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Hi!!

Something new again with this issue! We can't really make up a list of contents as some of you have asked for but we'll try this in place of it. The following page lists all the page numbers with the names listed that are found on those pages. Hope this makes it easier to locate an item you are looking for. Not much of a plot but what a cast!!!

Those of you who sent in a donation for the "3rd. Extra Edition", mailed with the July '76 issue, will find the "4th. Extra Edition" *enclosed with this issue*. Actually it is a continuation of the April edition which just burst its seams and overflowed into the "4th. Extra Edition"! Our budget just can't take more than 55 pages an issue. I will appreciate your sending in your donation of \$2.50 for the 4th. Extra Edition. If you can afford a little more it will be more than a little appreciated. We purchased the photo-type set machine in order to give you a better looking magazine but are struggling to make the monthly payments on it to insure the same quality magazine in the future. For the next three years we are going to desperately need your help and continued support in order to keep going. (I could have bought a Lincoln for what this monster cost!) Speaking of three years --- would you believe that this issue is the beginning of the fourth year for the *MERCURY HOUR*, the magazine written for and by astrologers. You must admit it sure has grown in the past three years, all due to your continued support and interest! We really had to push to get both of these out but a lot of you said to keep the "Extras" coming, so here it is.

For those of you who did not receive the "4th. Extra Edition" with this issue, if you will send me a check for \$2.50 (or more if you can spare it, we are slightly short after publishing the extra edition) we will be happy to mail one right out to you.

Incidentally, there is an excellent article on "The Marriage Chart" in the 4th. Extra. It is from notes taken by Arlene Robertson at a lecture given by Karma Welch, in San Diego, Cal. Karma has given us permission to print it and has also become a subscriber to the MH. We also have a play by Frank Spelic entitled "The Great Lynchburg Stagecoach Robbery", starring John McCormick and Rod Chase. Sally Cotton writes about a "slow" ascendant, Tracy Marks has several comments on teaching and asks a few questions and Ruth Coker answers Jo Ann Brandin on retrograde mercury, to mention just a few of the things in the 4th. Extra. We could only afford to have a limited amount printed so "first come - first served".

If you haven't seen the latest "*Saturn Return*", Feb. '77, Vol. 2 #2, I suggest you send for a copy. (P.O. Box 36065, Dallas, Texas, 75235 - \$1.75). James Jason Frances has an excellent article on "Directives in Astrological Counseling", Dale Huckleby writes on "Are Houses Valid" and Joylyn Hill writes on "The Astroids".

Will tell you about my trips to Dallas, Houston, Denver, Pittsburgh and Atlanta, in the next edition. This one has got to get to the printers NOW!!

Since nothing has been heard about the "Rising Sign" that was supposed to resume publication many moons ago, I wrote to Bob Prete on Feb. 2nd. but have heard nothing as of this writing. Will let you know if I do. I've also been having a problem getting my copies of "Astrology Now" - nothing since the one on the AFA Convention. I have not received a notice that my subscription was ending so have written to Llewellyn Publications to find out what the problem is. Will see if I get an answer to my inquiry.

Speaking of getting answers -- PLEASE -- if you want a response to your letter, enclose a stamp! If you don't I will assume no answer is necessary. With the tremendous amount of correspondence and paper work that goes on around here, it helps if we don't have to respond to everything!

Another thought! Do us all a favor. When you write something about progressions please tell us *what kind of progressions* you are referring to or using. (Secondary - day for a year, Solar Arc - one day's Sun motion equals one year of life, etc.) Today there are such a variety of progressions in use and stating which one you are referring to helps!

This is a reminder to get your reservations in for the July conference to be held in Lynchburg, Va. There are flyers enclosed as well as reservation forms. (This will probably be the last flyer in the MH on it since the July edition will be too late reaching most of you to include one in it. Hang onto the ones in this issue and make use of them please!) The sooner we know how many are planning on attending, the better we can plan for your pleasure and comfort.

PLEASE send in your donation (or your order!) for the 4th. Extra Edition as soon as possible. I convinced the printer that the folks in MH Land wouldn't let me down -- so he gave me 60 days to pay for it! You know how a Capricorn worries so don't help me, dear hearts!!

Betty made up the "Killer Fudge" recipe you'll find in this edition and it was really terrific. Try it, you'll love it!

For our new subscribers - we do have a few back editions of MH available: 2nd. Extra Edition -- \$2.00, April '76 edition -- \$2.50, July '76 edition -- \$2.50, Oct. '76 edition -- \$2.50. My book "Astrologically Speaking" is also available for \$2.75 which includes the postage.

Guess that's about all for now except that we need your support and help more than ever -- so please stay with us and help us keep "our channel of communication" open. Talk to you again next edition.

Love and Hope,

Edie

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JAN INGERSOLL
Anchorage, Alaska

Greetings from all of us in the WARM Northland--We should send you our winter clothes this year! I just finished my first copy of MH and truly enjoyed it. I loved the Convention in Vegas and all the wonderful people I met. We astrologers are very busy here. For some reason we seem to be in harmony as to our practices and beliefs, so we all work together very well. There is a very high percentage of interest up here in astrology and related subjects. It's wonderful. I am teaching my second session of classes since the Convention. There are several other astrology classes going on as well. My students will also be subscribing to the M.H. I am passing the word. [Thanks so much! This is really appreciated. Edie] We get a few books and the regular magazines in the book stores here, but everything else is by mail and by word of mouth. We would like to know what is available in the way of new and/or good publications. I found several by going to the convention, that I would never have known about, and the others here could not attend this time, so I try my best to spread any new information I get.

I appreciate the time comments and information the readers of M.H. send in. There is so much confusion about time. I am an R.N. and can verify what the Anesthetist wrote in about the possible inaccuracies of the birth certificate times. I have seen them recorded up to 30 mins. off because the staff had forgotten to look or just forgotten because they were so busy, or didn't consider it important anyway. Doris Chase Doane recently published some additional time information for her book on Alaska and Hawaii etc. I noted that it stated Alaska was *not* required to go on Daylight time during the energy crisis in Jan. of 1973. As it happened Anchorage area DID certainly go on Daylight time in Jan. '73 along with the rest of the Nation. We remained on it until Oct. '73-the usual time. I cannot speak for certain for the rest of the state. I did inform Doris of this error and received a nice reply.

To show you what can be done when people get together---There was an old law on the books of the city of Anchorage to the effect that it was illegal to do any type of "Fortune-telling" for a fee-or "Character Reading". They specified everything in the book, including astrology. When the city and the Burrough unified this past year, this law came to light and would have been passed by the council along with many other obsolete and unfair laws. The new burrough covers most of this end of Alaska, thereby including nearly all the Alaskan astrologers except Fairbanks. One element of our society was getting ready to put this law to use and we knew it. A large group of us attended the City Council meeting when they were deciding whether to approve the law. We got up and spoke our piece about bias and freedom etc. Luckily there were about 3 fairly open-minded councilmen who had not paid any attention to the law until we explained it to them and what it could mean. These nice people convinced a few others, along with loud objection from some others, that the law should be obliterated and it was, thank goodness, by a margin of

one vote majority. If we had not taken the time and interest to go down there, astrology would be illegal in this whole area now if any money changed hands.

I would add, that since Saturn has crossed my Midheaven (Cancer) and my 10th house Cancer Pluto and Leo Sun, many of my lifelong dreams have come to fruition. I have certainly gained the material good that I never in my life had - I'm 39. Along with heavier responsibilities-willingly taken-for friends and family, I feel more inwardly secure than ever. I have resumed the teaching aspect of astrology because I feel I can help more people by teaching small groups so they can spread out, than seeing clients one at a time.

I grab all the tidbits of information that I can from all the readers of M.H. and elsewhere. I cut out the ones I want and put them in my teaching notebook for reference. It's very helpful-thank you-everyone. When Pluto crossed over my Ascendant-at long last, after a few shocks I felt like a new person. I felt released from many of my past obsessions and hangups-free at last. Now I settle down to business. I think Pluto is great if you try and understand. When Uranus crossed my Ascendant 7 years ago, I went into astrology and metaphysics, which was the greatest and best turning point of my life. Moving to Alaska at that time as well, Took Neptune out of my 12th house and put it on the Ascendant by location. None of these beautiful and spiritual things had been able to manifest in my life until that time. I also have Natal Jupiter in Capricorn in the 4th. Alaska is Capricorn and the street I live on was re-named JUPITER DRIVE after I moved here. It is next to the Zodiac sub-division. Coincidence? I do most of my work and teaching as well as have Philosophy group meetings in my home. I do counselling in my home and have marvelous parents, children and husband-Good old Jupiter in the 4th. Many psychic and spiritual things have happened to me since moving to this clear aired Northland and it has been the happiest and most fulfilling time of my life with all the outer planets angular and active during this time. I certainly have learned a lot and have a long way to go. I could only wish such things for all of you. There is no negative happening, only a negative attitude to a learning experience. Thank you Much. May God bless you.

T. PATRICK DAVIS

Peoria, Illinois

A MINOR CORRECTION ON A SOURCE OF DATA:

In the last issue of *Mercury Hour*, the murderer, Nathan Leopold's, birth data was given and attributed to Mrs. Nathan Leopold. Someone inserted "mother" as the source of this data. Not true. Mrs. Nathan Leopold is Trudi Feldman Leopold, the woman Nathan married in February 1961 after obtaining his release from prison. The data is from family records and was sent to me in a letter from Trudi Feldman Leopold.

NEW INFORMATION SURFACES ON NIXON:

The book, "The Nixon Nobody Knows," by Henry D. Spalding (Jonathan David, Long Island 1972), has a photographic reproduction of the record made by the attending nurse, Henrietta Shockney, at the time of Richard Nixon's birth. It is even noted that she used green ink. Her record stated a birth in Yorba Linda,

California on January 9, 1913. The time she wrote down was 9:35 p.m. (21:35) PST. He weighed eleven pounds.

AN ANSWER ON THE TIME STANDARD IN EFFECT AT THE PLACE OF NEIL ARMSTRONG'S BIRTH:

Mrs. Viola Armstrong, the mother of the first man on the Moon, stated that the place where Neil was actually born was observing CST. Wapakoneta, the place usually given for his birth, was observing EST. His certificate states the following:

NEIL A. ARMSTRONG: Born August 5, 1930 in Washington Township (close to St. Marys), Auglaize County, Ohio (84W16 - 40N31) at 00:31 CST. (same as 12:31 a.m. CST)

WALLIS WARFIELD SIMPSON: Duchess of Windsor.

I now have two birth times for her. Sabian Symbols gives: June 19, 1896 at Monterey, Pennsylvania at 7:00 a.m. EST.

The attending physician is quoted in the January 1937 issue of American Astrology Magazine as stating her birth to have been on June 19, 1896 at Blue Ridge Summit, Pennsylvania (77W28 - 39N43) at 10:30 p.m. (22:30) EST. I can accept this one.

EDWARD, DUKE OF WINDSOR

Was born at Windsor Castle in London on June 23, 1894 and at 9:55 p.m. (21:55) GMT rather than at the even hour of 10 p.m. usually given according to quoted official records.

Edward signed the documents for his abdication on December 10, 1936 and they were married on June 3, 1937. He died in Paris on May 28, 1972 at 02:25 CEDT (01:25 WET) after a long bout with cancer.

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MARGARETHAAGENSEN

of Homewood, Illinois

I really must tell you how much I enjoy your magazine. It gives me more information than I can find in any other magazine. I especially enjoy the article by *Dr. Goodrich* about Saturn in the houses. It seems like forever before he will get to mine which is the eleventh house. It just seems like I'm always at the back of the book or at the end of an article before I can find out about me. I always read about me before going on to anyone else! [*Doesn't everybody?*]

Please keep up the good work. We people really need a magazine like *The Mercury Hour*.

P.S. Here is a recipe for a candy that I made around Christmas time. I know *M.H.* isn't a cooking magazine and I wouldn't want to turn it into one but it is such a fantastic recipe I have to share it with someone. I call it "Killer Fudge" since I don't know the name of it and believe me the name really fits. [*The recipe sounded great. Betty was drooling while she read it! Since Easter time is now we figured we would give you all a treat and print it. Edie*] As *Betty* says *What's a few more "Love Handles"!*

KILLER FUDGE

1/2lb. butter

1 cup milk

Heat these together in a large saucepan until the butter melts.

Add: 4 cups sugar

25 large marshmallows

Bring to a boil and remove from heat.

Add to this: 13 oz. chocolate bar

2 oz. unsweetened chocolate

12 oz. Nestle chocolate chips

Stir until melted.

Then add whatever you want: nuts, raisins, coconut, anything that you want and as much as you want.

Pour into a greased pan or cookie sheet. You may have to use 2 or 3 if they are small because this makes a lot of candy. Cool for several hours in the refrigerator then cut into squares and eat. I don't know how many pieces it makes because I never get a chance to count them. It went too fast!!

TERESE ALEYN
Walnut Creek, California

In reply to *Haya Murray* on her request for interpretations of planets in the 11th house, I have my Sun and Moon here and can agree with her that I am definitely not a joiner in the organizational sense and dislike organizational structure and control. I do tend to see all of us as one big human family and make little or no distinction between family and all others.

My life is not particularly shaped by external circumstances, however and I am not involved in social issues as I feel that all change must begin within the individual and will then automatically carry over to others. The loner tendency which *Haya Murray* mentioned would make sense in terms of the upper Eastern quadrant as opposed to the Western half of the chart which is supposedly related to other people. I am not sure, however, if *any* type of psychological orientation can't be determined from planetary interaction alone without reference to houses.

In answer to *Jeanne Hitt* and her reference to the nodes of the Moon, I can make these observations: If one considers the symbol of the dragon, the head or north node is the point of intake, and the tail, or south node, of excretion. I have found that the south node seems to indicate the area where there must be sacrifice in the Neptunian sense or a giving in some way in the area of activity represented by the house in which the node is placed. The north node seems to indicate an area things come to us involuntarily, either from within or without. Fortune, misfortune, or inspiration may come with a transit of the north node over a sensitive point in the chart.

The south node may indicate a special area of activity in which we are gifted and enjoy giving, for example in communication with a 3rd house placement or it can mean an area where we *must* give because of having neglected that particular activity in the past (past life). the south node would then be classified as 'malific' in that we must learn to give where we don't want to, or things may fall down around our ears. A relationship may break up because of our lack of cooperation (7th house), we may lose a job because we were careless with our attention (6th or 10th house) and so forth. The placement of the south node can be a rewarding one if used properly. I would suggest that everyone watch the transits of the nodes in their own charts. They seem to be just as important as planetary transits.

From B.V. Raman's book, *Hindu Predictive Astrology*, here are just a few associations of the nodes:

North Node: Adventurers, travellers, lecturers, *astrologers* (in the scientific sense), scientists, psychologists, metaphysical students.

South Node: Religion, *astrology*, literary ability, philosophy, occultism. These associations are all very new to us in the West, and like everything else in astrology, very open to research.

Would *Norma J. Hunt* like to share *Isabel Hickey's* birth data and planetary positions with those of us who don't have her chart? I would also like to make this suggestion for anyone who sends in

information on transits in their own or other charts. Give us the birth data, ascending and MC degrees, and the degrees of the planets being discussed. Then we can roughly picture the chart in our minds in case we want to consider houses and cusps for research reasons.

I don't agree with *Alexander Rupert* when he says that the equal house system is an artificial horizontal system that would be pointless to use on the level of depth psychology and spiritual living. (MH, Jan. '77 edition) Much of depth psychology can be found in planetary interaction without reference to houses. The equal house system is not an artificial system but is a deeply symbolic one rooted in ancient spiritual philosophy which is today reflected in Eastern astrology. Correctly used, the equal house system as used in Hindu astrology can give the key to one's spiritual heritage and potential.

For several years I have been making an intensive study of Hindu astrology and hope to be able to present this system in understandable terms to Western astrologers. The personality as stressed in Western astrology is a small part of the total individual, yet our psychological systems are based almost exclusively on this part of our makeup. The dark Moon, symbol of the personality in astrology, is only a satellite of the earth which revolves around the brilliant, life-giving Sun, symbol of the soul, its past, and future.

I am working on harmonics research and if *Roxana Muise* will write to me with her questions, I can probably be of some help to her. Harmonics are tricky to work with because the placement of planets by sign turns out very differently when calculated in the tropical and sidereal zodiacs. In Hindu astrology, the overlap of the harmonic and natal chart is the key to reading these charts, though *John Addey* and his group have applied harmonics in a different manner.

DR. ROBERT GOODRICH
of Chicago, Ill.

I would like for you to request in my name that *EVERYONE IN MH LAND* begin to express their professed appreciation for that publication by trying to get at least *ONE PERSON PER YEAR TO SUBSCRIBE* and in turn encourage those same *NEW SUBSCRIBERS* to try and interest others, continually *BUILDING THE CHAIN OF INTEREST* in the process. Tell them if they *REALLY BELIEVE IN THE MERCURY HOUR AND WHAT IT STANDS FOR AND REPRESENTS TO THEIR FURTHER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SUBJECT OF ASTROLOGY AS WELL AS ALL THE REST IT OFFERS* to prove it by coupling their actions with their praises so that MH can grow and continue to give and live for a few thousand years or so. One new subscription a *YEAR* isn't much in the line of effort-extended to ask in payment of all received but the benefits incurred therefrom can set MH on top of all the "charts".

Anytime any of us begin to think "we can do without" a Mercury Hour we should reflect backwards

and recall what Astrology had to offer before its appearance. Next we should ask ourselves what the future of Astrology would be like should the MH be forced eventually to discontinue operations *because not enough cared enough when and where it counted most!* It takes MONEY to run a GROWING enterprise. One person alone can't do it all, but all of us pitching in *TOGETHER* on this issue (like we did on other matters so successfully before) can and will win. To coin a T.V. message, we need to "get off our rockers and start moving our tails" for the Mercury Hour. Praise is great BUT ... you can't pay the bills with it! If we can talk with such ease about Astrology in the pages of the MH then we shouldn't have any difficulty talking others into subscribing to those same PAGES which carry our ideas. And if any do have any drawbacks about approaching others on this issue perhaps they need to re-examine their priorities. There - I said it and I'm glad!!

[Thanks Bob! Now if everyone felt as you do about the MH we wouldn't have any problems. It is going to take a lot of effort on our part to get the new machine paid for and we will appreciate all the help folks in MH Land can give us to accomplish this minor miracle!! Betty and I certainly wouldn't want you to break anybody's arm in trying to get them to subscribe -- but we wouldn't object to your twisting a few!! Edie]

STEPHEN ARROYO

Davis, California

Thanks for running the announcement of the pre-publication offer on Rudhyar's new book. It has elicited quite a few responses; and--believe it or not--the book is still on schedule so that all those who ordered it will get it by late March or so. I appreciate your help.

Senta Cohen of Pittsford, N.Y. was quoted in the last MH (Jan. edition) as complaining that a particular mail-order book service retained her money although they couldn't send the book. I also encountered such dishonest practices when I used to order books by mail, before I started my own book publishing and sales operation. It does seem that there are a number of people in the astrological book publishing and mail-order sales businesses whose practices are rather shady, shall I call it? I won't mention any names since some of those operations may have improved their methods by now (though I doubt it), but I do have a couple of suggestions for her. First, since most publishing and book-sales businesses are so used to keeping running accounts and billing, they often seem unable to cope with cash that is sent their way. It seems to boggle their minds as to what to do with it, even if they have the books in stock that were ordered. I would suggest that she write in BIG RED LETTERS on any future mail-order: "IF BOOK IS OUT OF STOCK, PLEASE RETURN MY CHECK IMMEDIATELY! DO NOT ISSUE A CREDIT MEMO!" This should be sufficient when ordering from most astrological book places, for most of them are very honest from my experience. (Some are just a bit disorganized.) At CRCS Publications, we have instituted the policy (because of my having been very irritated in the past poor service from various places)

of issuing immediate refunds if we cannot supply a book within 2 to 3 weeks. This enables us to reorder if we are temporarily out of stock on some title customer wanted. If there is going to be a delay in shipping longer than 2 weeks or so, we write a postcard to the person telling him or her what the situation is and giving the alternative of waiting a bit longer for shipment or getting an immediate refund. (This is done in cases where we *know* that we *can* get a particular book, but that it will take a while--for example, if the books are coming from abroad. In cases where we *can't* supply the book, the refund is issued automatically.) If Senta would write CRCS Publications at 111 G. St., Suite 29: Davis, CA. 95616, we could send her a list of books we carry and also advise her of some places that we have found do give good service, such as the *Astrology & Spiritual Center* in Hammond, Indiana; "*Dorothy Hughes-Books*" & "*Astrology Center of the Northwest*", both in Seattle; & others.

LAVONNE MCGILL

Oakridge, Oregon

Read Senta Cohen's article in the last issue and I have also had the same experience with Gnostic AQUARIAN BOOKS as you can see by the attached letter.

Gentlemen:

On 4/14/76 I ordered some books from you with prepayment enclosed as per my cancelled check. Part of the order was shipped, the book was put on back order. After six months, not having yet received the book, I wrote to inquire about it and asked for a refund. NO ANSWER.

On 12/30/76, I wrote again and requested either the book or a refund. As of today 2/2/77 NO RESPONSE.

The amount due to me is \$9.10 as per your invoice of 4/19/76.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Better Business as well as to the "*Mercury Hour*".

PAUL GRELL

San Francisco, California

I read the item on-Page 56-2nd column (Jan. edition) from Colorado A.A. which referred to AFA Professional Exam--that examinee must be Church of Light oriented to pass the exam--and your request "Anyone care to enlighten us further on this".

I can enlighten you for the duration of my administration, 1960-1970 inclusive.

We allowed Examinee to use ANY system they desired: Tropical, Sidereal, etc. Zodiac; Placidus, Equal House, etc.; any system of Progressions. But they had to give ACCURATE RESULTS. We had examiners who could correct any system of Calculation. Examiners and/or I knew (person) nature of chart personally, well enough to know any Delineation answers concerning the general character, house relationships, etc., were either correct or incorrect, or partially so.

AFA Hq. can tell you if this policy has changed, or not, for the 1972-76 examinations.

**GYPSY ROSE QUINCUNX'S
POST GRADUATE EXAMINATION
FOR ASTROLOGERS**

The first 14,000 correct responses will receive a copy of the forthcoming book, "A HISTORY OF CRUCIFIXION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE" by John McCormick. All entries must be postmarked before August 1988. (Californians are urged to get their letters in early....just in case!)

1. In one sentence (or less) explain why you prefer Sidereal astrology to more reasonable methods.
2. If you had a 'CAZIMI' would you
 - A. Have it removed?
 - B. Take it internally?
 - C. Make love to it?
 - D. Send it anonymously to Charles Jayne?
 - E. Make a will?
3. Discuss thoroughly the various house systems!
4. Well, then, what CAN you discuss?
5. Love is the sweetest thing! Do you agree?
(Note whether you are over thirty!)
6. Match up the following!

1. Carole Rushman	A. Fu Manchu
2. Al H. Morrison	B. Atilla The Hun
3. Ivy Jacobson	C. Charles Manson
4. Rod Chase	D. Patty Hearst
5. Carolyn Dodson	E. Pontius Pilate
6. Doris Hebel	F. Benedict Arnold
7. Isabel Hickey	G. Rasputin
8. Noel Tyl	H. Ho Chi Minh
9. Marc Robertson	I. Judas Iscariot
10. Mark Edmund Jones	J. John McCormick
7. List all of the things you feel too insignificant to mention!
8. Make a prediction! Wait one year and then answer (9.)
9. Explain what went wrong!
 - A. Say what you REALLY meant, or
 - B. Apologize
10. Many astrologers have three names. Among these are Olive Adele Pryor, Marc Edmund Jones, Doris Chase Doane, John Lawson Ahern, Angela Louise Gallo, Mae Wilson-Ludlam and Carl Payne Tobey. Can you account for this without falling into bad taste?
11. Why does Al H. Morrison keep HIS middle name a secret?
 - A. He doesn't know it?
 - B. It has something to do with a horse?
 - C. He is uncertain of the spelling?
 - D. It is "hidden"?

12. If you were going on Safari in Tempe would you bring
 - A. Elephant guns?
 - B. Butterfly nets?
 - C. A Mexican Dictionary?
 - D. Preparation 'H'?
 - E. Beads to trade with the natives?
13. Fill in and discuss the following Aspects. Be thorough!
 - A. _____
 - B. —————
 - C. _____
14. Which of the following has the greatest mass?
 - A. Lilith?
 - B. Admetos?
 - C. Isis?
 - D. Vulcan?
 - E. Psyche?
15. Does the word 'mutable' have anything to do with homosexuality?
16. What is a Greek Retrograde?
17. If you went through the luggage of the following what would you expect to find in each?

A. Edie Custer	1. A blackmail note
B. Bob Pelletier	2. A letter from God
C. Christine Rechter	3. A Rosary
D. Eugene Adams	4. K-Y
E. Rob Hand	5. Empty
F. Neil Michelsen	6. A derringer
G. Carole Rushman	7. \$25,000
H. Doris Hebel	8. 0.14 cents
I. Dane Rudhyar	9. Moby Dick's Horoscope
J. James Jason Francis	10. A Butterfinger
K. Bob Pelletier	11. Cosmopolitan
L. John Townley	12. Pornography
M. Charles Emerson	13. Dramamine
N. Frances Sakoian	14. Vodka
18. Which do you prefer? Explain your choice!
 - A. Salvation?
 - B. Reincarnation?
 - C. Neither of the above?
19. What is wrong with Astrology? Be brief! (and careful)
20. Dr. Cornell, in his Medical Dictionary, says that Capricorn rules pubic hair. Outline what you know of his research methods! Be alert against the intrusion of obvious vulgarities!
21. In the space provided below tell all you know about Astrology?

FRANCES SAKOIAN

Arlington, Mass.

One of my students, in the course of reading through the January, 1977, issue (12th Issue) of your publication "The Mercury Hour" brought to my attention an article entitled (?) "Is DETRIMENT Detrimental?" that referred to certain attributes assigned by Mr. Acker and I to planets in the signs of their detriment. As this matter is pointedly brought up, I should like to take this opportunity to clarify what has been apparently "attributed" to us.

First of all, we are not aware of using the word frustration for planets in the signs of their detriment. In any event, a planet in its detriment must overcome environmental difficulties to express itself fully. It must be remembered that power is developed through the overcoming of such difficulties; therefore, a planet being in the sign of its detriment is weakened or is hindered in its expression. It necessitates that other considerations be taken into account before there is free flow of manifestation. For instance, the self-expression associated with the Sun must be tempered with a consideration for that which is needed to achieve cooperation in relationship to others when the Sun is found in Libra. The individual has more than his own self-expression to consider. This would not necessarily be so with the Sun in Aries, where it is exalted.

Frustration exists only when a planet is not in harmony with the fundamental requirements of the sign in which it is found.

In the case of the king mentioned in Martha Humphreys's analogy, her description of a Libra staring in the mirror shows a complete lack of understanding of Libra as a sign which is far more interested in looking at other people, whether in a mirror or not, although we must assume that humans born under all signs manifest a certain degree of vanity. We tend to be vain creatures. For that matter, Leo is more likely to stare at the mirror at himself than Libra would be, as Leos are known for their tendency to appraise the effect they are making on the world. Neither is the sign the primary consideration, but rather the planet, as the planet is the activating source of energy representing a fundamental drive within human nature while the sign shows the manner in which that drive is expressed.

One further point of correction - we have never claimed to be "experts"; we merely offer our findings through many years of research for consideration.

The rule is that when a planet is found in its detriment, other factors must be taken into consideration, because the planet is posited in a sign of dissimilar nature.

From JOAN McCULLA, of Sydney, Australia, comes a note to Kenneth Greenwood of Tuscan, Arizona: Did Ken write his article - "The Application of Mid-Points", as a joke or was he trying us out to see if we are awake? If he was serious, Oh My!!! I know it is easy to make one boo-boo but it was just one too many in one article in this case.

RICHARD SCHULZ

of Edwardsville, Illinois
On Various House Systems

In considering house systems I think it is valuable to review the findings of our fine Frenchman, Michel Gauquelin. The peak power points of the chart lay a few degrees clockwise of the four angles--Asc., Desc., M.C., and I.C.--which is toward the middle of what would normally be called the "weak" cadent houses. Some astrologers were quick to rationalize that all was well, the third, sixth, ninth, and twelfth houses are all "mental" houses, and mind rules matter; therefore the cadent houses should be most powerful. Other astrologers, not so quick, chose to neglect Gauquelin's data completely, still maintaining that the angular houses are still most powerful. Others enter into a pseudo-compromise and claim that the houses actually begin a few degrees before the cusp. Others go a little farther and state that the cusp represents the middle of the house; and thus Gauquelin's (and Garth Allen's as well) peaks fall within the 1st, 4th, 7th, and 10th houses. Both men's data support an eight house system, if one is to be chosen at all--there are four "live" areas and four "dead" areas in each chart,--live at the angles and inactive inbetween. No data in my knowledge confirms the existence of house cusps in the 12 house system, and as John McCormick said, they are pure, unconfirmed theory. No horary, mundane, or natal astrologer has ever proved the existence of even one of them (house systems), and I suspect that imagination, gullibility (on both the client's and astrologer's part) and self-fulfilling prophecy (and one can use enough "may be", "might", "tendency toward", and "inclination to's" to cover most of the possibilities--one of them is bound to be true). Untested theories must be tested methodically, and unworkable theories discarded. Before irate thoughts flame up please consider that Reinhold Ebertin and his school of Cosmobiology do not use houses yet obtain excellent and complete results while collaborating with and under the close scrutiny of the medical and scientific professions. And if you go back to Gauquelin's work you can find that "weak-willed champions (amiable, kind, gentle, lazy, rarely trains, confused, nonchalant, diplomatic, etc...) tended to have Mars in the angular houses, 1st, 4th, 7th, and 10th. In all fairness would you have predicted that from traditional astrological theory or your own practice? Unfortunately there is too much astrological folk lore being blindly used and passed on without being tested; and it's in conflict with existing evidence. The choice is up to you, i.e. there may be better ways to invest your delineation time than in the houses. You may feel naked at first but as you persevere your dependency on mythology (houses) will fade and your accuracy and consistency and self-confidence will increase.

JUNE JEFFERSON

Wheeling, West Virginia

Believe it when they say not to be operated on BONES etc. when Moon is in Capricorn. I did and I am having all kinds of trouble with my wrists.

CHART MART

by
RUTH DEWEY

First, a correction on the last column--Bob Dylan was born at 9:05 PM, not 7:05 PM as was printed. I sincerely apologize for any inconvenience to Mercury Hour readers. The correct data is:

Bob Dylan
5-24-1941
9:05 PM CST
Duluth, Minnesota
46N47 92W07
Original Source: Birth Certificate

The disappearance of Amelia Erhart has become one of the intriguing mysteries of our time. Astrologers have also had to cope with a problem as far as her birth data is concerned. There has been a question as to what year the pioneer aviatrix was born. Some have said 1897; others, including most of the authoritative reference sources said 1898. In the January issue of Ms. Magazine, Amelia's sister, Muriel E. Morrissey of West Medford, Mass., finally clears up this matter. "Amelia was born on July 24, 1897, according to our family Bible and the parish records of the Episcopal church in Atchison, Kansas." The birth time usually given for Amelia Erhart is Midnight using Sabian Symbols as a source. Does any Mercury Hour reader know the original source for this time? There are many of us who would like to try probing the mystery of Amelia Erhart's disappearance with astrology, but this cannot be honestly done without a valid birthtime. The controversy over the birth year also makes me wonder about the accuracy of many of our most trusted reference works.

Here is a group of charts chosen solely on interest value.

Thor Heyerdahl
10-06-1914
4:40 PM CET
Larvik, Norway
59N04 10E00
Source: COSMOBIOLOGY INTERNATIONAL
#12, July, 1972

O.J. Simpson
7-09-1947
8:10 AM PST
San Francisco, CA.
37N47 122W25
Source: Birth Certificate per
CONTEMPORARY SIDERIAL HOROSCOPES

Omar Sharif
4-10-1932
5:30 PM EET
Alexandria, Egypt
31N11 29E54
Source: Self in interview in 4-29-75 issue of
NATIONAL ENQUIRER

Ethel Kennedy
4-11-1928
3:30 AM CST
Chicago, Ill.
41N53 87W37
Source: Birth Certificate per Marc Penfield

Requests for data include that of Joni Mitchell, Claudine Longet, Leonard Cohen, Jackson Browne, and the source of the Sabian Symbols data for L. Ron Hubbard.

