently. I was awake in the wee hours of the morning when CNN presented the breaking story from Jerusalem of Rabin signing Israel's recognition of the PLO. The signing occurred at 3:14 A.M. EDT on September 10th (which was 9:14 A.M. DST in Jerusalem). I don't know the exact time that Arafat signed the PLO recognition of Israel. CNN said it had been signed "a short while ago" in Tunis. Does anyone know that time? I called the Israel Embassy in Washington, and was told Israel was on daylight time which is six hours ahead of us. Standard time is seven hours ahead. Rabin signed the Declaration of Principles at 11:41 A.M. EDT in Washington, with Arafat signing a minute or two later. NIGHTLINE reported that the original agreement had been initialed at 1:30 A.M. on August 20, 1993 in Oslo, Norway. There was a change to the agreement shortly before Rabin & Arafat signed in Washington on Sept. 13th.

My question is which of these times is the most important from the standpoint of mundane astrology?

I hope this agreement works but I think Israel has some awfully rough days

ahead, especially beginning next February and March. Transiting Jupiter/Pluto will square their Mars/Saturn/Pluto with transiting Mars opposing, and in March Uranus moves across their nadir. Spring and Fall of 1994 will be challenging.

Russia is in the news again, too. CNN broadcast Boris Yeltsin's speech dissolving the parliament a short time ago. The speech began at 12:01 P.M. EDT, which was 8:01 P.M. in Moscow, and it lasted seventeen minutes. I assume they were still on daylight time until October 1st? What is the status of Russian time? Does anyone know? Please share this info with us if you have it. Thanks a lot! The glitch here is that CNN reported the speech had been taped but not broadcast until 8:01 P.M. in Moscow. My Virgo progressions could go nuts worrying about astrological particulars!

What will Uranus/Neptune bring next? What a time we are living in!

**BEVERLY CROSBY
SACRAMENTO, CA
SEPTEMBER, 1993**

I have finished with death. Last tidbit on the subject was checking out the transits in my husband's chart on Matrix's new software Prima. I got into something where you can advance the transits through the natal charts on a day-by-day basis for months at a time. He was experiencing a T-square all the time he was sick that went out of orbit a few days before he died.

Since that time Neptune/Uranus conjunct on my MH and all the other things that showed change in my chart have really been at work on my life. I decided to build my own computer (Uranus) and spent our savings on setting up a new business in Commercial Art (Neptune) and Desktop Publishing. I moved, gave away most of my possessions. I have been making new friends and doing new things. Very little is left of my old life. I am now faced with the prospect of learning 6 new very complicated programs all at the same time. So there has been little time for astrology or much else.

Don Borkowski- Thanks for Rush Limbaugh's birth data. Air signs love to communicate and so often work in communication fields. That goes for a strong Mercury as well. It's interesting that Neptune and Uranus are conjunct his Sun this year. Reason for his rapid rise to fame. Also with Uranus opposed his Mercury in his natal chart shows he doesn't go along with the "approved" comments of his day. I believe that instead of using the words liberal/conservative or Right/Left with all those planets in Aquarius he tends to trod on new and different roads and bring new ideas out in public whether liberal or conservative. Personally I can't stand the man. Neither his ties or his name calling.

Edith - Here in the central valley of California things have been slow. No

one wanted to do anything in the month of August. Just sit in there and hold tight to whatever Uranus/Neptune had left them. I figure business will pick up when Uranus/Neptune starts moving forward again and you should get all the letters you want by then. My new computer has the updated version of WordPerfect 6.0 on it and it does import from other word processors and even Mac. stuff. If your WordStar does this as well then I can send you letters on disks to you and save you typing time.

J. Lee Lehman - Yes I'm familiar with the Hyleg, but I have never figured out which system to use to find it. Also I never had the patience to research it.

(We use WordStar 5.0 for our typing set up and it takes just about everything sent in on the 5 1/2 inch disks. In the event we can't get it in we ask for a hard copy to be included. I know we can't do Mac. It is no problem for us to set it up in our format once we get it in. Edith)

**DOROTHY SARKA
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SEPTEMBER, 1993**

I have subscribed to the Greek Track published by The Golden Hind Press, Box 002, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

This article will be based on aspects p40-43 of VOL. II-B-The Thesaurus.

Though the Greeks used the Ar. Eq. Asc. the aspect system has been copied from South Hem. Eq. Ast. China used S. Hem. Eq. Ast. from circa 2637 B.C. about 1495 B.C. They used Antares for sighting the Spring Equinox. Antares was 20 Li. 32 in 1524 B.C. China's nominal sunrise was 6:00 A.M. Was this astrology copied from some country in the South Hem., or were the land masses now in the North Hem. once, or, more than once in the South Hem.? There is quite a bit of evidence in historical writings that the latter is the case. Egypt also used South Hem. Ast.; but it is harder to track down the dating span. I will comment on the most obvious aspects, which is, in fact, most of them.

1. Moon opp. Kronos or Saturn 'He who had married a woman will be quickly divorced.' In the 9th H. of Can. the Sun is the constellation ruler (also called regional or branch ruler). The Moon is the counterpart of the Sun. Mercury is the mansion ruler. In Egypt, Jupiter was exalted in Can. In China Jup. was an extra ruler in Can. Saturn rules the opp. in Cap. 3rd H.

2. Moon conj. Zeus or Jupiter is 'good for consultations with judges', 'being away from home' and 'marrying'. In China the 9th H. was one of the civil courts.

3. Moon sextile Jupiter would be Can. 9th H. sextile Ta. 7th H. 'judges' --- 'wedding preparations'.

4. Moon opp. Jupiter. Jupiter is the mansion ruler in Cap. 3rd H. 'companionship of travelers, approaching judges, lectures, starting children in instruction'.

5. Moon conj. Ares or Mars. Mars was the fire element ruler of Ta., Gem., and Can in China. 'Violent death by adulterers. Anyone away from home will come back disabled.' Moon sextile Mars-Moon in Can. and Mars in Ta. 7th H. is 'good for war and hunting, for anything constructed by fire'.

6. Moon sq. Mars-Moon in Can. and Mars in Ar. 6th H. 'Good of drinking purgatives.'

7. Moon trine Mars. Moon in Can. 9th H. and Mars in Pi. 5th H. Mars is the constellation ruler of Pi. 'Military matters---improving buildings'. (The 5th H. is the possessions of the home estate or 4th H.)

8. Moon conj. Sun in 9th H. of Can. 'It is a fitting time for courts and struggles.'

9. Moon sextile Aphrodite or Venus. Moon in Can. 9th H. Venus in Virgo. Venus is the constellation ruler of Virgo. 'Planting and sowing'. (Virgo is an early spring month in the S. Hem.)

10. Moon sq. Venus-Moon in Can. Venus in Li. 12th H. (or more properly from 20° Vi. to Li. in China.) 'Hunting, feasting and companionship of friends.'

11. Moon trine Venus-Moon in Can. and Venus in Sc. 1st H. The Temple of Venus is at 02° Sc. 'Good for commencements and sowing, planting etc.'

12. Moon conj. Hermes or Mercury. Remember that Mercury is the mansion ruler of Can. 'It is good for writings, speeches and logical arts.'

13. Moon sextile Mercury-Moon in Can. Mercury in Vi. 11th H. 'Good for selling; buying.' (Hermes was the patron of merchants.)

14. Moon sq. Mercury-Moon in Can. Mercury in Li. 12th H. (Mercury was associated with Li. in Egypt.) Chinese solar mansion 28 is at 05° Li. It is called the Carriage mansion. 'It is good for riding; chariot races.' 'It is good for keeping an eye on public business.' (The 12th H. is the 3rd H. from the 10th H. so it is the community of the Government.)

15. Moon trine Mercury-Moon in Can. 9th H. and Mercury in Scorpio 1st H. Mercury is the water element ruler of Sc., Sag., & Cap. 'It is suitable for going to sea (sea and sailors is 9th H., because they made long journeys.) 'Good for congregating with scholars. (Sc. is 'the Thinker.')

A MEETING--A mass mulling by masterminds. (Gemini - Scorpio)

A CONFERENCE--A place where the conversation is substituted for the dreariness of labor and the loneliness of thought. (Gemini - Taurus - Capricorn)

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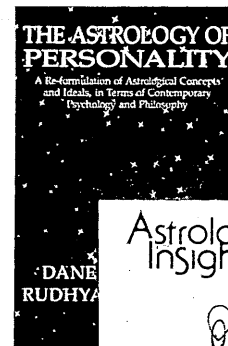
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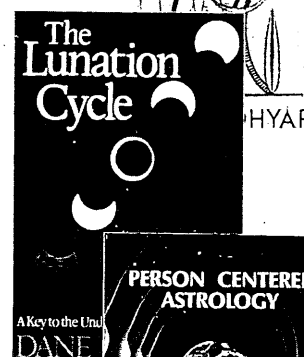
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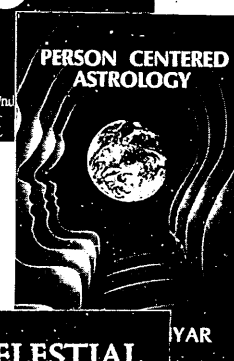
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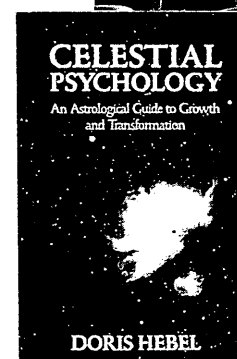
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IS ASTROLOGY "FROM THE DEVIL?"

It has become a common response to even the mention of Astrology that it is evil and under the Devil's influence. Unfortunately, the widespread practice of lumping Astrology under the category of the "occult", which also includes witchcraft, hasn't helped any. Most people follow their spiritual advisor's ideas and very seldom do any research on their own. About twenty years ago, I researched the subject exhaustively using five concordances and four translations of the Bible--The King James, The New Jerusalem, The Jehovah's Witness' and The Douay Catholic Bible. It had become obvious to me that Astrology was absolutely accurate, an incredible body of knowledge, that was just going to waste because people were so blindly prejudiced. There are only three negative references to Astrology in the Bible. We will examine them one at a time.

In Deut. 18:9-14, there is an admonition to the children of Israel to avoid pagan practices of those in the promised land, and then follows a list of those practices. This was written in Hebrew, and at the time, there was a specific word for Astrology, "ISDYMf" pronounced Kasdim. It was not in the list. We have long maintained that we are not "fortunetellers," we are interpreters of natural cycles. It is interesting that humanity respects interpretations of natural cycles relating to everything except people. We study the cycles of sun spots, seasons, locusts--everything except the effect of the cosmos on biological organisms which are incredibly interconnected.

Next is Isaiah 47:13 and 14. This one is taken out of context, and without reading the whole chapter the meaning is lost. The chapter is about God's condemnation of Babylon. In any profession, dynasty, or government, there can be corruption. God condemned many kings, but that doesn't mean that all kings are bad. In this case, Babylon had arrogantly thought that the reports of the Astrologers about cycles that lay ahead would save them from ever being destroyed. The Astrologers were using their ability for an evil purpose at that time and that place. Babylon was being told that it wouldn't work, that God was greater, and that the punishment was so great that no one had the power to save them. We could substitute an army who has done the will of the king, as the Astrologers did, and say "Even your army cannot save you." That doesn't mean that all armies are evil. This was not a condemnation of Astrologers in themselves; it was a condemnation of Babylon and the way they

were using this knowledge.

The last are several references in Daniel, but only in comparison to the greater ability of Daniel to forecast the future. Naturally, there are going to be great men who can forecast the future better than astrologers can. I am confused however at how the Bible will tell us not to listen to "fortunetellers" but then will sanctify "prophets" who do pretty much the same thing. The Cruden Concordance lists references under the term "Astrologers" that really are not about Astrologers, but about "soothsayers" and other people who are not astrologers at all, further confusing people about the truth. However, whenever the word "Astrologer" was used in the Hebrew, it was "Kasdim" so there was no doubt of its meaning. Further, the King James version of the Bible is written in Old English, and many terms that were common in those days--such as "shambles"--have a different meaning today. Today, "shambles" is another word for a mess of some sort, a disarray. Then, it was a "meat market."

Now let's look at what the Bible says for Astrology, which is stronger than the "cons." First, in Genesis 1:14, it states, "And God said, 'Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to separate day from night; let them serve as signs and for the fixing of seasons, days and years.'" Secondly, in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 which you can read yourself, there is a statement that there is a time for everything and for every affair under the heavens, which points to a Cosmic Clock as far as I am concerned.

At the time of the birth of David, there was a double grand trine in the heavens. A trine is symbolized by an equilateral triangle and indicates that at the time of the birth, three planets formed a triangle equidistant from each other. The Mogen David, the symbol of Judaism, is this double grand trine, which is six planets placed this way. It shows in a chart, great talents and gifts and ability to overcome a variety of problems, in fact, whatever may arise.

In Matthew, chapter 2, we see the story of the Magi. There are several things to notice here. Only the King James version calls them "wise men." The New Jerusalem Bible, a revised Catholic translation, calls them "Astrologers." The actual Greek word in the original text was "Magoi" which literally translated is "Astrologers:--and after all, folks, they were following a star! There is little doubt about who and what they were. The question is, if Astrologers were so much of an "evil," why did Herod give them so much respect? Why would Matthew give them so much respect by including them in his Gospel? And, why would God speak to them in a dream, which not only saved the Christ child, but also probably themselves as well? In fact, why would they have been given the honor of being Christ's first guests?

The next reference is difficult to understand because it is a symbolic vision of Ezekiel. In Ezekiel 1:10 the

description of the creatures' faces correspond to the four fixed signs. The Ox is Taurus, Lion is Leo, Man is Aquarius, and Eagle is Scorpio. Scorpio is the only sign that has three "creature" correspondences because it can function on three levels--low level is the Scorpion, higher is the Eagle, and then the highest is the Dove. Each of these signs also represent the four elements: Leo, fire; Taurus, earth; Aquarius, air; and Scorpio, water. The fact that these "creatures" were not flexible--i.e. they "turned not when they went" (verse 12)--shows the "fixed" nature of these signs with which Astrologers are so familiar.

Verse 19 through 21 describes a vision of wheels. The last words are "for the spirit of life was in the wheels." The horoscope is a wheel, and the spirit of a life is shown in it. It also states that when the spirits were lifted up from the earth the wheels went with them. This book of the Bible is so difficult to understand that some modern scholars have pointed to it as evidence that space ships visited here at the time and this was a description of them! The passage is interpreted to represent the spirit of life as seen in the wheel of the horoscope in the book called "Initiation" by Elizabeth Haich, if you wish to pursue this further.

Another problem fundamentalists have is with reincarnation. It is claimed that there is no reference to it in the Bible, but there is. John 9:1-3 relates the question of the Disciples to Jesus, "Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? (Emphasis is mine.) The question is, how could this man sin before he was born, if he did not live before? Jesus didn't act like it was a dumb question. He even repeated it, "Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents" and then went on to explain the actual reason for the blindness. If they did not recognize reincarnation, then this would not have been written this way.

The works of Origin contained most of the scriptural evidence of reincarnation, but at the ecumenical purging at Constantinople by Justinian and Theodora, all of Origin's works were ordered burned. I don't believe our Bible is complete.

Last, a little reminder about the fallibility of man. The Pope is said to be "infallible," as is the Bible. But we were entrusted with these spiritual guidelines a long time ago. It is highly unlikely that mere man can get through 2000 years without making some grievous errors in interpretation given time and changes in language. If the Pope were infallible, it would not have been necessary recently to retract the error that was made when Galileo was told to recant his error that the Earth revolved around the Sun. It took a long time for the church to admit its mistake. If the Bible were clear and divine guidance granted us infallibility in interpreting it, there would not be so many different religions

in the world calling themselves "Christian."

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With Transpluto at 23° Leo I decided to see what Donna Henson had to say about the degree of the zodiac (see enclosed). Her book has been right "on-the-money" and I recommend it.

Looking for explanations for a particularly difficult time (mental) in my life - Now, I had looked at aspects to my natal chart but found nothing so I took another look at Transpluto.

Natal Transpluto is conjunct my Midheaven, Pluto and Part-of-Fortune square my Ascendant, and sextile Mercury, Neptune and Uranus (6° orb) - Pretty intense in my view which indicates to me significant effect of Transpluto for me.

The aspects of Transpluto are: sextile Mars, octile Chiron and quincunx my Moon and south Node. Of these the quincunx appears to be what I am dealing with emotionally. Does this analysis seem reasonable? Saturn transiting the 4th also counts.

Also, when a planet is in its detriment sign (as Transpluto in Leo as currently happening) the power of that planet is supposed to have its power lessened. It seems to me that when a planet is on a bi-polar axis its resonance is increased and its effect would be stronger - but modified in what the effect is. An example would be my Cancer Moon which also exhibits Capricorn characteristics (relates also to Saturn in the 4th aspect now.)

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*From: "Degrees of the Zodiac"
by DONNA WALTER HENSON
Pub. 1981 AFA*

23° LEO - Astrology; idealism or sympathy; those engaged in the physical welfare of humanity; healing power and generosity to the weak and unfortunate; a healer who may use unorthodox methods such as acupuncture; a sense of humor and charming bedside manner; music (a trumpet); acting (the stage) talent for drama; anarchism; sympathy, affection; degree of generosity or extravagance (afflictions between Leo and Aquarius often do denote extravagance); devotes many years to a cause and then retires into himself for solace and peace; appendicitis; rheumatism; papillary muscle.

(When I read the 23° Leo I felt like the authoress was speaking about Bill Clinton. His Sun is 25° Leo. Edith)

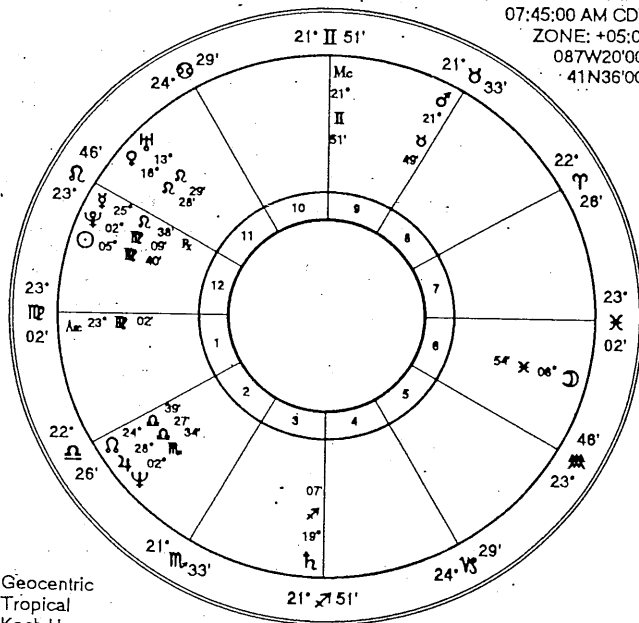
REMEMBER C-7 ON OUR ADDRESS

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Lois Rodden's Data News arrived recently with a new birth time for Michael Jackson, 7:45 A.M., CDT (8/29/1958 at Gary, Indiana). This birth time comes from a close friend and differs significantly from the 11:45 P.M. given in his biography. However it is a workable chart - MC and ASC, by progressed and solar arc directions make some very important aspects on August 17, 1993, the day the police started their investigation. No such aspects are made with the 11:45 P.M. directed ASC and MC. Further, the New Moon of 8/17/93 makes more sense, considering the issues involved, with the 7:45 A.M. birth falling as it does in the 11th house - the issues of business income, friends, goals and objectives as against the 4th house.

If I were the detective looking for astrological evidence I would proceed as follows:

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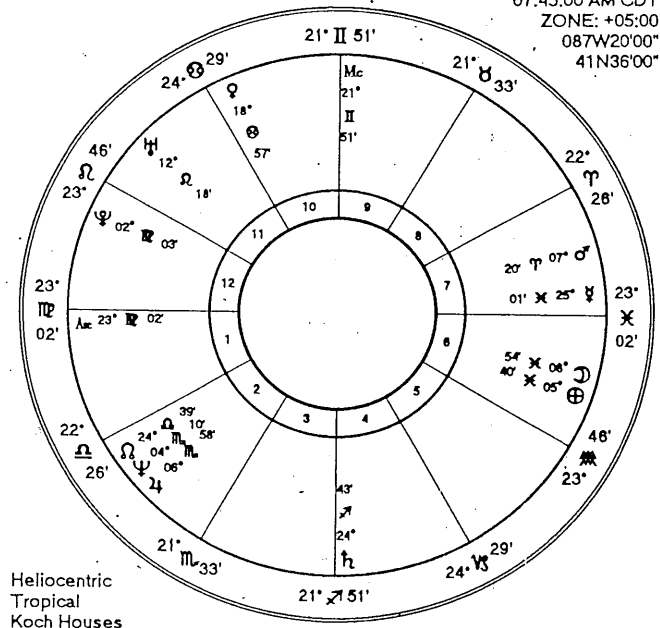


First, as to the validity of this chart the GE/MC and VI/ASC certainly does fit well. He does have the slender look, the long thin face and high cheekbones common for Virgo. One astrologer of note, conveniently for my argument gives Virgo "often a shrill voice, strong business tendencies." Who can deny these in Michael?

The GE/MC is fascinating because it defines him professionally - a man of movement who looks forever young, the puer aeternus. It is not only his "shrill voice" but his limbs that have made him famous. His agile movements across the stage. Note the ruler of GE, ME, is in the fire sign Leo in the 11th house indicating again youth and children. Ominously, we have ME 90 MA with the

latter the ruler of his sexual needs house and in Taurus - very sensual. This leaves me suspicious as to the sexual nature of his relationship with children. So ME informs many points in this chart - the MC, ASC, the 8th and 11th Houses - all which deal with the big question of the day - has Michael Jackson been pulling a fast one on the public. Is he the sly ole fox that grabbed Pinocchio under the guise of bringing him to playland? Has he dazzled us with his theatrical persona?

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Methodically Mercury is the Trickster. Known as Mercurius to the Romans and Hermes to the Greeks, he rules all alchemical practices. Pamela H. Tyler in her Mercury: The Astrological Anatomy of a Planet reminds us of Mercury's past - thief, liar, the master of artful disguise and magic arts. She describes Mercury with the logo "Pretence hides insincerity." Sexually, Hermes gravitates towards the celibate life and is involved with sex pornographically - lacking feeling and primarily voyeuristic. Mercury in one or other element gives us a different type of lie. What type of lie would Michael give us? I would say that Michael's ME 90 MA with GE/MC would beckon us to look at his professional life - is it only a media event? A show hiding insincerity? Of fire lies Tyler states "Fire lies put giant sandals on cattle hooves: they bluff...The truth is colored by romance, inspiration and creativity. Their yarns smack of Don Quixote. The whole encounter with a fire lie is theatrical and adventuresome the fashion in which the deception is carried out accounting for nine-tenth of the success. Breaking the spell of the fire tale is taboo - the extravagance of the expression is so contagious that it es-

capex censure."

Going around the houses with the 7:45 A.M. chart Michael's values are seen in the second house with the JU/NE/NO - a world of fantasy. Certainly, the world he retreated into with the hard times he suffered at the hands of his father. SA in cuspal approach to the 4th house informed by the cruelty of his GE 10th house father - ME 90 MA, MA 150 SA emphasizes verbal and physical abuse. GE as significator of the father is what we know of him - the prime mover in Michael's early career. His connections, his keeping the family moving around the country was behind this success story. With this chart we have CP on the 5th and SA 150 MA. No great warmth here. Who has ever heard of Michael being in love? And certainly, it posits the question as to whether he loves children or is he just fantasizing how it should have been and was for him? MO/6th House 180 SU/PL certainly puts intensity in his work - that work being the reflection of the deep, dark and brooding subconscious informed by SU-O-PL/12th House. Who can deny the Plutonic element in his stage performance or even in his physical appearances - he changes right before our eyes.

Is Michael a pedophile? Love of youth would be defined as a Gemini/ME on the angles right off. ME/LE-90-MA/TA and MA-90-VE/UR would make me take a second look especially with the latter in the sign of children (LE) and the house of friends (11). With MA/TA (sensual) ruling the 8th house and posited in the 9th house I get the aura of an uninhibited sex life in which many taboo's are broken (SU/PL). MA/9th house shows a predilection of summing up social relationships as being primarily sensual and self-oriented. Can Michael control himself? Looking for an anchor one finds only SA 150 MA indicating actions undermining a sense of responsibility and possible hypocrisy. SA/SG is not a good placement. Is Michael critical of himself? Yes! SU/PL/VI will give his subconscious no rest. Is he suicidal? Yes! PL/SU urges him to self-destruct. What will happen if "the spell of the fire tale" is broken? I cannot doubt that Michael is a danger to himself.

The day the investigation started was on August 17th, the New Moon at 24LE53 hit Michael's 11th House conjunct his natal ME and triggered off natal ME-90-MA. This brought to the fore sexual issues and their impact on friends, business income and goals. Were these not the questions posed? What will happen to his career? Will his fans go away? Could Michael have done these things? He loves children! The New Moon itself formed a T-Square with transiting PL/SA indicating the issues involved would be a soul crisis over extreme behavior - taboo breaking actions. The Solar Arc directions (converse) for August 17th are sobering - Solar Arc (sa) MC-90-JU(NE/NO) a conflict between his career and the values of his fantasy world: (sa) ASC-O-JU(NE/NO) emphasizing the conflict will

be immediate; (sa)JU(NE/NO)-90-PL(SU) inclines him to destructive behavior, escapism and separation; (sa)MA-90-ASC immediate conflict, quarrels disputes affecting him physically; direct (sa)NE-90-SU - scandal, confusion, escapism. A look at the 11:45 P.M. chart shows no viable directions that involve major stress aspects to the angles.

Lastly the November 13 New Moon will hit ME-90-MA but this time with an opposition to MA rather than a conjunct to ME as with the New Moon of August 17th. Being a Solar Eclipse with some heavy duty transiting aspects like SU/MO/PL-90-SA forming a T-Square to Michael's ME-90-MA it gives us a glimpse of what Michael will experience in the New Year. If we are to believe Charles Jayne about eclipses being energizers having the qualities of intensity, fatality and unpredictability certainly this is a karmic soul crisis. The chickens coming home to roost. Using Ebertin's COSI re transiting to natal midpoints the following as Michael's life in late 1993 - early 1994 - soul crisis, psychical depressions, controversies, law suits, nervous troubles through unnatural practices, overexcitement of nerves, breakdown, self-destructive violence.

In a word, not a good year for the home team. The prosecution rests. The defense may make its case.

(I have a chart rectified by Kimberly Baker that says 12:09 P.M. CDT, you mentioned the 11:45 P.M. one, so once again without a copy of the BC - who is right? Must admit the chart you presented from "the close friend" via Lois Rodden sure fits very well, especially if you look at the helio as well. Edith)

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I am cancelling my request that my address not be used on my letters in the magazine - in fact, henceforth, I want it to be used in case someone wants to contact me directly with regard to anything. I am now of the opinion that part of my feeling of isolation from the community is caused by my request to have my address withheld. Please also use the letter date in its entirety.

I now take my trusty computer keyboard in hand to write about something that I think should be brought to the attention of the Astrological community.

That is the apathy of the community in addressing the needs of those in their own locales in fighting crime and violence.

I cannot recall ever seeing anything about addressing the needs of the community on any projected program listings for any conference anywhere. There has never, to my knowledge, been a seminar held or even a lecture to discuss how

Astrologers could help their communities locate and describe those who have perpetrated crimes, whether violent or not.

The techniques that are useful in this respect are the same as those you would use in addressing the needs of a client combined with the additional use of location techniques - many of which are centuries old and perhaps ignored BECAUSE THEY ARE OLD.

The interpretations are to the mundane side of the science rather than the personal although the personal interpretations cannot be overlooked.

For instance, let us assume a crime is noted in the local newspaper. It often gives a date, a time, and a place of the occurrence. The article often notes that the police are at a loss to describe a motive and have no suspect(s). Even if part of the information is not noted a little research will usually turn it up. Sometimes, a later article or an overview of crime statistics will state the missing information. A chart is then cast for that information the same as if it were for a person. The Ascendant would represent the victim. A reading of the chart could possibly give some clues to the circumstances, and the motive, depending on the experience of the Astrologer.

