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Greetings:

I don't believe this is really the fourth edition and the last for the first year. Time has gone by so rapidly. As you can see by the size of this edition we are really starting to loosen up and "talk" to each other. If I had to leave some of your letters out of this, be sure they will show up eventually. We are going to have to put a limit on the amount of pages we can publish in one issue. Boy! are we ever a gabby bunch. The letters came in fast and furiously after the third edition. Everyone a gem in itself. Among other things, I discovered President Ford has about as many birth times as Jesus.

Have a few things to tell you before you get into the rest of the MH. This is the fourth edition and so mostly all of your subscriptions end with this issue. All of the letters received on the question of rate for the next year said "Go ahead and raise it to \$7.00 - it is worth it!" so that will be the rate for the coming year. All new subscriptions are also \$7.00. Some have already sent in their renewals at the new rate. Anyone who has received all four editions, your subscription is now up. You can do us all a favor by sending in your renewal now without being reminded later on. It will save postage and time and will be appreciated! If it isn't received by March 1st., the latest, I will have to remove your name from the mailing list that will be prepared at that time for the next edition. Come on now, do me a favor and get it in early so I can get things organized for next year! If you don't intend to renew, I would appreciate your dropping me a line and saying so. Some subscriptions only started with the October issue but this you were told on the letter you received.

I am happy to tell you that we are crowding the 270 mark! I can't tell you how much I appreciate all the letters, articles, comments, that have been coming in. Believe me, I get just as much enjoyment out of the MH as do all of you who written in about it. I also appreciate all of the efforts some of you have put forth in getting new people to join us, for the donations for postage, and for all of your good wishes. We went overboard a little financially but that was my fault, not yours. I have a lot to learn about this business but you had better believe I am learning fast! Speaking of postage, I guess some of you forgot that when we started this we asked if you would please send a stamp if you wanted an answer to your letter, or even if you didn't want one! (Considering the fact that I answer all letters anyway!) I write 30 to 35 letters a week so you can see how the postage adds up. Would appreciate the stamps! (Does that sound Capricorn enough?) PLEASE, would anyone who did not receive the third edition drop me a line so that I can mail you one. Ann Hite has been good enough to give me a hand so we could double check the subscription list against the mailing list and I am afraid that some of you may not have received the third edition. Everything now checks out but I am not sure it did for the third mailing. You are entitled to it so let me know if you didn't get one.

Love & Hope
Sadie

From Michael Munkasey of Alexandria, Va.:

Thank you for the copies of your early 'Mercury Hour' Newsletters. Hopefully I can straighten out a few mis-conceptions in these which are carried on from astrologer to astrologer. Before I start, though, I have a rectified time on Henry Kissinger, with the rectification ably done by Dr. Wagner of New York, using the Uranian system. This gives Henry an LST of 23-02-45, MC of 14 Pisces 28, and Ascendant of 13 Cancer 50. You mention a problem with the 'Furth' Germany where he was born, being wrong in Dernay's 'Lat. & Longs.' The problem is that there are two Furth's in Germany (and they are not too far apart either). Henry was born in the one at the Lat. & Long. you state in your M.H. #1, and Dernay had the Lat. & Long. for the other (Not Henry's birthplace). Henry's correct Lat. & Long. is 49 N 28, 00 E 44. Henry's LMT is 0647 A.M.

Let me try to clear up some mis-conceptions on sensitive points, and House Systems. First of all let me refer all of your readers to my last article in the AFA Bulletin. (Vol 36, No. 8) Understanding the 5 great circles of astrology is a pre-requisite to understanding anything at all about house systems. I have been able to find only 23 House systems in some kind of use, not the 50 some odd that people speak of. That number comes from Margaret Hone's text, where she quotes another person, a mathematician, as saying there could be theoretically, about 54 systems. Theoretically there could be millions of systems. I have found 23 in use, somewhere - and that includes the one that I have invented to fill an obvious and missing gap in the lore of House systems.

If one goes back to my AFA article, and lets me start from where that article ends, then we see that there are five circles which astrologers compute to define the birth event when erecting a chart. At this point the idea of a division of space around the birth event (i.e. a House System) occurs. House systems may be looked at as being of three types: Direct, Projection, and Intersection types of House systems. Direct types of House systems (I'll abbreviate 'House Systems' to HS) are those types which cut the ecliptic directly - such as the EQUAL HS, which is also called Ptolemy's HS or the Ascendant HS. Another example, and a common one, of a Direct type of HS is the SOLAR HS, where the Sun is on the cusp of the first house. There are eight types of Direct House systems.