Ruth Dewey also added this note:

Loved the Mercury Hour as usual so enclosed is my renewal. It's money well spent. Speaking of publications, what's with *ASTROLOGY NOW*? I surmise they are having financial problems a la Llewellyn which is a real shame since I really find the magazine excellent and a real service to Astrologers. People can say what they like, but the establishment of *ASTROLOGY NOW* was a real accomplishment. I'd hate to see it fold especially since the AFA Bulletin has diminished so much in quality. People in our profession must support such quality publications as *MERCURY HOUR* and *ASTROLOGY NOW*, otherwise, we'd have little choice indeed as far as information sources and vehicles of communication.

Our apologies to RUTH DEWEY for leaving the time of birth off John Dean's birth data in January's "Chart Mart". Here is his complete data:

JOHN DEAN
Akron, Ohio
10/14/38
2:55 PM EST
41N05 81W31

Source - Birth Certificate

FRANK SPELIC
Glenshaw, Pa.

A little more humor would be appreciated in the MH--at least by me. Some of those hot dog people take themselves so seriously!

Evel Knievel is on TV Monday night and is supposed to jump over a pool of man-eating sharks. My grandfather is insensed!!! He's so hopped up that he's hitting the Geritol six times a day now. He's just signed up with WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS (Track and Arthritis Division) to do a jump over sixteen professional astrologers. He's claiming that they're bigger sharks than any of Evel's.

SARAH LAURENT
Atlanta, Georgia

To the lady who wrote wanting info on the "Yod" I'd like to recommend a small book by Bil Tierney which goes into this (and other hard-to-find topics such as Dissociate aspects, etc.) It's called "Perceptions in Astrology" and is available (for \$5.00 I believe) from Bil Tierney, c/o Foundation of Truth, P.O. Box 13361, Atlanta, Georgia 30324.

It's worth the money.

BARBARA KOVAL
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The Congress of Astrological Organizations is concerned about the poor image that we, as astrologers, have created for ourselves in the public mind. Towards the improvement of the image and of the professionalization of the practices of astrologers, the Ethics Committee of CAO has been charged with the drawing up of guidelines for professionalism and practice.

If you have the time and the driving desire to work in this area, I would like to invite you to be a member of the committee. I have enclosed a list of suggestions of where to begin. I would appreciate your commentary, your suggestions, and your intelligence and experience to help clarify and perhaps codify standards of conduct and practice. We cannot wait for the profession to improve by itself, we must give ourselves a gentle push on behalf of our own integrity and value. We must find a way to weed out those who profess what they do not understand. The practice of astrology remains in low esteem because there are too many of us who are incompetent or foolish, and among the competent there is confusion as to their proper conduct and how it affects the profession as a whole.

The time to act is long overdue. Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience. Thank-you.

Barbara Koval, Chairman

Not only is the public unaware of what a professional astrologer provides, but it seems that professionals or wouldbe professionals are confused about their roles as well. All too often we are not taken seriously, because we do not conduct ourselves in a serious and dignified manner. It is the task of the Ethics Committee to draw up a set of guidelines for the conduct of astrologers and the practice of astrology. These standards fall roughly in the following classifications.

1. Qualifications.

What is necessary in the way of education and experience? What are acceptable credentials? Should certification procedures be standardized? Is certification necessary?

2. Practical Considerations

What are considered professional surroundings? If the office is in the home, is it an office or just a back bedroom with kids running in and out?

Does the astrologer dress like a gypsy or in some other dramatic or occult garb, or should he be as non-pretentious in his dress as his own individuality and taste allows?

Is the astrologer prepared?

Should he provide copies of the chart and tapes or written reports of the interview?

Does he answer questions from the client or does he suggest that he has some mystical train of thought that must not be interrupted?

3. Financial Aspects

What is considered a professional fee? Should minimums be suggested?

Fees should be posted and outlined in advance.

While we must all make individual choices in cases where there is a definite emergency and the client is unable to pay, we should value ourselves highly enough to insist on full payment in 99 per cent of the cases. People seldom value what they receive for nothing.

4. Public Relations

Should astrologers advertise? If so, what type of advertisement is in keeping with the professional stance?

Should public predictions be made, and if so, how should these "predictions" be worded?

What is the morality of doing charts of prominent or absent people in public--either on radio or TV or in newspapers and magazines?

Is it in keeping with a professional stance to be the entertainment feature at a party? Should we do Sun signs for the audience at a lecture? We say they don't mean much, but then we go right ahead and do them. Likewise, we say we don't predict, but we do. Our actions and our words just don't fit. What is the public to think? What is anybody to think?

4. Moral Aspects

What is the policy of consultation with other professionals, other astrologers, doctors, psychologists, lawyers, etc.?

Should we delineate the chart of an absent person for our client, even if it is husband, lover, child, or boss?

What about comment on the work of other astrologers? How should we handle the situation when a client brings us an interpretation by someone else and we disagree with it?

What about releasing information that we have derived astrologically? What about the privacy of the individual and the confidentiality of the astrologer-client relationship?

5. Legal Considerations

How do we deal with oppressive and unjust laws? Ignore them? Try to change them? Take it to the courts? Who is to pay?

What about testifying in court for or against a client? How far should we be willing to go to protect the confidentiality of the client?

How do we protect ourselves from misrepresentations from our clients? What if they blame us for taking our advice? How should we word our suggestions?

6. The Integrity of the Art

It is a confusion to the client and a diminution of the integrity of astrology to mix other means of knowledge with our astrological interpretations. Tarot cards, numbers, crystal balls, and mystic visions are not astrology and should be so labelled. If the majority of the time spent with a client is devoted to practices other than astrology, the practitioner should not call himself an astrologer. This is not to diminish the value of the other practices, but it is to assure and define what is astrological and what is not. It is also to separate ourselves from the myriad of practices and assertions employed by fortune tellers and those who with but a smattering of knowledge in many fields, set themselves up as advisers and counselors.

We must also remember that we are not doctors, psychologists, or other of the "scientific" helping professionals. It is not our business to let the client do all the talking; it is our business to tell him what he needs to know if that is within our ability.

We must know what we are about, how and why, if we are ever to begin to know what to do with those whose conduct and incompetence provide ample ammunition for our detractors and critics.

[Although you can contact Barbara directly with your views on the above, the Mercury Hour would also appreciate receiving a copy of your ideas so that it may be shared with all! I'm sure many of you have strong feelings on this so let's hear from you. Edie]

MARION D. MARCH

Encino, Cal.

Just received the January "Mercury Hour" and of course put everything aside and immediately "dug in". Love every minute of it, especially the new type which makes reading and absorbing a pleasure (and probably a lot more work for you but oh so nice for your readers).

Now to your fantastic issue. In giving the birth information for JOHN DEAN, the birth time was not included. Hopefully this was just an oversight and could be printed in the April edition?

[Sorry about that! Time 2:55 PM EST]

To Ray Merriman: He feels he acts like a Libra because his Ascendant is in late Virgo. That might be, but since he has a Saturn return coming up, he must be around 29 years of age, and therefore his progressed Ascendant has been in Libra for most of his life and obviously he feels the overlay or added nuance. In a few years it will go into Scorpio and then watch out gentle Ray, you might even sting occasionally, yourself and others.

Re the *Institute of Applied Astrology* - I did send for their original horoscope, since I am always curious to see how well or not well they interpret, if they allow for daylight savings etc. I had a ball with their delineation. According to them I am totally scattered and disorganized and cannot finish anything or follow through. (Moon conjunct Ascendant in Sagittarius square Uranus???) Unfortunately they missed my Saturn in Libra (exalted) in the 10th (Capricorn's house) highest in my chart and exact trine my Sun.

Not to mention my Mercury in Capricorn which holds me accountable to say the least. It also seems I have great trouble communicating (Mercury in Capricorn?? Who knows?) Guess they overlooked that my Sun in Aquarius in the third house and so is Uranus, the ruler. Ah well, good thing I did not know about this problem, else I might never have written a book, numerous articles, given consultations, teach classes and give lectures: and with my inability to be organized, at the same time raise 2 children, run a large and sociable house, take good care of my husband and belong to numerous organizations. Besides this fantastically accurate delineation, they sent me an unbelievable progression for 1 month which I immediately returned with a few rather harsh words and the plea to take me off their mailing list. From then on the computer and I had a marvelous fight as to who owes whom what. After 6 months it looks like I finally won out on the money part, but I still cannot get off their mailing list.

[Marion - I haven't heard from them lately so maybe I finally made it!]

Can I add my plaudits to Ruth Hale Oliver for her article on the proposed birth chart for Christ. But then of course anything Ruth does is great. Have you seen her article in "Astrology Now" Issue 15 on 'Origins of the Solar Zodiac in Mesopotamia'? So much research, so clear and concise. Fantastic. To boot she is a most gracious lady. She recently spoke for our "Aquarius Workshops" group in the San Fernando Valley (Los Angeles) on the United States' and Carter's outlook for the next few years. It was an excellent lecture and we will be able to publish it in our quarterly bulletin "Aspects".

Edie - your magazine is like a sickness, I could go on for ever 'responding' - but am restraining my natural exuberance to give someone else a chance. Thanks for letting me bend your ear. Don't work too hard, but hard enough to get out another "Mercury Hour" soon. Trines to you and 'Betty' (How about a picture of her once so a face goes with the name, or at least a chart??)

You asked for it! You got it! TOYOTA - the Goodrich Blimp - or is it the other guy!?

Betty Johnson, Atlanta, Georgia, Feb. 4, 1930 84W23 33N46 5:15 AM-birth record. Marc Penfield's rectification: 4:44 AM. *[Edie says the Sag. rising seems to fit me better]* P.S. I was born at home so maybe my parents were too pre-occupied to be looking at a clock?

JOAN O'NEIL

North Arlington, New Jersey

Thanks to Sandy Brumley for answer to my inquiry on "Accidental Asc. Chart".

As usual, the January M.H. was great. I did the midpoints (page 5 - by Inge Aach of Canada) and by golly - they worked. Transiting Uranus was conjunct my daughter's 24 Virgo midpoint when she had an appendectomy. And people don't believe in astrology!!

Does anyone have Freddy Prinz's time? Paper had only Jan. 22, 1954 New York City, New York.

DALE HUCKEY of Sheridan, Colorado responds to Dr. Goodrich's articles on Saturn:

I read with interest *Dr. Robert Goodrich's* delineations of Saturn in the 1st, 2nd, and 6th houses (July issue, pages 25 and 44). My general rule in such cases is to try out the interpretations to see how well they work, so I started pulling from my files the charts of people who had Saturn in the 1st or 6th houses. (I deleted the 2nd house because I was not sure whether or not *Dr. Goodrich* had completed that delineation in the July issue.) Naturally, I included only those people of whom I had personal (non-astrological) knowledge, which cut down considerably the number of charts I had to work with. One rather awkward problem cropped up, and that was that *Dr. Goodrich* failed to state which house system to use in applying his interpretations. In other words, if I have a chart in which Saturn falls in the 1st house by one method and in the 2nd by another, which interpretation should I use? As a matter of fact, I went ahead and assumed that Equal House was the correct choice, since *Dr. Goodrich* apparently indicates a preference for that system in a letter that starts on page 19 of the extra edition, and since most of the charts were unaffected (as far as Saturn's position was concerned) by changes in house system (unless some of the more far-out systems were used). It did bother me to have to make that kind of assumption, though, and it gave me pause to think that someone who was serious about putting out a set of delineations could overlook such a critical point.

I ended up evaluating six charts with Saturn in the 1st, and five charts with Saturn in the 6th. This is admittedly a small sample, but I was not trying to conduct a scientific test. I merely wanted to see if *Dr. Goodrich's* interpretations could meet the rather simple test of giving reasonably accurate and reliable information in most cases. After all, what good is a system that only works occasionally?

Looking back, I can see that specific statements contained within these delineations often accurately describe one or more of the eleven individuals under consideration. However, it does not seem to me that there is anything unusual about these occasional "hits". Many people, regardless of Saturn's position within their horoscopes, would probably also be able to find one or more things that "fit" perfectly in their own lives. Perhaps a more important point to consider is how well each person in the study was described by the *whole* interpretation. Not one of the eleven people, in my opinion, fits the overall pattern of the interpretation that is supposed to describe him. Most of them do not even come particularly close. In my opinion, *Dr. Goodrich's* interpretations do not accurately predict the characteristics of people who have Saturn in the 1st or 6th house. True, the sample group was extremely limited, but if the delineations were valid they should have accurately described at least a few of the people in my sample, even if the sample were poorly chosen.

Why, then, did *Dr. Goodrich's* interpretation for Saturn in the 6th fit *Edie Custer* "like a glove"? It

could be only a coincidence. After all, there are enough people running around with Saturn in the 6th that any given description is bound to fit a few just by accident. However, in this case I think we should consider another possibility. It occurs to me that *Dr. Goodrich*, like the rest of us, has gotten some inkling of *Edie's* personality just through reading the *MH*, and possibly through personal correspondence with *Edie* as well. Thus, I wonder if perhaps *Dr. Goodrich* didn't *unconsciously* write the delineation to match what he already knew (or could guess) of *Edie's* personality (Many astrologers, when trying to excerpt an interpretation from a number of charts sharing a common astrological factor, actually end up (without realizing it) describing a large part of the personality of the person within that group who most clearly fits the astrologer's preconception of what that factor *ought* to mean. In reality, the personality traits that the astrologer sees in that person might actually be attributable to another factor, or to several other factors.) if so, how do we know that it is her Saturn in the 6th that accounts for those traits. After all, *Edie* also has Venus in the 7th. What's to prevent me or some other goofball from writing that people with Venus in the 7th like to work in cubby-holes, tend to hoard things, have too many irons in the fire at the same time, etc. It would "fit" *Edie's* Venus in the 7th "like a glove". Of course, nobody would be fooled, because we "know" what Venus means and we "know" what the 7th house refers to, and thus we "know" that Venus in the 7th couldn't possibly mean all those things.

Kidding aside, I think that what we know of *Edie* can easily be accounted for without having to resort to house interpretations. To begin with, she has Mars trine Jupiter. This would indicate someone who is opportunistic and resourceful, sees possibilities in ideas and things that other people miss, and makes lots of contacts (which have a way of coming in handy). People who have this combination generally appear confident and sure of themselves (regardless of their actual feelings) and are often the epitome of the fast talker who can talk his way out of any situation. It is not at all unusual for these individuals to have "too many irons in the fire at one time". And the "tell it like it is and let the chips fall where they may" syndrome comes from the Mars-Uranus conjunction. People who have this combination can be abrupt and outspoken, and they are often more interested in truth than they are in social propriety.

Edie also has a Venus-Saturn semisquare and a Moon-Neptune conjunction, a combination that has already been covered on page 17 of the April issue. This, along with the Sun-Saturn square and Mars-Jupiter trine, explains her ability to make use of everything, her ambition and conscientiousness (in getting the *MH* out on time), and any tendency she may have to collect and hoard things. Having both Mars-Jupiter and Venus-Saturn aspects in the same horoscope is particularly advantageous, as people with this combination benefit from a willingness to try out new ideas, yet have a streak of insecurity that causes them to cover their bets in some way so that even if

their plans fall through they have something left to fall back on. In fact, some of them are downright tight, even though they give the impression that money means nothing to them.

This analysis, brief and incomplete though it is, illustrates the point I was trying to make earlier, that those traits of *Edie's* that apparently fit *Dr. Goodrich's* delineation could just as easily result from a combination of several aspects. I am not convinced at this time that people who have Saturn in the 1st or 6th houses display the characteristics attributed to them by *Dr. Goodrich*. I agree with *Dr. Goodrich* that we should be suspicious of new systems, but I think we should be just as critical of those methods which we have inherited from the past. We tend to regard the works of our astrological predecessors with reverence and awe, whereas we should be treating the material handed down to us as something to tested, to be used when it works and discarded when it doesn't. We should disabuse ourselves of the notion (illusion?) that anything the ancient astrologers (the more ancient, the better) did must be valid.

Even if we make the not illogical assumption that at some point in history a very advanced culture possessed a highly developed and accurate astrology, it would be innocent to expect this astrology not to deteriorate during the intervening ages of ignorance and unreason. It is only reasonable to expect that much of our traditional astrology is but a distortion of whatever went before, and we should therefore subject it to critical scrutiny, whether or not we insist on the infallibility of its originators. If this is what *Edie* is referring to when she talks about cleaning up what we already have, then I am in full agreement. I do not think that we should be so arrogant as to presume that all this data is merely awaiting verification, and that all we have to do a escort a few friendly neighborhood scientists in the door to stamp our methods with the Good Housekeeping Seal Of Approval, and then escort them out again. Any methodology, scientific or otherwise, should be used to increase our knowledge, and not just to prove a point.

In arguing for houses (I think) *Dr. Goodrich* unwittingly undercuts his own position by stating on page 19 of the 3rd extra edition that signs and houses evolved simultaneously and are theoretically inseparable. That's just the point. At one time they were not only inseparable, they were identical. Each sign was the home, or "house", of the planet that ruled that sign. This was before the "would-be theorists" of that period arbitrarily "designed" (not discovered) a system whereby there would be twelve subdivisions of the horoscope based on the angles, with these subdivisions being called houses (thus completely changing the meaning of that term).

Dr. Goodrich compares traditional astrology to a dependable old framework, and suggests that we need to replace outmoded terminology with contemporary jargon, rather than with some new "souped-up" set of definitions ill-fitted to orthodox astrological symbolology. The framework is certainly old, but it is NOT necessarily dependable, and it is not going to help to merely update the terminology, or to tack on modern

psychological labels (as *Dane Rudhyar*, *Noel Tyl* and others have already done so ineptly). And I could care less about "orthodox astrological symbolology". If we want to know what, if anything, a given configuration indicates, what is wrong with simply collecting as many horoscopes as possible that contain that configuration and looking for the common denominator in those peoples' personalities or lives? We can read as ceaselessly as we like, but at some point we are going to have to stop riding the coattails of our predecessors and find out for ourselves just how much and in what ways we are affected by extraterrestrial forces.

SALLY SINACORE

Niles, Illinois

Been meaning to write for ever so long, but like so many things in my life, its "all or nothing", so ready, set, and go! First of all, I LOVE MH, it was given to me as a Christmas gift over a year ago, and really turned me on! And at this point I'm addicted to it. Second, I'm enclosing \$1.00 hoping you'll find my "twin", (this one I've got to see) I'll tell you one thing! she's (or he's) got to be absolutely nutsy again by this time. And at the same time I don't know of anyone who's having a better time "this time around."

I've been hitting the air waves here, with my "home 20" being Niles, Ill. looking for people interested in Astrology, nothing yet. My handle is Star-Gazer, so any of you interested, hit channel 21 thats my hangout!

Attention "C Bers"

Am curious to know how many others of you out there have C.B. units and what your "handles" are! I have one and my "handle" is "Capricorn Lady". I monitor channel 20 in the Lynchburg area. Dr. James Hayes is also a C Ber - his "handle" is Scorpio" and he modulates out of Murray, Kentucky. Tell you what we will do. We will publish your names, "handles", the channel you modulate on and your "home 20" area. Who knows what will happen next? [Edie]

And lastly but not least by any means. I'm calling on all the readers of MH to help a very dear family I am acquainted with. Their son, absolutely disappeared from the face of this earth on Dec. 11, 1976. Birth data: Born 3:54 P.M. March 23, 1959, Chicago, Ill. last seen at 1:00 A.M. after dropping his girlfriend off at her home. On good terms with his parents. His car found in an ally blocking a garage door, closed but not locked, the keys not found.

He had approximately \$4.00 in cash on him. None of his friends are missing, or do any of them acknowledge and particulars concerning the disappearance. At this point in time, I am so emotionally involved in this that there is no way I can give or see this chart in the correct perspective. The local police classify it as a run-a-way. He was doing well in school, and on good terms with the girl-friend.

All I can promise is that whatever I hear I will gladly pass the information on to all those who take the time to look into his chart.

JAMES JASON FRANCIS
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To: *NETILEO*

Hopefully, the future of astrology will not be burdened by the nasty criticism, banal complaints, rabid secularism and polemic politics that the "inept" and "unimportant" launch against major organizations and talented astrologers who have as their key objective the scholarly advancement of astrology. My "mythos" does not include a Devil. However, if it did, I would gladly pass on the title to one *Neti Leo*.

Her ill-tempered sarcasm in the January 1977 edition of *MERCURY HOUR* hints at the need for an expanded humanitarianism and personal empathy where the objective evaluation of "people" and "events" are concerned. Her letter opens with an elaborate series of petty complaints against the *N.C.G.R.* Conference in Colmbiere. She informs us early in the letter that she would probably not attend another *N.C.G.R.* Conference. Indeed, there will not be any objections forth coming on that account.

I am informed that I "cause the deterioration of a client in the name of astrology" for suggesting that the professional astrologer "send a business card in the mail informing his client that a return consultation" might prove beneficial. I had suggested a professional measure that is used by doctors, dentists and psychotherapists. It is unlikely that they, using the same approach, cause the deterioration of their clients. Also, the client causes his own deterioration. In addition, the client who uses the astrologer as a crutch should be approached with sensitivity by the astrologer who—if he is counselling the client—would most emphatically insist on the client's growth toward autonomy. It is difficult to understand how I was so grossly misunderstood on a simple technique so easily clarified.

I adhere to the position that astrology should be used as a technique in psychotherapy by the astrologer who is trained and educated in astrology as well as the social and behavioral sciences. I invite *Neti Leo* to read *DIRECTIVES IN ASTROLOGICAL COUNSELLING* (my first major work on the client-astrologer relationship) that will be released by Vulcan Books in 1978. However, 1978 might be too long to wait. In the meantime, I would suggest *CLIENT-ASTROLOGER EFFECTIVENESS* [*Astrology Now* #11] and *THE COUNSELLING TOUCH* [*Astrology Now* #15]. Also, in the June 1976 edition of *American Astrology*, my article titled *THE INSTANT ASTROLOGER SYNDROME* might read like a personality profile for one *Neti Leo*.

My astonishment is reserved for letter's end by way of the information that *Neti Leo* holds a degree in psychology! I am not impressed by academic credentials, especially when the holder has apparently specialized in the most human of disciplines and, surprise of surprises, is compulsively denigrating the human condition in print.

It seems ironic that one who holds a "degree in psychology" and is interest in "astrological counselling" can be so ruthless in assailing a "person" and

"group" that came together for the expressed purpose of learning and sharing. I trust *Neti Leo* will accept the word "humanity."

ZODIACAL NUMBERING

by JEFFREY JAWER

of Decatur, Georgia

Most astrologers are aware that numbers provide the theoretical foundation for much of our work. Aspects, in particular, are easily understood through numerological interpretation. The unity of one is activated through the conjunction, dualistic two through opposition, three through the trine, four through the square, etc. The application of number theory to astrology is being further examined by the Cambridge Circle group's work Harmonics. I would like to offer here another system of numbers which utilizes the 360° Zodiac as a source of information.

The method is quite simple. Any number from 0-360 is assigned a position according to its place in the 360° Zodiac. Beginning with Aries at zero we can assign a zodiacal position to any number from 0-360 according to its sign and degree. The number 93, for example, corresponds to 3° Cancer (Cancer equals 90). By using this system we can find the astrological meaning of any number in which we are interested. Numbers over 360 must be reduced by dividing by 360 and using the remainder. 1200, for example, is 3 X 360 (1080) plus 120. The zodiacal equivalent, then, of 1200 would be 120 or 0° Leo (Leo equals 120).

The house in which I grew up was numbered 336 or 6° Pisces. Pisces is particularly appropriate in that my father is a podiatrist (foot doctor), my mother was confined to the house for several years through illness and a member of my family suffered from alcoholism. My father had an office built on the back of our house facing another street. The office address was 467, equal to 17° Cancer (467-360 equals 107). Natal Saturn, ruler of my 10th house, is 20° Cancer in my fourth house (meaning business in the home, among other things). The office number, therefore, was conjunct my natal Saturn position.

A teacher friend discovered that the room number of her first teaching job was conjunct her midheaven through this system. The house number of another friend was 195. This unusual house had twelve sides and was dominated by a spiral staircase. The Sabian Symbol for 195 or 15° Libra is "Circular Paths." I presently practice astrology in an office in my home. Its number is 1190 which reduces to 110 (360 X 3 equals 1080 plus 110 equals 1190). This would mean that my house number is 20° Cancer, conjunct natal Saturn in my fourth house!

Friends and I have found this system to be interesting and informative when applied to house numbers, licenses, area codes, etc. Sometimes the sign is significant, sometimes the exact number is meaningful in the natal chart or is revealing through symbolic degree system such as the Sabian Symbols. This little formula may not cause a major breakthrough in astrological theorem, but can provide interesting thoughts as we confront the myriad numbers in our daily lives.

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Continues his article on SATURN IN THE HOUSES.

THE 7th HOUSE is that area of your horoscope symbolizing involvements with others and your potential for coping with such contacts. A strong **SATURN HERE** may make you a **PERSON OF YOUR WORD** and it's not at all unlikely you consider your **PROMISE** your sacred oath, a thing to be respected at any cost. You take others seriously and generally deal with them from this standpoint. You're slow and cautious when forming relationships on any level where people are involved and for this reason may never be considered the typical "JOINER". Some may even view you as the **LONER IN THE CROWD** and a little too sober. But learning to laugh at "the clown in us all" however can help you in counteracting this image and make your associates feel more relaxed in your company. You generally think long and carefully before committing yourself on anything, whether business or social matters, whether contractual or simply "gentlemen's agreements". Why?....because you're instinctually aware of your responsibilities, the expectations of those mutually involved and the time and effort consumed in fulfilling your end of the bargain. In plainer terms....you're conscientious and don't at all enjoy being forced to renege on a promise once issued and have difficulty comprehending the ease with which some in your circle can so uncaringly shirk their obligations. Probably the only promises you ever break with any frequency are those you make to yourself each time you swear "*you'll never do it again*". A pledge probably prompted by the "testy" nature of some of your slow-moving point-ventures which later appear interspersed with delays, insufficiencies and excessive muddled activities. But in this connection, the "Saving Factor" of having Saturn here, is that it gives you lots of patience while waiting for the rest of the team to catch up to their part of the agreement; which "patience" you may not too infrequently find yourself thanking your luckier stars for! Once you're past those gullible years and maturity has sharpened your judgements, you tend to limit the number and nature of your involvements, dealing with them from a more selective, impersonal and detached level than before. Normally you try n' mind your own business and tend to your own affairs, but despite best efforts you invariably find someone beating a dusty path to your door, seeking to dump their dilemmas in your lap and make you an unwilling go-between in their concerns. This is really a compliment in disguise, for although they may be slow in telling you, such actions signal their confidence in your ability to be of meaningful assistance when "the pressure's on". In less inspired moods you might be inclined to think this pattern of seeming impositions in some way is robbing you of control of your life and affairs (especially since few of the same folks are usually nowhere to be found when it's your turn to "unload"). And just about the time it begins to look like you're doing all the "giving" while they do all the "taking", your firm thrust toward pragmatic cooperation to counter ruthless competition and you push for peach to conquer strife usually swing advantages your way,

reaping you multiple benefits and placing you well ahead in your dealings with others.

Some strongly question the marital quaranties of Saturn's placement here! But for better or otherwise....if and when you finally do "tie the knot"....the experience is representative of a serious turning-point in your life-style, may be entered into from the standpoint of fulfilling social obligation (with an eye towards permanency) and probably to someone as **SOBER, PRACTICAL & MATURE** as you consider yourself to be in such matters. An individual who might best be described as possessing characteristics similar to those listed for **SATURN IN THE 1st HOUSE** (read pages 25 & 26, 10th edition, *Mercury Hour*, July 1976). Regardless of what the other-half of your "Union" may be like however, in marriage you're usually a dutiful spouse with a fair comprehension of your responsibilities concerning your mate and a dogged determination to do your damndest to live up to your clause in the contract...."come rain or come shine".

On the plus side, having **SATURN IN THE EIGHTH HOUSE** is similar to its placement in the 4th, in that here it likewise becomes a **LONGEVITY SYMBOL** indicating that if you get lots of rest, eat well, take your "Vitamins & Minerals", stay out of accidents and avoid suicides....you should **LIVE TILL YOU DIE**....which life-span (to be more serious) will probably be a goodly length of years. On the minus side however, this area describes those experiences related to that oft-maligned three letter word **S-E-X**. Many prefer having Saturn any place but here when it comes to this phenomenon.

Physically it encourages you to maintain a conscientious hygiene schedule where the body's reproductive function is concerned. Have periodic health check-ups and double visits to the doctor during **PUBERTY, PREGNANCY & MENOPAUSE** to minimize the development of potential difficulties relative to these cycles. Some reports have listed marked irregularities in the **MENSES, FRIGIDITY & STERILITY** all of which are medically treatable.

Psychologically this combination is simply terrific for anyone belonging to a Religious Order where oaths of celibacy or chastity can be easily maintained to anchor the mind on less mundane matters. But should you happen to be part of that huge mass of humanity which "lives, moves and has its being" in the world of "Boy meets Girl" then this placement briskly prompts you to re-examine and perhaps even restructure your attitudes about, definitions of and approach toward the question of human sexuality and its enormous implications in the overall scheme of such relationships. It conjures up images of an individual with an insecure ego who, in the sexual sense, may be a little too self-conscious about their body. One, very uncomfortable in their efforts at constantly trying to keep their passions under too callous a control when he or she should (at Love's beckoning) be attempting to relax their defenses and learn the beautiful and vital secret of **EMOTIONAL SHARING THROUGH SEXUAL SURRENDER**.

TO BE CONTINUED

MARC PENFIELD

Here's my story of the flash flood that hit Big Thompson, Colorado last July.

SATURN:

Some delays can be extremely beneficial.

Saturn and all the delays that accompany it have been the story of my life during the past year. With that planet square to the ruler of my chart at my Solar return last year, along with its opposition to the MC of which it was the ruler, delays were to be forecasted.

[This was written by Marc, Aug. 17, 1976 - Edie]

First, my book was delayed, for a number of reasons. The binder didn't have the right materials, and then found out that my book was too thick to finish by machine.

My publisher called me on July 30th and informed me of another delay. Since I was leaving for Las Vegas the following Sunday and staying only until Wednesday, I seriously thought about changing my plane reservations to eliminate Las Vegas and head directly for Denver the following afternoon, Saturday, July 31st.

When I finally got to the airport, the line was quite long and didn't seem to be moving at all. I got hold of a clerk and informed her that I already had my ticket from Las Vegas to Denver and return, but that I needed only to pay for a small portion. After racing down the concourse, I boarded the plane on time, and then we sat there for another fifteen minutes.

When we finally took off, we had a relatively smooth flight until we got to the 107th meridian over Colorado. Clouds were building up to such proportions, that we had to fly higher in order to avoid them. We soared to 40,000 ft. or higher and still the black thunderheads were above us. By the time we arrived in Denver it was 5:30, but we were informed that there would be a delay so we circled for half an hour before we landed. We finally touched down at 6:05, over thirty minutes late.

Then the baggage was slow in coming down the chutes, and my father had forgotten where he parked the car. So we hunted for quite a while until we found it. Then traffic was slow in getting out of Denver and even slower on the freeway.

When we got to the restaurant, the line was longer than usual, according to my parents who had eaten there many times before.

By the time we got out of the restaurant it was 8:15 probably anywhere from 30-45 minutes later than normal. It was dark when we arrived at Loveland, Colorado and filled up with gas. Then we headed up highway 34 into the Big Thompson Canyon. We were stopped at the mouth of the canyon and told to turn back immediately, as the road had been washed out up ahead and a wall of water was roaring down the canyon with the speed of a runaway locomotive. We turned around and headed south, again, this time for the town of Lyons where two roads branch into two canyons of the same name, the North St. Vrain and the South St. Vrain. About thirty minutes up the North St. Vrain, a car drove by flashing his lights. We

couldn't ascertain what his reason for it might have been, but since it was very dark and raining intermittently, we drove very carefully. About five minutes later, a guy drove past and yelled something out his window, but with the roar of the rain we didn't hear. I began to get worried, told my father to roll his window down and turn up his headlights. I was anticipating a washout or a rockslide. And we got it. We were stopped again by the sheriff's dept. and told that the road was washed out about 100 ft. ahead, and that the South St. Vrain canyon was also closed because of flooding and rockslides.

We drove down the canyon to Lyons, got the last motel room in town and tried to get some sleep. About 2:00 A.M., Sunday August 1st, it started to rain again. It poured so hard you couldn't see across the road, and since the river was just in back of the motel, I stood at the door and looked.