The Descendant would represent the perpetrator(s) of the deed. The chart would be turned so that the Descendant is brought to the position of the Ascendant and the chart can then be read as to the circumstances of the suspect.

Using descriptions of the various signs, or astrophysionomy techniques could provide the police with a suspect's description.

After drawing a circular chart where the planetary positions, are plotted, using a protractor, and are given in their exact degree the chart should be copied on Pliofilm or clear acetate so that it can be overlaid on a map of the area. The chart center would be placed over the location of the incident and the chart should be aligned - the north of the chart (the NADIR) should be aligned with the north of the map.

The following is my own supposition but has not actually been put into practice owing to the relatively little time for research owing to my constant need for rest and other activities which I cannot yet forego.

The declination of the planet would be expressed as a decimal part of the whole. Assume that a planet is at 12 N 06 declination. The maximum declination is approximately 23 degrees and 8 minutes. Transforming those figures to decimals they will be 12.1 and 23.13 respectively. $12.1 \text{ divided by } 23.13 = .523$. You would then measure the distance from the place of the incident to the city limits along that particular degree. Taking .523 of that distance should yield information as to the general location of the suspect. This should give the police a general area to comb for the suspect.

All of the above descriptive discussion should be considered to be of a preliminary nature until such time as the

Astrologer has personally experimented and observed their workings and IS EXPERIENCED in using and combining the techniques outlined.

A diligent and successful use of these techniques and the subsequent publicity should enhance public attitudes and may bring the science of Astrology and its practitioners some of the respect that has sadly been lacking for so long.

Should anyone want to discuss the subject in a personal letter to me - feel free to write.

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**OPEN LETTER OF COMPLAINT
RE THE UAC CONFERENCE**

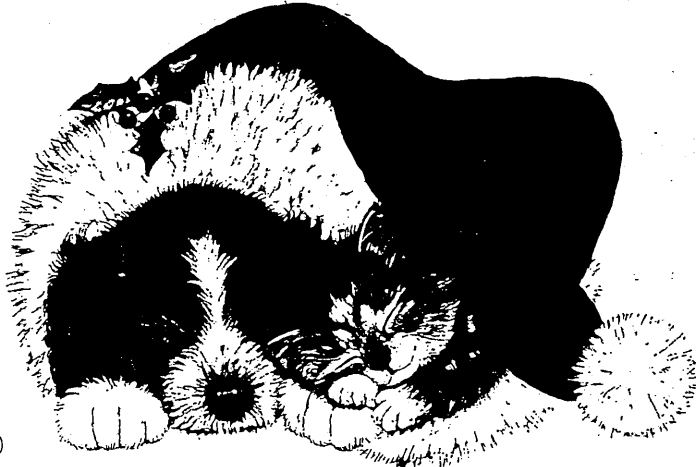
What can the planning committee be thinking of? Monterey? Or are they trying to discourage East Coast participation? I tried to get to Monterey from D.C. last year, and found out that it is a difficult and costly enterprise. Can't we have a choice, a vote? And why two hotels? We did very well in one hotel at UAC in D.C.

Shouldn't one of the chief requirements for a conference be for the convenience of the majority of attendees? Such as proximity to a central airport? Reasonable lodgings at one location where old and new friends can meet informally between and after lectures, and not have to hurry back to another hotel?

Certainly, we on the East Coast are not adverse to traveling Westward for the next conference, but please - keep the location close to an airport that is accessible from our major airports, not one where, after traveling across the country and several time zones, we have to take another long trip on a bus, van, or (Heaven help us) a (shudder) shuttle flight!

Unless there is some change in this proposed location, I'm afraid there are a lot of us out here that will be discouraged from attending because of the travel time, expense and inconvenience resulting from the present plans.

(This was also signed by Camille Adams)



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RHODE ISLAND

Newport	May 8, 1639	9:42 am	EST
Providence	July 4, 1636	8:45 am	EST

SOUTH CAROLINA

Charleston	Apr. 19, 1670	12:19 pm	EST
Columbia	Mar. 22, 1786	5:22 pm	EST
Greenville	May 21, 1784	8:08 am	EST
Spartanburg	Jan. 17, 1787	10:15 am	EST

SOUTH DAKOTA

Pierre	Dec. 6, 1880	10:18 am	CST
Rapid City	Feb. 25, 1876	9:57 am	MST
Sioux Falls	June 1, 1857	11:05 am	CST

TENNESSEE

Chattanooga	Nov. 14, 1838	11:08 am	EST
Knoxville	Oct. 3, 1791	12:25 pm	EST
Memphis	May 22, 1819	11:10 am	CST
Nashville	Apr. 24, 1780	2:12 pm	CST

TEXAS

Abilene	Mar. 15, 1881	10:00 am	CST
Amarillo	Aug. 30, 1887	1:40 pm	CST
Austin	Jan. 15, 1839	11:42 am	CST
Beaumont	Jan. 16, 1835	11:28 am	CST
Corpus -			
Christi	Jan. 4, 1840	11:00 am	CST
Dallas	Feb. 4, 1841	5:01 pm	CST
El Paso	Oct. 9, 1680	9:07 am	MST
Fort Worth	May 8, 1849	3:45 pm	CST
Houston	Aug. 24, 1836	12:59 pm	CST
Laredo	May 15, 1755	10:09 am	CST
Lubbock	Dec. 19, 1890	10:30 am	CST
San Antonio	May 1, 1718	10:12 am	CST
Waco	Mar 1, 1849	9:23 am	CST
Wichita Falls	July 6, 1876	9:35 am	CST

UTAH

Ogden	Jan. 12, 1848	Noon	MST
Provo	Mar. 12, 1849	11:00 am	MST
Salt Lake -			
City	July 24, 1847	4:27 pm	MST

VERMONT

Burlington	Apr. 1, 1773	9:18 am	EST
Montpelier	Oct. 21, 1780	1:10 pm	EST

VIRGINIA

Alexandria	July 24, 1749	12:42 pm	EST
Charlottes-			
ville	Dec. 23, 1762	12:58 pm	EST
Hampton	July 19, 1610	6:18 am	EST
Lynchburg	May 8, 1787	3:24 pm	EST
Newport News	Dec. 2, 1621	12:35 pm	EST
Norfolk	Aug. 26, 1682	9:42 am	EST
Portsmouth	July 14, 1664	1:15 pm	EST
Richmond	Sept 30, 1733	12:12 pm	EST
Roanoke	Nov. 1, 1852	11:15 am	EST
Virginia -			
Beach	Jan. 1, 1963	10:00 am	EST

WASHINGTON

Olympia	June 6, 1848	12:45 pm	PST
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Seattle	Nov. 13, 1851	10:40 am	PST
Spokane	Feb. 13, 1878	10:17 am	PST
Tacoma	Apr. 1, 1852	10:39 am	PST

WEST VIRGINIA

Charleston	May 1, 1788	8:18 am	EST
Parkersburg	Dec. 8, 1800	9:53 am	EST

WISCONSIN

Green Bay	July 16, 1816	8:49 am	CST
Kenosha	June 5, 1835	11:32 am	CST
Madison	Nov. 24, 1836	11:23 am	CST
Milwaukee	July 30, 1835	11:10 am	CST
Racine	Nov. 6, 1834	12:09 pm	CST

WYOMING

Casper	June 15, 1888	12:37 pm	MST
Cheyenne	Aug. 8, 1867	7:05 pm	MST
Laramie	May 9, 1868	3:00 pm	MST

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington	Mar. 15, 1791	4:20 pm	EST
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CANADA

Calgary, -			
Alta.	Aug. 18, 1875	3:27 pm	MST
Edmonton	Nov. 7, 1795	11:15 am	MST
Vancouver, -			
B.C.	Apr. 6, 1886	3:02 pm	PST
Victoria, -			
B.C.	Mar. 14, 1843	4:00 pm	PST
Winnipeg, -			
Man.	Aug. 30, 1812	8:29 am	CST
Frederic-			
ton, NB	Apr. 25, 1785	10:30 am	AST
Saint John	May 10, 1783	3:02 pm	AST
Saint John's,			
Nfld.	Aug. 15, 1583	7:23 am	LMT
Halifax, NS	July 2, 1749	1:24 pm	AST
Ottawa, Ont.	Sept 29, 1827	2:40 pm	EST
Sudbury, Ont	July 1, 1883	5:00 pm	EST
Toronto, Ont	July 30, 1793	10:30 am	EST
Charlotte-			
town, PEI	July 8, 1720	2:00 pm	AST
Montreal, PQ	May 17, 1642	7:25 am	EST
Quebec, PQ	July 3, 1608	4:04 pm	EST
Regina, Sask	Apr. 27, 1882	2:32 pm	MST
Saskatoon,			
Sask.	Aug. 18, 1883	4:00 pm	MST
Dawson, YT	Aug. 17, 1896	9:55 am	YST
Whitehorse,			
NWT	July 30, 1900	8:30 am	YST

Conclusion

**DORIS GREAVES
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SEPTEMBER, 1993**

The new President of the Liberal Party (like your Republican Party) was voted into office with Pluto opposite his Sun and Saturn square to it. He beat 2 other contenders who had better aspects. A local man recently won \$500,000 in Lotto with Pluto transiting his Sun by opposition. The more I see of the effects of Pluto, the more I consider it is the higher octave of Jupiter.

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STUDENT CORNER REWRITE

Annibale Verzumo 78/18 student article needs a bit of correction. There may be cardinal signs, and signs are cardinal, fixed or mutable, but there are no cardinal houses. Houses are angular, succedent or cadent. The Eastern Hemisphere of the chart is no stronger than the Western, nor any weaker. The hemispheres are made one more powerful than the other only when there are a preponderance of placements either on one side or the other. What the hemispheres mean is best explained by Michael Meyer in his book "A Handbook for the Humanistic Astrologer". Students are referred to this book, particularly to pages 27-33.

The person who has most planets on the east or left side of the chart has the ability to pull himself up by his own bootstraps. Persons with the predominance of planets on the right or west sided of the chart will find that other people are always significantly involved in that person's life events and destiny.

Distribution of planetary placements in a chart is always easily seen by the student as he erects the chart. The student should be aware that he must weigh all placements according to both elements (fire, earth, air and water), qualities (cardinal, fixed or mutable),

and whether they are found to be angular, succedent, or cadent. The student must also look ahead to see if or when cadently placed planets will someday progress into a cardinal house. Seldom will the student find a chart with all of its placements in angular houses.

Angular houses are action houses, succedent houses are carry-along continuance areas, and cadent houses are study and planning areas or tidying up areas. These, as such, are far more important to the astrologer when he is watching transits going around whatever natal chart is being examine.

Planets of themselves are neither positive nor negative. The student should be prepared to note that, due to signs and aspects, planets such as the Sun, Mars or Jupiter may not be strong or positive forces. And Mars may be strong, but some astrologers will give you a stiff argument about whether than is beneficial at all times. Students should also bear in mind that physical appearance is determined by the significator of the rising sign. Further appearance features are gleaned from the sign of that significator, which may be placed anywhere in the chart, and its placement contributes nothing to the appearance. The rising sign, but not the first house, together with Mercury gives the student material about the thinking or mentality of the person of the chart.

There is no point in explaining the 1st house as Aries or the 7th house as Libra. In my experience, students are

dismayed by this. Whenever a teacher starts out that way, students fidget and become restive, calculating the time it is going to take the teacher to get around to discussing the Leo or whatever other rising sign the student might have.

The upper half of the chart is extroverted, while the bottom of the chart is introverted. Or the top of the chart is open, while the bottom is secretive. By itself, the first house is neither extroverted or introverted unless it has planets in it. The supposition that the East side of the chart is 3 positive and 1 negative is an idea which has no basis in fact. The idea that both Venus and Saturn are negative influences is an idea which deserves scuttling. In basic astrology, Venus is called the third benefic (after Sun and Jupiter) and it has always been the astrologer's aim to teach people how to live with a Saturn which does them good, sometimes restrains, always corrects their worst plans and projects and always acts as a totally well timed influence on the events of a person's life.

If we are to have positives, we must also, conversely, have negatives. But there are many areas of astrology where we can do without such considerations. We no longer say men are positive, women negative. And it is about time we learned that there are some quite positive Pisceans in our astrological world.

Sometimes those who propose to teach can get themselves in deep water. Astrologers are going to be taught how to counsel where they find positive abundance or negative abundance (or lack). An X-ray is a piece of film. As such it is a negative. This has nothing to do with what type of reading may be obtained from it. X-rays of dead people are always quite clear.

Over the years I have become convinced that to discuss the planets in light of mythology is hardly helpful. Especially when we have to realize that Jupiter and Venus always got their way in rather mean fashion. As for money, it goes thusly: Pluto may bring untold wealth, Neptune millions, Jupiter thousands, and Venus hundreds. Venus acts in different style depending on whether it is in Taurus or Libra, in Taurus tending more to materialism, in Libra tending toward grace, but in the latter the amount of grace is always dependent on whether the person to gain is deserving or damned. The fact that the statue of Venus deMilo is asymmetrical has no more place in the lesson than do the two sides of any very good figure of the Buddha.

The wise teacher will inform his students that planets which at birth are angular may put the person in decline when those planets progress out of the angular house. The person will always act with force, but the results may be less than expected. It is nice to see the person born with succedent planets blossom into public life when his planets move to angularity. There is, however, nothing to be compared to having planets

in the first house, as they will work throughout the lifetime. Gandhi has three planets in his first house, Mercury, Venus and Mars, from which area he controlled six houses or the things of six houses of his astrological chart. Power and purpose he had, and some of it more mean-spirited than saintly.

The section on the Western Hemisphere of the chart may be dismissed by the thought that John Kennedy with his 8th house stellium did become President. And some of those in Gemini. It is a complication to combine the discussion of personal astrology with mundane astrology. Although mundane owes a great deal to personal, it does not work the other way around, and mundane astrology should remain a special astrological discipline. However, here we find combined some truth and a great deal of the astrologer's personal prejudice and pre-judgment of the United Nations. It is perfectly fine for an astrologer to maintain that he does not get along with certain signs, but as a teacher, his personal lack of enthusiasm must never color his descriptions of any sign. As for the delineation of Mercury in Scorpio, peregrine though it be, such a Mercury would be involved in researching other people thoroughly, intuitively if Gemini, on paper if Virgo. Signs determine the styles in which the planets act. And remember to mention that Pluto is supposedly at its best in the sign Scorpio, where it is not peregrine, and just imagine the readings astrologers twenty years from now will give people being born today.

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Marc Penfield 78/68. Are you gullible or expect us to be? The time of 11:45 P.M. for Michael Jackson is not in any of the several biographies; you can bet that I would get any bio on Jackson as soon as it came out. Richard Gehman called me the day before my newsletter went to the printer to tell me that he'd gotten Jackson's time "from someone close to Michael" of 7:54 A.M. CDT, August 29, 1958, Gary, IN, 87W20, 41N36. (No I can't call this "A" data because I can't verify the source, but folks can check it out and see what they think.)

Two of our best people, who are conscientious about data, have met Rudolf Nureyev and he told both of them that he "had no idea when he was born."

Let's see hard copy, Marc, some documentation. "It was in the first printing and later deleted" won't last any longer than one trip to the library. "From the person" might work if nobody else had ever met the person.

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**LOUISE McCLEAN
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Re Janice Giles 77/17: As to Leo, Libra and Scorpio and the matter of trust - apparently you did not read what I had written. What I said was that one must have a malefic in all three, to be not completely trustworthy. The malefic can be a planet, and Arabian part, a south node or a cusp (4, 8 or 12)

Those three signs must all have a malefic. I do realize that in a certain generation, Pluto appears in Leo, and Neptune in Libra. And certainly not all born in that generation are untrustworthy. Only those with a malefic in all 3 of the noted signs are targeted.

It is possible that because of my birth data, malefics in these 3 signs react on or to me in this way. I am asking fellow astrologers to check on any individuals whom they do not wholly trust.

My birth data is 30 Dec. 1920, 6:35 A.M. EST, at Philadelphia, PA.

I much prefer trusting those with whom I deal, but sometimes this cannot be, unfortunately. In my case, I am fortunate to have come across the Leo, Libra, Scorpio rule and a malefic in each.

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place if my rule were not necessary.

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**DOUGLAS COE
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OCTOBER, 1993**

Edith: I saw the invitation (78/1), then the plea (78/3), the reproachful poem (78/10), and finally your scolding (78/55-56) to all of us subscribers of *Mercury Hour* who eagerly read each edition but never write to you. I agree that since this is a magazine written by its readership, we have only ourselves to blame when you run out of interesting things to print. So after many years of reading what others have to say, I am contributing something you might not have heard much about before.

I also have an idea about how you could get more letters from shy readers, like me, who tend to avoid the limelight as much as possible--and from people who might not be so shy, but who are self-conscious about their poor writing abilities. Why not enclose a survey sheet from time to time, in with the other flyers you send with *Mercury Hour*? Leave plenty of blank space at the bottom for respondents to make extra comments, with a place to sign and date the sheet. Print your return address on the reverse side, so that people can easily fold the survey sheet, staple it shut, slap a stamp on it, and drop it into the mailbox. I bet that will generate the mail you are looking for, or at least more than you are getting now!

My remaining comments are directed to Beverly Crosby (78/32), who has written to *Mercury Hour* asking readers what they know about astrological techniques for predicting the time of an individual's death. First, Beverly, thank you for sharing with a community of like-minded strangers the useful details of your husband's death. Grief so often turns the mind inward on itself, but your willingness in a time of sorrow to try to make sense of your experience by holding it up and outward for public scrutiny is wholly admirable, in my opinion. It says a great deal to me about your trust in the astrological community and your devotion to the study of astrology. I'd like to think I would act the same way, if I were in your place.

Karen Christino, in her remarks to you (78/20), quotes from a short treatise on predicting the time of death written by the celebrated pioneer of American astrology, Evangeline Adams. In the same treatise, Adams writes: "It is moderate to say that, on the old astrological theories, it is a very good year when the native might not die at least three times. There is certainly never any difficulty in discovering why he did die after he is comfortably buried."

In two other books (*The Bowl of Heaven*, which is her autobiography, and *Astrology, Your Place in the Sun*), Adams discusses a horary technique she claims to have discovered and to have used "every day--with every client" to answer their questions. She calls it the method of the "accidental ascendant." It is very

simple: Just note the degree rising when the querent poses a question, and place their natal planets into the horary chart you have cast with that degree on the Ascendant. If the natal Moon is the first to rise in this chart, then a journey or change is being contemplated by the native, or the opportunity for travel will soon be presented. If it's Mars, then an operation, accident, or quarrel is in the offing. If Uranus, then something unexpected will occur--and so on. Adams was so impressed by the reliability of this method that she described it as "the most important of all keys to the astral vaults," and "quite [possibly] my most lasting contribution to the science to which I have devoted my life."

In her autobiography, she relates an incident involving an injury her husband sustained to his right eye. Her first reaction was to run to her studio to consult her "beloved horary" for the moment, leaving her spouse in the care of house guests, who were shocked at her behavior: "My guests thought I was crazy. Even my husband, suffering from intense pain, was surprised at my desertion. But the comforting message I brought back to him--that no permanent injury would result from a mishap at that particular moment--was worth more to him than the most efficient demonstration of wifely first aid. Believe me, it was worth a lot to me!"

We never learn from this chapter what Evangeline Adams saw in the horary figure she hurriedly cast that night for her husband. Maybe his natal Jupiter held the "accidental ascendant" at that moment, suggesting that things would work out OK in the end. Or maybe nothing was coming up over the eastern horizon, meaning it was a matter of no consequence. But what would have indicated something more worrisome? What might she have seen that would have told her his condition was quite serious, to end in blindness, infection, or death?

Historians of the Kennedy assassination tell us that Jacqueline Kennedy responded with a flutter of desperate hope when doctors tending the President first talked with her about his condition, during his brief half-hour struggle to hold onto life after being shot in the streets of Dallas. A chart for that sad moment in American history when John Kennedy was murdered would have shown his natal Uranus holding the "accidental ascendant" at Dallas. (*I have noted the same natal planet to be rising for the victims of other assassinations, although not for all of them) But if we expand our attention beyond just the Ascendant of this horary chart to include the other angles (the Descendant as well as the upper and lower meridian for Dallas)--a decision that would seem to be justified by the rigorous scientific research of Michel and Francoise Gauquelin, and by the extensive studies of other gifted minds in the late 20th century, such as Cyril Fagan, Donald Bradley, and Jim Lewis--then something rather extraordinary emerges:

All of the people closely associated with President Kennedy had at least one natal planet falling at or very near the angles of this horary chart for the moment of his death (what we might term the "fatal chart" whose rising degree is the "accidental ascendant"). His wife, his children, his politically powerful brothers, his vice-president and successor, his chief political antagonists (e.g., Richard Nixon, Fidel Castro, Nikita Khrushchev)--all of them have planets thrown into angular prominence by relocation to Dallas at that instant of time. The closeness of the contacts with the angles can be appreciated best by calculating the positions of the natal planets in terms of mundane placement (*in mundo*), but it can be seen easily enough with ordinary charting techniques.

And not just any planets come to the fore, either: Jacqueline Kennedy, who was seated next to her husband when he was shot in an open-air car, escaped physically unharmed, while Lyndon Johnson rose to the presidency within hours of the assassination. Both of them have their natal Jupiters exactly angular at Dallas at the moment Kennedy died. Nixon, Castro, and Khrushchev all have their natal Moons rising simultaneously at Dallas: really, what are the chances of that happening? The event charts for the founding of the American republic, for the day the Kennedy's were married (1953 SEP 12), and even the birth chart of Abraham Lincoln--that eternal symbol of the slain American leader--all have symbolically fitting planetary indices thrown into the foreground by diurnal rotation.

On a grand scale, Beverly, this seems to support your suggestion about "looking at the chart of persons nearest the person [who is] dying." If I have calculated correctly, then a glance at your own natal planets and those of your husband positioned for the moment he died shows you both had natal Mars exactly angular. I know of a case where the couple had both their natal Venuses coming to adjacent angles at the moment one of them passed away--very peacefully, at home, in his own bed. It would be interesting to know how Mars figured in with your husband's demise and your reaction to it. Was he feverish or bleeding internally? Were you angry at him over some unfinished emotional business, or at the spectre of being abandoned by him? Did he seem to make a brief struggle against death right at the end? Were any heroic surgical measures being enacted when he died? And which planets from your wedding day or the day you met, or for the birth dates of your children, fall at the fatal angles? I also have a case in my files of a dying woman who held on until her son reached her bedside, only to expire a minute or two after his arrival. Her natal Sun, her husband's natal Moon, and her son's natal Saturn all swept over the lower meridian for the place of her death, just as she passed away.

Over the years, I have become so struck by the regularity of this correspondence between natal planets brought to the local angles by diurnal motion and events as they transpire that I have placed a sidereal clock at my bedside. When initially studying this correspondence in terms of the time of death, I ventured to name it "atroposis" or the "atropos phenomenon," in honor of the Greek goddess Atropos, whose name signifies that she did "not turn away: from her grim task of cutting the mortal thread that measures off the length of each human life. It has been difficult to get enough data to test it carefully, since there is no public access to death certificates in the U.S.

Lois Rodden, a tireless data sleuth whose efforts are surely appreciated by all astrologers, expressed an interest (during a panel discussion at the 1992 UAC) to add the time, place, and circumstances of death to her enormous collection of well-timed and well-documented data. Perhaps other readers of *Mercury Hour* will encourage and assist her in that effort, starting by sending in natal and fatal data already in their possession, along with the sources for these facts. Death certificates typically list the time a person is pronounced dead by a physician, not necessarily the true time of death. Biographies sometimes record more precise data, as well as any final requests or statements that illuminate the emotional state of the dying individual. A few books in print (such as *How Did They Die?* by Norman and Betty Donaldson, and *They Went That-A-Way* by Malcolm Forbes) detail the circumstances of death for a number of famous people, whose birth data are already a matter of public record.

It remains to be seen whether in years to come, after thorough testing, astrologers will develop from this study an invaluable tool for forensic medicine, homicide investigations, and the protection by law enforcement officers of those who are in the public eye and vulnerable to attack and injury.

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Hi! Remember me?

I have re-entered the astrology field after several years absence, and wanted to let you know that I am still alive.

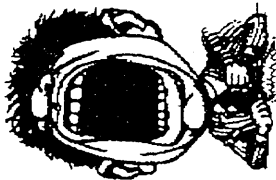
I will be moving to Colorado by the end of October, and will let you know my new address when I have one. In the meantime, anyone can write to me at the above address, and my mail will be forwarded.

My main interest is still Chiron, and I would be happy to correspond with anyone on the subject.

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I have an update on my original feelings about the Matrix PRIMA version 1.0 program. I still love it for its VERY innovative techniques and marvelous screen graphics but it does have glitches. I have written Matrix about its premature release and hope I receive a positive response concerning little or no expense to the original buyers, when its upgrade comes out.

I want to emphasize it IS a real innovation in astrology software. There is no doubt about that. I am enjoying it immensely. . . But . . . (1) I encouraged several other people to buy it at A.R.C. and they have Dot Matrix printers. It takes FOREVER to print out on their printers. I upgraded to a 486 with a Canon Bubblejet 200, and am not experiencing that problem. (2) Retrogrades do not show up on the printouts which boggles the mind. Why they ever released it this way, I will never understand. It only takes a moment to write them in but PULLLLEZE! (3) The .PCX files for desktop publishing are of poor quality (4) the outer planet ephemeris is off for mundane work. I discovered the October Uranus/Neptune conjunction to be six days off according to Michelsen's "Planetary Phenomena" book.

This program is no cheapy. It cost \$300.00! I really hope I receive good

news from Matrix, acknowledging the problems and telling me the corrections will cost zip because they are just too outlandish for a professional program! I'll keep you posted.

ANNIBALE F. VERZUMO
ASHTABULA, OH
AUGUST, 1993

Lela Chavellier-Powell (77/41). Yes, am familiar with AFA's rating system. I, then, only meant to suggest getting rid of DD "Dirty Data" rating; a rather ugly rating suitable more for grave diggers than for birth data and devaluating the intelligence of those who strive hard to provide accurate birth data. (Actually I believe this rating system was started by Lois Rodden and has been picked up, gratefully, by others. Edith)

Wendy Hawks (77/53). Until you pointed it out to me I wasn't aware that the Romans thought Venus was TWO planets because she was Phosphorus in the morning and Hesperus as the evening star. I read that Hesperus in ancient Greece was also called Lucifer. Since planets rising before the Sun are considered to have masculine qualities, and those following the Sun feminine qualities, the ancient worshiped Hesperus with divine honors for her feminine qualities.

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STUDENT'S CORNER

Part 2 of two - Conclusion

Cardinal, airy Libra, a non-animate sign, represents the balance, the symbol of justice, equanimity and peace. The sign seems to divide, or oscillate or straddle between the Northern and Southern Hemisphere as to assume a character of duality. Some astrologers opine that Libra is a dual sign. Libra masculinity and positiveness are emasculated by Venus, its ruler, a feminine, negative planet making the sign unwilling to fight for ideals with force. Conversely, Scorpio's femininity and negativity is offset by its masculine and positive ruler, Mars, making the sign unhesitating to combat. These are other examples of anomalies talked above.

Airy signs, of the intellectual category, are not the physical producers of material things or structures; by this is meant that they are not heavy manual laborers, but rather idealistic, theoretical or inventive. Libra is the sign of must partnership and if alone suffers loneliness. The sign and Venus relate to the etheric element of the mind, stimulating interplay in cooperation with others but achieved only by becoming an "alter-ego," a second "other." Libra's oscillating balance cups needs an outside weigher to put some material in one or both of them to achieve equilibrium; that is why Libra constantly seeks the input of others' opinion to operate before making a definite decision which may come too late for usefulness for weighing minute straws to no end.

Of this introspective, artistic, charming, diplomatic sign DeVore says:

Who puts you off with promise gay,
And keeps you waiting half the day?
Who compromises all the way?

Sweet Libra.

The exaltation of Saturn in Libra/VII house while not very sociable can make for a prudent and industrious partner in a dignified profession, such as judge. Sepharial says that Saturn in the first degree of Libra well aspected will be prominent and fortunate.