Projection HS use one of the five circles described in my AFA article, projected onto the ecliptic. Actually there are five types of circle, when you count diurnal circles, which can be projected onto the ecliptic. One has to remember that it is the ecliptic in all places and for all HS that is being cut. That, the ecliptic, is the 'line' of measurement that we, as astrologers use, to orient our circles. An example of a projection system is the CAMPANUS system, wherein the Prime Vertical is projected onto the ecliptic. Another example is the REGIOMONTANUS, in which the Celestial Equator is projected onto the ecliptic. There are 6 methods of projecting one circle onto another. I invented the ARCTURAN House system, which projects the horizon onto

the ecliptic because of 3 very good reasons: 1) No other system used the Horizon, except the HORIZONTAL HS, and that had the 'Type I' problem (explained below). 2) No House System used the cardinal points of the compass for a birth event - and haven't we all been told that the 'East Point' or the point on the Eastern Horizon (these are, technically speaking, two different points!) is the most important point in astrology? Most astrologers erroneously call that point the ascendant. The East Point, the point of due East on the Horizon, and the Ascendant are three different and distinct points (although in some special cases they may co-incide); 3) Using the East Point of the Horizon as the first House cusp freed the Asc. and MC to 'float' into their natural houses. There are 14 methods of Projection HS. The PLACIDIAN HS is a projection type system.

There is one Intersection method of HS, and that is the KOCH or the GOH system. It is no more 'birthplace' oriented than any other of the 14 Projection type systems. The Koch system doesn't project anything. It creates its own Intersection points. All HS of the Projection and the Intersection type, with the exception of the ARCTURAN and the MORINUS HS suffer from the 'Type I' problem. This problem arises because we seek to divide space - the space around the ecliptic, and we do this division to properly locate the 'houses' for the planets. However, planets have latitude, and as such are rarely on the ecliptic, which is the line that we are cutting. If the planet has a few degrees of latitude, then it does not sit directly on the ecliptic, and then also it is very possible that in cutting the house cusp the line of division (i.e. the line, which, say, divides the 11th house from the 12th house) which passes closest to the planet separates that planet from its sensitive point on the ecliptic, such that the sensitive point lies in one house and the planet winds up occupying the space in the other house! The answer from all astrologers for this dilemma, up until now, has been to say that if the planet is close to the cusp of a house it may draw some of its influence from the other (adjacent) house! NONSENSE! The house division system being used either equitably divides space, or it doesn't. If it doesn't then it is an invalid system and should be dropped from usage.

House systems have two purposes: to divide space, and to give cusps for timing. They may do both, or one of the above, or neither. Those that do neither are simply just mathematical curiosities - and should be recognized as such. However, back to the 'Type I' problem. The MORINUS HS and the ARCTURAN HS are designed to make their cuts such that the planet is never cut off from its ecliptic sensitive point. This is fairly easy to design into the House System. The proof of the pudding then comes with seeing if the ARCTURAN system gives good cusps for timing (it does that, I've even rectified charts with it!) and whether it divides the planets into the spaces that it should for the house system being used. (That is, is a first House Moon, or a person born with a first house moon, have that Moon in the first house with the ARCTURAN system?) In order to test that premise we need several hundred accurate, timed charts, which astrologers have worked with, and which they absolutely know, are absolutely certain of the angles, and the house placements for the planets. THERE is a research project worthy of any industrious astrological group!

The PLACIDIAN, CAMPANUS, REGIOMONTANUS, CLASSICAL, ALCIBITIUS, ZARIEL, etc. HS are all guilty of the 'Type I' errors. Now it just happens that the HS can be investigated mathematically, rather simply, to determine exactly which house space (and I emphasize the word 'SPACE' here because one has to get away from the idea that we are cutting the ecliptic alone with a projection type of system!) the individual planets do occupy. Unfortunately the math is such that no astrologer using a table of houses could do it. The math evolves in computing the table of houses! However, it would be a rather simple thing for us to add the math to the computer programs which calculate charts for us. Then we would know, when using PLACIDUS cusps, if we had an eleventh house Mars, whose sensitive point on the ecliptic fell into the 12th house by a line of house division which cut across the latitude line acutely.