Finally, I got back to sleep after the rain stopped. The next morning we were allowed to take the South St. Vrain highway into Estes Park, but only if we lived there. No tourists were allowed up there. All communications were out and the only way one could travel up the two isolated canyons was via helicopter.

You probably read about all the damage from the newspapers. Let me state, that it was probably much worse than even the broadcasters realized at first. Not only were houses washed away, but countless automobiles, many of them with people still in them as they floated down the river. Bodies are still being found, many of them with limbs missing. Propane tanks were found all over the place as mobile homes and trailers crashed into the sides of the mountains. Highway 34 through the Big Thompson Canyon was completely washed out beginning four miles east of Estes Park. Fortunately, my parent's cabin was high above the river and sustained only minor leaking. However, as the rain had completely destroyed and uprooted the well, we had no water. But we did have lights, etc. Newspapers and mail were flown in via helicopter and after a few days, they got the North St. Vrain canyon road open. However, it will be years before the Big Thompson highway will be repaired.

Saturn, the planet of all the delays I previously mentioned, was at 6 Leo the day of the flood. The Sun was 8 Leo 58, and the Nodes were at 7° 58 of Scorpio and Taurus. My natal Pluto is 7 Leo 15, right at the midpoint of Sun/Saturn and square the Nodes. My mother's Ascendant is 7 Scorpio and my father's Ascendant is 7 Leo.

When the flood crested about 8:15 P.M., the Moon was 14 Libra, just entering my mother's 12th house, conjunct her Sun. It was 45° from my Sun/Saturn midpoint and just past my father's Sun/Saturn midpoint.

So while we survived relatively well, complete with cottage intact, I can, for once, thank good old SATURN for all those delays which saved my life as well as the lives of my parents. But then, in my birthchart, I have Saturn semi-square Jupiter, so most delays have always worked out for the better. Only, this time, my life was in danger. Had the plane not been late, and the baggage on time, and the line in the

restaurant been shorter, I wouldn't be here right now. THANK GOD FOR SATURN AND ALL THE DELAYS HE BRINGS. Not all of them are bad.

I'll never forget it as long as I live. It certainly was an eventful vacation.

DALE HUCKEY

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I've been following the discussion regarding the true horoscope of Jesus with both interest and amusement. I find the historical information interesting, particularly *Moby Dick's* contributions, but I find it amusing that so many astrologers have come up with so many charts, with each asserting that his or her choice is the only valid one from an astrological viewpoint. With so much diversity of opinion, only one thing is certain: the true chart of Jesus, whether or not it is one of the current favorites, is obviously *not* going to turn out to have been one that was supported by a majority of interested and knowledgeable astrologers during the current period. Maybe that should tell us something about the current level of our astrological knowledge, not to mention the futility of presuming that we know enough to be able to "create" a chart for a famous person when neither the birthdate nor the birthtime is known.

On another subject:

I was gratified to see *Bob Jansky's* reply (on page 27 of the July, 1976 issue) *Ruth Dewey's* criticisms of his book *HOROSCOPES HERE AND NOW* (on page 7 of the January, 1976 issue). The criticism was for the most part justified; it is *not* practice to publish horoscopes, whatever their intended use, without including source data. Yet, *Mr. Jansky's* reply was more than satisfactory. Although he attempted to explain how the situation occurred, which is understandable, he did concede that *Ruth's* criticism was basically valid, and promised to rectify (if you'll pardon the pun) the situation. What more could we ask? *Mr. Jansky* displayed poise, honesty, and responsibility, and thus set an excellent example for the rest of the astrological community. He has earned a portion of my respect.

It is easy to understand *Ruth's* irritation over the tendency of astrologers to publish chart collections without source data. The problem is not merely with the compilers, but with the astrological community as a whole. For instance, I don't know how many people I have heard criticize *Stephen Erlewine's* excellent publication, *THE CIRCLE BOOK OF CHARTS*, because they feel it contains too many solar charts, and not enough timed charts. These same people are not nearly as critical of *Marc Penfield's* *AN ASTROLOGICAL WHO'S WHO*, despite the fact that many of the charts in this volume are merely rectifications, but are not identified as such! If *Erlewine's* book is to be smugly dismissed as *THE CIRCLE BOOK OF SOLAR CHARTS*, as so many jokingly refer to it, then I see no reason why we can't dismiss *Penfield's* book as *AN ASTROLOGICAL WHO'S WHO OF RECTIFIED HOROSCOPES*. Gripe as we may over the paucity of timed charts in *Erlewine's* book--he was at least intellectually honest

enough to tell us only what he *knew*--we have to at least admit that there are *some* timed charts to work with. With *Penfield's* book there are effectively *none*, since we do not know which charts are rectified and which are not, nor do we have the opportunity to judge the quality of his sources.

The generally low level of intellectual responsibility evidenced by astrologers when it comes to the creation of reference works is brought clearly into focus by *Dr. Kenneth Negus*, in an article called *ASTROLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY?* published in the March, 1976 issue of *ASTROLOGY NOW*:

Other reference works, such as those giving chart data and charts themselves, violate simple and essential rules of documentation and other scholarly requirements. Seldom does an author of such a book give his sources of information. Sometimes one or more elements of the birth data are omitted. At least one of the most well-known collections is full of erroneously calculated charts; and not only that: several of its charts are obvious rectifications from a birth date alone, *and are not indicated as such!* I was able to establish this by referring to biographies of well-known persons (a simple step that apparently some authors of such books do not take) and discovered birth times that were often many hours in error. A few important persons for whom erroneous "rectifications" have been spread throughout the literature are: Thomas A. Edison, Theodore Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, and Sigmund Freud. One needs only to go to the appropriate shelf in the library of a university or large city, turn to the appropriate chapters of a few books, and skim for a few minutes -- no more than that. The widespread carelessness in handling birth data is a sign that the printed part of astrology *as a discipline* is far from measuring up to some of the most rudimentary standards that an academic discipline must observe.

Well said! A key point here is that not only are astrologers often in error, but they are frequently in error when it would be *so easy* to not be in error. *Negus's* article, incidentally, is both interesting and thought-provoking, and is quite simply the best that I have ever read concerning the general state of astrology. I recommend it highly. (Granted, that the contents of *ASTROLOGY NOW* are often pompous and pretentious, but it has to be conceded that there are occasionally articles of real merit, moreso than in most other publications, and this is one of them.)

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All who wish a free copy of *Al H. Morrison's VOID OF COURSE MOON EPHEMERIS*, April 1, 1977 to April 1, 1978, should send him a stamped self-addressed envelope. Those who send a *contribution* will receive the small booklet form which fits neatly into your wallet. Send it today to the address above.

This letter was sent by William Albertson of Ann Arbor, Michigan to the Editor of "Science News", Jan. 20, 1977

Criticism of Astrology by members of the scientific community has become very intense over the last year. Some of that criticism has come from the pages of *Science News*.

As an Astrologer and a new subscriber, I hope you will allow me the opportunity of replying (thanks to a friend, I have been reading *Science News* regularly for a year now.)

One of the main concerns of the critics of Astrology seems to be essentially that Astrology is not Astronomy. That is to say, that it does not conform to the Astronomer's view of the universe.

In addition to the above, these critics tend to make full use of the fact that within the Astrological community there is a wide range of proficiency among the various people practicing Astrology. As a professional Astrologer with a fairly good proficiency, I have cringed many times to see the way in which Astrology has been misused, sensationalized, and misrepresented by newspapers, various (book) publishers and others in the media. And, as a science buff, I have been equally embarrassed to hear well known Astrologers speak of the influence exerted on us by the magnetic fields of the various planets.

The theoretical basis for Astrology rests on what Astrologers call symbolism. As the name implies, this theory holds that the planets and stars function (within the context of Astrology) as symbols and that there is not necessarily any cause and effect operating in Astrology. It works on the assumption that the atomic building blocks of matter are made up of ever and ever smaller blocks and that this goes on ad infinitum.

It further assumes that as one descends into these finer levels of matter, the seeming uniqueness of the universe gradually decreases. And as all relativity slowly slips away, the universe increasingly becomes one; increasingly becomes solid.

At these levels terms such as "here" and "there" start to become inoperative. And, at these levels, "here" and "there" become increasingly the same place. Distinctions between science and religion also begin to merge.

Working with this theory, that the universe is one, Astrologers have simply observed and drawn correlations between planetary movement and human and other events, until they had developed a system that would allow them to look at the planets and stars and foretell events elsewhere.

Such a system need not necessarily conform to any objective reality be it the progression of the equinox or the true composition of signs.

In some cases, criticism levelled by scientists against Astrology can be refuted by their own laws. The practice of belittling Astrologers for using the earth as a center for observing the solar system rather than the sun is a fine example of this (there is a Heliocentric or Sun Centered Astrology). The difference being, as my Astronomy instructor has

said, is a purely relative one.

Once the Astrologer has chosen a context within which to work, however, he will stay within those limits and work with as much precision as any scientific discipline.

This is much like Newton walking out into space and arbitrarily setting up his zero line, and no more or less deserving of criticism. The view of the universe stated here has been held by the mystics of the east for several thousand years and is not an entirely strange one to any modern day scientist with an interest in quantum mechanics (see "Chromodynamics", *Science News*, 26 June, 1976).

I might add at this point that these mystics have also been saying for several thousand years, that it is impossible to see truth through any kind of objective analysis, that the only way anything can be seen truthfully is to scientifically develop our spiritual abilities to the point where we can "be" that which we wish to know about. See "Is Modern Physics for Real", *Science News*, 22 May 1976).

Scientifically speaking, all of this is of course theory. And, although I believe that Astrology can be proven by making use of highly proficient Astrologers, the theory behind Astrology has inherent qualities that tend to put it beyond the reach of objective scientific analysis.

This at least should not bother the Astronomers of the world too much, for if there is one thing I have learned from attending two semesters of Astronomy classes, it is that Astronomers are just as addicted to speculation and theorizing as Astrologers.

Let us then, join hands and wade through the deep lunar dust and row down the Martian canals together with mutual tolerance and respect.

PATRICIA RICE
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Thanks to the Los Angeles Times: Evel Knievel was born Oct. 17, 1938, Butte, Montana. If he had consulted an astrologer, he'd never have attempted that crazy stunt - trying to jump over the tank of sharks - the day that he did try it! Transiting Sun was square his natal Sun plus transiting Sun was in a T-Square with Uranus and Saturn. P.S. "R" for Radix is ridiculous! We already use an R in retrograde.

Here are some more comments from Pat:

For reasons which perhaps only my horoscope can explain, I am terribly interested in human sexual dysfunctions -- their astrological indications and their cures. Although I do astrological readings, etc., professionally, I am most interested in doing research on the dysfunctions. Being a woman, I find it not so difficult getting data on other woman. I am finding it a bit slow gathering data on men. Men, who are so easily bruised by sexual dysfunction, often won't even discuss it with their wives or sweethearts let alone an astrologer they don't know or have never met. I'm a Taurus who never gives up, and if anyone can help supply data, I would be ever grateful.

About 6 years ago Stephen Arroyo wrote an article on Synastry which he has given us permission to reprint. It will be a continued series.

A KEY TO RELATIONSHIPS [THE ART OF CHART COMPARISON] INTRODUCTION

In comparing horoscopes, there are primary factors to be considered by the astrologer. The first is a consideration of the aspects between the planets in one person's chart and those in another's. Such an investigation reveals how the energies and basic tendencies of the two people merge or conflict, mesh harmoniously or grind and create friction. Such an operation is rather straightforward and fairly easy to interpret. The second factor of importance is a consideration of which planets fall in which houses of the other person's chart. This will indicate how, and in what areas of life, the individual's will affect each other. This article concentrates on the latter aspect of the art of chart comparisons (sometimes called "Synastry"); for it is in this area that interpretation is more complex. Using this article (along with a consideration of the aspects between charts) as a key, any astrologer can easily and quickly derive helpful information and deeper understanding of the relationship involved.

A Key to Relationships

In researching dozens of charts and comparing them in preparation for this article; I experimented with both the Placidus and the Campanus house systems. In by far the majority of cases, when the house position of one person's planet in another's chart was questionable, (i.e. the planet fell in different houses according to the system used) the Campanus system provided the more reliable interpretation. In order to get this data objectively, I provided two alternative interpretations and asked the person involved which one agreed with his experience. In most cases, he unhesitatingly expressed a clear preference for one of the interpretations, which usually turned out to be that based on the Campanus System of Houses.

It is amazing and exciting to me how many factors in astrological interpretation (even those that are difficult to understand when interpreting an individual natal chart) are clarified when one begins to study chart comparisons (i.e. "Synastry"). The reason for this is, I think, that interpreting an individual chart demands that the astrologer concentrate on innate potentialities and tendencies *in the abstract*. These factors remain abstract in most cases as long as the astrologer has nothing to relate them to; he thus has no way of knowing what the concrete expression of the potentialities will be. It is only when a person comes into relationship with another person, event, or thing that his latent response-tendencies *come into being* clearly, i.e. become manifested *in the world*.

I feel that the use of chart comparisons in astrological research will clarify many subjects that are now the source of so much debate and confusion among astrologers. For example, the question of which house system is superior can be (and desperately needs to be) more thoroughly researched

by using this method. Also, once an astrologer has become thoroughly familiar with a client and with the intricacies of synastry, he can often clarify his attempts at rectification by comparing the client's chart with the horoscopes of the client's close friends. A few pointed questions will often give valuable clues as to the accurate Ascendant and house cusps.

Now that I've sung the praises of the glorious art of chart comparison, I can begin to describe the details of the interpretive procedure. In order to clarify *exactly* which person of the two concerned in a chart comparison I am referring to, I think it best to phrase the interpretations in the first person. Thus, the reader can first experiment with this method utilizing his own chart and comparing it with those of his close associates. Then, once he gets the feel of the process, he will only have to change "I" and "my" to "you" and "your" when he uses synastry to interpret charts other than his own.

In comparing horoscopes, if I want to know how someone *experiences* me, I place all my planets and my Ascendant in his chart. If I want to see how *my* experience of another is symbolized astrologically, I place his planets and Ascendant in my chart. I cannot emphasize enough that synastry provides a way of understanding how a person *experiences* the *wholeness* of another person. There are many kinds of associations between people, and all of them are complex because of the very nature of human complexity. Therefore, when many planets fall in my angular houses, for example, there is an *emphasis* on this *type* of association. But this one factor by no means *defines* the relationship. In doing chart comparisons, we must at all times remain conscious of the wholeness of the two people involved and therefore aware also of the wholeness and subtlety of the relationship itself. Like the individuals involved, the relationship is itself a living entity. The emphasis will vary according to which planets fall in which houses, and according to how these planets aspect the natal planets. Although the other's planets in my chart will reveal an emphasis on *some* kind of association, I feel it necessary to point out the additional fact that it may be hard for the astrologer to know exactly what type of association the two people themselves are consciously attempting to create with each other. For example, if I am contemplating marriage, the other person's Moon falling in my natal seventh house will be more evident to me and more important (at least at this time) than, for example, her Saturn in my natal sixth house. What I am emphasizing here is the need for the astrologer to exemplify what the great psychologist Carl Rogers calls "unconditional regard" for the client. It is better to say nothing than to say something based upon personal bias or on an incomplete experience of the relationship at hand.

The Effect of the Planets or the Ascendant

A planet will stimulate or affect the area of life indicated by the house in which it falls. There are often numerous possible meanings; however, either the positive or the negative will tend to predominate, depending upon how the planet is aspected with the

natal planets. The brief meanings of the planets that follow are particularly applicable for use in chart comparison.

The Sun

Gives life, energy, and vitality to that area of life indicated by the house in which it falls; it stimulates self-expression and creativity in that area its position reveals a *dynamic* point of contact with the other.

The Moon

Can have many meanings. It can reveal flux and constant change in the relationship in that area indicated; it can mean an emotional contact, either emotionally supportive and receptive or emotionally unstable; it can indicate how the other person's "personality" affects me; and it can reveal feelings of hominess and comfort.

Mercury

Stimulates communication in the area indicated: a great deal of thought and analysis as well as the potential to synthesize diverse ideas; it can mean adaptability, versatility in a positive sense, or too much change, emotional coldness, or even separation.

Mars

Stimulates whatever areas of life it touches, giving a push, an impetus, courage, initiative; e.g., Mars in my fifth house can stimulate my powerful self-expression and/or strong romantic attachments; it can cause disruption, destruction, or flare-ups of temper; it always indicates the release of some kind of power.

Venus

If well-aspected, shows harmony, ease, comfort, pleasure, and general beneficent influence in the area indicated; it can also mean love, appreciation, and attraction; if not well-aspected, it can indicate possessiveness, manipulation, and jealousy.

Saturn

Can indicate limitation, frustration, obstacles, fear, and suspiciousness; it can stimulate self-consciousness, feelings of inferiority, awkwardness, a sense of inadequacy, etc. in the area indicated. It usually signifies a point of difficulty in the relationship; and most often, it is experienced (at least at first) as rather "heavy". However, it can have the following good effects: helping one to define one's attitudes in a given area, awakening a sense of duty, ambition, and economy. Another's Saturn falling in one of my natal houses can indicate that the other's influence on me will cause me to be more self-reliant, to have more of a responsible, inwardly-serious attitude toward the area indicated. Also, another's Saturn falling in my chart in conjunction with planets that are difficult for me in the natal chart can help me to tone down my innate negative tendencies.

Jupiter

If well-aspected, indicates growth, preservation, prosperity, expansion, enthusiasm, feelings of strength and well-being, generosity, and the development of a more universal approach in the area indicated. If not well-aspected, it can indicate wasteful extravagance or over-diffuseness.

Uranus

Usually indicates some sort of upheaval, friction,

breaks, sudden changes, divisions, or radical departures from social norms. It also symbolizes the unexpected, eccentric, and erratic. It is usually experienced as troublesome and disturbing at first. But it can lead to original ideas, new kinds of personal freedom and independence.

Neptune

Indicates a point of contact with the profound depths (or heights) of human experience. If poorly-aspected, it can indicate deceit, confusion, illusion, or dissolution in the area indicated. But even the dissolution in the area indicated. But even the dissolution can lead to a re-birth in one's approach to the area of life symbolized. If well-aspected, it signifies mystical feelings of oneness or grace, inspiration, intuition, imagination, or spiritual awakening or growth. It is usually experienced as at least *somewhat* confusing at first.

Pluto

Falling in a particular house of my natal chart indicates that my attitude toward that area of life must be totally destroyed and then rebuilt in a new way. My orientation toward this entire field of experience must undergo total change and regeneration. Pluto's influence is usually experienced as profoundly disturbing, unstable, and often agonizingly painful. But here again, as in the cases of the other trans-Saturnian planets, we find an opportunity for personal rebirth.

Ascendant

Where the Ascendant of another person falls in my chart indicates how the person will *essentially* affect me. It also signifies how he will most pronouncedly enter my life, and what sort of first impression he makes upon me.

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MARIAN J. WAGNER

of Chicago, Illinois

I'm interested in Academy Award winners. I'm seeking information on Sylvester Stallone, star of "Rocky". Please ask your subscribers if they have his birth data.

Much continued success on the *Mercury Hour*, Mother and I love it.

MARC PENFIELD is looking for birth data on the following:

Glenn Gould, pianist

Betty Grable, actress

Alec Guinness, actor

Edmund Hillary, explorer

Lena Horne, singer

Aldous Huxley, author

Mahalia Jackson, singer

Elia Kazan, director

Joan Kennedy

Anton La Vey, satanic priest

D.H. Lawrence, author

Sinclair Lewis, author

Norman Mailer, author

Margaret Mead, anthropologist

John Masfield, poet

W. Somerset Maugham, author

This will be a continued article by RAY MERRIMAN of Clarkston, Michigan.

ECLIPSES

1. Solar:

Moon comes between the Sun and Earth, blocking out a portion (or all, in the case of total eclipse) of the Sun from specific places on Earth.

2. Lunar:

The Earth comes between the Sun and the Moon, blocking out the light of the Sun upon the Moon.

The solar Eclipse coincides with a new Moon, and the lunar Eclipse with the full Moon. The interpretations of each should be read accordingly.

solar eclipses - Pre-Natal Solar Eclipse:

1. The Eclipse occurring prior to birthdate.

2. Put the position of the pre-natal solar Eclipse into the natal chart:

HOUSE POSITION

1. Shows an area of life where immense demands will be made upon native, by themselves as well as by others.

2. an area of life where growth takes place through crises.

3. An area of life where the native "links" in relationship to their peers, or to their generation.

4. An area of life which may be likened to a "sense of destiny" for the native - where he or she may contribute great things in this lifetime.

ASPECTS

1. *Harmonious aspects* to this point give a special quality to the individual's nature of self-unfoldment; also depicts nature of people who will be beneficial to the native in this lifetime, especially in regards to "getting started."

2. *Discordant aspects* denote special areas of conflicts with others, or within the native themselves; also denotes nature of obstacles the individual will encounter in attaining fulfillment of personal objectives.

3. *Orb*: usual 8° for major aspects, 6 for the sextile, and 2 - 4° for the minor aspects (include the angles).

TRANSITS TO PRE-NATAL ECLIPSE POINT

1. It is very sensitive to transits: its effects have to do with personal conflicts, especially involving relationships and personal goals to be attained in this lifetime.

2. It represents the *development* of ideas that are likely to be carried out a short-time later, according to the nature of the planet being aspected. A state of preparation and development.

LOCALITY INFLUENCE

1. The path of the pre-natal Eclipse upon Earth outlines the geographical areas of potential importance to the native in this lifetime.

2. Karmically speaking, these are areas upon Earth that can be considered "power spots". In former incarnations, the native has invested certain and definite "energy" here.

3. For more information on how to compute this, get

ahold of *Astrologer's Guild* article by Al. H. Morrison on this.

NATAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

1. Applies only to those who are born within 72 hours of a solar Eclipse.

2. Indicates one who feels - and is compelled to unfold - a very intense purpose in life; the sense of destiny and individual importance; a very powerful, or Power-Oriented, person i.e. many dictators and heads of large military forces.

SOLAR ECLIPSES

IN RELATIONSHIP TO NATAL PLANETS [TRANSITS]

Aspects: The conjunction and opposition are most powerful; other aspects are negligible in effect in comparison to these two.

Orbs: 1½° - the closer, the more powerful the effect will be. Influence is felt somewhat even at 2½°.

INFLUENCE

1. Demands a surrender in some area of life, depending upon the house it falls in, the planet it "hits", and the house that planet has rulership over.

2. If the individual is willing to make changes here, then much support will come from others who are ruled by these houses and planets involved. In this case, "great and satisfying" changes will occur.

3. If the individual resists changing here, then the Eclipse suggests that things will be "forced" from the native, taken away, and the individual's likely response is one of great loss - even tragedy, especially in the areas of life ruled by this Eclipse.

4. Always influences relationships (new Moon concept) - new ones begin, old ones end, again according to the houses emphasized.

5. NOTHING in Astrology is more potent than an eclipse "hitting" a natal planet - indicates a MAJOR change in the native's life.

DURATION OF EFFECT

3 months prior to, to one year afterwards (sometimes as long as 18 months afterwards in the case of total solar Eclipses that are within the degree orb).

CONDITIONS NECESSARY FOR INTERPRETATION

1. Must form a conjunction or opposition with 1½° of a natal planet.

2. Must read the house the Eclipse falls in - natal and solar return.

3. Must read the nature of the planet being aspected (how is it posited natively - is it afflicted or harmonious).

4. What house does the planet rule in the natal chart.

HOUSES INVOLVED

1st. Changes will be demanded in the entire life style. A "new you" must emerge, psychologically, but also possibly on the physical level too. Opportunities for many new developments in life. Inclines towards a

new residence and new relationships. Must watch the head and be cautious of carelessness. Must strive for compromise in marriage, or separation is possible.

2nd. Changes are demanded in the area of values and possessions. The results of one's efforts are now of paramount importance - either "making or breaking" the native. A year of intense financial changes and corresponding psychological changes in one's value system. One's priorities in life need to be altered significantly, and if done so, the door is opened to great vocational successes. If not, then those values and possessions which the native clings to will be taken away, with possible great losses resulting.

3rd. Changes are demanded in one's ideas and thinking processes, and also in relationships with neighbors and brothers and sisters. If these changes are effected, then great inspiration will come to the native in the form of original ideas - perhaps even to the point of writing a book. If not, then great difficulties through misunderstandings are likely, delays with writing projects, and crisis involving ones neighbors, brothers and/or sisters. If Mars is involved, the native should be extremely cautious in driving.
(difficulty concentrating and in holding attention).

4th. Changes are demanded in one's basic beliefs, religious structure, home and vocational concerns. This is a very critical place for the Eclipse to fall, because it is harder to change beliefs - especially of an emotional and/or religious nature - than anything else. But if one can do so, then the rewards are equally great. One's closest associates stand behind you and lend help. Others who are impressed with you bring opportunities to move out of town, or to buy land. If changes cannot be adopted, then all the things the individual stands for seem to collapse - the beliefs, the home, the family.

5th. Changes are demanded in relationship with children, lovers, and creative and speculative pursuits. If effected, then success may result in these areas - in fact, it could be a year of immense popularity and success. Usually, if the Eclipse here trines the Ascendant, it is a very successful period, and one of great happiness too. If changes are not effected, then crises involving children and lovers may well emerge, to the point of even losing these. It is also possible that one has a turn for the worse in a speculative or creative endeavor, even to the point of great financial loss. (abortions & miscarriages)

6th. Changes are demanded in one's relationship with work partners - the need to cooperate and partake in a *mutual* effort. Changes in one's health patterns and habits are also necessary. If one can give in and learn to work cooperatively with others, then great success is in store in this area. One will find that others are more than willing and competent to be of service to the native. If changes are not effected, then crises arise involving one's helpers and co-workers, who tend to be very unreliable, causing many problems. Health difficulties also arise from poor dietary habits. Deceit in partnerships is also possible, and this too wears away at one's health.

7th Changes are demanded in one's partnerships, or attitudes towards them. If effected, then great new beginnings in these areas are possible - marriages, unions in business, great popularity. If not effected, then separations (even death of partner) and even divorces, lossess and misunderstandings through partner. One must strive to be fair with others, else lawsuits and difficulties in court may follow.

8th. Changes are demanded in the area dealing with assets in partnerships, taxes, and concepts of death and regeneration (sex), and possibly matters regarding inheritances, insurances, and legacies. One needs to be honest with others now - especially partners where values and monies are concerned. If so, there may be great gains for one's partner, and consequently this will affect positively the native's own life. If one is not honest, then he or she will have to account for "why not", and losses are very likely. Possibilities of problems with taxes, insurances, tragic ending to relationships of love, even bankruptcy with the partner.

9th. Changes are demanded in one's philosophies - and how to relate them to others - education, teaching styles, and possibly in-laws and relations to people of foreign countries. Actually, if this Eclipse trines the Ascendant, it is usually quite beneficial and positive. Great success emerges for travel and teaching/or learning experiences. It is a very popular placement. If changes are not accepted in these areas, then their are crises with one's education, plans for travel, and even in-laws. One begins to doubt that there is any purpose in living, no meaning to life (philosophical confusion).

10th. Changes are demanded in the unfoldment of one's destiny, usually in one's vocation or position in the community, although possibly in one's relationship to superiors or father-figures. If the changes are effected, then great new career opportunities emerge, a new channel of destiny opens with new goals and objectives in life. If not effected, then losses of job, insecurity with one's position in the community, falling in the graces of one's superiors - being cast out of the lot of the "chosen".

11th. Changes are demanded with one's goals, the nature of one's hopes and wishes, and also the nature of one's friendships. If effected, then great accomplishments are possible - the realization of some great effort in life. Also, the establishment of many new and lasting friends. If goals are not altered, then denial of fulfillment, failure of an intense effort, and loss of friends. One might become "goal-less" during this period, feeling lost and aimless in life. (love received demands change)

12th. Changes are demanded in regards to one's motives for doing things - are they righteous or "sneaky"? Also, changes are needed in regard to helping others less fortunate than oneself - perhaps thru charity efforts - the need to be sympathetic and of service to others. If effected, then there is the feeling of joy in giving to others, of sacrificing personal needs for the good of the greater, and others will be generous in their thanks for such efforts. If not

effected, then the native will see much disappointment in relationships with others, a feeling of imprisonment (may be actual imprisonment if involved in illegal activities), even hospitalization, and may find others get the "upper hand" through unethical maneuvers against native - motives "backfire". One should strive to keep the heart pure at this time, and give unselfishly of self.

TO BE CONTINUED

The following is from a new subscriber JOYCE W. CREESE of Virginia Beach, Virginia:

I'm a Sagittarian with the Sun in the 5th house. I decided to write this book to share some of the wonderful experiences I've had through Astrology.

There are so many serious Astrological books on the market, and believe me I'm a serious Astrologer, but being a Sagittarian, I've found so many humorous events that I would love to share with my colleagues.

My progressed Moon just entered my 9th house making a sextile to Jupiter, my Midheaven is about to conjunct Jupiter, I'm having a Jupiter return, my progressed Jupiter is turning direct this year, my progressed Mercury is trine Jupiter, and this is my 35th year of life. By jove this book could probably be written all by itself.

I have a Pisces Midheaven, I claim to be both an artist and an astrologer.

I have a Mars and Venus conjunct in Scorpio. It is too bad I can't share some of the events that has happened to me since Uranus joined them, but I don't want to write an X-rated book.

Besides needing to share some of the fantastic things I've learned, I need the money. You see I have a friend with his Uranus conjunct my Jupiter in his 5th house, needless to say we lost a little money gambling.

I've been separated from my husband ever since transiting Uranus conjunct my natal Venus. My progressed Moon located in my 5th house in my natal chart made a sextile to Jupiter in my 11th house, during that period I dated a German, a Jew, an Italian, a Greek, a Hungarian, a Sagittarian and wasn't surprised when another man that I had dated gave me the birth data for his horoscope and found out that he was born in Scotland.

My ex-husband had his Venus in Virgo. The first thing he did when he came home from work was kiss the cat, maybe that's why he's my ex.

I know a man with his Mars in Aquarius, kiss him on his ankle and he'll follow you anywhere.

As I'm writing this on the second floor of my home my Taurus daughter is on the ground level making a clay ashtray.

A couple of years ago I was anxiously watching my niece and her chart for rectification purposes when both transiting Mars and Venus was nearing her Gemini Ascendant. Sure enough, she was playing on the monkey bars at the school playground when she fell and cut herself in the pelvic area and on her hand.

It's extremely frustrating to try to reach a certain friend of mine by telephone, his phone is always busy. He has a Gemini Moon and a Sun conjunct Mercury in

the 3rd house.

Jupiter was transiting Taurus. I received a telephone call from a Taurus friend, he wanted me to come over and see his new house plants. It seems he decided that he needed some greenery in his home and so he called a florist. She cased the joint and placed a tree here and there and a few hanging baskets; all that for only \$200.00 A real bargain he told me. Jupiter is transiting his natal Mars in Taurus.

My daughter has Mars rising in Cancer squared by the Moon, making her accident prone. Well every 22 months when transiting Mars conjuncts that natal Moon she's at the emergency room, from running through closed glass doors to falling out of school busses. The last time transiting Mars got there I warned her to be careful, no dog bites, burns or accidents of any kind I pleaded with her. She stubbornly decided that this time nothing is going to happen to her, so she settles down on the sofa with a good book and some hard candy. A piece of candy gets stuck in her throat and she's choking, back to the emergency room. She's a Taurus.

Did you ever wonder why most politicians have Pluto strongly configurated with their Midheaven?

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*MARY FRANCES WOOD
of Richmond, Virginia*

Mary Frances is taking care of the ASTRO TWINS for us and sent us this report. Come on gang, get your charts sent in with \$1.00 so we can send them to Mary Frances. Maybe that way we can build up our ASTRO TWIN file!

As of today, Jan. 24th., 1977, we have 24 people who have registered as Astrological Twins! I have not found any twins as yet, except for you and David but Dottie French Montgomery does have an Ascendant of 19:50 Taurus, which is very close to yours and David's. Mitzi Perkins and Veloris Hipp have ascendants within one degree of each other, and so do Veloris Hipp and Lane White.

It is surprising to me that there are more Taurus and Libra Suns, Moons and Asc. than any other sign, with Pisces the least. I would have thought Pisces People would be more interested in astrology than that. There are a few Aries, Scorpio's, Cancers and Capricorns. Strange!!