The IV house of Cancer, a water sign, makes the other Cardinal point in the chart in the Western Hemisphere, but dominating the Northern Hemisphere. Planets here tend to act more subjectively, privately, introspectively in a secretive fashion or behind external scenes. The native is given to be pragmatic and self-centered for survival. If the preponderance of planets is found in positive, outwardly signs there is difficulty in projecting into the outside world, for the native may feel confinement like an eagle in a cage at home and repelled as a marmot in the outside world. If they are found in negative signs, slower and more taciturn, there is

a tendency to work in privacy, seclusion of their own milieu where they feel more comfortable and secure. Accordingly, these natives should be counseled never to take total leadership or try to achieve or force any great or long-lasting popularity in the outside world.

Cancer and its ruler, the Moon are negative, while Jupiter exalted there is positive. Cancer is the sign of the home/family and by extension of the nation and nationalism; its primary calling or purpose being that to nurture and protect the home base as symbolized by its astrological graphic, ♋, resembling a woman's breast nipples emitting milk the fundamental natural food of nutrition and fructification. A Cancer native is more likely to have the mother's (cancerian or not) facial resemblance in some way. The sign is mentally atavistic with long memory, clinging to family origin, precedent and ancestry like a limpet.

Cancer represents clear and current water in its most fluidic state, mirroring all the environment in its course; adaptable to countours [sic] but changeable and fluctuating in temperament and moods under the many phases of its ruler, the Moon. Cancer and the Moon are the most sensory and emotional of the signs; the emotion apparently penetrating the native's nerve ganglia to the very fiber of the physical being. In my own observations Cancer has a heightened psychic quality; many cancerians have a psychic stare almost freezing those around them. The hard shelled crab, but soft and sympathetic inside often is self-sacrificing for the home/family security. The crab, moving sideways like the Moon is clannish, homebody and has little or no interest with matters outside own home. Security-minded, the crab on shore, sensing the oncoming tide will rush to its hole, cover it with sand to protect the siblings and food from flooding. The native will rush home to check if the home was damaged or flooded by a storm.

Unemotional Libra and temperately cool Venus (Lilly) are trended largely to public and personal interrelations and affairs, but in a more limited, selective way with professionals, uppity circles of (often perfumed and moneyed while trying to snatch each others wife or husband with roving eyes) people who have a reciprocal social, intellectual and artistic vein. Conversely, the Cancer/Moon (timorous and easily frightened - Lilly) rules the ordinary people in the street, the populace-at-large without distinction of class or status. The VII house rules open, public and personal enemies and armed war. The IV house doesn't, although enmity may arise from nature's whims in the guise of tornadoes, floods and hurricanes, usually occurring on or near summer (a Cancer season) which destroys homes (IV, Cancer). An afflicted Cancer/Moon in a mundane/political chart may point to disturbances in sectors of a nation. The exaltation of positive Jupiter confers

attachment to (often large) home and family; travel (or reside briefly [sic] abroad) with it; instillation of ethical and religious values. The parents are often educated hosting influential people at home: bankers, lawyers, clergymen, judges, etc.

The last angle is the X house, Capricorn, with Saturn as the negative planet and positive Mars exalted there. This summit point dominates the Southern Hemisphere where the native is compelled to live an objective life extrovertly and guide people to certain destinies, often in national affairs with great responsibilities but no privacy. There is a great ambition for leadership, career and fame and for recognition at home and abroad. Here the native's words carry a great weight, but may attract fierce opposition by other people and easily blamed for any misstep.

Here, if the majority of planets is located in aggressive, positive signs, especially if cardinals, there is great snap, self-confidence in leadership, executive grit done with great dispatch. However, the native ought to be counseled about his domineering ambition for career success and autocratic manners. If the planets are found in negative signs, especially mutables, the native may be leashed in functioning with the demands of the larger world for lack of decisive drive and capability of shouldering the pressure of criticism in decision-making, and accordingly should be counseled to take a subordinate position.

The X house/Capricorn/Saturn correlates with the earth trinity of practicality, conservation and material utilization and represents the native's profession or task, whatever it may be, in the larger world, be it ever modest or significant and powerful. It is a position of organizational ability of a superior-functioning mind and character. It represents, in short, the native's vanguard in leading others. In the event several planets are in square or opposition from cardinal sign the native often strikes out some original or remarkable feat in life but not without struggle and be liable to fierce criticism and opposition by others.

This position shows the backbone and any reputation, honors and standing in the society, nation and abroad. In politics the native's action stems more from quiet and deep thought than from feeling and emotion. Has much to do with the administering dutifully the law than making it. Saturn in the X house is regarded the hallmark of great success and failure. J.F.K., Napoleon, Hitler and Rajiv Gandhi (the charts am looking at) had Saturn/X house, Richard Nixon and Walter Mondale close to it. Capricorn is also nationalistic but not in the emotional and sentimental of Cancer/Moon. Since it may indicate a nation's President, the one pair is more concerned with the reputation and standing of his nation with other nations; the second pair mainly concerned with the hand-to-mouth of home/family security.

Saturn, in its four phases to its natal position, of a little more than 7 years each, marks the development, success or not and destiny of the native. Astrologer Manly P. Hall remarked that from the second Saturn return to the end of life the native, by choice or not, dissociates or resigns from active physical and mundane concerns for a meditative and spiritual one. I have here two instances of that in the U.S. Presidents Woodrow Wilson and Richard Nixon, both Capricorn/Saturn ruled. The first one was born in 1856. He suffered a stroke while still in office in 1919 (at the age of 63) disabling him to conduct his nation's affairs; the 17 remaining months of his Presidency duties were run informally by his Cabinet. Richard Nixon was born in 1913 and had to resign his office in 1974, at the age of 61.

Speaking of anomalies, deVore says that positive, scrappy Mars when below the horizon (except the 1st house, in my opinion) it "becomes nocturnal, hence feminine" and more docile in temperament. Planets ruling the natural signs above the horizon lose some klieg light when below the horizon when they become introspective and more secretive as they are of nocturnal births.

One of the most annoying but powerful astrological planetary coincidence is where, by progression, Saturn is chasing the Moon. Since the progressed Moon takes 28 years and Saturn 30 years, or close to it to complete the cycle the two planets may in rare cases approximately coincide. A Moon afflicted by Saturn in itself is not fortunate, and when the aspect is close enough and the progressed Moon travels at about the same rate as Saturn, a transit of Saturn to the Moon can persist often for a lifetime depending on the age of the native. However, this persistent planetary condition can occur only where the Moon is in conjunction, square or opposition to Saturn at birth.

Conclusion

**WIN KEMP
WEST VANCOUVER, B.C.
CANADA
SEPTEMBER, 1993**

Enclosed is a filler for MH which my late sister who lived in Italy for many years sent to me.

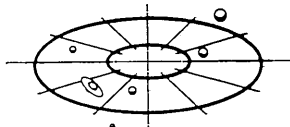
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I was stunned to learn you are short of contributions for MH. I thought you were backed up for months on end. No doubt by now you are deluged with letters. The obvious sophistication of your fellow astrologers has intimidated me about writing, but the little poem 78/10 has spurred me on. So here goes:

Mary Blaylock, 78/64. I too have that Uranus-Neptune conjunction in my 6H in aspect to Mars, but opposition not quincunx. I haven't noticed anything in particular with my health, so have concluded the service side of 6H is being activated as I am doing volunteer work for terminally ill patients in hospitals.

When Pluto in my 4H was in close trine to N. Mars in 12H the first time (early Jan./92), I began working in the Hospice of the Desert Hospital in Palm Springs. When he trined my Mars again Nov./92 I trained in Lions Gate Hospital in North Vancouver for the same type of work (called Palliative Care here). Pluto was squaring my natal Moon-Uranus conjunction in 7H at these times, and I got a lot of flak from my husband who doesn't understand volunteerism at all--he is

very money oriented!

New Moon Jan. 11/94 will give me that wonderful cluster of Cap. planets in 6H in opposition to N. Mars, Saturn/Pluto midpoint, and Sun/Jupiter midpoint. T. Pluto will be on my husband's Moon and my Helio Venus. Full Moon Jan. 27 is on my husband's Mercury and my Neptune/Saturn midpoint.

Then comes along the New Moon Feb. 10 to sit smack dab on top of my Moon-Uranus conjunction in 7H quincunx Mars in 12. And the Full Moon Feb. 26 is closely conjunct my Virgo Sun, while T. Mars is over my Moon-Uranus conj. quincunx N. Mars.

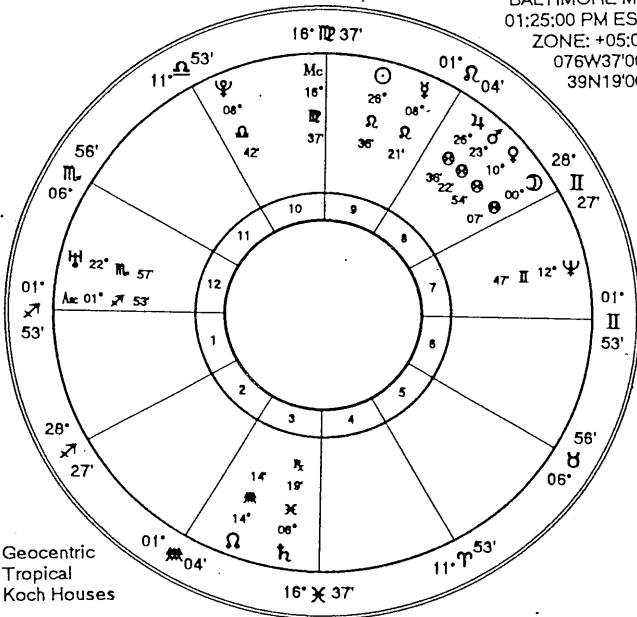
I haven't a clue what all this portends, but it should be an interesting winter. I'll be in Palm Springs then, hopefully volunteering in the Hospice Unit, not occupying one of their beds!

I return to B.C. in mid April in the nick of time to greet my first great-grandchild (due Apr. 17). Until my granddaughter joined the 1% of women who can conceive while on the pill, my hopes of becoming a great-grandmother were slim. Fortunately everyone is happy about the 'mistake'. The doctors scanned her and told her she was 9 weeks 3 days pregnant. Sure beats struggling with Bailey's "Prenatal Epoch" to determine conception date.

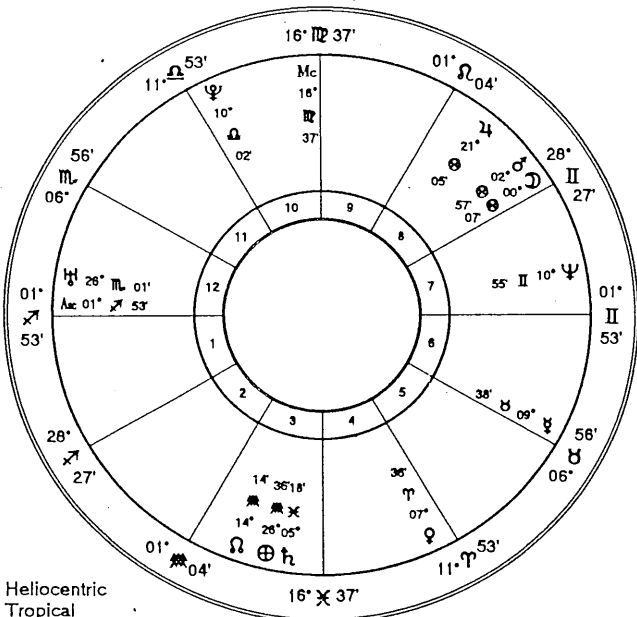
**CAMMILLE ADAMS
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OCTOBER, 1993**

Regarding Marc Penfield's list (77/16) Re: Baltimore, MD. When I first came to Maryland over 30 years ago, I researched Baltimore and Annapolis data - I intended to live here in Maryland and as an astrologer the charts were important. I live between both cities.

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The Baltimore chart. Chartered on Aug. 8th, 1729, incorporated eleven days later. Reincorporated under U.S. Law 1796, again reincorporated 1892. The city was almost totally destroyed by fire in 1904. The chart I chose was Aug. 19, 1729, the incorporation date, rectified

to 1:25 P.M. EST. The city prefers to be called "The Monumental" city, however in the past, long past, it was called "Mobtown" (Jupiter and Mars conjunct) Uranus trines that combination. Five planets in water signs and the all important 4th house is water, significance of the sea is apparent. The Sun in the 9th of long journeys, also Sun in Leo is regal, hence the impressive buildings, and the Governors have been known for their theatrics.

In the beginning Baltimore had a reputation of being snobby and stodgy, the elite preferring to ignore port life, typical of the combination here of Leo Sun, Sagittarius rising.

When the fire occurred in 1904 the Pr. Uranus conjunct the Baltimore Ascendant, progressed Mars square Mars. The combination is fireworks, compounded by progressed Mars squaring Jupiter and that made it B-I-G. The city's Mars and Jupiter in Cancer in 8th, so end of many homes, there is of course more, to qualify.

Unlike other cities the rebuilding hardly changed Baltimore. That proved Sun in Leo wanted it back, looking the same. No American city has poured more effort in the last decade into renewal, and the imagination of those responsible is amazing. Just look at that Aquarium, built on the Harbor and what a Harbor!

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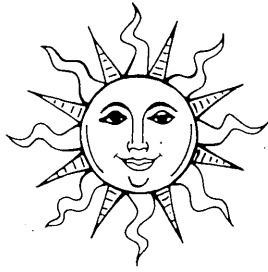
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A Positive Approach to Astrology

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American Astrology Prior to 1860

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The ancient origins of astrology are being plumbed of late by Project Hindsight which is a necessary thing considering the general lack of knowledge we have about the subject and the scurrilous treatment it receives at the hands of the academic establishment. Yet the origins and history of American Astrology are even more unknown than those of ancient astrology. The consideration of this subject is of importance to American Astrologers and possibly of interest to the rest of the world. The following article is by no means comprehensive. It merely represents an initial step in the direction of writing a history of American Astrology. It is intended to stimulate thought and the recognition of how little we know about Astrology in America before 1860.

We begin our investigations in pre-Revolution America. Jim Baker, the Vice President in charge of museum operations at the Plymouth Plantation Museum informs me that in the 17th century there was a woman astrologer in the Connecticut

colony who had been trained by Lilly. Meanwhile, in what later became Ephrata, Pennsylvania, there was a German Rosicrucian settlement under a fellow named Zimmerman. It was composed of messianic millennialists, followers of Bohme, Pietists and German Seventh Day Baptists, who practiced alchemy and astrology along with celibacy.

In what follows I am indebted to Herbert Leventhal's In the Shadow of the Enlightenment: Occultism and Renaissance Science in 18th Century America. Harvard seems to have been a center for Natural Astrology (as opposed to Judicial Astrology) in the 17th and 18th centuries.¹ Charles Morton, an Englishman who relocated to the New World in order to get religious freedom (he was harassed by the Anglicans), left England in 1686, and relocated to Charlestown, Mass. He became a minister there. Wrote his Compendium Physicae in England. Harvard picked up this book and included it in its curriculum because they had nothing like it at the time. It remained influential until the 1720's. In this work Morton accepts the distinction between natural and judicial astrology, condemns astrological fortune telling, and discusses how the planets influence both body and mind! He permits the use of astrology in weather forecasting and in charting the mutation

of man's "temperature" by the alteration of qualities brought about by celestial motion. His work was edited in 1720.² In this 1720 edition, reference to the power of astrological influence were deleted.

Harvard students may also have received astrological ideas from two other sources, both of them chief officials of the school: Samuel Willard and John Leverett.³

Willard was class of 1659. He was VP of Harvard 1701-1707 when the school had no president. His sermons to students, collected and published posthumously (1726) as A Compleat Body of Divinity, Boston: B. Green and S. Kneeland, 1726, p. 119, cites Gen. 1:14 and expounds it, "Prognosticating several natural effects, likely to ensue", "Seasons" in the text, he explains as meaning, "times of the year, made by the motion of the Sun especially." He noted that, "Astrologers have had their predictions that do sometimes fall out right,..." "though Satan, that great naturalist," can foretell many things.

Leverett, class of 1680, President of Harvard 1708-1724 was FRS (Frater Societatis Regii - Brother of the Royal Society). He was a liberal and bitterly opposed to Cotton Mather. In one of Leverett's "Expositions of Scripture," to students, he denied that God had revealed the Flood to Noah by an astrological conjunction or by any natural means. Mather was also on the war path about this. It seems someone was asserting otherwise. See, Arthur Daniel Kaledin.⁴

Isaac Greenwood, Harvard's first Hollis Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy (1728-1738) accepted natural astrology. In 1731 in A Philosophical Discourse Concerning the Mutability and Changes of the Material World... (Boston: S. Gerrich, 1731, p. 5. "In short, tides are produced in the Ocean, Winds in the atmosphere, many changes in Inanimate and Animate Bodies & in the human oeconomy itself. Astrology seems to have a philosophical foundation, and we know not how many wonders and mysteries may be the genuine effects of this great Alternative in Nature."

Ephraim Chamber's Cyclopedia or Universal Dictionary of the Arts⁵ was a popular 18th century reference work used in the colonies. The article on Astrology accepts natural astrology.

Leventhal discusses almanacs pp. 22-27.⁶ There were lots of them. Many had astrology in them. For instance, Moses Coit Tyler's A History of American Literature, (2 vol in 1) NY: GP Putnam and Son 1881. Also, Nathaniel Low, An Astronomical Diary or Almanac for 1772 (Boston:

Kneeland and Adams). Joseph Stafford's almanac had judicial astrology: The Rhode Island Almanac for 1738, (Newport: Widow Franklin, 1738). The Virginia Almanac for 1751 (Williamsburg, Hunter) is also mentioned. Everyone knows the Old Farmer's Almanac. It has had a continuous run of publishing since 1792. The kind and amount of Astrology it now has seems representative of that which it always has had.

Medicine was also a field where astrology was practiced. Culpeper's works were popular. The Pharmacopoeia Londinensis (London 1653, Boston 1720), and The English Physician Enlarged, as well as the Astrological Judgment of Disease from the Decumbiture of the Sick, were all read in the colonies. But, astrological medicine, Leventhal tells us, though popular, was considered low class.⁷

Judicial Astrology was not unknown. The Diary of Col Landon Carter of Sabine Hall, 1752-1778,⁸ contains an astrological prediction for the coming year. Moreover, Leventhal tells us that, "One of the most intriguing evidences of the practical use of judicial astrology comes from Rhode Island. Ezra Stiles [1727-1795] noted in his Diary, after referring to the Biblical prohibitions against witches, wizards and necromancers as well as to Indian 'Poways', that 'Something of it subsists among Almanack Makers and Fortune Tellers, as Mr. Stafford of Tiverton lately dead who was wont to tell where lost things might be found and what day, hour and minute was fortunate for vessels to sail etc.'" Stiles was president of Yale from 1778-1795. He taught Hebrew, theology, church history and the sciences.

Leventhal tells us¹⁰ that the vigorous Rhode Island shipping business used astrology. "One local historian has told us, referring to the sailing of two Rhode Island privateers in 1745, that 'According to the custom of the time their horoscope [sic] was cast, and the figure had disclosed that they should sail on Friday, the 24th of December, 1745.' Unfortunately, a snowstorm was raging at the time and both vessels were lost. [Wm. P. Sheffield, An Address delivered by William P. Sheffield before the Rhode Island Historical Society in Providence, February 7, AD 1882 (Newport, RI.: John P. Sanborn, 1883) p. 18] Another Rhode Island Historian has stated that when ships were ready to sail, 'an astrologer or conjurer, as they were frequently called, was sometimes employed to 'cast a figure', to ascertain the proper moment for the vessel to depart.' This historian stated that he had seen hun-

dreds of such horoscopes and reproduced one which had been cast in 1752.¹¹

In the 18th century, according to Leventhal, astrology [both natural and judicial] was in a state of decline. Its primary literature was the almanac, the literature of semiliterate.

Immediately after the Revolution we find Bailey's Almanac for 1779¹² carrying a German article which has an illustration showing a horoscope celebrating the event. Generally, however, Bailey's Miniature & Pocket Almanac was in English and had no articles on astrology. It regularly depicted the signs of the Zodiac and the planets; the changes of the Moon; aspects; and dates of the Equinoxes and Solstices.¹³

Ebenezer Sibly, an astrologer with Masonic connections with lodges in Bristol and Edinburgh. Published his New and Complete Outline of the Occult Sciences in 1790 & 1791. He gives what he reckons as the horoscope of US in plate 53. His brother, Manoah Sibly, a Swedenborgian minister, was also an astrologer and it is worth mentioning that Ebenezer mentions Swedenborg (whose teachings are regarded by some as the beginning of the Spiritualistic movement) in his book and also includes a fairly lengthy chapter on spirits.

According to Nick Campion,¹⁴ the first American Astrological literature was produced in the 1840's by the English born Luke Broughton (1828-1899) who was the first major American astrologer. His student was W.H. Chaney (b. 1821), father of Jack London (1876-1916) whose mother (Fora Wellman) was musician/spiritualist.

Ellic Howe,¹⁵ tells us that the three Broughton Bros. (Matthew, Mark and Luke) were all in the US by the 1860's. They resided in Philadelphia. Luke produced Broughton's Monthly Planet Reader and Astrological Journal.¹⁶ He moved to New York in 1863 and continued publishing. The Journal had only Broughton's Articles. At the end of Broughton's Monthly Planet Reader, he offers to teach astrology. The price for the Planet Reader was \$.04 when it first came out.

Broughton also published an Elements of Astrology (1869, 1898). At the end it has essays: "Why am I an astrologer?" A reply to Richard A. Proctor. The Humbug of Astrology. Feb. 6, 1887.

Howe thinks the US astrologers were dependent on English astrological literature until after World War One. He also cites¹⁷ Thomas Hague of Philadelphia, who published a periodical: The Horoscope from 1840-4. Hague's Horoscope and Scientific Prophetic Messenger ran from 1845-8.

American astrologers did not limit their work to astrology alone. Some at least ventured into related fields such as spiritualism. Marguerite Beck Block in, The New Church in the New World: A Study of Swedenborgianism in America¹⁸ tells us that a Brooklyn astrologer fomented a spiritualistic movement in the Swedenborgian Church in New York in 1844.¹⁹

Thus, while it is clear that astrology was practiced in the colonies and in the early United States, until evidence becomes available to justify such a claim, it may well be that we will have to agree with Campion and Howe that until the 1840's Americans depended upon the British for their astrological literature.

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(12) cited in Clark Kinnaird, George Washington: The Pictorial Biography, NY: Hastings House, 1967, p. 135.

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(14) An Introduction to the History of Astrology, p. 72.

(15) Astrology, p. 63.

(16) No 1, 1860.

(17) p. 66

(18) The New Church in the New World: A study of Swedenborgianism in America NY: Swedenborg Publishing Association, 1984, c1960, p. 99.

(19) "The next unfortunate event in the New York Society [i.e. the Swedenborgian Church] was an attack of spiritualism called the New Era Movement in 1844. It was instituted by Silas Jonas, who gained intercourse with spirits through a Brooklyn astrologer. Its adherents met privately for worship and spiritualistic practices. The Rev. Samuel Worcester, formerly of Boston, became an adherent and claimed ordination as high priest by the spirit of Swedenborg. He instituted a new priesthood, beginning with his son, Samuel H. Worcester, whose ordination was repudiated by the Massachusetts Association. The Worcesters later renounced spiritualism and the Rev. Richard DeCharms of Philadelphia came to New York to reclaim the lost sheep by means of a course of sermons on the evils of "Pseudo-Spiritualism." At last these various difficulties disappeared and the New York Society settled down to a peaceful existence. In 1854 Mr. Chesterman bequeathed to the New York Society the 35th Street property, and in 1858 the cornerstone of the present church edifice was laid."

BOOK REVIEWS

NEW INSIGHTS INTO ASTROLOGY, author Nona Gwynn Press - published by ACS, 424 pages, price \$19.95.

This book is exactly what the title implies. It deals with number symbolism, harmonics, asteroids, research as well as Solar and Lunar Returns. There are about 20 pages of the Heliocentric Nodes listed in alphabetical order and with their zodiacal degree.

On page 328 there is an interesting observation on the Void-of-Course Moon so many astrologers put a lot of stock in. The chapter on Research is well worth reading, gives food for thought.

If you are well acquainted with astrology you will find this book giving you lots more to think about and work with.

I am one of those people who like to keep things simple and after looking at some of the charts, like the 18th Harmonic Ascendant Equal House chart with 32 placements plus the ASC and MC in it I decided I wasn't ready just yet for all the Asteroids, Uranian, etc. all in one chart. For those of you who are this is definitely the book for you.

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HANDBOOK OF HORARY ASTROLOGY - author Karen Hamaker-Zondag - printed by Samuel Weiser, Inc. - 215 pages - price \$15.95.

Karen certainly explains what a Horary Chart is, how to ask a question and the pitfalls to avoid. Trying to decide exactly when the chart should be erected for can be a problem. Was it when the person decided there was a problem or when the question was asked or the phone call made?

Karen uses the time when the astrologer hears the question and understands it. She speaks of the derivative use of the houses in horary, rules of interpretation, estimating time, place, direction and distance.

I really liked this book since it is quite easy to understand, covers the basics and even takes care of many of the questions you might have starting out in Horary.

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THE SABIAN SYMBOLS - author, Dr. Marc Edmund Jones - 437 pages - price \$18.95 - reprinted by Aurora Press.

Sabian Symbols is now out in paperback! Most are familiar with Dr. Jones' work and his many books on astrology. The use of the Sabian Symbols is just as well-known and often quoted by astrologers. The degree and their meanings as presented by Dr. Jones were worked on for many years and modified where necessary. Dane Rudhyar said "Marc Edmund Jones' Sabian Symbols is by far the best."

There is a lot of other information in this book along with the Sabian Symbols. The birth information for 1,000 people, mostly born in the late 1800's and early 1900's is included along with their planetary placements. I enjoyed just looking over some of them.

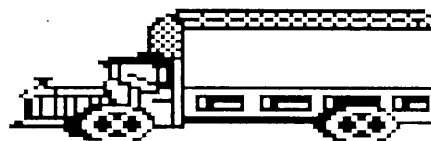
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Above reviewed by EDITH CUSTER

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**THE RENEWAL OR RESIGNATION PASSAGE:
[45 Onward]**

THEMES:

This passage represents another stabilization phase, and one often as smooth as that of the 20's. Yet one with incomparable self-insight. A truer sense of personal balance can now be more fully attained. But much here depends upon our conscious willingness to enliven and animate the self-discoveries attained in all previous passages. If stagnation or inertia during midlife has still been allowed to block access to deeper knowledge of one's true identity at the start of this passage, the result can often be seen as a psychological form of calcification and undue rigidity. For one who still refuses to open up to the consummate vitality able to be tapped and drawn during this passage, resignation becomes the only available option. Self-expression in this case has become too chronically stale and brittle to allow for the potential activation of inner support systems that could otherwise further one's sense of enrichment until death. The promise of rebirth during this phase is thus denied. On the other hand, these can actually turn out to be the best years of life for those who have made assertive attempts in the past to develop a life program of constant self-regeneration. Only the most psychologically inflexible at this period slowly begin to extinguish themselves until all inner fires have been put out.

Constructively, these years can be truly "golden" for those authentic identities who have taken the time to recultivate talents and special abilities that otherwise could have forever remained neglected. Reassessment during midlife helps pump up "new veins of energy." 1 Those sufficiently vital now witness themselves re-blossoming with a reinstated sense of serious life purpose (since for them, midlife has been a re-fertilizing period). This passage is an excellent time to deeply draw upon our personal reservoir of creativity, grounded by a solid bedrock of life's previous experiences. We do not have to wait until death to undergo a state of resurrection. Our self-concept during this "final" life passage determines whether or not continuing personal experiences will short-circuit the individual's progress by preserving an already obsolete mold...or whether the individual will be able to close out these years with continuous self-nourishment of a most individuated nature.

