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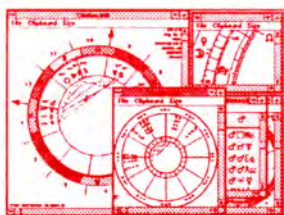
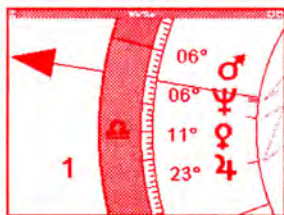
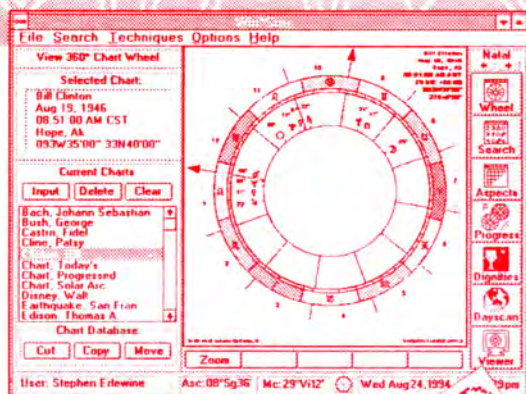
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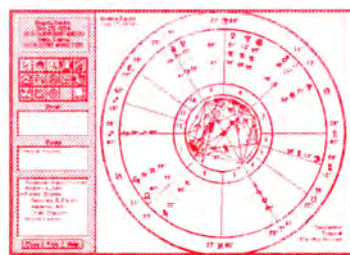


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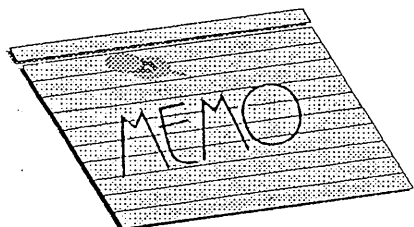
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Love & Hope,

Edith Custer

HI!!

Happy holidays and a prosperous New Year to all from all of us here at Mercury Hour.

For all of our new subscribers let me explain how we indicate who someone is addressing and where you can find what they are referring to: (1) Name (of person being addressed) (2) Edition # (87) (3) Page number (18) - It would read this way EDITH CUSTER 87/18. In referencing something in an Extra edition it would read: Name - 29/X/19. The Extra editions are only published when we have enough material to fill one. They are the same price as the regular editions and can be ordered when you renew your subscription or when published. Please don't order more than one at a time since we don't know when they will be published. If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to ask. This is your magazine, you write, we publish it. Without you it would not exist - and it has for 21 years now. Thank you!

I want to thank all of you who called or wrote about my back problems. It is a little better and I am working on it. It is just frustrating that it takes so long. My helio Mars in Aries has no patience for the restrictions this bad back puts on me.

With the help of Pam and Arlene I made it thru the N.C.G.R. "East meets West" Conference in Kansas, City, MO. The lecturers were certainly diversified although I couldn't sit through a full one.

I had to cancel the trip to Toronto. Didn't think it was fair to keep them hanging when I had no idea when or if I would be feeling better.

The University of the Seven Rays will celebrate their 10th International Conference April 17 thru April 21, 1996. For more information you can write to: University of the Seven Rays, 128 Manhattan Ave., Jersey City, N.J. 07307-3812 or call 201/798-7777.

Marion March just informed us that Joan McEvers had a small stroke and is much better now. That's a lady many of us would truly miss. Best wishes for a full and speedy recovery Joan.

Project Hindsight January 18-21, 1996, Travelodge Hotel, Long Beach, CA. The latest news is that Project Hindsight

will be on the west coast January 18-21, 1996 at the Travelodge Hotel Resort & Marina, 700 Queensway Drive, Long Beach, CA., sponsored by Aquarius Workshops, Inc., ISAR and NCGR LA Chapter.

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For more information please phone: 805-525-0461 PST; 310-398-9037 PST; or 304-258-5873 EST.

The Institute of Vedic Astrology is having their 4th International Symposium Feb. 1 to 6, 1996 at the Del Mar Hilton Hotel in North San Diego California.

They are having a Pre-Symposium Introductory class as well as a Post-Symposium Intensive and an Advanced Studies Intensive besides the main program. For more information you can write to the Institute of Vedic Astrology, P.O. Box 2149, Sedonia, AZ 86339 or call Dennis Harness at (520)-282-6595.

The Post Symposium Intensive (10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on 2/6/96) will be advanced studies in Medical Astrology with Dr. K.S. Charak.

The Astrological Society of CT. is holding a CUSPacho Symposium at the Marriott Hotel, Rocky Hill, CT. 100 Capital Blvd. Rocky Hill, CT. 06067, March 22 thru 25th, 1996. I'm scheduled to do two lectures and am looking forward to being there. (The good Lord willing and the creeks don't rise!) See ad in this edition for speakers and contact people.

Peggy Campbell, an ex-president of Richmond, Virginia's "Mars" group passed away October 31, 1995. She had been ill for quite a while. I know the group and her friends will miss her.

By this time I am sure all of you

have heard that Linda Goodman and Patrick Walker have also passed away.

To all our new subscribers - please don't just read - WRITE! That's what we are here for, for you to be able to express your opinions, have your say, share your ideas and thoughts, to communicate!

Please check the first page to see if you are due for renewal. If it is filled in, you are due. Please note on

your check if it is for renewal or whatever.

We printed half of the 30th extra edition. The rest will follow as soon as we get enough for another 30 pages or so. If you've paid for the 30th it should be included. There was a lot of O.J. stuff we wanted to get out.

Love and Hope,

Edith

Edith Custer

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**DON BORKOWSKI
SALEM, OR
AUGUST, 1995**

A brief update on my health is in order. The numbness I've been experiencing in my extremities has localized to both hands and my right forearm. The doctor says that he sees it as a combination of work-related stress and irritated nerves. He's put me on a hefty Vitamin B complex and Aleve. Both seem to help, but it's very slow, as the doctor told me to expect. Fortunately enough dexterity has come back so that I can type. Astrologically, this problem seems most readily tied to transit Saturn opposing my Virgo stellium from the 3rd house. But we must not overlook the mutual reception that is currently operational between Saturn and Neptune. What Ivy Jacobson termed the "exchange status" of a mutual reception can be extrapolated to say that it is virtually like Neptune also opposing my Virgo stellium from the 3rd house. It may be so. Many of the people around me complain about my current absent-mindedness, and I, myself, feel rather muddle-headed much of the time. Saturn

enters Aries April 7, 1996. I hope I can get used to this nonsense before I have to wait that long.

In other matters, I heard that Al H. Morrison died. Al was a brilliant astrologer. It's a shame that his contentiousness destroyed so much of his credibility. But if Al H. weren't so contentious, he wouldn't be Al H. What we want to know is if his various publications are still available. We are most interested in the ephemerides of previously unstudied asteroids. If there is any way to get these please let me know.

I just picked up a book called Astrology Really Works by the Magi Society. It is published by the astrological division of Hay House and retails for \$12.95. The book seems to stress aspects, and it's very good to see parallels getting some long-overdue attention. Yet the book ignores houses, the Ascendant and the Moon, preferring to address only Solar charts. Likewise, I must have missed any discussion of ordinary people who are astro-twins of the successful ones mentioned there.

To Win Kemp & Edith, (85/39), here is more on the handedness issue. I've known two astrologers here in the Northwest who each have 6 geo planets in Gemini. Both were born June 19, 1944, and both are right-handed. Mike Caven has Virgo rising, but Sue Scott has Capricorn rising.

JOSEPH SILVEIRA deMELLO
SAN FRANCISCO, CA
SEPTEMBER, 1995

Kristina Strom (86/3) I guess you will just have to grin and bear it that your middle daughters are embarrassed at your astrology. You never know what will set kids off. Her mother's laughter always bothered an old friend of mine, for her mother was of the Edwardian Age where a rich and bawdy laugh expressed high entertainment. One day we taped my friend and played her distinctive laugh back to her and she had to admit she laughed just like her mother. So what to do in your case? Obviously they have not got to the root of what embarrasses them about astrology. There is nothing you can reason with. And ridicule of anything they do is not a helpful approach. Since everybody else knows you do astrology, what now is the point of hiding it. They will just have to desensitize.

The I Am books are all still in print and are not regarded as rare. The complete collection was on the shelf at my local bookstore, Field's Books, 1419 Polk Street, SF, CA 94109. They are mostly priced at twenty-one dollars each. They are published by the St. Germaine Press, no address given where I could easily see it. This past year two new titles have been added. These all purport to be the revelations of the Count Saint Germaine as given to the author Godfre Ray King. And they are still printed in blue ink. I think I have read three of them, but they made a fine impression on me, so much so that I have been edgy of going to Mt. Shasta and was there only on a night train. Howard Hammitt, Jr. one time Recording Secretary of AFA retired there for the final two years of his life, which also made an impression on me. Howard was a very quiet knowledgeable astrologer and a very spiritual and peaceful man.

You will find throughout the history of astrology in America that it

is not only the Pluto in Leo folk who found new and startling meanings in astrology. People sit home and think of ways in which they can leave a mark of their immortality on astrology. Gavin Arthur chose to label Neptune as feminine and Pluto as ruler of Aries. Someone else felt we ought to write the signs in counterclockwise fashion around the cusps of our charts. Or, you've got to have a gimmick if you want to get ahead.

Now there you have it Frank Jakubowsky (86/63), my Moon, Pluto and Neptune paragraphs. If I do not alter this by inserting a new leading paragraph, the order will remain as originally written, and this should be my Mars paragraph. My objection to your methodology remains since I do change the order of my paragraphs while writing and editing. Also I think you give me airs which are not really me. It is nice that the real me remains hidden, even from myself, yet should be so plain to others. If you mean that my first paragraph demonstrates Sun in Cancer, second the Sun in Scorpio, 3rd the Sun in Pisces, and 4th the Sun in Aries, I think I am doing that right now: not accepting your ideas because they are not mine, for which shoddiness I heartily apologize. Right now, the above paragraphs are in the order written, but this is totally untrue of previous MH letters from me, and today I could not tell you the original order of any past letters. I make a conscious effort to keep spiritual and religious meanings out of the astrology I practice, preferring the practical-helpful approach. Usually any references to Christ and Christianity turn me off, perhaps because I have found the people who most promulgate such notions act mostly as if they are alien to such ideas. I dare say I am personally as taken today by Lloyd Douglas' "Magnificent Obsession" or the writing of Taylor Caldwell, but those are not astrology. I think you have a great point regarding the Richard Henry Lee resolution, and I would indeed like to see what Marc Penfield does with it. But little did John Adams realize that the use of guns and fireworks would become so restricted in our times. Certain ethnic groups out here, as you well know, fire off guns and fireworks to celebrate the New Year with great abandon, even tossing the latter at each other with dangerous effect. The Universal Mind and Human Nature are not altruistic, alas, and neither political correctness nor higher consciousness will make them so.

Sun paragraph, back to Kristina Strom, I suggest we use Saturn as indicator of the father, and Moon as indicator of the mother as the antidote to misjudging 4th and 10th houses. I have not found people fragile in discussions of Saturn with them. I handle Saturn very gently. People have to roll with Saturn and use it to their best advantage, and Saturn allows that. I read quickly through your navicular necrosis and stopped to put up your chart. What impressed me immediately was the number of Out of Bounds and close to bounds declinations. Then there were two disconnected bi-quintiles of Mercury to East Point (read as if Asc) and Jupiter-Pluto, with a quintile between Saturn and Vertex. (So a quintile is a talent?) Then my aspect grid gave no aspects to Mars, so I had to check that more thoroughly and found Mars sesquiquad Fortune and distantly the same to Saturn, Mars tri-septile Uranus and Asc, Mars septile Chiron, Mars semi-square Venus. A check of the transits reveals Neptune as square itself, so no wonder you got avuncular [sic] disagnoses. [sic] Saturn has been opposite itself and over your MC. You wrote in July after Mars transited your Saturn, Neptune on your Mars. I was looking for something chronic such as I have had with my back. Not that I am great shakes or much interested in medical astrology. We now have Chiron op Saturn, and Mars at midpoint of your Saturn and Neptune, or Mars conj Chiron. Considering principally transiting Neptune over your Mars and square your Neptune should be sufficient to tell it the way you told us. Do I recommend acupuncture? It's a "why not" thing I was seriously considering for my back, and would have been "right" had the problem been other than what it was, a fluid spill from a broken cyst on my sciatic nerve. I doubt acupuncture could have dealt with that. See Lee Weinreb (86/11).

Barbara Shafferman (86/5) (so this gets to be Saturn paragraph; let's see what comes of it). Maybe the most difficult to deal with are those with no angular planets. I think simplicity of approach is recommended with the charts of this technique. Once over lightly, and check the aspects made by angular planets. But you can't promise a bland year to people with no angular planets, or a year of no troubles. Now I can't think of what it was about your Virgo attorney. I went looking at unfiled clippings, at your previous letter (84/23) and found nothing to clue me. That's going to remain a mystery. My recollection tells

me that our local paper picked up on something, that a local friend additionally sent me a clipping of it, but where oh where can it be? and what was it? I, too, will let Considerations drop. Don't know if it is Amer. On Line or Prodigy, but it seems I heard one of them censors transferal of astrological charts. Suspect it is Prodigy. There has been so much of Oklahoma bombing charts, even did some of them myself. Keep meaning to drag them out to see how the matter moves, but haven't. I am sure they remain in this big stack on the side of my desk, all of which is going to have to be moved, everything in this bay window, for when the house painters unseal the windows which were painted shut the last time the building was painted.

Mercury paragraph, such a Summer. First in May and early June, the pavement was renewed past my window, an eight block project of great din and dust/dirt. Now two doors up, a garage is being inserted under someone's garden (at least that's what it will look like when done). All sorts of renovations to two buildings across the street. Now scaffolding around my building. The first layer is up out front, and then it came to a halt. The building is going to be cleaned by water pressure, oh my.

Ed Dearborn and Don Borkowski (86/15) Does Dernay's book still give the latitude of my birth place as 41N19 (Newport, RI) which should be 41N29. The former is in the ocean, and for years I took it as gospel truth until I looked it up elsewhere. There's always a nit to pick. When the question originally came up, I remembered being told that atlases varied between City Hall and Post Office. In my hometown these were a half mile apart. But variations exist all over the place, and city centers evolve. Here in San Francisco, not anywhere near the city center, we have a stele in an off-side park giving lat and long to the second (which I have never used, just rounded it off). What I do not like about Darney is that it does not give separate coordinates for the boroughs of New York City but pays a lot of attention to suburbs of Los Angeles. Maybe some New Yorker can give us those, please. (And if this has been my Venus paragraph, I must have a miserable Venus.) Aha, Don, so that's where I got that thing about the 29th degree, many thanks, I owe you another.

Dianne Lawson (86/58) I was taught to set up a progressed chart as an entity

in itself but also put them around my natal chart. I am a little unsure about reading the significance of the progressed chart on its own. Mostly people look at lunar progressions and aspects it makes, forgetting to discard aspects to planets which the Moon did not aspect at birth.

Jindra Johanisova (86/59) thanks for your words and the data. Now I don't know if this does it, but her progressed MC in 1981 came to your MC, and your progressed Moon was on your natal MC. At first I thought it might be that her progressed Sun came to your Sun, fostering copetitiveness, [sic] but that did not turn out. Also, her progressed Moon would have crossed her natal Ascendant slightly earlier and be coming to an opposition to your Mars, but it would have been a year later in coming up to your natal Ascendant. I am sure there is an answer. We'll see if others look and discover.

Jim Haynes (86/67) The only place my name appears as "deMello" is in the local phone book, because most people can only find me that way. So it has been for three generations, with no "Hispanic" reference to the spouses of the two previous generations. DMV had a problem not hyphenating it, as did Social Security. No problem at the bank. On the other hand, methinks I have not been too hard on Verzummo. I have difficulties with her going back to natural house rulers and turning astrology to mush. If Capricorn rules the 2nd house, does not Saturn rule the person's money? Why go back to Venus (which would be a distant secondary ruler, somewhere out in left field). If, as was the case, we talk of the country's money, a Gemini rising USA chart would have Cancer 2nd house and money ruled by the Moon, first. Why do a Venus thing. If you use the Scorpio rising chart, Jupiter rules the 2nd house. In any case, Venus was in Cancer, and in the Scorpio rising chart, it was in the 8th house of taxes. As for Venus as mature woman, I'll take that up with you in personal correspondence. I was taught there were four financial planets, Venus brings hundreds, Jupiter brings thousands, Neptune brings millions, and Pluto billions. I'm damned sure that doesn't go back to Ptolemy, so It may be of questionable modernity. But not to worry. My money may be ruled by the Moon with Pluto in the 2nd house. With Venus 7th, I have rich intimates none of whom I sought to "marry" Annibale Verzummo will no doubt go on having Mars

rule the first house, Venus the 2nd and Mercury the 3rd, etc. Doubt I am going to change her, but I do want to make others aware that astrology has more dimension than she seems able to give it. So she does Lessons for Beginners, like putting all your students to start off again in kindergarten or talking down to students. Students need to be reminded how complex is the study of astrology from their earliest days of study. You were around, surely, when she mixed cardinal with angular houses or skipped realizing that cardinal signs are not always on angular houses. So that's my two buck's worth.

MARGARET W. FISHER
COLUMBUS, OH
AUGUST, 1995

Re: Grateful Dead leader Andy Garcia: Born Andres Arturo Garcia Menendez (his mother's family name) on April 12, 1956. (National Examiner, pg. 2, August 22, 1995)

Please note according to the AFA Bulletin Vol. 57 No. 9 page 316 Grateful Dead leader Jerry Garcia died August 9, 1995 at 4:23 AM PDT, Los Angeles, CA. Jerry Garcia not Andy Garcia was the leader of the Grateful Dead.

Birth data for Jerry Garcia courtesy Beth Koch. Birth certificate data for Jerry Garcia appears in Lois Rodden's Astro Data IV: August 1, 1942, 12:05 PM PWT, San Francisco, CA.

JIM HAYNES
HOLLYWOOD, CA
OCTOBER, 1995

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

I was going to send you some money,
but I had to buy
some tickets to the
Fireman's Ball, and
the Policeman's Ball,
and the Society Charity Ball,
and now I'm broke.
I hope you're not mad at me...

...But I'll admit
it took a lot
of Balls
to spend
your Birthday money
that way!

BIL TIERNEY
ALPHRETTA, GA
AUGUST, 1995

A LOOK AT JUPITER'S SHORTCOMINGS

"Just put on a happy face..." (as the song goes) could well describe Jupiter's approach to meeting up against life. New students are going to be reading a lot about Jupiter's sunny, benevolent, "lucky" side. A fundamental principle of this planet is the urge to inspire and uplift. Jupiter promotes our capacity to idealistically think big and to promote whatever we mentally believe in. It's more of a "head" than a "heart" planet (similar to Mercury and Uranus). But that doesn't mean it's necessarily objective or detached. After all, it is also a fire planet (its Sagittarius connection) with maybe some water undertones (due to its secondary Pisces connection; but even Pisces, being a mutable sign, can be quite mental in its orientation considering its interest in intellectual overview/theories that help unify life). Jupiter can display a big-hearted, sympathetic, almost effusive side when attempting to intellectually warm up and win over an audience (think of the charisma of an upbeat professor or an enthused minister---that's an example of this planet's expressiveness when revved up).

So what's not to admire about this cosmic cheerleader? For one thing, Jupiter---like all planets and signs---also possess less attractive qualities (shadow material?) It would rather sweep under the rug and not face. Yet even Jupiter's most unappealing traits are still not anyway near as unappetizing as are Pluto's---unless perhaps Jupiter is linked up aspectwise with Pluto (a planet that takes anything to a "mega" level). Still, students need to be aware that Jupiterian aspects in their charts (especially the tensional ones) are not always encouraging them to act out thru good Samaritan urges or healthy expansion in all the best directions for all the right reasons.

With Jupiter, the tendency to "over" anything is possible (over-reach, overdo, over-react, over-indulge). Unlike Neptune, Jupiter does understand about boundaries (it must work within the dictates of Saturnian time and space). But it still pushes matters in an attempt to test out just how far it is allowed to

go (the sky's the limit, right?) before being stopped in its tracks. Or before reaching the bursting point (ever over-fill a "water" balloon?)

For Jupiter, less is certainly not more (that's just Saturnian gibberish, according to the book of Jove). Only more could possibly be more, and then some. Remember that this massive planet is really an inflated gas ball, without the rock solid core the Earth possesses. The implication is that puffed-up Jupiter is more show than substance, more promise than delivery, more hype than actuality. No wonder it's the professional politician's planet! But why does fiery Jupiter feels it has to portray itself as larger than life? Why does it always attempt the grand display?

On the human psychological level, this all smacks of over-compensation for hidden inadequacies or insecurities in other areas of the psyche. When Jupiter's acting-up and horsing around starts to become obnoxious, (and we've all seen examples of inappropriately rowdy behavior), that's probably a clue that this fundamentally protective planet is attempting to help us cover up less obvious personality flaws and defects.

Jupiter typically provides the glossy coat of whatever it takes to impress others and make them feel good about who we are. So, a problem with mismanaged Jupiter energy is phoniness, insincerity, hypocrisy, and even arrogance. Plus with that unrealistic sense of self-importance, Jupiter may feel that it is above following the rules of social conduct. There is a lawless side to this freedom-embracing planet, although it is seldom malicious or violent (let's face it, jay-walking is not on the same level of wrongdoing as is ax-murdering).

I affectionately call Jupiter the planet of "ha-ha". Humor is very important for Jupiter's well-being (even the sense of well-being is in itself very important). Jupiter's take on humor is broad and farcical. It's sometimes slapstick and most times unsophisticated. Even innocently corny. But is Jupiter hiding less noble feelings of hostility and masking even sadness with its surface display of hilarity? Yes and no. Humor makes us feel good for the moment, and that is always what Jupiter wants. But when some of the "Jupiterians" amongst are always "on" (a la comedian Robin Williams, who's actually more of a Urani-

an humorist) and when they will do or say anything for a laugh, it could actually be a ploy to keep true intimacy from being established? If anyone has ever asked you "Can't you ever be serious for a moment?"---then you are probably hiding behind Jupiter's big yellow smiley face a bit too much.

Speaking of intimacy, getting real close to others is a paradoxical problem for Jupiter. Here is a planet representative of kind-hearted warmth, of friendly overtures, of the out-stretched open hand of approachability. Jupiter wants to give everybody in the room a big hug. Or form a circle and hold hands for a group affirmation. It enjoys the fellowship of people who share common beliefs and social objectives. So why is it that when operating on the private one-on-one level, Jupiter has a hard time getting cozy and letting go of its cheerful facade? Why does it feel claustrophobic and hesitant about attachments? I seem to have more questions here than answers.

Uranus has an intimacy problem too, perhaps even worse. Jupiter doesn't detach (being fiery) as successfully as does Uranus, but it still attempts to create arm's length emotional (if not geographical) distance when it starts to feel trapped in its relationships. This is why I often repeat in talks and workshops: carefully study those Moon or Venus stress aspects to Jupiter in another person's chart before you fall too heavily for them, unless you yourself have Moon/Venus conflicts to Jupiter (or Uranus). But if your Moon/Venus fall in signs like Cancer or Taurus, or if either aspect Neptune (the soul-mate fantasy maker), forget it! Jupiter, while not mean nor cruel, can still make Moon/Venus/Neptune types feel excluded and neglected. Example: At the boss' annual Christmas party, casual Jupiter can insensitively introduce a long-term live-in lover of 13 years as "I'd like you to meet my friend Ethel". And you just know poor Moon in Pisces Ethel feels wounded by it! Commitment-sounding terms of endearment come hard for Jupiter.

While there are several other issues I could delve into regarding Jupiter's shortcomings, I will close by addressing the procrastination theme. Why does Jupiter put off things until whenever? Some books blame it on sheer laziness. There is a bit of that in Jupiter (and Venus). Both planets seem to have a magnetic pull when it comes to comfort

and enjoyment. Jupiter procrastinates perhaps when an activity required is not "fun" or easy to do. Jupiter knows it lacks the driving motivation of Mars and the staying power of Saturn. And so, things get put off until tomorrow.

Another possible reason is that Jupiter is waiting around to see the bigger picture of things before taking action: We may not be conscious of this, but our stalling act can sometimes enable more meaningful data to be compiled about anybody or any situation. And this in turn allows for better judgment calls later when we must make a decision and move upon it. But that could be perilously close to a deadline (or maybe a payment due date?) And so I'm willing to give the Jupiter process the benefit of the doubt by saying that what even appears to be indecisiveness or aimlessness could be Jupiter's way of using its intuition to come up with more opportune time-tables for future action. But from a more practical perspective, Jupiter is probably not doing the pile of dishes in the sink because it's instead praying for some greater adventure to take it away from the mundane daily realities of living (leave that boring drudgery to Virgo)!

I hope all the above gives you a little more to work with when fleshing out the Jupiter personality profile. Maybe you can take it from here and write about issues I haven't covered, such as: Jupiter's tendency to forget things, overlook details, act carelessly, be clumsy, run away from responsibilities, harbor prejudices based upon sweeping generalizations, engage in "white lies", even fail monogamy tests, etc.



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**DONNA VAN TOEN
TORONTO, CANADA
OCTOBER, 1995**

...I've been meaning to write for months but invariably clients, classes, or some kind of administritivia intervenes. So here goes...

To Rita Friedman (86/10): I like your dream! I've long thought that we in the astrological community could save valuable time and energy by having such a clearing house. A lot of astrology students, part-time astrologers, and even full-time astrologers have other, "outer-world" skills that many of us in the community might be more than willing to pay for if only we knew how to access them. Setting up such a network wouldn't take an awful lot of effort. It would only take one person, organization, or magazine willing to add a line on membership/subscription forms that asks for occupation, then maybe a person to computerize the data and make the list available via mail and/or downloading. Adding birth data would perhaps also be a nice option. Once word spreads, I'm sure people would be more than willing to be listed. Then if we're looking for a real estate agent or a therapist or a caterer or an herbalist or whatever, we could thumb through listings and see who's available locally. Many people in our community are highly talented but have a tough time surviving on what they make in astrology or through their creativity. Seems to me that if we could support one another on whatever level there are skills, astrology would benefit as a direct or indirect result.