*DIANA DUDLEY
of Richmond, Virginia*

Mercury Hour is by far the most entertaining astrological magazine I have come across, although it is also the craziest (no offense intended).

I believe its charm lies in the feeling it gives one of being really in touch and on equal terms with other astrologers, both well-known and obscure, with news of what they are doing and thinking.

In this *M.H.* is unique and fills a long felt want, to use a cliché.

I hope your publication continues to prosper.

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LIMERICKS

by JOHN McCORMICK

of Bloomfield, New Jersey

Since poetry is so big these days I thought I'd try
a few.

Said an Asteroid once in deep shock,
"I'm only a big piece of rock,
No one tries to please me,
No one even sees me,
But Zipporah and Eleanor Bach."

A man who began as a miser,
Became a good book analyzer,
Soon thousands of books,
Filled his crannies and nooks,
And he finished Samuel but Weiser.

A Piscean lady was seen
Dunking doughnuts in raw gasoline
For dessert after lunch
She downed a whole bunch
of bananas and warm vaseline.

A Taurean lady named Rank
took her money out of the bank
She hid all the cash
In a most private stash
But forgot and it went down the tank.

A Cancerian once eating pork
Punctured her cheek with her fork,
She fell in a swoon
By the light of the Moon.
On the sidewalks on New York

A Sagittarian lady named Lynch
Met a bull by the name of Bullfinch,
Said the Bull "I'm a Libra,
I'd prefer a gay Zebra
But you'll just have to do in a pinch."

Limericks are endless, of course, but the patience of your readers probably is not....so I shall forego any further assaults on their sensibilities. Please note that in the rime about Sagittarians 'gay' is spelled with a small 'g' and refers to the bizaare striping of the Zebra's coat rather than to any preferences he (or she) might have where other Zebras are concerned. I'm becoming paranoid.

I have just finished reading my first copy of Charles A. Jayne's "COSMECOLOGY BULLETIN". It is the Dec. '76 issue - No. 5.

I found most of the articles very interesting, in particular the one by Dr. James Williamsen on "DIRECTIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN ASTROLOGICAL RESEARCH". He really made some interesting points that anyone involved with research should read. Mark Feldman's article on "SOLAR INFLUENCE ON THE HUMAN ORGANISM" was fascinating. In fact all of the articles are excellent and Charles promises more of the same in the next issue.

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Edie

Some notes on Astrological Research by INGRID NAIMAN of the Eridani Foundation, Hawaii:

I have received an enormous volume of correspondence asking for my comments on various charts and whether or not they were disposed to cancer. I also have received quite a few letters saying that they had read Emylu's (Hughes) published articles on predisposition to cancer and had found all seven factors listed in her articles in their own charts.

Cancer has the curious nature of thriving on fear. The American Cancer Society has grown rich terrifying people of cancer and then seeking their funds to "find" a cure for cancer. It may be that when psychologists and astrologers get more deeply into the cancer research movement, that they too will wind up talking in terms which arouse fear. There are worse diseases than cancer and one of the problems in early detection of cancer is that the disease can exist without producing any painful symptoms. Also, sometimes it simply goes away though no one seems to understand a great deal about spontaneous remissions. At this point, I feel very much like preaching a non-hysterical approach to cancer since excess worry over its possible existence or correct means of treatment is certainly an aggravating factor rather than a curative one.

In line with this non-hysterical approach, I would like to do something I have put off for over a year. I had religiously avoided bothering to comment in any detail on the published opinions of others of our colleagues who have done cancer research though I did make one faint effort to dismiss the credibility of degree areas in relationship to tumors. I also said that I did not necessarily subscribe to the classical view that Venus and Jupiter were the planets of tumors.

A tumor is a dammed up reservoir of energy which is neither released, transmuted, nor swallowed up by normal cells. It is a concentration of protein mass with a nebulous function and structure. I don't think many would describe Venus or Jupiter as related to such a description.

However, all diseases involve more than one planet and possibly all the planets. All diseases involve stress and disharmony and hence they all manifest under these astrological conditions. We can say that the growth of cancer is possibly related to Jupiter, the faulty metabolism is possibly related to Venus (of this, I am very much less certain). I think that one can therefore say that a Jupiter transit is decidedly disadvantageous to the treatment of cancer even though it is regarded as a healing agent by many astrologers in other contexts.

Emylu discussed each of the planets with respect to cancer in her earlier *AFA* articles (Libra-Scorpio editions of the 1973 Bulletin). I have no quarrel with these assignments or the basic theory underlying her discussions. Also, I would like to point out that she is meticulously careful in selection of her data and its measurements so I don't want to cast any doubt on her work but simply to bring up some points which will help others to apply her findings with more skill.

In private correspondence, Emylu has always

stressed the fact that she has never claimed a breakthrough in cancer research, that she has not used a control group but recognizes that this must ultimately be done, and that she has been primarily concerned with predisposition rather than prognosis.

Now, Emylu has developed what she refers to as the Part of Cancer. One adds the longitude of Neptune to the Ascendant and subtracts Jupiter. In certain instances, Uranus, Pluto, or Lilith can be substituted for Neptune. This part must then be active by aspect.

Comment. This part like any other point in any horoscope will have a probability of receiving aspects equivalent to the orbs permitted on aspects and the aspects used. An unaspected part of cancer would occur about as often as one finds an unaspected planet in a chart—that is, rarely. Moreover, if you include the substitutes for Neptune and the solstice points of all these "parts", the odds of having the Part of Cancer unaspected are practically nil in any sample.

In other words, the Part may not be useful at all for determining predisposition to cancer. It may be a valid tool for working with astrological influences on cancer. For example, it may help to determine the probability of metastasis (spreading) of the primary cancer. I personally think that Neptune is involved with metastasis and Jupiter with growth but this must be regarded as a working hypothesis at this juncture and I want to test the idea more thoroughly before stating emphatically that this is or is not true.

Secondly, in stating that a particular aspect is indicative of any disease or that any aspect between two planets or any stressful aspect between two planets indicates disease, one needs to stop a second. In doing aspect tabulations on massive numbers of charts, I generally find that there is more likelihood of there being an aspect between two planets than of there not being an aspect. As a rather crude rule of thumb, I would say that roughly two-thirds of charts will have some aspect or other between any two planets. This will depend on several factors: which planets are being considered (for example, Mercury and Venus make fewer aspects on the whole but then they make up for this by dispoiting two signs each and all the planets in those signs), which aspects are used, number of degrees of orb permitted, the wider the orbs, the more probability of there being a higher percentage of aspects.

In theory therefore, it is permissible to suppose that there must be an aspect between two planets because such a contact might indicate something about the physical anatomy of the person or the psychological factors contributing to a physical condition, but it can never be a very definitive step in diagnosis. Then, as soon as you allow for an alternative, you reduce the significance of the first hypothesis for the odds of one or the other condition existing will virtually annihilate the distinctiveness of the aspect.

I would like to illustrate this by taking one of Emylu's seven points, the one which was easiest to check on a control group. She summarized her findings by saying that the Moon could be in any aspect to

Jupiter or Neptune. I checked this on fifty breast cancer cases, fifty drug abuse cases, and 25 schizophrenics. Schizophrenics have been my control group all along because these people rarely, if ever, develop cancer. I added the drug cases as an additional contrast because they share the hallucinating characteristic of schizophrenics and possibly they tend towards hypoglycemia in the same manner as schizophrenics. In fact, besides the sensual disceptions, they have many other common features.

In the 50 breast cancer cases, 36 had an aspect between the Moon and Jupiter and 35 had aspects between the Moon and Neptune. Of these cases, 6 had no aspect at all between the Moon and either Jupiter or Neptune. Of the 50 drug abuse cases, the comparable figures were 33 aspects between Moon and Jupiter, 34 for Moon/Neptune, and two charts which had the Moon making no aspects to either Jupiter or Neptune. For schizophrenics, the figures were 19 and 21, respectively, with one chart having the Moon aspecting neither of the other two planets. It is not statistically permissible to simply double these figures just because the study group was half as big, but this would, if done, give totals of 38 and 42 for the aspects, in other words, far more than the breast cancer cases.

The conclusion is tentatively therefore that this aspect would not be helpful in determining predisposition to breast cancer or to any other cancer providing that it is true that schizophrenia and cancer are virtually mutually exclusive diseases—which is supposedly true.

The same manner of approach will also be valid when compared to any similar situation. Suppose one said that the aspect had to be a stressful one involving the Sun to some other point. The odds of the Sun being conjunct, square, or in opposition to Uranus, for example, might be roughly 20%, again depending on orbs and so forth. If one added quincunxes, semi-squares, sesquiquadrates to the stressful aspects, the probability of the Sun making an aspect would be increased to maybe 25%, depending on orbs. If one then permitted alternatives to Uranus, one would be increasing the probabilities by the number of alternatives allowed. Soon, one would have a situation very much like the example of the Moon.

Mind you, I do not intend to be critical. There are several problems involved here which other researchers and those applying the findings of the researchers should be aware of. Cancer, for instance, is not a very unique disease. One quarter of the population of the U.S. and presumably of the world die of cancer. Many people who have cancer die of other things before the cancer is ever discovered or reaches a terminal point. The horoscopic indication of cancer will therefore not be a rare one but rather one which may very well be descriptive of our civilization.

Is it then impossible to diagnose cancer astrologically? No, I don't think so, but I think the approach has to be different and many alternative approaches have been suggested by various people. I personally prefer to develop a very alive understanding of the character of the disease itself and learn

to identify the physical characteristics of the disease with astrological symbols. I think one should understand the emotional and psychological traits of the cancer patient also because the descriptions of psychiatrists of the temperament of the cancer patient have a definite value to us as astrologers. We can list the characteristics and see if the chart shows any of those tendencies. I will do this in a future article.

Meanwhile, I would like to give an example. Supposing a person were of a highly responsible nature (most cancer patients seem to be of this type—in marked contrast to the schizophrenics and drug abusers). This gives us a visual image of a classic Saturnine person. I already suggested that Saturn may have something to do with the original welling up of energy so we look for a suppression, someone who cannot feel free to express himself but feels the need to rigidly control himself. This could become a basic festering point but if his control is shifted, he may still be all right. For instance, suppose a person were very dissatisfied with his home life but belonged to a religious or social group which made divorce impossible of serious consideration. If he built up a thoughtform of anger surrounding his situation, a malignancy might develop and it might swell if he fed his negativity with increasing thought on the matter. If, however, he decided to transfer his energy into some creative activity which utilized the suppressed energy, he would be releasing it creatively and there would be no massive amount of stored up energy to exert pressure on him. To be able to successfully transmute energy, there ought to be harmonious aspects to Pluto (maybe also to Uranus) and this is something I found in all charts in my cancer study—even though, as already stated, this alone might not be a revealing factor. It might not even be a diagnostic one but one which could help in counseling and in prognostication?

In other words, Emylu might have brought up some valuable points but one needs to learn how to use them. I think her list may have to be expanded to include many more features necessary to a full diagnostic picture. Eventually then, some broad differences might be observable between the cancer and schizophrenia pictures—the two extreme opposites. I could add some to the list but will not do so today. The point I am trying to bring out today is to think in terms of a trait and the many ways in which that trait could be shown in a chart. Maybe one more example will help, this one is my pet peeve. I find, for example, that squares to placid planets are more intractable than squares to more dynamic planets. A square to a placid planet really undermines the will-power and leads to a great deal of self indulgence. I am thinking mainly in terms of squares of the Sun, Moon, or ASC to Venus, Jupiter, or Neptune. These are the types of aspects which make a person want to have his own way and one avoids developing control over the life. Squares to Saturn may have exactly the opposite effect and absolutely force one to develop mastery over circumstances. The one type square may therefore be an indication of success and the other of constant emotionality and self favoring. Of course,

squares to Uranus and/or Pluto may help one to change oneself and a person could have a combination of all these factors in which case there might be discipline and control, effectiveness in self improvement campaigns, and a forced generosity, charitability and sympathy towards life. This is where picking the chart apart may not be too revealing and before one knows anything for sure, he has to be able to put it all back together again.

LYDIA SCHMUSER of Los Angeles, California, has a few ideas on Mankind she would like to share with us.

This fourth of July 1976 was the 200 Birthday of our country. Look back to the birth of Christ and you will see clearly 2 Milleniums of history. You will see nations rise and fall. You will see new religions springing up, and then dividing themselves in many parts.

You will see, war after war. You will see one atavar after another who held in the palm of his hand, the destinies of cities, of states and the happiness of whole families or their death.

Great men were born, who tried to teach man, "that all men were brothers"; it did not matter to what ethnic group they belonged to, or what color or what race. They all taught that good would always conquer evil.

But did man listen, did man hear? Only a few years ago the last Veteran returned home. As I write this, somewhere in the Near East, in Ireland, and in our own country, someone is being killed. Why? Because none of us listen with our hearts! We have the Bible, the Karam, the Talmud on our tables; we all know the 10 commandments by heart; but no, as soon as we read one page of a holy book; we leave our home with a gun, a rifle, or a bomb, to commit a crime. The page we read, was as if we never did! We have no conscience!

Have you ever asked yourselves why do men have wars? What is the purpose of it? The answer is very simple. It is Greed! For Milleniums, men lost not only their lives, but their souls also. Yes, we are all Greedy! No matter how much we have; of money, gold, jewels or land, it is not enough; we must have more.

Take the world today; some people will not agree with me, they will say, "We are fighting for a way of life, for ideologies."! Excuse me, this is not true. Take your maps and you will see that 75% of the world's population, even today; do not know how to read or write even in their own language. They are still children of nature and the land. You can try to explain Democracy and Communism to them for months; and they will not understand you. But give them a gun, and they will become whoever you wish them to be. They will follow you, for only one reason - of the Milleniums - "Greed".

Think of the riches, taken out of India, of Mexico, Africa, South America during these last 2 Milleniums? If this money was returned, in 2 decades, we would have a different world. Has any country in the history of this planet in 200 years, succeeded in doing so much in so short a time? And yet to our shores, have come

the poor, the uneducated, and people of all religions and nations.

We, as a nation have always been the 1st to help any country; in peace and in war. We have gone to the Moon; our Viking I is now sitting on Mars. We already know what its surface looks like. And we are waiting for the question that man has discussed since he could think, "Is or was there life on Mars or any other planet"? And if we find life on Mars; perhaps, for the first time, man will forget his Greed, his wars!

You all know what I am saying. But I have on this Birthday of our Nation another reason for writing this way! In 1982 - in the autumn, for the first time in 175 years (approx. or stand corrected) all ten planets, will be in a straight line! This at first confused me, and I was ready to argue the point with NASA, itself! But, I always check my thoughts out. As all your readers or most of them are Tropical astrologers, I will keep to the Tropical not to confuse your readers. The 10 planets will be in Sagittarius, Scorpio and in Libra. This is what I wished to argue about. But then I caught myself up and said "Of course they are all in a straight line". Suppose I call Libra the 1st step, Scorpio the 2nd step, and Sagittarius the 3rd step? Won't I be walking in a straight line? But then, another thought came to me, a more scientific one; in an infinite space and 10 planets within 90°, of course would be in a straight line!

And what does this mean? If we look back 200 years ago, we can see a mighty nation born. And we can see, that 26 years later, we kept that Nation alive. From today to 1982, we have only 6 years to go. Every planet means a nation, large and small. This means that in 1982, every nation, large or small, will have the same equal rights and freedom as the others. And perhaps, Greed, atavars, and ideologies, will disappear, and Man tries to help Man!

CAROLYN DODSON

of Jamestown, Kentucky

This letter was received Jan. 8, 1977.

I am so disgusted about a book I ordered from ASTRO-PRESS of Los Angeles. I ordered it in mid-August and haven't heard another word. It is entitled, THE NEW INSTANT ASTROLOGER.

While we were in Vegas, *Jim Eshelman* and I were talking about Sidereal Astrology, and how I was searching out books to give to a very good friend who taught me astrology in the first place. He recommended a book he had just completed, and told me to get in touch as soon as I got home. I did just that, and sent off my \$7.20 (a pre-publication price). I received a yellow invoice slip, and then not another word. Now, how long does it take to print a book? I have printed several, and know it never takes more than 3 or 4 weeks. I am furious and disgusted about it. If it had been for me, I wouldn't be so disgruntled. As it is however, it was promised back in August as a gift and the goods never produced.

I wrote a scorching letter about 3 weeks ago, and still no response.

MOBY DICK of Hawaii

I find the Circle Book of Charts an invaluable tool for research. In preparing my matrix poster on aspects, I wanted to avoid copycat restatements of unverified tradition, since there are enough books like that on the astrology shelves. In order to analyze aspects from the actual experience of what they do in people's lives, I supplemented my file of clients' charts by drawing the aspects in transparent colored marking pens, onto Stephen Erlewine's 1300 horoscopes. It soon became apparent that nobody achieves the status to be included in such a success-list without a stiff dose of "negative" aspects. The soft-aspect people in the Circle Book of Charts had fame given to them. The strivers are marked by T-squares, and the tragic heroes like Julius Caesar, by Grand Crosses.

The contention that clusters indicate genius stands up well to examination in this gold mine of actual cases, also. I use "Atlantic Brief Lives", edited by Louis Kronenberger, as a valuable adjunct in understanding these example charts.

In my practice, the experience of my clients forced me to doubt that Cardinal signs are as much better than the Fixed and Mutable as the Victorian textbooks imply. Michel Gauquelin's statistical research seems to prove that the peaks of high ability occur in the houses associated with Mutable signs, rather than the traditional angular houses. If you want to conduct your own test, count the Cardinal Sign Suns in the individual maps of selected, successful people in the Circle Book of Charts. There are 389 compared with 383 Fixed Sign Suns, and 381 Mutable. That is a trivial difference and certainly not enough to justify the textbooks strong bias in favor of Cardinal and against Mutable signs. I suspect there are no good signs and bad signs, and that it really does take all kinds of people to make a world.

My recent and most interesting experiment in this source that enables other astrologers to repeat the test and confirm my results was suggested by Ray Merriman. He attacked me for saying that people with Solar 12th. house Moons are emotionally spiritual and sacrificing while first solar house Moons indicate an emotional focus on making an impression.

The results are not as sharply defined as an experiment in chemistry, but let me present here for Mercury Hour readers judgement a list of Circle Book celebrities with the Moon less than 30 degrees behind the Sun, to compare with a list who have the New Moon less than thirty degrees ahead of the Sun.

A number of musicians occur in both lists. With the Moon in the Solar 12th., Johann Sebastian Bach, Ludwig Von Beethoven, Hector Berlioz, Stephen Foster, Claude Debussy, guitarist Charlie Byrd, jazzman B. B. King, Harry Belafonte, Little Richard, and Bob Dylan. All wrote rather Piscean music.

The first-house-Moon musicians are Ravel, Stokowski, Stravinski, Irving Berlin, Paul Hindemith, Stan Getz, saxman Cannonball Adderly, Ray Charles and Van Cliburn; there seems to me and my musician students to be sort of an Aries cast to their compositions and, primarily, performances.

The 29 12th-house-Moon authors are William Blake, Shelley, Thackeray, Thoreau, Emily Bronte, Algernon Swinburne who wrote a little poetic pornography on the sly, Emile Zola, Wm. James, Anatole France, Strindberg, Rimbaud, G.B. Shaw, Havelock Ellis the sexologist whose Moon is in both Natal and Solar 12th houses, Rudyard Kipling, Winnie the Pooh's A.A. Milne, poet Victor Neuberg, Franz Kafka (the most Piscean writer of all, though he had no planets in that sign) Walter Lippman, Stan Laurel who wrote and directed all his great comedies of suffering, John Dos Passos, Paul Clancy, Wm. Faulkner, Ayn Rand(!?) Tennessee Williams, Fellini the filmwriter-director, Bill Mauldin, Jack Anderson the secrets columnist, Rod Serling and Rod McKuen. Compare that Neptunian bunch with these 16 First-house-Moon authors:--Washington Irving, Bulwer-Lytton the politician-writer, John Stuart Mill, Tolstoy, J.K. Huysmans, Maeterlinck, Yeats, Isaak Dinesen, Ira Gershwin, Walter Winchell, Isaac B. Singer, Ann Lindbergh, Helen MacInnes, Bernard Malamud, Arthur C. Clarke.

Twelfth house artists start with visionary William Blake again, and include Frank Lloyd Wright, sculptor-cartoonist Rube Goldberg, Marc Chagall of the Jerusalem windows, Norman Rockwell, caricaturist Xavier Cugat, animator Walter Lantz, Chester Gould, Bill Mauldin, sculptor George Segal, and film artist Francois Truffaut.

The First House Moon produced only three artists; Durer, Raphael and Gauguin, all known for fine surface craftsmanship, rather than any inner vision.

A number of religious leaders, philosophers, and metaphysicians have the Moon close to the Sun; compare these 12th house types with the First House list that follows:

Solar 12th House Moons; Wm. Blake, Radha Krishnan, Paramahansa Yogananda, Paul Clancy, Pope Paul VI, Manley B. Hall (Natal and Solar).

Solar First House Moons: St. John of the Cross, Kant, Harvey S. Olcott, C.W. Leadbetter, Max Heindel, (whose Moon was in the natal 12th house and solar 1st) Elbert Benjamine, Kirpal Singh, Rupert Gleadow.

Perhaps my disagreement with Ray Merriman is over the definition of "spiritual". To me the metaphysical politicians, Olcott, Heindel, Leadbetter and Benjamine are not what I mean by 'spiritual', which to me is a gentle, imaginative inwardness, willing to suffer for one's creative visions. Many people confuse religiosity and asceticism with spirituality, which is not believing somebody's doctrinal system, but finding the deep innate awareness of truth within yourself.

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Much of the confusion about the twelfth house, and the negative image of Pisces derive from the failure to recognize the empathetic self-sacrificing kindness that twelfth-house spirituality gives rise to, as the essential Neptunian quality, without which we have only negative interpretations for this Sign, House, and Planet.

Here is the complete chronological list so you can count your own categories and get an intuitive feel for the difference. There are a few politicians and a lot of performers. In general the twelfth house Moons seem gentler, softer, less appearance-oriented than those born after the Moon had passed the Sun. See for yourself.

Both of these positions for the Moon are numerically underrepresented in the Circle Book. The twelfth house Moon seems to detract from ambition for recognition. The first house Moon at first thought seems a good position for fame, but the numbers aren't there. Perhaps some of these people are too satisfied with the appearance of success to struggle for the substance of it. And, of course, we would expect the 10th house, and the seventh for politicians, to be overrepresented, but I'll leave that experiment for you to perform in your own Circle Book of Charts.

SOLAR TWELFTH HOUSE MOONS

J.S. Bach	Barry Fitzgerald
James Madison	Radhakrishnan
William Blake	Walter Lippmann
Ludwig von Beethoven	Stan Laurel
Shelley	Parama Hansa Yogananda
Berlioz	Norman Rockwell
Abraham Lincoln	John dos Passos
Charles Darwin	Paul G. Clancy
Thackeray	Wm. Faulkner
Thoreau	Pope Paul 6th.
Karl Marx	M.C. Escher
Emily Bronte	Xavier Cugat
Stephen Foster	Walter Lantz
A. Swinburne	Chester Gould
Emile Zola	Manley B. Hall
Wm. James	George Murphy
Wm. McKinley	Ayn Rand
Anatole France	Greta Garbo
A. Strindberg	Howard Hughes
Rimbaud	George Romney
Havelock Ellis	Ray Milland
Billy the Kid	Ian Fleming
Claude Debussy	Bonnie Parker
Frank Lloyd Wright	Vincent Price
Calvin Coolidge	Hubert Humphrey
Isadore Duncan	Dorothy Kilgallen
A. A. Milne	Stanley Kramer
Victor Neuberg, poet	Wm. Westmoreland
Franz Kafka	Tennessee Williams
Rube Goldberg	Vance Packard
Neils Bohr	Lorne Green
Fatty Arbuckle	Saul Bellow
Marc Chagall	Betty Furness

Glenn Ford
Keenan Wynn
Richard Boone
Phyllis Diller
Arthur Schlesinger
Frank Sinatra
Mike Wallace
Robert Preston
J. D. Salinger
Celeste Holm
George Wallace
Fellini
Jack Palance
Bill Cullen
Deborah Kerr
Bill Mauldin
Wm. Milliken
George McGovern
Jack Anderson
Marlon Brando
Theodore Bikel

Marcello Mastroianni
George Segal, sculptor
Rod Sterling
Charlie Byrd
B. B. King
Harry Belafonte
Captain Kangaroo
Robert Indiana, artist
Dick Clark
James Earl Jones
Francois Truffaut
Anthony Perkins
David McCallam
Shirley McLaine
LeRoi Jones
Little Richard
Warren Beatty
Rod McKuen
Bob Dylan
David Steinberg
Johnny Rivers
Joe Namath

Even the gentle, non-aggressive nation, Canada, has the Moon in its Solar Twelfth House.

SOLAR FIRST HOUSE MOONS

Erasmus	Kirpal Singh
Durer	Jack Dempsey
Raphael	Paul Hindemith
St. John of the Cross	Ira Gershwin
John Partridge	Walter Winchell
Kant	Fred Astaire
Martin Van Buren	George Orwell
Washington Irving	Gary Grant
Bulwer-Lytton	Isaac B. Singer
E. B. Browning	Myrna Loy
J. S. Mill	Ann Lindbergh
Queen Victoria	Helen MacInnes
Clara Barton	Lyndon Johnson
Tolstoy	Carole Lombard
Harry S. Olcott	Rupert Gleadow
C. W. Leadbeater	Sonny Terry
J. K. Huysman	Ben Hogan
R. L. Stevenson	Stewart Granger
Woodrow Wilson	Edward Muskie
Charles Evans Hughes	Bernard Malamand
Maeterlinck	Olivia de Havilland
W. B. Yeats	George Montgomery
Max Heindel	Trevor Howard
Herbert Hoover	Ernest Borgnine
Ravel	Raymond Burr
C. Adenaur	Arthur C. Clarke
Stokowski	Art Carney
Stravinski	Lana Turner
Elbert Benjamine	Chuck Connors
I. Dinesen	Dick Martin
Julian Huxley	Harry Reasoner
Irving Berlin	Errol Garner
Joseph Kennedy	James Baldwin
Nijinsky	Rocky Marciano
Dwight Eisenhower	Yvonne de Carlo
Pearl Buck	Truman Capote

Paul Newman
 Albert King
 Rock Hudson
 Stan Getz
 Cannonball Adderley
 Sean Connery
 Ray Charles
 David Scott
 Godfrey Cambridge
 Shari Lewis
 Van Cliburn
 Rickey Nelson
 Tom Jones
 Mohammad Ali
 Lynn Redgrave
 Diana Ross

PAUL GRELL of San Francisco, California, shares his birth data with us.

In response for astrologers to "share" their charts with other astrologers, here is my data: April 20, 1906, 2:12 A.M., St. Louis, Mo.

It is easy to see my 53 years astrological interest with Uranus being the leader of my "Bowl" type chart; being the only diurnal planet, it has hemisphere emphasis, and it is the co-ruler of my Aquarius Ascendant. Being a bowl type chart, with only one opposition and all planets except Uranus in a 116° area, the fewer degree aspects become more important. I will also "share" the following with *beginning* and *intermediate* students:

The major aspects are always obvious, and even the most often used minor aspects - semi-sextile, semi-square, sesquare, and quincunx. This chart is unusually good study of less used minor aspects, especially the *quintile* and *decile*. A single quintile or decile is not often important, unless the planet has no major aspects or is weak, but when they are found in *pairs* or *multiples*, and with other similar type aspects, they can become quite strong and important. With 9 of the planets in a 116° area, and having studied astrology for 53 years, I have checked out the quintile and decile, etc., and for the benefit of *beginning* and *intermediate* students, list the following:

SUN

A decile on each side, to Moon and Jupiter, and quintile to Dragons Tail and Ascendant. Going to similar type aspects the Sun is even virgintile Venus and quindecile Mars.

MOON

A decile on each side, to Ascendant, Dragons Tail and Sun, and a quintile on *each* side, to Uranus and Jupiter.

MERCURY

A decile to Venus and quintile to Pluto.

VENUS

A decile on *each* side, to Mercury and Pluto.

MARS

A quintile to Saturn. This is a very close aspect and one of the strongest aspects in the whole chart.

JUPITER

Has a decile to Sun and quintile to Moon and Dragons Head.

SATURN

Has a quintile to Mars.

URANUS

A decile on *each* side, to Midheaven and Ascendant, and quintile to Moon.

NEPTUNE

A biquintile on *each* side, to Midheaven and Ascendant.

PLUTO

A decile to Venus and a quintile to Mercury.

ASCENDANT

A decile on *each* side, to Uranus and Moon, a quintile on *each* side, to Midheaven and Sun, and biquintile to Neptune.

MIDHEAVEN

A decile to Uranus, a quintile to Ascendant and biquintile to Neptune. Even the Dragons Head and Tail and Part of Fortune have their deciles, quintiles.

Having lived with this chart for over 70 years, I can tell students this *collection* of aspects really work. When students start out, they readily recognize the important major aspects, as they are apparent and obvious, but you have to dig a little under the surface to find and recognize the *first* layer of minor aspects, and then even more to find the *second* layer of minor aspects, especially when there are lots of them, in pairs and multiples.

As double semi-sextiles become a sextile; double semi-squares become a square; double squares become opposition and T-cross; double trines become a Grand Trine - so these less unused minor aspects can "build-up" and become strong, just like T-crosses, etc.

Llewellyn George said that every planet has some aspect to every other planet (like every organ affects the whole body) and sometimes you have to dig a little to find the connections between the planets.

LARRY M. PARKER

of Houston, Texas

I am currently a writer. Have lived approximately 1/3 of my life overseas. Former army captain and human relations instructor. B.A.-Rice University, Houston. Major: Economics & Philosophy. Minors: Math & Science. M.S.-University of So. Cal., L.A. in Educational Psychology.

In 1975 a large convention of renown scientists unanimously denounced astrology, though not a single scientist admitted to having studied astrology. After their unscientific and psychologically immature statement, I began to study astrology with *Mrs. Rose Avera* in Pasadena, Texas.

CINDY DeLEE

of San Francisco, California

Regarding Jerry Brown, Governor of California. I got a copy of his birth record from the S.F. birth record department. His birth time is ledgible: 12:34 P.M. giving him an Ascendant of 4° Leo 45.

Considering his religious background, I think his Sun in the 9th house is well used, with the wide conjunction to Saturn accounting for his rather stringent ways.

This is the second part of the article started in the January edition by BARBARA KOVAL of Reston, Virginia

Does an apprentice-tutorial system in fact take some time than the accumulation of data which may be worthless to the actual practice of astrology? It is very important for the serious student of astrology to read outside his field and to come in contact with people and ideas which are beyond his concentrated interest. In fact, more can be learned about astrology from non-astrological sources, once the basic understanding and technique is mastered. Does the university curriculum really foster this university? Most often the student is burdened by having to learn/study a required amount of data in a specified amount of time, if he is to get his degree and get out. (Yes, I know that it doesn't have to be done this way, but most students are anxious to get out and get a job, and the piece of paper determines to a large extent what kind of job and what kind of salary he will command.) There should be no time limit on the study of astrology. A student is ready when he is ready, and his life experiences and his self-understanding are as important as the knowledge which can be tested. (In fact, I don't think anyone should set themselves up as an astrological counselor until he has passed his first Saturn return. And it is also arguable that he should not teach until he has passed his second.) The fact of the matter is that fewer lectures and fewer books are needed under a tutorial system, because the student must force out of his own brain the meanings of constantly changing relationships, instead of relying on the pronouncements of an overstuffed and starched academic, arrogant in his knowledge of theory and history, pitiful in his experience and practice. Astrology must be transmitted by the doers: not by the thinkers about.

Life is full of uneasy choices. That many people have schedules and needs that do not permit a serious and intense study of astrology is no reason why the study of astrology should be diluted. Time can always be made for high priority pursuits. A tutorial system allows the student to pace himself according to the amount of time and money he can afford to spend on his studies. If a person wishes to teach astrology and carry on a full time job, too, it is not the study of astrology which should be changed, it is the responsibilities and obligations of passing on of the true knowledge of astrology which should be examined. Many teach astrology for the money and the publicity. This is not to say that they are not attempting to acquaint others with the beautiful and exciting knowledge that they have found, but they fail to perceive that the passing on of knowledge is hard work, and that a series of ten lectures and no homework, gives students the impossible notion that they know what astrology is all about. A semester course re-inforces that foolish notion, and a degree would further foster that ignorant arrogance which could only be tumbled by practice, if ever. *Marc Edmund Jones* said very well to the effect that people who practice their profession outside of the commonly accepted circles of accreditation have to be especially

careful to do a good job, because they have constantly to prove their worth. Those who have a piece of paper to testify to their competence get careless because they assume that their judgement is automatically correct as do their clients.