It appears that now the inner life demands more personal, conscious

illumination and philosophical understanding if it is to function at its optimum. Detachment from ordinary "other"-concerns becomes more apparent. We no longer feel intent upon pleasing others or gaining constant approval from a world which never really knew the real us to start with. And this comes as a welcome relief for many of us. At last, we find ourselves consciously able to approve and bless ourselves due to our long overdue value of self-respect. True personal integrity is finally incorporated into our consciousness.

FOOTNOTE:

[1] Ibid., p. 497

Astrological Correlates

Jupiter in General.

COMMENTS:

Considering that this passage begins at 45 and lasts until death (according to Sheehy's timetable), Jupiter's life cycle can repeat several times. Astrology tends to view the human lifespan, in terms of its own mundane cycle of experiences, as lasting until 84 (or one complete cyclic revolution of Uranus). This also would roughly coincide with a 3rd Saturn Return. Obviously, many die before 84 and few live beyond. Thus, 84 is not representative of the human life expectancy, but only the year completing the entire life process of one's involvement with worldly association in terms of self-growth. This passage begins with the Jupiter square Jupiter phase as a carry-over from the previous midlife passage, which in my opinion is significant of the underlying tone of these remaining years (being the phase to inaugurate this passage.) Also, realize that between 45 and 84, four Jupiter Returns can be experienced. Thus, the mundane cycle of human experience involves 7 Jupiter Returns altogether (and 7 is a number of worldly completion, rest, and contemplation of the fruits of one's efforts according to esoteric numerology).

At this point in life (after the middle-age crisis), it becomes harder to pinpoint how Jupiter will operate since the individual is now beginning to show a greater degree of introspection and self-reflection concerning his life course. If indeed the square phase hints at the general tone of this passage, then these years can denote the continuous need to expand one's awareness, to further stretch one's innate potential. But we are not as apt to seek to expand our awareness of the outer world, since we should have already extended ourselves here enough and have become materially fulfilled to a reasonable degree. We at least are less likely to continue to eagerly explore our mundane environment with a sense of innocence and wonder, as was the case in our 20's. Instead, inner expansion becomes the quest at this point in time, and this does require our constant effort (square phase).

The Jupiter Returns that follow should pinpoint periods of re-vitalization and self-encouragement that

can make these years enriching and rewarding. In this context, I would only consider the square and opposition phases of each remaining Jupiter cycle important in defining the prime influence of this planet during this time (besides the Returns themselves), since Jupiter's energies are heightened and in need of major direction during these periods. And I generally view Jupiter as a subjective force in our nature throughout this passage, seeing it as a factor helping us free ourselves further from former restrictive social identities adopted in the past. While Jupiter will also still register as external material benefits and easing social conditions throughout our life, it here encourages these years to be those in which we are becoming more generous with ourselves in finding time to explore more ideal, leisurely interest of a personal and creative nature.

Saturn opposition Saturn - Saturn

Return COMMENTS:

Saturn opposition Saturn becomes the first important Saturn phase of this passage, and is normally experienced by 46. The last time we had to deal with this phase was around the age of 14, when the puberty period began reaching its peak. At this previous phase, the Saturn opposition Saturn period made us aware that we no longer felt like children under the exclusive rule of our prime authority figures, our parents. It was an unsettling time of learning the first steps of individualization, in which we saw ourselves as something quite distinctly different from what our parents molded us into being. And a time where we received reinforcement of our newly budding autonomy from our peer groups, with whom we felt more equal with. We at this point often felt loyalty in two contrasting areas, leading to a tug-of-war of feelings. On one hand, we probably felt an urge to remain at arm's length from parental influence, seeing it as being an obstacle to our developing emotional needs to relate to others in the bigger world. Some of us thus attempted to test the limits of parental authority thru rejection of their standards. On the other hand, we also began to feel anxious in our effort to fit in and be accepted by the equally authoritative standards of our judging peers, who held the power to facilitate or thwart our entrance into the social world of equalitarian one-to-one relationships. It seemed an impossible time for decision-making, balance, and poise.

However, at this second Saturn opposition Saturn phase, we no longer are pitting ourselves against our parents in favor of peer acceptance. Yet we are still, in essence, dealing with authority issues (and gratefully now with more maturity and self-awareness on our side than before). Here, we reach a point in which we are ready to instead pit ourselves against society at large (our authority image in its broadest context). There is much more steadiness within felt now, due to the extent of our past ef-

forts to more fully individualize. Thus, we can show more determination to pursue a life structure of our own choosing. Remember that since this phase occurs after the midlife crisis, we are no longer the person we were before. We have hopefully undergone a successful transformation. It becomes harder for us to accept society's former definition of what we are or should be. This still can be a time of rebellion thru rejection of social standards and values. But normally in a less overt and defensive manner. Many of us simply turn a deaf ear to what our environment demands of us according to our status. We instead seek to know reality in a different and more personal way. In some manner, here is when we begin to more commonly separate ourselves from the currents of the social mainstream in preference of establishing our own flow. This does not necessarily have to come about thru circumstantial culminations, although sometimes it does (especially in career matters or marital status).

Between 50-60 is when we can expect to experience our 2nd Saturn Return. Considering what was said about the 1st Saturn Return, this period should be significant in terms of defining what we are to ourselves. However, at this point, self-definition according to our preferred place in the world becomes less an issue. Instead, we are motivated to define ourselves according to what we want to directly experience inside on all levels until death. We feel less obligated to perform on a social level in any expected manner. This does not mean we still do not impress our society with our continued worldly accomplishments, but just that we are less impressed with the results of our efforts. A "so what?" period. We are more concerned upon doing things that make a deeper impact upon ourselves first and foremost. Our need for achievement now can become very subjective and meaningful to just ourselves.

This 2nd Saturn Return, when handled well, can be the backbone of this "stabilization" period. Or it can, when mismanaged, mark the deterioration of our self-concept, resulting in the sense of resignation Sheehy has described (especially should we have allowed a sense of stagnation and inertia to continue during the midlife crisis without challenging ourselves). Thus, this Saturn Return could pinpoint a "make-it-or-break-it" period determining whether we revitalize ourselves or psychologically calcify. All of us have seen ample instances of those who calcify and dry up both upon mental and physical levels during these closing years of life. And it seems a most dreaded outcome of an unsatisfactory life cycle. Perhaps astrology is suggesting that our ability to meet the challenges of our 2nd Saturn Return best establishes how we remain flexible and adaptable in our later years. Those who re-establish themselves as best as they can normally remain vibrant and sturdy during their life's duration. Yet those who cannot

further integrate themselves due to the exhaustion their life-long self-doubt and insecurity has created end up withering and atrophying, never to re-blossom. And as sad as this is, we should realize that this is not a natural inevitability for anyone, but each individual structures for himself.

Since two Saturn Returns are able to be experienced between 55-88, it would also be important to note the effects of the proceeding Saturn opposition Saturn phase (late 60's to early 70's), plus each Saturn square Saturn period throughout. The Saturn square phases seem to be most indicative of external limitations felt during old age, both upon a career and community basis. Health conditions, often a realistic limiter during these years, also become a focal issue. Although the 3rd Saturn Return in the latter 80's is significant, it is not relevant to the content of this study. In general, all Saturn phases during this passage can be utilized to further fortify the inner structure the individual has painstakingly built for himself throughout the past critical phases of his life.

If the structures built best enable our spiritual energies to channel themselves thru our waking consciousness, then our life tends to be assured of continued creative output and stamina until death. This condition affords these years to be "golden" for those of us who have re-cultivated talents and abilities rather than allowed them to remain untended (since all major Saturn cycles pressure us to deal with those pertinent matters of our life that we have neglected or underrated). And thus, we can better reinstate our sense of serious life purpose. True personal integrity can result. Yet if an already frail self-structure exists up until this time, these hard-angle aspects tend to further discourage us. We then find ourselves becoming too brittle to bend and flex according to the necessary changes creative energy insists upon. And so, we harden our being until death, thus, becomes the only way to free us from a "dead-end." Self-imposed prison halting our evolutionary growth. Note how transiting Uranus is usually active during the death of one so locked-in.

Uranus quincunx Uranus - Uranus trine Uranus - Uranus square Uranus - Uranus Return.

COMMENTS:

Around the age of 47, the Uranus quincunx phase is normally felt in its waning or upper phase: The upper quincunx, in general, is indicative of psychological adjustments whereby we eliminate that within ourselves which impedes our ability to transform our inner growth. This Uranus phase, thus, inaugurates the Renewal or Resignation Passage. And it is a very appropriate Uranus phase to begin this period of our lives. The last time it occurred (although in its waxing or lower phase) was during the beginning of the midlife crisis. And that was normally a time when we felt out-of-focus with society's expectations of our

performance, ambition-wise. Now at this point (and considering that we have reached a level of major social awareness symbolized by Uranus' opposition phase), we may feel again out-of-focus. Yet not with society as much as with deeper parts of ourselves that are pressing for open release and expression. These are the parts of our being that need to be charged up, enliven, and animated based upon our growing self-insight. It is at this phase that we find ourselves ready for re-birth upon many levels. This becomes the review period we must undertake to examine ourselves further and draw upon our latent, unique resources that can later sustain us thru the final years of our life. These next seven years, therefore, can allow us to experience our creative power. We can experiment and take detours in our life pattern that can prove highly rewarding in terms of personal self-awakening.

However, alterations made during the latter 40's until the mid-50's also suggest the necessity of removing those conditions that would stifle our growth in the long run. If the midlife period has proven stabilizing and strength-producing, then changes made at this time are truly liberating and exciting in a beneficial sense. Especially in those areas of interest most personal to our subjective goals. Yet if midlife was not adequately educational in terms of full maturation, the Uranus quincunx phase can become a breakdown or break apart period fraught with emotional and mental tensions. Especially if we acted too wayward and irresponsibly during the opposition phase. Here is when life does a number on the individual in a manner rendering him powerless to sustain his accustomed status-quo. Perhaps in health areas (psychologically for the most part), and sometimes thru shocks and jolts in the habitual patterns of one's daily routines (work-wise, although with greater emotional intensity). One's existence, again, can appear to be up in the air. This phase works best for those who allow for a full degree of self-honesty. Those of us who are still rigid and self-deceptive seem to fall apart at the seams at this time in a manner that interferes with both normal productivity and emotional stability.

To be continued

**KRISTINA STROM
GLENDALE, OH
AUGUST, 1993**

Diana K. Rosenberg: (75/6) You asked, almost as an afterthought, 'Has anyone seen "Sister Act"?', the film in which your daughter played a significant supporting role. The answer from this camp is a resounding YES! -- my four daughters and I so enjoyed it that we purchased a copy and have watched it over and over. Wendy was magnificent, and well deserving of your pride. However, I think

the Yiddish term "kvelling" might be a more accurate description of your feelings -- at least it was for me as I experienced your joy vicariously. A couple of my daughters are into the performing arts. As you can imagine, they have been through embarrassing hoops with peers because their mother is an astrologer: it meant so much on a personal level for me to be able to say "That actress' mother is a serious astrologer too". On a professional level, I have recommended the movie to many of my female clients who consider themselves to be "recovering Catholics". It has long been my contention that we incarnate into various religious and thought systems for specific reasons. As such, it is important for us to identify what usefulness or true purpose is inherent in these structures after we get done with our adolescent style rebelling and bashing of them. Whoopi Goldberg's character in "Sister Act" manifests this concept in a delightful and dramatic way. Wendy's character, by contrast, shows how we can implement needed change by coming from a place of honoring and respecting and then productively building upon our foundational origins in this arena of life. Kudos to both you and your daughter, but most of all, thanks!

Dennis Frank: I seem to remember your saying somewhere that you have found the Vertex to be of no significance. If you did not say this, please forgive me (after all, Uranus/Neptune is just separating from a conjunction to my Mercury). However, if you did make that remark, I would very much appreciate a detailed explanation as to how and why you have come to this conclusion. I have been researching the Vertex axis for the past ten years and I am impressed with the results. I very much respect your work and sense that, like me, you are an empiricist. Consequently, I am confident that we can enter into dialogue either publicly via MH or privately via correspondence about this subject in an objective way. Jim Haynes, please join us!

Pardon the hard copy, but if Patricia B. Francis (77/27) feels like one of the "dummies", I am in the category of the morons regarding how to do a disc for you. I use Word Perfect 4.0 -- will it work? How do I do it? HELP!!! (Hey guys, I hope my abject computer-phobic ignorance around this doesn't diminish in your minds the rest of what I'm going to say.) (As long as you send a hard copy we are okay even if the disc doesn't work. We try at least! See 78/21 on what we can accept and the format we use. Edith)

Colleen Nelson: (77/58) A group of scientists (amazing, huh?!) here in Cincinnati invited me to give a lecture on the coming Earth changes or polarity shift you mentioned from an astrological and "psychic" point of view. I complied and delivered a seminar at the Cincinnati Zoo's Educational Center on 2/24/93. It was well attended and at the end they gave me a standing ovation (even more amazing!). My assistant taped it and I would be happy to send you copies, but be

warned that the tapes are hard to listen to because all she had was a school recorder, resulting in a real rookie production. [Aside: does anyone have any suggestions about reasonably priced recording systems for use in lecture situations?]

In preparing for my talk, the only variables that I could come up with regarding the cataclysmic dates so many people have been prophesying is that sometime between the years 1980 and 2075, the true magnetic north pole will be aligned with Polaris, an event that only occurs roughly every 26,000 years or so. Also, in her pioneering work, Demetra George has concluded that this astronomical event is coinciding with a 40,000 year Moon cycle. I have no clues as to how often this particular paring has come down in our planet's history. One of the concepts I presented that the scientists really liked was putting a year (my example of course was 1993) into perspective regarding the life of the planet. If the planet Earth has been around for 5 billion years, then a year represents 1/30 of a second in that life. From that vantage point, the precise moment some people predict that the Earth is going to "flip" or experience a major "jolt" begins to look a lot different. The fact remains, however, that certain prophesied dates regarding this "shift" do loom large. The one date that kept coming up in my research was 5 May 2000 which is only a day later than Lee Weinreb (77/67) drew to MH readers' attention. I did ascertain that stelliums of the nature she mentioned have occurred quite regularly over the past thousands of years with no horrendously cataclysmic results. Of course, six thousand years ago the Hudson Valley in N.Y. was covered with ice, that sort of thing, so I guess it's all relative.

Whatever. Who knows... Another thing that I learned while preparing for my talk was that the determining variable may be the wobble of the Earth's axis which I feel and the scientists present agreed is highly affected by how we, over time, manage the ecosystem we live in. For instance, the heavy CO2 our industries have created in the atmosphere is creating havoc in the quixotic ice masses which comprise Antarctica, etc., etc.

Anyway, regarding your clients' fears, I think you will find my tape quite valuable in that after I covered all of the scientific jazz I focussed on how to cope with the current as well as coming changes.

Wendy Hawks: (77/53) Several of my psychologist clients are deeply into the Michael system. It does make a lot of sense and those who are "challenging" this complex entity are supportive of astrology. If you haven't connected with anyone on a personal level I would highly recommend Kay Brockway, #5 Cinnamon Teal Lane, Novato, CA., 94949, 415-883-7025.

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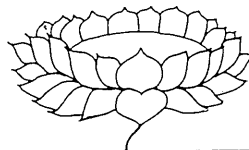
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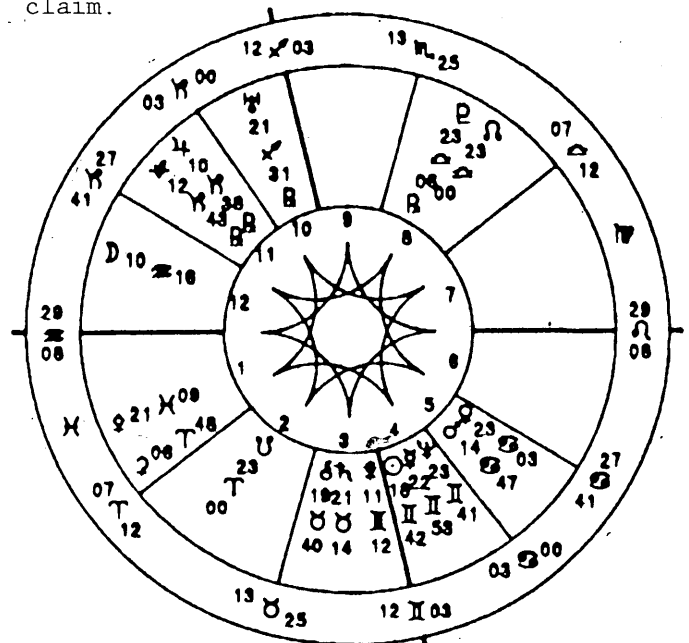
I didn't get my last issue in time
to comment in MH on your Solar Return
(highlighted since my daughter's is Jan.
2). The thing of note here is that Saturn
is square Pluto in Geo but trine Jupiter
in Helio. It is most important to watch
aspects to Saturn. Action comes from the
90° dial and contacts thru the natal
chart. If there are no or few contacts to
the natal its significance diminishes.
Thus, March, June, September, December
will be as active as contacts to your
natal chart indicate. Read chart as
Deanna Rose guidelines indicate. In a
nutshell, this is as good as a book gets.

Enjoyed reading Cathy Lively Hand's
letter on an empty house. We need that
with this chart.

WIN KEMP WEST VANCOUVER, B.C. OCTOBER, 1993

I read somewhere some time ago that
an author felt Ronald Reagan is the
reincarnation of Patrick Henry. And I
came across this chart for Patrick Henry
and wondered if anyone would be interest-

ed in comparing the two to see if there
is any indication of this reincarnation
claim.



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either. Edith)



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JOHN KALUS CLEVELAND, OH SEPTEMBER, 1993

Lois M. Rodden (78/8) Excellent delineation regarding transiting Jupiter in opposition to natal Uranus. Uranus (unexpected) Jupiter (legalities) opposition (circumstantial necessity). Even though the readings by A. Mark, Heber Smith and Rob Hand apply to some degree, none hits the mark as precisely as does your quote from MODERN TRANSITS, which book I'll have to buy. It also takes care of the "Thank the Lord" epigram used by Ebertin and mentioned by Rob Hand in his Jupiter opp. Uranus delineation. It's more a case of "over-rated expectations". Speaking of the terms "circumstantial necessity", "unexpected" and "legalities", it was just that. It was plain that the tenant involved here did not earn enough to pay the rent, but he insisted he would, and kept throwing the phrase around "my lawyer" in reference to a payment he was expecting to get from a car accident he said he'd been in. The tenant never collected anything. If you have a property, a business, are a doctor, etc., and some client keeps throwing the phrase around "my lawyer" this or that, even if the client does not threaten you personally at that time, beware! It's a sort of legal crap game with them. Get as far from that person as you can. The court date was set for Oct. 26, 1992, a Monday, four days before my birthday of Oct. 30, 1992. My Ascendant is 7 Scorpio and MC is 11 Leo. On court day, Oct.

26th, transiting Moon, ruler of my 9th house, was in Scorpio, in my first house, well aspected. Good sign. The transiting Sun, ruler of my 10th house in Leo, was also in Scorpio, in my first house, well aspected to planets in Pisces and Cancer. Another good sign. The ex-tenant did not appear in court, only his lawyer appeared, and was embarrassed. The case was dismissed. The tenant had sued for \$2000.

Marion March (78/35) Karen Christino (78/20) Good work explaining the phenomenon of death in the chart. I've noticed, too, that the charts of the deceased tend to live on posthumously. As, for instance, you mention that when a Vincent Van Gogh painting gets auctioned off for 40 million Van Gogh's chart comes alive.

Don Borkowski (76/39) Not only is Prez Clinton the first Leo president since Hoover, but both were born in the Chinese year of the Dog. The late John Manolesco used to think that the Chinese Horse years (1918, 1930, 1942, etc.) Dog years (1910, 1922, etc.) and Tiger years (1914, 1926, etc.) were a natural, politically. For instance, FDR was born in the year of the Horse, Churchill in the year of the Dog, Ike in the year of the Tiger, all natural born politicians. Clinton has mostly sextiles and trines in his chart. Hoover's chart (August 10, 1874) was mostly squares and oppositions, which tends to self-destruct under pressure. Ross Perot is a Cancer/Horse but with a chart which consists mostly of a "T" square. There's a good chance he'd self-destruct if elected. Nixon had a pretty bad opposition between his Pluto and

triple Jupiter/Mercury/Mars conjunction, and he self-destructed. Gorbachev has a pretty serious T square in his chart and he self-destructed, but fortunately caused the Soviet system to self-destruct too. Clinton shouldn't self-destruct, but the people may simply get bored with him and his approach to things, and vote him out. That wouldn't be new for Clinton since he was voted out as a young Governor, only to be reelected the second time around. Reagan was born an Aquarian in the Chinese year of the Pig (1911). So was ex-Vice President Dan Quayle, an Aquarian Pig (1947). Here's how Suzanne White, believer in Chinese year astrology sums up Aquarian/Pigs in her book THE NEW ASTROLOGY, page 635: "The basic Aquarian/Pig dream is stardom and top dollar. Watch his dust. Some careers that will suit the Aquarian/Pig are: pope, king, champion, movie star, diva, president, prime minister, all executive slots, and high-handed career posts". Ms. White must have had her tongue in cheek when she wrote that.

Dorothy Kovach (77/16) I don't have a computer, but if I did, NOSTRADAMUS would be amongst my top choices. It sounds like such a fascinating and interesting device to play around when you have friends over. Especially if it works as well as Carol Lavoie (78/7) claims hers works. But even assuming it works, do you really want to put much reliance on an electrical device, regarding important matters? When has Horary astrology last located a kidnapped child? Or correctly described the kidnapper? If there are examples of it doing so, I would like to hear of them, and the method used. Yet, I don't see why horary astrology shouldn't be able to help considerably, in the hands of an expert, in locating a kidnapped person, but why doesn't it? How about that Lee Lehman or Olivia Barclay, or anyone else versed in the art, and I am certain that is as much or more an art and intuition rather than mechanics or electronics, and for that reason NOSTRADAMUS may not be able to hack it. Alone.

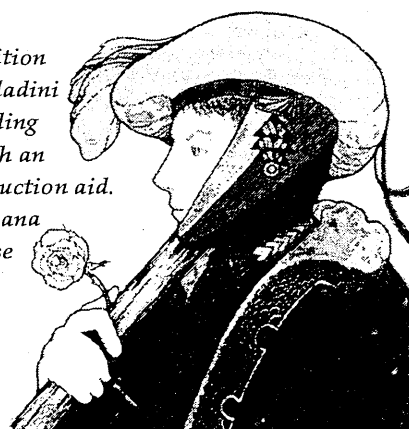
Don Borkowski (78/26) It strikes me as a little strange too, that Rob Hand says that Venus has little to do with money. But I put that in the category with Carl Payne Tobey claiming that Pluto rules Aries and Mars rules Scorpio. What puzzles me more is that on page 179 of TRANSITS, 3rd para., Rob Hand seems to attribute spiritual qualities to Venus. Quote: "When working properly, Venus always creates something spiritually higher than the original entity. But it always has to work with the power of Mars, the ego drive, the drive of an entity to be itself." Up to a point I can agree. Venus can enhance one's sense of beauty and what is aesthetically superior, but generally in the way of art and music. But can one elevate Venus to the level of spirituality? Especially with reference to Mars? I don't know. Here's the problem with Mars and Venus. Mars has something of a coarse nature, and while Venus may be able to soften and elevate Mars, I don't see how it can do this and

yet retain any capacity to enhance itself to any level of spirituality. The contact of these two planets can indicate immoral tendencies, leading to a coarsening and debasement of the higher nature through sexual or amorous relations. Venus in Aries or Scorpio, signs ruled and/or co-ruled by Mars, isn't known for being much of a spiritually enhancing placement. Rather the opposite. I don't know if Jupiter can elevate Venus to the level of spirituality either, but at least the combination of Venus and Jupiter tends to give grace of expression and demeanor. And the quality of "grace" is the first step toward the achieving of the spiritual. Jupiter co-ruled Pisces, in which Venus is exalted. A strong favorable influence by Neptune on Venus seems the most spiritually enhancing where the bond is also psyche and intangible. I don't understand Hand's emphasis on Mars. The elevating influence of the higher-octave planets is needed to enhance Venus. Hand tends, too often, to attribute negative qualities to Neptune--i.e., illusion, self-deception, feelings of unworthiness, self-denial, self-martyrdom and so on. As does Ebertin. I think that the proper use of the higher octave planets, Jupiter, Uranus and Neptune, is the only way to enhance Venus to the level of spirituality. (Uranus, because Mozart was an Aquarian, and there is no more sublime music then written by him--i.e., K339 Laudate Dominus, K618 Ave Verum Corpus, and more). There is never, in my opinion, a shortage of the Mars factor in any living entity, or society, and the more dysfunctional that entity or society tends to be the more the emphasis seems to be on the Mars factor (through the plenitude of guns and weaponry), to the exclusion of other planetary influences. There is then general lowering and a general coarsening of higher spiritual values.

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COMPUTERS

John Kalus has been writing to me privately about buying a computer on which to do astrology. He thinks the things I have said to him over the space of three long letters include a lot that readers of Mercury Hour would like to know. Offhand, I am sure there are half a dozen better qualified than I to do this: Lee Lehman, Mark Pottenger, Diane Zeines to name three who come immediately to mind. But here I go, and others can add to this or make corrections.

It is true the prices of computers are coming down, making such a purchase look within reach. But there are many types of computers out there, and reading the ads for them can be both mystifying and misleading. What do you really need? What will serve you best? What does all that mean?

Having a computer divides two ways: hardware and software. Hardware is the computer, monitor, keyboard, mouse and a printer. Software is any of the programs you will install in your computer to do astrology, write, do bookkeeping or even play games. A Mouse is a pointing device which helps you select what you want to do without using the keyboard; I have yet to hear of an astrology program where you can use a Mouse. But the Mouse is handy if you have any Windows programs. I, who use a computer to do astrology, also use it to write, so I have a word processing program. Deciding what you need and what is best often comes down to a matter of personal preference. But the more you use your computer, the further afield you will want to go.

Types or brand names. There are many computers out there. The whole industry evolved from knock-offs on IBM. It's almost as if IBM were the Cadillac, and Macs or Apples, the sports cars, Amigas and Commodores the minis, and IBM clones, copies of IBM, wind up being the Buicks and Olds. Most programs are first written for IBM and its clones, and then later adapted for other machines which use different systems of operation. Tandy and Radio Shack can be discarded as ideas for two reasons. First, you have to buy their top models because their lower priced computers do not have enough beef to run astrology programs. Second, because their technical or repair support is so-so. And, believe me, you want to buy where you get assurance of support.

IBM and its clones all use DOS. This means Disk Operating System and is a software program which helps you get around inside the storage of your computer, help you access files, sort files, copy them, alter them. Like all programs, they exist in numbered versions as they are constantly being updated and improved. I began with DOS-3. I skipped DOS-4 when I heard it was large and cumbersome and used up a lot more disk

space. To some extent you will want to watch reviews of anything new. Then I updated to DOS-5, and now the latest is DOS-6 which I have been having serious doubts. On the one hand, reviews say it compresses files and doubles your disk space, a good thing, but then they add that it "has some bugs" about which the people who say that are not quite clear, but it puts me off. Latest is not always bestest.

I am going to suggest that you buy IBM or a clone. Some clone names are well known: Compaq, Expo, whatever. You get a computer which uses DOS and you find most other programs you will buy also use DOS. Other computers which use different operating systems limit what programs you can buy.

When I first got my computer, 386 was the latest and speediest machine. Now it is 486, very nifty, recommended, but the difference is microseconds. The only way you can tell the difference is by using 486 and then having to use a 386. Everything in ads that comes after this number is only style and model numbers, like buying a Honda Civic DX pr LX or Accord or Prelude.

To store information outside your computer (in order to keep more free space in your hard disk) you will use floppy disks which come in two sizes. That means you should have floppy disk drive ports in both sizes for convenience. Some computers are now equipped with a port where you can use a compact disk, the latest concept. Strange as it might seem, the larger floppy disks store less info than the smaller, and the compact disk store the most of all. Bear in mind that when you buy new programs, these come on large or small floppy disks, from which you will install the program into your computer.