To Kristina Strom (86/13): Hear, hear! Wholeheartedly agree that we must deal with male and female charts differently, I'm all for equality, but men and women are biologically not the same. Different is not inferior, it's just different...We should be celebrating people's uniqueness---not trying to push everybody together in a box called "same as". Equal doesn't mean the same as...

To Don Borkowski (86/30): How did you get coordinates for your birth hospital? To me, this is the way to go. Few people are born in the Post Office or City Hall, and while differences in coordinates may be negligible, a difference is a difference.

To Cathy Hand: Loved the light bulb stuff!

To Edith: Take care of yourself, huh? We need you for the next 7 Hills. I haven't made one yet, and am determined to do so. (Anything's possible: I did finally get this written, didn't I?)

**JAN INGERSOLL
ANCHORAGE, AK
SEPTEMBER, 1995**

It's time to renew MH for my 22nd year - it's been invaluable and my only continuous subscription of any kind for this long. There must be a good reason!

Alaska has been the "Banana Belt" of the North lately. We've had very moderate weather temps - even hot for here this year. We had a big flood in South Central, AK in September - the typhoon Oscar hit here on its way out of Japan. That was unusual. Seward, AK had 10 in. of rain in one day and another 2 in. the next day - our average yearly rainfall is 15 in.

When I moved to my present address on JUPITER DRIVE in Anchorage in 1970, this road was named Ora Dee Rd. I discovered astrology at this location and started my studies last 25 yrs. of practice. Within a year of my move here, the city came and renamed our road Jupiter Drive. I had been learning astrology by then and found that my 4th house of home contained Jupiter in Capricorn! Alaska is a Capricorn state - my true earthly home for the past 25+ years now. We had a teaching-healing center here - we had many group meetings, gatherings and a large family. Fate?? Lots of fun and growth. We also BUILT on to the house.

Keep well Edith - we still need and love you! Thanks to the staff and great contributors.

**MOLLIE SOMMER
REDLANDS, CA
SEPTEMBER, 1995**

In the July EX, pg. 22, I suggested a birth time for O.J. of 8:13:03, which added five minutes to his B.C. time. In working on his charts, I came up with a date of January 26-27, 1996, when transit Neptune would reach an exact sextile of

his natal Moon. Since the Moon is the chart ruler of the 12th house of prisons, and Neptune is the natural ruler of the 12th, I thought it must have significance, but I dismissed it out of hand as absurd, being so far in the future. Now I'm not so sure, so I'm throwing out there just in case it means something. What it signifies to me is that prison (Neptune-12th) will be home (Moon). I can't imagine a verdict taking that long, however, nothing about this trial surprises me anymore. Just have to wait and see.

Barbara Shafferman (86/5): Re Solar Returns not giving reliable results - neither have I. For one thing, you can't time coming events, then there's the question of doing them for place of birth or residence and whether they should be corrected for precession. There are easier ways to find out what's happening. A crystal ball comes to mind. Whatever method a person uses, if s/he can't get consistent reliable results, the information it gives is unreliable.

My letter rectifying my father's chart (86/6): Last line, para. 2 should read he was going overseas. (You are right. We typed the wrong word. Edith)

Dorothy Dobrinsky (86/12): I am delighted to get some feedback! I always wonder if the information I give is helping anyone. If no one tells me, I have no way of knowing, so thank you, thank you. I only wish I were allowed to read for clients. Research can get tedious.

Ed Dearborn (86/15): You state ... five miles of distance equates to an error of about five minutes of distance. To what do you add the five minutes?

Don Borkowski (86/30): I ran your charts. On July 2, 1995, tran. Uranus, ruler of your prog. and s.a. Asc. opposed Venus, 29:15 CAN, ruler of your natal 6th, which you already know. Since sec. prog. Venus is conjunct sec. prog. Saturn in Virgo (sickness), it could be a circulatory problem or obstructed capillaries (if there is such a thing). Re your natal conjunction of Mercury Saturn (Virgo) - sec. prog. Mercury will conjunct natal Saturn within the next year and sec. prog. Saturn a few years down the road, but, as I recall, Mercury rules the fingers, and whatever is wrong gives indication of being chronic. Just what you wanted to hear, right? I am using

your relocated chart with the 4:34 pm. If you will try to match the solar arc Salem MC to a transit of Pluto when you changed jobs, you probably will find your correct birth time. As of June 11, your Salem MC by solar arc is 29:01 Scorpio, indicating a big change when Pluto hit it and also emotional stress. Your Portland solar arc MC on June 11 was 29:21 Scorpio. Find the date you began your job and match the s.a. MC to Pluto's degree and min. I, personally, would use the Salem MC. Your rectified time of 4:17 would indicate you began your job over year ago, both locations. Would you please give me feedback? By the way, have you used the 90 deg. dial I sent you Jan. '93 per your phone call?

Rowena Wall (86/34): Joan Quigley told me Ronald Reagan doesn't know his birth time. She rectified it from scratch.

Hint: See if your prenatal eclipse hits something in another person's chart and vice versa. My prenatal eclipse exactly conjuncts (3') someone's Neptune/Scorpio and his prenatal eclipse is conjunct my Venus/Aries. Also, compare your sec. prog. chart to the other person's sec. prog. chart. I can't remember if this works with sol. arc off hand. Also, I have my So. Node in Scorpio in the 12th, with his Venus conjunct that point, Scorpio being obsessive. He has harassed me with calls for 11 months. I told him to stop, the police have told him three times, and Sept. 5, the judge ordered him to stop. Since then I've had 14 calls in a ten day period. Some people just won't take no for an answer.

Which reminds me, coming up in my chart is sol. arc Saturn approaching a conjunction of my Sun in Pisces (exact April '96), and I am feeling it already with lower back pain (again!). Also sec. prog. Pluto, which was Rx at birth, turned direct 1963 (someone nearly strangled me) and has now returned and is less than one minute from exact. Pluto is in Cancer in my 8th and rules my natal 12th and Asc. Anyone want to trade charts with me? And to how it's manifesting: Pluto is in my progressed 6th and I can't get my doctors to pay any attention to me as to how they screwed up my surgery (colonec-tomy), performed July 1994. Also, if I allowed myself, I could cry at any given moment, very emotional but suppressed.

An exact 15 deg. aspect will point to an "issue," but it does not indicate

how it will be resolved. Something else must occur in the chart to show resolution, otherwise it's just a circumstance, not an event.

Dianne Lawson (86/58): Re Neptune and relationships. I'm glad you pointed that out, and you're absolutely right. Knowing won't do a darn bit of good. I had Uranus and Neptune square my Venus, and I knew months in advance. It still didn't do any good. Like Edith said at the AFA Conference in San Francisco many years ago about "free will": If the chart says you're going to China, you're going to China. You can go by boat, you can fly, you can swim, but you are going to China! So, I could have chosen someone else, but it was going to happen, period.

I ran the chart for the Oklahoma City bombing that Carole Devine sent in (86/66), and my Matrix Blue*Star came up with a sol. arc MC (April 19, 1995) of 21:39 PISCES! Well, maybe for a Converse chart. I'm debating whether to send it to Matrix to ask them to explain. Has anyone written to them voicing their complaints???

Jim Haynes (86/68): Re using transits with a natal midpoint - yes, it works, but you have to really want to know! Also, tran. m/p's, i.e., ten yrs ago I lost \$4,000 in the stock mkt: Helio tran. Venus/Saturn was conjunct my Moon, ruler 8th. Too much work, though.

Edith: Loved the light bulb things. Are there any more?

**RUBEN JUNGBLUTH
NEW YORK, N.Y.
SEPTEMBER, 1995**

I'm sure many of you have heard of General Colin Powell's book "My American Journey." He, as of this date (Sept. '95) has not said if he will run for the presidency of the U.S. If the election day was in 1995 he could have a victory because he was born on April 5, 1937 (in the South Bronx, N.Y. it said in Parade Magazine Sept. 17 edition. Edith)

He was born under the influence of Aries with the Sun trine to Mars in Sagittarius and with Moon in Aquarius conjunct the Independence day's Moon (July 4, 1776), planetary positions favor Jupiter transiting in Sag. all of 1995.

In 1996 Saturn transiting in Aries limits his dream and Jupiter transiting in Capricorn also limits the expansion of his heroism.

I need the time of birth for a better analysis so if anybody has it would they please send it in to MH. Thank you.

(I ran a chart for Nov. 5, 1996, 7:00 P.M. EST, Washington, D.C. Saturn is only 6° off the MC and is the most elevated planet, sextiles Uranus and trines Pluto. Doesn't Saturn rule the Democratic Party and Jupiter the Republican? I always get them confused for some reason!

If I remember correctly Sylvia DeLong used the most elevated of those 2 planets to help determine the party election winner.

Guess it's time to run Dole, Clinton and whoever to see what is shaping up. Any ideas on the correct chart for Clinton? We have a few now but no BC time. I like that Leo rising time!! (3:44 A.M., CST). Brought his own hairdresser on the plane! Okay - Okay so a Leo Sun and Libra rising might do it also. I still like the double Leo for him!

Jupiter in Capricorn doesn't bode too well but the Saturn in Aries does! Edith)

A man finds a bottle, rubs it and a bedraggled old genie pops out. "Just one wish, fellow," the genie admonishes. "I'm getting too old for this."

The man pauses, then announces: "I want to wake up in bed next to three celebrity women."

Poof! The guy is in bed with Lorena Bobbitt, Tonya Harding and Hillary Clinton.

Next thing he knows, his penis is missing, his knee is throbbing and he's got no health-care coverage.

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ED DEARBORN
NORWOOD, PA
JULY, 1995

TRANSLATION OF LIGHT

The following is a technical research question that concerns the accompanying timetable of aspects.

DEFINITION: Translation of light — term used to describe the interval of time when a faster moving planet, or the lights, by major aspect, lies between two bodies that are separating from the major aspect they have recently completed. This faster planet transiting between the separating bodies reactivates the aspect through its presence and the former aspect is regarded as applying until such time as the faster body that is transiting between overtakes the second body. We also consider the nature of the aspect that the transiting body adds to the interpretation of the triumvirate.

EXAMPLE: From mid-October until early December 1995 a square aspect exists geocentrically between Jupiter & Saturn. The square will be exact with Jupiter at 18 05 and Saturn at 18 05 on November 10th at 9:29 p.m. E.S.T. From then until late on December 3rd they will remain within a 5° separating orb and until December 9th within a 6° orb of one another. The translation of light occurs several times from November 10th until early December.

1995	Tran.	Aspect	E.S.T.
Nov. 14th	Mars	18 ¹ sep. □ Saturn	18 ¹ * @ 10:11 a.m.
to			
Nov. 15th	Mars	19 ¹ exact ◊ Jupiter	19 ¹ @ 10:46 p.m.
		(Duration 36 hrs. 35 min.)	
Nov. 17th	Moon	18 ^m sep. ◊ Saturn	18 ¹ * @ 7:17 a.m.
to	Moon	19 ^m exact □ Jupiter	19 ¹ @ 10:02 a.m.
		(Duration 2 hrs. 45 min.)	
Nov. 17th	Venus	18 ¹ sep. □ Saturn	18 ¹ * @ 4:51 p.m.
to			
Nov. 19th	Venus	20 ¹ exact ◊ Jupiter	20 ¹ @ 4:55 a.m.
		(Duration 36 hrs. 4 min.)	
Nov. 21st	Saturn	reaches <u>Direct</u> sta.	17 ¹ * 59.7 @ 2:52 p.m.
Nov. 23rd	Moon	18 ¹ sep. □ Saturn	18 ¹ * @ 3:43 p.m.
to	Moon	21 ¹ exact ◊ Jupiter	21 ¹ @ 3:19 p.m.
		(Duration 4 hrs. 36 min.)	
Nov. 29th	Moon	18 ¹ * sep. ◊ Saturn	18 ¹ * @ 10:02 p.m.
to			
Nov. 30th	Moon	22 ¹ * exact □ Jupiter	22 ¹ @ 5:46 a.m.
		(Duration 7 hrs. 44 min.)	

IF one considers a 6° orb valid, then contemplate this!

Dec. 4th Mercury 18⁺ sep. □ Saturn 18⁺ @ 7:26 a.m.

to
Dec. 8th Mercury 24⁺ exact ✓ Jupiter 24⁺ @ 2:59 a.m.
(Duration 3 days 19 hrs. 33 min.)

WHILE

Dec. 7th Moon 18⁺ sep. □ Saturn 18⁺ @ 4:00 a.m.
(Moon translates light between sep. Mercury until
2:09 p.m. when both are ✓ @ 24⁺/208, so that
both the Moon & Mercury translate light simul-
taneously between Saturn and Jupiter)

to Moon 24⁺ exact ✓ Jupiter 24⁺ 13 3:37 p.m.

(Duration Moon tr. of lt. 11 hrs. 37 min.)

(Of both Moon & Mercury 10 hrs. 9 min. OR
11 hrs. 37 min.)

(Duration Mercury tr. of lt. under Dec. 8 above.)

There are several times when semi-sextiles and quincunxes occur that may or may not activate, since these are not the classic aspects. Some do consider them in medical horaries.

Moon involved:	Nov. 12th from 9:32 am to 10:15 am
	Nov. 14th 9:39 pm 11:29 pm
	Nov. 19th 1:11 pm 4:37 pm
	Nov. 21st 3:31 pm 7:31 pm
	Nov. 25th 3:43 pm 9:07 pm
	Nov. 27th 5:24 pm 11:52 pm
	Dec. 2nd 5:50 am 2:55 pm
6°orb	Dec. 4th 4:08 pm
	to Dec. 5th 2:31 am

Mercury involved: Nov. 15th 5:39 am
to Nov. 16th 10:41 am

MEANWHILE on Nov. 24th the Moon reactivates the separating Venus Mars from 3:19 am EST to 4:34 am EST.

Planets out-of-bounds by declination:

Venus Nov. 16, 1995 to Dec. 15th

Mars Nov. 11th to Dec. 22nd

Mercury Dec. 1st to Dec. 27th

Eclipses:

Lunar Annular 14 r/± 54 on Oct. 8, 1995

Solar Total 0 m18 on Oct. 23rd

What do you think about the Translation of Light? Does it work?



JOAN O'NEILL
RUTHERFORD, N.J.
AUGUST, 1995

John Kalus (85/3): The movie "Amadeus" is not authentic regarding Mozart's life. Especially the part of Salieri. It is pure Hollywood including the play of the same name. There is a new book "Mozart" by Maynard Solomon that clears up all the misconceptions about his character and the myths. Therefore this would change any astrological interpretation of Mozart.

Marion March (85/61): Thanks for clearing up about European birth times. When I had read in the previous edition about their rounding them off that really threw me.

The 85th and Extra were very good, I always appreciate Joe Silveira deMello and Jim Haynes contributions. They should write a book they are so knowledgeable.

Also this business with Al Morrison is so childish. I can not understand how someone who is astrologically astute can resort to such infantile measures. Gee he really is fixed sounds like a thick Taurus and I should know since I have dealt with some of the most fixed. No offense to all of you nice Taureans. (Al was strong Cancer with helio Mars in exact opposition to his Libra Ascendant - Edith)

URSULA McDONALD
KEARNY, N.J.
OCTOBER, 1995

Dear Edie,

On October 8th, the spirit of one of your former N.J. students Joan O'Neill, decided to move on to experience things her earthly friends could no longer share with her. As you know she was one of the early subscribers to Mercury Hour.

Joan continued her interest in Astrology after you left N.J. by taking courses with Lee Mann's "Astrological Innovations", receiving certificates in Intermediate and Advanced Astrology. Also she continued workshop studies with a local astrologer, Mildred Damiani, until the group broke up last year, and had taken a written course with Jim Haynes. Joan had carried on some correspondence

with some of the Mercury Hour family and had contributed some articles on occasion.

Joan was also a Charter Member of The Jersey Society of Parapsychology and the Lyndhurst Historical Society. Her love of History was a lifelong interest stemming from her immense pride in being a direct descendant of John Howland, a Mayflower pilgrim. She loved to read and was envied by her friends for her gift of sewing. She loved to travel and she and I have shared some great trips together including Germany, the Western Mediterranean and various places in the U.S. and Canada.

Joan will be missed by her two daughters and other immediate family as well as those friends who shared her many interests.

(Joan was also an animal lover, cats in particular, and would often send me pictures and things about cats. I heard from her not too long ago and she didn't mention being ill so this was quite a surprise. Ursula, please drop me a quick note so I know what happened. I hope she is with some of her furry friends that she's lost the last few years. I know she missed them from her writings, as we will miss her. Edith)

SHIRLEY SHAVER
DALLAS, TX
SEPTEMBER, 1995

Is there any way that several professional astrologers could be asked to talk about actual BRAND NAMES or NOT WELL-KNOWN BRAND NAMES of computers they are using with great success for their astrology work - people who do their own charts for their clients. Perhaps the computer manufacturers would be interested in sponsoring them or perhaps putting their ads in "Mercury Hour". You all do not hesitate to talk about the various software that you use - and we "kinda" know the requirements needed in our machines but how about more information that really pertains to at home astrologers. Actual brand names!

Just wish Mercury Hour arrived every month!

P.S. Keep up that "Edie humor" footnotes!

MARY K. CREASEY
RICHMOND, VA
JULY, 1995

GROUP DYNAMICS

In Astrology, challenging times are best observed by watching natural patterns and flow of the cosmic graces. The principle of community is more and more important in surviving the Age of Chaos. Being involved in groups can make us face our shadows in the biggest way. Remembering the ever-present Yin-Yang energies in life helps to understand group dynamics in our society. The belief that every living thing has to have a positive charge and a negative charge to have life. Acceptance is also a very important concept when challenges effect our lives. At times, I have felt the analogy that the Astrological community is much like Native American Indians during the settlement of English colonies, in that if they could have stopped fighting amongst themselves then they would have beaten the white man's laws.

Have you ever wondered if our karma as astrologers and the ever-relenting strife for credibility and respect from the general public is pay-back for abusing power in past times? I have some ideas after participating in the United Astrology Congress (UAC'95) in Monterey, California this Spring. Consider for example, three of the largest astrological groups in the world (ISAR, NCGR, AFAN) came together as a team to put on a huge conference (1300 attendees). So we say, "Oh, that's great!", and it is, for the most part. Unfortunately, those same old gremlins reared their ugly heads; manipulation and hypocrisy, all fueled by fears and insecurities. So here's the Yin-Yang, from the Yin/Positive we ask in the warmth of humanitarian ventures and meeting of the minds, and from the Yang/Negative we hopefully acknowledge a reminder notice to stand in your truth, reject that which does not feel true; face your fears and conquer them.

After the first noting that there was a lunar eclipse squaring, Mercury and Neptune during the week, amongst other things, I believe you would find with this group, that the Fire and Air signs are the ones at the conference who are right in the thick of things, organizing, intellectualizing and politicking. The Earth and Water energies would be those on the peripheral of the group, sort of

laying back. This was a general observation made while remembering that we are all made up of many combinations of energy and at different times in our life, we utilize the different energies in an ever-changing way. Maybe this is why we go through fluctuations of involvement and interest. Conferences are wonderful places to actually witness each archetypical energy of the zodiac. I believe Edie Custer put it something like - people are who they are!

I submit this article for consideration by all of those involved in the Astrological, New Age, Spiritual and Metaphysical community - open your hearts to one another, all the invisible lines drawn between practices and practitioners are self-defeating. Use the tools and principles you claim to have convictions, and particularly plan conferences around positive aspects in the cosmos instead of calendar convenience. The specific point that makes me express these feelings is how often I heard about people feeling alienated and that the atmosphere was impersonal. Another point which motivates these thoughts concerning group dynamics, is how often I hear about someone being territorial over their clients or people feeling scared to scope-out various practitioners and groups because of some preconceived idea of loyalty to one person or group. This is absurd. People should be encouraged to seek other consultations and given as many resources as are available and that they can afford. I have never understood why in these communities that people and things often get promoted as if they or it is better than the rest somehow. Are we not from the same source?

As Pluto begins its transit in Sagittarius for the next decade or so, the truth will be revealed. Your truths will be revealed. This is very exciting and a lot that has been hidden will come out into the light. The unofficial rule I have for myself is to be cautious the moment someone infers that you need to look to them for healing, guidance, forgiveness etc. instead of teaching you to look inside yourself for the answers. We always have what we need - know this and you will find peace. Be in awareness of mixed messages and staying centered on words being consistent with actions. Remember the Yin-Yang energies and take deep breaths when someone or something has left you feeling disappointed. So, the moral of the story is. . . Walk Your Talk.

**EDITH CUSTER
LYNCHBURG, VA
OCTOBER, 1995**

To jump into the fray of solar returns for place of birth or residence let me tell you about mine for 1995. I ran a Geo one for Lynchburg (Matrix regular) and a Helio one (Hi-Res Matrix) also for Lynchburg. There is a time difference of 5 min. 18 sec. which is wrong, giving me a difference of 1° on the Asc and MC between the Geo and Helio for the same solar return place! At any rate the Helio Saturn is in the 6th in both and this has been a year of Saturn in the 6th for sure! Both Geo and Helio Saturn's are in the 5th for birthplace Solar Return. This is the first year I have noticed the residence solar return showing anything. Looks like you have to look at and watch both to see which one will work that year. At least the one for 1996 looks much better. 'Til January '96 I will have transiting Geo Saturn quincunx natal Saturn. It is now finished with the Moon/Neptune conjunction.

John Hansen of Mc Kinleyville, CA. who is 86 years young sent us a very astute thought. "Getting old ain't for sissies!"

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AUGUST, 1995**

Dear Edith:

As per our telephone conversation, I am submitting the following letter for publication in your next issue.

If published, without editorialization it may save you from the need of an immediate legal defense.

A generation ago, I had the privilege of studying with one of the 3 greatest Astrologers of that day, Carroll Righter.

Several years after I began my studies, I attended a meeting of a large

Astrological group, in the San Fernando Valley, CA. When I mentioned the Carroll Righter Foundation to some attendees, I was met with harsh criticism of him, his daily column, & his teachings.

I discovered that a founder, who thought that hers was the only way to study Astrology, was the source of this attitude.

Reporting this to Mr. Righter, he told me that jealousies & in-fighting were all too common in the world of Astrology.

His solution to this problem was to ignore his attackers. He put all of his efforts into his work--his daily column, in 500 newspapers, world-wide lectures, his writings, and his personal readings of the great celebrities, including presidents, of his day.

His huge successes were his only answers to his attackers.

He told me that when I would achieve a status as an Astrologer, (his timing was extremely accurate) that most likely I would have to deal with similar back-biting.

He advised me to follow his lead. Put all your efforts in your work.

(Generally I have followed his advice. My only reason I am expending the effort, to write to you, is an effort to defend myself against the repetitive libels you have published against me.)

In 1991, I discovered just how destructive and vicious these attacks could get.

After I was highlighted in a newspaper article published on Sept. 27, 1991, in the Los Angeles Times, I found that jealousy of another Astrologer, who I just had on as a guest on my cable TV show, would show its' ugly face. To this day, and especially lately, with advanced age, & his mental state progressively deteriorating, his attacks have not stopped.

Several days after the publication of the article, I had a telephone conversation with a "friend". I always thought that she was a spiritually advanced person, but in the conversation she stated that our friendship was over and I would be no longer welcomed at her house.

Her reason: my statements in the article re: licensing of Astrologers. I told her that I had never made the statements she thought I made.

I asked if she ever read the article, she said no, but she knew what was in it, based on the (lying) report of a this jealous weasel.

The woman has had a yearly TV program of Astrological predictions. I had been a regular for years on it. But guess which lifelong-low-level functionary civil servant, professional Astrologer want to be, weasel has become a regular on it, sans myself.

Last year after lecturing at the AFA Convention about my reading of O.J. and Nicole, I was confronted by rumors that my chart on Nicole was based upon a rectification done by another Astrologer.

The same putrid weasel was in attendance.

I have had a lawyer talk to the woman who supposedly rectified the chart. Her statement confirmed that she never rectified any chart for me.

I have reports that this same weasel was plotting "secretly" against some of the foremost leaders of the AFA.

To be put in this company has certainly raised my self-esteem.

My only rectification of Nicole's chart was to reduce the birth time she gave me by one minute (based upon marriage data).

However the time given in my lectures & HOROSCOPE MAGAZINE article was the time I was given by the client.

I have come to the conclusion as to why Lela Chavellier-Powell, John Somoza, and others who have libeled me, so desperately cling to the birth certificate data; they are incompetent Astrologers who can't read a chart correctly.

Even a well published author can be merely a statistician & not really an Astrologer.

Let me purpose a novel approach to settle a question of a proper birth time.
THE USE OF ASTROLOGY

To your readers this will also come

as a shock. BIRTH CERTIFICATES ARE FREQUENTLY INACCURATE.

Using the 2 am chart (a time given exactly on an hour should always make you suspicious) you have Pisces rising, at 4:45 pm Libra rising with Venus the ruler high in the chart in the 9th, on Jupiters' north Node.

Doesn't this give her a lovely look-very tall with exceptionally shapely legs.

My students have remarked that she couldn't be Pisces rising. I won't go in to it all, but she wouldn't look like she did, with Pisces rising even with the ruler in Libra, check your basic Astrology; for one major thing, she would be short in stature according to the chart.

A chart still lives on after the demise of the native.

The coup de grace. Long after my original lecture, long after I wrote my article, and even after it was published in HOROSCOPE MAGAZINE, events occurred that prove that one of these charts is correct.

Let me further astound your readers. In determining which chart is accurate when given different times on the same day, examining the Moon which is the only body that moves appreciably, and the house cusps will give you the answer. (especially the Ascendant)

At the moment the trial began (O.J.'s) one of these 2 charts, Ascendants' shows up as the trial's Ascendant.