Every practicing astrologer who knows his trade and who has the ability to communicate his art should gather around him a handful of students, serious and determined in their pursuit of astrology, in order to teach them and to observe their progress. The academic acceptance of astrology is less important than the preservation of astrology and its wisdom, whole and intact. Of what value is it to make astrology acceptable, if what is left is but a shadow and a fragment of what it could and should be. There is no way to mass produce creativity; no way to certify art.

Concerning the success of astrology's mal-practitioners.

Many incompetents and frauds practice astrology with great success, because few people know what the purpose and practice of astrology is all about. There seems to be a "gentlemen's agreement" in the media that nothing truthful about astrology is to be published, unless it is done with a sneer and a snort or unless it is "balanced" by an opposing view. If the public were aware of the practices and the limitations of astrology, the frauds and the well-meaning incompetents wouldn't have a tenth of the clients they enjoy. Furthermore, if the media checked on the credentials of the astrologers they interview, as they supposedly do when checking other "experts", the publicity seekers wouldn't get the chance to drag astrology through the mire of their own ignorance and ambition. Unfortunately, the media is all too delighted to take advantage of these instant embodiments of all the arguments against astrology. Many if not most, people go to an astrologer expecting to be taken and when they are, they just shrug their shoulders and tell themselves that they should have known better. Practically speaking, there are so many people doing mediocre astrology on the side that it is well nigh impossible to curb them. Many of the laws under which they could be stopped are structured against the legitimate practitioner, who would only put himself in jeopardy if he were to complain to the authorities—not to mention the bad publicity. Public education and information, despite the antagonism and resistance of the media, is the most effective way to deal with those who undermine astrology either by their well-meaning incompetence or by their intentional fraud. How can a person know he is being duped unless he has some idea of what to expect from astrologer's There will always be frauds, and some of the biggest ones hold respected positions in universities, and carry licenses they received from government sanctioned boards of review and professional organizations. There will always be people who want to be deceived. But, at least, let us do our best to promote full access of knowledge to the public, so that people can make an enlightened choice.

TO BE CONTINUED

MARC PENFIELD of Hollywood, California sends us some tidbits about Reincarnation.

Like most persons interested in occult subjects, I am fascinated by the subject of Reincarnation. What is the purpose of this lifetime and why do we act and react to certain stimuli that have no bearing upon our immediate environment or heredity? Like most Scorpios, I have sought the answer and I would like to share my findings and opinions with you.

Through the assistance of many psychics and trans-mediums, I have ascertained that I have lived strikingly parallel lives over the past 1200 years. I will list them chronologically.

In the 8th century, I came across the Straits of Gibraltar and conquered Spain in the name of Islam. This was the only life in which I could not be considered strictly Caucasian, as I was with the complimentary dark hair and eyes. The local populace, however, didn't take too highly to my actions, and thus, I was beheaded.

For several lifetimes after that, I lived in monasteries, reading and researching. These lifetimes were spent in England (prior to William the Conqueror), in southern Spain and in France.

Around the middle of the 12th century, I enlisted my services as an interpreter in one of the Crusades. I journeyed to the Holy land, now to defeat the Moslems, and was executed.

Around the turn of the 14th century, I am in Italy, in Florence, as a member of the literati. My confidantes were such men as Dante and Petrarch as well as many early Renaissance painters and poets. I journeyed extensively throughout Europe and was one of the more learned men of the times. I studied Astrology here.

The following century found me in Spain again, this time as an alchemist, I obviously knew too much, for I was driven out of the country during the inquisition, which was to rid Iberia of all non-Catholic elements, Moslem and Jew alike.

During the 16th century, I am back in England again, this time in the service of King Henry VIII and his daughters, Mary and Elizabeth. In this lifetime, I was a member of the clergy who held high positions as a member of the Court. I lived to a ripe old age and died shortly after the death of Elizabeth.

About 50 years later, I am now in France again, this time as a leader of an underground movement to liberate the working classes. Being a highly literate man, it was my duty to approach those in power and to request that our demands be met. I was familiar with various Masonic concepts in this lifetime, and practiced various forms of the occult, including Astrology and Necromancy.

During the latter part of the reign of Louis XIV, I was a courtesan and later the King's mistress. I lived in Versailles, but I became too powerful for my own good, and thus, I was removed from his favour.

During the reign of Louis XVI and his predecessor, I was sent on a mission to Russia to ask favours from Catherine the Great. I fell in love with Russia, but not Catherine, and overstayed my time, and my welcome, and by the time I returned to

France, the seeds of the Revolution were brewing, and I was ousted from Court and fled to Holland, where I died in Amsterdam an elderly man.

At the beginning of the 19th century, I am living in Vienna as a student of music. My friends were Beethoven, Schubert and other illustrious men of music. I was adept at composing and arranging, but my forte was in the art of teaching. On occasion, I conducted orchestras and toured Europe with touring companies. I died around the middle of the 1880's just after Brahms and Wagner. Tschaikovsky, one of my favourites, was to last just a few more years longer.

The second lifetime as a woman was spent in southern Ireland. I was engaged to a man who left for America and later sent for me. I had to journey there on the largest ship ever built, which later sank on its maiden voyage. The name of the ship was the Titanic.

No lifetimes were evidenced between 1912 and 1942 when I was born this time around. But the parallels between all my past incarnations and my interests in this lifetime are quite striking.

For instance, with all my past lives as a member of the Clergy, I seriously thought of joining the priesthood when I was a teenager. I had investigated the theology and had even memorized the complete Mass in Latin. This was doubly strange considering that I was brought up in a Protestant home and anything Catholic reeked of heresy.

My father is an alchemist of sorts. He had his own laboratory and in it he investigated the laws of nature and the structure of the human body. I worked many hours in his lab and became acquainted with many facets of science, all of which seemed very familiar to me. But then I was an alchemist myself many years before.

My familiarity with Astrology was evidenced early by the fact that I passed my teacher after two years in knowledge, and had to find another tutor. I didn't find one, and had to learn everything from first-hand experience. But so much of what I have garnered is all so familiar, only the terminology is different. The system remains.

When I was quite young, I sat down at the piano and started to pluck out tunes, quite to the amazement of my parents, except for my grandmother, who knew why I could play the instrument with facility. I was sent to an exclusive school where I was taught music, and eventually gave many concerts. Unfortunately, I haven't touched the piano in years, but many tunes which I hear for the first time (providing they are classical) I can usually anticipate the score before it is played on the record.

With relation to my own natal chart, I have Pisces at the MC trining the ruler of the Ascendant in the sign of Scorpio. Various occupations indicated by a Piscean midheaven are: priest, astrologer, alchemist, poet, musician, missionary, etc. I have been them all.

With Mercury ruling my Ascendant (28 Gemini) and conjunct Mars in the fifth house, one would expect above-average literary qualities as well as a bent for creativity in all endeavours. The more mundane of the lives was spent as a courtesan, also a typically Scorpionic position. With the Scorpio planets all

square to Pluto, which is the final dispositor of the chart, one could assume that in this lifetime, as well as in the past, I was quite serious about whatever I sought to undertake, and was quite unmoveable in my purpose. Having Uranus in my 12th house, this could indicate the exile and banishment of so many former lifetimes. I have in this lifetime exiled myself from my homeland and have travelled extensively. With Saturn also in the 12th house, this could indicate the fear of water which I have had to overcome. I taught myself to swim at an early age, but to this day, cold water (especially around my ankles) absolutely petrifies me. But then I was drowned on the Titanic. Doesn't it all make sense?

With Jupiter in the second house, I have always been protected where finances were concerned. Being in the sign of Cancer, this could indicate money not only from religion, but from publications and the occult. The last remaining planet, Neptune, is the only angular planet in my chart. But since it rules the MC and aspects every single planet in the chart, it offers a clue to not only the career I would follow in this life, but in all other lifetimes in the past.

I believe that our life this time around is, symbolically speaking, a repetition of the past, but on a higher level. Life always progresses onward and upward, it never retrogresses. For those times when we come into this world either at the wrong time or the wrong place, we are removed by one means or another. This, I feel, is the answer as to why so many young children are taken away. They were literally out of time and out of place. This lifetime I am living is nothing more than a single chapter in a very long book. The past chapters are up to us to ascertain, and once we get the gist and the plot of the story of our life, we can with surety, make better an understanding of this life and all of our lives left to be lived in the future.

THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SCIENTIFIC ASTROLOGERS

It has been brought to my attention by others that there is a need for an organization of sorts that would be formed for the study and discussion of Astrology and nothing else.

My first feelings about such an organization was that I like many others have been through the mill many times over with organizations and clubs and have gone away from them a very sorry individual. They were either ran in such a manner that one soon got nothing from them or over-powered by "ego-trippers," who were strictly interested in their own selfish motives.

For me to get into another situation as the above would send me to some "shrink," for extended evaluation.

In thinking this over, I have come up with an idea that I would like to present for your consideration. If you are interested, we all could get together and perhaps with a great deal of work and cooperation we might come out of it, better Astrologers.

Here is what I would like to do:

1. To have an organization that will be set up along

lines of operation that are well structured. But also set up against an informal background of discussion and exchange of ideas. As not to scare you away, what I mean by this is that we would develop definitions for planets, signs, and houses, etc. that we would use in delineating charts presented at meetings. An example of this would be, for instance, what principle does Mars represent? We would set up a definition that would be used by all of us and in this way when one of the group talked about Mars, in some relationship we would all know, by definition, exactly what was meant in the statement. In time, our definitions might have to be changed or reworded. This would be done at subsequent meetings.

2. A research Pool. This would be an active participation of all members and naturally available to all members. What I have in mind is that we all have files of charts and are continually meeting people who have charts of interest. An example of this would be, for instance, people who have had heart attacks. The list is by definition endless. What the organization would request from its members are charts of people who have anything of interest about them. These charts would be classified and possibly microfilmed and then on request they could be made available to anyone who wished to study them or do research in any particular area.

3. An Education Program. This alone is worth the time of having an organization. Too many people are into our field that have been trained poorly and inadequately. What has happened in this regard is that we have isolated ourselves from the rest of society and we soon are speaking a "language within a language." There is a need to teach newer and better methods.

4. An active program of correlation between Astrology and other disciplines, such as, Psychology, Philosophy, and other related sciences.

There are many more things that this organization could accomplish that I cannot go into here. The above categories are enough for the present.

I feel at this time that we should make it clear that I am not interested in setting up an organization with rigid By-laws and a constitution that will put a harness of formality on all of us. We want to keep it simple and direct. A "town hall meeting," if you will. The hat will be passed and there will have to be charges placed on printed materials, etc. Others and myself will have to devote a great deal of free labor to make this thing go. We are dedicated to this end. This will be discussed farther.

If you are interested in such an undertaking, please send your name, address and phone number to:

THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION
OF SCIENTIFIC ASTROLOGERS

C/O Richard G. Raines
9612 North Greenwood
Des Plaines, Ill. 60016

and we will contact you as to where and when we plan our first get-together.

SYLVIA TOBIAS a new subscriber, writes to us from her Moraga, Cal. home.

My interest in astrology has been all-encompassing for the last two years. I began looking into it about four years ago after the birth of my second child. I'm primarily self-taught and last year joined a group of other astrologers in my area who have shared with me what they know and information they've gained from attendance at symposiums and conventions (including one of your lectures). Most of my progress has come from this association. With one other member, I have been investigating Cosmobiology and Uranian techniques and am very excited about them. I've progressed even faster because of learning these systems. All of this has coincided with the progression of my Sun and Mercury into Scorpio and/or the eighth house, as well as Uranus' transit of my Progressed Sun and Natal Venus (ruler of my 3rd) in Scorpio. I feel so obsessed by the entire subject that I find it difficult to do anything else. I do feel fortunate that I am in a position to be quite flexible and arrange my time as I please (except the demands of my two young children and husband). I am interested in applying astrology to all phases of life so follow world events, economics, medicine, psychology and politics. I make charts on everything and everyone I can. My primary concern is to help people better understand themselves and relate to others. I feel this comes from respecting each other's individuality. My hope is to help people integrate all of the different energy within them into a strong, confident and competent whole so that their lives will have greater purpose, direction and reward according to their values - not mine!

I would like to make a comment regarding the controversy over fees charged by astrologers. I feel we should all be guided by our own consciences and by what we would be willing to pay for similar services offered by someone else. I personally am very practical and consider seeing an astrologer for a natal chart to be something of a luxury. While I feel it is very important and can make a profound difference in one's life, most people wanting one are merely trying to satisfy their curiosity about astrology or themselves. There is a limit to how much I'm willing to pay in order to satisfy my curiosity; therefore, I will not charge my clients any more than that amount. My hope is that if it is reasonable enough to do so, more people will begin consulting astrologers. Once the door has been opened, they will continue to come back when they have a problem or need some advice. This, in turn, will lead to more income. Even though I don't have to live on my income, there are many things I could use money for! With my Pisces and Virgo influence, I primarily need to help and give advice. Therefore, regardless of whether or not I had to live on or support a family on what I earn from astrology, I still would charge no more. I simply would find another source of income and/or manage somehow. Certainly we women are used to not getting paid a livable wage, and I have always felt compassion toward those who have had to support a family on a secretary's, waitress' or clerk's salary. I also feel it's

difficult to set a monetary value on what we do. I think there's no amount of money that can compensate for the peace of mind, sense of direction and happiness I have found through astrology. I feel the price you charge for your services is not necessarily indicative of how high you value what you're doing. I don't know anyone who gets paid what they really think they're worth (with the exception of a few celebrities), and if everyone did our economy would collapse overnight. I have become an avid do-it-yourselfer in an effort to avoid paying what I consider to be unreasonable amounts of money for goods and services. As far as I'm concerned, one of the primary causes of the high unemployment problem in this country is the fact that many people have priced themselves and/or their products out of business. Until astrology and astrologers have gained the respect they deserve, we cannot expect too many people to willingly pay us large sums of money for our services. There are many also who are accusing us of being in this business for the purpose of making money off the superstitions of naive people. I feel it behooves us to prove otherwise if we wish to gain the respect of the community-at-large. I'm not saying that my philosophy is the best one; but it's best for me. I can't raise my fees to make life easier for one who earns more than I any more than I can ask them to lower theirs. Let's just remember that we all have different values and needs and will be approached by different kinds of people. We must all do what is right for us, and we will attract those who need our special brand of service.

I also have read *Michael Munkasey's* articles regarding *Arcturus* and its effect on the stock market. Some time ago, I came across another article regarding the stock market (I don't remember who wrote it and can't find it anywhere) which included a chart for the New York Stock Exchange established Noon, May 17, 1792, New York, N.Y. The source of this data was Blanca Holmes. In this chart, Jupiter is at 23 Libra. This could also explain the significance of that degree on the stock market. I don't know if *Mr. Munkasey* has seen the chart and felt I should pass this information on to him. I'm attaching a copy of that chart for whatever it's worth.

Even though I'm not a medical researcher and have no medical training, I am interested in health matters and have several reference books on the subject (All that Virgo!). *Joanna Hammond's* letter regarding her acute leukemia attack in July intrigued me. I therefore set up a chart for her. She might be interested to know that her progressed Sun at 29 Cancer was at the midpoint of Mars/Neptune along with her Solar Arc Saturn and Uranus at 28 Cancer. This definitely indicates illness (particularly infectious diseases) which would come and go quickly. Her Solar Arc Jupiter was square her natal Pluto (fortunate transformations or an expansion of the bodily defense system); and Solar Arc North Node (connections) was on the midpoint of her Moon/Pluto (regeneration of blood or lymph), Jupiter/Midheaven (function of the spleen), Uranus/Neptune (sudden illness), Saturn/Neptune (bone weakness) and Sun/Neptune

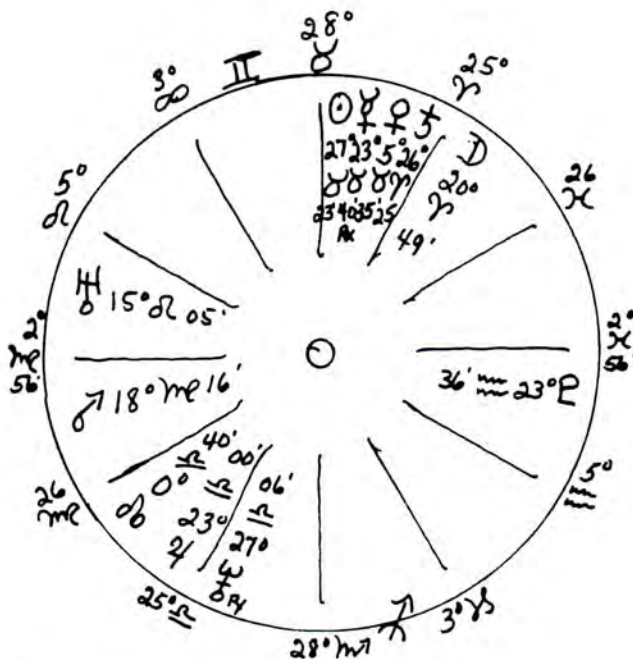
(body or circulatory weakness). According to a book that I have regarding the function of the body, acute diseases are those which come and go quickly. Leukemia involves an over-supply of white blood cells in the body. These are formed in the bone marrow and the lymphoid tissue of the lymph nodes, spleen, thymus gland and gastrointestinal and respiratory tract. My personal feeling is that since our bodies manufacture white blood cells to fight disease, it is possible that she was suffering from an infection of some kind and was just temporarily producing an excessive amount of white cells to fight it. This in turn may have appeared to be a case of leukemia or may be the meaning behind the diagnosis given. On July 19, the date of hospitalization, the transiting Sun at 26 Cancer was square her Solar Arc Midheaven, and Neptune was sesquiquadrate that point at 11.30 Sagittarius. Venus and Saturn were transiting conjunct at 5 Leo and squared by the Moon at 5 Taurus during the evening (malfunctioning or enlargement of glandular secretions). These were at the midpoint of Mars/Ascendant (muscular environment or inflammation) Moon/Venus (lymph glands) and Sun/Pluto, Saturn/Pluto and Uranus/Pluto (sudden, incapacitating body changes.) On August 5, the Sun came to the sesquiquadrate position of her Natal Jupiter (regeneration of the organs or functions of the blood) and the midpoint of Jupiter/North Node (fortunate or healthy connections) and Mars/Midheaven (functions of voluntary muscles). The transiting North Node was square transiting Saturn (separating connections?) on the midpoint of Moon/Midheaven (distribution of blood in the body) and Mercury/Pluto (metabolism of the nervous system or nervous irritation). By August 11, the Sun was semi-square Solar Arc Neptune and on the midpoint axis of Venus/Jupiter (a healthy body). The North Node was still at the same position, and transiting Mercury, at 11 Virgo, was semi-square the Solar/Arc Midheaven (function of the nervous system). Venus was conjunct the natal Midheaven (gland system); and Mars, at 21 Virgo, was on the midpoint axis of Sun/Pluto, Saturn/Pluto and Uranus/Pluto indicating fighting for transformation or rebuilding of the body, bones and spinal marrow or nervous system. Transiting Jupiter at 28.43 Taurus was square Solar Arc Pluto (fortunate changes or expansion of bodily defense system) and on the midpoint of Venus/Midheaven (gland system) and Ascendant/Mercury (reception of stimuli through sense organs). Jupiter was also sesquiquadrate the Solar Arc Ascendant (the correct diagnosis or cure) and the Natal Moon (lymph system or fluids of liver, spleen, kidneys or lungs. The above interpretations are from guidelines given by Ebertin in *The Combination of Stellar Influences*. I leave you to draw your own conclusions.

Finally, *Edie*, I would like to know what *you* think someone is trying to tell us about the strong Neptunes in our president's charts. As a Neptunian person myself, I would like to think that indicates their idealistic nature and willingness to sacrifice themselves for the good of the nation. Certainly there

is no great glory in that job, and our presidents have been among the most maligned, criticized and often misunderstood leaders of the world. If they indeed survive their office they are forced into obscurity. This doesn't mean they have been entirely innocent victims of all of this, but maybe they've been more innocent than we realize. I have always felt a person had to be something or a masochist to aspire to the position!

You picked a good one to ask that question of! My Neptune conjuncts my Moon by minutes and for me it has led to a lot of emotional confusion that I THINK I have finally come to understand. John McCormick uses the key-word "Victimization" for Neptune which I feel is very appropriate. He means either you can "be the victim" or "victimize others" which pretty well fits the actions of some of our presidents! [Edie]

New York Stock Exchange
Noon, 5/17/1792
New York, N.Y.
Source: Blanca Holmes



JANICE FLINT
Lombard, Illinois

Since you have such a great sense of humor, I thought you'd appreciate this - my son Jeff, brought home his little 8 year old friend. Because I always ask everyone their sign I asked him too! "Italian" was his prompt answer. Both Jeff and I had fits of laughter trying to explain what we meant. Kids are terrific!!!

Errata on January edition:

Page 54 - 1st column end of 3rd paragraph on "Memberships". "roughly 602" should have read "roughly 60%" and 2 lines later "roughly 62" should have read "roughly 6%". Our apologies to Paul Grell.

FLASH FLASH

(Or perhaps this should be entitled "Here we go again"!!)

Dorothy E. Moore
Dallas, Texas

In the Jan. 1977 issue of MH Joylyn Hill sent in a change in *Jeane Dixon's* birth data. I have some information that she might like that would change the birth data again.

In the new book by Denis Brian (Doubleday & Co., Inc., Garden City, N.Y., 1976) "*Jeane Dixon - the Witnesses*", he gives her birth data as Jan. 5, 1904, Medford, Wisconsin. He got this information from one of her brothers. She couldn't have been born in 1918 as she married Charles Zuercher in 1928 as Denis Brian states in his book. Mrs. Dixon divorced Zuercher and later married James Dixon. She was born Lydia Pinckert, had 3 sisters and 2 brothers.

The Aquarian Revelation Center is holding their annual conference at Colombiere College, in Michigan. The date: May 26th. through the 30th. Please write to ARC - P.O. Box 2203, Southfield, Michigan 48037 for further information

MARC PENFIELD
Hollywood, Cal.

Marc tells us that his book "*THE NADI SYSTEM OF RECTIFICATION*" is now out on the stands. If your local bookstore doesn't have it contact Marc at:

1735 N. Wilcox #411
Hollywood, Cal. 90028

Here is some birth information Marc also sent us:

Jack Nicholson - April 22, 1937 Neptune, N.J. 11:00 AM (from him personally.) I have rectified the chart to 10:44 AM by the NADI system.

Dino De Laurentiis Aug. 8, 1919 Naples, Italy 5:00 AM (from him personally)

Donald Sutherland July 18, 1934 11:30 AM St. Johns, N. B. (from him)

Ross Votaw sent, for those of us who are interested in the IBM astrological ball, something that may serve as an alternative since the price of getting the element made up is really very high.

What is now under consideration is called "TYPIT II", designed for the IBM Selectrics. Here is Ross's note on it:

Astrological symbols are not now in the catalogue. Cost for tooling for the non-catalogue symbols, about \$40.

Stock Typit II cost, \$2.50.

Adapters, \$5.

Index Unit (for 10 Typit II's), \$1.50.

Deluxe Case (for 50 Typit II's), \$12.50.

The lack of stock items will up the cost by about 50 cents for each Typit. That is based on an order of 80

for the same symbol.

This idea can still be a good one as it could be approached on a gradual and less costly basis at the start. Here is the address if someone wants to write to them and find out about their brochure so they will know what type of object we are talking about:

AVDEX CORP.

2280 Grand Ave.

Baldwin, N.Y. 11510

We would also appreciate hearing from anyone who knows anything about these things. Edie.

TERRY [SCORPIO] KRALL
San Diego, Cal.

Here is my renewal for the MH, the best publication in the field! The *only* one with a few laughs. I just love them. Especially the Aquarius crossed with a homing pigeon. My Aquarius husband, a door-to-door scientist, must have something flighty in his genes!

Does anyone have a birthtime on Freddie Prinz? Just doing a solar chart for his date of birth (6/22/54) puts his Sun in a tight (6 minutes) opposition to Mars in the 7th. Also Cancer/Capricorn nodes with the South Node in the 7th.

Mercury/Uranus conjunct in Cancer square Neptune in Libra in his 4th. house - so he was pretty idealistic about his home life.

With 4 Cancer planets, his home and marriage meant everything to him and when Saturn transited his Venus in Leo, the separation occurred and he couldn't cope. He also had a soft-hearted Moon in Pisces - self-sacrificing OR self-destructive.

I understand his will left "Mama" 75% and the rest to his daughter. Us poor water signs do take this family traumas so-o-o-o-o hard!!

JEANE HITT
Scranton, Pa.

Did you hear that we are changing pole stars and as soon as the co-ordinates are ascertained, there will go a million dollars worth of ephemerides down the toilet! (Pluto in my relocated 4th. house!)

That picture of you, Edie, on page 59 of the January edition is tooooooo much!! I'm sending you some vitamin "E" via the next Bat! [Shucks Jeane, I thought it looked pretty good - for a Capricorn! Edie.]

DR. JAMES T. HAYES
Murray, Kentucky

In the Jan. 1977 issue of MH, Barbara Koval launched an unwarranted attack upon the world of academe, an attack, which according to MH, is to be continued. Since confrontation is inevitable, then, perhaps it is time for one who has been a member of the academic community for thirty-five years to comment from on-the-scene experience.

At the onset, Barbara admits that there are many fine and intelligent people who teach in the universi-

ties; in the same breath, however, she laments the fact that such people are in the minority. If the latter were true, the university system would have collapsed rather a long time ago. It is my conviction that the converse of her theory is true; that is, it is the incompetents who are in the minority. Moreover, during Neptune's transit of Sagittarius, we shall find the incompetents becoming even a smaller minority because of the rapidly growing demand for a return to the teaching of those fundamental concepts that are quite essential for one to be able to perform the fundamental processes.

Actually, I've always felt that the five universities that I attended and the two in which I have taught were and are institutions that encouraged the free exchange of ideas. Never have I looked upon any of these places of higher education as mere grounds for exchanging data, memorizing data, and regurgitating data.

With Barbara I thoroughly agree when she says that the inclusion of astrology in the university curriculum would add the prestige that the sincere and competent astrologer knows the subject deserves. Further, I feel quite strongly that until astrology is taken into the academic community it will not be accepted by the so-called professionals who constitute the establishment.

On the other hand, when Barbara asked with which we should be the more concerned -- acceptance or quality, she posed the imponderable. The answer is simple: neither deserves more concern than does the other. It is the *approach* to acceptance that is of vital importance. Acceptance is coming, but we must be patient. After all, no one has ever succeeded in totally destroying astrology; there have always been through centuries those who nurtured the basic astrological concepts and passed these concepts on from one generation to the next.

Now, with the renaissance of astrology, we who have become involved therein must be quite cautious about any attempts to "force" astrology upon anyone else. The best route to take is to conduct ourselves in such a manner that the universities will come to us, not we to them. The greater number of people from the academic community whom we can get involved in astrology, the sooner will come the day toward which we are all looking.

Let me cite two rather interesting experiences that I've had with the community of which I am a part. When first I set upon a publishing, lecturing, and teaching venture in astrology, a professor of psychology in my own university unleashed a vicious editorial attack upon me through the campus newspaper. The editor, as is customary, telephoned me to inform me of this letter that he felt obligated to print and asked me to read it first and then write a rebuttal. I told the editor that I would not grace such a letter with a response. The letter was published, and students and colleagues alike attacked the psychology professor -- not me.

Being totally taken aback by my not stooping to his level to respond, the psychology professor

unleashed a second and even more vicious attack. This time, the students took care of him. Through letters to the editor and through face-to-face confrontations, the students let him know in definite terms that he was not qualified to pass judgement on astrology because he had not even studied the subject.

Needless to say, this self-styled critic and judge turned out unwittingly to be my best press agent. Soon thereafter, I was asked by several professors whether I would consider teaching them astrology - professors from many disciplines, including psychology, chemistry, geography, home economics, physical education, foreign languages, and English. I acceded to their request; and since that time, astrology has been taught both formally and informally on our campus. About two months ago, a psychology professor, in an address to the local Rotary Club of which the university president is a member and for which address he was present, told the group that astrology should become a part of the university's academic credit offerings. One day it will so become.

to be continued

SOPHIA MASON

Parma, Ohio

I enjoy your MH tremendously and have enclosed my check for renewal - *however* I do believe you should charge much more, when one considers the vast amount of information that can be derived from your MH on time changes, notable births, and so forth. [Thanks! If things get anymore expensive around here we may have to increase the price but we will hold out as long as possible! Edie]

I teach four nights a week in the Adult Continuing Education Classes and have over 120 students to whom I highly recommend the MH and tell them that no matter what level of astrology they may be on, they will gain some kind of information or knowledge from the MH and also instruct them to be sure and re-read the MH at a later time for what they may not comprehend at one level they will be better able to pick up at a later time. [I wish all the teachers who subscribe to MH would do this! It sure would be appreciated. Edie]

With Pisces intercepted in my 1st. house, it was inevitable that I was to lecture at a religious college, for Neptune was transiting through my 9th., when Charles Emerson asked me to lecture at Colombiere College for NCGR. Being a Catholic, I found the atmosphere both spiritual and meditative, even that Friday night when we all gathered together in the lounge and talked, believe it or not, about SEX! That too was inevitable, after all, transiting Moon in Aquarius exactly squaring Venus in Scorpio. And don't give you give off that innocent act because you were right in the midst of it all! [Hey Sophia, I was forced into listening simply because guess who was doing all the talking?? Edie] God, I would have given anything to have had a tape recorder at that time, but it probably would have been to hot to record. [No it wasn't! Remember the guy sitting in back of us? He's selling copies of the tape!! Edie]

H. EUGENE ADAMS
FOREST HILLS, NEW YORK

Following to the infamous Nanook in reply to his comments in the July '76 issue.

Although it is a distinct honor to be insulted in the same paragraph with our dear friend Al Morrison, *Nanook* has bitten off more blubber than he can chew with this one. I stand by my comments that it is not unreasonable to use house systems which allow multiple sign interception at the higher latitudes. As was contended, the life of Eskimaux and other inhabitants of far northern regions is much more limited than our own. But this does not imply any cultural privation was intended by me and I do stick with my statement that I never met an Eskimo that I didn't like. This may change in the near future if *McNanook* has assumed the position of spokesperson of those who must, of necessity, inhabit the igloo. To point out cultural differences is hardly bigotry as we have been accused of. Differences are a mark of uniqueness and individuality and those who 'came in' to experience the restricted existence of the far north are hardly deprived, having a history and culture which pre-dates ours by many thousands of years. With careful research we have traced *McNanook's* own origin to that particular cultural flow which followed the migration of mongolians to the 75th parallel. In this particular sub-culture, polygamy is allowed but not polyandry. After all of this time at our warm latitude, does *McNanook* still hold to the old ways and subscribe to the view that there shall be polygamy for some but not polyandry for others? We have decided to reveal all that we have discovered and let the chips fall where they may. *McNanook* did have his origin from the aforementioned sub-culture. Within this sub-culture, a unique sociological phenomenon exists that the eldest member of a family may be killed or placed adrift on an ice mass to die in order that food may be available for the youngest member of the family. *McNanook* did reach such an advanced age and was placed aboard an iceberg which began to float toward the New Jersey shore line, as all icebergs do of course. Rather than mercifully freeze, an old walrus mistook *McNanook* for one of her cubs and nursed him until New Jersey was sighted. (He still has a picture of the walrus over his mantle.) Even after *McNanook* was diagnosed a schizophrenic, he held this brooding resentment against his people but has so overcompensated against it that he directs his own internal prejudice outwardly at every opportunity. We did regret bringing all of these facts about *McNanook* to light but had no choice. As an end to the matter, enclosed is my \$45 for the July 15/17 Lynchburg conference. We have been warned that *McNanook* is likely to show up. It is our intention to gently shove *McNanook* in front of the first sea lion stampede that takes place in the hopes that these marauding beasts would flipper *McNanook* so badly that he would stop saying such mean things about us. *If we must anticipate a sea-lion stampede - for Pete's sake - somebody bring some fish!!! Edie*

McNANOOK

Ice Box 1413

Bloomfield, Alaska 07003

MERCURY HOUR:

I happened to be at the offices of the *MERCURY HOUR* when the letter from Eugene Adams (which is reproduced in this issue) arrived. I would like to make the following perfectly clear!