RAM is important, and 4MB (megabytes) is the best. Random Access Memory is RAM, the memory it takes to process your getting into your programs. RAM is power, and you should have lots of it. Hard Disk Drives, where everything is going to be stored in your computer, should also be the largest you can afford. I have had 80MB. When mine gets back from repairs this week, I will have 130MB, which only costs five dollars more.

Now we come to the screen, the television part, the CRT (cathode ray tube), also called the monitor because on it you see what you are doing. These come in two kinds, black and white, and color. Some astrology programs are beginning to come out in color. Believe me, color is joyous, lots less monotonous, less tedious. VGA refers to how good the color system will be.

At the back of your computer box you will have serial and parallel ports. Having enough of these insures that you will be able to hook up a Mouse, your printer, or modems (by which you talk from your computer, via phone lines, to a friend who has a modem to receive you). Keep in mind that you will probably

expand your computer activities. Most computers also have expandable slots so you can add more than your one basic hard disk.

Printers are a sore topic. The work horses are Panasonic or Epson FX. These are dot matrix printers which can, as they have come out with new models, do near letter quality printing or quality printing. The final product from these never looks as good as what you get from a laser printer, and if you buy laser, you will want to see how much differences there are in the final product from their lowest to their best model. Learn from my experience. I got a Kodak Diconix Ink Jet printer which appealed to me. This printer is small and neat. It uses a black ink cartridge such as is used in some of the smaller Hewlett-Packard laser printers. No one told me I would be using two of these monthly, and that they cost from \$13 to over \$15 each, depending on whether I can get to a discount supply house. Real laser printers use rather larger ink cartridges. And woe betied you should want to have a color laser printer for the amount of maintenance you will have to do on color cartridges, and cartridges always run out in the middle of a page without warning.

Programs for astrology are strange. I first got Blue*Star and now never use it. I then got CCRS which has lots of useful capability and can do research such as pull out all your Mars in Capricorn or Mars square Moon charts. But it is a black and white program, and regardless of printer, does charts in dot matrix. I should have bought NOVA, and I have Chartwheels II which is a lovely limited but color program which is swift for doing diurnals and solar returns. You do a natal chart, put solar return around it, then with a touch of your "x" key, the outer chart becomes inner with your natals around it.

Bear in mind that, just as computer models are improved over the years and rather quickly, so do all computer programs or software. You will learn that programs can be updated relatively inexpensively, even astrology programs. But astrology programs are unavailable at discount houses. Such programs have limited appeal; only astrologers buy them. Lately it has come to my attention that non-astrologers are buying programs which print out interpretations of charts and are going into business selling charts. Astrologers know that they can always do readings better than are done by such programs. The latest CCRS92 program includes references to Maritha Pottenger's book "Complete Horoscope Interpretation" which can certainly put the student astrologer on the right path to intermediate interpretation. It uses the Zip Dobyns "Zip Code" systematic method which helps mightily toward the zeroing into any chart. CCRS92 also has a midpoint sort which I find very interesting, except that I personally have so many of them. CCRS is obtainable from NOVA.

I hope others will add to this. The selection of satisfactory hardware and software goes a long way toward getting any computer neophyte on the right road. For those who still do hand calculated charts, there will inevitably be a period of study during which you will have to get used to the computer printouts. Go to conventions. Look at what the programs do there, how they printout, check what you want or can live with. Personal, what computer people call "hands on" experience will bring you around. You are going to have to study your computer manual and then your program manual, and you are going to have to think in computer logic. What you put into the machine is what you will get out. If you make an input error, out will come a bad chart. If you meant to write 1993, you will have better have written that. Computers are merciless, and none of them will correct for what you meant.

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**CAROLE DEVINE
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I was saddened at the news of Mary Blaylock's passing. She was one of the bright spots in my 17 or 18 years of residence in Virginia Beach. Once, when I had to furnish an office, she rummaged through her things and gave me so much needed furnishings. She contributed to one of my early newsletters and was always ready to lend a hand to a colleague.

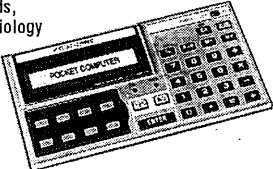
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I'd like to tell you all about my first impressions of Project Hindsight. The three Bob's and their buddies are doing a great job. Their editor must be a passionate Virgo English Major. Four pamphlets and no typo's.

The track our study group is working with is the Greek track. We have some questions but overall our translator, Bob Schmidt is really good. He is able to capture the spirit of the authors. The words he chooses are English Astrology words we understand, and can use to figure out the charts and ideas presented. He also captures the writer's feeling of wonder that the astrological system being described actually works. Quite a trick.

With Pluto cruising into Sag. just about the time they finish their series, do you suppose that more ancient writings than we know about will be uncovered? I think the Vatican might just have some interesting manuscripts hiding in their archives just waiting for our Bobs to get a little practice and a huge following.

If you can in any way support the project, believe our little study group it is worth the reading time and the few dollars spent.

I suppose you have all noticed that January has a Capricorn stellium that doesn't quit. Of course if you are a stockbroker you probably won't mind since a lot of equities will be changing hands. Civics teachers are going to have to rewrite their textbooks everyday. Accountants will snip their phone wires. Business will invent new buzz words like "work". I remember back in Feb. '62 when there was a 7 planet stellium in Aquarius. Well, not very well it was my last semester of college and I was busy playing. The inventors were too and I sure had a lot of stuff to buy when I graduated. All of those things plugged into the wall.

I bought a new Jeep and took the family for a test drive to Alaska this summer. (Virgo readers 12,000 miles gas \$739). While I was there I had the opportunity to visit an old time correspondent of Mercury Hour, Maka. She is just fine, living in a cute little house in Homer with her husband Mike and Future who is a beautiful teenager, and Crystal will soon turn Maka into a grandmother. Life in the wilderness is challenging, but eventually it does slow down to a dull roar. Maka spends her summers growing beautiful gardens and her winters making beaded jewelry. She writes an excellent column for the local newspaper on Astrology. She is a busy Gemini.

I highly recommend Alaska, there is no place like it on earth. Four years ago we took a lot of pictures of glaciers, we did this time as well. The Park Service says they have melted back 5 feet, our photos seem to say more like 10. The erupting volcano's have put a lot of insulation into our blanket of atmosphere. The Mississippi was still very high when we crossed back at the end of August. All that glacial water has to go somewhere. Edgar Cayce predicted that the Mississippi would change its course. In parts of downstate Illinois it has. I think we can expect more flooding next spring. Every reservoir is full and overflowing. Another observation. Only 12 Salmon made the long trip up the Columbia to Hell's Canyon, Oregon. Usually there are thousands.

Just some odd information, I wanted to share with Mercury Hour friends. There are a lot of changes out there and a lot are ignored or under reported or just not noticed because of the drama of other Uranus Neptune events.

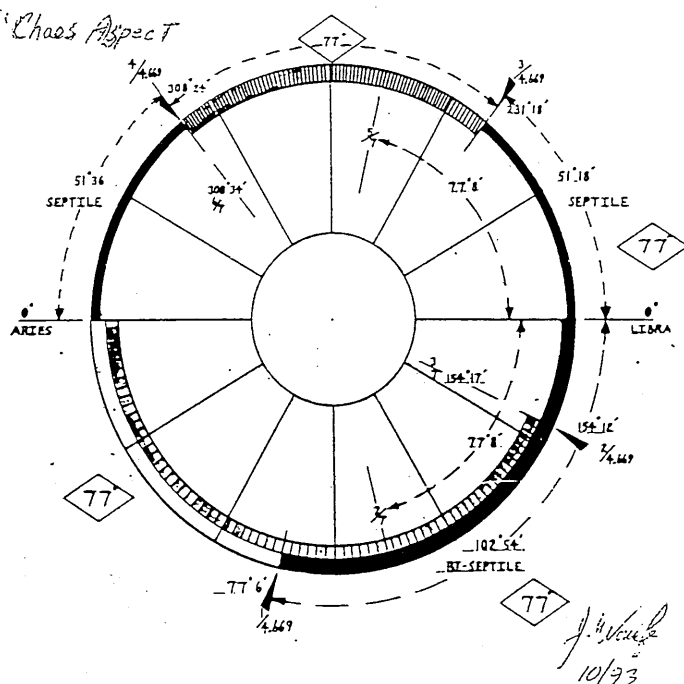
I'm currently working on a research project concerning the Vertex, anti Vertex, East Point West Point conjunct natal planets. I would appreciate any info you all might have laying around in your files. I'm especially interested in these points conjunct Mars and Saturn.



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My interest in astrology has been revived lately by the "Astrolog" astrology program from the Internet, by Walter Pullen. The aspect drawing included with this letter is the result of a copy of the book, "Chaos, Making A New Science", by James Gleick, coming back to me, after I lent it to someone a few years ago.

At the time in 1988, when I read the paperback edition, I noticed some peculiar relationships between a new universal number that is mentioned in the book, (page 174), and the degrees of a circle. I didn't follow thru then, but have now, as you can see by the diagram.



This new Universal Number, 4.6692016090, shows scaling relationships in non-linear dynamical systems. The "Chaos Theory" that 4.6692... relates to, has slowly overcome the inertia of the Sciences. Engineers and scientists would and still even with supercomputers, only solve a problem with a limited number of variables, or degrees of freedom. What has been found out now, that in apparent physical systems of disorder, is an underlying order, this gives rise to terms such of strange attractors, fractal dimensions and phase space.

So, a new science has taken hold, that cuts across all disciplines. From population growth, heart rhythms, weather patterns, corn futures, to metallurgy, a new view below apparent surface behavior, now shows systems of order, where none was thought before to exist.

This number, 4.66920, divided into 360°, yields 77° 6 minutes. At first glance this seems to indicate only a very irregular pattern. But going further, a beautiful symmetry emerges from this chaotic pattern, and it touches on the

most esoteric number, the number seven.

2/4.6692 of a circle comes to three seventh of a circle, 154° 17 minutes versus 154° 12 minutes. Some of the following can be seen, with only small minute differences in orb. From 1/4.66920 to 0° Libra is a Bi-Septile Aspect. From 2/7 to 0° Libra is 77° 8 minutes. Now the symmetry part, the degree range from 3/4.6692 (231 18') to 4/4.6692 (308 24') spreads 77° evenly across the MC of a circle. AND, the leftover is a close SEPTILE, 51° 36 minutes. Now going clockwise from 3/4.6692 to 0°.

Libra also yields a close septile of 51° 18 minutes. So, we have this new aspect of 77° flanked by septiles, across the upper hemisphere. Lovely isn't it? And of course 4/4.6692 falls on 6/7 of a circle, to within 0° 10 minutes. Finally, 5/7 of a circle is 77° 8 minutes from 0° Libra; also 77° 8 minutes is 3/14 of a circle.

There might be other nuances that I've missed concerning this aspect. I gladly await your search.

I turned to that master of the collective human consciousness, the I Ching, for an indication of a name for this aspect.

The reading gave Hexagram number 3, Chun, Difficulty at the Beginning. Some quotes, "Chun connotes a blade of grass pushing against an obstacle, as it sprouts out of the earth." Also, "situation points to teeming chaotic profusion". "Indicates the way in which heaven and earth bring forth individual beings." "What is meant is the difficulty that arises when heaven and earth, the light and the shadowy principle, have united for the first time, and all beings are begotten and brought to birth. This produces a chaos that fills up everything." From "The I Ching, or Book of Changes", by Wilhelm/Baynes, Princeton University Press, Bollingen Series XIX, 1974.

So, the I Ching appears to strike to the heart of the matter again. As far as a name, I guess, the "chaos aspect" will have to do for now, till someone can come up with something better. Hope everyone has fun with this, and finds it interesting.

The book by James Gleick, Chaos, is a good introduction, to show how this new chaos theory relates to world events and processes. There are many others that can be found in a good bookstore also.

EXPEDITE--To confound confusion with commotion. (Strictly for Pisces and Aquarius)

CHANNELS--The trail left by interoffice memos. (Hello Gemini!)

COORDINATOR--The guy who has a desk between two expeditors. (Libra caught in the middle)

**ALAN OUIMET
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Louise Jenkins: (78/46) In your material on Pluto. I think you will see the hastening up of terrorism founded on religious fanaticism when with PL in SG. The terrifying thing about present day terrorism is that it is motivated by religious fanaticism rather than by the political motivation of yesteryear. There is a wide difference between the bombing of Pan Am 103 targeted against the CIA agents aboard it and the World Trade Center with its amateurish fanatics doing the bidding of a mullah.

You spoke of religion as "misunderstanding" sexual behavior and slanted towards "religious bias." Would it be possible that our ancient forebears in all the different religious cultures understood more about the power of sex and life than we do today? Being more in touch with the earth they had a respect for what Mircea Eliade called the "mystical solidarity between man and vegetation." "The sacrality of sexual life," he said, "and first of all feminine sexuality, becomes inseparable from the miraculous enigma of creation... This imagery nourished poetry and philosophical reflection for millennia and still remains 'true' for contemporary man." Anthony Aveni, an astronomer, in his book Conversing with the Planets: How Science and Myth Created the Cosmos speaks of our forebears as being integrators and not differentiators when it came to categorizing natural phenomenon. They "might have developed an acuity sharper than ours to sense natural phenomenon they sought to express symbolically" today, especially in the political atmosphere of the male/female movements I don't think this is appreciated.

Dianne Lawson (78/46) I have PL-O-AS (180 ME) and I can vouch for what you say about the intensity, obsession and power plays of this position. I retired from the FBI in 1988 after 31 years in that organization as a Special Agent. I remember having a Franciscan friar visit me at the New York Office of the FBI. When I took him into the "bullpen" area where all the agents were working he related he had the overwhelming sensation of "oppression." Our squad secretary gave me the list of the agents birthdays - overwhelmingly Plutonic almost to the last guy on the list. In my capacity as liaison with the CIA I obtained a smaller sample - they were more Neptunian. FBI agents are interested in power and presence, in control and force; CIA agents don't want any of that - the more anonymous they are, the happier. Their joy is not enforcement but being the proverbial fly on the wall, unannounced and unnoticed.

Marc Penfield (78/68) Was J. Edgar Hoover a practicing homosexual? Not that I loved J. Edgar Hoover, but I worked with the Bureau during his watch from 1957 until his death in 1972. I, and any

other Special Agents, prayed frequently that the good Lord would bring "the duke" to his eternal reward. We toasted and threw our glasses in the fireplace the day it happened. That being said I must say something to give another perspective to your article and delineation on Hoover. I agree neither with your source nor your delineation that Hoover was an active homosexual. Your source is the discredited English author who wrote Personal and Confidential. Accredited historians have found quite the contrary. Richard Gid Powers, Theoharis and Cox came up with nothing on this score. Lest you believe that these authors were "friends of the Bureau" Theoharis and Cox were praised by both Harrison Salisbury (N.Y. Times) and Thomas Emerson (Yale) - two notorious Hoover haters who were on Hoover's "you know what" list. As for my own experience, in the 31 years I spent in the FBI nothing came down the grapevine. And we all know how reliable the grapevine is when it comes to scandal! Who can forget how fast the news traveled of Gaiquelin's suicide - can you imagine in a small organization like the FBI (4000 Agents in the whole USA in those days) how the news would travel if Hoover took to running around in a dress!!! Or holding hands with Clyde Tolson, his assistant, in a car?

Shouldn't we look at the condition of the 8th House to see what Hoover felt about sex? Shouldn't we check other areas of the chart to see if he would work out whatever fantasies he might have with PL-O-NE in the 5th? The 8th House is ruled by the SU which is placed on the ASC in CAP; SA the Ruler of the ASC is on the MC. Both ME and VE, are CONJUNCT the SU. That does not give me any comfort zone to say that Hoover is going to express himself sexually. If anything with JU OPP SU/ME in the 6th it looks like it will be expressed in his work! True he has MO 90 PL - but that has to do with the predominant parent in his life - his mother which is represented by the MC in SC. He lived with her until she died in 1938 and was devastated by her death. Hoover's 5th House child was the FBI and the creation of power aggrandizing his self-worth until the day he died. Power possessed him and he possessed it (MO 90 PL/NE). He used it as a control mechanism to enhance his career as a public servant (MC/SC). With VE/SU in CP and SA strongly placed in the MC I do not know how you are going to have him working off Taurean energies which line the cusp of the 5th House especially when he knew that such energies would destroy him. I think Mike Munkasey's perception of NE/PL fits well for Hoover's 5th House - "need for sexual fulfillment diminishes... neglect of your basic passion or desires... to pursue goals... creating new ideals for power bases... controls over centers of political power, organized crime, subversion within security agencies..." SU/CP/SA/MC enforces the Victorian background with which he was brought up (ME does rule the 9th). Authority and responsibility were his basic preoccupations. I think his

horoscope proves Cox and Theoharis' is in their book The Boss: J. Edgar Hoover and the Great American Inquisition. "but like James I of England and his favorites, Hoover and his several bodyguards were obsessed with the administrative responsibilities of running the Seat of Government. The strange likelihood is that Hoover never knew sexual desire at all."

Bob Zoller (78/49) Read your article you old curmudgeon. You sound the same - great!. I can still hear that laugh of yours. As forceful and deep as your astrology. Oh, that we all would follow your advice about following the rules of astrology. Astrology is getting to be like the Bible - use it to prove anything you want! I'm happy to hear that you are giving your considerable classical talents to Project Hindsight - a project all astrologers should support. Hope to see you when you come to Connecticut - give me a call.

Jim Haynes (78/55) I had to reread your insert twice on Alphee Lavoie. At first I thought you were talking about Alphee's predictions when you said he was wrong about the earthquake in 1988. Then I realized you were speaking of the astrologer Nostradamus and not Alphee. Your wording was not clear.

Alphee is hardly "an absolute jerk, and a crook." I have almost all of his programs - ARP, T8000, and Nostradamus. They are far superior than anything on the market. Alphee is considered, by those who know him, as a kind, gentle person who would give you the shirt off his back. Extremely bright and quick minded he has done more than his share to put astrology on the map. Yes, he is direct and sometimes brusque but usually with good reason.

As far as his astrology is concerned - he is the best in the business when it comes to horary astrology. In 1989 I was going to India with my son for three weeks. Pan Am 103 had just been blown out of the skies. I called Alphee. "Is it safe for my son and I to go to India?" Alphee responded that it would be safe but that my son would get sick on the third day and would be sick for three days but it will not be serious. It happened exactly that way. I had cautioned my son to watch what he drank but said that coconut water would be OK. He did not know about Alphee's input. It ended up he drank from an unripe coconut and was very sick from Wednesday until late Friday. Unlike that ancient medieval astrologer, Nostradamus, who maybe should be blackballed from any serious astrologer's library, Alphee's astrology and his programs work.

Ruben Jungbluth: 78/22,53) Astrologically, I do not understand why you prefer 1948 as the beginning of the new age. It would seem that the new age would experience SA-O-NE. This we experienced in the late 1980's and watched the dissolution of the Soviet empire. The last time SA-O-NE in Capricorn was the end of the 2nd century - 193 AD. The encyclopedist historian, Will Durant, considered the beginning of the collapse of the

Roman Empire, at 196 AD. He points to the great Christian apologist Tertullian, who wrote of this period as being the "end of an era." The political scientist author, Francis Fukiyama, has called our present period "the end of history" in his provocative article which appeared in the Summer, 1989 magazine, The National Interest. Further in this century we saw SA-O-NE, in Leo no less, presaging the collapse of the monarchical system in Europe and Turkey and giving rise to the grand illusion of Communism. Again SA-O-NE in 1952-1953-, in Libra presaging the beginning of a society living under the fear of the H-Bomb and the insecurity of the cold war going in earnest - McCarthyism, Korea and Indochina. Why 1948? You calculated the age based on 2200 years - I am under the impression that an age is 2160 years. That would put you back to 1918. If you want to place the Age of Aquarius in this century this would seem more likely - and you would agree with the Jehovah Witnesses! Some esotericists believed that the age of Aquarius started in 1881 (SA-O-NE in 1882) such as Thomas Burgoyne (Zanoni) who, in so declaring, had the "full consent and approval of the Hermetic Adepts and the Guardians of "The Wisdom of the Ages," the Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor, Egypt." Even that makes sense as SA-O-NE at that time (1882) brought in the reign of Alexander III of Russia definitely insecure because of the assassination of his father and who was himself to be assassinated in 1894. This was the seminal period of monarchical insecurity that finally led to the Russian Revolution of 1917 (SA-O-NE)!!!

Like yourself, Nietzsche preached the noble son of man concept. He disdained the Christian concept of love and suffering. He felt it fostered repression and the basic energies needed by man to evolve. He believed the future belonged to the educated aristocracy and/or invading conquerors. His "aristocracy" was little different than your "Meritocracy" - a government system capable of solving problems with which democracy cannot cope." It all ended up with the death of the Humanistic movement in the death camps in Germany. I shudder to think of what the noble man in your Meritocracy is going to end up doing. Hitler used the occult for his own advantages. There is no indication that man has developed to a higher level. Personally, I am happy that astrology sits on the fringe of society. God forbid that it be practiced in halls of government and science. There are flaws in democracy but it is still the best system around!!!

Your view of Jesus is seemingly limited to the Jewish Christian perspective portrayed in Matthew, John, Paul, Psalms and Proverbs portray Him as the Image of the Father, present with him in Creation (Pro 8:22-31) "When there was no depths I was brought forth...when he established the heavens I was there...Then I was beside him as the craftsman." He is THE esotericist having all-knowledge." The message of Jesus is not unlike the Buddhist Bodhisatva con-

cept - giving up Bliss and reincarnating to save all sentient beings from suffering. The love and suffering comes in the renunciation of bliss and having to work on the earth plane. This is basic. Francis of Assisi moaned and cried that his Master Jesus had to leave the bliss of heaven to take on human form to save him. Without love and suffering there is no Path!!!

(4) Especially inconsistent is your denial of love and suffering but invoking the Lord Maitreya as the type of the Awaited Christ. But the word "maitri" is sanskrit for "loving kindness!" How can you on the one hand disallow the message of love and suffering of Jesus for that of the Lord Maitreya - they are one and the same. For the shamanic tradition Carlos Castaneda asks one question of a proposed spiritual path "Does this path have a heart? If it does, the path is good. If it doesn't it is of no use!" Representing the Hindu tradition Sri Krishna Prem in his book The Yoga of the Bhagavat Gita states that love and renunciation are the basic elements of Bhakti Yoga recommended by Krishna in Chap 5 of the Gita; Paul Kornfield, an American Buddhist says in his new book A Path With Heart: A Guide Through the Perils and Promises of Spiritual Life "We must make certain that our path is connected with our heart. Many other visions are offered in the modern spiritual marketplaces. Great spiritual traditions offer stories of enlightenment, bliss, knowledge, divine ecstasy and the highest possibilities of the human spirit...They are not the goal of spiritual life." Finally, the esoteric tradition is well represented by the writings of Eliphas Levi, the famous Magus of the 19th century often quoted in the works of Madame Blavatsky 'I have grown old and grey poring over the least known and most formidable books on occultism...Nevertheless, nowhere, neither in Persia, nor in India, nor among the palimpsests of ancient Egypt, nor the forbidden grimoires salvaged from the bonfires of the Middle Ages, have I found a book more profound, more searching in the depths of man and the immense shadow of God, more grand, more true, more simple, more terrible and more sweet than the Gospel of Jesus Christ...**When we love, we see the infinite in the finite. We find the Creator in the creature. When we are objects of love we are representatives of God; His ambassadors to a certain soul, fully empowered to grant it paradise on earth.**"

Karen Christino: (78/20) You were wondering how those Hindus can predict death? I am not too sure about that. In January this year, I went to visit an Indian astrologer in Bombay recommended by David Frawley in his newspaper Modern Sage. He told me when I am going to die. But he also made other predictions which would precede my death. For instance, he told me I would have no serious health problems this year. In about six more years I would have serious health problems and will end up in the hospital for

three months' due to a heart attack. This year I did have a heart attack, no major damage, and spent a week in the hospital. Maybe he is off by six years. But I am wondering what kind of heart attack will keep one in the hospital for three months!!! In a word, his predictions have so far been way off the mark. MY father died at 44 of a heart attack, so it's in the gene block. You want to know why he said this is my karma? Because in a past life I killed a dog by hitting it on the heart with a stick!!! He recommended I do some charitable work in a "dog museum." Good grief!

JAN MOODY YORK, ME SEPTEMBER, 1993

Diane Zeines 78/64: I think my husband, Bob, may also qualify as an astro-twin to you. He was born March 10, 1950 at 1:35 A.M. in Augusta, Maine. He is Sag. rising with Moon in Sag. I am sure you gave your birth particulars in a previous issue, but everything is packed and after our move I'll look up the back issue. Bob has a passing interest in astrology but possesses amazing intuition. He is a quiet, shy man that works for AT&T installing communications equipment as well as doing taxes - when it's the season. His Sag. rising shows as a love of travel and in combination with Sun in Pisces, well what can I say, except neatness at home is not a strong point, although on the job he's extremely tidy. He's an absolute whiz with computers and loves to hang out at computer shows when he has time and money. He can even figure out how to install and design astrological software which I think is miraculous! He is a tall man and wears a size 13 shoe. Believe me when I say his feet arrive first. We tend to buy Taurean furniture - heavy and tough. Animals and birds just love him. He'll make friends with the meanest dog in the neighborhood through little effort on his part and usually upsets the owner who is afraid he'll get bitten. I've watched birds fly around him looking for a place to perch and have seen hummingbirds land on his head or shoulder. He sort of takes it for granted which leads me to believe it has been this way all his life.

Don Borkowski 78/4: I agree with you that a Capricorn ASC fits Rush Limbaugh better than Aquarius. But no matter what his rising sign, I cheer him on whenever I get a chance to listen to him on the radio.

IT IS IN THE PROCESS--So wrapped up in red tape that the situation is almost hopeless.

WE WILL LOOK INTO IT--By the time the wheel makes a full turn, we assume that you will have forgotten about it too. (Aquarius - Aries)

**GENEVA CLARK
LANDERS, CA
OCTOBER, 1993**

I guess I'm one of those "bashful bunnies" Jim Haynes was talking about (78/55). I really thought everyone was so much more advanced than I was and I didn't have anything to contribute. However, events of the last year or so have convinced me that, if nothing else, I do have something to share First, my data is August 9, 1948, 8:54 A.M., CST Little Rock, Arkansas. I am a single mom and up until 2 weeks ago had 3 children. My daughter Karen died on September 29, 1993 at 6:00 A.M., Landers, California. Karen had severe mental retardation and seizure disorder. She apparently suffered a massive seizure in the early morning of September 29, 1993 and did not recover consciousness and died in her sleep. I found her at about 10 A.M. When I put her to bed the night before everything was normal and she seemed fine. I even heard her snoring (something she was likely to do if she was in a sound sleep), when I got up at 5 A.M., and my son heard her when he was brushing his teeth just before he left for school at 6 A.M. I know that she always seized at night, never during the day, and she was more susceptible to seizures during a full moon period. The 29th was just 1 day before a full moon. She always would cry out or make some noise when she would have a seizure. This time there was no sound, nothing to indicate there was something wrong. Karen's data is: Karen Clark, April 20, 1971, 1:53 P.M. PST, Torrance, CA. (118W19, 33N50)

She was a very sweet and gentle soul and we all miss her terribly. I know that she has a place of honor wherever she is now because I believe she took on a very difficult incarnation in this life, with so many physical and mental handicaps. She taught us all so much and I was very honored to be her Mom this time around. She was never a burden, but a blessing.

But the way, I also have an Autistic daughter. She is mentally retarded, too but does not have seizures. She has been particularly hard hit by her sister's death. She was in the same room with Karen when she passed on. Although she has limited speech, lately she has been pointing to the ceiling and saying, "Karen, Karen." Any insight as to what this could mean? Her data is: Kristy Clark March 24, 1972, 10:51 A.M., PST, Los Angeles, CA (118W15, 34N04). Both girls were very close and Kristy seems lost without Karen. Being autistic, she is very resistant to change and has not adjusted to the changes in our home since her sister's death. She seems to understand everything that is going on and to know a lot more than she lets on. I wish there was a way to unlock her doors of resistance and open up the world for her.