The Moon is 5' apart in the 2 charts; at the moment Faye Resnick's' book was banned in the trial, by the judge, the Moon in Aries was almost to the minute opposing Nicole's Moon in one of the charts. (Her friends' tell-all book, Moon opposed Moon from the 6th of critical exclusion to the 12th of secrets, woman vs. woman)

This is all public information. If you have any real Astrologers as readers they can easily see the difference.

I don't like the low-road your paper takes. This is the last letter I ever intend writing to you.

You have several times published libels against me, i.e., my reading was

based on dirty data. I have never given a reading based on dirty data; that the chart was rectified and not accurate, is a lie. These statements have damaged my reputation.

Your disclaimer, that you have no responsibility for the statements you publish is not a legal defense for libel.

You cannot disclaim any legal responsibility.

I do not desire to be mentioned by name or innuendo in your paper, in any way, be it continued condemnation or praise or in any way what-so-ever in the future.

I am following Carroll Righters' suggestions, I am devoting myself fully to my work.

Be aware you are still legally responsible for the libels you have published against me.

The publishing of this letter, in my defense, does not relieve you legally.

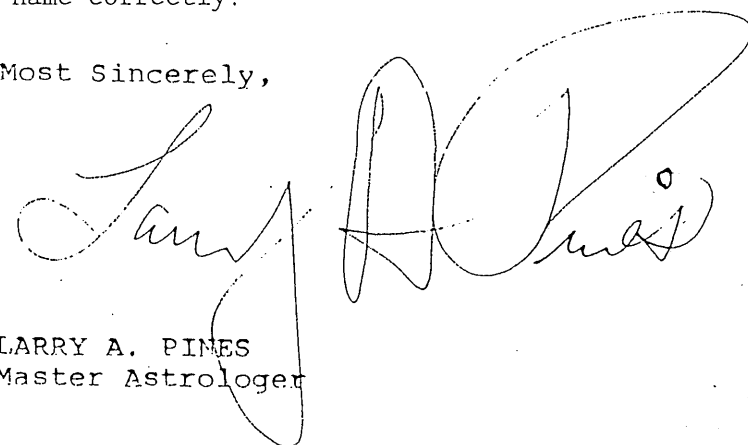
I am being kind to you, by allowing my response, to mitigate the situation.

But I mean what I say; don't ever mention me again in your paper.

I have an almost perfectly angular Pluto and I will fight you to the death.

By the way Ms. Powell my last name is PINES not Pine, if you are named as co-defendant, I will surely spell your name correctly.

Most Sincerely,



LARRY A. PINES
Master Astrologer

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To Larry Pines:

You cannot prevent people from responding to some of the things you have said about them. Just as you have ex-

pressed your opinion, I have the same right to express mine. Ordinarily I wouldn't bother but unfortunately you have made some accusations that are not true and need defining. The mere fact that you misinterpreted the brief statements enclosed is enough to warrant a response.

The insults you want printed might be considered libelous, far more so than what you claim were libelous statements concerning you. Calling someone "weasel", "life long-low-level functionary civil servant", "professional astrologer want to be", "putrid weasel", is not exactly "PROFESSIONAL". Ninety percent of what you said in the first two pages has nothing to do with the Mercury Hour.

You accuse Lela Chavellier-Powell and John Somoza of being incompetent astrologers without either knowing them or having any facts to back up that statement. Incidentally Lela never mentioned you by name and was talking about something referring to the AFA, not you. (Copy of her statement enclosed.) John Somoza was not saying anything about Nicole's birth data, just some of the personal information given, which was also the gist of what Lela was referring to. Copy of the actual statement enclosed. The statement referring to "dirty data" was made by neither Lela or John. All professional astrologers are very familiar with the terms used to define data. "Dirty Data" simply means "undocumented", no written proof". It has nothing to do with the astrologer using that particular time. I tried to explain this to you on the phone but you simply refused to listen. You have insinuated that the readers of MH are not "real astrologers". I think Marion March, Robert Hand, Robert Zoller, Joan McEvers, Rick and Maritha Pottenger, Michael Erlewine and a few hundred others might take offense to that. As professionals, which many of us are, we are well aware that birth certificate times are not always accurate so your statement "to your readers this may come as a shock" was questioning their credibility.

Your letter has done more to introduce you to the astrological community that may have never heard of you before, myself included, than any mention the MH may have made. Please read the statements you call libelous, the only reference made of you.

Although I think you are making a

mistake I will print your letter as I said I would. Threatening me is not going to help the situation. I also have a very strong Pluto, trined by Mars, Uranus and Jupiter, in close orb. The October edition was already at the printers when your letter arrived so this will not be published until the January edition. by that time no one will even know what you are referring to. I'm sorry if you misinterpreted a couple of innocent statements. They certainly were not intended to hurt your reputation and I am sure they haven't if you are as well known as you say you are. In the meantime I have sent copies of your letter to a few professional interested parties.

Sincerely yours,
Edith Custer

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Statements Mr. Pines referred to:

From John Somoza: Prior to this I had gone to the AFA Conference June, 1994. Big interest of course was the O.J. Simpson story. Some astrologers were annoyed with Astrologer Larry Pines since he came forward with Nicole's information. Not so much her birth data but for other personal details that were revealed. (Clients should be assured that their charts, etc. will be treated as privileged information, unless they specifically permit a release. And Never after a death when the deceased can no longer defend themselves.)

In responding to: Lela Chavellier-Powell (84/35) which relates back to John Somoza (83/27) which I do not have because of the mixed up pages but I presume that it refers to Larry Pine using Nicole Brown Simpson's birth info. As we now know, this time was dirty data. It was rectified by him and therefore was his time. Lois Rodden/Marion March's research has produced a time from birth records of 2:00 A.M. (84/31).

Lela Chavellier-Powell's statement.

In reference to: John Somoza 83/27: If the speaker did not have permission from the Brown family to use Nicole's chart, in my opinion AFA Code of Ethics bowed to expediency. I expect MH to be hearing from Bob Cooper since your letter made an issue of this.

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OF INTEREST

These items appeared in Johnson & Hayward's "Postal Link" referring to incidents and lack of international mail delivery. I found some of them interesting and thought you might as well. The weather certainly played a major part, not only overseas, but in the states as well. Several earthquakes - are they the beginning of the projected land mass changes? I put the last item in - just because! Edith.

RUSSIA - May 29 - At least 2,000 people were killed when an earthquake registering 7.5 on the Richter scale rocked the Russian island of Sakhalin. The town of Neftegorsk was said to have been flattened by the quake.

GREECE - June 16 - An earthquake in southwestern Greece killed at least 15 people in Egion. Thousands of people were left homeless.

CHINA - July 8 - China's summer floods killed at least 1,179 people and injured 26,115 more in 10 provinces. It is estimated that one hundred million people, one-twelfth of the population, were affected by the flooding. The government estimates \$4.4 billion in damage has been caused.

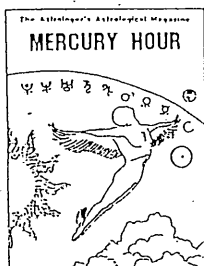
CHILE - August 1 - A 90-second earthquake that registered 7.8 on the Richter scale caused major damage in the port city of Antofagasta. Port facilities were reported to be heavily damaged.

BERMUDA - August 13 - Hurricane Felix had the nation boarded-up for days with winds that hit a reported 125 miles per hour.

MOROCCO - August 19 - Flooding in the nation's southwest region resulted in at least 136 deaths. The government reported that the floods were the worst the nation has seen in 50 years.

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MOLLIE SOMMER
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AUGUST, 1995

MH 85th and 29th EX: That was quite a show of hands, re Matrix problems. Thirteen or fourteen, as I recall. I have all but about three editions of Mercury Hour since its inception, and I don't recall ever seeing such a response. Add those to the people who don't write! How dismaying the whole mess is. If anyone wants to check their program for accuracy, here is a sample chart:

Birth Data: 2/24/29, 1:14:50 A.M.
 PST, Centralia, WA, 122W57:36, 46N43.

Solar Arc 4/27/88 Centralia: MC
 17:10 Scorpio, ASC (derived from MC)
 17:24 Cap.

Sec. Prog 4/27/88 Centralia: MC
 20:17 Scorpio, ASC 20:59 Cap.

I fully support Marion March's suggestion (85/61) to "bombard Matrix with your protestations." And I sincerely hope they have read the last two issues and Extra. Michael Erlewine, where are you? And who's watching the store while you "public relate" for AFAN pushing your Windows 95? Don't you think you have an obligation to get one program correct before moving on to another?

Jim Haynes (85/45): Your memory does not serve you well. Yes, I was worried that something would happen to my son Marc, and indeed it did, however those were only two speculations as to what it could be. I remember it well, because you wrote back, with much excitement, that his SOLAR ARC Mercury was exactly square his SOLAR ARC Saturn, and I answered explaining, yes, that's the way solar works, and that you can't aspect solar arc to solar arc. It stays the same from birth.

David Meadows (29/X/13): You can't time a solar return chart. They're only transits, and you have to read it as is. I've tried, using precessed, not using precessed, for birth place and place of residence. So have others, and the consensus seems to be that it can't be done. Also, I'd sure be interested in knowing if, as a Matrix rep, you receive your official paperwork from them. I hope you do, but don't hold your breath.

Joan Abel (29/X/38): Excellent advice re tr. Uranus opp. Pluto! Mine occurred the date of the Landers' quakes. I could have sworn that 7.4 was an 8 and I wasn't going to survive.

Ann Parker (29/X/10): Good grief!

What a story! I ran the charts and noticed that you sec. Moon, ruler of your secondary IC, is inconjunct the tr. Moon and square tr. Jupiter, disposer of natal Saturn, ruler of your natal IC. I'm curious as to whether your natal Pluto being retrograde denies you, or lessens the power it would ordinarily bestow. Have you noticed? It certainly is Rx, and it is also in Cancer. I checked when Pluto came to a conj. of my MC (Virgo=work), and when it went Rx, I was made Personnel Administrator. When it went direct, my boss, the V.P., went on vacation, and the men left in charge stripped me of some essential power necessary to my job, so I stayed home until my boss came back. He hit the ceiling when he found out what they had done, restored my power, and I returned to work. He also made them apologize. I'm not sure how that explains it. Maybe it's working in reverse.

Don Borkowski: I never heard from you after I sent you the 90 deg. dial. Have you used it?

MARK POTTINGER
LOS ANGELES, CA
AUGUST, 1995

Marion March (85/61) Please don't blame Zip Dobyns for Matrix Software's peculiarities. If you want to see techniques she uses, look at the CCRS Horoscope Program. I confirmed with her that she has never taught the mishmash technique you attribute to her. Her normal technique with progressions is to move the Midheaven by the solar arc and calculate the rest of the cusps from that Midheaven and the terrestrial latitude. She makes it very clear that arc directions that move everything the same amount are completely different techniques from progressions.

One of the talks I gave at UAC in April was about Progressed MC techniques and terminology. I worked up a table that I gave out to attendees (and with the tape) listing some of the most used systems for progressing charts and angles, and what the techniques are called in several programs on the market. Figuring out what the options in Blue*Star get took me and a Matrix staffer in the trade show considerable time. Based on that, I can say that in Matrix's Blue*Star you will get all cusps directed

by solar arc even though the chart is a progression if you pick the "Solar Arc" option, but you can get a more normal chart with other cusps calculated from a solar arc MC if you pick the "Solar Arc MC" option. Unfortunately, the similarity of wording would make it easy to pick the wrong option, so users need to look closely. Blue*Star's "Solar Arc MC" moves the MC in longitude, "Naibod Arc MC" moves the MC in longitude at Naibod's rate, "Progressed MC" moves the MC in RA at Naibod's rate, "Daily Houses" are quotidians, and "Solar Arc" and "Naibod Arc" are both applied to all cusps. In my CCRS program, there is no ambiguity--the available options are explicitly ways to progress the MC--all other cusps are always calculated from the MC in a progression. The only way to get all cusps moved by solar arc in CCRS is to do a solar arc direction of the whole chart in which ALL POINTS (planets and cusps) are moved at the same rate.

B.R. WAHL
BARRE, VT
OCTOBER, 1995

I got Chartwheels II Version 1.4 <copyright> 1989, 1995 for doing heliocentric charts of major solar flares. The charts are astounding. I'm sure it's important - almost like supernatural solar messages. I'm working on a report which I'll send you, but it's going slowly. The chart for Rwanda, Kigali at time of the Great Flare, June 1991, is hair raising and directs appropriately.

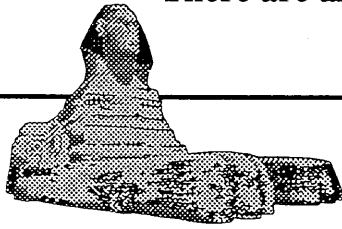
Please encourage others to investigate flares; believe me, eclipses are trivial by comparison! SASM is a great analytical wonder - but the solar flares, the most powerful ones - they dwarf everything.

I do enjoy MH. Rereading many contributors' comments and letters. A mine of information.

Halloran's ASTROLDL (DOS) is worth \$59 just for midpoint list printout.

I suppose I should send you a list of dates and times for Major Solar Flares - those I have immediately at hand. This would give other students and researchers the opportunity to get started quicker (so-to-speak). *(Please send list soon! Edith)*

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SONJA FOXE
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I knew early August would be a time of personal transformation because my progressed Sun conjuncted transiting Pluto and its direct station - in the alchemical chart for the annual cycle - which I call the Almanac which is cast for the time the transiting Sun conjuncts natal Moon - 8 Leo, the degree of my natal Pluto sat on the MC while Mars sat at 7 Leo, this further confirmed the first decanate of Leo time wise when additionally T-Mars would conjunct natal Sun adding to my grief - I hoped not to die - one of my fantasy nightmares is that of the astrologer who sees his/her own death.

Kaye Shinker and I attended Project Hindsight this past July which was part of my effort to make the transformations positive with professional empowerment in mind. Kaye drove her camper from Chicago to Berkeley Springs and we camped out, leaving in the midst of a local heat wave. My closest friend was preparing to leave the city permanently for the Southwest and would do so 1 August upon my return. Additionally, my inheritance was running out and my income was not sufficient to meet my needs so I registered for food stamps; I also began to prepare my credentials to do substitute teaching in the fall. Has anyone noticed how brutal the employment market is, especially if you wear a blue collar?

Things promise to get worse, the governor of Illinois yesterday said something about privatizing prisons, which is the beginnings of slavery, given the debasement of American labor in its efforts to compete w/Asian slaves; it seems obvious that to defray costs, privatized prison labor will be hired out cut-rate in competition w/free labor thus debasing it further - given market conditions, jaywalking could become a felony - hope of heaven being Uranus and Pluto ingress into those signs of freedom and independence, Sagittarius and Aquarius, and this (hopefully) the darkness before the dawn - I've been doing some research into the Haymarket Riot here of 4 May, 1886 which concerned the events surrounding the establishment and enforcement of the 8 hour day - Lucy and Albert Parsons, an interracial couple from Waco dedicated to the post-Civil War union movement would be an intriguing pair for a movie

elucidating the necessity for a strong labor political voice to insure our freedom, especially in the wake of the USSR which was a rotting crutch, but nevertheless did reinforce labor's strength.

Project Hindsight was awesome, even more so the historical sites Kaye and I stopped en route - Battleground, Indiana where William Henry Harrison defeated Tecumseh and his brother at Tippecanoe, 7 November, 1811 4 A.M., establishing Anglo hegemony over the continent; Fort Necessity - George Washington's first commission and initial skirmish in the French and Indian War (3 July, 1754), Cumberland, MD and Washington's HQ; then on the way home, Gettysburg, Antietam and Harpers Ferry.

Upon arrival in Chicago - even more transformations - my landlady put up the apartment building for sale (I've lived in my funky heaven since 1986) and when I received my birth certificate, as part of the necessary credentials for the substitute teaching process the time documented was 6:20 P.M. - I've been using a 6:41 P.M. time rectified from 6:30 P.M. as recorded in my baby book - big difference since it moves a 0 Aries Ascendant to 21 Pisces - the doctor didn't sign the certificate until 3 days after my birth, when Mercury went direct; since I was born in the evening on a Jewish holiday (Rosh Hashanah) - I believe he dashed off to temple and in the follow-up told the nurse or secretary that I was born 6:30 give or take 10 minutes. The earlier time puts my mother's 21 Virgo Sun on the Descendant and the 25 Gemini Nadir addresses the nest of siblings (my mother's brother married my father's sister) into which I was born.

Despite that and some very fine hits in timing in terms progressions, I am still convinced of my 0 Aries Ascendant since the 6:20 time w/its Sagittarian MC puts ruling Jupiter firmly in the 6th and implies a much more prosperous work/career history - additionally, my relocated chart to Chicago for the 6:20 birth would have Venus squarely on the 7th which, given that I'm a Libra would suggest a marriage or three - I've never married and believe my 7th house history to elucidate Neptune on the cusp.

In running a series of charts for the 6:20 and 6:41 time I realized that not only was my progressed Sun conjunct the Pluto station, but also my converse progressed Moon AND my progressed MC

(given the 0 Aries/6:41 P.M.) 22 AQ - the degree of the converse progressed eclipse of 1989 that presaged the death of my parents in May, 1990 and September, 1991.

When I first began studying astrology, David Horbovitz, major domo of the Astrologers' Medium, used to say look at your chart, remember you CHOSE it - perhaps the 0 Aries chart is a construct - but it represents the life lived and attests to the power of will and choice - the Almanac chart for this year using the 6:20 time as base yields a 29 Pisces Moon, the 6:41 a 2 Aries Moon - I've had a law case in the works since June 1992, it has been thru the gamut from adjudication to civil court and I entered an appeal last 26 July. Before I left on vacation I called on the status of the case and found out that the Appellate court had decided against me on 24 March, 1995 (they didn't bother notifying me which could be grounds for further appeal - but I can see a stacked deck and need no further exercises in futility) - in any event 24 March w/the 3 Aries Sun addressed the 2 Aries Moon better than the 29 Pisces. Admittedly, these are derivative rather than fundamental charts, but I am proceeding with the chart I've used since I began astrology (30 Sept. 1943, 6:41 P.M. EWT, 79W03, 43N06). If anyone has anything to say on this matter regarding astrologers who have a comeuppance regarding their own birth time, I'm entertaining responses.

KAYE SHINKER WILMETTE, IL SEPTEMBER, 1995

BEEN THERE - DONE THAT

Uranus will ingress into the 3rd house once again. In 1912 and 1996 the Washington, D.C. Ingress for Uranus into Aquarius places Uranus in the 3rd house. Just for the curious; the Dec. 10, 1828 Ingress found Uranus in the 10th. The first national election with the two party system was won by Andrew Jackson.

BEEN THERE The headlines of Nov. 1912 described the War in the Balkans and how the League of Balkan States invaded Turkish Territory. Eighty-four years later the people in this area of the world still insist on fighting with their neighbors.

BEEN THERE During 1913 Henry Ford created the concept of an assembly line to manufacture cars. He also paid his factory workers enough to purchase one of the cars they assembled. Eighty-four years later will personal transportation change? California is asking for electric cars. Will American workers insist on higher wages to run them or settle for homemade electricity.

BEEN THERE 1913, Berlin and New York are connected by telephone. Eighty-Four years later everyone in the world can talk to each other. No place is too remote and cellular phones can connect anyone via satellite.

DONE THAT 1912 Woodrow Wilson is elected President. Eighty-four years later Pete Wilson from California is a possible candidate.

DONE THAT 1913 Grand Central Station is opened. Eighty-four years later it has been refurbished and reopened. No longer the hub of interstate travel; will Kennedy airport announce a grandiose remodeling?

DONE THAT 1913 Congress proposes new laws to regulate Wall Street financial institutions. Eighty-four years later the geniuses of Wall Street continue to circumvent regulations. More laws required. Been there, Done that over and over and over.

Uranus in the sign of its rulership has already started to have fun challenging Americans to think fast and run faster. Microsoft just introduced Windows 95 allowing the ordinary citizen to be ONLINE with the world. Did anyone explain to Bill Gates that Pluto will be in Sagittarius and no one is home.

Of course there will be some differences and for starters in the 1912 Ingress the Moon was void of course. The public kind of ignored all the inventions in the communications industry until they were forced to use them. These new gadgets thrust upon the people called for changes in old habits. Learning to use the newfangled contraptions required reading directions and taking instruction definitely a big chore.

The Moon in 1996 Ingress is trine Uranus. Now the public can read, and it is ready to learn anything and everything. In fact people will be enchanted.

by the new inventions and willing to mortgage the house to obtain the latest gadget. This will be one happy wired for any eventuality public looking for fun and excitement in the hinterlands of cyberspace.

Uranus is about to dominate the organized world for the next eight years. He likes things inside out upside down and backwards. He demands freedom. He goes for broke. In Capricorn he shook up every corporation even AT&T. Now he's ready to take on society, fraternal organizations, and all manner of friendships even NATO. Don't even think about stopping him. Remember WWI and II.

Obviously Uranus the stubborn airhead is convinced that the USA didn't get the 3rd house thing right the first time so he is ingressing once again into the 3rd., and this time Uranus brought his friends, Mars, Mercury and Venus. He is determined to have his say. Buy those Americans headsets, pound it into their heads lady and gentlemen if you must.

The slap on the back, hail good fellow is ready to start organizing everyone into special groups. Bulletin boards of the world beware you're about to get pined and stuck. The Web browsers are on the prowl. Look out for NUBIE surfers.

The magic of the sign change will not immediately thrust open the door and say "Honey, I'm home". Worth noting is Mercury retrograde the day of the Ingress. Uranus instant surprise action will have to wait until there is a light change when Mercury turns direct.

As Astrologers we have been waiting anxiously for Uranus to phone home. We know that when a planet is one sign from home it forgets to send money. There is hardly a penny left in the cookie jar. We don't even have enough carfare to visit our clubs and groups and friends, let alone go to an astrologers convention. (Expect change concerning our organizations as well).

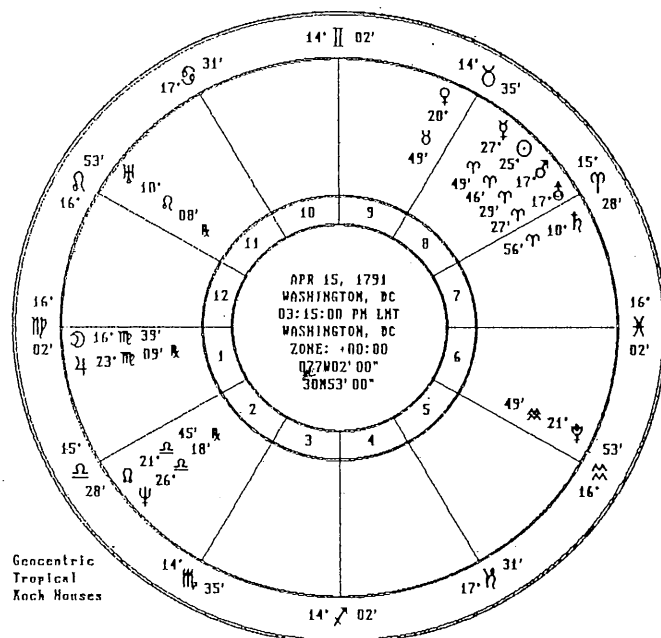
Business has been so thin that we have been hanging around the house, putting candles in the window every night, writing affirmations every day and cleaning the computer in anticipation of the arrival of Uranus in Aquarius. Our planet is coming home and do we ever need help. We need him to find clients and business and send it in our direction.

But remember astrologers we will have to accept that Uranus has changed. He won't be his 1912 self. He has matured and learned about instant communications and computers. He has acquired a multitude of new toys since he left home in 1919 to wire the world for sound and pictures. This time we need to welcome our good friend with peace and knowledge and ask maybe even plead for some help getting our ideas out into the world. No stage fright allowed. We have spent the past eighty-four years practicing our act. We have

BEEN THERE DONE THAT
AND NOW FOLKS IT'S SHOW TIME.

MARC PENFIELD HOLLYWOOD, CA SEPTEMBER, 1995

Thanks to Thomas J. Barrett, a subscriber from Washington, DC, I now have an accurate, timed chart for our nation's capital. He informed me that the date I used in my book, HOROSCOPES OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE (March 15, 1791) was off by exactly one month. The correct date should be April 15, 1791. According to a newspaper clipping he sent me, a contemporary source (Alexandria Gazette) and the Washington Times, both papers verify the April 15th date. The Alexandria paper also notes the cornerstone was laid "shortly after 3 PM". I've rectified the time to 3:15 PM LMT.



Helio placements for Washington, D.C. chart on page 49.

**DIANE ZEINES
NEW YORK, N.Y.
SEPTEMBER, 1995**

I am now officially an internet and online junkie. I have accounts with America Online, Prodigy, Pipeline and Netcruiser. I use my online services infrequently and am mostly on the internet through Pipeline (e-mail address: zeegirl@pipeline.com) and am quite active on the astrology newsgroup. There are many familiar names on this group and for me it has been a very positive experience.

Lee Weinreb (86/11): I will second the motion about acupuncture. I found a fantastic acupuncture doctor -- a Chinese herbalist who is so wise and funny. I have to travel one hour to get to her office but it has been worth it. She has helped me make the transition from poor health to good health. The one important thing to know about acupuncture doctors is that they are not all created equal, so it is best to get a recommendation from someone you trust. I am one of those people who have had reactions to medication. In fact, whatever ailment I have, medications always make me even worse than I am. I'm thoroughly convinced that most doctors have no answer to whatever ails you. They never know how to get to the cause of your problem. Their solution to everything is medication. This summer I had a viral infection and went to a western doctor. Of course his solution to my hacking, relentless, cough was to give me medication. None of it worked and I ended up taking four different medications and spending \$50 in one week. I got worse and the doctor pretty much said that that was all he could do for me. That weekend I went to Dr. Lor, my acupuncture doctor, and the cough immediately went away and my energy levels came back. I think of her as my miracle worker.