A. I do not have a mantle!

B. Eugene Adams has never seen it!

B. That is not a picture of a walrus over it but a photo of Eugene Adams and Al H. Morrison conspiring to get their hands into the steel-fishhook fund!

McNanook

JEANE HITT of Scranton, Pa. sent us the following:
"NEITHER SLEET, NOR SNOW, NOR DARK OF NIGHT, WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF A RETROGRADE NEPTUNE (0°sag. 45 min.) opposing Natal MERCURY (0° Gemini 5 min.).....and the NIXON - FORD ADMINISTRATION."

The first Postal service was established in the colony of Mass. in 1639. from 1702 until the year before the American revolution the General Post Office in London controlled the postal service in America. In 1775 the continental congress resolved to have a postal system of its own and elected Benjamin Franklin to carry on the work. The Postal service was authorized by congress in 1789 under the U.S. Constitution. The recent changes in the postal system stemmed from four basic provisions of the Postal REORGANIZATION ACT. It was signed into law on Aug. 12, 1970, and became effective on July 1, 1971. I have sent a request to the AFA Bulletin and would appreciate very greatly any additional help in this matter. Let's use Astrology on the Positive side to help understand this Negative issue. Would you believe, my letter to Santa was returned stamped, "MOVED.....no forwarding address!"

BETTY WILLIAMS
KNOXVILLE, TENN.

I have some of the birth information that was requested, but unfortunately not all the times. But maybe someone else will supply what I couldn't.

1. Pat Boone 1 June 34 - Jacksonville, Fla.
 2. Charles Bronson 3 Nov. 22 8:45 P.M. - Ehrenfeld, Pa.
 3. Arthur Fiedler 17 Dec. 1894 - Boston, Mass.
 4. Robert Frost 26 Mar. 1875 - S.F. Cal.
 5. Lillian Gish 14 Oct. 1896 - Springfield, Ohio.
 6. Dag Hammarskjöld 29 July 05 - Jankopings Sweden
 7. Frank Sinatra 12 Dec. 17 - Hoboken, N.J.
- (Should be 12/12/15 at 3:AM according to his mother, Edie)

Now! I have a favor to ask in return from your readers out there.

Do any of them know when Kathrine Kuhlmann or Oral Roberts were born?

GLENDa TOMOSOVICH
Va. Beach, Va.

The following will be in a two part series.

THE ZODIAC OF ASPECTS

There are hundreds of books on today's market that enables the student of astrology to learn the "how to's", "the what for's", and the "when to's", of astrology. The best text book that the would-be astrologer could have is the one that he already possesses, his mind. Only with the mind can one sensitize the complexity of the universal roadways.

Many students of mine have asked where I receive my information, what book did I use? My answer was always the same, "any book I could beg, borrow or steal. But more than anything else, observation and application." Unless charts are calculated, experience is not gained, thus one finds gapping holes in his knowledge and his learning process is weakened.

Aspects are the most misunderstood part of astrology. Their treatment in the text books are misleading to the student. The psychological damage it must do to the student who reads that the Moon opposition Uranus in a woman's chart will make her desert her children, or in a man's chart, make him irresponsible to his wife and family. These aspects are based on the nature of the planets alone paying little attention to the sign that they may fall under or the house they may fall in. The student having little knowledge or experience begins his study of astrology fearing squares and oppositions and wishing that only sextiles and trines appeared in his chart.

As a teacher I try to use a text book that deals very little with interpreting the aspects. I want my student to learn how to use the text that God gave him, his mind. Assuming the student knows thoroughly the nature of the signs, planets, and houses, my technique of teaching aspects is easy to follow.

The aspects that I will deal with are conjunction, sextiles, squares, trines, inconjuncts, and oppositions (in that order.) The minor aspects are the lace that add simplicity and beauty to an already intricate puzzle.

Calculating a chart is like freezing the heavens at the moment of birth. The actual placements of the planets are recorded. Thirty three minutes, or thereabouts, after birth, the Moon has moved a degree, a change takes place in the new born baby, he stirs, cries or in some way reacts to the strange new world that he has just entered. Why the change? The heavens are thawed and the energies are released and the motion goes on.

In the first 28 days of life the Moon will aspect every planet in that horoscope. This is the emotional response to life, thus forming the instinctive habits. Just like the Moon is the beginning emotional influence, so is the nature of the conjunction. Ivy Goldstein Jacobson stated in her book, *HERE AND THERE IN ASTROLOGY*:

"If you look back to the planet she (Moon) last passed over before your birth. She picked up something of its nature, made it part of herself, and thereby developed it as her finishing touch in your personality and temperament." Is this not in fact a conjunction the eminent astrologer speaks of? (*It can be, Glenda, but not necessarily! Edie*) So would it be too hard to accept the nature of the conjunction as "emotional" for its keyword, rather than power as it is usually referred to?

The conjunction occurs when two or more planets fall within 8 degrees of one another. This aspect is usually referred to as a power aspect. The good or bad influences will depend on the planets involved. I will take this a step further. The only power involved is the intensification of the energies that are building from an inner level, this making one react from a gut level to his immediate environment. Compare now if you will the New Moon and the conjunction. Like the New Moon, the conjunction is the scaffolding in which we build our expectation of life. The rewards of our effort will depend on how we handle the emotional responses, (negative or positive) to our environment.

How we executed the energies expressed by the conjunction will determine the outcome of the opportunities promised by the sextiles in the chart. The influences that come into play following the Moon's motion is Mercury (thought), Venus (harmony), and the Sun (ego) that lets us perceive the opportunities in our chart. Therefore I call the sextile the "perceiving of opportunities".

If Mercury is in front of Venus and Venus is followed by the Sun, then the ability to recognize his potential is noted by his attitude. This is not to say that if these patterns are not part of the chart, one will not have the ability to recognize his potentials. If the patterns are turned or shifted, for instance, the Sun rising before Mercury, then ones ego will stand in his way of taking advantage of all his opportunities. If it be Venus that is ahead then one will let material gain be the basis of which opportunities he chooses. Nonetheless, he will succeed if the rest of the chart indicates success. I say the nature of the sextile comes under the rulership of Mercury, Venus and the Sun. Therefore, before making judgement as to this aspect in ones chart, we must consider the nature of the signs and house that these planets fall in.

Just as the zodiac is a constant moving influence, so it is with the aspects of the celestial bodies. The conjunction came first (giving the emotional response to life), then we moved to the next aspect, the sextiles (bringing into play thought, harmony, and ego, that enables us to perceive our individual opportunities). The next aspect that comes down the line is the square that gives us the drive that is needed to execute the opportunities that the sextile brought into play. I give the square the rulership of Mars, for this is the next motion in the universal sphere. How many times have we been given opportunities but because we failed to initiate action, to bring it to success, we lost what could have been?

The square aspect has always had a bad connotation, but I believe this energy is "drive", nothing more or less. Without the square bringing drive into the chart, how could we achieve the expectations that the conjunction promises, or the success that the sextiles brought into play?

[to be continued!]

The following letter was not written by an astrologer but by a friend of mine. It does express her chart so I decided to share it with you. I loved the way it was written and hope my friend, MARY THOMAS, will continue to delight us with her writings! To set the stage for this letter, Mary has just moved into a home, the move necessitated by her husband's change of jobs to another locality. Mary writes:

Here is my phone number.....24 hour service...accommodations available with interesting textures bearing a striking resemblance to deep, enlarged nail and/or bolt holes, and a scattering of permanently attached scotch tape! Area declared "a disaster" by those on the scene. Wall-tex and Shermin-Williams enroute - surrounding area to be included in program.

(Incidentally, Mary has Sun and Mercury in Aquarius, and Moon in Cancer with the Sun and Mercury in the 4th. house.)

I had no idea 8 foot ceilings were *this* low. I'm slowly learning to walk upright. (Still tend to duck when I go through a doorway!) Whoever designed this kitchen had a deep and sadistic hatred of women. Example? The stove!! I have to *crawl under it* to get out the pans. Bright side -- there are two ovens! Bright?? Have you ever hunted oregano with a flash light?

After a visit from the Gas Company -- our hot water tank was condemned - unsafe to operate. This of course explained the gurgling and banging and that funny breathing sound near the tap! A bit spooky, that! Especially since the overhead lights down there flicker a lot and never seem to quite make it to full power.

Wash day?? With a freezer and a refrigerator to the right of me, furnace and unpacked china barrels to the left of me, tools, fans, and dust mops in front of me, the washer and dryer against, naturally, the far wall, I stepped into the dog's water dish, which I didn't see because the lights over the laundry tubs don't work at all.

The truth --- every word of it. When you arrive for a visit remind me to tell you about the day we hung pictures in the den!

As you can tell from the above description, things are normal - one frustration after another. Please ignore all that and do come and see us!

MERCURY HOUR:

Why do you keep referring to 'homes' as 'houses'?

Inquisitively,

Polly Adler

ISABEL HICKEY
WATERTOWN, MASS.

Dear Edie and all my *Mercury Hour* friends,

May the year that lies ahead be blessed with Love and Light and peace for all of you. Our first transpersonal inwardly oriented Conference has come and gone. It was a tremendous success. People came from all over the country and so did many of the speakers. Everyone felt the Love and Light that so many dedicated souls brought to it. It proved a number of things - that we could have a conference without having to put a price on it and every need would be supplied. The amount it cost was over \$500 for hall, flyers & stamps. We took a collection on Sat. afternoon and Sunday afternoon. There was \$777 in the combined collections. (The next day the Game No. was \$777 - don't know whether anyone played it or not) Another interesting item: I deliberately planned it on a Retrograde Mercury. I wanted to prove it is an apparent motion only and our minds give it the only power it has. Assumption proved for everything flowed in perfect harmony.

We had nine speakers who gave their services and did a superb job. *Jacob Schwartz* from Phila., *Martin Schulman* from N.Y., *Marty Schaefer* from Mich. *Bob Pelletier*, *Maxine Guadeo* from No. Carolina, *Roberkigh Claigh* from Hollywood, *Tom Jackson* spoke on the Pyramids and *Dr. Frank Jackson* was our dinner speaker. He is a doctor who combines astrology and medicine. There has been a great demand for a repeat of the conference. I've talked with the officials at Boston University and have set up a weekend conference for June 11th & 12th. By doing it in June instead of Sept. we can have an auditorium that will hold 550 and we can use the dormitories for much less than a motel room costs. A dormitory room for 2 is \$9 a piece. June is a lovely month to visit New England.

My new book "*It is all Right*" (\$6.30 includes ptg.) came out the day before the Conference. It has taken off like a rocket. In three months the first printing is almost gone and I'm ordering another one tomorrow. It is for the layman as well as the counselor. It deals with the Cosmic laws and experiences that prove them. Anyone can obtain a copy if they send the order directly to me. Isabel Hickey, 35 Maple Street, Watertown, Mass. 02172.

If people are interested in the June Conference and send me a card with their address on it they will receive a flyer the first part of May.

Edie, you are doing a wonderful job. I love the way we can express our opinions whether they are facts or not. More power to you and *Mercury Hour*.

SORRY!! WE GOOFED!! IN THE JANUARY EDITION ON PAGE 17, WE LISTED TED KENNEDY'S BIRTH YEAR AS 1923 -- IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN 1932. WE JUST REVERSED THE NUMBERS. I AM SURE MOST OF YOU HAD THE CORRECT INFORMATION BUT I WANTED YOU TO KNOW WE ARE AWARE OF THE ERROR.

INGE AACH
OF CANADA

There is so much material in every edition I would like to refer to but never seem to find the time to do it.

A comment on *Rev. Porter Friedman's* response to the cosmobiology series in the Januay edition, page 18:

Hearing from you that the articles on Cosmobiology were well written is a reward for me. Concerning the elaborate scheme of the mechanical/technical "know how" - we don't have to bother with it either and let the computer do the work. Astro Numeric Service in El Cerrito does a fabulous job on midpoints and anything one wishes to have done. However the student has to understand the mechanics of the method first or he is lost before he even starts. It is the same as with everything. Once used to a certain working method it is quickly done. I even prefer to do it myself. I know already the horoscope by the time the work is finished. (To be honest I save time. I am possessed by the foolish habit to check the computer). Be assured the Ebertin-method only looks technical. Once the structure is done all is crystal clear and logical, the pieces fall into place almost unbelievably.

A response to *John McCormick's* "Honest to God for real Ad" in the July edition, page 47.

Since I had the pleasure to have met and listened to you at the *Seven Hills Astrological Conference* as well as having enjoyed your articles in the *M.H.*, I agree with *Edie* and everyone else about your extraordinary linguistic talents (beside many others). Though ambitious enough to hurdle through my own writings as painful as it may sound to an English educated ear I would not mind either some improvement and elegance of speech or a more adequate technical foundation for creative astrological writing. This is for real too. Should you ever consider a course on speaking and writing even as a correspondence course - I will be your first student. Mind you I passed the stage of mixing up simple words like terrific and terrible when after my first dinner invitation on this continent I thanked the hostess for the most "terrible" dinner I have ever had. I'm struggling on the next level, trying to be sophisticated now. The results can be just as embarrassing. I hope the reader will forgive a comment somewhat off the astrological track.

DARLA NORTON

Tulsa, Oklahoma:

Perhaps you would be interested in a few comments about what has happened to me with Saturn transiting over my 9th. house conjunct my natal Pluto and sextiling my natal Uranus & Saturn in the 7th. (Pluto rules the 10th.) For the past 2½ months I have felt an absolute compulsion to quit my job even though it has been clearly stated that I would advance careerwise and moneywise. The work load has been very heavy and responsibilities have increased tremendously. With Saturn sitting on my

Pluto, sex drive has been intermittent - either practically a compulsion or not wanting my husband near me at all. Seems to be an either-or situation - all or nothing so to speak. Have been feeling so tired and not wanting to do anything at all - then the absolute opposite, the compulsion to go, be with people and be extremely active. Some of the best oil paintings I have ever done have been under this aspect. (Uranus is approaching my ascendant by transit.) Have had toothache problems, teeth have become extremely sensitive to sweets and cold - even air conditioning. This in spite of the fact that I had taken special care to see my dentist often with this Saturn thing coming near - had also been careful to keep in close contact with my dentist during the past few years with Saturn opposing my natal Sun by transit. I had to have 3 teeth capped during that time and had quite a few problems with my knees (typical Capricorn perhaps). My birth data is January 2, 1943, Pittsfield, Illinois (Pike County). This is 3:40 A.M. WAR TIME - Central time zone, if any of your readers would like to check this out. I, too have Uranus in the 7th house, conjunct Saturn and both in the sign ruling the 8th house. To date there has been no divorce and I married my husband at the age of 19.

BARBARA STEVENSON
of California

I'm particularly interested in anything anyone has to say about Mercury retrograde as mine is that way by progression and I find that the periods in the year when the "Messenger" is going "backwards" are my best times as far as mental activities are concerned. Of course, there are difficulties. For example, I took some things to the local copy shop this morning and guess what! The Xerox machine was broken.

Tomorrow, the kids in this district will be starting their new school year. I find it very interesting that once again they will be "testing" while Mercury is retrograde. Maybe there will be another set of headlines in the local paper: "Student Test Results Continue to Show Declines In Reading And Math Abilities".

Last year I spent quite a lot of time as a volunteer teacher's helper in a 2nd-3rd grade classroom and had a wonderful opportunity to observe the children from an astrological point of view. I was able to get the birth dates from the files, so I could pay special attention to the six with Rx. Mercury. It seemed to me that once we found the right approach (which was different for each kid), these students showed a greater interest in learning than any of the other kids in the classroom.

Even though I missed the *AFA* Convention, I was fortunate enough to borrow a tape of *T. Patrick Davis'* "Spin-off Discoveries Made Through Research" and found it absolutely fascinating. I wish she would get it into print! Many of us are anxiously awaiting her book on Retrograde planets. (Are you reading this *T. Patrick*?)

In closing, I would like to offer a special thanks to all those who are kind enough to share their gems of wisdom with the readers of *The Mercury Hour*".

ROBERT HAYWARD
of Greenville, Delaware

The *Mercury Hour* is really GREAT! I enjoy every issue very much, and particularly like articles such as Raymond A. Merriman's article "The Greatest Desire" (Venus/Pluto). I wonder if he has written a book or anything further on this concept? I've found it to hold true on all of the 100 or so cases I've used it on so far. It is a useful tool, and it has caused me to think about the use of other Planet/Pluto midpoints in a like manner. Has anyone done anything with this?

In Re book reviews: If you haven't got a copy of *The American Ephemeris 1931-1980 [Para Research]* you should get one. This is a truly wonderful ephemeris.

The Ephemeris part alone (with positions of ALL the planets and the TRUE & MEAN Nodes given daily, all the DECL'S & LAT'S (Except Uranus, Neptune & Pluto given every 4 days) given daily, an aspectarian, and the Moon phases all on one page is well worth the \$25.00 it costs. The TABLE OF HOUSES for all LAT'S from 0° to 60° (S.T.'s given every 4 min. even mins. like Rice's) and other tables in the back are sure gravy. (Compiled by Neil F. Michelsen, Publ. by Astro Computing Service 129 Secor Lane Pelham, N.Y. 10803 Distributed by - Para Research, Inc. 964 Washington Stgreet, Gloucester, Mass. 01930)

This is the only Ephemeris I've seen that in addition to being complete and ACCURATE also has a T. Of H. for 0°-60° in it as well. This is really a Honey! And, coming from me, that's like a "Well done" from an Admiral.

Neil Michelsen really deserves to be praised for the job he has done with this. I just wish he could be persuaded to do 2 more like it going back to 1831. Which reminds me, I need a good accurate Ephemeris for the year 1847. If you know where I might get such, please let me know.

CLIFF WARRY
of Australia

I have mentioned before that I have Neptune going through my 6th passing over a stellium. I have lost weight and although a number of tests have been made no reason could be found for my condition. Neptune almost a degree past the last point in the stellium the cause has been found. I have a hyper-active thyroid and this is behind my loss of weight and very great weariness. I have to go and have part of the thyroid destroyed. Thinking about the transit of Neptune and how things work out makes one ponder a great deal as to the profound nature of astrology.

MERCURY HOUR:

There's strange things done 'neath the Midnight Sun!

Yours truly,

Robert Service

RALPH THOMPSON
Waukesha, Wisc.

I am writing this in hopes of it being published in the *Mercury Hour*.

I am seeking correspondence with astrologers of a specific inclination. To those who will be able to relate to the contents of this letter.

First of all I would like to get in touch with Mildred Giesman.

I have amutual reception between the ruler of the Ascendant and the ruler of the fourth house cusp sign. The two are in a double approaching square aspect. Both are opposed by other planets. If you allow a 5° orb between Saturn and Uranus in a square configuration (which Eugene Adams does not) I would have a Cardinal Cosmic Cross. I do have a T-square to be sure. With the mutual reception involved.

I hope that I have diagnosed Mildred's word "Trapped" to mean a condition such as the previous situation. A person must have this sort of situation to understand the word TRAPPED.

I would like to start something here which will sort of be an introduction and a forboding of what can be expected of me in the future. I have 27° of Capricorn for an Asc. and the Sun and Mercury intercepted in Aquarius.

Some basic concepts of philosophy consider 'the source' (or God if you will) as being comprised of these three qualities.

Harmony is the projection of purpose.

Love is the Introspective act of evaluating external reality and its value.

Light pertains to the ability to change or mutate into a new form with in a certain framework.

Harmony is expressed in the Cardinal signs.

Love relates to the fired.

Light within the mutable.

Aries - evaluation of possessions and their value.

Taurus - Evaluation of possessions and their value.

Gemini - The mutation of the rational mind to new levels of abstraction.

Cancer - The purposful direction of a past.

Leo - Evaluation of creations and their value.

Virgo - The mutation of the impractical to the practical.

Libra - The purposful direction of partnerships.

Scorpio - The evaluation of other peoples possessions and their VALUE.

Sagittarius - The mutation of the higher mind to new levels of ABSTRACTION.

Capricorn - The purposful direction of a future.

Aquarius - The evaluation of other peoples creations and their VALUE.

Pisces - The mutation of the practical into the impractical.

OK out there take it apart and see what we come up with.

All correspondance answered. Ralph Thompson
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PREM H. JOSHI
of Gujerat State, India

ASTROLOGICAL REVIEW OF AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY

As an astrological student I have always felt that the published autobiographies, memoirs, diaries, personal accounts and records of important incidents, episodes and experiences of notable persons offer interesting and instructive material for serious astrological study and research, particularly if the correct birth-data of such persons are also available. Such books are a veritable mine of information for co-relating astrological influences with actual conditions and the unfolding of events. Through their birth-charts, the astrological student could see the various astrological influences "in action" as they unfold as important events in their lives. Hence, it would be worthwhile to make a careful study and astrological review of such books when they are available.

Some time ago, I came across such an interesting publication of an autobiographical nature. This book is entitled "Alone" and was written by the well-known explorer and aviator, Admiral Richard E. Byrd in October 1938, describing his adventures and experiences during the months of March to August 1934. It is published by G.P. Putnam & Sons, New York. The contents on the two inner folders of the outer jacket of the book caught my eye. So I purchased the book to study it astrologically. I quote a few sentences:...

"...This is the book that Byrd was four years deciding to write--the account of an experience so intimate -- and perhaps so catastrophic that for a long time he could not bring himself to tell it. It is an experience that only one man could write about because it happened to just one man, and that man was completely alone in the South Polar night.....It is the account of Byrd's five months' isolation of Advance Base, Lat. 80.08. South; the place far south of Little America, where in 1934 he nearly died....*ALONE* is the record of an excursion into the unknown. Not the unknown defined only by latitude and longitude but rather one whose boundaries also were suffering and the shoreless night and the infinite reaches of the human spirit....It is the simple record of a man's unaided struggle against death in the ultimate solitude of Antarctica.....No one has ever before written such a book. When you put it down, you will understand why...."

Students of astrology will find this book of unusual interest. It records, in the form of a personal diary and memoirs, *day to day events* in Admiral Byrd's life - various episodes, incidents, experiences; his feelings, emotions and thoughts, his mode of living and other details -- during the months of March to August 1934 when he was stationed alone in a HUT UNDER ICE in latitude. 80.08 South. Every page pulsates with the cold chilling, blood curdling and depressing influence of Saturn with an undertone of

the fighting spirit of Mars. *it is the story of the battle of the Spirit with matter and its ultimate victory through the indomitable will of man.*

As an astrological student this book spurred me to study Admiral Byrd's birth-chart and the prevailing progressed aspects which made him undergo such an ordeal. Fortunately, I had in my files an authentic copy of his birth-chart. His authentic birth-chart was first published in the newspaper GLOBE of Boston, Mass, U.S.A. by the well known American astrologer, the late Mrs. Catherine V. Thompson on 17th October 1928 from birth-data personally submitted by Byrd's mother. Admiral Byrd was born: 25th October 1888 at 11:30 A.M. at Winchester, Va.; 78.08 West and 39.10 North. I have prepared the following "Astrological Review" after reading this book "ALONE" and co-relating the various events, operating during that period, with his Birth-chart and Major progressed aspects (copy of Birth-chart and progressed aspects given on a separate sheet). I am sure the readers will find the astrological co-relation interesting.

Capricorn is Ascending and its ruler, Saturn is in the 8th house - house of death and death-like experiences. Saturn is in a strong 135° aspect with the Ascending degree. Thus Saturn's influence is very strong in the chart and would attract Saturn experiences to his personality and body. Mars, exalted in Capricorn is rising and is aspecting Saturn by 135° aspect. Mars is in opposition to the Moon and sextile to the Sun. This is a very strong combination and indicates daring, courage and initiative. SUN sextile Mars and trine Moon indicates strong vitality and physical endurance and will-power. The Sun rules the 8th house cusp - death. His strong position and aspects have a protective influence over life. The Sun in Scorpio endows him with initiative to undertake unpleasant tasks for the sake of duty and if need be, he could grapple with death. It makes him capable of leading the most strenuous life at its maximum. Scorpio makes him very intense in his likes and dislikes. His best quality is RESOURCEFULNESS. Capricorn endows him with the ability to shoulder responsibilities well and he is often inclined to carry other peoples' responsibilities and make them his own. Uranus, the planet of aviation is in his 9th house - long journeys, in sextile to his ruler, Saturn. Aviation has afforded a means for expressing his daring nature. Mars in inconjunct aspect (150) to the drastic Pluto in the house of hazards and risks (5th) inclines him to take daring risks of a drastic nature. Thus, his birth-chart shows a daring character which will not be thwarted by difficulties and obstacles, but will fight to the last ounce of strength.

On a separate sheet, the Major progressions for 1934 and the progressed aspects within 1° of completion are given. It will be noticed that the Sun progressed to 18° of Sagittarius and is in sextile to Uranus in the 9th house. This house rules long journeys, scientific studies and religious thoughts. Uranus is a planet of abrupt changes and attracts unusual events. So under this progressed aspect we could expect an event involving a long journey to a foreign country and it would involve unusual changes.

Uranus is an independent planet and it makes one an individualist.

The progressed Sun was also within 1° trine aspect with Saturn in the 8th house. This house rules death and death-like experiences. The Sun in the chart also rules the 8th house cusp and he is the general ruler of vitality. Saturn also rules the Ascendant -- the physical body. Hence, this aspect would attract danger to health and body through a Saturnian environment and there would be danger of death. Under such an aspect, Saturnian environment would be most dangerous but the person would be attracted to it. The vitality would be strained to the utmost. To aggravate this, progressed Ascendant was not in 18 Aquarius within 1° of opposition to Saturn. This is a very dangerous influence for physical survival, as the progressed Ascendant is also semi-square its own Ascending degree. But the Sun's trine aspect to Saturn would be of a protective nature. Notice progressed Ascendant is also trine Uranus attracting changes and travel.

While Saturn was thus strongly stimulated into activity by progressed aspects, progressed Mars also was making two strong aspects - 150° aspect to the Moon and trine Pluto, the drastic planet, in the house of hazards and risks. In the birth-chart, Mars was opposing Moon making him very courageous and prepared to take any risk. Now these two planets were again aspecting one another by progressions. Hence, this was a time when he would feel very restless and would like to embark upon any foolhardy venture that would interest him. He would not count the cost. Mercury, the travel planet and ruling the 9th house was also conjoined to Jupiter. This would bring eventual luck through travel and protect him. Venus, ruler of the 10th (publicity) and in the 11th house in the birth-chart (friends) was square the M.C. and opposed to Dragon's Head. Friends would disagree with his venture.

In the light of the foregoing progressed aspects which were stimulating his thought-cells for a physical expression in some form of activity and events, let us see what eventuated during 1934. *Please keep in mind the strong Saturn influence prevailing.*

The events of 1934, as described in the book "ALONE" were an outcome of an idea inspired by Byrd's first Antarctic expedition. He now became interested in Polar meteorology. The Sun/Uranus progressed aspect stimulated him to think of doing research in the interior of Antarctica. Byrd felt that the inland of Antarctica was the coldest cold spot on the face of the Earth and under the Sun/Saturn and Asc/Saturn progressions, with the Mars/Moon and Mars/Pluto daring, he proposed to plant deep in the interior of Antarctica an underground outpost called ADVANCE WEATHER BASE manned by three trained observers - two weather observers and one radio operator whose task would be to study weather within the Polar continent. Byrd was deeply conscious of the risks involved -- the difficulties would be enormous, the persons would have to reconcile themselves to enduring the bitterest temperatures of nature, long Polar night of months as black as the

darkest night, and isolation which no power can lift for at least six months. Note the Saturnian nature of rigid routine demanded and the ordeal entailed in this project.

Accordingly a hut was designed and built in the United States for that purpose to be transported to Antarctica. Byrd left U.S.A. with the expedition in October 1933 for Antarctica.

According to the Brotherhood of Light astrological research report, the events signified by Major progressed aspects, have more chance for manifesting during the months when added astral energy is transmitted by Minor progressed aspects to any of the Major progressed aspects concerned. (Minor progressions are calculated at the rate of one lunar month after birth equals one year of life).

It will be noticed that during the later part of 1933 and during the year 1934, Minor progressed Uranus was 5° of Scorpio, thus adding energy to the Mars/Moon and Mars/Pluto progression (Uranus formed square to progressed Mars and trine to Pluto and 150 aspect to the Moon. Also, during October 1933, Minor Sun had progressed to 18° of Pisces and thus squared Major progressed Sun, was in 150° aspect to Uranus and also 150° aspect to Saturn. Thus, it stimulated the Major progressed aspects between Sun/Uranus and Sun/Saturn. Also, this Minor progressed Sun was in 30° aspect with progressed Ascendant. With so much astral energy present, the expedition left U.S.A. i.e. the proposed project was set into motion. Uranus, the travel planet (Uranus in 9th in the birth-chart) was transiting exactly his 4th cusp upsetting his usual residence and attracting changes

17th January 1934: The expedition reached Bay of Whales within three miles of Little America Base but met with ice which delayed their reaching the Base many days. Note Saturnian delays and difficulties. Minor progressed Mercury was in 4° Aries in 135 aspect with Saturn and semi-square progressed Ascendant, stimulating the Saturn vibrations. *In the sky, Mars was conjoining Saturn the next day in 16° Aquarius, very close to opposition birth-chart Saturn and conjunction progressed Ascendant.* Under such heavy influences everything would be delayed. Note Saturn "dogging the expedition".

15th February 1934: Party with tractors left Little America to select an ADVANCED WEATHER BASE (as planned). *But the party met with delays, breakdowns and the ice-conditions were so critical that they could not advance beyond 80.08 SOUTH. [NOTE SATURN'S NUMBER 8 repeated twice].* At this time, Minor progressed Mars was conjoined to Birth-chart Mars and Minor progressed Mercury in Aries was in 135 aspect with progressed Saturn, stimulating Saturnian influence. The transiting Saturn was in 19° Aquarius opposing his birth-chart position and conjoining progressed Ascendant. Admiral Byrd was not faced with the choice of giving up the Base entirely OR ELSE MANNING IT ALONE.

21st March 1934: At night, BYRD DECIDED TO STAY ALONE IN ADVANCE BASE, instead of the three persons as originally planned. Note change of plans true to the nature of Uranus. Note Minor

progressed Mars in 3° Capricorn conjoined to his Ascendant and semi-square progressed Ascendant making him daring and courageous to take risk by stimulating the Major progressed already mentioned. On that day, Mars was transiting in Aries squaring the Moon and 135 aspect with Saturn.

22nd March 1934: Byrd left for the Base in the morning reaching there by plane at 10:35 A.M. (180 meridian time). The party prepared the tunnel to place the shack underground (i.e. under ice). The party worked until 28th March 1934 when they left *leaving Byrd alone* at Advance Base. On that day, while helping the party to start the tractor, Byrd severely injured his right shoulder. *His ordeal now commenced.* The cook-book which he had thought to have taken with him was mislaid. *He did not know how to cook. His alarmclock was missing.* This was necessary to awaken him punctually to make weather tests though he had small watches with him.

In view of the severe criticisms made by his friends and other public figures about his abrupt and daring decision to go alone (Notice progressed Venus squaring M.C.), Byrd has devoted many pages explaining why he decided to man the station alone. It is a lengthy defense of his stand. In short, he could not bring himself to give it up (Sun in Scorpio). Over and above the scientific mission for which money was spent (note Uranus in 9th, progressed Sun sextile Uranus, Uranus ruling the 2nd house of money) he wanted to go for experience's sake (Saturn). He wanted solitude (Saturn). He wanted to be free from familiar habits and urgencies (note the Bohemian Uranus urge), he wanted to sink roots into some replenishing philosophy (Uranus in 9th house of philosophy). He wanted to live exactly as he liked, obedient to no necessities but those imposed by wind, night and cold, and to no man's laws but his own (note Uranus - the rebel). Concluding his lengthy defense of his decision, Byrd writes:

"...That risks were involved, all of us knew but none, so far as we could foresee, that were too great; otherwise, as leader of a big polar expedition, and subject to all the responsibilities implicit in command, I could not have gone. That I miscalculated (note the over-confidence of Mars opposition the Moon stimulated by the progressed aspects between the two planets) is proved by the fact that I nearly lost my life (Saturn in 8th house was opposed by progressed Ascendant, progressed Sun was ruler of 8th cusp and trined Saturn. This trine aspect acted as a protective influence. Had it been a square or opposition he would have found the influence very drastic and would have lost his life. The Vital planet Sun saved him). Yet, I do not regret going...What I had not counted on was discovering how closely a man could come to dying and still not die (Sun in SCORPIO and tenacity of the Moon in Cancer..."page 8.