Frank Jakubowsky: As the mother of 2 children with severe disabilities I was very interested in what you wrote to

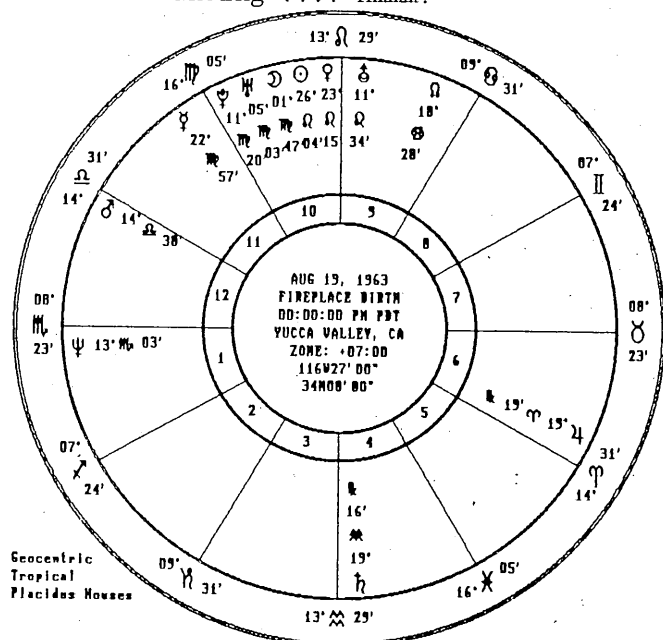
Jennie Adams (78/45). When I first read the insight concerning the cousins with learning disabilities, I asked, "How can you tell they were retarded just by the chart, when Astrologers aren't always sure if the chart is that of a man or a woman? And if it's because Pluto and Uranus are in Libra, wouldn't that cover that entire generation? I need a bit more explanation and enlightenment...please.

To anyone interested: In addition to the transits in effect at the time of my daughter's death, I have transiting Uranus and Neptune in square to my natal Moon in Libra. One manifestation of this I have noticed during the past year has been every appliance in our home has either had to be replaced or repaired. I mean the air conditioner, the heater, the microwave, the washer-dryer, everything. Even my waterbed had to be replaced. This transit has not been easy for us. Then you throw in transiting Saturn opposite my Natal Saturn and receiving a square from transiting Pluto. It will be over, please someone tell me this too will pass.

I forgot to point out that we were also in the Landers Earthquake on June 28, 1992. We weren't just in the quake, we were at the epicenter of the quake. Ironical isn't it, that my daughter survived this major earthquake and then died in her sleep a little over a year later. We never know when it will be "our time". My late mother's home was destroyed in the quake. It was featured in a lot of media coverage, including an article in "Newsweek". My home was almost completely untouched, except for minor damage and yet it was only yards from my mother's home that was completely destroyed. Among the parts of the house demolished by the quake was the fireplace. When I was cleaning up the debris and trying to salvage some mementos from my mother's home, I ran across the receipt for the construction of the fireplace. My mom was a Taurus and thus a pack-rat who saved everything. This fireplace was added on to the existing structure of the house. I know there are lost of charts for the earthquake itself, but this chart for the fireplace is interesting because it shows the birth of something that was destroyed by the earthquake. The receipt was dated August 19, 1963, I was 15 when the fireplace was constructed and I remember going with my parents to talk to the building contractor about how the fireplace was to be built. The contractor's office was in Yucca Valley, CA (116W27, 34N08) the conversation took place near noon, because the contractor met us during his lunch time. It's interesting to set up the chart for this date, place and time and see that the fireplace was having its Saturn Return when it "died" in the earthquake. You won't get that information on CNN folks!

Marie deLeone 78/6): I noticed you said you "bought" a Taurus in Florida. What do the little Bulls go for these days?? Naturally I feel Leos would bring top price. Do you now have a complete set?? Do you dust them periodically or

just let them take care of themselves?
 Maybe a misprint or a
 misunderstanding hmmm?



Has anyone else read Noel Tyl's Prediction in Astrology? It's wonderful. Lots of good information on Solar Arcs. I also recently finished "Astrology's Pew in Church" I know it's an old book, but it really is effective in countering the arguments of the Bible thumpers who claim Astrology is the Devil's work.

Jim Haynes (78/55 and Dorothy Kovach (77/16): I too have had some problems with AIR Software. I ordered Star-Trax 8000 the rectification program and have been very disappointed with it. I have some computer experience and I have been able to work around some of its glitches. Also the manual is very poorly written, does not instruct adequately and is full of typos and written and grammatical errors that are confusing. I learned my lesson, I will stick to Matrix from now on.

Dianne Lawson (78/48): I used to live with a Libertarian, or rather he lived with me. Be careful about so readily accepting yourself as a Libertarian, those tests they give out, at least if it's the same ones I'm familiar with, are designed to make it look like everyone is a Libertarian. The tests are set up so that you can't help but be a Libertarian and thus (they hope) you will join their party: That's OK if that's what you want, but be careful of the trick.

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I'd also like helping in determining my husbands passing. His data is 6/19/23, 6:10 P.M., Indianapolis, Indiana, MC 2° Libra ASC 13° 10' Sag. Koch. His Moon is 4° 40' Virgo, Venus and

Mercury 5° 28' and 5° 45' square in the 6th house. Saturn will afflict all 3 the first of the year. His prog. Moon, Dec. to March will square Pluto 10° Cancer square Mars 13° Cap. (cusp of 8th) and opposite Saturn 13° Libra, from 10° to 13° Aries, 4th house.

He has emphysema and is on oxygen, but gets around slowly. He also has skin problems, eczema and fungus. The doctor said it's due to his immune system breaking down. He can't get rid of these no matter what is prescribed. In addition, he has bronchitis and the worst case of diverticulosis the doctor has ever seen.

This past year he started having occasional memory lapses. He figured our income tax and was \$800.00 incorrect. This is a man who could find a penny error on a bank statement. Then in July I learned that he'd forgotten to pay doctor and hospital bills (for several minor procedures) totaling \$880.00, from bills incurred March '92 to Jan. '93. The insurance company had paid him 95%, he spent it and forgot to pay the bills. We have our own accounts and he pays the bills, so I wasn't aware of this until several went to a collection agency with my name on as well as his.

My data is 8/6/35, 2:43 A.M., EST Hanover, NH. ASC 18° 38' Cancer, MC 27° 50' Pisces. I'll have a Saturn return, 8° 37' Pisces. the first of the year and most of '94, ruling my 7th. My solar arc Saturn is conjunct Uranus, my 8th ruler '93 and '94.

With Uranus and Neptune making several stations on my 7th cusp, last year, I had to separate from him, though we still share the house, each in our own area. I've agreed to stay and care for him when his lung disease forces him into bed permanently. We've been married 9 1/2 years (6/9/84 marriage date). I separated from him due to his abuse, as his personality changed somewhat, though he was always difficult to live with, (Retired Lt. Col. Air Force and retired engineer.)

He ran over my foot with the garden tractor last year and when I screamed with pain, he said "get out of the way next time." A few months before that, we were on our way to the country club for a dinner with friends, I was driving on a dark road in the country, where we live, at about 50 m.p.h. we were having a disagreement over something and he reached over and turned off the ignition so I was driving blind until I could stop the car. After these two events, I asked him to sign separation papers.

I continue to cook and care for the house and yard and he pays the bills. We eat separately and have our own rooms with bath. I'd like to be prepared as to the future, so anyone who could give me some ideas, may write to me and it would be greatly appreciated. He has a double quincunx now. Uranus in the 3rd quincunx Neptune cusp of 8th and 9th and quincunx Saturn in the 10th.

Thanks to all.

P.S. His daughter, incidentally, was born Apr. 15, 1950, MC 9° 40' Aquarius, ASC 9° 22' Gemini T. Uranus, next

year, will square her Sun 25° Aquarius, ruler of the 4th and her solar arc Saturn, ruler of the 8th, natively in the 4th, will be opp. her Sun Jan. '94, exact. Her prog. MC will be square her Uranus in the 1st, as well.

**MICHAL TRACY
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OCTOBER, 1993**

As always I have been enjoying all the Mercury Hour issues. I keep all past issues thus am free to backtrack on any responses. If there is an article from a subscriber to an issue of a year ago I can enjoy it. It makes one long correspondence and fun to be a participant!

In 78/3 you had a great page of info regarding your magazine; plus the ideas to spur more subscriptions and to get more of us writing in. I am very much in support of your open forum! Of noted concern however, (which you probably have heard about by now) is the chart for MH in regards to the time. My Blue*Star computer program and the Fourth Edition of The American Atlas Revised both come up with EDT beginning on Jan. 6th of 1974 for NJ. Thus the new chart tells me that your/our magazine will be taking on new creative forms especially once the Nov. Solar Eclipse hits the 5th cusp touching off p. Mercury and the Lunar Eclipse stimulates the 11th and 5th houses getting a hold of Neptune in the 5th which trines n. Mercury. There should be plenty to print in MH for awhile! Yeah! Then there is t. Uranus and Neptune crossing the 7th which should bring some changes with the people you use in printing your magazine - any "other person". Some new people and ways should be coming in. Next t. Saturn shows a probable other person(s) giving of his/her values/money once that planet goes direct in motion since Saturn here rules the 7th and is transiting the 8th going to conjunct the Moon ruler of the Asc. Add t. Jupiter coming to trine both n. Mars, n. Saturn, and n. Moon, etc. Wow! Great! - or "Awesome" as my nieces would say. There are changes also in the home base and main operations (p. Asc. sextile p. & n. Pluto and t. Pluto inconjunct n. Sun) but I like them.

On to other things now - smile!

Of interest to all regarding the Pluto/Saturn transit is a note on my own chart (5/14/43, 3:07pm PWT, Seattle, WA.). Transiting Pluto recently entered my third house at 21 degrees (Koch) and opposes my Natal Sun at 23 degrees, with of course t. Saturn in square. Besides major mental and communication situations to work with, on Feb. 26th I took our cat in to be put to sleep, end of April a sister phoned and let herself blow with finality, August 1st my husband took official retirement, June 11th I had a moped tumble, and July 30th was at a stop light as driver of my car and was rear-ended by a Mack dump truck. (I am watch-

ing for the end of October now or maybe Nov.). Am taking physical rehabilitation and it has been great for me as I shape up muscles long misused but I still need to be cautious these days. And these intense mental heavies should bring a new way of communicating to me. EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR THE BEST! It's wonderful when a person smiles and sees life for growing. I have gotten frustrated though and thought... (Pluto is working on me you see.).

Marva Mason 77/11 Regarding Pluto's placement in the 1st or 7th in a marital relationship I have this to relate: my husband has a 3 degree 41" Leo Asc., Pluto at 3 degrees 46", and Venus at 4 degrees 43". He needs to have intense control over himself; is devoted with that same intensity to those he loves, takes charge of himself and commands with self control all that he values and loves. It makes a marriage for him one of self dedication (though with Venus he does place a lot of value on the monetary end). He must proudly and honestly (Leo) prove himself worthy, always. His Sun and Mercury are in Virgo in the third and the Moon in the 7th in Aquarius. What he expects out of himself is indeed a lot, with the marriage partner supportive of him as Venus conjunct can show. Watching his two brothers who each have Pluto conjunct the 7th and 4th I'd say that the Pluto intensity shows in the 1st as a drive towards self-control and intense inner searching plus a need to have power; in the 7th as a need to realize the power one can allow others to have over them in their search for a partner of strength - but what kind of strengths; and in the 4th the power one has in themselves to realize the home is their own sanctuary when they can learn to stop over-lording.

Marion D. March 78/35 Your explanation for looking for a death I most heartily agree with. I add, when looking at a families charts when all show harsh aspects look to the one that involves the first house PLUS who may be having health problems for an idea on whom to watch. Don't ignore your own health just because you think it may be another member of the clan. I have charts for a family of five that will show this if you are interested.

(Thanks Michal for sending us a disk - it makes our work much easier. Edith

A CLARIFICATION--To fill the background with so many details that the foreground goes underground. (Virgo talking to a Sag)

WE ARE MAKING A SURVEY--We need more time to think of an answer. (Taurus!!)

NOTE AND INITIAL--Let's spread the responsibility for this. (Capricorn)

SEE ME, OR LET'S DISCUSS--Come down to my office, I'm lonesome. (Libra)

**KAREN CHRISTINO
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SEPTEMBER, 1993**

Here are some astrological tidbits I came across recently. What do you all think of the following?

"It happens often in the twenty-ninth year of a life that all the forces that have been engaged through the years of childhood, adolescence and youth in confused and ferocious combat range themselves in ordered ranks - one is uncertain of one's aims meaning and power during these years of tumultuous growth when aspiration has no relation to fulfillment and one plunges here and there with energy and misdirection during the storm and stress of the making of a personality until at last we reach the twenty-ninth year the strait and narrow gate-way of maturity and life which was all uproar and confusion narrows down to form and purpose and we exchange a great dim possibility for a small hard reality.

Also in our American life where there is no coercion in custom and it is our right to change our vocation so often as we have desire and opportunity, it is a common experience that our youth extends through the whole first twenty-nine years of our life and it is not until we reach thirty that we find at last that vocation for which we feel ourselves fit and to which we willingly devote continued labor."

This was written by Gertrude Stein, when she was about 30 (I believe from a short work called Q.E.D.) It is such a nice description of a Saturn return, that I have to wonder if she knew some astrology. She had studied with William James at Harvard/Radcliffe, who was a founding member of the Society for Psychical Research, but I have not heard him mentioned in the same breath as astrology either. A later friend, Max Jacob, a poet who was close to Picasso, did do horoscopes (according to Janet Hobbhouse in her book Everybody Who Was Anybody).

I was leafing through The Jobs Rated Almanac from 1988 and found that the career of astrologer ranked rather high. They surveyed 250 jobs, rating them on various attributes. The job of astrologer was rated #1 on the physical demands list (followed by broadcast news writer, newscaster and statistician). Making first place seemed surprising, but obviously there are not many physical demands placed on astrologers. In terms of the working environment, astrology was rated #9 (of 250, remember). On the stress list we were #20; for security #48; occupational outlook #54. So we really ranked consistently high. Unfortunately, as you probably already know, on the income scale we were at dead center, #125. These surveys were done a while ago, so the information is not up-to-date. But I had not really looked at our profession in this light before!

Ann E. Parker (78/28): I have noticed that earthquakes seem to come in groups. The July 1993 Japan quake which

you analyzed was shortly followed by a pretty big one in Guam and later I think something on the U.S. West Coast. Have you found any astrological correlations for these recurrences?

Edith (78/27): Your '94 solar return is a beaut. I had a similar chart last year, with Sun, Mercury, Uranus and Neptune in the 6th. The two heavies opposed Mars in the 12th, and squared Jupiter on the IC as well as the MC. I feared for my life, but have suffered only a sprained ankle and a bout of the flu so far. Have been busy, though, and my cat has been behaving very badly, in addition to have a real problem with hairballs this summer. You are protected by Jupiter in the 4th sextiling all the personal planets. For '94, I have that wild 5-planet Capricorn lineup in the 4th house. Mars by this time is sandwiched between Neptune and Uranus, and Mercury in early Aquarius. I have been wanting to move for years, but I hope a bomb does not have to drop on my house before I do!

As many readers may be aware, speculation has been made that the infamous NASA Mars probe is not really lost. In fact it has identified life in the Martian quarter of the solar system, resulting in a carefully guarded secret, according to one Pentagon official. Insiders say it is none other than Santa Claus! Uprooted after man's encroachment of the North Pole, Claus has been using frigid Mars as his headquarters for nearly a century. It is now believed that St. Nick is indeed not only an astrologer, but one of the original ancient astronauts. (Hieroglyphs unearthed during Cairo sewer system construction some years ago confirm this, bearing the marks of Dasher (the Sun), Dancer (Moon), Prancer (Mercury), Vixen (Mars), Comet (ditto), Cupid (Venus), Donner (Jupiter), and Blitzen (Uranus). The symbol of the grand old man himself is seen to be Saturn. There is even talk of Santa returning to heal the world in this heavy Capricornian year. Perhaps Les Aspen is debriefing him now....

**UNA CHIODINI
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OCTOBER, 1993**

I see by your note...that...you are in need of letters. Sooo, I decided to write to all while T. Mer. is retro and my P. Mer. is retro.

I have become a snowbird. Six months in Florida and six months in Illinois. So the above is my Winter Address. I'll tell you gang it's a different kind of life. Two offices and a need for two sets of books, computers, desks, etc. But I'm getting there. There is a statement that "You take your town with you". I have already found the Astrology Assoc. of St. Petersburg. A great group. They are affiliated with AFA. The President Julia Wall has decided to join the N.C.G.R. Ya! Then my spiritual group is one hour away in Chicago..Now

it's 12 minutes. I have N. Jup. in the 11th. So yes I have taken my town with me. The phone is ringing just like up North.

To all who I have written to (privately) for the past year!!! HI!!!! I have become so busy I don't know when I'll be able to write. But you are in my mind and heart. And I wish you all well!!

I left most of my files up North. So I find myself a little frustrated. But to continue. I did a Horary and Numerology on a boy (I can't remember his name) who was missing. I said in MH that he would show up in 1993. Will I'm running out of time. So I hope he is well and maybe when I get back up North..I'll look to see where I went wrong. I have been getting Horary Review from John Somoza. I think I'll send it to him and see if he can find where I went wrong.

Next: I have given my Commodore away. I'm IBM compatible now. This leaves me with a problem. Does anyone in MH land have an old program by Matrix called Symmetry, for IBM. I saw it on the Commodore and when I tried to order it (For my IBM Compatible) from Matrix they said, they no longer sell it. Rumor has it that there was a disagreement between the person who wrote the program and Matrix. So it's out of circulation. I sure would like to buy the original from anyone who cares to sell it. Or if it's not illegal (being out of circulation) to make me a copy I'd sure appreciate having it. Does anyone know what the legal ramification is if it is no longer for purchase???

November 4, 1992 I had a kitchen fire. T. Jup. was conj. my N. Mars in the 8th H. I have N. Venus squ. squ. N. Mars with N. Ur. in conj. Mars and Tri. Venus. It took one pail of water to put the fire out. But the insurance man insisted that my whole kitchen had to be replaced, minus the appliances that were not damaged. Now folks this was only smoke damage, except for 2 floor tiles, an inch of wallpaper and one side of one cabinet. So Jupiter (Santa Claus) gave me a \$17,000 kitchen. It was finished Dec. 28th.

We left for Florida on the 29th. I returned to Illinois in April for a funeral. After 1 1/2 months I could see my new kitchen floor was buckling. They found a leak going under the new underlayment, which was buckling the new floor. The insurance man said it has to be replaced. So up comes all the flooring. The work started when T. Jup. went Station to go Direct. Then Joe (husband) decided to fix a leak in the family room that has been leaking off and on for 12 years. That also was fixed. (ha ha) after all the taking down of the ceiling, painting, etc. we still had the leak in the family room. And guess where the leak was showing up. It was running down my light socket in the closet in my office room. Remember I told you my N. Ur. in conj. my Mars. So for 1 1/2 months last year and 3 months this year. I had my washer, dryer, stove and frig. in my front room and office. But it all ended great. I have a beautiful kitchen and

family room. And no leaks...I hope!!!

With the T. Jup., my Godfather died. (Jupiter). I came back to Illinois the 4th of April and left August 31st. Between that time I had both Godparents, 2 Ex-in-laws, one friend, and 3 neighbors die. Since I came down in August I heard that Sandy Allard (Astrologer) was murdered and the house set on fire in Illinois. Does anyone know if the RAPTURE has started.

With all the stress since November, I developed a lazy valve in my heart. So now I have to take it easy. Sure World...I've been trying. Really I have!!

Well, that's my letter. I hope someone will help me with the Symmetry program for the IBM

Good Health, Wealth, Love and Perfect Self Expression!

**LORETTA V. GLOWATY
DOWNERS GROVE, IL
OCTOBER, 1993**

The article by John Kalus 78/52, caught my eye since Transiting Jupiter was opposing my Natal Uranus. The sentence John quoted was from "My World of Astrology" by Omarr which reads: "Jupiter in the evil aspects of Uranus is a very uncertain influence, and at this time money you may expect may not come to you,...."

Oh, how correct that was!

My husband left his job in March due to illness. He had six months pay coming to him from accumulated sick days built up over a 39 year period, in addition to 24 vacation days. As soon as all this money was paid to him, short term disability from an insurance policy at work was due to kick in.

Well, it didn't kick in! Seems someone dropped the ball in payroll. In addition, he didn't receive the pay for 24 days of vacation due him. He was told he had to give payroll permission to pay him for vacation time! Incredible right?

Since we have direct deposit of his checks to the bank, I went merrily along writing checks for money I thought was in the bank. It wasn't until the bank notified us that they were taking money from our Cash Reserve Account to cover our checks that we learned, "money you expect may not come to you....."

So, when you see that Transiting Jupiter is opposing your Natal Uranus, check, double check and triple check to be sure money you think is there really is there.

TO ACTIVATE--To make carbons and add more names to the memo. (Virgo-at ease!)

TO IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM--Hire more people and expand the office. (Sag at work)

UNDER CONSIDERATION--We're looking in the files for it. (Neptune in the 6th)

**ADZE MIXXE
WEST CHESTER, PA
SEPTEMBER, 1993**

I've been consuming The Mercury Hour with literal and figurative gusto. I'm hungry for more. You're doing a historic job of frothing the modern astrological revolution. I have great fun exchanging signals with my cohorts through your "zine". Please keep up the great work.

I got my first real computer and am running massive astrology programs provided by David Cochran's Cosmic Patterns in Gainesville, Florida. For more info call David and his wife Fei at (904) - 373-1504. I endorse their Kepler program, as advertised in MH. (68/56) It is easy to run and has amazing abilities to store charts and research them. Best of all I'm writing my own interpretation programs that load right in and print right out. It is amazing.

This is such a great time to be a living astrologer. I've gone from cheat tables for calculating Ascendants, to using a pocket calculator with an astrology program to using a full-blown IBM compatible home computer. Now, I just push a few buttons and get all kinds of wonder charts, and reports. For astrologers thinking of getting a computer, here's my insight.

1. Contact Ken Negus of NCGR and Astrological Society of Princeton fame. Ken is perhaps the leading expert of astrology and computers. He does a great workshop on the subject and is a real source of pertinent facts.

2. Talk with people who own computers. Take down notes. Organize your ideas on 3 x 5 cards. It is amazing how patient and friendly and cooperative they can be. Computers and computer people really are Aquarius/Uranus.

3. Don't even bother to do the whole thing yourself. Do it with several friends, preferably one of whom is an astrologer and even has the kind of programs that you want to buy. I've had my friends with me when I made my purchase, got the system up and running, installed my astrology programs and just about everything else. My one computer buddy and I meet every Tuesday night and do our astrology thing.

4. I'd say that \$2000 is a reasonable price for an excellent system and a good amount of astrology programs to make charts and run reports. I'm making a \$100 monthly payment for my computer and \$50 a month for software programs. It pays for itself, because I sell natal, compatibility, transit and progressed computer generated "readings". Also, the joy I receive from my system is immeasurably large. Plus, I get great charts, made to my exact specifications, printed quickly and legible.

More tactics on Making Astrology Pay.

Use Ben Franklin as a role model. He was a respected citizen of the world,

at home on two continents. He was an astrologer who published an almanac. He made lots of money, lots of love and lots of trouble for tyrants and despots.

How did Franklin make much of his money? With a printing press. Get yourself a computer and printer and start cranking out astrology reports. My printer is practically printing money. Actually, it's printing something better, information that is worth big bucks.

Another way to Make Astrology Pay is to calibrate clients. When someone calls up and asks how much I charge without even saying hello or introducing themselves, I know they aren't going to spend much money. So, I tell them I have 10 page printed reports for \$10. Sometimes people call and it is obvious that money is no object. I sell them 1 and a half hour sessions as opposed to my normal 1 hour sessions. Also, I remind you to bill by the hour, not by the reading. Since I currently charge \$100 per hour, when some calls and money is no object I make \$150 instead of \$100. I call that a good afternoon's work.

Another way to Make Astrology Pay, is to do parties. In the past, parties made me some money and were also an unwanted, unkinky pain in my cute butt. Now, I've gotten it figured out. In the past I offered too many options that just confused the customers. Now I say how much money, how long the readings, how many people required, and how much deposit. I'm polite and friendly and upbeat and have a take it or leave it, it's all the same to me, I'm busy and have a life tone of voice.

Right now, when someone inquires about a party I tell them it cost \$30 per person, I need between 10 and 15 readings to make a house call. Once we make a date, I require a \$100 deposit. Each person gets 15 minutes of my time and a recording of our session. I provide the tape, plus a chart, plus a condensed written interpretation generated from my computer. Believe it or not, most people who call do make the booking and I'd say I get approximately 2 a month. It's very good work.

Here at the Delaware Valley Chapter of the NCGR we now have 42 members. 20 months ago we had 8. Recently we had Camille Adams address our group. She is a darling fountain of astroinfo and our group loved her. Recently, I attended a Philadelphia Astrological Society meeting to hear Diana Rosenberg do her thing on fixed stars. She is most excellent, a real crowd pleaser, and a shrewd businesswoman. Watch how she creates products and sells them.

WE WILL ADVISE YOU IN DUE COURSE--If we figure it out, we'll let you know.

LET'S GET TOGETHER ON THIS--I'm assuming you're as confused as I am. (Pisces)

FORWARDED FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION--You hold the bag a while. (Capricorn)

DE JAEGER LUC
BELGIUM
OCTOBER, 1993

After some years of astrological practice and research I would like to share some of my findings. I hope that my language is clear enough to understand what I mean. Most of these "aphorisms" (that have seldom disappointed me) have to do with natal charts. The house system I use is Topocentric, and I also use the hypothetical planets of the Uranian astrology. Any comments are welcome.

In a female horoscope the 4th house stands for the mother, the 10th house for the father. In a male horoscope the 4th house stands for the father and the 10th for the mother.

This means that any planet conjunct the 4th house cusp (IC) will tell something about the relationship with the parent of the same sex. Saturn conjunct the IC brings about a very strong tie (not without problems) with the parent of the same sex. Venus conjunct the MC loves the parent of the opposite sex more than the other. In the female horoscope, Neptune conjunct the MC may indicate a father who is physically absent (who eventually died early) and Pluto on the MC may indicate a father you (as the daughter) want to know better and better.

With the Moon or Mars in the 7th house you get very very attached to others. The urge to meet others, (to have a relationship or to marry) is very well developed.

The Mercury/Neptune midpoint seems to be another midpoint of travel.

The Moon less than 30° rising before the Sun (from the incoming semisextile to the conjunction with the Sun), gives trouble with the eyes when the Moon receives more 'bad' aspects than 'good' ones (in the traditional meaning of 'good' and 'bad' aspects). The Moon is thus placed in the 12th solar house (= the Sun on the Ascendant).

The sign Leo tells where a love-relationship may grow. Leo in the 6th house (or on the 6th cusp) gives a lover at your work. When Leo is intercepted, the relationship is an impossible one or a hidden one.

The ruler of the 4th house in the 3rd house gives one who is popular in his speaking and use of words.

The ruler of the Ascendant inconjunct the ruler of the 7th makes a lot of relationships without realization (the other may already have a partner....)

A planet in the 12th house inconjunct a planet in the 7th may show disputes, legal problems or a lawsuit you will seldom win completely.

The Ascendant in the 3rd decanate of Gemini has often shown that at age 12-13 the child knows what "career path" it wants to follow.

Mars in the 12th house is very well set on their own privacy.

Aries makes active, Libra makes reactive.

Neptune in (or on) the Ascendant shows a native who lacks self worth.

The 12th house in the solar return intercepted in the 7th house of the radix may indicate a hospital admission of the partner.

In the solar return chart, the Ascendant on the 29th degree of a sign gives a year of uncertainty. If the Ascendant is Pisces or Taurus, a lot of grief and sorrow is also indicated.

The (transiting or solar return) Uranus-Neptune conjunction in the 1st house gives sorrow and grief and possible some health problems too. In the 2nd house there is much uncertainty about your income, a lot of money-spending may be involved.