Also arising out of all of this is the question of sensitive points. First, I have to clear another mis-conception. The Zenith is that point which is directly over your head in the sky. The Zenith has nothing to do with the MC or Asc. or any house cusp. When you stand and look around the horizon, that point which is directly over your head in the sky is the Zenith. The MC is somewhere else in the sky (Usually, it is possible that the MC and Zenith could co-incide). We all know that the MC and the ASC are very important sensitive points. Many Astrologers use the VERTEX as an important sensitive point too. It is like a 'cousin' of the ASC. If we use and accept the VERTEX, which is a valid point (Try it-you'll like it!) Then there are two other 'cousins' that we have to use too (Can't buy ice cream for one child when you have four of them standing there!) There is a problem with names here: I call the two 'cousins' the : CO-ASCENDENT and the ANTI-VERTEX. Contrary to many opinions, the Anti-Vertex is not 180 degrees in the zodiac from the vertex. The Anti-Vertex, like the Co-Ascendant, is a 'contra-parallel' VERTEX. The CO-ASCENDENT is a contra-parallel asc. (These are not contra-parallel in the sense of declinations!) Then there are two more sensitive points- you can think of them like second cousins, which I call the Vertical Ascendant (after Johndro), and the East Point (also a la Johndro). These are, respectively, where the ecliptic crosses the North-South (Vertical) axis, and where the ecliptic and Prime Vertical intersect. See my AFA article. These are not the VERTEX, ANTI-VERTEX, CO-ASC., or any other such. They are completely different. There are, then, besides the MC and ASC, at least 5 sensitive points which require much investigation. They are like mini-ascendents. We already know one, the VERTEX, works we suspect the others...

I wrote this to clear up a few mis-conceptions brought forth from your earlier M.H. I like your concept of the M.H. - forgive me please, for being impertinent in pointing out your errors.

PS: There is a new book out on House Systems by Lorenz. In there they give a table of houses for the ALCIBITIUS which is totally incorrect for the description given. Also the cusp accuracy on the other house systems in that book is weak for a computer generated set of house cusps. However, in general the book is good except for those two things.

Mike: You just continue to tell it like you think it is! We love you just the same! Everyone is entitled to their own opinion, right or wrong. Edie.

Dr. Jim Hayes of Murray, Kentucky has some suggestions for the Mercury Hour. (If you have any or want to comment on these, please do so.)

Jim writes: 1. Please try to avoid advertising. Accept it only as a last resort prior to artificial respiration!

(I have tried not to get involved with it because I wanted to keep the MH on a personal basis. I do feel that the people who do subscribe to the MH have sort of a right to "sell" their wares as it were, I haven't been calling it advertising nor been charging for it though some have been thoughtful enough to send in a donation with it. Unless we get many more subscribers we are going to have to do something to bring in some money to keep the MH alive. I don't have to tell any of you how the cost of things has climbed! Edie)

2. Place a word-length limit on contributions. (250-500)

Instead of a word limit how about making it a limit of 3 single-spaced pages? Now here is something you can all do for me. When you send in an article or a letter you think we can use, type it on a separate piece of paper, single-spaced, and leave a margin at the top so I can type in the heading I usually use, leave some margin at the bottom and sides also. This will save a lot of time in retyping. (Saves paper, also!) You could also send me a stamp so I can answer your letters!!! I know some of you do do this but others have forgotten we asked them to. Jason sent me several stamps and said "Maybe you can use these third house things!" We sure can Jason!

3. Set a limit to the number of pages in each edition and stick to it!

This is something I am going to have to do but you have no idea how hard it is to do! I want to put in everything I get, all the letters are so great and so are the articles. I have a hard time trying to decide what to put in each issue and I don't want to leave anything out! If something you send doesn't show up in the next issue, please be patient, it will eventually! Edie)

4. Unless the contributor objects, print his name and address so that readers may deal directly with that person if he feels so moved. I for one do not object to having mine printed.

The only objection I have to this is that the rest of us won't know what is going on! I would rather they answer through the MH so we can all share in it. I think if someone is looking for information for research or a particular chart, then anyone having it could send it direct. But there again, there maybe someone else who is interested. I usually send any information that was asked for direct to that person, when it comes in but first read it to see if anyone might be interested. Guess they had better continue the way we are unless someone can think of something else, like a duplicate letter, one to the person inquiring, so I don't have to mail it to them, and one for the MH so we can all be aware of what is going on. How about that??)

5. Maintain the tone of levity that is naturally Edie's.

Listen Jim, when your shoulders are hunched-back from sitting at the typewriter, your fingers are down to bloody stumps from typing, your eyes are crossed from reading, your animals are meowing for dinner, even your spouse wants to be fed, not to mention a double Virgo Mother-in-law, IT AINT EASY! I SHALL TRY to refrain from jumping up on my soapbox (but I don't promise). I do promise to keep my sense of humor, even when it doesn't show, or even when they carry me out the door to the "funny farm".

James Jason Francis is just about completing his "Devils' Astrological Dictionary". It has approximately 200 terms, as many as 700 definitions. Here is another one of our group who tells it like he sees it. His letters to us are often signed "Yours in the interest of Astrological Revolution!". The following is one of the definitions: Aquarian Age: 1: The enthusiasm that some astrologers have for the Aquarian Age gives one the impression that nudity, group sex, astrology and intellectual advancement is something entirely new. 2: The most appropriate of the zodiacal ages for making an ass of yourself while winning the approval of your Creator.

Sounds like it might be fun, Jason, so let me know when it will be ready.