Adze Mixxe (86/27): Hello, my cyber pal. Yes, Adze and I "play" on the internet astrology newsgroup, as well as Lee Lehman, Mary Downing and many other familiar names. Adze said that the astrology newsgroup is like Mercury Hour and that's true. Mercury Hour was definitely an idea way ahead of its time. But now we have "real time" chat and newsgroups. So instead of having to wait four months for a response to my letters, I can receive an e-mail the next day. I am in correspondence with astrologers

from all over the country and have even given a few online readings to new astrology students. I find myself playing the role of teacher and this is all very new and exciting to me. I first got onto the internet and the astrology newsgroup during my Mars Return and I think this is very significant for me. Somehow I see the 'net as a key to my future -- I just haven't figured out what lock that key fits. (With me, anything is possible.) There are also chat rooms on the net and on America Online where you feel like you're at a big party where everyone is talking about astrology all at once. It's pretty wild. This all seems so natural to my Aquarius 2nd house, my Uranus in the 6th, my 2nd house Mercury trine Uranus trine the MC, plus Gemini on the 6th. I think I am where I was always supposed to be. It just hadn't been invented yet.

I also met another Mercury Hour friend on the internet. I hadn't heard from Dale Huckleby for years and I met him again on the internet (in the astrology newsgroup). Isn't that incredible? Think of how vast the internet is! And I found an old friend. Amazing.

First Eleanor Bach, now Al Morrison. I had a brief correspondence with Al many years ago when I was first getting interested in the asteroids. It seems that Al wrote to everyone! He was a true eccentric. Sorry to hear of his passing. We've lost a lot of pioneers this year.

Pluto in Sagittarius: Does Pluto in Sagittarius mean that formerly secret religious groups are going to now become prominent and visible? Pluto is hidden and secret things and Sagittarius rules over religion. In the dictionary, religion is described as "a belief in the existence of a superhuman controlling power" which means that religion can be indicative of any extreme group -- from anti-government cults to far-right Christian fundamentalists. To the militia groups who are anti-government, anti-black, anti-Jew, anti-anything that is not "them", that is a religion. Because to them, all the things that they hate represent the "superhuman controlling power" that they feel the need to destroy. The Buddhist cult that attacked the Tokyo subway is a formerly hidden cult that is no longer hidden. Is this to be one of the many disturbing trends that we might see as Pluto makes its way through Sagittarius? Let's hope that Uranus in Aquarius brings in a whole new

group of people to counteract this fanaticism. Someone suggested to me that there seems to be a backlash to the New Age and "secular" way of thinking but I say that with Uranus going into Aquarius, people are going to see that there's no going backwards. We can't go back to the 50s. Even the 50s weren't what people think they were. It's all just a denial of the forward movement of this country. You can't go home again. You can't go back.

On the net recently there is someone named "Crusader" who is sending e-mail to people (I got two of these on two different accounts) about how the Republicans and Democrats are both on the wrong track because they want to create "one world." And how blacks are really below the normal intelligence level and therefore will never be civilized. And how Jews are really involved in a communist plot to create a communist one world religion and lifestyle. And how the Jews were always influential to the political parties of this country and how these political parties are taking us down the wrong path. After his diatribe, he gave an address where people can get more information and also gave the names of radio stations that are dedicated to spewing forth this fecal material. These are the kinds of thoughts that used to be secret among the people who belonged to the "Silent Brotherhood." Their pamphlets were distributed only among themselves. Now we have the Uni-bomber receiving a public forum for his distorted philosophy. And the Crusader and his radio programs and newsletters will recruit more people into an organization that was once clandestine and anonymous. All thinking people must take note of this. The Oklahoma bombing was just a hint of what may lie ahead.

(Thanks Diane for sending us a disk. It sure makes our work easier for us. Edith)

BOOK REVIEWS

LLEWELLYN'S 1996 ASTROLOGICAL POCKET PLANNER, \$7.95 U.S.A. - \$11.50 CANADA

This is really a beauty. It has everything you need for planning ahead and even looking back for 1995, in aspects for each day. Void of Course Moons are all noted for 1996 as are Mercury Retrograde periods. There is a retrograde

ephemeris for all planets, a 1995-1997 Aspectarian and ephemeris, a month at a glance calendar for 1997 (I like this feature) and of course the week at a glance calendar for 1996. Noel Tyl has written the instructions on how to use this planner. There are brief descriptions of things ruled by the planets (occupations, hobbies and activities) a planetary business guide and planetary associations. Although the print for the '95, '96 and '97 Ephemeris is pretty small it is there and I could read it with my glasses on. The size of the planner is convenient for carrying (about 4 1/2 by 6 1/2). A good buy for this price.

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LLEWELLYN'S ASTROLOGICAL CALENDAR - 1996.
\$12.00 U.S.A. - \$16.95 CANADA.

This is a large wall calendar. Along with the calendar that has the aspects of each day, and ephemeris for the month and brief delineations for each of the signs for the month there is a lovely painting for each of the signs.

Noel Tyl has written the "International Trends for 1996", Bruce Scofield has written articles on "Financial Planning for 1996" and "Travel and Vacation Planning for 1996". There is a Lunar Planting Guide, Aspect Keywords, Transits and Aspects, Planets and Retrogrades, the Influence of the Moon in the signs and an "Introduction to Astrology" written by Shirley Lyons Meier. Leslie Nielsen wrote the Chiron definitions and aspects. I don't know how much more you could want in a calendar, seems to me to be pretty complete for the student thru the professional.

Above reviewed by
EDITH CUSTER, LYNCHBURG, VA.



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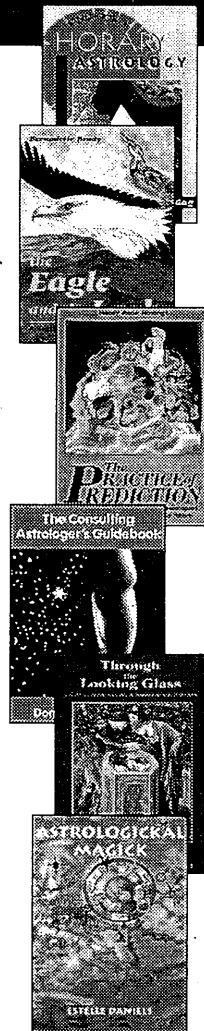
Bernadette Brady: *The Eagle and the Lark: A Textbook of Predictive Astrology* (\$19.95) for those who want to learn about all kinds of predictive techniques. Not exhaustive, but close to it.

Two classics from Nancy Hastings: *Secondary Progressions: Time to Remember* (\$14.95) and *The Practice of Prediction* (\$14.95)

Donna Cunningham's *The Consulting Astrologer's Guidebook* (\$14.95) is really making people happy. There is a lot to learn from this book. Check out her *Healing Pluto Problems* (\$10.95), as well. Also: she is revising *Being a Lunar Type in a Solar World*. The new title will be *The Moon in Your Life*—due to publish in March.

Richard Idemon, author of the popular book, *Through the Looking Glass* (\$14.95), has a new title coming out in the summer of 1996 about psychological chart interpretation and how we deal with relationships and ourselves. Watch for it; it's called *The Magic Thread*.

And for those of you who are into the pagan way or wicca, you ought to look at *Astrological Magick* by Estelle Daniels (\$14.95). She provides down-to-earth astrology while looking at the moon. Even if you already know astrology, you'll gain some interesting insight.



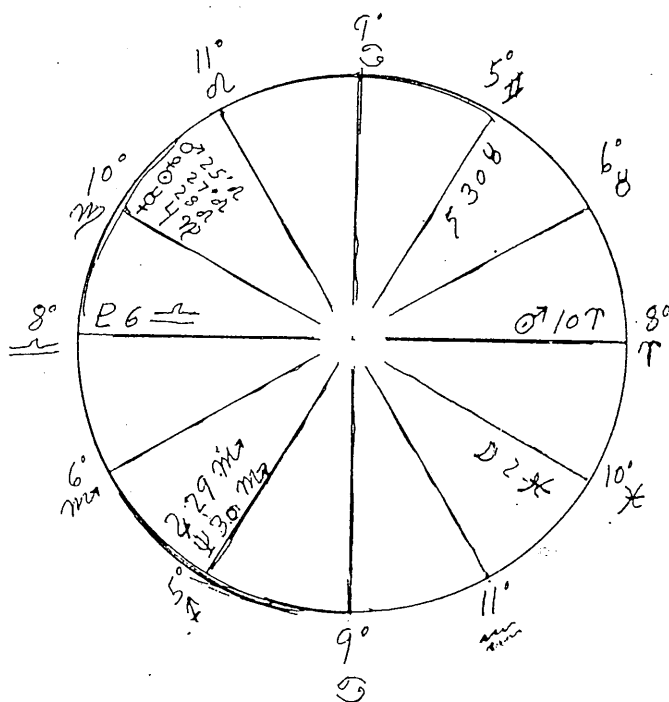
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JOHN KALUS CLEVELAND, OH OCTOBER, 1995

When Judge Ito announced on Oct. 2, 1995, that the jury had reached a verdict regarding O.J. Simpson and that the court would convene the following morning, Oct. 3rd. at 10:00 A.M. to hear the verdict, it provided an ideal opportunity to test the veracity of the composite event chart. In the past I thought this technic worked pretty good in that it very accurately defined the innate psychological disposition of the individual concerned and the particular kinds of outer conditions or events that the individual was likely to face. However, I must say that while the composite event chart did not fail this time, it was I who failed to read it correctly. I thought the bad aspects meant conviction. (Normally they do.) Instead they appear to have meant miscarriage of justice, deception and fraud.

EVENT MIDPOINT CHART



Name O.J. SIMPSON Event VERDICT
Date OCT. 3, 1995 Notes _____
Time VERDICT: 10:09 A.M. P.D.T.
Location LOS ANGELES, CALIF.
Lat. 34° N.
Long. 118° W.

The composite event chart works this way: You take the natal chart of the

individual (O.J. Simpson) and add to it the day chart at the time of an event. Judge Ito said the court would convene Oct. 3rd at 10:00 A.M. I allowed 9 minutes more to the actual time the verdict would be read, and it turned out to be nearly perfect. The chart was drawn for Oct. 3, 1995, 10:09 A.M., PDLT for L.A., and it gives an Asc of app. 20 Scorpio and an MC of app. 28 Leo. Combining this chart with Simpson's natal chart produces a composite event chart which is very interesting.

Note that the chart consists of a grand cross and a T square. The cluster of four planets -- Sun, Mercury, Venus and Mars -- in the 11th house square Jupiter/Neptune in the 2nd house and square Saturn in the 8th house and oppose the Moon in the 5th house, almost all to exact degrees. Meanwhile Tr. Mercury is in retro. and as it backs up, at half speed in the composite chart, it will reach 0 Virgo by mid-October exactly square Saturn, Jupiter and Neptune. Note that Pluto is conjunct the composite Asc. opposing Uranus at 10 Aries on the Descendant, and both planets square the MC at 9 Cancer, forming a T square.

When all, or nearly all planets in a composite event chart are in adverse aspect it always indicates a well defined negative psychological phase or analogous negative event for the subject. This is why Simpson did not appear more elated, more relieved when the verdict was read. It's possible he knew through his lawyers or through the grapevine he would be acquitted. But more likely he was at such a low ebb emotionally that it didn't matter much one way or another, because he knew in his heart that he would not be a hero after how it was shown in the trial he abused his wife, and too, because he saw nothing but more legal troubles and expenses ahead. This is indicated by the eight planets in succedent houses in adverse aspect to each other. These aspects I thought meant he would be convicted, instead the aspects just indicated the extent of his negative psychological phase.

The houses that contain the adverse aspects are the indicators of the nature of the negative psychological phase. Since succedent houses contain the grand cross it indicates thoughts of unpleasant relationship changes and encounters in life. There is fear of not being accepted by one's social peers (11th house). There is apprehension of not being seen as

truly innocent (the public saw the grisly crime scene), and of further financial losses and the loss or diminution of what he valued most, public acceptance. There are feelings that his ideal structure has been shaken. It can also mean that he fears his life might be endangered or it may involve thoughts of the death of a loved one. There is fear of certain things being taken away and there is very much the possibility that the subjects' financial status is in doubt and that the subject will have to work harder with little or nothing to show for.

Maybe I'm wrong but I think all these factors mattered more to him than whether or not he was going to be convicted. Whether or not he was convicted he felt he was not a hero any longer, and hence seemed to show no particular elation when the verdict was read. In normal circumstances of acquittal the composite event chart tends to show a lot of trines and sextiles (Lizzy Borden's composite event chart is one example) and the subject is usually very elated.

Joe S. deMello wrote that he put up a diurnal for Simpson. The diurnal had natal Saturn on the MC. Even though Simpson was acquitted Saturn on the MC is not favorable. More than likely there is liability to suffer disgrace and dishonor and to have difficulty in connection with any vocation requiring trust and integrity, and to have more legal problems and a decrease in social status.

As death is not always evident from a person's chart, neither it seems is a jail term, but acquittal may have been reflected in the charts of his lawyers' and or in those of the peoples' lawyers' charts if someone wanted to take the time to look.

The fact that two innocent lives were taken away and that two young children are without a mother should have been the point of the trial. But it wasn't about that. The case became a trial about credibility, money and worst of all, racism. It was a travesty of the U.S. system of justice and our whole society. It took the jury only 3 hours to in effect make forensic foolishness out of the prosecution's 9.2 million dollars' worth of very credible and incriminating evidence against Simpson and to come up with a not guilty verdict based largely on the rantings and baseless and hollow arguments of the defense. T. Pat Davis was right in (86/17) that cases where

circumstantial evidence demands full use of complex forensic science the average juror can barely follow or properly evaluate the findings presented. What should concern everyone is that a justice system that can free a guilty person can also by its perverse machinations, convict innocent person, which is not unknown to happen.

Most astrologers probably were, or are, aware that tr. Saturn in Pisces opposed Marcia Clark's Virgo Sun while this Saturn was forming a trine to Simpson's Sun in Cancer and his Jupiter in Scorpio, as the trial progressed into 1995. In addition tr. Jupiter in Sag. formed a lower square to Marcia's Virgo Sun, not a good indicator either. Probably it was the wrong time for the trial, a good time for Simpson. But even though the stars seemed to favor Simpson over Marcia and even though the prosecution clearly presented overwhelming evidence against Simpson, who in his right mind would think the stars would be right, and Simpson win? It was Simpson's Karma that Mark Fuhrman showed up. Originally Marcia did not want him on the case. It was also Simpson's Karma that the jury was selected largely from central L.A. where a disrespect of the police and racism is quite rampant, instead of being selected from Brentwood. Marcia was in fact badly handicapped despite her brilliant legal erudition. Should the trial have been postponed a year? Or should another prosecutor have been picked, someone with better stars than Marcia had at the time? The case was probably already lost at the time the jury was impanelled. It is said that after the trial Judge Ito went into his chambers with his wife and both wept because they thought Simpson should have been convicted.

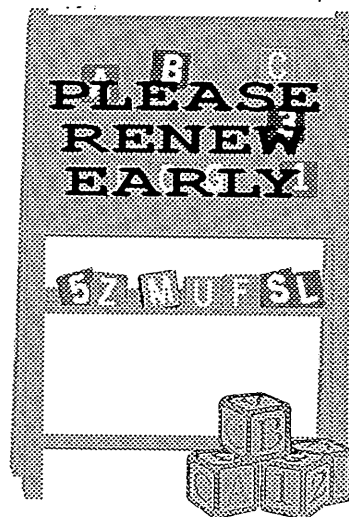
It seems the Simpson case is just another one of those high profile cases involving money, celebrity and publicity in which nothing seems to go right. This applied to the Sam Sheppard case here in Cleveland over a generation ago, another high profile case. There was little middle ground in the Sam Sheppard case. A majority appeared to believe Sam Sheppard guilty. Others maintained Sheppard was an innocent victim of biased police investigations and media reports. After serving almost ten years in an Ohio State prison Sheppard was released in July of 1964 on a \$10,000 bond, after a U.S. District Court ruled that prejudicial publicity from the news media made it impossible for Sheppard to have received a fair trial.

Two days after being released, Sam Sheppard married German divorcee and wealthy heiress Arine Tebbenjohannes. She had read about him in a magazine in Germany. His new lawyer F. Lee Bailey, served as best man. Sheppard was retried in 1966 and, with F. Lee Bailey as his lawyer, was found not guilty. Upon which Sam hit the table hard with his hand, saying out loud in court: "It's about time!!" His lawyer tried to hush him up, this kid of outburst didn't look good. He was given back his medical license and took up surgery again in his family's hospital. Not much time elapsed before several malpractice suits were filed against him. One involved a seven-year-old boy patient who died shortly after Sheppard had operated on him. A month later, Arine Tebbenjohannes filed for divorce, charging gross neglect and extreme cruelty. Sheppard moved to Cincinnati, Ohio. He there began a new career as a professional tag team wrestler on TV. He married a third time, the 20-year-old daughter of a hair dresser. Six months later on April 6, 1970, a broken man by now, who had turned to drink, Sheppard died at age 46 of alleged liver failure. Some said he died because of a troubled conscience. His family said not drink, but bad prison food had ruined his liver and caused his death.

Here is another GOODY from Jim Haynes of Hollywood, Ca.

One day St. Peter got all the men together in heaven. "Now I want all the henpecked husbands to form a line." When all had lined up, St. Peter looked at the miles of lined up men. Then he saw one, lone man forming a second line. He frowned and went over to the man. "Why are you standing here," he asked the man.

The man answered, "Because my wife told me to."



JOHN FROM BEGINNING TO END



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DIANE ZEINES
NEW YORK, N.Y.
JUNE, 1995

Joe deMello (85/63): You made me laugh when you said that "New Agers remind me of kids who discover sex and think they invented it ...". New York Magazine had an article last year -- it was called "Look Who's New Age Now" -- and it was all about how the hoi polloi (translation: Marla Maples, et al.) was heavily into New Age-y kind of stuff like reflexology, affirmations and homeopathy (etc.). I thought it was a ridiculous piece of fluff, pretty sad if you were to read it, as the people involved had just "discovered" New Age principles and, as you suggest, thought they invented it as well. It even mentioned that The Donald's sister, Blaine Trump, had to fly out to London to find a homeopath because she couldn't find one in New York City. I, of course, have already had two homeopaths and I didn't have to take a plane to get to them. I wrote a letter to New York Magazine which read, in part, "For those of us who had a sincere and strong yearning toward self-exploration, there were more than enough outlets to satisfy this quest for knowledge. And we didn't need a fancy name like 'New Age' to distinguish our pursuit. We didn't have to discuss it with anyone and, in fact, we usually didn't. That's why you think it's a new trend." Later, in my letter, I wrote, "For decades I have been the owner of crystals, the user of affirmations, the recipient of homeopathic medicine, a professional practitioner of both astrology and tarot and have on many occasions attended classes in yoga, tai chi, aura reading and psychic exploration. Where have you been?" Anyway, I loved the way you expressed the truth about this sudden "hip" trend of the New Age. It's really amazing how little people really know about these ideas that have been with us for so many decades. I bet that being an astrologer seems hip and trendy to people even though my reasons for getting into astrology, which started as a teenager, was borne out of a serious need for self-knowledge. I hate having that need trivialized. By the way, I also enjoyed The Celestine Prophecy but it amazes me how the ideas in this book seem so new to so many people. I'm not saying that that's a bad thing -- it really doesn't matter where or when you get your information and it doesn't matter if you are at the forefront of "new" thinking or if you come upon it

later on, when it's a full-blown trend (after all, we all discover new interests later in life that other people have been involved in for years)... but most of the people I talk to only have this book as a guideline and they don't seem to know that the ideas in it are not new. It's just that it's laid out in a nice format so that it can reach the masses which again is not a bad thing. People act as though Shirley MacLaine invented so-called New Age thinking but she's been exploring for decades just like the rest of us. What she has that you and I don't have is a platform for bringing these ideas to the public and that is a good thing. I just get so annoyed when people use her or someone like her as their only source and reference.

I also enjoyed your story to Phyllis Eastwold on page 64 where you mentioned that you had studied the precursor to computers (i.e., keypunching) back in the 50s when Saturn was on your Sun but that you didn't take it seriously until Saturn was on your Sun again, 30 years later. It made me realize that the last time that Saturn was in Pisces, I had over 50 pen pals from all over the globe and was voraciously writing letters. Now I find myself constantly on America Online "writing" and "talking" to people from all over the United States. Funny how cycles repeat themselves.

Jim Haynes (29/39): When I was in grade school, we learned a literary term called "personification." It meant that you gave human qualities to something that was not human or even animate, for example, "the willow tree whispered to him in his dreams." How does a willow tree whisper? And so when you said that the Vertex "reflects how the environment responds to us," I couldn't help wondering how the environment, a non-human entity, could respond to us. Could you please elaborate? I can't seem to get a handle on the Vertex and have so far not noticed anything unusual about a planet transiting over maie.

How many Arians does it take to change a light bulb?

Only one, of course, if they choose to do it, which they don't -- Arians prefer torchlight. Light bulbs are for sissies.

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TOPEKA, KS
JUNE, 1995

I am writing this on the day of the summer solstice. My husband and I were up before dawn with our model of Woodhenge waiting for the sun to come up. We recently went to the Cahokia Mounds and saw Woodhenge, a large calendar that Native Americans built around 1000 A.D.. Woodhenge had a total of five circles and all of them had posts that were multiples of the number twelve--24, 36, 48, 60 and 72. Researchers have only discovered the purpose of three of the posts--those marking the first days of winter and summer and one halfway between marking the first days of spring and fall. What were the other posts for? The posts are equidistant one from the other and form a perfect circle. The center post is used as an observation point to align the other posts from: The center post is slightly off center--slightly closer to the eastern posts. Why would the center post be off center? We will certainly go back to Woodhenge, keep experimenting with our smaller model and keep reading about Woodhenge, Stonehenge and other locations. If anyone has any answers to my questions, or knows where I could get answers, please let me know.

I got married on January 1, 1995 at 1:04 P.M. in Topeka, Kansas (95W41, 39N06). I spent six months finding the as close to perfect chart with which to get married. I want to thank Batya Stark for her advice about a wedding chart on the plane ride home from 7 Hills. In addition to the chart being good in and of itself, I liked the match up with my husband's and my natal charts. I'd welcome any comments anyone has about the chart.

My friend Marjie Gale asked me to ask you if anyone knows how she can get in touch with Renee Diamond Chapman. If you know, please let me know and I'll pass on the information to Marjie.

In response to your letters:

Kaye Shinker (84/4): Your writing on the East Point and Anti-Vertex was interesting. I liked what you had to say except for what you said about Venus. You paired Venus with materialism but not love. Do you think that Venus has to do with love too?

Anne Lathrop (84/24): I was sorry to hear about your experience with James

Redfield's Astrological interpretation. I loved The Celestine Prophecy. I didn't hear your tape but \$49.95 is too much for what you got!

I am planning to be at N.C.G.R. Conference in Kansas City. Hope to see lots of you there!

JOSEPH SILVEIRA deMELLO
SAN FRANCISCO, CA
JUNE, 1995

I scheduled my LA trip just as soon as Mercury went direct, and Mars was still retro. The taxi I took from the airport went the long way round to where I was staying. I later found, when the van I took to return to the airport went by a much more direct route. No smoking in the van although I was the only passenger. It picked me up at 10:30 A.M. I got to the airport at eleven and immediately went in although my flight wasn't until 12:10. We boarded the plane at leisure at about 12:30. Then we went and sat at the end of the runway until one o'clock when we were finally told the airport in San Francisco had been reopened (it had been closed due to fog). The flight is fifty-two minutes. We spent a lot of time circling Monterey Bay because of the backed up traffic in San Francisco, and finally we landed at three o'clock. I immediately stood at the shuttle van stand having a cigarette or two before my van came along. All Mars retro things. And more. My host in LA was a very old friend, one of the best chefs in the world. The only meals we had at home were breakfasts. All others were eaten in restaurants, cute little bistros which only had beer and wine licenses. And my host does not go out after dark, so dinners were early. Plus he does not watch television or get the daily paper, which latter does not much matter in LA as newspapers down there have no news in them. Scant comment on the O.J. thing which is happening right there.

How many Cancerians does it take to change a light bulb?

One, but she's only doing it for the children.



BOOK REVIEW

"ASTROLOGY REALLY WORKS: by the Magi Society (New York) Hay House Publishers, Carson, CA - paperback \$12.95

The promo for this book states that astrology is no longer a belief system and that astrology has been proven to work. This book contains numerous charts of famous events, famous individuals, sports figures, entertainers, politicians and chief executives. "Astrology Really Works" also goes into Electional Astrology, the Stock Market and the world of highly-successful corporations. The chart style in the book is clear, concise and easy-to-read.

The Magi Society says that Astrology can now be proved due to the fact that Pluto has now been discovered. But since they don't use birthtimes (only birthdates), they have had to completely eliminate the position of the Moon in their delineations. To me this is analogous to trying to bake a cake without flour or to drive a car without wheels. The book concentrates heavily on super-successful individuals and the aspects in their charts. By eliminating signs and houses, they delve into what they find to be the most important and vindicating area of astrology, i.e. the energy flow between one planet to another. The "super" aspects involve mainly the Sun, Jupiter and Pluto, something Cosmobiologists have been acquainted with for years. The Magi Society feels that no one has ever been able to prove astrology before because no one has ever expanded astrological knowledge to the level their society has done.

The most important, and interesting, part of this book relates to declinations. They believe, as I do, that one should not look only at the planetary longitudes but also to the distance of those planets north or south of the celestial equator. Thus you are looking at the chart in a two-dimensional manner, horizontally and vertically. The Magi Society uses narrow orbs (3 degrees or less) in their work. Unfortunately, in recent years, most ephemerides no longer contain declinations due to considerations of space and the high cost of paper. This section is the most elucidating and informative part of this book.