When the horoscope contains a predominant number of inconjunct aspects, the native may be disposed to bad choices (the wrong partner, the wrong job,....) When sextiles prevail, the native is a thinker, an intellectual. The trine is an aspect of habits you can't let go (you can offer no resistance, in contrast to the square).

Pisces is the sign of perfection (as is the 12th house). Virgo is the sign of imperfection (as is the 6th house).

When considering aspects it's extremely important to consider the higher planet (which has the most power). E.g. when Mercury and Neptune form an aspect, and Mercury is the higher of the two (standing closer to the MC), then your thinking and mental abilities are more clear, intuitive and subtle than when Neptune is the higher planet. In the latter case, Neptune prevails and makes one rather nebulous and confused in the thinking.

Another keyword for the asteroid "Pallas" is "a colleague" and the midpoint Pallas/Cupido refers to the group of colleagues at your working environment.

The Venus-Mars conjunction in the 6th solar return house may indicate the marriage of a colleague that year.

A lack of air in the horoscope may at times indicate a native with rather a bad memory later on.

Virgo on the Ascendant or a prominent Virgo often shows a native who uses diminutives in the speaking.

The planet that stands most closely to the Ascendant informs us about the outer appearance of the native, while the planet standing the most close to the MC tells something about the character of the native.

A lack of fire in the horoscope shows someone of a weak vitality.

Scorpio seldom takes the other one as he or she is.

An intercepted Moon in Scorpio indicates miscarriages in a female horoscope.

The Sun-Mars conjunction (or both planets in reception) indicates skin troubles (pimples).

The ruler of the 2nd house in the 1st and the ruler of the 1st in the 2nd house (in a solar or lunar return) indi-

cates money-spending, buying goods (in the year or month).

Any aspect between Neptune and the 2nd house (or its ruler) indicates money-spending.

Uranus conjunct the Ascendant makes the native rather small and tall with long fingers.

A planet in a positive sign in a positive house: the circumstances help to reach your goal.

A planet in a negative sign in a negative house: there is resignation and one feels like a toy.

A planet in a negative sign in a positive house: one does not take advantage of the circumstances that might help you, because you think that your efforts will be fruitless.

A planet in a positive sign in a negative house: one incessantly tries to change the circumstances (the world?) that will not help you. Misuse of power is possible.

The Mars/Neptune midpoint is the midpoint of refusal or denial.

In a female horoscope the Moon in Capricorn may be an indicator of the marriage with an older man.

The opposition aspect, Neptune and the South Node all indicate removal, withdrawal, going away...

The intercepted Venus in the 3rd house shows an overly friendly voice.

A retrograde ruler of the 7th house in Cancer shows a partner who dislikes household activities, and a retrograde ruler of the 7th house in Libra shows one who dislikes social activities.

Jupiter retrograde tries to take very good care of their own health.

Moon square Mercury indicates one who has a wrong way of breathing.

A trine or sextile aspect to Saturn indicates a lot of problems and delays but a good (and lasting) result.

A retrograde planet says nothing about the results of the meaning of that planet, it only tells something about the circumstances involved. E.g. Venus retrograde does not mean that - as a result - you will have a bad relationship, it only indicates that there may be a delay in forming relationships, or one may withdraw too easily when it comes to a relation.

5 or more planets retrograde make one very restless on an inner level.

Transiting Saturn inconjunct the 6th house cusp often indicates an interruption of work (free-off). The same is true for the transiting Mars inconjunct a Saturn in the 6th house.

Mars and Neptune in Libra indicate infidelity.

Intercepted signs in the solar return are effective in the second half of the year.

The Moon and Jupiter in the same sign, or the Moon trine Jupiter lacks a certain sense of reality.

The Moon in Leo will yield to none.

Venus coming to the conjunct of Mars indicates reconciliation after disputes.

Mercury forming a separating square to Neptune indicates deceptions and weakness, while the incoming applying square indicates a lot of expectations, dreams and fantasy.

Inconjunctions to the planet Neptune rather show what one detests.

When Leo is rising and its ruler (the Sun) conjuncts the 6th house then you will look for entertainment at your work.

When Leo rises you may have a lot to do with the children of other people (adoptive children, schoolchildren etc...). (Aquarius is on the 7th house and is as the 5th sign of the 7th indicating children of other people).

The Sun/Chiron midpoint stands for "a male doctor".

So far!!! Best wishes to all of you!

**ED DEARBORN
NORWOOD, PA
OCTOBER, 1993**

Another salute is in order for Edith and her staff for the fine 78th Edition. It provides so many ideas that are food for thought.

To Dorothy Kovach 78/44 (and Colleen Nelson 77/58) concerning the Grand Conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn and the death of our U.S. presidents, I recall that Emily Browning told me, in 1987, that she believed President Reagan would not die in office. In essence, she said the conjunction in Earth signs related to the physical body while the conjunction in Air signs involved the mental state. I think she has it right.

To Jim Hayes 78/55, Rudhyar's wives were Eya Fechin Branham, Tana Tyler, and Leyla Rael-Rudhyar. The first two have corresponded with me. As best I know each still survives.

For those interested in the birth data of astrologers, our recently departed fellow readers provided us with this information:

Mary Perdue Blaylock was born on June 5, 1921 at 10:25 A.M. EDT in Titusville, PA (79W40.5, 41N37.7). Source: Personal letter to me in August 1987. She passed away on July 13, 1993.

Bette D. Judd was born on February 22, 1929 at 1:16 P.M. CST in Lorenzo, TX (33N40.4, 101W32.2). Source: Personal letter from her and the information was also cited in the NCGR Journal of May 1991 on page 48 by Lorraine Welsh. She left us August 7, 1993.

Against the odds, I wish for the Winter of 1993-94 be kind to each of you.

(Attention: Jim Haynes - According to the American Atlas, Titusville, PA was on EDT from 4/24/21 to 9/25/21. Edith)

CONSULTANT (OR EXPERT)--Any ordinary guy with a briefcase more than 50 miles away from home. (Sagittarius)

**WENDY HAWKS
CHICAGO, IL
SEPTEMBER, 1993**

To EDITH: A glance at the documents on my MH correspondence disk tells me I haven't written since December 1992. Obviously, I'm one of those naughty, negligent, not-enough-time-to-write subscribers you refer to. (78/1) Let's all try to do better in future, folks. Your solar return for 1994 looks very interesting! (78/27) Does that lineup in the 6th house mean you're going to adopt more little furry friends? Perhaps you'll acquire many new subscribers? Maybe you'll even find several new helpers at MH? Perhaps you'll become interested in some new or unusual facet of Astrology? With S. Node trine Descendant perhaps you might also bring a few drop-outs back into the fold? But whatever it means, I hope it's favorable.

You've got no idea how much I appreciate your review of my book "Nuts & Bolts of Running an Astrology Practice" (78/7). Thanks a million! The AFA is now giving me a run-around over the royalties but that's to be expected.

Loved LEE WEINREB's Sex Symbols (78/19, 78/41 & 78/54), PAT HIRONIMUS-PARR's "Rules for Being Human" (78/13).

Re. the comments of MARION MARCH (78/35) and several others on death horoscopes, I know very little about this subject. However I noted with interest there seems to be agreement that Jupiter, symbolizing "long journeys", was prominent in the charts.

Now for my news. Because I took that job with a 900 psychic line last year, I've finally been able to pay off my substantial credit card balance. And, to those in MH land who are both for and against Astrologers working with 900 numbers, I decided to give notice in May of this year. The reason? While I'm an extremely tolerant and compassionate person, the whole thing was becoming too stressful, with the result that my emotional and physical health were at risk. (While many of the callers had genuine problems or concerns, I also got a lot of calls from neurotic, extremely negative or hysterical people who posed really dumb questions and had absolutely no common sense. In addition, the frequent ring of my phone eventually started to feel like an invasion of privacy.)

While I see nothing wrong with 900 Astrology numbers, in the final analysis I feel that, on the whole, the quality just isn't there. A number of readers I've talked to who do this kind of work are starting to complain that the call volume has diminished considerably in recent months (and I noticed the same thing). Since the beginning of 1993, several of the 900 services have actually gone out of business, and I understand this is because not enough customers are paying the EXORBITANT phone bills. While I believe 900 Astrology numbers will likely be around for a long time, this

type of service is already declining in popularity and is probably not the wave of the future. (People are starting to return to the neighborhood Astrologer whose fee is a heck of a lot more reasonable than that of any 900 service, and this is good news for all of us!)

Several months ago I applied to speak at UAC '95, but because a very limited number of slots were available I wasn't accepted. (I DEFINITELY plan to attend this one though -- it will be my first.) However, I did receive an invitation to speak at ISAR in Chicago next May and am looking forward to this. I've also been invited to speak at AFA '94, but since ISAR is offering a better deal I think I'll pass.

Speaking of ISAR, I encourage Astrologers who live in the Chicago area to attend the monthly lecture meetings of the recently-formed local chapter. We meet on the second Sunday of each month, at 2:30 p.m. at the Occult Bookstore, 1561 North Milwaukee, Chicago.

(Thanks Wendy for sending us a disk. It sure helps make our job easier. Edith)

**LAURA RAHAL
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SEPTEMBER, 1993**

This is the first time I've written to "Mercury Hour". I'm answering your plea for letters, Edith! (Thank you Laura - and say "Hi" to Jim! We love hearing from "1st time folks". Edith)

The NCGR Conference in Phoenix was, for this Scorpio, literally life-transforming. A special "Thank you!" to all those we hounded at the hotel for information about your own astrology practices. Madalyn Hillis, Rob Hand, Joan and Kenneth Negus, Edith Custer, and Arlene Nimark really helped give us a boost. It is thrilling to have met and talked with all of you.

James Tremble 78/15: I can help you contact Thomas Seers. You can reach me by U.S. Mail address above; contact me via Prodigy Interactive Service, ID #NFTK37A; or on NVN, E-Mail address: Lrahal. The book is available through the AFA in Tempe, Arizona, and is entitled, "Tic Tac Zodiac". Thomas currently resides in the Los Angeles area and has copies available for sale.

Last has anyone studied the group of children born in August, 1955? This bunch was born with a powerful stellium in Leo. For those researching the February, 1962, group, the well-known Aquarius stellium, this might add insight to stellium data. I'd be interested in collecting astro-twins specifically for August 17, 1955, and will share my information with anyone interested. As we see, another stellium is occurring January 10-11, 1994 in Capricorn.

Make them Happy Transits!

**TRAVIS B. TAYLOR
DALLAS, TX
SEPTEMBER, 1993**

Annibale F. Verzumo (77/29) Enjoyed Part 1 but why be lugubrious about it all. The doctor who wrote that "Science has never found a cure for any other viral infection. not one!" sounds too much like Joe-just the facts--Friday. Your statement that either or both planets may illuminate medical science prompted me to share a thought received 2-2-93 at 5:55 P.M. Dallas, with the Mercury Hour family. The DNA blood cell code that provides or protects oxygen (air) in the body (water and earth) to fight immune system diseases such as AIDS may need a twin, genetic duplication, to cool or extinguish the fire that burns in the virus back to normality for treatment or cure. This non-scientific fragmented thought in regards to the Uranus Neptune conjunction in Capricorn (Janus, guardian of gates and doorways) may signal the beginning of the ability of the medical profession to harness the fifth element with the help of chemists studying such organic compounds as ether and physicists working with electromagnetism. Still thinking of Janus I found the word dimorphic (having two distinct forms) which led me to dimorphism. In chemistry and physics in my dictionary the definition is dimorphic crystallization. Perhaps the answer lies in the use of the organic compound morphine, named after the god Morpheus. We have all lost friends and loved ones to this disease. We cannot believe that a cure will not be found in our time. We cannot be too far away to discover the link. It may boil down to genetic splicing and bone marrow transplanting.

Frank Jakubowsky (74/14) Feel free to use the above statement in your research project on writing. Natal 1-6-48 11:50 P.M. Dallas, TX.

Carole Voeth-Lavoie (20/X/33) Been wondering about your findings concerning your Gift of Spirit idea. Your Modern Planets example with Mercury (Interpreting Tongues) certainly describes the multi-voiced ideas found in the Mercury Hour. Any findings to share?

Morgen D'Arc (76/60) Your article concerning your friend Isaac demonstrates your humanistic qualities as well as your investigative talent. I too am pulling for Isaac. Michal Tracy has already said 10 times worth of anything I can add to possible outcomes. One thing I can share with you is your statement about drinking an excessive amount of tap water. I have Neptune in Libra and many of my friends have told me to drink more water. I have always preferred tap water to ICE water. Saturn in Leo conjuncts Isaac's Mars at 23 Leo. Transpluto is currently at about 23 Leo. If I can find a link I'll let you know. Your recommendation about drinking only bottled water should be very helpful to his system, as well as herb teas that help the blood. (My Saturn in Leo 21° 39)

Gloria Capparelli (25/X/55) I am forever indebted to author Evelyn Nagel for her book Astrologer's Handbook on Gambling. It inspired me to research not only gambling but all matters involving financial transactions. Sophia Mason's Art of Forecasting is always in my luggage when I go to Vegas. Haven't won over \$300.00 at any one time but losing and winning is the risk one takes in gambling. If you don't already have a copy of Nancy Hastings' The Practice of Prediction then add it to your library. Pages 50-58 offer a fine example to study for analysis. Good Luck and good investing.

Edith, Betty and Pam (78/3) Got the latest issue before completing my letter and after reading Dorothy Kovach's article on the Great Mutation (78/44) it reminded me of the Jupiter/Saturn conjunction before birth as explained in Side Lights of Astrology by Thyrsa Escobar Jones (was saddened to read of her recent journey to the other side). If we can apply it to the birth of a business, (Mercury Hour) then we find the point at approx. 25.15 Capricorn (2-19-61). The MH chart as presented by Lee Mann Scott (67/34) says it all. Using Bernice Grebuer's book Decanates A Full View we find 25 Capricorn in the spiritual decanate. The Mercury Hour Saturn/Mercury midpoint is approx. 23 Taurus in trine to the 3rd house at 22 Virgo. When the transit Sun conjuncts 25 Capricorn on 1-15-94 it will be in union with Venus while transit Jupiter will trine Natal Venus. Being an optimist and also looking at all the oncoming Capricorn activity I can only speculate that the Mercury Hour will be on solid financial ground prior to the 1994 solar return. Forgive me for just looking at the tropical placements but I'm sure you ladies can chart the Helio placements for even more analysis. Hope this info brightens the outlook.

And to all the Mercury Hour family (in my best Rodney King impersonation) can we all get along?

(Dear Travis - from your last sentence we can tell you believe in miracles! We have to remember that we are humans first and astrologers second. Most of us are pretty understanding and forgiving, which doesn't eliminate the problem but it does help. Thanks for the encouragement for the MH. We shall look forward to the end of '93 and a better '94, not just for the MH but for all. Edith)

**MARION D. MARCH
ENCINO, CA
SEPTEMBER, 1993**

Edie, it was delightful seeing you at the Training Wheels Conference in Phoenix, Arizona but I was upset at you when I came home and found the 78th edition of the Mercury Hour with your diatribe on page 1 against the UAC'95

location. Now let's straighten a few things out:

1) Yes, the place is Monterey, California which is about 2 plus hours from San Francisco and 5 plus from Los Angeles, the reverse of what you said.

2) If you fly in, there are direct connections from both San Francisco and L.A. which at today's prices costs an additional \$35. United flies a 727 once a day, that's a regular jet holding about 120 plus people. They've promised us two or three from both places, and even 737s, if needed for arrival and departure days. That is in addition to other airlines flying shuttles into Monterey.

3) You say "but nobody asked me" -- well, we not only asked you but sent a survey to AFAN, ISAR and NCGR members. The majority voted for Monterey, which was not surprising, since in our other surveys the majority were looking for a resort hotel for UAC'95. And frankly, wasn't it lucky that we did not choose a hotel on the slightly berserk Mississippi River!

4) Coming to the West Coast from the East is no ore expensive than when we came East or South in '89 and '92. The so-called middle, Denver and St. Louis were our best choices, cost quite a bit from both places. Ask Mary Downing and me who have flown all over God's creation to find the right place for UAC'95, how expensive some of the flights were. When it comes to flying, there is no more predicting anything (even for astrologers), since the airline prices change at a whim and can be anywhere from \$200 to \$500.

5) Half the fun of UAC'95 will be in getting there. I sincerely hope many of you will rent a car and drive to see some of the most beautiful parts of America. It is truly spectacular whether driving down from the North or coming up from the South. Cambria, Morro Bay, Hearst Castle, Big Sur, and once you are there, the 17 mile drive, Carmel, the 4 fabulous world renown golf courses. Well worth your while, believe me. To make it easy and fun for all concerned, we will not only provide someone to help you share a room, but also to car pool. Now that's Service with a capital S.

6) The two hotels in questions are connected by a conference center, you're just a few minutes from Fisherman's Wharf, and at night you can hear the seals bark and the waves break. All that and UAC too...Hope to see everybody there.

Now that I've got that off my chest:

To Paul Wagner 78/15 regarding Solar Returns and his oh so positive statement I am quite sure if you collect Tropical Solar Return data from Astrologers, you will as they have, find the data worthless...pulease Paul, a bit less vehemence and a bit less hubris. As I keep saying, Astrology is a symbolic language and as such each astrologers will find his or her own symbol. Thousands of us use Tropical Solar Returns

with spectacular success. Ask Joan McEvers' and my clients, we base much of our forecasting on those "worthless" Tropical Solar Returns. But I am delighted that Sidereal works so well for you. Keep it up.

(Marion dear - Webster's New World Dictionary defines "diatribe" as "a bitter, abusive criticism or denunciation." I find none of my comments on 78/1 are any of those things. I was simply stating my thoughts and feelings on the matter and said I would give further info later. I assume I did vote if you say so and I'm sure it was for St. Louis. As for the "berserk Mississippi", I rather expected the flood and its remnants to be over by April '95.

Of course you are right about the cost of East to West or West to East. Expensive either way!

The fun to me is "being there, not "getting there". When I attend a conference it is for the people, not the sight-seeing. But then I may be a little unusual in this.

I can hardly wait, barking seals and breaking waves! Could you throw in some rustling leaves just for a change of pace?

Just kidding, don't get your bloomers in a knot, I still love you! Edith)

MARIE R. DeLEONE
DUNEDIN, FL
SEPTEMBER, 1993

I would like to make a correction on my article in 78/6 - where I said my grandson was born on the 8th. It was about 3:40 A.M. on the 7th January when I had that accident, and my grandson was born that same day in the afternoon of the 7th, and so a correction is needed else the readers will think I banged my head in one of the two accidents.

I did have a scar above my left eyebrow in the 1st one - heaven knows what I collided with, but the seat belt on that car was only around the waist - no shoulder strap.

And so I did bang my head on something - the cop said the mirror, but I can't fathom that - maybe the windshield as my steering column was bent. The 2nd one on May 10th '92 involved this same grandson as he called that morning and said he would be over for dinner. AND so in the morning drizzle I went shopping for things he likes. After all that and my dilemma he didn't show up. I won't let him forget it either, of course his answers are - "in '68 grandmom I was having my own troubles being born. In '92 I didn't say definitely that I would be over." (oh yes he did too.)

MOVING? PLEASE TELL US!

**JOSEPH S. deMELLO
SAN FRANCISCO, CA
SEPTEMBER, 1993**

My letter of 78/59 has had babies, rabies or just plain virus. At the time I wrote, I had my computer fixed and back on line. The new hard disk had a 90 day warranty. Thirteen days after this warranty expired, so did the hard disk replacement. On August 19th I was sitting here looking at the TV Guide. MY computer was turned off. To my amazement, I heard it groan twice, looked at it and the surge strip and noted no difference, noted that my digital clock had not responded by resetting at zero time and pulsing. When I have told people of this, the general response is that no such thing could have happened. But when I turned on my computer next day, I got the message that my controller card could not access my hard disk.

So, once more, death in the family. Uranus and Neptune were conjunct at 19 Capricorn, both retrograde, Sun was opposite Saturn, making a T-square to my natal Mercury. I won't even go into what my diurnal chart was like that day. Exploring my options, I decided not to send my computer to the manufacturer's repair facility, saving myself sixty dollars in freight charges and perhaps a replacement that would just outlast its warranty by days. I decided to repair it locally. Well, labor charges in San Francisco are fifteen dollars an hour more than in Southern Cal., and a hard disk costs fifty dollars more than down there, but that's for an 80HDD; for five dollars more, I can get a 130MB HDD. So naturally I'll take the latter. Naturally this puts a strain on the old budget, and it means I won't be going to any conferences in the near future.

Dennis Frank (78/14) chides me quite rightly that I gave no chart for my retirement. According to my Retirement Board, I was paid through 27th March 1992 at 4:00 P.M. PST San Francisco, CA 37N47, 122W26. The Board actually considers my first day of retirement at 28th March 1992 (but would that be 12 A.M.?) Transits show Uranus at natal Jupiter, Neptune at natal Fortune, Saturn square natal Saturn, tr Saturn also on my MC. Enough, already? I find the use of Chartwheels II (a Nova product) great for putting up my chart with transits around it. By pressing "x" on my keyboard, the chart reverses into a diurnal. If you put in timed event data for your transits around the outside of the natals, you do not get a diurnal, just an event chart.

Karen Christino 78/20, I cannot understand your mystification. If the gent let you get on the elevator ahead of him instead of pushing past you rudely, he may have expected you to say "Thank you." So he said it for you. At which his reply would have been "You're welcome." So he finally decided to say it anyway. I don't think he was being sarcastic. I've seen mothers do this to children. Even if he was trying to pick you up, a quiet

smile might have been the best response from you, maybe 100 years ago.

All of which reminds me of the lament of today's San Francisco maiden who complains that she never meets any eligible/real men. A man wrote a poem about this, but I cannot find it now I need it. The general drift was: "When I tried to start a conversation at the supermarket, you looked right through me. When we met in the laundromat, you snubbed me. When we rode up in the same elevator, you played deaf. I tried, don't blame me."

Beverly Crosby 78/20-32, a couple of us out here have done some event charts on recent deaths. To our surprise, we found that the Descendant of the person became the Ascendant at time of death. Just a few cases, not enough to ring bells and shout about. Besides which, this happens to all of us once each day. But let's test. What kind of things happen to you when your Descendant is the Ascendant. In December, my Descendant will be on the Ascendant, say, six to eight in the morning. It's possible to die any day. I think the ancients saw death through hygletical and anorectic places and placements.

Thank God for computers. Just to test, I ran up your husband's chart and got 15 Libra 24 Ascendant. Ran up the death event and got 25 Pisces 01 as Ascendant, twenty degrees off from the natal Descendant. Would a rectification of his natal to a 25 Virgo 01 Ascendant work on his life events? Not to rush. A diurnal based on your rectified birth time for him showed natal Jupiter exactly on the diurnal IC, and diurnal Moon late in the day going over the diurnal MC. But 15 days before (let's say for a birth time an hour earlier), his natal MC would have been on his diurnal IC, and his natal Moon on his diurnal MC. In the diurnal chart, Jupiter rules its 8th house, and the Moon rules the diurnal 4th house. So your rectification would seem to be just fine and right-on. We can't be doing astrology so it fits new or pet theories.

Jungbluth & Portal 78/22-53, I think we should be careful what we deduce from reading the Bible. By now everyone should be aware that it is easy to find anything you want to find to prove anything you want to prove somewhere there. It is a collection of books which was written over a period of many years, constantly revised to fit whatever was the latest view of history and more. It seems to me, depending on where you read, we are as much promised a Second Coming as we are told to beware of an anti-christ. For at least the last 120 years astrologers have been preoccupied by "the coming Age of Aquarius." I suspect it has long been with us, that it has not much changed anything from the Age of Aries or Taurus, except that we tend to act as if we know what is best for everyone else, but not for ourselves. For example, we have always had religious wars; making them so enhances and justifies the wagers of wars. At the end of your first sec-

tion; you give yourselves the coup de grace by your tone on Waco. Good grief, those deaths were not martyrdom (not with Uranus-Neptune conjunct). Death was chosen as a foolish escapism by people who knew they would face legal prosecution, not for crimes of belief, but for running a hardly spiritual one-man whorehouse.

Donald Byrne (and Edith) 78/23, lucky if we learn something new any day. More likely things happen which force us to think. I feel there is something specious about multiplying biorhythms. Comparing to the cycles of Saturn makes it even stranger. How about the person who was born with Saturn retrograde, has a Saturn return in infancy with later returns has got to throw off this whole idea and make it a whole lot less interesting.

Kaye Shinker 78/24, I need every bit I can read about helio, all the moreso since T. Pat Davis recently bopped me over the head by sending me a worksheet she had done on me, natal, progressed and solar returned for my next birthday, geo and helio placements throughout. Also Don Borkowski and Jim Haynes have sent me comment. All of them must have devoted a great deal of time to me. What great friends to have. It seems that I have to really do some studying. As if I don't have enough to do! But it seems that next March I will have progressed Moon and progressed Mars going over my Descendant. Who of you all remembers that years ago I took Al Morrison to task for having so poorly handled his progressed Mars over his Descendant? Well, now we have a great chance to see if I manage to do it any better. Certainly I am warned well ahead of time. Do I really think of my helio Mercury in Capricorn as a maverick? Certainly it has to be rephrased from "business." The weird thing is that I think I fit ten out of your twelve descriptions for helio Mercury, like cake with too much whipped cream. Maybe that is because my Mercury is my chart significator. But I would have tried the way you did, had I the basic grasp of helio. And I want to say I infinitely prefer the client who wants to know about business rather than romance. Capricorn rules the traditional 10th house, the area of status. What more fitting for Cap? But I have Aquarius MC also ruled by Saturn, Cap's ruler. One question: is Mercury strong enough to really aid the Libra come to quicker decisions which are acceptable to one and all? And, are you Virgo rising?

Edith 78/33, that's quite a document on Sara Cooper. Bob sent me one, also. Gives one the creepy, crawlies about the medical establishment and to have second thoughts about the establishment view of the suicide doctor in Michigan. I sure wish there were a reliable natal chart for Sara Cooper.

Marion March 78/35, good reply to Bev Crosby.

Lee Lehman 78/36, but Alan Leo did some public predicting. Was it not he who said of George VI, in the latter's youth,

"When this prince becomes King, he will be a mighty Emperor"? skipping over Edward VIII. Then he failed to see the early death of the Duke of Kent and predicted long life for him.

Edith, on your list of old subscribers, I went through and checked, and funny how many we have heard from, and how many I can't remember reading.

Yesterday I won the football pool Jupiter square Jupiter, Mars conj. Mars, Sun opposed Uranus, those are the transits to natsals. The Tr. Moon conjunct transiting Venus, oh, Diurnally natal Moon over IC.

PAT HIRONIMUS-PARR WOODINVILLE, WA OCTOBER, 1993

The following is an excerpt from Barbara Marcniak's book "Bringers of the Dawn". I think it is must reading.

"Getting What You Want At The Restaurant"

When you go to a restaurant and order something you want, the chef prepares it and the waiters bring it to you. You order it; however; you don't make it. Somehow the cooks or the spiritual energy make it, yet, you select it to be put before you. It will not be put before you unless you go into the restaurant to order it in the first place. So you are responsible for it and you pay for it.

Life is the same way; life is like a restaurant. Learn how to order what you want from life like you do in a restaurant and then trust that, because you ordered it, it will be put before you. When you go into a restaurant, you don't worry over every item and wonder whether or not you deserve to have it.

The way you act in restaurants is a wonderful indication of the way you act in life. It is an incredible teaching to understand. When you go into a restaurant, do you simply order and say, "This is what I want," and trust that it is going to come to you, or do you worry that they are going to screw it up? As soon as the order is in, do you follow the waiter into the kitchen and say, "Oh, they probably won't have the right lettuce. They probably won't saute those onions just so, and they won't have those kind of mushrooms I want." No. You trust it will be presented to you exactly the way you want it and you let it go. When it is presented to you, you say, "Thank You." If it is not quite right, you ask for what is needed and then you proceed.

Look at the divine nonchalance you have when you order things in a restaurant. That is how you order up life. Get clear on what you want, order it and be done with it. Don't keep calling up Spirit to see if they got the order or give advice on how to fill it. You ordered it. Trust that it will come.