The month of April 1934 slowly went by as he tried to adjust himself to his surroundings. He had severely injured his right shoulder which was now practically useless in his work. All the things were just

lying in a mess as the party had off-loaded them in heaps. He had to dig a deep tunnel in the underground ice for storing his supplies with his left arm. His daily official schedule was: At 8:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. he had to climb topside from his underground shack through the trap-door and make recordings from the various weather instruments overhead. Between Noon and 1:00P.M. he changed the recording sheets on the register and inside thermograph. Sometimes he had to climb the 12 foot anemometer pole twice or thrice to clean them. It was a bitter job. With his legs twined around the slender pole, his arms flung over the cleats and his free hands trying to scrape the contact point clean with a knife and at the same time hold a flashlight to see, he risked himself. He seldom came down from that pole without a frozen finger, toe, nose or cheek. Also, he had to be a radio-operator to keep contact with Little America. In this he was inexperienced but had picked up some knowledge from the radio-operator in a hurry. It was an old type communication set compared to present standards...However, his first attempt to establish radio contact on 1st April was successful. This relieved him immensely because he was oppressed by the thought that he might fail through sheer ignorance. Through radio he had to transmit the weather data he had daily collected.

Note that prog. Moon was 135 aspect to Birth-chart Sun from 28th March to 24th May 1934 and square to prog. Sun from 15th April to 12th June 1934. She was inconjunct Birth-chart Uranus from 17th April to 14th June 1934. This covers the period during which Byrd passed through the ordeal he describes in his book in the form of a daily diary. The Lunar aspects stimulated into activity prog. Sun's aspect to Uranus and Saturn. Prog. Moon was now in the 3rd house ruling his private thoughts and writings. Hence, these were colored by the influence of Uranus and Saturn.

5th April 1934: He experienced his first serious trouble. Trying to open the trap-door to go up to check the weather readings, he found it jammed due to accumulation of ice on top. After a super-human effort, in spite of his injured right shoulder, he managed to make a small opening and wiggle out and shovel the overhead ice. He also found the ventilation pipe was not functioning properly and so the fumes of the exhaust gas of his various machines in the cabin were contaminating the air inside. This was a matter of serious concern to him and it affected him as we shall see later.

8th April 1934: He wrote: "unpredictable things, small but often annoying, make continuous demands upon my time...". Note the working of the unpredictable Uranus and annoying Saturn.

From 7th April 1934, the six months day of the Polar region was slowly dying and six months night was fast approaching. The shack was freezing cold, the inside temperature would be anywhere from 10 to 40° Zero.

This article to be continued in the next issue.

"FROM A SUBSCRIBER"...SATURN TRANSIT ASPECTS TO SATURN NATAL POSITION

1st square to N. Saturn: It was about this time (I was 5 years old) that I developed a traumatic stutter, due to the tyranny of my sister (4 years my senior).

1st Saturn square to Natal Sun: (Saturn and Sun are natively in wide conjunction)

This happened when I was 12-13...My mother was involved in a traffic accident and sustained head injuries which led progressively to mental crack-up. With an escapist father who opted for peace and quiet at all costs and consequently absented himself from the house even more than he had done habitually, my sister and I were left to cope with her day and night for almost 2 years until at last she was committed.

During this period Saturn made the 1st opposition to own natal position. The family then disintegrated completely and at 15 I found myself on my own, without a home to go back to, without money or preparation for anything. In all I had had 1½ years of school (1 semester at 7, a scant semester at 11 and that was it) because my parents (both erratic) couldn't be bothered with routine things like school principals, etc.).

I took the only opportunity that offered: talking English in exchange for bed and board, in a foreign convent school...which was a big switch from the easy-come easy-go haphazardly sophisticated background I came from.

2nd square Saturn to Natal Sun: My one-and-a-half month marriage broke up. Though in retrospect this proved an immense blessing in disguise, it wasn't easy at the time.

2nd square Saturn to natal position: ushered in an extended period of tremendous loneliness, inferiority complex and what have you.

1st Saturn return: prefaced the onset of Fascist persecution, arrest of the man I was living with and with whom I had a child (then under 2 years old), extreme poverty and hardship and finally concentration camp (prior to outbreak of World War II).

1st Saturn square to natal position (2nd time around) again a period of extreme poverty, inferiority complex, and finally move to another city.

And now Saturn transits began shedding their dire circumstances to herald more positive things (apparently 'I had paid my dues').

The second opposition to natal Saturn position found me, for the first time in my life, doing work that I enjoyed, and which took me (temporarily) out of the routine rut of sheer survival which I hated.

Then Saturn trined his natal position, making station (transit lasted approximately 2 months) during which time I moved from one continent to another, to be near the only person I wanted to be with...the move changing my entire life style and circumstances.

Square to own natal position prior to 2nd Saturn return: A totally unexpected development in external circumstances led to my taking over a business (something I had never thought of doing, nor had I ever had the wherewithal with which to do it, had I been so minded). At the same time Jupiter was conjunct transiting Saturn, squaring natal Saturn, and

in the IX house...The business I took over had to do entirely with foreign languages.

2nd Saturn return (lasted almost 2 months...prefaced a period of intense emotional stress and anxiety...but I really can't put all the blame on Saturn's doorstep since at the same time I had Pluto zig-zagging to and fro, squaring natal Pluto...(something I wouldn't wish on anybody, even my worst enemy).

Last year Saturn formed a square again to own natal position, but nothing of any note happened...Tomorrow Saturn enters a trine to my natal Sun (and will remain in trine for more than 2 months)...so who knows???

DR. ROBERT H. GOODRICH of Chicago

sent us this article on:

THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE...A DIFFERENT VIEW OF THE NEXT FOUR YEARS

Upon comparing the charts of "Presidential Hopefuls" against that of the National map and those in D.C. *Done's "Horoscope Of The U.S. Presidents"*, it's this reporters opinion that the Astrological "Finger of Fate" is pointing to James E. Carter as our next Chief Executive! Although interesting, that comparison isn't the theme of this investigation. Here our experimentation is with a Mundane map for 7:00 AM November 2, 1976, Washington, D.C. (time as per spokespersons from the National Headquarters of the Democratic & Republican Party's), the date when the citizens of America will **MAKE THEIR CHOICE** at the "Poles". A decision firstly effecting the **SEAT OF GOVERNMENT** in our nation's Capitol, branching out from there & becoming something we'll all have to live with for the next four years. Traditionally, Astrological estimates for succeeding U.S. Administrations are made from charts for the "Inauguration", after the "Winner's" identity has been fully ascertained. But in an effort to become just a "wee wiser" before even that fact is common knowledge, we thought we'd attempt to see if an "Election Day" horoscope might hint at any leadership-replacement in the "Oval Office" & thus add confirmative weight to the above forecast. And if yes, then what's he like & what might we expect from his term in office? So encouraged by our "Nothing ventured...Nothing gained" motto, we here throw our proverbial hat into the Astrological ring & (for the better, but we hope not the worst) we go from here.

Addressing the first half of our inquiry, it's immediately noticeable that the Sun, ruling the 10, & indicating **THE CURRENT LEADER**, is in the **DEFEAT** 12th joined by Mercury & **SURPRISING** Uranus, governing houses (4 & 8) relating to **TERMINATING SITUATIONS**. Mars besieges Sol from other side & likewise receives a square from Saturn, showing his administrative effectiveness having been **STALEMATED** by continual **STATIC** circumstances; thus promoting his fall from popularity with the **MASSSES** revealed by Scorpio (the sign holding these planets) & the 1st house. The major

public complaint lodged against his Administration may ultimately turn out to be his inability to GET THE NATION BACK TO WORK symbolized by Mars & the LABOR 6th. So even in this horoscope we have a clue pointing to a replacement in the "White House"...but who??? Will he be from the party now in power, around the same age as our current governmental boss & an old, familiar face on the national political scene? Here is where the unique role of Uranus, as indicator of THE END OF THE MATTER 4th helps to enlighten us regarding THE FINAL CHOICE of the People. He is last passed over by Sol shortly before the "Election" setting up a SURPRISING set of circumstances, spelling defeat for the "Incumbent" & an equally SURPRISING victory for a YOUNGER man from a DIFFERENT party who is a NEWER face in national politics. An individual with RENOVATIONARY concepts who will take the "Oath of Office" in early January of 1977 just as transitting Uranus then exactly conjoins the place of the radical Sun in this chart. This having been astrologically ascertained, let us see what can be expected from the next "Term".

The majority-count planetary arrangements into opposite groupings in southeastern compass areas & Fixed/Water signs shows him to be fairly honest in his dealings, open & above board & image-conscious. He's an impersonal, independent man of action, accustomed to functioning on a large-scale basis. He's an "ideas" person who knows what he wants & how to get it. Though a self-protective long-term planner, he will not too infrequently be accused of "bull-doing" his way through to solutions. His stubborn insistence on remaining self-reliant may later serve to alienate needed assistance & weaken his overall effectiveness. He'll have to work lots harder than his predecessor if he's going to clear away the load of unsolved problems engulfing his term in office. He will have to avoid the temptation toward premature risk-taking if he is to secure his way on important future issues. His time would be better spent in the practice of diplomatic flexibility if he hopes to make desired changes occur with ease or for that matter transpire at all. The tendency toward wanting to control most if not all executive agencies could produce highly sensitive situations.

Whether our next President continues to enjoy the appearance of unanimous assistance, showered so liberally upon his efforts by constituents & "special-interest" groups during primary contests, remains to be demonstrated in legislative arenas. Luna, ruling the SPECIAL INTERESTS 9th, is squaring Venus relating to the AGREEMENTS 7th & the DISAPPOINTMENTS 12th which certainly hint that there are tougher tests on the way. Interestingly enough both planets refer to females, assuring us that the voice of the "little lady" may be heard howling through both "Houses" of Representatives on issues of "Women Rights" & "Right to Life" plus more. To further complicate matters Mercury governs houses having to do with WISHES (8 & 11), is in the FRUSTRATION 12th, in company with TROUBLE-SOME Mars who, from there, is squaring Saturn in

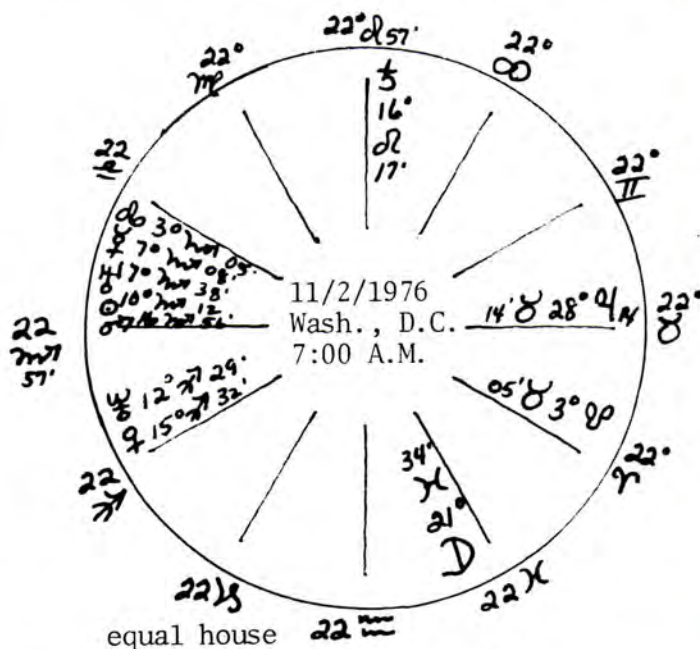
the LEGISLATIVE 9th & putting THE BREAKS ON executive proposals regarding the passage of pivotal bills; thus slowing their progress or killing them altogether. This latter square may be the very symbol indicating the turning of former powerful friends into vigorous political enemies through the Martian CUTTING of Saturnine WASTE through 6th house JOBS in 9th house BUREAUCRACIES. Much concern would not have to be given to these two planetary trouble-makers, were they removed from areas which, in a mundane map, are deemed crucial. Mars applies to the Ascendant & its relationship to THE NATION & ITS PEOPLE, while Saturn discloses their LEADERS. The irksome aspect between them should produce the necessity for coming to grips with emergencies involving houses where their influence may be most felt in the coming four years...namely the 1st, 3rd, 6th, 9th, 10th & 12th sectors. That is in the drafting of laws insuring "Constitutional Guarantees" in education, labor & free enterprise, health & welfare, public service agencies, a more effective Judiciary & the creation of greater honesty in national & local government etc.

Improving the overall economic picture through creating jobs & curbing the inflationary spiral will certainly more than test the metal of the "New Administration". At first glance the chart gives off a rosy glow when viewing the trine of STABILIZING Saturn to Venus/Neptune application to the FINANCIAL 2nd, which is further supported by a sextile from Pluto. Add to this a sextile of the Moon to Jupiter (ruler of the 2nd house sign) & one could be lead to believe all our money worries are behind us forever. But lest our optimism fly away with our better judgement, we should remember that no less than three of this five-planet configuration are considered emblematic of negativeness (Saturn/Neptune? Pluto) & that no matter how favorable an aspect may be tagged, it still can't alter that basic definition; least of all aspects thought only moderate in influence. Further Venus/Neptune are not in the MONEY 2nd but twelve houses behind it in a DISAPPOINTMENT angle & receiving a square from Luna in the END OF THE MATTER 4th. Next Jupiter sets on the place of the "Pleades", an unhappy fixed-star grouping in the later degrees of Taurus, spelling out something to weep about & is in opposition to the Ascendant in a sign usually referred to as slow & immovable in nature. All of this points to a MINOR UPSWING IN ECONOMIC INDICATORS (Venus at 2) through stimulating EMPLOYMENT (Moon/Mars trine) TRENDS (Neptune ruler of 5) resulting from SHORT-TERM (Moon) government CONTRACTS (Moon/Venus square). It may be hoped in Washington to give our economy & job-market the shot-in-the-arm needed to get it back on the road toward recovery thereby. The result may be only temporary however. The more permanent effect of the President's ability to effectively control national currency activities is best shown by the transits of the "Great Cronocators" to radical planetary positions. The "Money Picture" should start looking moderately better late May of 1977, making at least ten strides in the direction of

easing the general Economy from then till about early September 1978, as transiting Jupiter aspects radical positions in a "give n' take" fashion. Somewhat like taking two steps forward & one back...gaining slightly each time. This picture changes dramatically however in July of 1979 as transiting Uranus in 16°Scorpio squares transiting Jupiter at the same place in Leo while both exactly sit on the radical positions of Mars/Saturn & bury "Our Man In Washington" up to his ears in financial complications. From the following indications these are long-term struggles which may not yield to simple solutions. By September 1979 more coal will be added to the fire as transiting Jupiter squares his natal spot from 28° Leo in an Angular house. But the final blow could be delivered at the change of the year 1980/1981, as END OF THE MATTER Uranus transits to 28° Scorpio & opposes natal Jupiter & the "Pleades", producing SIGNIFICANT CONTRADICTIONARY FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES; causing the President to seriously question his possibilities for re-election to a second term...despite the fact that solutions were stalemated by "Special Interest" negotiators virorously countering Executive Proposals designed to benefit the many rather than a privileged few.

The key unlocking this chart's real meaning may lay in the 12th house Scorpio stellium, showing a DISENCHANTED President appealing to an equally DISAPPOINTED PUBLIC for assistance (through petition) in getting expedient domestic legislation passed a Congress & Senate seemingly indifferent to national concerns & necessities. The approaching Mars/Saturn "T" cross to Jupiter adds further weight to this testimony. Wherever Saturn is there you have SELF-SERVING activities, Mars only helps make them TROUBLESOME while Jupiter simply promotes their INCREASE. Those interested in working with midpoints will certainly find much food for research in this combination. To infer the next four years will produce political "Pie-in-the-sky" solutions to the National dilemma would be going far off the mark. The slow grind toward improvement seems the only salvation promised by this chart for now. For the next Administration may likewise have to readjust to replacements of "key" leaders in both "Houses", the growing threat of nationwide labor strikes, the death of pivotal Union leaders replaced by those less given to collective bargaining than strongarming their demands, to renewed militaristic difficulties with neighboring nations, to vigorous confrontations on "Foreign Policy" issues, to correcting major agricultural crises & setting up major emergency-relief aid programs. During the last four years in U.S. Government we've witnessed a long-overdo house-cleaning starting with the "Executive Office" & reaching outward from there. The role of the Military, C.I.A., F.B.I. & others have all had to be re-examined, & then realigned with their proper Constitutional function in a Democratic Society. Although nationally unpleasant, such exposures followed by necessary corrections of abuses of power actually help make America the great nation it is...a symbol of Freedom to the world...a Government truly of, for & by its People.

In this next term the Public eye of scrutiny may be critically observing the "feather-nesting" actions of a Senate & Congress opposing Presidential proposals obviously designed to lighten the National load. And since the PEOPLE'S CHOICE for President may prove to be an astute one, they might want to carry that same attitude with them to the "Poles" when next voting for their Senators & Congressman should the foregoing estimate prove accurate. Good American Government does afterall, begin at the "Ballot Box".!



Some folks have called and written to me about a letter that ISAR sent out around Christmas time to its members. It rather insinuated that everything was "peaches and cream" again with some of the people who had resigned from ISAR during a period of conflict. Naturally I can not speak for anyone but myself. I do want to make it clear that I am not involved with ISAR again. I did mention to Julie when I spoke to her in Vegas that IF I had nothing else planned, and IF I could afford it, I MIGHT make it to the ISAR conference but there was nothing definite about it at all. I am at present much too involved with the MERCURY HOUR to even consider becoming involved in anything else. I would like to take this opportunity to wish the new officers and directors to be installed in ISAR success in their future endeavors.

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JOSEPH GOODAVAGE has a request to make of the MH readers:

What I need right now are the names and addresses of every high school newspaper readers of the MH can send me, with the editors names too, if possible. Send to: Joseph Goodavage, Route 218, Whitefield, Maine 04362.

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of Edmonds, Washington

Enclosed is a copy of an article I wrote for a local publication, The Phoenix, by the Seattle Astrological Association on the Astrological Association Conference at Nottingham, England. Hopefully you will find it useful for the Mercury Hour. In some ways, this conference reminded me of the 7 Hills Conference in April of '76—small enough for friendliness and socializing and some excellent astrologers to learn from.

Have you ever tried beans and cooked tomatoes with your bacon and eggs, searched for a loo, been served warm beer at cocktail hour, or chatted about someone's crop from an allotment? All of these were the custom for the majority attending the Astrological Association Conference at England's University of Nottingham 3 to 5 September 1976 but unique to the six of us from the Seattle area, June and Marty Marson, Barbara Olson, Thelma Miller, Sandy Donahue and yours truly. By contrast, the world of astrology and the variety of subjects were familiar to all of us, emphasizing the universal language and understanding it represents no matter where a conference is held or by whom. Attendance included some 200 plus in residence for the three days at the University and probably another 100 who were staying elsewhere. Rooms were assigned before arrival and published, by name and room number, on a handout given to everyone. I thought of the rigid secrecy practiced by the MGM Grand in Las Vegas when I was denied information to locate a friend at the AFA Conference. Since these were student quarters, living in them gave us a good idea of what university life is like in England. All rooms were singles, shared bath, alike in simple but adequate furnishings, and group areas for snacks, laundry, lounging. There were no TV's, washing machines refrigerators or keys for the rooms! Meals were served either cafeteria or family style in a huge refectory filled with long tables and benches. I found the food quite varied, palatable and ample. Although hardly gourmet fare it was good enough to challenge their reputation for bland, unseasoned or otherwise dull cuisine. The bar was open just long enough to quench one's thirst momentarily (no snack bars, pop machines or water fountains), a situation that sent most in one of two directions—abstaining or laying in private supplies all without ice of course, from nearby Nottingham. The relative simplicity of the surroundings were quite pleasant for a change. I felt this contributed to an atmosphere of casual yet serious togetherness with a greater sense of warmth, sincerity and friendliness than I've felt at most of our conferences. I personally enjoyed the easy-going and non-frenzied approach to just about everything and again compared these people with the Las Vegas scene of running, rushing, hurrying and squeezing in one more activity before the inevitable collapse. Perhaps this seem like a far-fetched comparison but over a period of four weeks in and out of England I'm convinced these people just don't get ruffled about anything very easily. Their pace in life is noticeably slower and lifestyles far

simpler than our more luxurious routine. While I like ice in my beer and the rest of our fluffy conveniences I also think our values of material assets show in our lives being more complex if not confused. We seem less easily satisfied with whatever we have, be it a little or a lot, and perhaps even too enmeshed in our own interests and/or circle of friends to take the initiative in getting acquainted with strangers. I found most exceptionally friendly and quite willing to go out of their way to be helpful whether assisting with luggage, giving directions or explaining local interests. Conversing with them was fun because they seem to be able to find humor in nearly every subject or circumstance—good or bad. Thus, for me, being around them was a continually refreshing experience of subtle amusement. I mention these qualities because it seems to best tie in their use of astrology. They're pretty basic and practical with a sort of "Let's not get so serious we can't see the lighter side of things" approach.

I found it difficult to single out specifics to evaluate individual speakers primarily because the majority of presentations I attended were either general or detailed with use of graphs and slides. I was particularly impressed with the quality of their basic knowledge and use of astrology with clients. By comparison to the U.S., professional fees are inexpensive and acceptance of the subject seems considerably greater including numbers who are clients. Consequently, subjects at the conference primarily stressed relationships between professional and client or significant research being done to establish validity of astrological concepts. From my notes I copied the following:

PAM BENNETT—an energetic, dynamic, brilliant astrologer; impressive speaker; looking for deeper meanings from astrological knowledge and theory; is working with *Al Morrison* on Eclipses (and she's a real whiz at any kind of math!) in addition to other technical principles of astrology.

IAN GORDON-BROWN—psychologist who uses astrology in his profession; gave an interesting breakdown of his view of clients as either a child, an adult or a whole person through use of the question "Are clients problem people or growth people?"

CHARLES HARVEY—president of the Astrological Association; a witty opening presentation stressing the individual differences of astrological approaches in technique, method theory, etc. yet tying in their underlying unity.

JOHN ADDEY—presented a series of charts explaining his purpose and findings in harmonics; research done was comprehensive and provided some good scientific documentation of planetary patterns for certain categories of people such as choices of profession. Based on his most interesting presentation, his new book "*Harmonics in Astrology*" should be a revolutionary addition to astrological research.

JEFF MAYO—had a well organized, fascinating set of slides analyzing personality characteristics by research data of Sun signs. Since he has used a psychological questionnaire and test controls accepted academically (the EPI) the results have been of

interest to university level professionals. This particular session centered around introvert/extrovert evaluations and validated such things as all masculine signs verifying extroversion and feminine signs introversion; emotionalism, all water signs. I copied down a few of the questions and listed the Sun signs given in descending order from most to least frequent i.e. 1) Are you moody? 712 of all Cancers said yes followed by Gemini, Aries, Taurus, Pisces, Scorpio, Aquarius, Capricorn, Leo, Virgo, Sagittarius, Libra. 2) Do you like mixing with people? Yes. Aquarius, Pisces, Virgo, Aries, Libra, Sagittarius, Cancer, Gemini, Taurus, Capricorn, Leo, Scorpio. 3) Do you suffer from nerves? Yes. Pisces, Gemini, Cancer, Scorpio, Aries, Aquarius, Sagittarius, Leo, Virgo, Taurus, Capricorn, Libra. 4) Would you rather plan things than do things? No. Sagittarius, Libra, Aries, Leo, Virgo, Capricorn, Aquarius, Cancer, Scorpio, Gemini, Taurus, Pisces. 5) Do you like cracking jokes and telling funny stories to your friends? Yes. Libra, Cancer, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Scorpio, Aquarius, Aries, Gemini, Taurus, Virgo, Leo, Pisces. *John Addey* also presented some slides showing how these findings fit into a harmonics pattern.

AL MORRISON—one of the several U.S. speakers and a highlight of the conference. His personable and witty manner coupled with an extensive knowledge of astrology made him my favorite on the program. His presentation on eclipse patterns is an eye-opener as he was well prepared with some real goodies to illustrate places where Eclipse points met throughout history i.e. Bethlehem, Stonehenge, St. Peters in Rome, the Parthenon, the Pyramids, Bronze Buddha in Japan, Mormon church in Salt Lake City and the best was the word Columbus or Columbia which tied in names, cities, universities, rivers, etc.! If you want to have some fun look up the Eclipse before your birth (prenatal) in degrees and seconds. Transiting planets are triggered by this Eclipse point. Bland Eclipse (no harsh aspects) will register little effect. *Al* suggests using a day for a year for converse progressions. Harsh aspects can be quite emphatic and last for a year. Then look up Eclipse following birth date and record same in birth chart. In addition to the degrees in the chart, try the path on a map (Emerson lines which go from Eclipse points such as N & W) to see if these locations along the path have been significant in your life. And if you don't understand all of this I need another session with *Al* to be of any help!

The program was geared to those with at least an intermediate knowledge of astrology and offered a good in-depth variety for practical application and what is going on in areas of research. Since at least two speakers were scheduled at one time with most offering only one session, and we had to leave early to make train connections, it was not possible to attend all I wished. Many were complimentary of others that I did not hear and I picked up some interesting handouts by *Alexander Ruperti* who had just finished a study of Libra and transit cycles of Mars, Venus and Mercury; *The Mythic Language of Astrology* by *Janet Austin*; *Overlapping Signs and Houses* by *David*

Hamblin.

If anyone hankers for some unusual entertainment, try enticing *Alexander Ruperti* to put on his original, impromptu "one man show" of astrological interpretations. After a bit of coaxing he amused a large crowd one evening at the wine and cheese party, proving the stamina, agility and imagination of one good Swiss fella are not to be underestimated!

Of course we all had lots of fun in other spots of the trip to England and were pleasantly surprised to find subjects, generally categorized as occult, pretty well taken for granted by most Britishers. Our "bed and breakfast" location in London was within walking distance of the popular Spiritual Center. Readers were so booked I was unable to get an appointment during our last three days there. And a must for all sincere astrologers in the vicinity of London is the thrill of standing on the GMT meridian at Greenwich, complete with the famed Shepherd motor clock installed in 1852 which gives the exact Greenwich time throughout the year. There is also an excellent museum full of related historical items including dozens of ancient timekeeping devices. Even the trip enroute by boat on the river Thames was special since we were privileged to be the guests of *Ronald C. Davison* for the day. Besides being a practicing professional astrologer and well-known author in London, this is one very witty and humorous person with a fantastic knowledge of British history. We also visited the Maritime Academy in the Greenwich area. If the display of this magnificent architecture plus another marvelous museum isn't enough, check out the ceiling inside the Painted Hall of this complex. If you haven't already guessed it there are the most awesome astrological paintings I've ever seen! Anyone making this trip should be advised that walking a few brisk miles to get somewhere means nothing to an Englishman and there was no visible means of getting to THAT clock in Greenwich any other way! Believe me, it was worth every uphill step to see it all plus the bonus of the panoramic view of London. On the southern coast in Cornwall, *Sandy* and I found out how prevalent the tales of "Piskies" (Cornish sprites! And Piskie IS the correct spelling) fit into our favorite "haunt" of Polperro. And you'll have to ask *June* about all the ESP tales exchanged with her relatives and *Thelma* about the popularity of her palmistry in Lostwithiel! If you want to know about anything non-astrological such as how hair-raising it is to drive a right-hand steer, left-hand shift rental car, how to play darts and never finish a game, pros & cons of gambling, ins and outs of all pubs and public transportation, plus some tid-bits of France and Holland, ask any of us at the next conference! We'll tell it like it was!

In conclusion, I thought it was a good conference made more meaningful through the demonstrated warmth and sincerity of the people. The 1977 conference will be from 2-4 September at Churchill College in Cambridge and will probably afford accommodations similar to Nottingham. The friendships made from those attending from different countries give one a real appreciation of what a common bond

the study of astrology represents throughout the world. And certainly the opportunity of visiting another country with a wealth of historical interests and places to visit in every conceivable direction, plus living and learning among people with somewhat different lifestyles, capped off a more than memorable trip, an experience which I shall always cherish.

DR. ZIP DOBYNS of Los Angeles, California writes with some thoughts on the October edition.

The *Mercury Hour* just arrived (10/2/76) and I took time to read it when I should have been dealing with the two-foot deep pile of unanswered letters on my desk. Like everyone else, I have also tried out a possible horoscope for Jesus, and for the Declaration of Independence. How about a Virgo Sun for Jesus? The Virgo-Pisces polarity is the healing, savior, martyr one. I got *Neil Michelsen* to run one for a date between *Ingrid Naiman's* and *Ruth Oliver's*. Since it is too late to publish for Christmas, it can wait till next year. I'm trying out a Sagittarius rising chart for the U.S. but a bit later than *Rudhyar's*, with Mars almost exactly opposite the Ascendant and Saturn almost on the M.C., so that those aspects would mark the tough years of the war against England.

Re- times of famous people: A contact here is California has a copy of Jimmie Carter's birth certificate and it says 7 A.M. C.S.T. Maybe that will help to settle the confusion over eastern or central time. Also, a woman I met at the AFA Conference in Las Vegas said that she knows Jimmie's mother, and the mother confirms the 7 A.M. birth time.

Another contact in Calif. says he has seen Jerry Brown's birth certificate and it says 12:34 P.M. Jerry's mother says "sometime after noon." If Jerry's office says "noon", maybe Jerry would just as soon not have his exact time out???

Anyone who doubt's Ford's accuracy of time should look at the local house cusps in San Francisco and Sacramento, Calif. where two women pulled guns on him. The time from his baby book (0:43 AM) puts 29 Sagittarius and 0 Capricorn on the respective M.C.s, which puts his progressed Mars conjunct Pluto right on the I.C., one of the death cusps. Wonder what the San Francisco debate will do? Maybe help seal the end of his presidency? His tertiary progressed Sun will be exactly opposite the natal Ascendant at election time -- a setting Sun? His secondary progressed Moon crosses the 12-6 house cusp axis (Placidus) and the prog. MC in Jan., 1977 -- a change of job & home? Progressed Moon opposite progressed Sun at election.

I've just started working with primary directions and *Rob Hand's* latest toys -- Parans. Carter's are fascinating. See the latest issue of the Cosmecology Bulletin for Rob's article on Parans -- transits to angles in Right Ascension. In contrast to his angles in California, Ford's recorded time gives him 5 Gemini rising in Washington D.C., right on his natal Venus. The town has been pretty good to him. His local Ascendant in Philadelphia is close enough to Washington D.C. to still have Venus there. (for the 1st debate)

From Malcolm Dean of Toronto, Canada.

Centuries ago, astrologers spent much of their time studying comets and meteoroids, often giving them an overriding importance in their judgements. By the beginning of the 19th century, we began to realize that between Mars and Jupiter lay thousands of tiny minor planets, which have only during the past five years crept ever so timidly into our horoscopes, and with great success. Each year, about twelve comets pass within sight of the earth, and several new planets are discovered in the solar system. Now and then new stars are discovered, new galaxies located, or astounding new phenomena observed for the first time.

Did you know, for example, that a new ring has been identified around Saturn? Have you heard that a minor planet in almost exactly the same orbit as Earth has been found? Were you able to trace the path of Comet Kohoutek through your chart? How long would it take you to receive this data in an astrologically useable format?

This is the purpose of *PHENOMENA*, my new publication. We have computer programs in preparation to convert data from astronomical terms to astrological ones. And each month we scan nearly 40 professional astronomical and astrological journals, and boil them down into plain language for the serious astrologer. *PHENOMENA* will contain, for the first time, ephemerides of asteroids conjuncting the Sun each month, extended ephemerides of comets and other minor planets, information on pulsars, variable stars, Sun spots, a monthly ephemeris, book reviews, and observations from our subscribers on their experience with this data in their charts and those of their clients.

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IF THIS IS NOT JESUS'S HOROSCOPE, HOW
COME WE ARE WORSHIPPING THIS GUY?

In my experimental approach to astrology, not swallowing everything the books say, but testing to prove what really works, one of the best validations has been my search for the horoscope of Jesus. I think it is absolutely amazing that by applying history and Biblical scholarship, archeology, astronomy, and the resources of computer science to determining just when Jesus was born, I discovered the most powerful horoscope the stars have ever drawn!