As the blurb for the book states, the Magi Society's interpretations for some of the planets are rather unorthodox

and will astonish and enlighten the reader. Astonish, definitely, especially when they imply that Neptune governs real estate and is indicative of long-term financial stability. I guess since they eliminated the Moon from their research, they had to find something to rule over property, etc.

Considering the limitations of this book, I recommend it with reservations. The Magi Society's research involves mainly aspects and declinations, but since they don't use birthtimes and totally ignore the power of the Moon, their conclusions are half-baked and somewhat skewed at best. Other famous astrological researchers, like the Gauquelins have done more, in my opinion, to remove astrology from medieval superstition than has the Magi Society largely because the Gauquelins used only verifiable birthtimes obtained from civil records.

One final thing really rankles me about the authors of this book, whomever they are. Their approach to the material is rather heavy-handed, somewhat fascistic and overly condescending, in my opinion. They seem to have a "know-it-all" attitude which implies that unless you do astrology as they do, you're doing it wrong. As their research concentrates so heavily on only those individuals who have really made it to the big time, the book should be subtitled "The Power of Jupiter and Pluto: and not a definitive analysis of whether astrology works or not. Most of us don't have those super aspects they dote on nor do we wish to acquire them. But since this book seems to be designed for the skeptics of the world, and not practicing astrologers, I guess they had to start somewhere. Personally, I feel there is already entirely too much attention paid to those at the top of the heap: a more middle-of-the-road approach would have satisfied this reviewer more.

Above reviewed by MARC PENFIELD
Hollywood, CA

A downhearted diner in a greasy spoon asks waitress for meatloaf and some kind words. She brings the meatloaf but doesn't say a thing.

"Hey," he says, "what about the kind words?" She replies: "Don't eat the meatloaf."

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BYRON ROSS WAHL

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SEPTEMBER, 1995

SASM

COLUMBUS, AND SAMANA CAY

There are remarkable astrological parallels between the first documented landing of Christopher Columbus in the western hemisphere and the death of thirty-eight thousand persons in a flaming cloud of volcanic gas at Martinique more than four hundred years later. Pizarro's strangulation murder of the last Inca king, and Cortes' torture and murder of the last Aztec king, also show the presence of SASM at work when the Columbus landing chart is directed to the time of those events.

SASM is a synthetic horoscopic factor derived from the longitude of the Sun, Moon, and the solar apex. The least number of degrees of longitude separating the Sun from the longitude of the solar apex, i.e., "the short arc", is added the Moon's longitude. This gives the longitude of SASM.

The longitude of the solar apex (1996) is 2 Cap 15 or 272.24 degrees measured from the first point of Aries. "The solar apex is the point on the celestial sphere towards which the solar system as a whole is moving at the rate of 20 kilometers a second. It is located in the constellation Hercules in equatorial coordinates R.A. 271 degrees and declination +31 degrees approximately. The solar antapex is the point on the celestial sphere diametrically opposite to the solar apex." (CHAMBER'S TECHNICAL DICTIONARY, edited by C.F. Tweney and L.E.C. Hughes, London, 1953.)

The ecliptical longitude of the solar apex often varies with different sources of information. It has been given as 270 degrees, 271 degrees, and 272 degrees, 1950.0 epoch. This is because its calculated position depends upon which reference stars are used and the mathematical method used for solution. Careful study of the

solar apex, by this writer, in 1972, indicated that the astrologically effective point appeared to be at, or very close to. 271.6 degrees (1 Cap 36), 1950.0 epoch.

Another sensitive horoscopic point is acquired by using SASM as the MC and deriving an VIIIth House Cusp from a Placidus Table of Houses using the latitude of the SASM radix. The forward direction of this cuspal point at the rate of one degree a year results in surprisingly accurate correspondences with future events.

In historical horoscopes the longitude of the solar apex, and the stars, must be corrected for precession. The precession of the equinoxes is caused by the equatorial bulge of the earth. This results in the Vernal Point moving retrograde in the ecliptic at the average annual rate of 0.0139441 degree, or approximately 1 degree every 72 years. As time passes, the longitude of the stars increases.

Chart 1. The horoscope of the first landing of Columbus in the western hemisphere. The source is Axel Harvey in CONSIDERATIONS, Vol IV No. 1, pages 11 and 12. (This information was kindly provided by Ken Gillman, editor of CONSIDERATIONS.)

The landing of Columbus at Samana Cay, Bahamas, rather than Guanahani, or Watling Island (San Salvador Island). Bahamas, is described in the NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC clxx5, November 1986, pages 572-577 in an article by Luis Marden, "The First Landfall of Columbus." Harvey gives the sunrise chart at 73W46.6 which is computed in Chart 1. as 73W47, at NOON.

In this chart the Moon is near the Descendant. Due to lunar parallax, the apparent longitude of the Moon was near 20 Can 42. The ephemeris is figured from the center of the earth to the center of the Moon. the difference could move the Moon and SASM into a different Sabian degree. The Moon was near its apogee so the parallax is less than when the Moon is at or near its perigee. The Moon soon descended and came to oppose Uranus which had, by then, entered the XIIth House. The chart is a midpoint nightmare.

SASM figures to be 17 Virgo 12 (1492 solar apex 25 Sag. 13, Moon 20 Can 42, and Sun 28 Lib 43). SASM Cusp VIII (Placidus) is 10 Cancer 20 square the Mercury/Mars midpoint. SASM 18 Virgo is square the Galactic Center conjunct Mercury/Uranus midpoint.

Chart 2. Source: Dorothy M. Johnson in her Warrior For a Lost Nation, Westminster Press, Philadelphia.

The importance of the Columbus-Samana Cay noon chart, and the role of SASM, is unmistakably demonstrated when we examine the astrological circumstances surrounding the murder of Chief Sitting Bull, Teton Dakota (Prairie Sioux): Grand River, South Dakota, 15 December 1890, 7:24 A.M., MST, zone 7. Long 100.34, Lat 45.36, S.T. 13h 18m 31s. Transiting Chiron Rx 5 Leo 24 square Columbus Pluto 5 Scorpio 32, EXACT.

Transiting Uranus 00 Scorpio 15 conjunct transiting Saturn/Dragon's Tail 00 Scorpio 34 square Columbus Praesepe 00 Leo 38, EXACT.

Transiting Mars 28 Aqu 55 oppose Columbus Mars 28 Leo 54 EXACT.

Transiting Jupiter 11 Aqu 05 oppose Columbus Jupiter 10 Leo 11, EXACT (partile)

Transiting Saturn 17 Vir 03 conjunct Columbus SASM 17 Vir 12 EXACT and quincunx transiting SASM 17 Aqu 20 EXACT.

Transiting Mars/Jupiter midpoint 20 Leo (Sabian) was conjunct Columbus conventional Cusp VIII Placidus 20 Leo (Sabian) EXACT.

Columbus SASM VIII Placidus 11 Cancer (Sabian) directed to Dec. 1890 was at 19 Leo (Sabian) - square Columbus Mercury conjunct Venus Rx at 19 Scorpio (Sabian) EXACT.

The Chief was shot in his head by an Indian who had been recruited to perform as a reservation police officer. The Ghost Dancers who were present made an unsuccessful attempt to save the Chief.

Every horoscope studied so far for a significant event in the history of North America since the arrival of Columbus shows tight correspondences with the Samana Cay noon chart - especially the directed SASM factors.

SITTING BULL

Date: 12.15.1890 TIME: 7.24 AM TIME ZONE: 7 LONG: 100.34 LAT: 45.36

POSITIONS OF SUN, MOON & PLANETS TROPICAL ZODIAC

SUN 23 SAG 37	MAR 28 AQU 55	URA 00 SCO 15	MNN 14 GEM 05	PAL 25 SAG 20
MOO 10 AQU 11	JUP 11 AQU 05	NEP 04 GEM 54R	MSN 14 SAG 05	JUN 02 CAP 44
MER 09 CAP 00	SAT 17 VIR 03	PLU 06 GEM 36R	CHI 05 LEO 24R	VES 16 SCO 52
VEN 06 SAG 05R			CER 05 CAP 16	

PORPHYRY HOUSE CUSPS

MURDERED, GRAND R., S.D.

1. 24 SAG 03	4. 21 ARI 15	7. 24 GEM 03	10. 21 LIB 15
2. 03 AQU 07	5. 12 TAU 11	8. 03 LEO 07	11. 12 SCO 11
3. 12 PIS 11	6. 03 GEM 07	9. 12 VIR 11	12. 03 SAG 07

SOLAR APEX 0 CAP 47 SASM 17 AQU 20 (INCONJ. SATURN 17 VIRGO 03) SASM VIII 6 CAP 30.

CCSAMANA NOON

DATE: 10.12.1492 TIME: 11.40 AM TIME ZONE: 5 LONG: 73.47 LAT 23.04

POSITIONS OF SUN, MOON, & PLANETS TROPICAL ZODIAC

SUN 28 LIB 43	MAR 28 LEO 54	URA 24 CAP 01	MNN 04 SCO 44	PAL 26 CAP 41
MOO 20 CAN 57	JUP 10 LEO 11	NEP 27 SAG 22	MSN 04 TAU 44	JUN 04 SCO 37
MER 20 SCO 32	SAT 13 AQU 35	PLU 05 SCO 32	CHI 27 PIS 26	VES 12 SCO 03
VEN 17 SCO 15R			CER 07 ARI 52	

PORPHYRY HOUSE CUSPS

ST 13H 47M 03S BAHAMAS

1. 15 CAP 14	4. 28 ARI 49	7. 15 CAN 14	10. 28 LIB 49
2. 19 AQU 46	5. 24 TAU 17	8. 19 LEO 46	11. 24 SCO 17
3. 24 PIS 17	6. 19 GEM 46	9. 24 VIR 17	12. 19 SAG 46

SASM 17 VIRGO 12 SASM VIII 10 CANCER 20

ROWENA WALL WARNER ROBINS, GA SEPTEMBER, 1995

First, I am so sorry you're feeling so bad Edie. My sympathies with you entirely. I would give anything to help. I can recommend some herbs if you want to try them - they've helped me some (if you recall, I had an accident 5 years ago and now have terrible arthritis in my back and knees and in fact this has kept me from getting to many conferences). If you want a list let me know and I'll send it along.

I hope you know that we all love you immensely. If love could cure, you'd be the wellesst woman on earth! For whatever comfort that may bring, I hope you know it to be true!

One other thing - in my letter which you published this last issue on Clinton's chart (86/34), the date of August 9 was used. The correct date is August 19. Don't know if I sent it wrong with a typo or it got typoed there - but whichever, I wanted to let you know cause I'm sure there will be some crap from folks about the date. Suffice it - I MEANT for the date to be correct, and of course that was never in issue - just the time!

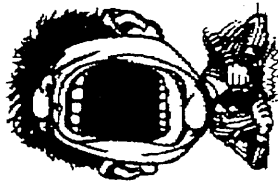
You were absolutely right about the date being August 19th. It was my typo and I humbly apologize. I guess my Aries Moon took over and shot to hell all my Capricorn planets. I'm really very sorry. Betty.



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JEANNE C. TREVINO
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Although I can't read MH from cover to cover like I used to, it is still one of my favorites. I don't even do enough charts now to keep up with my own, but reading helps to keep my mind active so I won't forget what I worked so hard to learn. I really appreciate the charts other people send in and the articles on current events. MH remains the only magazine I know of that includes anything on helio. I can't understand why it hasn't caught on by now.

Regarding the enclosed clipping: The Beatles are so high-profile that this correction to George Harrison's birth data may already be common knowledge for all I know. I was just so amused to find it in the funny papers, of all places!

This brings up some intriguing questions: How do you rate the funny papers as a source? How much credit do you give to Dick Clark in his field of expertise? Or maybe he is just a figure-head and has nothing to do with the research and preparation of the comic

strip other than lending his name. Or maybe I am just the last one to hear about this birth data correction. Well, here it is, for whatever it is worth!

(The enclosed clipping from the San Antonio Express-News of June 18, 1995, is Dick Clark's "Rock, Roll and Remember" piece reads as follows: One-time Beatle, George Harrison, had to change the day he celebrates his birthday! For most of his life, he believed he was born just after midnight on Feb. 25, 1943. He was in his forties when he discovered he was really born at 11:42 P.M. on Feb. 24! Edith)

JEANETTE K. OSWALD
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AUGUST, 1995

With all the predictions of earth changes and another Sun, how will that affect astrology?

(Any thoughts on this folks?)

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JULY, 1995

After I mailed my letter earlier this month several other thoughts came to mind.

Edie, et al.: Is it my imagination, or is it true that many highly respected astrologers are beginning to use Placidus houses again after almost 20 years of "things go better with Koch"? If this is indeed so, why the shift?

Anne Lathrop (84/24) Thank you so much for sharing your experience with Satori Publishing. Not surprisingly, even when CP was "underground", people were calling to ask me whether they should order the astro tapes. All I could say was that I had never heard of Satori, nor was I aware of Redfield's skills as an astrologer. Because of you, I now have something concrete to tell people. And, oh yes, it did occur to me that if Satori has had to develop a form letter such as the one you received, there must be a hell of a lot of folks out there that do know something about the stars! It's been a while since I read the book, but did one of the insights deal with the folly of making assumptions?!

Sandra Smith (85/15) In discussing your relationship dilemma you re-opened an astrological Pandora's box! I, too, have gone where angels (wiser astrologers?) fear to tread... I do not have any answers -- just want to say that you are not alone. I did notice, in reviewing your chart (83/25) that during the time frame you mentioned Saturn was transiting your Descendant and Pluto was conjunct your IC. From a pure level, if it wasn't Mr. May 24 it would have been someone else who would have assisted in driving (brutally pounding?) certain lessons home to you about who you are and what you want from relationships. Also, Pisces on the 7th is a tough placement in this day and age, filled as it is with ideals and illusions about significant others even if it is not being hit up by hard transits. Check the vertex connection synastrically -- many times this can indicate "fatal attractions" that no amount of logic or reality checking can prevent. If you wish to hear the details of my personal astro-soaps along these lines, do write.

To all: Is anyone familiar with the

works channeled by Kyron? A student lent me two books and asked that I review them for her. This entity says that because of earth changes we astrologers should shift the degrees of our planetary placements "to the right". Now what that means, I have no clue. I tend to be skeptical about information such as this, but always try to maintain a spirit of open inquiry.

To Vulcan researchers: My colleague David Walters self-published a huge, comprehensive volume about Vulcan. It's so well researched -- he presented it at the Seven Ray Institute this past spring and received accolades. If anyone is interested in acquiring a copy they can contact me. For some reason David is hesitant to join the MH crew (GROWL....). Maybe if he reads this via me he will finally bite the bullet and subscribe. In all seriousness, the research he did is in my estimation quite valuable. Alan Oken has cited David's work in his books. (Also, at the last minute, the artist he had hired to do the cover canceled and so I ended up doing it!)

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1995 OVEN SAGA

A simple Betty Crocker dessert cake (VE) went wrong from start to finish--the batter, filling and topping were the wrong consistency; 20-minutes in the oven almost charred it; the garbage became the final recipient. The 1-800 number handled my suggestions and complaint very well and sent replacement product coupons. (yes, I learned sweet [VE] and humor [JU] go much farther in fault-finding [ME/VI] situations.) OK! So it's been a long time since I baked a cake but really, there are certain things one doesn't forget how to do...kinetic response (UR).

A few weeks later came the intuitive flash (UR) "Check out the oven temperature!" With trusty (JU) oven thermometer (ME) inside and dial set at 350°, I settled back for the preheat time and let the light go on and off a couple of times. You can imagine my shock (UR) as I peered within to see that thermometer

registering 475°. (I have found when JU wants to make a statement, the message will often be exaggerated thereby ensuring one's attention.)

What's going on? Where's that Ephemeris? Well, T MA/VI Ret trine N MA/TA opp N SU/PI. That was good for complaining about the charred and messed-up cake. Now I'm testing the oven temperature with T ME/AQ Ret sq N UR/TA? I like that! Thermometer should be quite accurate (ME)...somewhere out in La-La Land? Solution: Forget about it for a while. there are other priorities (SA).

T ME finally went D mid-Feb and shortly thereafter I retested the oven temp with a new thermometer. The variable ranged +50°-+100° (MA). However, once the desired temp was reached, it would stay within a +/-15° range. Fact: Oven thermostat is shot!

N SA/AR conj MA/TA 2nd next came into play. Do we fix this thermostat or do we replace the oven? How old is the oven? Minimum-12 years; Max-Unknown factor (PL). It will cost at least \$100+ to get the repairman to the house plus

parts and labor. Are we talking \$200-\$300 for repair? How much more is a new oven? \$200+/-? There's still time-MA won't go direct 'til late March. Carry on with priorities.

Mar 24, T MA/LE went direct. Mar 26, QVC Shopping Channel had a cook special offering the Nesco roaster ovens. Enter GE: I ordered 2-the 4-qt. for specifics; the 18-qt for larger baking needs. Apr 2, with T JU/SA Ret, I opened the 4-qt Nesco. The front panel was dented. Then I opened the 18-qt box-it looked fine. I set it out on the deck and cooked it to "burn off" the manufacturing residues according to the instructions. It was ready to use.

Two hours of 350° bake time found the special meatloaf, cornbread and veggies all with uncooked centers. Post haste I checked the temp. It was 75° below (SA) 350°. Need I say both units were returned to QVC? What are the chances of two similar, but different, units having something wrong? Curiosity (UR) and always the PL/SC/NE/12 detective sent me to the paperwork and serial numbers (ME) for clues.(NE). Both sets indicated the units connected to the MA/ME Ret timeframe.

Apr 26, we went to a local appliance store for a new wall oven. Delivery was scheduled for May 2. Apr 28, the installer (Kurt) called to say he could fit us in, however, we were out. After a few rounds of telephone tag (T MO/AR sq NE sq UR; NE Stat Ret; ME tr SA; and the New MO the next day), it did not surprise me to learn Kurt not only got his wires crossed, but had overbooked his schedule and was confused. I chuckled.

The long awaited oven was delivered and installed May 2 with no hitches--well worth the SA wait. We learned the old oven was at least 25 years old (age mystery revealed [NE/MO/PL]). Kurt replaced the gas line and fitting for a minor \$ addition. Never forgetting NEs influence, I reminded Kurt to make certain those gas connections were absolutely tight to ensue no leakage.

(For well over 30 years, I have been detecting gas leaks, both inside and out, with 100% accuracy--in most instances, gas leaks that even the Utility Company's sensitive detecting equipment does not register! The biggest culprit of leaking gas is not necessarily the old underground pipes wearing out,

but rather tradespeople replacing or adding new items/units to the home; i.e., gas meter, hot water heater, furnace, a/c unit, oven, range top, clothes dryer, etc. Take heed: When any gas connection is made within your abode, insist/demand the tradesperson test that connection before s/he leaves! Leaking gas is insidious as well as potentially volatile! Buyer beware!)

Understanding Astrology-in-action certainly gave this mundane scenario, from Jan-to-May '95, a humorous quality rather than one of upstetdness, anger and/or frustration. Using caution when registering a complaint; daring to defy ME Ret?-not I, knowingly; testing its validity with the Nesco's; watching the results of telephone tag; having ones' guesses confirmed (new vs. repair); and of course knowing SA will not be rushed-ever! Thank you Astrology...once again!

My Data: 2 Feb-40, 7:13 AM EST, New Brunswick, N.J. 40N29, 74W27.

BIL TIERNEY
ALPHARETTA, GA
SEPTEMBER, 1995

I haven't so far seen much humor in the recent MH's The readership seems so serious in the '90s. I hope my Jupiter article doesn't come off as too "lite" or fluffy; beyond the humorish touch are insights I've gained about this planet after years of study and observation. I did enjoy the "how many light bulbs does it take?..." series of jokes. The one about the Virgo's rang especially true! Ha!

(Dear Bil - The '90s haven't been funny! Edith)



An excerpt from a mother writing to her son.

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ROBERT "BUZZ" MYERS MOON/SATURN

The following was written by Robert "Buzz" Myers taken from the Mercury Hour's October '85 and January '86 editions.

(It will appear in parts because of its length.)

("Buzz" is a well-known and favorite lecturer and has been for as long as I can remember. It is almost 10 years since it first appeared and it is just as pertinent today as it was then as far as the Moon and Saturn are concerned. Edith)

PARTS 7 AND 8 OF EIGHT

Now let's talk about Saturn as the external teacher and the Moon as a teacher on another level. I want to do a little bit of metaphysical work here. I want to talk about one of the principles that you are relating to outside, universally with the Saturn-Moon. You see, the Saturn's function is to draw the Moon into a more public situation, to use it's nurturing at a different level. Nothing is more powerful than a Moon on the Midheaven. Have you ever met a person with a good strong, nurturing 10th house Moon? Cancer Midheaven people also do this. They can take a group of people, hundreds of people, and they can magnetize them. The Moon is a magnet and she is the biggest reaper. She just sucks in anything she wants. Used positively she can nurture such large groups of people that when you walk away you are healed. Have you ever met speakers like that? I have. People who work with the public, therapist counselors, who have Moon on the Midheaven, they get into your Moon and they start to draw your Moon. You need to recognize that Saturn is trying to get the Moon to become a less impersonal object and a more personal object in the outer world. Metaphysically we start with a little group called family because we are going to learn how to take you out of the little family into a bigger and bigger family. When people say that the Moon is your family, I tell them not to put a limit on it though. The Moon, if you are thinking in terms of family, is your Mother, Father, Sister and Brother, and if you are only going to use your Moon in a Mother, Father, Sister, Brother situation, you have really limited what your Moon power capability is. Metaphysically, when Saturn works with the Moon, it is trying to get the Moon strong enough to nurture large

functions. When you nurture larger functions you receive more affection and love in 25 minutes than family can give you sometimes in 25 years. You are getting back everything that you have put out you're getting it back in such magnificent doses. The Moon needs that. She needs that recognition of achieving. Physically, when the esoterist say, "We are getting rid of the Moon."

Metaphysically, when the esoterist say, "We are getting rid of the Moon," everything happens in evolution. Everything happens in progression. Nothing just happens. It's progression that takes you there. You didn't one day just wake up and say, "Oh my God, I'm an astrologer," and you went out and started reading charts. You evolved into becoming an astrologer. Every workshop you attended, every book you read, you got one step closer to becoming. The Moon is trying to become the nurturer of the Earth. What the Moon really is in relationship to Esoteric Astrology is the Earth and it's relationship is that it is the computer that holds all the memory that the Earth has gone through. When we say eliminate, we are talking about eliminating the memory and the program tapes of the Earth. We are talking about changing them and to change the program of the Earth you have to become more than a family (Mother, Father, Sister, Brother). It's called universal. Saturn is the planet that takes the Moon to a universal experience. It gradually eliminates the fear of the Moon to become the Mother Earth itself, to become the protector of the Earth. It's when she is protecting the Earth that she is receiving her greatest reward. She gets her greatest amount of foods. She gets her greatest amounts of resources. Her children are the healthiest. This is her child, the Moon being the closest satellite to the Earth, is the protector of the Earth. She is here to make sure that pollution does not pollute, that the people will live, that babies will be born and it's not just a baby of the family. It's a universal baby. She has a consciousness in Esoteric Astrology. She is not just dead and void like they would like to teach you. She has a consciousness. We are working toward letting it go, but we must first become aware of the consciousness that she has before we can let go of it. She is the storage keeper, the record keeper, of the timetables of this Earth that you live on. She is here to supply its proper needs and nutrients. The Moon has to do a lot with supplying it. It is not just

Taurus that rules the Earth.

The Moon is a satellite of the Earth. She is the keeper. You do nothing on Earth without water, you do nothing without purification. Pure drink water supplies 80 percent of your body make up. Eighty percent of your body is Cancer. Scorpio is not pure drinking water. You would not want to drink Scorpio water. Phew! Reptiles, snakes and swamps. You don't drink Pisces. Pisces is salt. We're trying to break a process down. There is only one water sign that nurtures. Cancer! It's brooks and streams. It comes from the top of the mountain. It trickles down and with it brings a life force. Have you ever seen movies of the spring when the snow melts and all the little things grow along the little stream coming down. That ain't Scorpio and it ain't Pisces. That's Cancer. And what is it bringing down from the mountain? Pure water - 80 percent of your make up. She's important. She's 80 percent of your astrological make up. She's what you have in harmony and balance to get to everything. When she's out of harmony and balance, there's nothing. It's very hard to grow when you're emotionally insecure. Isn't it? You can get through a lot of adversity if you're emotionally in situations that are good for you and your environment is strong, you can get through a lot of stuff. You can have all the material things that you want in the world, but if your emotional nature is not tough and tight you can't get anything. That's the same thing that a doctor will tell you. If the 80 percent of your body that is made up of water is full of toxins and poison, if it has collected poisons and toxins, you are dying every day. That's what nutritionists are telling the world. It's not the vitamins that you are lacking. You need to take more vitamins because there is no pure water. Your drinking so many poisons and chemicals that you're trying to take vitamins and proper food to get the poison out of your system. Eighty percent of your body is made up of water and that's the Moon. The Moon, astrologically then, is 80 percent of your astrological chart by emotional contact. When she's in harmony she lets everything happen and she feeds you. Esoterically the Moon feeds the Earth. She supplies the purity of water. She is so giving that every season she snows and she melts and she brings it in and she asks nothing.