**DON BORKOWSKI
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SEPTEMBER, 1993**

I need to correct some misinformation. First of all, late last year I suffered my worst case of writer's block since the early 1970's. (That one kept me from getting my master's degree.) Anyway, I had to back out of participating in Llewellyn's 1994 Sun Sign Book (78/2). It must have been too late to change the advertising. So please buy the book, anyway; just don't expect to see anything by me in it. I have found that it is much easier for me to write about particular situations, such as responding to items in the MH, than to handle generalities, such as Sun Signs. There is simply no way that I can run on and on for 200-300 words, when 5 or 6 well-constructed sentences can convey all the necessary information. The topic that had been suggested to me was that the current Uranus-Neptune conjunction would make people's spirituality more practical. I couldn't see that at all. If people become more practical in their spirituality, the correlation with Saturn's entry into Pisces is self-evident. Unfortunately, when a phenomenon is self-evident, it doesn't lend itself to much elaboration. I've found other computer programmers to have this problem, as well, because we are trained to be concise, efficient and accurate.

As for the "Heavenly Map" 78/1 & 30), I thought this could be fun, but I take no responsibility for completeness nor accuracy. I've never heard of Natal, Oregon in the 38 of 43 years I've lived here, and it's not mentioned in the American Atlas. However, my 1-5 commute takes me through Aurora, Oregon (omitted) each trip. (*Don: Just for your information - I really didn't think when I printed that map. Of course it was enlarged and the copyright was printed on it but the fellow wrote and asked for a copyright fee - which we sent! Someone told him it was in the MH. He did get some free publicity and we will print a correction with his name and address. It just didn't occur to me that you could copyright a map of the U.S.A. on some cities names. Live & Learn! Edith*)

I have gone back to the Libra rising chart for Bill Clinton. I still share a lot of doubts about his mother's credibility. But all charts have to be judged on their plausibility. I must echo Joe deMello's observations on (78/59). Georgie pointed this out to me some time back, but it really should be mentioned now. The next presidential election will be held November 5, 1996. The Moon and Mars will be conjunct in Clinton's 12th house. I have no doubt whatsoever that he will be voted out of office then, just as some strong 12th house transits got rid of Jimmy Carter. The people will just be too angry to put up with Clinton much longer. Granted, Venus and the North Node will both be close to his Ascendant, so his defeat will not reach the magnitude

of Carter's in 1980. I have no idea who Clinton's opponent will be, but with transits like those, it doesn't matter.

Now all of you know where I stand politically. I don't intend to let politics (mine or other people's) stand in the way of good astrology. Astrology should be used as a lens to focus on the truth, whether the truth is consistent with one's own opinions or not. However, I continue to be compelled to take a stand against the promulgation of Astro-Crap. Now to reward the worthy.

To Ted George (78/33-34). Without a doubt this is the best submission I've ever seen of yours in the MH. The planets are real, the signs are real, and the analysis is straightforward. I have a personal interest in that I have worked for four different insurance companies in my life. Yet I had never realized that Jacksonville is an insurance center. Have you ever compared Jacksonville's chart with those of Hartford, CT or Des Moines, IA?

To Lee Weinreb (78/43). You are 100% absolutely right regarding this issue. This principle is known as "ability language". Ability language is similar, but not identical to Louise Hay's use of healing affirmations in her works, such as "Heal Your Body". Louise tends to find a metaphysical cause of a problem, and then counterattacks with affirmations to eliminate doubts and insecurities. Ability language functions at any and all levels of sophistication. When I was a kid, it was a common expression to say, "I'd give my right eye for that." Thank Goodness, I never fell into that trap--at least not all the way. Squeamishness led me to say, "I'd give my right eye tooth for that." My right eye tooth never came in. At the age of 32, I had my last two baby teeth pulled, but nothing happened. So now I am facing some orthodontic work to have my reluctant eye teeth drawn into place. Ability language relates a lot to sounds. Perhaps a printed word might not suggest any problems, but its sound could. By the same token, one needs to be careful with words that have multiple meanings, lest you program your body to respond the wrong way. Ability language is definitely a topic worth studying. Written work about ability language is often contained as an adjunct in books about other forms of process work, such as rapid-eye therapy.

To Diane Zeines (78/64). I must agree. The topic of near-astro-twins is every bit as fascinating as that of true astro-twins. Sometimes there are many similarities when the two dates of birth were not all that close, but the Ascendants (and consequently the house positions of the outer planets) were. My second astrology teacher, John Roy Galvin was born February 1, 1938, with Gemini rising, and his chart is very similar to that of John Robert Hawkins of Transpluto fame, who was born February 2, 1938 with Gemini rising. Notice also the similarity of their names.

I'll keep this short for once.

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Recommended reading: "A Fire In The Mind", The Life of Joseph Campbell, by Stephen and Robin Larsen, published 1991. These 2 authors codirect the Center for Symbolic Studies, an institute for educational and personal growth, on their farm near New Paltz, NY. This book is fantastic, for want of a better choice of words. Campbell is my "guru", of course he discouraged anyone exalting him to such lofty heights. One of my favorite quotes is: "We must die before we many understand the mystery of life. We've been put in this world to work and wonder." He was a friend of Jiddu Krishnamurti, John Steinbeck, Adelle Davis all before they became famous. This book is revelation regarding these people. He knew Evangeline Adams and had his chart done by her. He also did charts through his life, but then gave it up because he felt by doing so he was invading their privacy and he didn't think that was fair. He was also interested in the symbology of numbers.

He planned the precise day and time of his wedding, the 5th hour of the 5th day of the week of the 5th month of the year (Thurs. May 5, 1938 at 5:00). The 5th place in any cycle of time belonged to the god of thunder-Thor, Thor's Day. The symbolic reference to this figure was to the sudden manifestation of the hidden God into the physical universe. In the Hindu-Buddhist tradition the thunderclap of recognition is the moment of awakening that comes with the flash of enlightenment. I could go on and on, so MH people read it and see for yourself.

The following all pertains to 77th Ed., July 1993:

Gerri J. Posch, page 2: best description of widowhood, especially "I seem to go for 48 hrs. and then crash for 12. "Hang in there, and you're right astrology sure does help.

Marguerite dar Boggia, page 3: Your analysis of the character traits of our President Bill Clinton. You did a fine piece of work. I like the Libra rising sign analysis. I'm so sick of people saying stupid things about this rising sign, maybe because this is my rising sign too. Always saying we can't make up our minds, not so. We see both sides. We are not indecisive. Thank you for your enlightening article. Let's give the guy a chance, he wants to be fair.

Please, which is the right date for Chelsea Clinton? On page 1 it is listed as February 26 and on page 4 Lois Rodden has February 27.???

Janice Giles, page 16: Good, good, good letter to Frank Jakubowsky regarding the Bible. I love it, "It is not the word of God, it is the word of men and that is highly suspect." Bravo to you, thank God for people like you. From your letter it sounds like you must have read "The Decline of the West" by Oswald Spengler.

Edith I love those cat cartoons, especially the one on page 37. Being a cat lover I do appreciate the drawing. By the way my darling Tiger Lily went to heaven on May 12, she was 15 on April 1, 1993. Now my other cat Miss Kitty feels so bad she hangs out with me all the time. I read somewhere that she is insecure. First time in I don't know when I only have one cat. I sure do miss Tiger Lily, she was my bed cat. Rest in peace dear Tiger.

Lela Chavellier-Powell, page 41: Thank you kindly for your answer to my question (26/X13). Also that quincunx, Neptune in Leo and Uranus in Pisces. which I have too, sometime ago, about 7 yrs. ago, the New Jersey chapter of N.C.G.R. was doing research on this aspect, now it all comes back because that was the year my husband died. I have not heard any follow-up on this, does anyone remember this work being done? (I think Jackie Slevan was doing the research.)

Thanks also to Janice Giles on page 44 regarding my Pluto trine. I'm trying. Also your observations on the timing of transits for those born around your time. I see Wendy Hawks on page 53 makes the same reference. Thank you Wendy for your response to my question. I guess the transit books will have to be updated, you and Janice Giles made a very good point. Now who is going to pick up the ball? I have a daughter born in 1948 and the other in 1951 and I never noticed this. Boy, I'm some astrologer. You two are the detectives of astrology, now I have to go back and do my homework.

Page 63, thanks to Dennis Frank and his answer to my question on the Arabian Parts. I was just curious. You sure know your astrological history, shame on me.

Finally to Rita Friedman on page 45, talk about synchronicity, my Leo granddaughter asked me about an Aquarian guy she met and he was born that year. My question is has there been any follow-up on these people born with that line-up in 1962? (Excuse me, the letter was from Diane Lawson to Rita Friedman).

Page 14: New Kitty Litter Doesn't Absorb, how funny, I laughed and laughed. Aren't cats wonderful, they are so unique, I can just see the expression on the Cat's face, probably saying the hell with you, I'll do as I please.

Well Edith, I hope your back problems are easing up for you, and I agree with you, I hate when they say oh well it's your age. Enough already. As my friend Rita O'Brien said, "You know Joan, we are considered elderly". Gee, I didn't know that.

IF YOU FIND MISTAKES IN THIS PUBLICATION, PLEASE CONSIDER THAT THEY ARE THERE FOR A PURPOSE. WE PUBLISH SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE, AND SOME PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MISTAKES.

"HE IS MASSACHUSETTS' MASTER MUFFIN"
DARRELL MARTINIE
TAKES HOST AS STATE ASTROLOGER

(EDITH CUSTER)
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The Saugus Advertiser, the Boston Herald, the Boston Globe and the Daily Evening Item of October 27th and October 28th 1993, all carried the story of the swearing in of Darrell Martinie, known by WBCN listeners as the Cosmic Muffin, as the official astrologer of Massachusetts on Tuesday, October 26th, by Gov. William Weld. Darrell received a proclamation signed by the Governor and a citation signed by J. D. Malone the State Treasurer proclaiming him the "one and only official astrologer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts".

"Martinie, a 10 year resident of Saugus, was sworn in at the Governor's office, ushered off to a buffet spread in State Treasurer Joe Malone's office and then honored at a party at the Hard Rock Cafe in Boston" reads a quote from the Saugus Advertiser.

"Does the new title mean that legislators and the Governor will be calling Muffin to see what day they should vote on certain bills or what time is best for raising taxes? Well, the Muffin doesn't think he'll receive too many calls from those on Beacon Hill, but said he'd be more than happy to oblige."

"This is such a hoot" Martinie said. "I don't think any other state has an official astrologer."

Our congratulations to Darrell, a friend of the MH for many years. Hey, who knows, it could be a sign of things to come! Darrell, incidentally, is heard by 11 million people daily on 6 major market radio stations and has fans throughout the country.

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A REVIEW OF PROJECT HINDSIGHT'S
FIRST TRANSLATION:

PAULUS ALEXANDRINUS, INTRODUCTORY MATTERS

Paulus Alexandrinus, Introductory Matters. Project Hindsight, Greek Track, vol. 1, 1993. Translation and commentary by Robert Schmidt from the critical edition of Boer, Teubner, Leipzig, 1958. General editor Robert Hand. The Golden Hind Press, P.O. Box 002, Berkeley Springs, W VA 25411, U.S.A. Tel. 304-258-5873. By subscription, \$15 plus mailing per volume. Visa, MC & checks.

I remember an interview I did with Ken Negus, president of the Astrological Society of Princeton, about a year or so ago at UAC in Washington about getting people to take astrology seriously. Ken, also a professor emeritus of German at Rutgers, said that the first thing we had to do was to get our "books" together. He

moved his right hand up and measured out about an inch with his thumb and forefinger, saying, "This is about as much as we have now." Then Ken stretched out his arms as wide as he could and said, "And this is how much we need!"

We are off to a good start in that direction with the publication of Paulus Alexandrinus' *Introductory Matters*, the first translation from Project Hindsight. Translator for the Greek track Robert Schmidt and editor Robert Hand have produced a document that will both validate and challenge us. A great deal more than an astrological curiosity, this 4th century Greek text contains an abundance of useful material and is even more important as a document of the roots of our tradition.

Reading *Introductory Matters* is a treat. There is much in it that is familiar -- descriptions of signs, planets and aspects, for example. There is also much that supports the Medieval and Renaissance traditions (you horary astrologers will recognize them for sure!) -- terms, faces, dignities and planetary hours. You'll also see techniques that have passed into "specialist" categories -- such as the whole sign houses that the Hindus use, as well as an ancient version of the 13th harmonic and the use of antiscia, the forerunner of Cosmobiological and Uranian midpoint technique.

Schmidt stays very true to the Greek in his translation, giving us an authentic rendering of the text. His use of the original Greek words for the names of planets and many astrological terms provides insight into the ancient Greek mindset. The terminology is set forth in his preface, and the reader soon gets accustomed to the likes of *Aphrodite*, *Ares*, *Hermes*, *Zeus* and *Kronos* for the five planets, *horoskopos* for the Ascendant, and *zoidion* for the signs. Footnotes throughout by Schmidt and Hand are instructive and further elucidate the text.

Introductory Matters is a rich source of technique, some of it surprisingly sophisticated. There is a detailed section on the calculation of the 12 lots, which we call the "Arabic Parts." Evidently we should call them "Egyptian Parts" -- Paulus attributes them to Hermes, which probably dates them at least as far back as the 2nd century B.C. in Alexandrian Egypt. He calculates most of them forward from the Ascendant for daytime births and reverses them for nighttime births, unlike Ptolemy, who calculates parts for both diurnal and nocturnal charts the same way, forward from the Ascendant.

The difference between interpretations of diurnal and nocturnal charts is a big deal throughout Paulus' astrology, as is the whole issue of masculine and feminine signs. We find in this treatise a term called "sect" (Ptolemy mentions it but never explains it clearly in the *Tetrabiblos*), a very important consideration which seems to have completely dropped out of modern astrology. After a discussion of placement by sign, term, face and degree, Paulus goes on to ex-

plain "sect" (underlining is mine):

"Since one's all is administered throughout from the Sun and the Moon, and no being in the cosmos is born apart from the mastership of these stars, it is necessary to teach what the solar as well as the lunar sect has been allotted, and that all things unite from these . . . the Sun was allotted the day and morning rising and the masculine zoidia . . . the Moon was allotted the night and evening rising and the feminine zoidia . . . Hermes, true to its common nature, rejoices both with the Sun at morning rising and with the Moon at evening rising. . . . The Sun, Kronos and Zeus rejoice at daytime births, if they have dealings in the masculine zoidia in good places, especially when Kronos and Zeus are undergoing morning risings. The Moon, Ares and Aphrodite rejoice at nocturnal births, if they rise in the evening and if they occupy feminine zoidia . . ."

Later on, in the very thorough chapter on "house" placement of the luminaries and planets, Paulus gives different interpretations for night and day births and makes a clear distinction between a planets' behavior in a masculine or a feminine sign. The doctrine of "sect" seems to have been a primary consideration for judging the strength of a planet. For example, if Venus in Taurus were found rising in a nocturnal horoscope, with the Sun below the horizon, you would judge Venus to be very powerful by sect. If you found Venus in Taurus rising in a diurnal horoscope, with the Sun above the horizon, Venus would be judged much weaker by sect. The recovery of just this one technique may very well change the way many of us evaluate a horoscope.

There's a nice section on inconjuncts and semisextiles, which Paulus terms "unconnected" or "averted from each other":

"The stars being found in these zoidia, then, become disharmonious. And sometimes they bring about enmities and factionalisms, other times separations and exiles . . . by parents towards children, by brothers, by man and wife, by slaves and masters, and by all such like."

Paulus goes on to say that these aspects are mitigated if the signs are "like-engirding" (ruled by the same planet like Taurus/Libra or Aries/Scorpio) or ascending at the same times (Virgo/Libra or Aries/Pisces).

There's a chapter on children, with a dozen considerations to determine whether a woman will have a child or not, and a similar chapter on career, "Concerning What One Does." In the chapter "Concerning Crises," Paulus gives a method for calculating primary directions (circumambulations) similar to Ptolemy's, but with examples a little easier to follow. Here we are advised to watch out for the dangerous conjunctions by direction of the lights with each other or with the Nodes, or of the Sun with Mars in a diurnal birth and the Moon with

Saturn in a nocturnal birth. Paulus also makes a distinction between dexter and sinister aspects of the malefics to the lights and Ascendant: trines in either direction give protection during a coming crisis, and the sextiles and squares on the right are free from harm; squares on the left are very dangerous, as are oppositions and conjunctions; sextiles on the left are dangerous, but not as bad as the others.

We modern astrologers all know that our science is an ancient one, but most of us have had little direct exposure to texts written prior to the end of nineteenth century. There does exist a large body of source material written in ancient languages, most of which has never been translated into any modern language, never mind English. Most of the existing work done on Greek, Latin or Arabic astrological tracts, like Claudius Ptolemy's *Tetrabiblos* (which is available in two different English translations and thus has been a basis for much of our modern practice), has suffered from an academic bias that has had little sympathy for or actual understanding of astrological practice and tradition. Project Hindsight, recently formed by scholars in the astrological community, has put the history of astrology back into the hands of astrologers with its high-quality translations of ancient astrological texts. This project, entirely funded by the astrological community through donations and subscriptions, is providing documentation of the roots of this ancient art, as well as the accessibility of long-lost material. We are indeed "getting our books together."

(I must say that this review is a lot easier to read and understand than the translation was! I'm sorry but I have a feeling that for a good many of us, the translation needs translating into something the average among us can understand. My Taurus/Capricorn is aware that this is going to be an expensive proposition. Getting all this translated and paid for by the astro community is going to take some doing. I readily admit I am not brilliant but I'm not exactly stupid either. I have been hearing comments that say the translations need translating into workable English. If this starts happening they'll get the support needed. What say the rest of you? Am I the only one who had difficulty with the translations? Speak up now or don't complain later. Edith)

**MAURICE McCANN
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OCTOBER, 1993**

I have just received my first copy of the *Mercury Hour* and I have found it a fascinating read. It is the first astrological magazine that I have read cover to cover, probably because this concept of letters only, is, in many ways more interesting than articles. It never

occurred to me why it was that on receiving other magazines I would first of all turn to the letters page, I was not consciously aware of doing it, the Mercury Hour made me aware of this habit.

In your October '93, 78th edition, I read Olivia Barclay's letters with more interest than you could imagine concerning the Nostradamus horary and her reference to one of her own horaries from her book "Horary Astrology Rediscovered".

The horoscope that was published on page 31 for the question from the Canons of Orange Cathedral was quite puzzling. Olivia has set the chart for Paris, 48N50, 2E20, yet Orange where the question was asked, is located at 44N8, 4E47, and Salon where Nostradamus lived, at 43N39, 5E6. Why Paris, when it is nearly 400 miles north north west of where the querent and the astrologer resided? Why did she not use the latitude and longitude that Nostradamus himself used in the original horary? Why did she not at least duplicate Nostradamus' own chart which is reproduced in Edgar Leoni's book "Nostradamus and his Prophecies"?

Yet another curiosity arises from Olivia in page 51 of MH. In her letter to Lillian E. Trevi she gives her version of a void of course Moon from her book on horary astrology and uses William Lilly's "Christian Astrology" for reference.

Lilly said on page 319 Chapter L. Of Servants fled, Beasts strayed, and things lost. "The significator of the thing lost is the Moon". Also, on page 323 2nd paragraph, he said that the animal would be restored if "the Moon applied to the Ascendant".

Therefore, in Olivia's chart concerning the rabbit, the Moon as well as the Sun, should also signify the lost rabbit. But in this chart she says the Moon is void of course, so nothing will happen. How then was the rabbit returned to its owner if nothing will happen, surely this contradicts the void of course Moon?

Olivia's answer on page 190 is that the significators were powerful enough to overcome the void of course Moon. To quote: "The Moon is weak and void of course, so it is of secondary importance in this chart. In fact, the chart is only good because the main significator is so well-placed on the M.C. with Jupiter otherwise the void Moon could be a caution."

But, according to Lilly's "Table whereby to examine the Fortitudes and Debilities of the Planets" on page 115 of Christian Astrology:

The Sun being angular receives + 5 points.

The Sun being peregrine receives - 5 points.

Therefore the Sun being the main significator of the rabbit has a total of 0 points.

Jupiter being in mutual reception with Mars which Olivia forgot to mention, receives + 5 points.

Jupiter being in the 10th house according to Olivia, receives + 5 points.

Jupiter peregrine gets - 5 points.

Jupiter in fall gets - 4 points.

Altogether a total of + 1 for Jupiter.

Nevertheless, she clearly states on page 224 of her book: "Any planet within 5° of a cusp is read as being in the following house". So according to her own words Jupiter is not angular but in the 11th house since it is within 3° 4 minutes, therefore 5 points need to be deducted from its total of 1 point giving a grand total of - 4 points.

This now puts a different complexion on her statement that the main significators are well-placed on the M.C.

The reason why the querent recovered the rabbit so easily was because the Moon was not void of course because it was applying by sextile to the Ascendant degree, as Lilly had already said, by 50 minutes!

As to her point about the void Moon in the signs of Jupiter or the Moon, this is from Lilly once again who wrote on page 122 of CA: "when the Moon is void of course; yet somewhat she performs if void of course, and be either in Taurus, Cancer, Sagittarius or Pisces". Lilly is quoting directly from the work of Guido Bonatti whose book "Anima Astrologiae - The Astrologer's Guide" was translated from the Latin by Henry Coley and was edited by Lilly in 1676. The quotation is found on page 30 of the facsimile of the 1886 edition by Regulus Publishing Co. Ltd. 1986. Bonatti's birth and death are not recorded accurately but he lived sometime in the 13th century.

Obviously, neither Bonatti or Lilly, nor Olivia Barclay for that matter, took time to investigate the power of the Moon in these signs. If they had done so they would have seen that the Moon in Pisces, according to Ptolemy's table (born in Ptolemais in Egypt circa 100 - 178 A.D.) which Olivia has faithfully reproduced on page 98 of her book, is peregrine or totally without power. In Sagittarius, the Moon has only the weakest strength of all while between 10 - 20 degrees, its face, which according to Lilly's table of Fortitudes and Debilities already mentioned, scores 1 point. While the Moon is between 0 - 10 & 20 - 30 degrees it is peregrine, so how can the Moon have the strength to act as Olivia says when void in these two signs? The answer is, according to Bonatti, Lilly et. al, it can't.

(Just by way of introduction to Maurice, he co-authored "Eclipses - The Power Points of Astrology," published by Aquarian Press in 1989. He was Chairman of the Astrological Lodge of London in 1985, 1987-9. Edith)



**DAVID MEADOWS
OTTOBRUNN, GERMANY
OCTOBER, 1993**

It has been quite some time since I last wrote to Mercury Hour, and as Edith has requested that we communicate more often I have decided it was time I put pen to paper again.

1993 has certainly been a difficult year for me. In my natal chart I have JU (19 CAN 55) CON my UR (23 CAN 38) in 7th house. Tr. UR CON NE has been OPP my n. JU, during which time I took my employer to court for unfair dismissal. The 7th house can also be "open enemies", and JU located there to do with justice. But with tr. UR CON NE OPP my n. JU it turned out to be a court case full of surprises and disappointments. If I went into all the details I would fill many pages of Mercury Hour, so I can only give a very brief account. On the day of the full court case my solicitor didn't turn up, and he sent his colleague instead who knew nothing about the case! Although a settlement was made in the court I wasn't really happy with it. Reluctantly, I decided to accept the offer made by my ex-company. From what I had seen from the two court dates, and my solicitor turning out to be useless, I was very disappointed with how the legal system operates in Germany. If I had taken the court case further, a new court date would have been October time, with tr. UR CON NE OPP my n. JU once again. Not a good transit to try and win a court case. My solicitor was very good at the beginning, but after he moved to a new office it was like having a new solicitor. I will have to checkout my local space chart and see if that will explain things.

Then from March to September I did an accountancy course which involved a lot of studying and hard work. Many people thought I would find this course too difficult with everything being in German. Altogether I took ten exams. I got five note 1's, four note 2's and one note 4. The note 4 was in law and civil rights, and this was the only subject I had difficulty with due to the language.

Now I'm trying to fix myself up with a new job, but so far I've had no success. I've been "so near" many times to getting a job, and it always seems to be unexpected (UR) surprises (NE) turning up when a job is there for the taking. How have other astrologers experienced the tr. UR CON NE?

Does anyone know the birth data for American magician David Copperfield? He is currently doing his first European tour and has been the sensation of the year in Munich.

Barbara Dunn 76/43: I was very impressed with the horary you did to find out when Princess Anne would get married. Whenever I've tried to do horary I always find it difficult to interpret the chart. Sometimes it is difficult on deciding what houses are involved in a question, and this could be why I find horary hard going. How long did it take you to com-

plete the Qualifying Horary Diploma Course? Perhaps I should do a horary course, but deciding which one to do is not easy.

Bonnie Parker 77/65: I enjoyed reading about your stay in Norway, especially your experience of crossing over the Arctic Circle.

At the beginning of August I was in Northern Finland for two weeks. I stayed at a small resort called Ruka Loma (27 km north of Kuusamo) which is 45 miles below the Arctic Circle. It was a strange experience for it to be only "half dark" for two hours, and it certainly made me ask many questions astrologically. I crossed over the Arctic Circle on the way to Kemijarvi, and I received a certificate stating I had done so. I crossed back over the Arctic Circle at Rovaniemi where Santa Claus lives!

You wrote that the local astrologers in Tromso use Placidus or Koch houses in charts calculated for the northern part of Norway. Having done some research setting up charts for locations above the Arctic Circle, I can't agree with the astrologers in Tromso.

Try setting up a chart for 10:39 P.M. on 21st June 1993 in Tromso (69N40 - 18E58). When you have done so, work out the Placidus or Koch houses cusps and you'll find it can't be done. The chart shows ASC = 0 SAG 52 and MH = 0 SAG 54, i.e. ASC is conjunct MH!

If you set up a chart for 2:52 A.M. on 21st June 1993 in Tromso, again Placidus and Koch houses can't be calculated. This time ASC = 29 CAN 08 and MH = 29 CAP 04, i.e., DSC is conjunct MH!

When MH is CON ASC or CON DSC, the ASC is stationary and then changes direction!

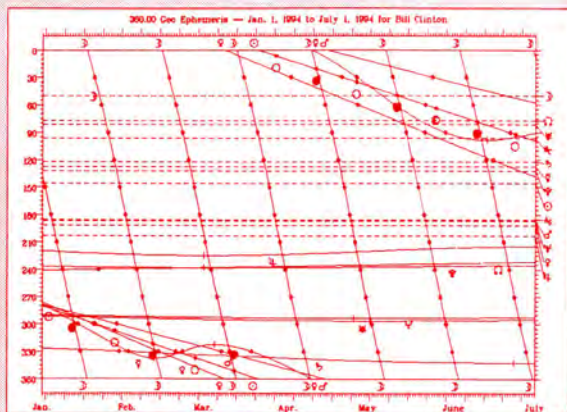
Placidus and Koch are the two most popular house systems that astrologers use. But for locations above the Arctic Circle it depends on what time a person is born whether or not Placidus or Koch houses can be used.

Ann E. Parker 78/28: I read with great interest your observation that MA and PL are very prominent in eclipses proceeding an earthquake. When both MA and PL are angular in an area prone to earthquakes, then it is certainly an excellent starting point for further research.



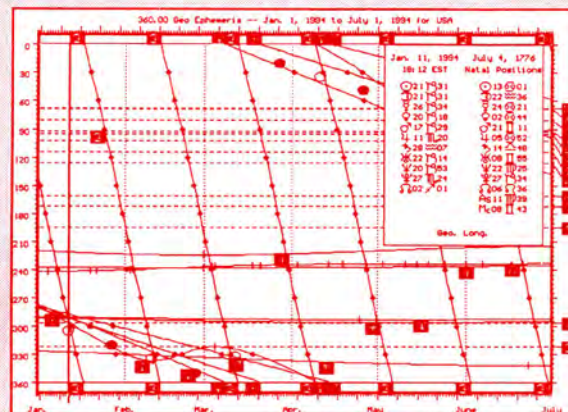
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