Congratulations are due to Dr. Jim Hayes who became a GRANDFATHER for the first time on November 19, 1974. Jim's grandson has a Scorpio Sun to go with Jim's Scorpio rising! Are you listening, Johnny Lister????

From Pat Learmonth of Framingham, Mass. comes the following. [The article she mentions is funny and will appear either in this edition or in a later one, depending on the space available.]

"I am enclosing an article I have written aimed at all those ponderous know-it-all types who irritate me no end. My Pisces Moon says I hope you publish it and that I get some good letters to agree with me, and none from those who don't."

You have put together a marvelous newsletter. However through no fault of yours, Teach, (Pat was a former student of mine) some of it is way over my head. And why don't you tell Wayne Donenfeld to stick his head in a pickle barrel? From the standpoint of an intermediate student, which I consider myself to be, I would appreciate some articles on just plain old simple things like transits, aspects in a natal chart - just the basics. There are some funny one or two liners in the newsletter that I like to see also. Your book was sheer delight and I sat here by myself howling while dinner burned. Really, Edie, your writing is so fresh and witty, you certainly ought to do something with it. I can just see you delivering those lectures. You have such a funny delivery- you remind me of Maude on TV. The one on the houses was hilarious and so very true. I also liked the one of the transit of Uranus. It was as accurate as anything I've ever read and much easier to understand.

(Seems like everyone thinks I remind them of Maude! How come nobody ever mentions Greer Garson or Sophia Lorenz? Never mind, don't answer that!)

Here is a letter from Dr. Jim Hayes to Wayne Donenfeld:

Your letter to MH is most certainly the epitome of perfection in semantic gymnastics. Your dissertation upon the Jungian theory of synchronicity warms the cockles of my heart because this theory is held sacred by the professional astrologer.

On the other hand, Wayne, you must needs develop a sense of humor so that the remaining half of your environment doesn't escape you. A Capricornian ascendant will miss the true art if it looks at the art for its own sake! Of little value is a renaissance that cannot become a truly integral part of one's whole life.

I suspect, also, that the reason you cannot become "enthused" is that there is no such word as enthused in the vocabulary of a true "Renaissance man." The word is enthusiastic.

As Edie said to Henry Weingarten, Smile, Wayne!

A question to me from someone in Michigan -- "Do the illustrious Sturms subscribe to the MH? If so, you must give us their reaction on how they feel about receiving your publication on time! Nay, on how they feel about receiving a publication paid for! (J.J. Francis insisted I use his name!) [In answer to your question: NO, the Sturms do not subscribe to the MH!] [Though I can't imagine why not, everybody else is!]

Carolyn Dodson writes to tell us her book on the horoscopes of cities is nearing completion and she is getting excited about it! [I have asked Carolyn to let us know when it is finished as I am sure there are many like myself who will be interested!]

Speaking of horoscopes for cities, try this one on for size.

Lynchburg, Virginia -- Planned and lots laid out - Oct. 1786

Town Charter drawn up - Jan. 10, 1805

City Charter " " - May 2, 1852

They tell me that when all the banks closed in 1929, the banks in Lynchburg closed just ONE DAY and then reopened for business as usual. Now is this a Taurus town or not? I'll even settle for a Capricorn town!! I had no idea when I moved here about the Capricorn-Taurus thing but-----

Steve Arroyo has joined us in our open channel of communication with the following letter: (Steve is from Davis, Cal.)

"Hi! Enclosed is my check for a subscription to the Mercury Hour. I feel that such a channel of communication between astrologers is long overdue. I myself would particularly like to see various astrologers writing in about various "discoveries" they've made about certain astrological factors and configurations that are not seen in most books. In other words, I myself am always coming across very definite correlations which, as far as I know, are different from the usual interpretations found in astrological texts. At times, these correlations contradict the traditional meanings, and at times they confirm them by elucidating more clearly what the textbooks refer to generally. I myself am so busy that I don't have much time for socializing with other astrologers, so the MH could be very meaningful for me if it gave the opportunity to share the insights of other equally-busy astrologers. As examples of what I mean, the following are noted in order that other subscribers to MH might comment on them:

1) I believe it was Carl Payne Tobey who first pointed out that Mars in Scorpio or Taurus (but especially Scorpio) in women's charts often correlates with hysterectomies. Well, it seems from my research, that Mars in Scorpio in anyone's chart often correlates with operations on the sexual organs, or in the general area of the groin (such as hernias). This of course is a rather traditional idea, but I'd like to see if others can confirm it. I know of two cases of men who have had repeated surgery for hernias, and each operation (as many operations do) only seems to make things worse. Also, it seems that Mars in Scorpio in women often induces them to not want children, and I've seen a few who get tubal ligations when childless and in their 20s.