We are becoming a society that is polluting. Hey! Cleveland might be a

stress zone city. I love it. People say, "Where are you from?" I say "Cleveland." They say, "Ugh, Cleveland. Why couldn't you live in San Diego or Los Angeles or San Francisco or Montreal or a romantic city?" I live in a Capricorn with Pisces rising - Cleveland and do you want to know what Cleveland has? More fresh water than anywhere on this continent. Would you like to know what the people of the Sun Belt are doing in Cleveland now? They are negotiating to buy our water. Our factories moved down there and there's no water to run the factories. Now they want to pump it from the Great Lakes down to the Sun Belt. Well, we're not going to give it to you. What do you think we are, dumb? We're going to throw it back. We have the water and we want the factories so they should come back home where they belong. You know who negotiated it? They'll sell anything for a price. Point - That's fresh water and on this Earth there isn't much, so what is the Moon's function? She supplies everything we need. You know that if you own a piece of property and you're growing a planet, it's next to a main highway and trucks drive by everyday, all that is lost that comes from there goes up in the sky and it will fall right back down and goes right through the planet. They say to me, "Be sure you scrub your food before you eat it." How can you scrub the seed. That's Cancer. You start getting paranoid. You start eliminating pollution. You start becoming sensible. What is the sign that will be the first sign to become responsible? The Moon. When you have no breadbasket, when you have no fresh water, you will go back to your Moon and cry like a baby. "Oh God. You didn't give me enough water. Now the world is going to starve." Saturn's function to the Moon is to make it responsible to the universe. Do not think the Moon is family. That is the condition that keeps it trapped, without Esoterically letting it rate. It is family but it is universal family.

In Astrology, the Moon sits on the 4th, Uranus sits on the 11th and there is a Yod set up. Jupiter sits on the 9th. Look at that beautiful Yod. It is making the Moon expand through Saturn. It's the whole principle of what a Moon is here to do. It has to adjust and change and follow its course of destiny to let go of the 4th house and become the higher principle of the 10th. It's exactly what the symbol on the flat wheel is always trying to make the Moon do. We teach that the Moon is protection on the level of

parentage. We get so wrapped up in it that we read Freud and we read all these psychology things talking about the Moon, but quite frequently the therapy and what they are talking about is locking us into the pattern of the individuality of it more than the universality of it. People need to be more reflective of their Moon in a universal sense and we keep probing it on a personal sense. It has a universal side. It's what the whole process of these two planets are doing, the Jupiter and the Uranus, the inconjunct in the natural position, 11 and 9 inconjunct 4. This is to take 4 into the universal family through Jupiter by expanding its consciousness and through Uranus by integrating. That's everything the Moon is supposed to do. We keep focusing, even in therapy, on the Moon as a source of 4th house and we never see it as expression beyond.

I think when we go through the Age of Aquarius thing we will be talking about this symbol. One of the things that's so important is really becoming more universal. We have right now in the Age of Aquarius chart, if you put Aquarius on the Ascendant, Cancer on the 6th. She's becoming now the universal family, not of children, but the whole symbol of the Moon in the Age of Aquarius is going to be symbolized through 6th house matters. This is what? Nurturing through health, service, work and unpolluting the Earth. Remember, for 2,500 years, in the Pisces chart, she ruled the 5th house. The Moon was primarily concerned, for 2,500 years, with nurturing of children. So all astrologers who have written books in the last 2,500 years have said that the Moon is a child, because it rules it in the Pisces chart. She's now moving into the 6th. She's changing her flavor. Saturn is going to be the 12th in the Age of Aquarius chart. The whole concept of Saturn is radically going to change. Neptune in Capricorn is very strongly related to the Aquarian placement, because Saturn is going to rule the Aquarius chart in the 12th house as Neptune is going into Capricorn. Scorpio is going to rule the 10th and Pluto is in Scorpio. Yes, we are going through another duad from the Age of Aquarius. This is marking a time of duad change. Yet, it's bringing a greater reality into focus. This is the greatest conflict between what is going on in the field of Astrology and all the fields. Not just Astrology, but every field is going through the same process. A new birth is taking place. New social attitudes are taking place in whole new

groups of people.

One of the greatest thrills of my life, when I was talking on a radio show, was that I started Astrology primarily at the very same time that every peer who is now doing the same thing that I'm doing started Astrology. This whole group of peers coming up is so beautiful to watch. I knew Jeff when he was down South doing his thing. He was a brilliant astrologer then, but he wasn't that recognized. I was the same way. I came from a closet in the country. I was a good astrologer. I wasn't that recognized. Phil. The list is endless. I've got a whole list of people I've been watching through the last seven years grow. I have Venus in Capricorn and of course I feel that someday I can do business with them. The point that I want to make though is that they are coming to a head. It's like a pinnacle. All these people are growing and coming to a head and there's a whole new nucleus being formed. The nucleus is rewriting Astrology. That's all that it is. It's showing that the principles that we have studied under, the principles that were indoctrinated into our consciousness for 2,500 years, are like the Christians who have been indoctrinated for 2,500 years into Christianity. We are astrologers who have been indoctrinated for 2,500 years. We are no different than them. We're going through the same change. We're not being born, we're changing. We've always been here. You can't make something be born that's already been born. A new side of us is developing, a new point, a new focus is coming out, but we're starting to come together and form a new nucleus. Why? Because as we go into this next age we need to. Everything has to be rewritten. Everything that used to be is no longer.

Saturn for approximately 2,500 years has been related to 11th house matters. It was important that your reputation was made in an 11th house function. The power and structure that ran the world ran it through an 11th house function. They were dictators. Every group. When I first got into Astrology they used to have these little groups of 20 people and it was amazing because you would go to a meeting and lecture and do your thing and the president would sit right in front of you and critique everything you said. If they didn't like what you said you never came back. One person controlled what everybody was going to hear. That's how I started Astrology. I went to those group

things. I used to see people who were Metaphysical leave Astrology because they couldn't tolerate the corruption in those little tiny groups. They would have these God awful elections and somebody might say, "I think as a Metaphysical group we should do something like this..." And they'd say, "No!" And that was it. If the president said no it died. Nobody would assert past the authority of the president of an organization or group. All of a sudden a whole energy shift takes place. Saturn starts to rule the 12th. It's a different flavor. We don't look at the old Saturn as quite as important as we used to. Jupiter's going to rule the 11th now in the New Age. Jupiter is communication on a large scale. Jupiter is talking to your cousins in Europe. The network weekend that we are doing is all over this country. We picked up about 32 coordinators that said that they would hold a workshop. Stop and think about that. When do you know that you could get 32 coordinators together in this country on Astrology, on one subject. It was impossible two years ago. Today it's a miracle. Today it's happening. When they have a legal battle to be fought there's a phone tree and Angel can get on her phone tree for the network (I'm sure that other people are doing it, I'm not just saying that it's only happening in our network. It's happening everywhere.) And they can get letters written from New York, Pennsylvania, Florida, Ohio, Cleveland, Detroit, Pittsburgh, yes, even Smoky Pittsburgh sends letters. They can get letters sent to a commissioner, a governor and a senator. We can get hundreds sent and say that we need to be recognized. That's what Astrology has done in two years. God, is it exciting. We should get involved with networking and let Saturn say to the Moon, "Grow and be universal in consciousness. Become the protector of the whole, not the few. Get out of the limited scope of what a family is and recognize that we are in an age where dependency of a family is very large. We no longer can make it by just protecting our Sister and beating up anybody that touches her on the way to school. We need to be beyond that protection. We need to be and become a protector by stopping what would beat my Sister up on a universal level. You've got to touch a different consciousness."

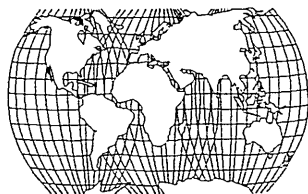
That's exactly what the Saturn-Moon is coming to in your horoscope everyday. Reach beyond your limits. When Saturn squares your Moon reach out and ask to be loved and accept it when somebody comes.

You will cry your heart out on a Saturn-Moon square when somebody touches you and says, "I love you." but the Moon has got to cry. She has to cry to get Saturn out because she feels so indignant in humiliation that the indignity (the Saturn within her) stops her from projecting what she needs. The Moon says, "If I cry I'll make an ass out of myself," when in essence it's the Saturn part of the Moon that is denying the crying because making an ass out of yourself is a Saturn function not a Moon function. It's the fear of the Saturn within the Moon that doesn't let it express. When you say to me, "I can't work on a universal level because I'm really afraid of people." I say to you then, "Go cry because in your tears you will work for a large group of people." Don't be insecure. I am scared to death every time. Do you know how hard it is to put on conventions that have not made money in five years in this country? Do you know how hard it is to do it and try to change concepts? Do you know that we pay our speakers to come to these conferences? Very few groups in this country do. Very few of us pay to have a speaker work. You don't understand how important it is because we are also ushering in professionalism in our field. People say to me, "Hey! I want to be an Astrologer." I would say to them, "How are you going to make a living? No one wants to pay you. No one respects your work enough. They want to use you. They want to be the old group where the power base is the president and says to you, "I will give you what I feel like giving you and not what you're worth." We started the whole concept 2 1/2 years ago. We have been beating our bloody brains out putting conferences on. We have been putting on quality. You are being presented at our conferences with the best communicators in the field of Astrology in the United States. I guarantee you this because I know everybody that is communicating at these conferences. These are the best speakers. I have a tape company. I don't put non-qualified speakers on tape. I want communicators and conferences need communicators.

*****CONCLUSION*****

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DOT WILLIS NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA NOVEMBER, 1995



WINTER SOLSTICE
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I wanted to thank all you wonderful people for your concerns and kind thoughts. Edith told me about the many inquiries as to the missing weather forecasts.

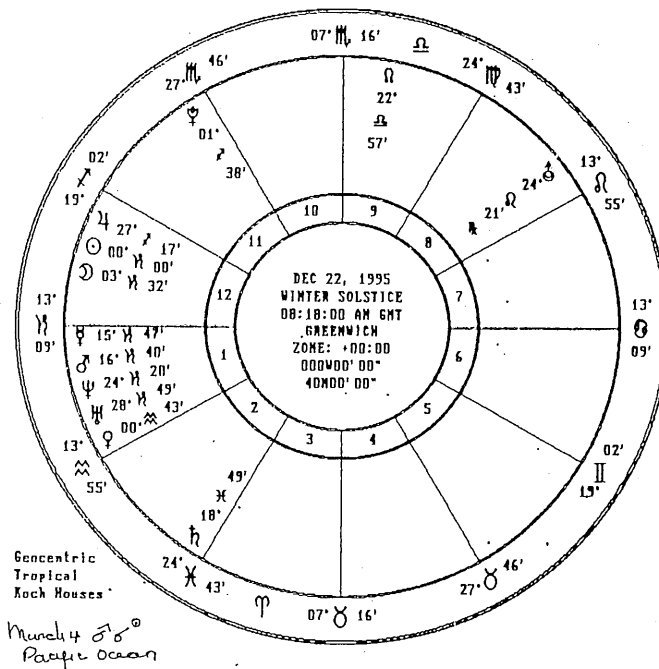
On November 14, 1994 at 10:28 A.M. CST, I fell outside on the grass, in Austin, TX. I shattered the scapular in my right shoulder tearing all the ligaments off down to my fingers. I also hit the back of my left hand and dislocated the tendons of the last three fingers. So much for writing! The bone did not heal, nothing did and still hasn't. A summer of therapy has helped enormously. They couldn't pin the break because they felt the bone was too fragile to hold it. Writing is beginning to come back for short periods so things are looking hopeful for the future.

With Betty's help we managed the winter solstice for this edition. We'll try for the Vernal Equinox and again thank you.

The winter solstice occurs with a new Moon, about 6 hours apart. The lunation comes first. All planets are in south declination and on the IC of the chart. Very cold for Great Britain, and the central U.S. states. The solstice chart brings the wind into the same areas, hail is a possibility. Pluto sextiles Venus for heavy snows in the north and rains in the south, Venus being in Aquarius and Pluto in Sagittarius for winds. (North being 40° N latitude and higher and south lower than 40° , as an approximation) Mercury cojoins Mars, semisquares Pluto. Mars and Mercury also disturb the Arctic Air Mass bringing even colder dry air south across the western plains, heading southeast. Mercury and Mars also affect eastern Montana, the Rockies down thru Arizona for colder dry air.

Pluto in the lunation runs over Labrador, Nova Scotia and the Atlantic Ocean to Central South America sextiling Venus over Great Britain and squaring over the western states and the Yukon, this will intensify any planetary aspect to Pluto to these areas. Saturn's MC lies at 132W. Solstice Saturn lies over Greenland and the Atlantic while the MC crosses Japan to central Australia, creating seismic dangers plus Saturn's cold, damp, wet effect.

Solstice Neptune runs about 97W on the IC over the eastern plains states and Mexico indicating wet, damp and foggy down thru Texas. Uranus and Venus run thru the Mississippi Valley from Minnesota thru New Orleans and the Gulf of Mexico. This will bring cold highs to the region. Jupiter runs thru Yukon and the west coast states. Jupiter squares the IC/MC thru Greenland and Brazil.



We have no eclipses this winter.

In January Alaska and the western states will be warmer than usual up to the Rockies, Uranus runs to the Baja, for clear, high and windy systems. Mercury across the Midwest brings stronger winds while Venus at 105W brings rains and snow. Saturn crosses the N.E. bringing cold wet and dampness which will flow from the east, not the west as usual. Mid January Pluto crosses the east coast intensifying all other systems. In February, Mercury crosses the Mideastern U.S. as does Uranus - Windy. Neptune also lies over the eastern states to D.C. bringing rain, snow and fog. Mars runs thru the Atlantic.

Mid February Alaska will be cold. The Yukon will be wet. Pluto crosses the eastern states to Georgia intensifying existing conditions. The end of February Mars lies over the border of Alaska and Yukon. Saturn runs over B.C. Venus with rain crosses the middle at 97° W. March 19, the day before the Vernal Equinox, Mercury is over the Aleutians 5° from Mars. Saturn is also over Alaska. Venus crosses the Midwestern states and enters the Pacific at San Diego. Pluto crosses the western plains and S. Mexico. The Vernal Equinox is on March 20, 1996.

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Cosmic Greetings Edith Goddess of
Astro Logos!

I'm having a grand time playing on the INTERNET in a newsgroup called alt.astrology. It is very much like the Mercury Hour in that the content consists of what astrologers have to say to each other. Some of our friends who I see and correspond with online include Diane Zines and Kristina Strom

Perhaps the big thing that's happening in the world today is the World Wide Web which is a commercial, multi-media interface for the INTERNET. Already a couple of dozen astrologers have their own "home pages" on the web. My web address is <http://www.adze.com> and the content is vast. Here's a description.

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Meanwhile, I'm also working hard to edit a transit report and a compatibility report for KEPLER.

Did anyone notice FORBES magazine has given favorable coverage to astrology in a couple of recent issues? Arch Crawford and others are using astrology to kick butt on Wall Street.

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Mars 11° Aries 36'
Jupiter 28° Virgo 57'
Saturn 9° Aries 22'
Uranus 13° Leo 10'
Neptune 26° Libra 17'
Pluto 20° Aquarius 28'

Earth conjunct Neptune both trine Pluto
Mars conjunct Saturn both trine Uranus
Venus square Jupiter and Venus trine Pluto and Neptune. These are pretty strong "public" aspects. Edith

These helio placements are according to a newspaper clipping Tom Barrett sent Marc Penfield a contemporary source (Alexandria Gazette) and the Washington Times, both papers verify the April 15th date.

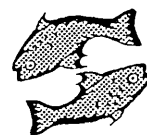
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If a man talks dirty to a woman,
it's sexual harassment. If a woman talks
dirty to a man, it's \$2.98 a minute.

Why do so many women with fake
fingernails, eyelashes and boobs complain
there are no real men?

What do sex and golf have in com-
mon? Men think they are better at both
than they really are.

The Pope's new book is so full of
chastity, the jacket won't even come off.

**J. LEE LEHMAN
MALABAR, FL
SEPTEMBER, 1995**

Well, Edie, another NCGR Conference has come and gone, and the best part of it may be the opportunity to listen to you bitch in person! Conferences are a wonderful time to catch up with all the folks that we haven't seen since the last one, especially since the last one was UAC, and UAC is still a blur.

I have been reflecting on one of your better qualities (*really!*) the last couple days: your tendency to tell it like it is. Now I understand that this is supposedly one of the advantages of age. (Do they pass out "Truth Cards" when you get your AARP card?) However, I am now going to reveal myself as a middle-age wannabe on this point, because I don't know any tactful way to say this.

Lela Chavellier-Powell stated that my book *Essential Dignities* contains "serious errors in text" (86/20). I will add that she even did the tactful thing: she wrote me privately on 13 May and asked about them. Now it is completely my fault that I never got back to her. You see, I was UAC'ed. The reason that we don't hold UAC any more frequently than every three years is because the core committee has this crazy idea that maybe we should each have a life at least one year in three. (But tell this to Marion March, who is already got us working on finding the next hotel for UAC '98!) And so, being in this state of virtual burn-out, I let correspondence pile up on my desk.

So now, having to deal with the valid question of errors publicly, and being confronted with my angular Mars-Pluto in flat-out Kill! mode, I propose to do what I should have done all along: answer the question. There were in fact two.

"On page 38, ... you write that Moon is in mutual reception with Saturn. Moon is in M.R. Jupiter -- a bit different!" Lela is absolutely correct. I screwed up. Twenty lashes for me. Actually, the m.r. Jupiter makes my point even stronger about Iran, because Jupiter represents the clergy.

"On page 59, Doyle's 12th House Mercury is almost 28 degrees ahead of his Uranus -- not conjunct, as you write."

Right again, Lela! I meant to say Pluto, not Uranus!

So: Lela is right. There are errors I was wrong. I didn't catch these, nor did my Editors. But now for the kicker: is there any book out there with no errors in it, and can I possibly even ask this question without either trivializing the errors, or sounding like sour grapes? First of all, let me add that these are not the only errors. The publisher incorrectly transcribed the Terms of Pisces in the *Essential Dignities* table, an error I didn't catch until the book was in print. (The correct Terms for Mercury in Pisces are 14-20°.) And there are certainly more errors as well that nobody has yet caught. But before everyone goes searching for their barf bags, let me mention that Lilly's *Christian Astrology* has over 70 known errors! So page for page, I did rather well. And certainly would not fail to recommend Lilly because of "serious errors."

I think that if you ask two of the MH publisher/subscribers, Betty Lundsted and Barbara Sommerfield if they ever manage to get a book out without errors, they will probably tell you "no." But again, this doesn't excuse errors. It merely explains them.

I think, Lela, you are asking for a standard of behavior that is not possible for human beings to reasonably achieve. I have a Combust Mercury. I trip over my words sometimes. Sometimes it happens in print. *Mea culpa!* Books are not tablets inscribed in stone, and authors are neither infallible, nor omniscient. Any book that is written is nothing but a snapshot of the author's thinking at the time. I would not write *Essential Dignities* the same way now that I did then. I would emphasize different points. I would use different examples. I would delineate differently. Why? Because I have changed and grown since I wrote it. When it was published, there was little interest in classical technique other than among some horary astrologers. There was no Project Hindsight.

The point is, there used to be a proverb about erring being human, but I guess we live in too secular a society to consider the other half of the proverb. So I ask, are the above errors "serious"? You decide!

And thank you to those folks who congratulated me on receiving the Marc

Edmund Jones Award. As I said when Barbara Sommerfiled managed to surprise me with it, I want to thank *all* my astro-buddies for their support (and, yes! bitches!) over the years.

JOHN SOMOZA NEW YORK, N.Y. SEPTEMBER, 1995

In my Horary work I am constantly searching for days that have the most positive energy since there are of course no "perfect" days. In my phone call to Edith recently, she suggested I write about these upcoming dates for the Mercury Hour readers. Not a bad idea.

I have chosen dates and times when an important venture on your part can work against its desired outcome due to prevailing planetary activity. But there are no absolutes. You could be the exception and win a Lottery while others go through a big money loss on the same day. Re: Raphael's Astronomical Ephemeris, 1996, GMT. Please adjust for your time zone.

CALENDAR YEAR 1996

Jan. 1, Mer enters Aqu 06:09 P.M.
Jan. 3, Jup enters Cap 07:22 A.M.
Jan. 8, Mars enters Aqu 11:02 A.M.
Jan. 9, Mer stationary 09:52 P.M.
Jan. 12, Ura enters Aqu 07:11 A.M.
Jan. 15, Ven enters Pis 04:30 A.M.
Jan. 17, Mer enters Cap 09:35 A.M.
Jan. 20, Sun enters Aqu 06:53 A.M.
Jan. 30, Mer stationary 10:17 A.M.
Feb. 9, Ven enters Ari 02:31 A.M.
Feb. 15, Mer enters Aqu 02:43 A.M.
and Mars enters Pis 11:50 A.M. (Double whammy date.)
Feb. 19, Sun enters Pis 09:01 A.M.
Feb. 22, Occultation of Venus (A planetary eclipse.)
Mar. 5, Plu stationary 08:18 P.M.
Mar. 6, Ven enters Tau 02:01 A.M.
Mar. 7, Mer enters Pis 11:53 A.M.
Mar. 20, Sun enters Ari 08:03 A.M.
Mar. 24, Mer enters Ari 08:03 A.M.
and Mars enters Aries 03:12 P.M. (Double whammy date.)
Apr. 2, Ven enters Gem 03:26 P.M.
Apr. 4, Lunar eclipse 00:07 A.M.
Apr. 7, Sat enters Ari 08:49 A.M.
Apr. 8, Mer enters Tau 03:17 A.M.

On the day a planet changes signs or direction the Horary theory is, "someone or something is not going to

come through, change their mind and disappoint you." So on those days wait until the MOON is PAST THAT EVENT. Continuous dates to watch are March 5, 6, and 7.

Be especially aware of Feb. 15 and Mar. 24, double whammy days and on Feb. 22, the Venus Occultation with the Sun recently into Pisces. Someone might pull the wool over your eyes regarding money and/or love. (Occultation - unfortunate. Pisces - illusion, delusion and confusion.)

Advance warning about April 15 and your taxes. The Moon is in Aries April 15 to the 17 and will eclipse the Sun and Mars on the 17th. While the eclipse falls on the 17th it does affect the 15th because of that Aries Moon. Do not mail your taxes on the 15th of April; do it on the 14th if you do not want problems.

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ERNI CHARLEY MEDFORD, OR SEPTEMBER, 1995

WHAT A BACKGROUND!

Next time you're feeling rather unimportant, try a little arithmetic trick based on the undebatable fact that it took two people, your parents, to get you here. Each of your parents has two parents, so in the generation just prior to that of your mother and father, there were four people whose pairing off and sharing love contributed to your existence.

You are the product of 8 great-grandparents, 32 great-great-great-grandparents, etc. Keep on multiplying the number by two. If you figure an average of about 25 years between each generation, you'll discover that a scant 500 years ago, there were 1,048,576 people on this planet beginning the production of you.

The Rev. Gene Britton in East Point, Ga.
Southside Sun

**PLEASE CHECK PAGE 1 TO SEE
IF YOU ARE DUE FOR RENEWAL.**

VALERIE VAUGHAN
AMHERST, MA
SEPTEMBER, 1995

Concerning astrologers' offspring who "reject" or accept astrology [Kristina Strom (86/3)] -- I'd like to report a little success in that area. My ten-year-old son Sean has recently taken a very serious interest in learning astrology. In one week he mastered the zodiac signs and their rulers, the four elements and the three crosses. Now we've started on the astronomy (degrees, time zones, seasons, precession, etc.) and he begs me at every spare moment for another lesson.

Needless to say, I am thrilled by this development, in part because he initiated this himself (I never prodded him into learning astrology), but there is a big challenge for me to present the subject in ways that a young kid can understand. He asks the same difficult questions that my adult students ask, like "When does the Age of Aquarius start?" and "Why are some houses (in the chart) bigger than others?" And sometimes my answer has to be "You'll understand when you're older." For instance, he wanted to know how to draw up a birth-chart, and I told him that by the time he was in the 8th grade he would know enough math to be able to do it.

What I find fascinating is that he's also got some intuitive sense, as demonstrated by our recent conversation: He asked, "How can you tell what sign somebody is, without knowing their chart? I'm asking because you're a Pisces, but you seem like a Gemini." "Funny thing you should notice that," I said, "because Gemini is my rising sign, and the Ascendant often tells how a person appears to others." Sean seems to have all the equipment and temperament for becoming an astrologer, he even gets huffy about the persecution and debunking of astrology (chip off the old block!). When I explained to him that some religious people think astrology is "bad", he got very indignant. "But they believe in God, and God gives messages through signs in the sky, so why don't they listen?" Why not, indeed!

As for his own birthchart predicting a possible future as an astrologer, he does seem to have some of the typical signatures. A lot of Pisces, Neptune, 12th house, and a lot of Aquarius, Uranus, 11th house. A strong Saturn (always

helpful), and Jupiter, the teacher, in the 10th.

There are zillions of books, videos, and other teaching aids aimed at instructing the young in physics, ecology, computers, sex, religion, etc., but there's almost nothing for astrology. This is how other professions are making sure they're providing for constant input of "new blood" into their particular fields, and astrology should consider doing this too. It's true that you can't get astrology into a school textbook, but school isn't the only place to learn.

To: Tom Barrett (86/35) As a professional librarian, I feel compelled to correct your advice to readers seeking a particular book to "look under the Dewey Decimal 575.301". You can't tell this to people because this is not where every library will put this particular book. Dewey Decimal is a system that organizes book according to subject. A library may put a book anywhere within that system that it wants, but it can only be in one place, according to one subject (number) that the classifier has decided the book is about. Books are often written about more than one subject. That means that a book about "the military use of dogs in World War II" might be placed in the Dewey classification for "dogs" 636.7 or 599.74), "World War II" (940.53), or the military (355).

Something is definitely odd about a 575 classification for a book on Washington, D.C., since 575 is the number for biological evolution. I will admit that there are some Neanderthals in our government's capital, but the point is... Going to a certain Dewey number is useful for browsing (if you know the Dewey system), but people should be advised to look up a specific book by author/title. When in doubt, ask the librarian.

To: Susan Hooks (86/41) About the same time you began a correspondence with Al Morrison, I did too! Al was certainly a feisty piece of work, but really so devoted to astrology. It was unfortunate that he could rile people so easily (his Aries rising), for he was very generous with his knowledge. Even after he was almost totally blind, he continued writing to me, handwritten scrawls I could barely make out, and I was moved by the man's determination to continue giving of what he knew, wanting so badly to pass it on before he himself passed away. During those last two years of his life he was

quite aware of the deterioration of his health, and was very concerned about what would happen to his writings. We even discussed my editing his papers and being his biographer, but this was impossible for me to manage at the time, which of course I now regret. I am so glad that you are publishing some of his "gems". Al really deserves that, and much more.