I suppose it might have been possible, with unlimited funds and time, to simply set up a project to see when, throughout history, the planets arranged themselves in a pattern of unique significance, indicating a super-genius of surpassing goodness and a martyr's dedication. You could set a computer to show the planets whirling around the sky at an accelerated rate and whenever they gathered in the clusters that indicate high ability, look for organization and pattern in the whole arrangement. It is possible to identify the people who change the world by their highly organized horoscopes.

I spent years gathering clues to the mystery of Jesus' birthday, ever since I learned that December 25th. was the Roman-pagan birthday of Mithras, later appropriated as a Christian holy day.

As an astrologer, I puzzled over the date and the nature of the "star" of Bethlehem, putting together tentative charts over a three year period. Finally, when I was pretty sure I had narrowed it down, I asked Dr. Horace A. Howe, an astronomer, to compute an ephemeris of the planets' places in 7 BC, with special attention to daily positions around the new Moon in Pisces. Historically, that was the season when the sheep were taken out of their warm caves in Bethlehem to be watched on the springtime hills by night. Astrologically, the new Moon in Pisces fit the character of Jesus, according to my observations and experiments on the indications of psychic ability and spirituality.

I knew the resulting horoscope would show the "King's Conjunction" of Jupiter and Saturn, because German archeologists had excavated the Babylonian-Persian school of astrology at Sippar, and found the tablets on which the Magi at the observatory had kept careful records of the two great planets dancing around each other in 7 BC. This was "The East" where they "had seen His Star."

But when I actually diagrammed the star positions for March 1, 7 BC, I got goose-pimples and my spine tingled. Even in a Natural Zero Aries Chart, there was a powerful six planet cluster in Pisces, much stronger than the Pisces clusters Michelangelo, Bach, Beethoven, Copernicus, or Galileo.

But the unity of the total picture was the astonishing thing. As I marked the aspects there were five lovely close Trines to Neptune, the gentle, spiritual, psychic, miracle planet.

The same five planets were opposed to powerful Pluto, the irresistible ruler of death and necessity. Pluto aspects make people special, with a need for significance, a desire to overturn, overturn, overturn, the world. But five bad luck oppositions to the planet of death is as desperately unlucky an omen as I can imagine.

Pluto and Neptune were sextile, as they are again, now, in our troubled century. Venus was opposed to Mars and semi-sextile Mercury, leaving no unaspected planet. And that was practically the whole chart. I never saw anything like it in my life. The whole pattern was so neat, so organized, clear and simple.

For a long time I sat there and visualized in my mind's eye, the movements of the planets around the centuries, wondering if there had ever been another horoscope like that. An hour before or an hour later, it lost power. A day before or a day later, the chart was much weaker. A month before or after, it was almost ordinary. I leafed through my collection of a couple of thousand famous peoples' birthcharts. Martin Luther, Wm. James, Marie Curie, all had astonishing horoscopes, but none so miraculously symmetrical as this.

Thomas Edison and Alexander Graham Bell were born within three weeks of each other, as a world-changing planet cluster formed and dissolved. Louis Pasteur, who added years to the life span of humanity, had a powerful chart with a six planet cluster in Capricorn, five of them Square to Pluto and Trine to Saturn. That horoscope has many similarities to Jesus', though Pasteur turned the world upside down in a practical, material, Capricorn fashion, rather than in Jesus' Piscean, spiritual way.

Many astrologers are keeping watch over children born February 4, 1962, when six planets piled up in Aquarius. Some of those kids will be great, and one may be the Avatar of the Aquarian Age, but the charts are disorganized and scattered, compared to March 1, 7 BC.

By asking the computer for the Horoscope of Jesus, as near as I could date it after years of careful study, I found myself confronted with this once-in-all-history diagram of world-reforming martyrdom, the focus of all the movements of the stars. I am more impressed with Jesus ever since.

And with Astrology.

JAYJ JACOBS of "Experience Astrology", San Francisco, California, has some interesting thoughts on Moby Dick's proposed chart for the birth of Jesus!

I think the *Mercury Hour* is a great idea. One of the things Astrology really needs is an open quality discussion of its tenets from differing points of view. The *Mercury Hour* is certainly an open forum and I thank you for that.

I'd like to add my nickles worth to the Horoscope of Jesus discussion (diatribe?). And I'd like to start by correcting a few of the errors put forth by *Ingrid Naiman* in your October issue. First of all *Moby Dick* has never said his chart for Jesus bore any resemblance to his own chart. In fact he has told me

personally that they are very dissimilar. *Ingrid* has apparently misinterpreted what *Ray Merriman* said he noticed as something *Moby* said. Even a quick re-reading of *Ray's* letter will make this obvious.

About that "approaching Moon in Pisces" *Moby* is not talking about Balsamic phases but about house positions -- Solar houses yes but houses none-the-less and the meanings are the same. Now wouldn't a 12th house Moon make a person more involved in mystical and spiritual realms and wouldn't a 1st house Moon person have more attention on appearance? Of course. Ya know I can't help wonder at *Merrimans* own Moon position but especially I wonder at his lack of Biblical scholarship.

It is very obvious to any objective unbiased reader of *Moby's* articles that he has done a great deal of thorough research. You can see that from the wealth of facts and concrete historical and Biblical references in his work. The Gospels he quotes are those of Matthew and Luke and not "Hallmark".

Tho he was humorous in his dismissal of other signs as possibilities he was not vicious, just facetious. *Moby* has told those of us that asked that the article on the back of his poster "The Horoscope of Jesus" was cut in size somewhat to make it fit the space limitations and a more serious discussion of the other signs was left out. A minor matter.

On to the chart itself as *Moby Dick* proposes it. Remember we're looking for a person who talked to and listened to God and who offered his life in sacrifice for the sins of the rest of us -- astrologers included. (a strong Neptune and strong Pisces) Remember that he nearly died at Herod's hand as a toddler and was put to death very early in his public career (Pluto oppositions) for claiming to be or at least not denying he was the Messiah (Five conjunctions to the Sun trine Neptune and opposed Pluto) Remember he amazed the Rabbi with his knowledge when he was only twelve (six planets in the 3rd house) I think the chart as *Moby* proposes it is more powerful, more dramatic, and more unique than any of the others proposed and shouldn't the chart of the Christ be that way?

But to illustrate the uniqueness of this chart look at the aspectgrid on the chart I've included. I use this form because it more clearly shows the aspects to all the planets and the number of each aspect. The grid is not unique with me, I adapted it from the Rosicrucians.

Now it is not unusual to have 6 oppositions in a chart but 5 to one planet is special. The same is true for 5 trines. No squares is not unusual nor is only one sextile and one semi-sextile. BUT thirteen conjunctions is rare. And especially so when matched with 5 trines and 5 oppositions. And what is so special about any of the other proposed charts for Jesus? *Moby's* chart for Jesus has almost as many conjunctions as *Ruth Hale Oliver's* chart has total aspects. And she has HIS Pluto unaspected.

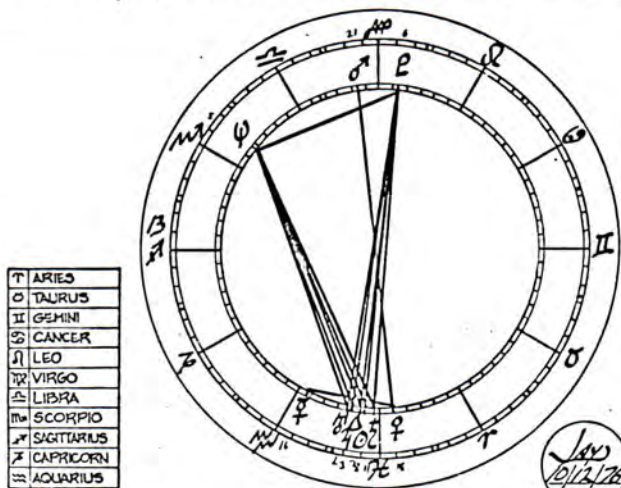
I don't mean to over stress the number of aspects. No one component, no one sign, Aries, Libra, Pisces, or whatever, no one aspect, Jupiter conjunct

Saturn, Neptune conjunct Mars or whatever makes a Messiah. It's the total horoscope, a horoscope of spirituality, of power and of uniqueness. There has only been one Christ, and only one horoscope like March 1, 7 BC. These other charts are fine but they are rather ordinary, you've seen some like them before. And an ordinary horoscope is an insult to Jesus Christ!

Look, if a client came to any of you with one of those other charts and asked if his chart said anything about phenomenal impact on people and on history, asked if there was anything messianic in his chart, what would you say? What could you say? Could any of you say "yes" to any of those other charts? I think not. And the March 1st chart, can you deny that cluster in serving, sacrificial Pisces trined by enlightening Neptune and oppositioned by intensifying, empowering Pluto?

Make your own choice but make it as an informed, objective, intuitive astrologer and not on the authority of conventional wisdom and the gospel according to Hallmark. I suggest that anyone seriously interested in the horoscope of Jesus read or re-read *Moby Dick's* Horoscope of Jesus poster (available from him for \$2.50 his address is: 1152 Bishop Street #612, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813) and especially read his article in *Astrology Now*, Vol 9 Dec. 1975 (available from *Llewellyn*?) It is a work of integrity and scholarship. *Moby's* chart and our discussion may soon as *Noel Tyl* said "establish once and for all the birth time of Jesus" as March 1, 7 BC (Julian) 1:30 AM Bethlehem, Judea.

NAME	JESUS	BIRTH DATE	MARCH 7th JULIAN	BIRTH TIME	1:30 AM	TIME LOCAL TIME	
BIRTH PLACE	BETHLEHEM, JUDEA					GENERAL TIME	



PLANET	DEGREE	ASPECTS	0°	30°	60°	90°	120°	150°	180°
1. SUN	8° 15'	0° 15'							
2. MOON	6° 51'	0° 15'							
3. MERCURY	11° 25'	0° 15'							
4. VENUS	18° 02'	0° 15'							
5. MARS	21° 10'	0° 15'							
6. JUPITER	27° 30'	0° 15'							
7. SATURN	11° 21'	0° 15'							
8. URANUS	27° 06'	0° 15'							
9. NEPTUNE	51° 08'	0° 15'							
10. PLUTO	61° 03'	0° 15'							

In the Nov./Dec., 1976 edition of HUMANIST MAGAZINE there appeared an article written by W. Keith Eriksen in which he claimed that the cases of time-twins cited in the well-known astrology book "ASTROLOGY: THE SPACE-AGE SCIENCE" by JOSEPH GOODAVAGE, are all false. I wrote to Joe, who is a subscriber of the MH, and asked him his views on the article. He sent me, along with his permission to print it in its entirety, his rebuttal to Paul Kurtz, editor of the Humanist. He also sent me 15 pages of newspaper clippings, many relating to the stories he had originally quoted. The one relating to Mrs. Hanna of Montvale and Mrs. Osborne of Allendale, sharing the same hospital room and giving birth on the same day to girls appeared in one of Ripley's "Believe it or Not" columns. It seems rather unusual that the mothers didn't bother to deny the story when it appeared in Ripley's column but denied most of it after being contacted many years later by Eriksen!! The New York Daily News, July, 1964, carried these words: "The city's two top commissioners -- Police boss Michael J. Murphy and Fire boss Edward Thompson -- were both born on July 19, 1913, in adjoining neighborhoods in Queens. The story of King Umberto 1 [1844-1900] also appeared in one of Ripley's columns. Since space is limited in the MH and Joe's letter to Kurtz with the rebuttal is rather long, we shall print that in this issue and then continue to print in the upcoming editions some of the other clippings he sent us. They are all interesting reading so we shall see to it that you get to read as many of them as we can put together for future editions. Now to Joe's letter to Professor Kurtz followed by Joe's rebuttal:

Dear Professor Kurtz:

I have received and read with great interest the Nov./Dec. 1976 issues. I am enclosing my response to W. Keith Eriksen's THE INACCURACY OF ASTROLOGICAL RESEARCH with fifteen pages of photocopies of news clips indicating a small segment of my research.

In addition, a copy of the introduction indicating support of these studies by the American Institute of Medical Climatology, the Time-Twin questionnaire and Isaac Asimov's initial suggestions for continuing the research in Analog magazine.

[These had previously been published in a back edition of the MH]. Edie

I'm sure that publication, either in its entire presentation or in part, will be an interesting and valuable new addition to the pro and anti-astrological viewpoints you've been publishing. Especially so, I think, since your Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal is dedicated to the ideal of pursuing the truth -- even when the facts may be distasteful or contradictory to previously held beliefs.

As you will see by examining the enclosed material, Eriksen's attack fails to vitiate the facts. Moreover, I know you will recognize the value of a test that will put the question of astrology to rest once and for all.

I fully intend to abide by the verdict of Nature. I'm certain that you feel the same and that you will treat the enclosed with the same courtesy shown to contributors with whom you agree.

Thank you, Joseph Goodavage.

RESPONSE TO THE "INACCURACY OF ASTROLOGICAL RESEARCH"

By JOSEPH GOODAVAGE

This obscure and humble "writer of pseudo-scientific features for various pulp magazines" (as I have been characterized in the November/December 1976 issue of *The Humanist*), was intrigued by W. Keith Eriksen's interpretation of the results of his long, hard crusade to discredit my research on twins and Time Twins.

From nearly a hundred published reports, his entire case consists of six obvious errors gathered from several of my books and magazine articles (four of which I freely acknowledged during a newspaper interview published in Eriksen's own territory some time ago). The reason: all my original data was acquired through newspaper reports, magazine articles, science journals and press releases during almost two decades of seeking some basis for otherwise unexplainable "coincidences" I noticed recurring in the lives of twins. This study was later extended to include published (i.e., newsworthy) reports among unrelated people who experienced such "unnatural" synchronicities of events that it became almost too shattering for conservative thinkers to contemplate. Far too many people who had undergone these parallelisms were born in the same year, month and date for it to be pure "coincidence."

The available data from the media was (and is) a prodigious undertaking for a lone researcher. I discarded scores of cases due to various inaccuracies, inconsistencies, even typographical and other errors, including (as armchair researcher Charles Fort observed) "The lies, yarns, hoaxes and superstitions found everywhere, not excluding prestigious scientific journals."

Even after allowing an error factor in the neighborhood of ten to fifteen percent, a dim but discernible pattern clearly existed between time of birth and major events (including death) in the lives of people born at the same time and place.

I hereby submit 15 pages of photocopies of more than 45 such unexplainable "coincidences" among twins and Time Twins. By itself, this sample from my files is sufficient evidence to provide rational support for my theory. It is more than enough to neutralize any subjective or irrational rejection of the evidence. This is in fact intellectually persuasive proof. Even

thousands of such cases, however are just a modest beginning.

More scientific, less vulnerable proof exists, available to anyone sincerely searching for answers derived from Real Universe data--hard evidence, not theory. (In the interest of honesty, rationality and objectivity, the material on the first four to six pages, at least, should be published as is--including the biographical sketches of former New York Police and Fire Commissioners Michael J. Murphy and Edward Thompson, both born July 19, 1913 in the same neighborhood.) Eriksen's enthusiasm should demand that he disprove 30 or 40 of these cases rather than choose six.

It's worthwhile here to give some consideration to the familiar adage that "A man convinced against his will is of the same opinion still." That perverse tendency to gullibility and nincompoopery in the human species applies equally to ALL zealots and cultists. [*Not you and I of course--just all those other crackpots.*] However, having had some intimate experience with it, I'm on familiar terms with this obtuse human characteristic and the formidable obstacle it has presented to every real inventor and true discoverer in history. Character assassination, calumny, imprisonment--even death--was usually their fate.

Because of this I decided some years ago to focus my efforts on a very special group of people who--by definition--must be perfectly acceptable candidates to both friend and foe of astrology. One of the most unusual celestial events of modern times occurred on February 4th and 5th, 1962 when Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn aligned at the time of a total solar eclipse--*all in the Zodiacal sign Aquarius*. In several articles and books I made a 'call for data' from parents of children born during the first week of February, 1962 (deliberately extending the time period on both sides of the 4th and 5th so as to catch the anticipated "fall-outs" I'd receive).

I've been collecting detailed questionnaires from those parents, and now from some of the kids themselves. One of the best-known foes of astrology, scientist and author Isaac Asimov, agreed last year to participate in an additional search [titled *Crucial Experiment II*] in *Analog* magazine for as many more cases of 1962's Time Twins as a published questionnaire would attract. Editor Ben Bova quickly discovered the complexities and obstacles encountered in this kind of research.

Because of the miniscule response, *Crucial Experiment II* (which should have been published at least as long as our very successful *Crucial Experiment I*--on astrometeorology--in 1963 and 1964) was scrubbed. But having been going it alone, making every conceivable mistake and encountering myriad obstacles for over a decade, I wasn't too surprised or disappointed.

Since then I've read *The Humanist's* editor's "SPECIAL REPORT: ASTROLOGICAL FALLOUT in the November/December 1975 issue. Paul Kurtz commented on the current epidemic of obscurantism by pointing out that the meaning of scientific

enterprise has not been adequately conveyed to the general public:

"Our educational system has not succeeded in cultivating an appreciation for the standards of objective thinking or dispassionate inquiry. Yet the key point of the scientific method is that, unless one has sufficient evidence or reasons for a belief, one ought to suspend judgement."

With no quibbling about what constitutes "sufficient evidence or reasons" I must agree. The Scientific Method as endorsed and taught is an excellent albeit not exclusive way of determining the validity of certain facts and theories. I'm reminded of George Bernard Shaw's riposte when asked what he thought of Christianity. "It's a wonderful idea," he said, "Too bad nobody has ever tried it."

Item: Michel Gauquelin's interesting and useful studies notwithstanding, no scientist has ever applied the Scientific Method to the study of astrology.

My own decade-long struggle to compile a statistical survey of a specific group--the aforementioned children born early in February, 1962--will become quite profitable during the next three years. For openers, those kids are not mostly high-school freshmen. Many have (or will have) lived sufficiently long to have had uniquely individual human experiences. By the time I've compiled a few thousand questionnaires of the many matching Time Twins, perhaps we can determine (statistics being a valid scientific tool) whether time and place of birth are indeed significantly important in determining psychological and/or physiological factors of human existence.

One way or another, it is of no small consequence to know--*for sure*. Naturally, I admit to a certain bias: I've seen enough of these completed questionnaires to convince me that a pattern exists--Opinion and Authority with unsubstantiated, contradictory theories notwithstanding. People who can be intimidated by such unfounded negativism never accomplish very much. As John W. Campbell put it, "My interest is in the progress of the human species. Anyone who opposes this is my enemy and I will do everything in my power to sabotage that person."

Ditto.

To follow the facts *regardless of where they lead* is our mutually *stated* objective. In this sense it would be singularly gratifying for *The Humanist* to support said objective by *positive* action. Rather than encourage bias or hysteria against an idea about which no one has produced a shred of rational (let alone scientific) evidence, I urge that --in accordance with the stated objectives of your Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal--you publish the enclosed questionnaire--or provide valid reasons for refusing to do so.

Eriksen's subjective attack and its publication by *The Humanist* (an excellent magazine, by the way; I intend to subscribe) has renewed my determination to see this through to the very end. Whether 186 or 186,000 scientists oppose or condemn my work is immaterial and unimportant. But let one scientist or anyone else provide hard evidence, incontestable

proof, that no undetected forces, no undiscovered energies exist in the terrestrial and celestial environment which influence human life, and I will recant--in fact I'll publicly retract everything I've said or written in favor of astrology.

It seems very strange that no concrete proof to discredit this hypothesis has been found or announced by any scientist anywhere at any time.

On the other hand I'm presenting an array of natural evidence clearly indicating that such forces and energies exist, and that humankind is profoundly affected by them. Do we ignore it in favor of pursuing the usual nincompoopery (prejudging without adequate proof) or do we live up to our word?

Your move.

Adrienne Warren of New York, N.Y. would like some help with her project.

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Uranus has just transited my Sun bringing some drastic changes in astrological philosophy and convictions. Under this transit I have begun seriously studying harmonics and am now unconvinced of the validity of much that students and professional astrologers alike are doing in the area of chart interpretation. With some others, I am now deeply involved in harmonic research and doing all work in the Sidereal Zodiac.

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We are the pack rats of the Zodiac.

We never get rid of a thing.

Our closets are bulging, the attic is sagging,

We save rubber bands and make balls out of string.

The living room what-nots are crowding the shelves,

The desk drawers won't take any more.

Old rag dolls are squirreled under beds,

We're spilling out back on the patio floor.

We stash away everything, useful or not.

The garage has no room for the car.

The kitchen is cluttered, the basement's unchartered,

We've got enough stuff for a three week bazaar.

There's a jangle of jewelry,

A tumble of trinkets

A topsy-turvy of tinker town toys

A medley of memoirs

A litter of letters

A jumble of yesterday's joys,

A hodge podge of handwork

A huddle of hobbies

An excess of electrical gear

A rummage of ripoffs

A mixture of mark-downs

A sandpail, a shovel, and old chandelier.

We've got bushels of bargains and cartons of cast-offs

A dozen boxes of books never read,

Snapshots and photos and pictures galore,

Tricycles, cradles, Aunt Tillie's brass bed,

Sea shells and clam shells and drawings of fish,

Leghorn hats, parasols, button shoes,

Tattered lamp shades and jump ropes and leftover yarn,

Broken cups, empty bottles of booze.

We're surrounded by memories and live in the past.

We're consumed with the urge to possess.

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1. Can you recall a period of your young life when it seemed impossible that you might die?
YES NO

2. About what age was that? _____

3. Can you recall when you decided that your body, and thus life, had limits? YES NO

4. When was that? (Age) _____

5. Have you been to cities or places that seemed incredibly familiar--though you had not visited them before? YES NO

6. What were they?

7. Do you know what sign is on the ninth house of your birth horoscope? YES NO

8. What sign is that? _____

9. In what sign is the South Node of the Moon located at your birth? _____

10. Have you met people who seemed "utterly familiar" at first meeting? YES NO

11. Is there a common Zodiacal "sign" factor (Sun or other planets located in a particular sign) among such people of your acquaintance? YES NO

12. What sign is that? _____

13. Has there been someone you've met in whose presence you felt immediately wary? YES NO

14. Have you checked, astrologically, to see if such persons have planets located at the South Node of the Moon at your birth or if they have Saturn conjoined--by sign--to one of your inner planets (Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus or Mars)? YES NO

15. What was the contact, if you checked?

16. Have you ever looked at someone you've known a long time--while you were under the influence of sleepiness (), medication (), drugs (), alcohol () or fever from a sickness ()--and noticed that their appearance seemed to change before you, into someone else? YES NO

17. Did this appearance strike you as "strangely familiar" () or "more vivid and real than what I usually see in that person" ().

18. Did you secretly think, at such a time, "I swear, that's" and not be able to recall the name because the name did not fit the person you ordinarily knew? YES NO

18. Do you ever have what could be called "historical background" dreams? YES NO

19. Do the recognizable characters in such dreams seem close to you (), or do you feel as if you are an "observer" at events outside your control ()?

20. Have you had dreams which seemed to foretell future events? YES NO

21. How close were they? Weeks (), Months (), Days (), Years (), or Hours ()?

BIRTH DATA:

(month) _____ (day) _____ (year) _____

TIME OF DAY: _____ A.M.
or
P.M.

LOCATION: _____

(Please fill in your birth chart at right, if you are willing to have it compared to your answers on this survey.)

(GENERAL QUESTION: Do you feel you "possess a soul" () or that "one is present with me" ()? Or _____

_____ (your own words))

22. Do you feel that you're naturally intuitive? YES NO

23. Do you follow your intuitions sometimes (), Never (), Frequently (), Religiously ()?

24. Do you know in what house and sign the planet Pluto is located at your birth? YES NO

25. What house _____ & sign _____?

26. Have you been "age-regressed?" YES NO

27. Was this done hypnotically (), or light-trance-induced ()?

28. Do you believe your life has a particular destiny? YES NO

29. What, briefly, do you think it is?

30. Do you feel there is some "development" you are undergoing in this life? YES NO

31. What is it?

32. Do you feel you possess "unlearned" talents or abilities that come easily? YES NO

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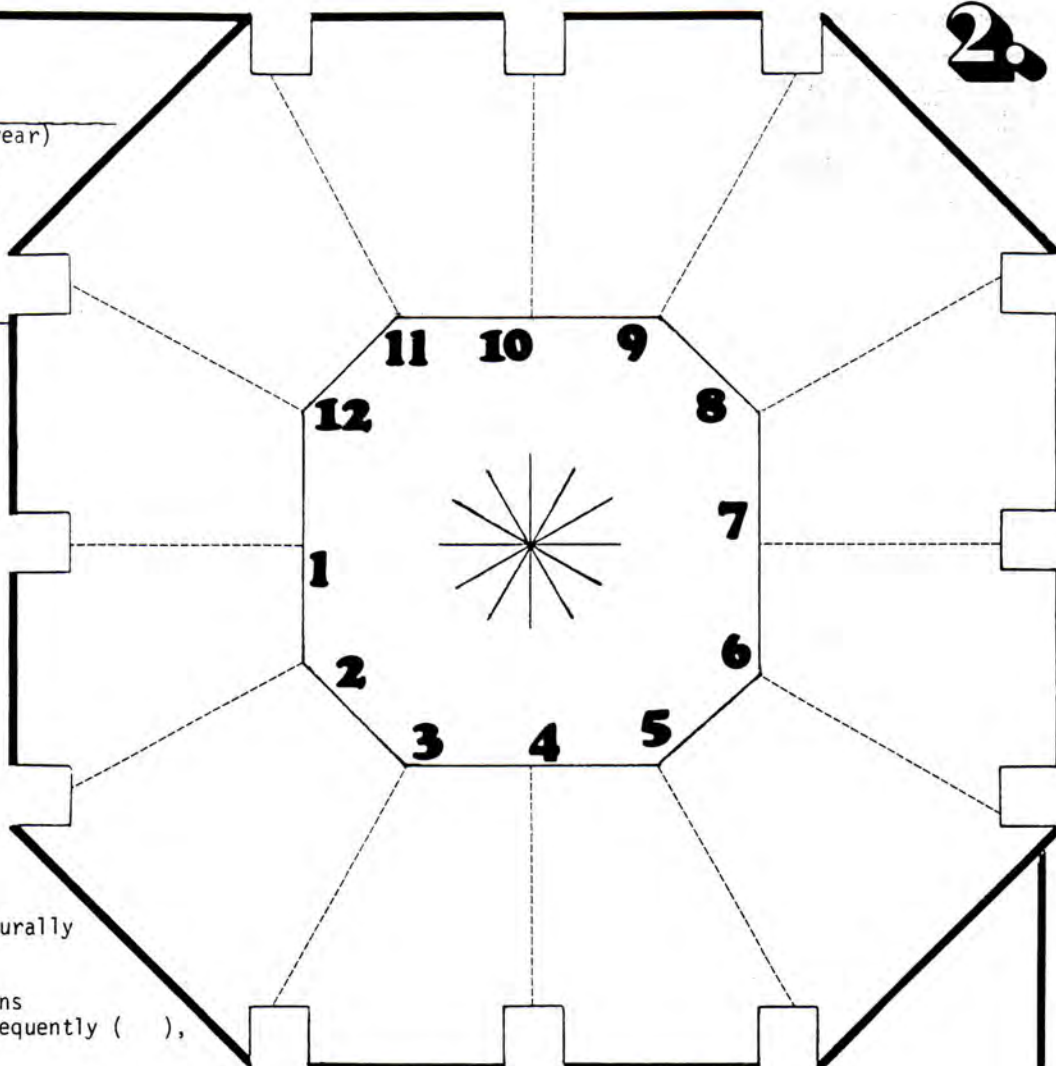
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33. What are they?

34. Do you know what signs and houses surround the North and South Nodes of the Moon at your birth? YES NO

35. If yes, the North Node is in _____ (sign), in house _____ and the South Node is in _____ (sign) in house _____.

36. Have you ever been told about incidents in former lifetimes by astrologers (), psychics (), intuitives () or friends ()?

37. Did you believe what was said? YES NO

38. Was any factor in your birth chart cited as confirmation of what was said? YES NO

39. Do you think men have been on the Moon before the 20th Century? YES NO

40. Do you believe in the existence of the "continent of Atlantis" sometime in Earth's history? YES NO
Lemuria? YES NO Ancestors from another galaxy or star system (mankind's ancestors)? YES NO

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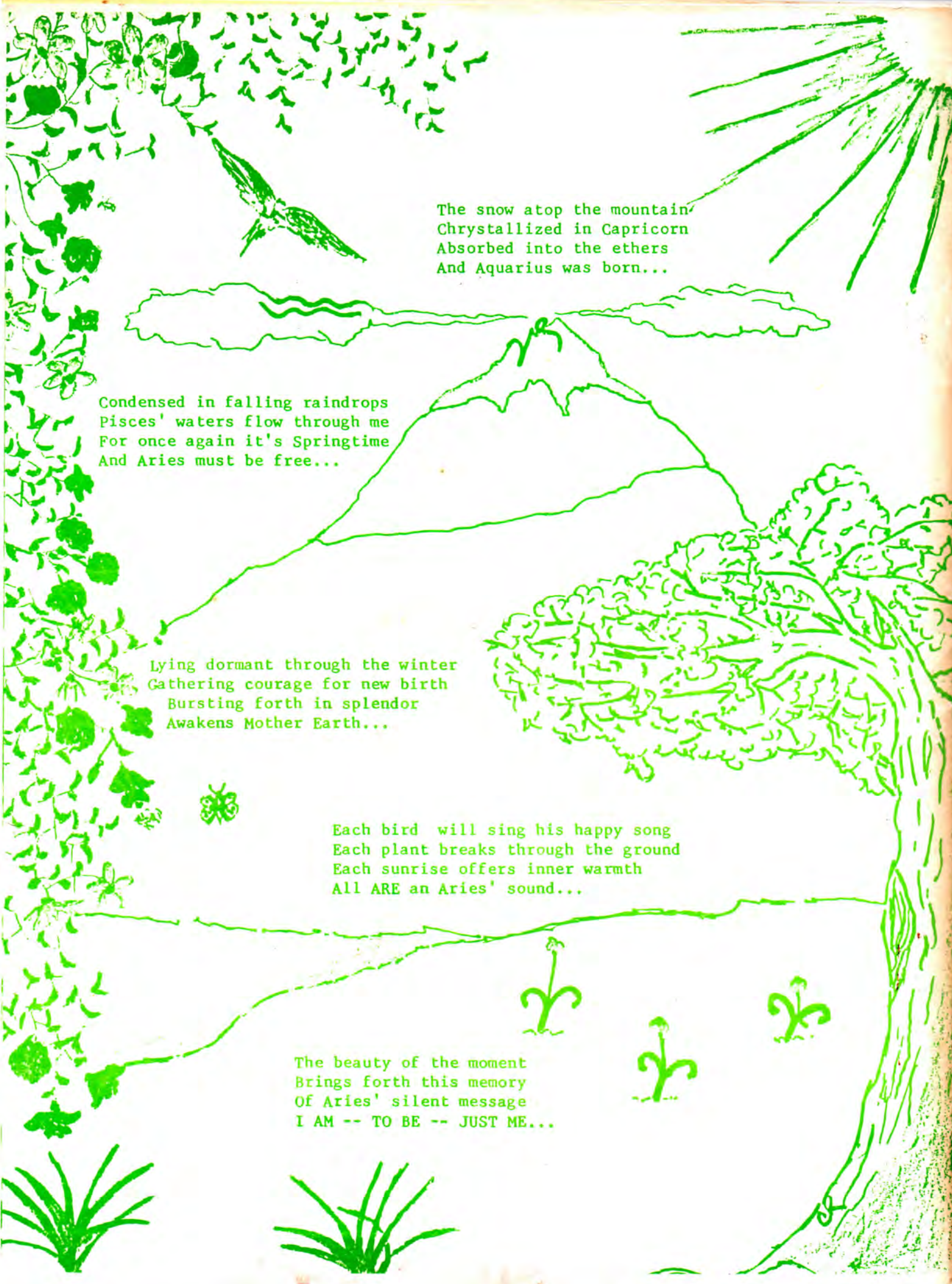
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Chrystallized in Capricorn
Absorbed into the ethers
And Aquarius was born...

Condensed in falling raindrops
Pisces' waters flow through me
For once again it's Springtime
And Aries must be free...

Lying dormant through the winter
Gathering courage for new birth
Bursting forth in splendor
Awakens Mother Earth...

Each bird will sing his happy song
Each plant breaks through the ground
Each sunrise offers inner warmth
All ARE an Aries' sound...

The beauty of the moment
Brings forth this memory
Of Aries' silent message
I AM -- TO BE -- JUST ME...