2) I have seen 5 charts so far where the person has either changed his or her name when an adult or had his or her name changed more than once when a child. All of them have Uranus square or opposite the moon, indicating to me a strong urge to break free of the past conditioning associated with their old name.

3) Many old books state that the "ruling planet" of the chart is the ruler of the ascending sign, and my own feelings confirm this for the following reason particularly. I was last year present at a home birth, during which time I had lost track of what clock time it was since I was so involved with helping out. Hence, I had no conscious idea of what sign might be rising when the birth finally happened. However, when the baby finally was born and started to breathe, there was an incredibly strong Saturn vibration in the room which everyone noticed. It was as if another presence had suddenly arrived to preside over the birth. At the very moment of birth, I turned toward another person in the room (who is also familiar with astrology) and said, "This kid has some very heavy Saturn influence". Later that night, I drew his chart, and sure enough -- he has Capricorn on his ascendant, and Saturn in his Sun sign Gemini. (But Saturn is not within even a wide orb of being conjunct the Sun.) The ruler of the Ascendant it seems to me, is that impulse which, so to speak, presides over your entire life, prompting you to approach all of life in the way symbolized by that planet. And, aspects to the ruling planet are just as important as aspects to the sun when it comes to judging how easily a person may be able to express himself and fulfill himself.

4) A couple of books worth reading, mainly because of their unique styles and original insights: Vaughan's "Astrology in Modern Language" and Marc Robertson's booklet on Saturn.

[Steve: Try "Miracles of the Mind and Astrology" by R. Mulhins. I found that one very interesting as well as the two you mentioned!]

This was sent to us by Lorraine Larsen, Age 14 - Sun in Cancer, Moon in Gemini, Ascendant in Leo - (Poem inspired by Mother)

THE ASTROLOGERS' SERMON

Look to the stars	Look to the stars	Look to the stars
When you're in doubt	When you're concerned	When things look bad
They'll tell you completely	They'll give you the	Maybe you'll end up
What it's all about	answers	Happy instead of sad.
	With lessons to learn.	

From Jovlyn Hill of Denver, Colorado

I disagree with Will Ambrose of Seattle, Wash., on his critique of Carl Payne Tobey's book, The Astrology of Inner Space. He entitles his piece, "Traditional Rulerships Vindicated." He says, "What bothered me was why did he run the signs backward? He gives no reason for it. I was thoroughly perplexed by this mystery." What's so great about the present system with south up, north down, east on the left and west on the right? What reason is there for that except that most astrological systems were developed in countries north of the equator, and that when you live in the north and look south to the equator, the east is on your left and the west is on your right?

I think Tobey's sign rulerships fit. Virgo as ruler of the 12th house and Neptune as ruler of the sixth house: When we get up in the morning we get rid of body wastes, wash ourselves, eat breakfast (literally break - fast), try and tidy up the place a little, and go off to work, (or clean the house and wash the dishes, if we are a housewife.) The 12th house is the house of prisons and institutions, the trapped feeling of doing your duty, or what's right, (or if you don't, it's to your own self-undoing.) Hospitals, doctors, nurses - Virgo people, if any sign is appropriate. The old nose to the grindstone - work, sacrifice. Now, why should Neptune rule here? Neptune rules flight, escape, imagination, shirking your work, freedom from captivity, daydreaming that you're going to be somebody someday. When we come home from work, (escape if you like,) the sun has set, we are in Neptune's realm. We are tired from the day's work, (beat, if you will,) and we want a little rest and relaxation. Maybe switch on the T.V. and escape from the humdrum. Have supper by candlelight for a change. Get in the mood for love later on. Time to let our hair down and take it out on somebody else if they get on our nerves. Weakness, lethargy. Appropriate, wouldn't you say for the house of health and sickness?

Libra ruling the eleventh house. What's so friendly about Aquarius? Libra is the friendliest sign, and feels more secure with companions. Cooperation, compromise, don't we need these qualities to make friends and to guide organizations? Friendships are platonic. Libra isn't sticky and emotional. Indecisive maybe, a little shallow to the more passionate earth and water signs. We love our friends, (our hopes, wishes and dreams are our mental friends,) but in a different way than our spouses. In any statistical analysis of homosexuals by sign, Libra is always prominent. (Please don't be offended, you heterosexual Librans.) Our friends appeal to us by their mental outlook, and by their personalities. Otherwise, they wouldn't be friends, they would be something else.

Aries ruling the 5th house. What's more childish or impulsive than an Aries? Or more bent on adventure and pleasure? Action, not talk. Need anything more be said about Mars and sex? Maybe Aries is addicted to gambling and speculation, more than other signs, as Tobey says; who is more willing to take a risk than Mars-ruled Aries? They talk about Capricorn being a good father, but sometimes patience and a stern look are not enough. You work with your kids, you play with your kids, and you paddle them when they get uppity. The child's short attention span is captured more easily when the discipline is exerted soon after the mischief starts. Strenuous. You bet. The values of the father are shown in the second house from the fourth (fifth).