DAVID MEADOWS OTTOBRUNN, GERMANY SEPTEMBER, 1995

Lela Chavellier Powell (86/20): If I received a letter from someone above the arctic circle with a horary question, then I would use the location where I am living for the chart. The interesting question is which house system do astrol-ogers in Northern Scandinavia use for horary.

Rowena Wall (86/34): I read about Clinton's 3:44 am time of birth in WPTE, but the source seemed to be vague. Now that I have read your detailed explanation about how the 3:44 am time was obtained I am beginning to doubt the popular 8:51 am time for Clinton's chart. I think you have opened up a hornets nest by writing the facts to the 3:44 am time of birth for Clinton.

Jim Haynes (86/68): I will try out the solar return timing technique you mentioned and see if it works for me. I assume you are using a Sidereal solar return chart with this timing technique.

Next weekend I will be lecturing on ASTRO*CARTO*GRAPHY at the DAV conference in Essen. A couple of months ago I was told that my lecture wouldn't be translated into German. As a result I agreed to give my lecture in German as I can speak the language fluently. Last weekend I was asked to provide the text of my lecture in English for the translator!

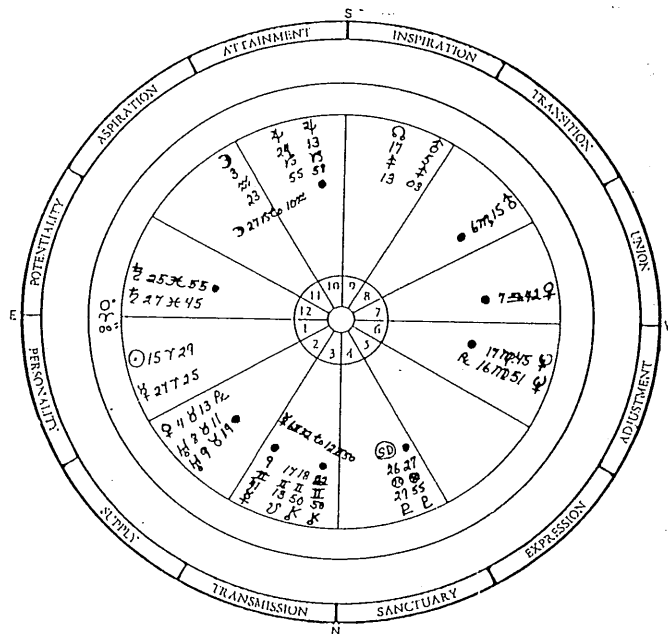
I've already prepared to give my lecture in German, so I told the organisor that it would be easier for me to keep things as they are. The organisor was delighted with my suggestion as it would be less work for the translator.

I've been living in Munich nearly four years now. What amazes me is that quite a few British people have told me that I now speak English with a foreign

accent! Hadn't noticed myself, but when other people keep telling me this fact I'm beginning to believe them. Many people have also told me that I speak German with a strong British accent, so it would be really strange to hear my own voice!

T. PAT DAVIS ORLANDO, FL OCTOBER, 1995

General Colin Powell, April 5, 1937, Harlem, New York City, 40N48'28 - 73W56'45. ? Noon EST used or 17:00 GMT. Data: Christian Science Monitor 9-22-1995, (Chart wheel 0° Ariès)



Progressed Stations

Pluto 26° Cancer 29' Age 4 1941
Mars 5° Sagittarius 31' Age 9 1946
Mercury SR 24° Taurus 26' Age 25 1962
Venus 19° Aries 26' Age 34 1971
Jupiter 27° Capricorn 19' Age 40 1977
Mercury SD 15° Taurus 17' Age 49 1986
Neptune 16° Virgo 10' Age 52 1989

Edith - Powell has had an unusual number of prog. stations - a strong accentuation. I love his Helio Venus in Libra - "Experience in the process of compromise".

Please see Edith's letter for info on the "new" renewal notices.

JOSEPH SILVEIRA deMELLO
SAN FRANCISCO, CA
AUGUST, 1995

It has taken me months to respond to the last double MH issue, and today the October issue arrived. I quickly raced through it, noted lots of comments addressed to me, for which many thanks to one and all. I can see I have a lot of catching up to do.

Verzumo (85/13) So how come I have so many influential, rich, notable friends and have always lived in a socially elite group? I have Pisces on the 11th, and Uranus in that house. The presence of Uranus always changes radically the meaning of the things of whatever house it happens to be. My friends range widely, beautiful-homely, ultra-conservative or non-conformist. One fault of this part 2 is that nowhere does it refer to the fact that you were doing O.J.'s chart. I do not know about the charts you look at, but I regard all planets in any charts I see as personal to that person. I do not agree with your mumbo-jumbo of Cancer emotions. Maternal in nature, they tend to be conservative, need to be reciprocated, tend to be rather tender and sensitive, and Cancers think you should know things about them you have never been told. Wherever the Moon is, 8th house in O.J.'s case, indicates the area where people are uncertain about what they expect from that area. They never know quite what they want of the area, and keep changing their minds about that. In his case, in what he gets from the people with whom he is intimate. Jeeze, don't be amazed he is twice divorced. Uranus rules his 7th, so they can stay or leave. You know I have found Pisces very unmythical. They always have to be paid back for anything they do for you, and your payback has a good chance of never measuring equal to what they did for you, so you always remain obligated to them. Good grief, Mars 10th and all the energy goes into achieving status. Why don't you use "Complete Horoscope Interpretation" by Maritha Pottenger and rid yourself of a lot of nonsense.

Sandra Smith (85/15) very interesting. I have not done the charts. Lack of time. But it is my experience that no matter how much you warn clients, and especially if they are astrologers, they will cross their fingers and take their chances. After all, it's all karma to be accepted and handled.

I have not completed my study of solar and lunar returns, nor my study of heliocentric, and Haya Murray, into asteroids, went home and sent me two books by Martha Lang-Westcott the like of which I have never seen on the subject. They come from the author at Treehouse Mountain, 655 Reeds Bridge Road, Conway, MA 01341. She also sent me the gift of 100 year ephemerides on nine asteroids of my choosing. I am never going to catch up with studying astrology.

Win Kemp (85/31) and John Kalus, I am ambidextrous, naturally, Gemini-rising being only one possible cause. But a lot of it is early conditioning. I write with my right hand, eat with both hands, throw with the left, catch with the right, bat right, and when I played tennis, used both hands, but I golfed right handed. When I clasp my hands, it is left over right, left fingers over right fingers, and this may be rebellion against my mother who thought clasping left over right was satanic or some such thing. It never occurred to me to try to write with my left hand, which I have had to do a couple of times. I learned to use knife and fork without having to change hands so my fork would find my mouth. I never stir with my spoon in my left hand. Intolerance to dairy products is genetic. It would be interesting to find what, astrologically, makes some tend one way or the other. But you can't toss out peer pressure and environment, or even small rebellions. When you get into automobiles for the handicapped, all sorts of changes can get made, but the basic auto is a right-handed machine. Gas pedal and brake right-handed, (clutch left, however), gear shift right, even the silly ashtray right. I smoke, and if I had three hands would use them all for that, but prefer the left hand. Not all Brits are left-handed, but they drive on the left as if they were going to need their right hand for swordsmanship (or taking potshots at each other) driving down the road. Come on now, the teenager getting into the driver's seat to learn to drive does not think in terms of being left-handed. He is going to drive that machine and cope with where things are, come hell or high water. Does he ever really stop to wonder if it would be easier for him to have all the emphasis to go to the left side of his body?

Thank you Anonymous (85/32) for bringing up Mars retrograde at the start of the O.J. trial. I have been watching the progress of this trial with great

interest which has curtailed my other work a great deal even with my mind on pain and a low work inclination. My faith in both dream team and the prosecution has not been enhanced. I just loved it when Marcia Clark stood there barefaced and objected to sanctions by the defense, a thing lawyers should never do to other lawyers, thoroughly mindless that she began the trial trying to impose sanctions on the defense. I still think it took two men to commit the crime, and that O.J. was not one of them. Furhman is obviously a low rodent type, perjured himself and denigrated testimony of other witnesses. I predicted a mistrial brought on by the prosecution, and it almost came to that. I will be very surprised by other than a hung jury.

Win Kemp again (85/39) I simply do not know how we can have government agencies such as IRS, ATF, Social Security, etc., all of whom operate giving us no recourse whatsoever. We all, and I assume they, must have read "1984" by George Orwell about forty years ago and became well acquainted with Big Brother, and still we have raced to allow all this sort of thing to happen as if the novel had been a predictive treatise.

At the end of March '95 I got a judgment against Social Security. I have yet to see penny one of a settlement. In five months do I get any explanation? No, I don't. Will I get one, as recommended by the hearing officer? No, I won't. Shall I insist? Do I dare? Nor will they admit the whole fuss came out of an error they made in my account. On an error of five thousand dollars, they took me for seven thousand. Having fought this fight for three years, I perhaps should retire from the fray and thank my lucky stars transiting Pluto will soon get away from my Mercury chart significator. Pluto is the planet of things where you have no recourse. Yet when Pluto was on my Sun and Saturn, both natally trine to Pluto, I had no problems beyond recourse.

Peggy Flook (85/40) I checked transiting South Node and Pluto to January 1994, and that was the highpoint of my Social Security problems. In astrology there should always be double and triple indicators of what is going on. No more than above when I spoke of my back problem with a raft of quincunx transits. Thank you for your letter.

Doreen Lindeman (85/42) when people choke on their own effluvia, reflux, in

England this is called "death per misadventure."

SUE RICKARDS
PUNTA GORDA, FL
AUGUST, 1995

I received my first issue of The MERCURY HOUR today. I sat down and read it completely through and even re-read some parts. This is absolutely one of the best astrological publications produced. I was totally amazed about how straight forward and helpful the subscribers are. It is refreshing to have people admit their interpretation mistakes, to have some of the same questions that I have, and to share their insights and lives.

I had seen Mercury Hour advertised for years, but for some reason did not subscribe. I guess I thought it was another "pop" astrology publication. I am so sorry that I haven't subscribed sooner-my loss! I may order past issues later, but right now I only want to order the "extra" edition. My check is enclosed.

I have studied astrology for years, but was not able to really concentrate on it until we retired here in Florida--too busy raising children and supporting my husband and his career. I don't have any clients nor intend to. I study for my own enjoyment and enlightenment. I believe God made everything for a purpose and has a divine plan for each person. Maybe I will be an astrologer in my next life and am laying a foundation for that life in this area as well as other areas.

I really admire your in genius idea in bringing together the many ideas, thoughts, and guidance for people who are interested in this subject. I'm sure I will respond in time to many of the letters throughout the year.

Thank you very much for sending the July, '95 issue to me so quickly. it truly made my day. (Thank you Sue! You made our day! Edith)

**NEW RENEWAL NOTICE ON PAGE
1. CHECK TO SEE IF YOU ARE
DUE TO RENEW.**

**SALLY HARRINGTON
CAMANO ISLAND, WA
SEPTEMBER, 1995**

My husband passed away July 23. He was born June 19, 1923 at 6:07 P.M. in Indianapolis, I was born Aug. 6, 1935 in Hanover, N.H. at 2:43 A.M. I didn't see it in our charts. He lost his 2nd wife with Saturn in Virgo square his Sun by transit in '79. This time it was square his Sun again from Pisces. It was due to a heart attack. Neither planet rules his 1st or 8th even though the Sun is in the heart. He needed a heart valve replaced and they wouldn't operate due to his lung disease. He just learned this in March. He had hoped he'd have a heart attack and go quickly rather than linger with his lung disease in a nursing home. He got his wish. I thought my karma was over but it isn't. He changed his will even though we had signed a legal separation 3 years ago that we would not change our wills as he wanted me to stay in the house in order to take care of him when his health worsened. I had wanted a divorce but agreed to stay on with a separation. So now I'll have to go to court and the judge will decide. My husband always said his daughter didn't need anything since she inherited her grandparents estate of over \$400,000.00 I asked for a separation when transit Saturn was opposite my Sun. I thought he might pass away when Uranus went square my Uranus and Mars at 4 and 5 Taurus and Scorpio, since Uranus rules my 8th, but instead it was Uranus opposite Pluto in my ASC and square Moon the ASC ruler in the 4th. Transit Saturn rules the 7th, co-rules the 8th and is in the 9th trine Pluto in the ASC and almost on my 10th cusp so I hope the court will rule in my favor. His daughter was born Apr. 15, 1950 in Lubbock, Texas with 9.40 Gemini ASC Saturn rules her 8th and is in transit opposite her Mars in the 4th. Also Uranus and Neptune are transiting her 8th in square to her Sun at 25 Aries and the Sun rules her 4th. She called the insurance company and told them to hold up the \$112,700 life insurance check they were ready to mail me in early August. She faxed a restraining order her attorney obtained due to the fact that she held her father's last will. We had a preliminary hearing due to her filing a restraining order against my will which had been filed with the court. Now my attorney has served both she and her attorney and will sue them for \$1,000 a month until the life insurance is paid as it is not a part of his estate and I was

the beneficiary. My defense is the legal separation we signed and theirs is the fact that it was his last will and testament. I would hope we could settle out of court and save attorney fees. It has been pretty scary. I couldn't make my house payment for Aug. or Sept. of \$800 a month. That money was to be used to pay off this house or buy another.

Uranus and Neptune are both square my Moon but sextile the MC at 28 Pisces. In addition to this problem my mother is ill and has had 3 trips to the hospital this year with heart problems. She's 79. The last time she couldn't breathe due to water on the lungs. Also, she seems to be paranoid due to all the medication she's taking. She believes my stepdad has had a friend in the house when she's been in the hospital and believes she had taken some of her clothes and other small items. I don't think this is happening. She has Uranus and Neptune transiting opposite her Mercury at 28 Cancer now. My daughter is getting a divorce but this is good for her and she has a new boyfriend who is very nice. Her husband had an addiction to porno calls on and off and she became sick of it after 7 years. What does one know at 19 anyway. Certainly not enough to know who to marry.

My relationship with my friend next door is off and on. I couldn't ask for a kinder more loyal friend, but I was hoping for more. Saturn is in orb square his Mercury (Asc Ruler) and Saturn rules his 5th. In my chart Uranus and Neptune are opposite Pluto, my 5th ruler and Saturn is opposite my Venus. I was becoming dissatisfied with the lack of intensity of the relationship ever since Saturn went opposite my Venus. He doesn't want a committed relationship since he was married for 27 years. He's enjoying his freedom too much. We met in '92 with Uranus and Neptune conjunct my 7th cusp and trine Venus in the 3rd. He's a neighbor that became a friend and then more. His prog. Venus is opposite Saturn this year and next so I doubt he'll be in the mood for relationship with anyone for some time. He's a very kind man and we'll always be friends. He told me from the beginning that I need someone that is more affectionate as I am. He's cool with Gemini Sun and Aquarius Moon. Also being English doesn't help. And Mercury his Virgo Asc ruler is in Gemini in opposition to Saturn. My first husband was Pisces Asc and Scorpio Sun, Venus, Mercury and Jupiter. He was very romantic, sensitive and affectionate with a grand

water trine with the Asc. and Pluto in the 5th to the Scorpio Venus and Sun in the 8th. My friend has no personal water planets, only Pluto. I have 5. He has a grand trine with Venus, Saturn and Neptune in water houses but not quite enough evidently.

9-18 After 2 court appearances the judge lifted the hold on my life insurance policy and ruled it is not part of an estate. We had each taken out \$112,500.00 on one another to pay the house off or buy another. The judge also made me administratrix in place of the daughter. She was named executrix in her mother's will in '79 and she inherited nearly half a million dollars, yet did not pay her mother's medical bills over \$1,000.00 nor did she pay her attorney. My husband finally had to sue his daughter to force her after 5 years to complete the probate and pay the bills. I'm sure that was the deciding factor in the judge's decision to rule in my favor as far as controlling the estate, small as it is. I've made an offer through my attorney this week. If she accepts it, it will be over. If not we'll go to court in 4 months or so for half a day or more and the judge will make the decision. Her will was put in place of mine when the restraining order was lifted on the insurance. My attorney plans to sue the estate as my husband broke two contracts he had with me agreeing we would not change our wills. I am offering his daughter everything her father and mother owned before we married, except the house of course. It would be beneficial if we settle this without further attorney fees. It's over \$2500.00 already. I am entitled to half the house, car and furniture by verture [sic] of the fact that we live in a community property state. After bills are paid the estate is only worth \$30,000.00 That means she and her brother would only receive \$7,500.00 each. She could easily use that up in attorney fees. She is stubborn with Mercury in Taurus square Pluto on the cusp of the 3rd and 4th. Mercury rules her Gemini Asc and is in the 12th. She does things the hard way. She was an alcoholic for 14 years. She failed to obey the law when she was executrix for her mother's will when Saturn was conjunct her Mars in the 4th and Saturn rules the 8th. Now Saturn is opposite her Mars and Hand says that what we did 15 or so years earlier comes back to haunt us with Saturn opposite by transit the planet it was conjunct some 15 years earlier. It's certainly true in her case.

I don't know much about solar returns other than the few classes I took from Joan McEvers years ago. From what little I know, the solar return this year is the best I've ever seen of those I've done. When you consider for 7 out of 11 years, I've had to ask my husband for every dime and funds have been so low at times that when he's refused to purchase the food I need, I've taken back his boxed food to exchange it for fresh food and fish. That's pretty tight. This year on 8/5/95 when the Sun returned to 12/55 Leo for my birth place of Hanover N.H. 8/6/1935 at 02:43 AM EST. Jupiter and Moon are conjunct the Asc with Jupiter and Moon both in a tight 3 degree trine Venus and Sun conjunct by 4 degrees in the 9th. Moon rules the 8th. I know many of you feel the birth place is more important for the solar return yet it seems as though the return for Seattle, more aptly fits my life at this time, although my natal Asc does return to the 8th house for the birth return. Nevertheless, the Seattle return has Moon, Jupiter and Pluto all conjunct in the 2nd and I remember Joan said we read the planets in their opposite house as well, so that would take in the 8th. Moreover, Moon and Jupiter trine Venus, ruler of the SR 27 Libra Asc which is conjunct SR N. Node and my natal Moon, Asc ruler. Venus rules the 8th and is conjunct the Sun and the MC both in close trine to the Moon and Jupiter in the 2nd. I've gone from scraping the bottom financially to \$112,700.00 life insurance, \$1550.00 a month retirement from my husbands S.Security and Air Force retirement, the rest of my life, along with the car and house with a \$60,000.00 equity. I've never had this amount of money in my lifetime I've rented his master bedroom suite out for \$400 a month and I can still work the astrology line for \$680 a month, but if I made more than that, I'd have to give half back to S. Security so that will be the maximum I will make. I've gone from \$455 disability S. Security monthly to \$2600.00 a month since his death. In the Seattle return Mars ruler of the 7th is in the 12th but sextile Venus ruler of the Asc and 8th in the 10th. With the Sun in the 9th with Venus in the birth return, that fits somewhat as I'm going to Sedona for 4 days in Oct. which I've wanted to do for some time but couldn't afford it. Then in Nov. my girlfriend and I plan a trip for 12 days to Hawaii. I have a time share on 3 of the islands. After losing everything when my first husband left and we sold the house and nearly everything we owned, it's nice at 60 to be in this position.

Guess that's about all for now.
Hope we have an extra next Jan.



**GIVE A GIFT
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CONSIDERATIONS: (86/5) In my opinion, CONSIDERATIONS consistently publishes some of the best authors/articles in the business. For example, I haven't read any astrological article on the O.J. guilt/innocence topic that beats the one Garry Heaton wrote for CONSIDERATIONS X:2. Garry also had an earlier article appear in ASPECTS on Astro-Criminology.

LSRev: Ross Harvey wrote that O.J. has a projected life span of about 50 years. So, out of curiosity, I looked at his 1 year equals 1 lifetime solar progressions and came up with 51.33 years with the usual allowance of 1 or 2 years. I haven't taken a detailed look at the LSRev, yet, but it should show the same rate or there's a problem. Ross recommends using one to check the other.

WAXING MOON: The argument about how to refer to this phase of the Moon in the O.J. trial reminded me of the fact that the Moon's surface is completely dry except when it's waning.

TRIALS: Barbara Watters, as I recall, based her judgment of the progress/outcome of a legal action on the time of arrest. I remember there was an excellent example in her book HORARY ASTROLOGY AND THE JUDGMENT OF EVENTS. Some use the start of the trial, but apparently there is some confusion here. I understand in California that a trial begins with the opening statement yet

some astrologers were using jury selection. Any thoughts on this?

RECTIFICATION: No one recommended what I consider an essential reference book to T. Sanda Matundu. That is Laurie Efrein's HOW TO RECTIFY A BIRTHCHART. Also, if you can find a copy, her A MAGIC MOMENT: BACH AND BEYOND not only shows how she rectified his birth to the correct day and time, but also shows how this date and time correctly reflect all of the major events in his life.

UNKNOWN BIRTH TIMES: If a client does not know the time of birth, Adrian Duncan (DOING TIME ON PLANET EARTH) recommends using a consultation chart for the exact time the client is seen. In fact, he uses consultation charts for all his clients. As Adrian puts it "...the moment of arrival is no accident; the client may be early or late, but always comes at the right time." The problem that brought the client to the astrologer should be evident, as well as the guidance being sought. For example, if career is highlighted, is there likely to be a promotion, job change, or dismissal?

CLINTON: In her book LEADING WITH MY HEART, p.68, Clinton's mother states "At 8:51 A.M., I first laid eyes on my son." The announcement that appeared that afternoon in the Hope Star added that it was Monday, August 19 at the Julia Chester Hospital. Is this her way of saying he was born at 8:51 A.M., or that he was born earlier and she didn't actually see him until 8:51 A.M.? Unless there were complications for the mother, I would suspect that it is the time of birth.

An elderly man is walking in the country when he sees a frog on the road. The frog tells the man, "If you pick me up and kiss me, I will turn into a beautiful young woman and grant your every sexual desire." The old man picks up the frog, puts it in his pocket and continues walking.

"Hey," says the frog, "you didn't kiss me!" Replies the old man: "Well, I thought it over and at my age, I'd rather have a talking frog."

**PLEASE CHECK PAGE 1
TO SEE IF YOU ARE DUE
FOR RENEWAL.**

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**THE ART OF SELF-DEFENSE:
LESSON 1**

FIGHTING AT THE LEVEL OF YOUR OPPONENT

Part 1 of two

Despite my high idealism about astrology, I periodically attempt to lower my standards long enough to get this "product" sold, or at least exposed, to a wider audience. I was recently approached by a media manipulator who was preparing to include astrology in an NBC series on prophecy. She was consulting me to find out about famous events correctly predicted by astrologers which could be dramatized in a 5-minute sound bite of unadulterated sensationalism, all according to her preconceived and shallow view of astrology. She didn't want to hear about awareness, she didn't want anything to do with educating the viewers, she just wanted me to supply her with data on disasters and violence predicted by astrology. This was so that NBC could put on some entertainment, paraded as being non-committal and objective, and could then turn to the audience and say, "YOU decide!" (whether there's anything to astrology or not).

Repulsed as I was by all this, I kept naming important predictions, but they weren't titillating enough for this interviewer, neither gory nor exciting enough for Prime Time. Charles Jaynes' prediction of the Truman election was too tame; the accurately predicted plagues were history the viewers wouldn't be familiar with; the Star of Bethlehem (merely the prophecy of a world saviour) was too esoteric. Needless to say, I failed to match the aggressiveness and superficiality of this NBC person and her Fax-paced agenda, so she gave me the brush-off (I won't even say it was a polite one, but like the rest of her approach, pushy). I'm inwardly pleased, of course, that it seems to be impossible for me to prostitute astrology, even when I try. But I still experience a sense of failure, because NBC will go ahead and produce their trite presentation anyway, Astrology will continue to have a lousy "image," and all I'm left with is feeling justified for being appalled and disgusted by the power and vulgarity of the Media.

What can we astrologers do about this kind of thing? It's an age-old problem, for astrologers have been complaining about similar situations for thousands of years: No matter how much we might prefer to think of astrology as a tool for awareness (a way to become conscious of reality), much of the world continues to limit their definition of astrology as prediction (a way to control reality). No matter how you yourself define astrology, there is a very real question here about whether astrologers actually have had an impressive track record of correct predictions. Since this is the level at which astrology is often challenged by its opponents, I believe it is useful for astrologers to be educated about this track record. I have therefore prepared a short list of historically successful predictions which astrologers might want to keep on hand, along with some philosophical arguments, ready to be pulled out anytime you need or want to fight opponents at their own level.

Of course, the debunkers may dismiss these correct predictions as coincidence, or as a result of the power of suggestion, or as circumstances which cannot be tested by replication. The counter-argument to this is to ask why the supposed poor record of astrological predictions was brought up in the first place. You can't have it both ways, claiming that incorrect astrology predictions are proof that astrology doesn't work, but correct predictions don't "count." If that logic were applied to modern medicine, none of us would dare to consult a doctor. Apply it to the National Weather Service, and we'd all go back to relying on the Farmer's Almanac (which is probably based on astrology, though no one will admit it).

The fact is, the modern scientific view (or prejudice, which I prefer to call it) demands a double standard. Predictions labeled "scientific" are OK; anything else isn't ... no matter what the track record says. There really is no point in attempting to "prove" astrology along these lines; however, that is where the narrow minds reside, so if you want to play their little game (or are forced to through their attacks), here's some ammunition.

One of the best known examples of prediction is hidden by the revised language of the Bible. The three Magi who sought out the Star of Bethlehem were in fact astrologers. The word magi comes

from the Greek *magoi* (from which we get our word magician), which the authorized version of the Bible translates as "wise men," but the New English Bible translates as "astrologers." Around the time of Christ, the term *magus* referred to anyone in the occult arts, from astronomers to astrologers.

It is now an established and well-accepted fact that the "Star" of Bethlehem was actually the conjunction of Jupiter-Saturn in Pisces in 7 B.C. Such conjunctions have been well-known to astrologers for thousands of years. There seems to be adequate evidence that most contemporary Babylonian and Jewish astrologers interpreted this particular conjunction as a clear sign of the coming of the Messiah, more specifically as a Jewish King born in Israel. This story may be flippantly rejected as legendary, but nevertheless, the prediction was so unambiguous that the Magi followed it through by performing what was then a very long and difficult journey. <1>

The interpretive value of such conjunctions was recognized by Johannes Kepler, one of the most important astronomers of the 17th century, who was also an accomplished astrologer. Kepler was busy observing the triple conjunction of Mars, Jupiter and Saturn in 1604 when he calculated that similar massings must have occurred about every 800 years, and therefore deduced that such a conjunction accounted for the Star of Bethlehem.

One of the most consistently accurate astrologers of all time was Tycho Brahe, who is usually represented in the history books as a great astronomer. Brahe excelled at accurate predictions about the weather, as well as for political leaders and nations. In 1563 he correctly predicted an outbreak of plague which followed soon afterwards. Many of his valid predictions are mentioned in science history books, which naturally downplay the value of these prognostications. <2>

William Lilly, the 17th century English astrologer, correctly predicted the defeat of Royalist forces (in 1645 and 1648) <3> as well as the great Fire of London. <4> So accurate was this latter prediction that Lilly was called into court for questioning and suspected of complicity in the matter. Lilly is a perfect example of how it has always been a rather dangerous task for astrologers to predict events with volatile political

and religious repercussions. It is no wonder that many have denied or revised their own predictions in order to preserve their livelihood (and in many cases, their lives). Political correctness is not an invention of the 1990s. When you add to this the distortions of revisionist historians (especially since the Scientific Revolution), it's a wonder that any records of astrological prediction have survived at all.

There is another story concerning King Henry II of France, who consulted with an (unnamed) astrologer and was told he would die in single combat, a prophecy that made absolutely no sense to the king, since he didn't go around fighting on his own. Less than a year later, Henry fell in a jousting tournament, mortally wounded in "single combat." <5> The anonymity of this predicting astrologer is representative of another problem in the track record of astrology. Without a specific name attached to predictions, stories have often rejected as legendary or anecdotal. The unverifiable truth of the matter is, that certain celestial signs have been so obvious to so many astrologers, that the predictions were considered general knowledge and were never associated with one particular author.

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To be continued

I'm out of bed
and dressed,
what more do you want?

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AL H. MORRISON

If anyone in astrology deserved to be rewarded for overall service to the community at large, it was Al Morrison of New York City, and yet, if he was ever publicly honored for his contributions, I have not heard of it.

He regularly put aside personal needs to finance projects advancing astrological knowledge. Bushels of astrological lore and information were at his mental fingertips. He was adept at both the technical and interpretive side of astrology.

Yes, he was prickly and volatile in the extreme, and having Al Morrison around was comparable to having an enormous library on tap with instant recall, but rooted on an active volcano.

He told me once that he felt he had a really good day when he got a fight going with someone because it stimulated and revved his motor. Those on the receiving end rarely felt it was a good day for them, however. With Al, you simply had to reach gingerly around the thorns to get to the roses.

Tall, terribly thin and wirey, Al's appearance prompted me to consider Aries Ascendant for Abraham Lincoln when I worked on that rectification project in 1983. It was a good clue and turned out to be accurate. Both Al and Lincoln also had Mars in Virgo-Libra, geo and helio, in the 6th and 7th houses.

Al freely published his birth data. After I began studying heliocentric, I included these positions in his chart. Picture this. He had impatient Mars-ruled Aries on the Ascendant and helio Mars was smack-dab opposite his Ascendant. How appropriate can you get? Then there was the revealing Mercury in Aries/12th and Venus in Capricorn/10th giving a better picture of his career in astrology.

The death of Al Morrison is truly a loss for the astrological community.

RECTIFICATION

I had another interesting 'rectification' experience. I was told a family

member of a historical figure had written a book providing the birth data of the history-making fellow, and the book was named. I was given the time of birth as 5 p.m., expressed as 17:00 hours.

Using the data as given, a traditional horoscope was drawn, then I added the planetary coordinates in the solar system, or heliocentric, as I normally do. The total picture was examined for the significant dates. A measure of astro logic was found in the traditional chart - but planets in heliocentric were out of sync. Mystery. My research of the past 16 years had indicated the heliocentric planets should be especially prominent and with exacting aspects.

Perplexed, I didn't put the chart aside but called the public library and they sent me a copy of the source book quoted. Where did the 5 p.m. come from? The actual quote stated birth was very early in the morning! I suspect the birth time was missed, and the 5 p.m. was a 'speculative-rectification,' but not stated as such.

With an early morning birth chart, the heliocentric planetary patterns had the classic precision, all easily understood, that I had come to expect. No 'creative astronomy' required. No reaching or stretching necessary to explain it afterward. As above, so below.

It is important to note that the heliocentric warned me something was wrong, and I listened. Had I confined my examination to the traditional chart of geocentric, I would have been reasonably satisfied the data was correct as given, and one more piece of garbage data would have entered the bloodstream of astrology to foul it up.

Lots of lessons in this experience.

POISON DATA

Using both old astrology books and history books, I was recently pursuing information on some of our assassinated Presidents and their assassins, who seem to be a special breed. That nasty cycle is moving into position once again.

One old, undated astrology book presented a precise birth time for an assassin of long ago, but gave not the slightest hint as to its source. Given other facts, it is entirely possible that

a birth time could have come from a family member, but we will never know after this length of time. More complications. No birth place was given and the longitude and latitude used was not mentioned. The chart shown had the birth time in the center circle but with a date a day earlier than the text and history books give, while the planetary positions related to one of the above. This did not keep the author from making sweeping deductions for posterity.

A similar type situation arose with another assassin of many years ago. An astrologer informed a magazine of an assassin's birth data, giving a precise time, without a time standard, of course, and supplied not the slightest hint as to the source of the information. The place could not be found on any map. The data was contradicted by a historian having access to original papers. Both the birth year and place of birth were wrong! And the birth time?

Are we having fun yet? Given the garbled nature of the data, I am not repeating it because it might be picked up, produced on one of those computer generated charts which leaves no space for qualifying data, then be circulated and compound the confusion endlessly.

Although microscopic in size, given the output of literature in astrology, there have been improvements in the interval, mostly as a result of Lois Rodden's work and naggers like me. Yet examples such as mentioned still appear in new publications. Why? Editors/publishers are not doing their job. Teachers are not teaching students how to record data. Astrological organizations have not set any standards whatsoever for data publication. Other 'professions' have peer review before publication to catch errors. Given the vital nature of data to the study, obviously so, you would think high standards would be automatically put in place.

GENETICS

My Aquarian radar has noted a new "magic wand" positioning itself for the future. Genetics. It was about 50 years ago that psychologists began really kicking sand in the faces of geneticists, who then had few tools in the arsenal to fight back. Now the picture is changing once again, with momentous consequences easily predicted. The change will most certainly impact astrology dynamically.

The power-play for dominance is already focused. Increasingly heard are comments downgrading psychology as an effective "magic wand." The DNA evidence presented in the O.J. Simpson trial began an education for a lot more people on this factor in genetics. The new whiz kids are working on reprogramming one's genetic code to change the path of one's life, concentrating efforts for now on inherited diseases. Even the concept is awesome.

Having been raised in the pre-psychology era when genetics was accepted as "at least 90% of everything," I have watched the dramatic changes take place between the pre and post-psychology eras. The depth of change made on nearly every phase of life, and on prior value systems, and on astrological teachings, could not have been imagined 50 years ago.

Geneticists will have, or seem to have, the new "magic wand" to wave over problems and make them disappear. I expect the ultimate consequences to create an even greater upheaval than psychology engendered. For my generation and those older, it will be getting back to basics with the advantages of new technology, but for younger generations steeped in psychology-oriented themes, it will mean a new lifestyle and approach to life.

In astrologers' personal lives, characteristics being passed through a family are noted, but it is rarely mentioned professionally or in our literature. Many of our current textbooks are going to seem outdated before long. A word to the wise should be sufficient.



HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM THE
MERCURY HOUR
STAFF
EDITH, VIN, BETTY
AND PAM

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Something that was mentioned in the 85th edition was about 29 degrees of a sign. My progressed Ascendant is at 29 Aquarius and I can really feel the "end" of an era in my life. But it feels like an ending that never ends. I'm looking to the example of Don Borkowski (85/54) and his experience with a changing progressed Ascendant into a new sign. He got a new job and more money when his progressed Ascendant moved into a new sign and so I'm hoping that something exciting will happen in my life. The last time that my Progressed Ascendant changed signs, I moved out of my parents home in Queens, into Manhattan, which definitely changed my life. My progressed Ascendant will go into Pisces later this year and transiting Pluto will be (and already is) in a square to this progressed Ascendant. Also progressed Jupiter will conjunct the progressed Ascendant in late 1996 so there is, perhaps, something good to look forward to (hopefully not just weight gain). Life sucks right now with Saturn on my Sun but that's probably because I have to attend to all the things I've ignored for so many years in regard to myself. I'm in the mood for a whole new life, a whole new me and a whole new look. I'm even thinking of giving away most of my wardrobe, cutting my hair again, losing weight -- all kinds of Ascendant stuff. In the meantime, I feel like I'm in purgatory between the worlds of 29 degrees and zero. Plus, let's face it, Saturn is on my Sun, opposing my Saturn, so I'll be very happy indeed when Saturn moves into Aries, at least until it opposes my Mars at 6 Libra (haha--gee, you just can't satisfy a Pisces, can you?). The last time that Saturn moved into Aries was when I was 17 and I started a whole new life with a brand new group of people. It was also the first time that I sang publicly, thereby establishing myself as a singer. It felt like I came out of a cave into the light.

I find myself extremely "conscious" during this Saturn cycle over my Sun. In one of my astrology classes, one of the women in the class said that she didn't think that Saturn conjunct her Sun was so bad and then my friend said that she also didn't feel that transiting Saturn opposing her Moon and conjunct her Mars was all that bad either. The teacher looked at the first woman and said, "Oh really?

I can remember the phone calls," and we all laughed and she said, "Oh, yeah, well, maybe I did have a difficult time after all." Then, when I went home and thought about that, I realized that my friend, with transiting Saturn opposite her Moon and conjunct her Mars had called me too and complained bitterly about how crazed her life felt to her at that time. I then also realized that I was doing the same thing. I had looked back at the times when Saturn was mutable -- an important time for me since my Sun and Saturn are mutable and in opposition -- and was only able to remember the good things that I had achieved. It does seem that every time that Saturn is in a mutable sign, I seem to develop some new talent or pick up on an old talent and enhance it. When Saturn was in Pisces in the 60s, I developed my singing skills by singing in my bedroom at the top of my lungs and collecting records from all kinds of singers (thereby widening my range of singing styles). I also had 50 pen pals during my teens, so I developed my love for writing. After Saturn went out of Pisces, I put my singing skills to the test and became identified to people as a singer (albeit, not yet professional). I didn't become a professionally paid singer until Saturn was in Virgo (my Saturn Return). When Saturn was in Gemini, in 1973, I changed my major and became a student teacher and discovered a facility for teaching that I never knew I possessed. So all I could remember and look forward to this time was that maybe I would develop a new skill or take up a previous skill that I had dropped. What I didn't remember was all the pain that I experienced during those times. And what I also didn't remember were the health problems I experienced every single time that Saturn was mutable. So this time around, I have finally decided that Saturn is like childbirth in that you forget about the pain you experienced and only see the beautiful little bundle of joy that you're holding.

This Saturn transit is also transiting through my second house and, yes, ladies and gentlemen, I did go bankrupt. I'm not proud to admit this, but for the sake of astrological research (haha), I feel compelled to let you know that my financial situation was something that I had to face finally once and for all. And the second house is not just your finances, but also your self-worth. This is definitely becoming an issue because of the whole work situation that I keep putting myself in. So I'm trying to figure out what resources (talents) I can

utilize to more fully express my self-worth, and in turn, also learn how to live within my means.

I can't help wondering what new or old talent will surface during this year as Saturn goes over my Sun. I'd hate to leave this period without accomplishing something and it looks as though the issue of getting into a better health and lifestyle pattern is what's most important for me right now. I've had to drop my quest for a new job because I can see that that's not where my focus should be this year. And with transiting Pluto squaring my progressed Ascendant and Saturn conjunct my Sun, I guess it's going to be sort of a "physician, heal thyself" year for me.

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Comments on Teachings on Transits,
project Hindsight Greek Track Vol. IX

I propose that transits to the natal chart are written to the old Chinese mansions or, in other words to the South Hemisphere spring equinox wheel.

I will follow Appendix I starting on page 24 as doing so will make it easy for you the reader to follow.

SATURN TO SATURN - Pseudo-Valens - at times encloses one in prisons - at other times it achieves the deaths of parents (in 12th H. of prisons), Saturn is exalted in Li. In 4th H. of death of parents Saturn rules.

SATURN TO JUPITER - Orpheus-destroyer of possessions. (Jupiter in Sag. rules the 2nd H. of possessions.)

SATURN TO SUN - Dorotheus-judgments from the magistracy. (Judgments are 10th H. of Leo ruled by the Sun.)

Orpheus-one must avoid sailing and journeys (Sailing is 9th H. of Cancer ruled by the Sun and by counterpart the Moon).

Anubio-unemployment and weakness of the eyes. (Sun is exalted in Aries 6th H.)

SATURN TO MERCURY - Anubib-signifies

either sickness or death. (Mercury ruled Gem. 8th H. of death.)

JUPITER TO SATURN - Orpheus-acquisition of lands and foundations and dwellings. (Saturn rules Cap./Aqu. 4th H.)

JUPITER TO MERCURY - Orpheus-makes one friends of great men, whose property he is also entrusted to manage. (Mercury rules Virgo, 11th H. of friends and property of officials of the State.)

MARS TO MARS - Orpheus-causes illness or makes bloody with iron or sets one on fire. (Clearly the fire sign of Aries 6th H.)

MARS TO SUN - Dorotheus-bad for great men and difficult, especially in public matters. (Public is 10th H. of Leo ruled by the Sun.)

Pseudo-Valens-dangerous illness. (Sun in Aries 6th H.) Unexpected journeys away from home. (Sun in Cancer 9th H.) Falls from Quadrupeds. (Sun in Aries 6th H. and Sun in Leo 10th H.)

VENUS TO MERCURY - Orpheus-Aphrodite onto Hermes indicates inheritances and it increases possessions; provides victory in lawsuits. (These are all clearly 8th H. where Mercury rules in Gem.)

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I can't believe the summer is over and the Fall Mercury Hour is on my desk... But let me steal a bit of time from my ever too busy day to address a few issues raised in this 86th edition.

First of all, how are you feeling Edie? I heard from some NCGR "East/West" participants in Kansas City that your pains are worse? I am really sorry to hear this and hope you'll get better soon. Talking of not feeling so well, my friend and partner Joan McEvers had a slight stroke (obviously my "twin" was envious and had to imitate me!). Thank God she is all right, a bit tired and only working on 95 revs instead of her usual 150. But having gone through it myself not long ago, let me assure you that it is a rather frightening experience that leaves you rather shaken.

To John Kalus (86/32) Excellent comments regarding *Night & Day Planetary Sect in Astrology*. It is a pity that we have abandoned or forgotten some obviously good concepts, but by the same token it is important to stay relevant to the era we are living in. Since Uranus, Neptune and Pluto have been discovered and therefore in our consciousness, it behooves us to use them. It may not be necessary to adopt every new technique but it most certainly seems appropriate to play with a full deck, meaning all 10 planets.

To Susan Luck Hooks (86/41) Thank you for sharing some of Al H. Morrison's tidbits. Some of them are real gems. I was notably impressed with his Yod interpretation. I must go through many of my clients, students, friends and family charts to check this out. Al will be sorely missed by the astrological community. He may not have been easy to live with, but what a mind.

This issue had a lot of "sane" advice in it. Such as Matt Jones (86/51) urging everybody to "go back to the basics." I couldn't agree more, in fact I bore myself constantly repeating this to my students. There is nothing that can't be found by looking at 10 planets, 12 signs, 12 houses and the major aspects that link them all together. Having just complimented Matt Jones, I now disagree with his O.J. analysis. You can interpret

a chart only as far as potentials are concerned. You do not know how the person will use the possibilities offered. He has no interplanetary oppositions, which usually poses problems to understanding the 'other' person, but ultimately means not being able to know yourself. O.J. lacks interplanetary quincunxes. often seen as inability to make adjustments, or expecting the partner to march to our drum. Does that mean he is a 'killer?' of course not, but he lacks self-awareness. He's also very emotional, more than his proud Leo Ascendant would like to admit. Cancer Sun, Mercury and Venus plus a Pisces Moon is a bit more water than many a man likes, especially one raised in an African-American neighborhood where being macho is important. No wonder he already roughed up his girlfriends in college, after all, that's a macho thing to do! That poor softie Pisces Moon sits all alone in the Western hemisphere, a singleton, some would call it a not perfect bucket, the Moon being the handle or outlet. That Moon has a very short fuse, Moon square Uranus. I call it a high tension wire. Though the Moon seems to express well through its trine to Mercury it fares less well with Venus (square) and the Ascendant (quincunx). His anima, or his feeling toward women per se is slightly uncomfortable as seen through the Moon and Venus which has only the two squares, to the Moon and Neptune. "Adore her today, deceive her or leave tomorrow, before she can deceive or leave you." And how does control freak Pluto working from behind the scenes handle Jupiter who loves to exaggerate and aggrandize everything? Let me assure you that I can change every sentence above to only find positive ways, but I cannot guarantee you which, when or how Mr. Simpson will or did use this.

I happen to have 2 clients born one day before, both have Pisces Moons, in a grand trine with the Sun (instead of Mercury for O.J.) and Jupiter, a quincunx to Pluto and Saturn (rather than the Asc.). The male client also has Leo rising, the female has a Virgo Ascendant. The female is a very successful advertising executive, pretty high up in the ranks. A loving mother of two boys, only one marriage so far, but a long, committed relationship before. The male has quite a few problems. He's been arrested twice for drunk driving, he uses recreational drugs but denies needing them. He's on wife #3, 2 children from wife #2 who live with their mother. He is an extremely successful entrepreneur who has

managed to put incredible deals together. He has gotten away with fistfights and pushing people around by paying large sums of money or handing out irresistible perks. He is overly generous, a fun person to be with, yet he has a very dark side that comes out time after time. Very similar to O.J. Could he kill someone? Maybe. Will he kill someone? I don't know.

To Defiance Gregg (86/56) Don't you love brains like Einstein and Hawkins. Can you imagine the effort it takes someone like Hawkins to even talk? I am always fascinated by new thoughts and I think "Anti Matter Force" could be very significant. But so is the Quantum theory and my favorite, the Chaos theory. Chaos to me explains why we cannot predict exactly, which I think is great anyway because I don't think we should know everything beforehand.

To Joan B. Layne (86/57) After having done thousands of Solar returns with my partner Joan, we both have concluded that the Solar Return for the place where you live seems to work best, with the birthplace next best and a chosen location as done by many astrologers, least revealing or relevant. Now there are just as many other astrologers, like yourself, who seem to feel differently or have done their own research with different results. SO BE IT. Astrology is a symbolic language, the symbols best suited to you should be the ones you employ, because they work for you and probably always will as long as you believe in them.

Thanks to Jim Haynes for a lot of good stuff. You're always so nice and polite!

Oh horror, I just realized that this letter will appear in December. So let me wish all of you a wonderful holiday and a great New Year.

**ERNI CHARLEY
MEDFORD, OR
SEPTEMBER, 1995**

I don't think I have thanked you for the great foreign stamps plus US commemoratives, you sent me. What great people make up the "Mercury Hour" family. I have written to thank Janice Giles for the big package of "mostly New Zealand

stamps" she so graciously sent me, but would like to thank her in MH. New Zealand really has some beautiful stamps, and I have enjoyed all of them. You both said you had been "saving them for a reason, but didn't know I was the reason." Just love being a reason! Have been receiving a number of letters from "Astrologers," who are going to help me in so many ways, because they either love me, or feel sorry for the problems I am having financially, emotionally and or physically...they are all psychic, and have chosen me because I am: "such a great person and don't deserve all these negative happenings". I use to just dump them in the wastebasket...but came up with a better idea...I write on the material they sent that they have misread something along the way, got the wrong person, I'm not having any of the problems they are crediting to me. But I suggest that being "ASTROLOGERS" and since I don't see their letters in "THE MERCURY HOUR" I am sure they are not aware of it, and am going to do them a favor and send them the address ..since it's a favorite with Astrologers and those interested in astrology and can't be purchased off the newsstand.

I am working nearly full time at genealogy "The Walton Family," my mother's line. Am really addicted to it and plan on putting together a book. I do have the Paf (Mormon) program to put it on the computer, but at present it's in four 3 inch loose-leaf notebooks. When I have reached my goal, and when I learn to do computer charts I plan to do charts on a lot of the "Waltons"..to put in my notebooks. Of course I don't have the birth hours, so they can't be too accurate, but I just can't wait to start this. I need another 20 years to get that all done, and do hope at 97, I'll still be able to enjoy it all.

When I tell friends or relatives about "MERCURY HOUR" and that it is all letters written in...they ask who writes the letters, I say "It's all letters from Astrologers and ME!"

OH WELL, I've always been a bragger!

Love an Blessings to all the fine people whom I enjoy in MH, and particularly to you, Edith, and to Betty and Pam.

**DORIS GREAVES
RED HILL, A.C.T. AUSTRALIA
SEPTEMBER, 1995**

The Cosmobiology Conference was one of the best that I have attended - some new work presented to a very attentive group of astrologers. Nelda Tanner ran the conference very well indeed at the Phoenix location. It was good to meet up with old friends again. I was particularly happy that my last visit to the US was to a cosmobiology meeting. It took away some of the experience of a negative nature I felt after the last AFA conference in LA. That was a badly organized conference and an experience I would not like to repeat. I resigned from that organization last year.

One of the highlights for me at the Phoenix conference was that Eleonora Kimmel and myself were presented with the first awards given by the Cosmobiology Research Foundation for our work in Astrology and Cosmobiology over the past 25 - 30 years. We both established Cosmobiology schools in Australia and America and these are still the best teaching venues for Cosmobiology in these two countries.

I have been researching the potential of using the Vertex, Part of Fortune and the Equatorial Asc. in Cosmobiology and will send an article to you as soon as I can.

**ANONYMOUS
SEPTEMBER, 1995**

When the transiting Pluto conjunct my Moon and Asc $24^{\circ}/25^{\circ}$ Scorpio I was overwhelmed by horrific memories of my mother powerful and true, as I never realized when she was living. I must have been unconscious most of the time, else I never could have endured it. But then Neptune is the powerful trigger in my chart and I have always realized everything (meaning personal relationships) too late to do anything about it except withdraw in hurt and silence. Speaking to my mother never made any difference because she was so manipulative and overbearing (Moon in early Pisces, Mercury conj. Venus in Capricorn, Sun 29° Capricorn) she was a control freak - not only lived her life to suit herself but also wanted to live mine! A great com-

plainer.

You told me Vin also has a Scorpio Asc. Did he notice any personal revelations? (If he did he never mentioned them or I don't remember since his Asc is 17 Scorpio. That was a long time ago. Edith)

As Pluto left the Ascendant, those memories started to fade away, but the effect is still in the 1st house, and it always was, and always will be even though she is dead these 25 years in August.

**LOUISE MC CLEAN
CHADDS FORD, PA
OCTOBER, 1995**

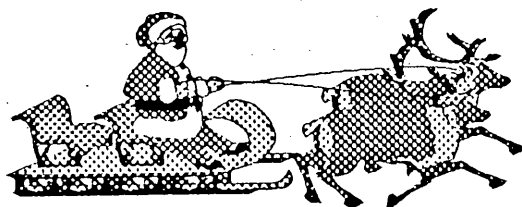
So sorry to hear of Al H. Morrison's death. He contributed so much. Especially with his void of course Moon material. We shall miss him and his void of course Moon. Do so hope that someone else will pick it up. It has been such a help.

To: Lela Chavellier-Powell - re your remarks to Tom Owens - as to my research on the pre-event and post-event eclipses.

I have been ill, and haven't been able to really work on the eclipses as yet. I am not yet sure whether the solar and/or lunar eclipses are relevant. The spanning eclipses do, without a doubt, seem to pinpoint an event.

As I said, cusps of the eclipses seem to show a planet or planets in the event chart. And a planet or planets in each of the spanning eclipses seem to pinpoint a cusp or solstice point of a cusp in the event chart.

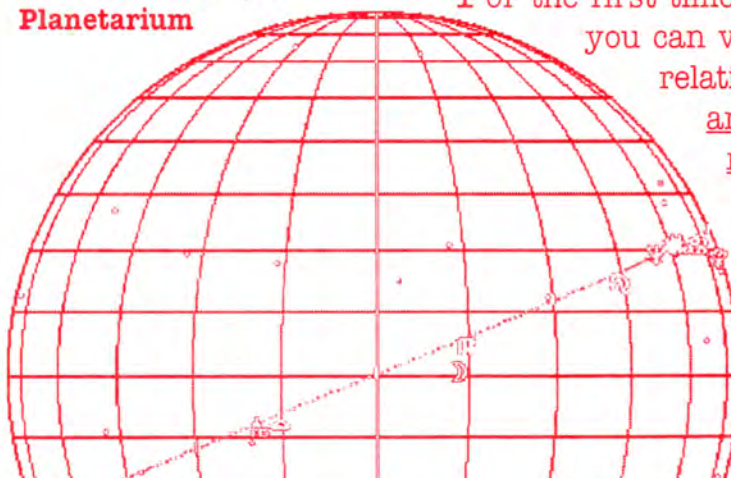
This seemed to me to be too big a coincidence, and I am anxious to continue my eclipse research.



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