Scorpio ruling the tenth house. Our mothers. We can approach it from the psychological angle, and say that Scorpio sex is female (Pluto) while Aries sex is male (Mars). They are mate signs, according to Tobey, two sides of the same coin. Garth Allen believed that Pluto was the higher octave of the Earth, not Mars, as most astrologers believe. Uranus, higher octave of Mercury, Neptune, higher octave of Venus. Earth follows Venus, not Mars. I'm sorry, Garth Allen believed that Pluto was the higher octave of the Moon, not the Earth, but it is fair to say that the Earth and the Moon are a double planet. (Why should a satellite rule one of the signs of the zodiac anyway? Mother Earth - seventy-percent water. The oceans, life. What could be more descriptive of Cancer?) What is the first law of life? Self-preservation. This is Scorpio's realm. The mother animal protecting her offspring, and hunting for something to eat, while she is trying to get the predator off the trail by feigning a strategy whereby her offspring are concealed, and she runs in another direction. Survival is Scorpio's work, and it's a time-consuming job. Isn't that what work in the outside world, with all its competition, is about? Ever had a Scorpio boss? What a disciplinarian! But kindly, underneath. Let me tell you, though, Scorpio wants to rule the roost. In reading the death of a mother in a horoscope, check the Moon's progressions and directions, and check Pluto. Read Charles Jayne on Pluto. Especially, Pluto's declinations to your other planets.

Taurus, the sign of the farmer ruling the fourth house of the home and real estate. Who loves to live in nice big houses, I mean besides Venus in Leo? Who loves domesticity more? Patient, plodding Taurus. I strongly believe in the polarity of the signs. (The earth, or our bodies, receive the influence of the planet in the opposite sign. The organs of balance, Libra, are located in our head. The thyroid, having much to do with our sex drive, is located in the throat, - Taurus. Virgo with the Intestines. What, clean hygienic Virgo? What is opposite Virgo? Pisces, of course, the garbage sign. Oops, sorry, Pisces.) The fourth house of endings and circumstances surrounding death. Well, Scorpio is the polarity of Taurus. Taurus makes a good father. A little easy going.

Speaking of death, how about Saturn the reaper ruling Capricorn, naturally assigned to the eighth house by Tobey's system? Insurance, wills, all of that more fits Capricorn than Scorpio. The eighth house also represents the emotional side of sex, which unconsciously perhaps, we have to discipline more this appetite to get along in this civilized world, than our other appetites like eating and drinking. Capricorn may be restrictive on the surface, but according to Barbara Watters, statistics show those old goats give up the physical side only late in life. Scorpio is actually inhibited sexually. Many of the clergy even nuns and priests have a lot of Scorpio somewhere, if not the Sun-sign. Scorpio sublimates but Capricorn is more overt.

(Maybe trying to convince?) He doesn't want you to think he's completely stuck on responsibility, and has no other interest.

Tobey does a good job associating Cancer with money, and citing the number of Cancer millionaires. They know how to save. (Polarity of Capricorn, natch.) Enough said. This is getting too long. I just want to say that Tobey's book is the biggest eye-opener I ever read, and his Egyptian progressions and mate-signs are gems that we have long needed to enrich this colorful tapestry called astrology.

VIRGO TO AQUARIUS

By Arlene Robertson of San Diego, Calif.

Will you please go now?

And take your Aquarius Sun sign with you.

For heaven's sake don't leave it lying there with all the photos of the sand lot ball team, the folders from the Peace Corps, the letters from the orphan in Korea, the campaign booklets praising Proposition Two. They're mucking up the antique coffee table And goodness knows I try to keep it looking new.

And while you're at it

Pick up all your ephemerides

and books on biofeedback, alpha levels, mind control, your meditation lessons and your cardboard pyramids. Don't bother me with other worlds and new dimensions. I find it hard enough to cope with this one as it is.

Do you want the first aid kit, the cans of bug spray, the yogurt maker that I bought on sale, some brewer's yeast, some lecithin and rose hips, or any niacin, potassium or sugar substitute? You never really learned to like alfalfa sprouts. Well, I guess that's so much protein down the chute.

And in a few days when I'm feeling fine again I'll mail the Christmas cards and birthday lists and xerox copies of our income tax for five years past and color snapshots of our European trip and any other vital information you may need. You know, I've really tried my best to run a tidy ship.

And when you leave, don't say goodbye.

Shut the door gently. After you're gone

I'll sweep up all the threadbare hopes and broken dreams lying on the floor in disarray and drop them in a plastic bag and tie it shut and put it outside on the curb for the trash collection

early in the day.

Joylyn Hill of Denver, Colorado has asked that I add the following to her letter in reply to Will Ambrose's critique of Carl Payne Tobey's "Astrology of Inner Space", so here it is:

Back on Virgo's path, I notice that if I talk about something, and to shorten the length of the argument I leave out things, I get whammed. Space is precious in any journal; but the stickler doesn't take that into consideration. Your last correspondence said that you were thinking of publishing my reply to Will Ambrose's critique of Carl Payne Tobey's "Astrology of Inner Space." To make my defense credible, I'll have to take up all the houses. So here goes:

Using Will Ambrose's technique, I place Gemini on the ascendent, and Leo appear on the third house cusp. (This is the house where Gemini would "shine" or express itself naturally, according to Ambrose.) Also, when we place Sagittarius on the ascendent, Leo appears on the ninth house cusp. Since both systems are the same in these two instances on the concept of natural rulership, I will skip over them.

I seem to remember that the ancients hid their secret wisdom from the profane by changing certain parts. The student grounded in the true understanding of the information being conveyed, would know what was being done. Tobey claims he is only rediscovering what the ancients were doing, not putting forth any new or original theory of his.

There is one house rulership I have not covered - the seventh house. By placing Aquarius on the ascendent, Leo appears on the seventh house cusp. Does this mean that Aquarius shines best in seventh house matters? How absolutely crazy, a lot of people would say, Aquarius rules marriage? Why, Uranus, Aquarius' ruler, is the planet of divorce!

But is it so crazy? Isn't marriage a series of ups and downs? Isn't it "just one d--- thing after another," as one of my friends told me after he got a divorce? To some people, it's like riding a tiger, or like trying to turn oneself inside out in order to appease the partner. The course of love runs smooth only in fictional, sentimental 19th-century romances. The fastest way to mature, (or to find out how immature you are,) is to get married. The reason for this is that the individual has to change, he has to grow in order to cope with reality. Certainly this is what Uranus wants us to do -- face the hard, cold reality of this world and become resourceful. Very uncomfortable for some people.

What is the most other-directed sign of the zodiac? Aquarius. Your eleventh sign is very concerned about the social welfare of other people; in fact some people accuse Aquarius of being so concerned with social uplift and humanitarian causes that he fails to see what needs improvement in his own country, his own neighborhood, or who needs help in his own family. "Big Brother" wants us to place the humanitarian ideal, or the needs of society - "other people" - above the desires of the self, above our own "selfish" concerns. Too much "other-directedness" however, makes us social robots, not well-rounded human beings with individual and private personalities.

If we show concern for the welfare of others and their particular needs and problems, we are more likely to develop a lasting partnership, and the same holds true for nations and their allies. When change and adjustment are no longer possible between nations, then we have war - sudden, terrifying, and destructive. Then there will be a new order following the debacle. Picking up the pieces afterward - I'm sure that's the way to describe a marriage "on the rocks". The adjustment to single living again can be traumatic.

I am the first to agree that we probably have not discovered the true rulers of Virgo and Libra yet. However, of one thing I feel sure, and that is that Venus does not rule the seventh house.

Venus can be passive, peaceful, and possessive, and of course, beautiful and loving, but I don't think we should any longer associate it with the seventh house of social contracts.

The Uranian form of government is a social contract. We fought a revolution to secure certain rights, and proclaimed that " -- governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that when any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute new government--."

Marriage is a personal social arrangement. At one time divorce was nearly impossible and almost unheard of. Prior to the middle of the eighteenth century, people knew that governments derived their powers from the divine authority of church and king. Since that time secularization of marriage and the separation of church and state has proceeded slowly but surely.

Most people would agree, I believe, that the large majority of contracts are intended to be binding when they are written. For this reason, I think that a fixed sign is descriptive of seventh house values, and Aquarius fulfills this expectation. It is natural to want all the angles stable because our life, home, marriage and our career are so important to us.

Many astrologers know that the ancients placed the fixed signs on the angles. I don't believe this occurred just because it was the Age of Taurus, and that the Greeks changed the angles to cardinal signs because they had entered the Age of Aries when they began working with astrology. I think the Greeks were getting second-hand astrology of an inferior sort.

In Numbers II:1-31 of the Old Testament, we read, "The Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron and said, 'The Israelites shall encamp each under his own standard by the emblems of his father's family; --' What follows is an interesting description from an astrological viewpoint. The tribe of Judah (lion's whelp) is to camp on the east side, the tribe of Ephraim (angel) is to camp on the west side, while the tribe of Dan (serpent) and the tribe of Reuben (bull) are to camp on the north and south sides. The tabernacle (Earth?) was to be in the center.

In this system, the mutable still govern the cadent houses, but the cardinal signs now govern the succedent houses of money and sex. It will take quite a revolution in our thinking to change this much of traditional astrology.

From Ruth Dewey of Denver, Colo.:

I have a new "key-word" for Saturn, "jury-duty". I am in the midst of my second stint of jury duty in the last three years. The year I didn't serve my husband did! During this period Saturn has been parallel my MC, and both times the natal position of my Sun was heavily aspected as well. So far I have been thrown off 4 panels which I suspect is due to my occupation, "Astrologer". I did get to sit one jury, though. We acquitted a man of "driving under the influence of". The Sun rules my 12th. house!

We are grateful to Aimee Casey of Stuart, Florida who took the time to make some comments on the third edition and ask a few questions of her own. "Your last Mercury Hour took several hours to digest and every minute of it was a pleasure. My little chihuahua, Si Si, is a Capricorn and knows she's the "authority" in this household. She never worries about her prestige, she has it made.

Going into some of the ideas brought out in the MH: I have found that Saturn near the Ascendant or in the first indicates a difficult birth--a delayed entrance into this world.

Bravo for Robert A. DePesquo in his reply to Will Ambrose's letter. Also Wayne Donenfeld makes a lot of sense in throwing responsibility right back into the lap of a client.

I would very much like to find some method of rectification that doesn't require advanced math and a lot of "iffy" things depending on pre-natal conditions, etc. I wonder if any MH subscribers has found a method that appears to work. If so, PLEASE let's hear about it! Of course I am aware it is a very complex procedure. In my class of retirees very few have their time of birth and I would like to be of some help. I wish Zip would put her method (in its entirety) into book form.

Re: Charlene Miccolis's "Thoughts on Teaching Astrology". I agree that one should emphasize the positive but I believe that the squares and oppositions have a purpose as they are builders. If we aren't aware of our short-comings how are we to correct them? Too much emphasis on the positive is like giving sugar-plums to one who needs a cathartic. Also it can produce ego-maniacs. I say "Let's strike a happy medium". I agree with you that mercury is exalted in Aquarius, but then like you I also have it there! I find that the majority of recent and reputable writers agree with us.

It would be interesting to know more about Angela Mazzilli with Sun in Pisces, Moon and MC in Pisces, and Cancer rising. I would think with all that water she would just float away. She should be a natural psychic. I wonder where her Neptune is? She must be either highly spiritual or a real foggy mixed up kid! (Hey Angie, how about dropping in on earth for awhile and answering Aimee?) Tell Arlene Robertson that Ferdinand is not always smelling the flowers. I know as I married a Taurean -- not to say I am sorry, he is all a good Taurean should be.

Clo Curti of the NINTH HOUSE BOOK STORE 6014 Royalton Rd., North Royalton Ohio 44133 is looking for birth time and data on autistic children. If anyone has any please send it to her. She is doing some research on this.

The following is a letter I received from the Executive Secretary of the AFA, Robert Cooper. Since the Mercury Hour belongs to the people who are a part of it and I only write what you tell me to, I feel it would be better if some of you answered him, rather than I. As far as the "alleged comments" you know as well as I that there was nothing "alleged" about them, each one was given to me personally! Some of the reviews I read in other places were no better or worse than what we said in the MH, all had about the same complaints. It is nice to know he recognizes my ability! (It's about time somebody did!) Can I help it if I have Jupiter in Scorpio? I feel terrible that he had to "read the MH over someone's shoulder," so to speak, so will send him his own personal copy of this issue, along with an application form. Perhaps he would like to join us and discover what some of the astrologers in the U.S. are really thinking and saying to each other, unedited, via the MH. Just about 300 astrologers have discovered the MH is fun, informative, and meant for all of us to be able to, right or wrong, tell it like we think it is! (Maybe if Bob joins us he will be able to smile along with Henry and Wayne!)

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

28 October 1974

Edith Custer
3509 Waterlick Rd.,
Lynchburg, Va. 24502

Dear Ms. Custer:

We have come into possession of a copy of your AFA Convention report as printed in the Mercury Hour Letter recently. The report was read, with much interest, for it contained much "news" about complaints, lack of humor, items in "bad taste", etc.

Even though we have several hundred letters congratulating Headquarters, the Board of Directors, those individuals principally concerned with the Convention's success (or failure), yours was most attentively received, for, while we may not have the capabilities or talents of some one of your ability for spotting disturbing things, we make up for the deficiencies by our full commitment to do the best with what we have.

In all probability you have, at ready reply, the answers we seek, to eliminate all of the problems, troubles etc. you so proficiently outlined in your report. As a service to the astrological community we all wish to serve and in the interest of aiding the next Convention in eliminating the enumerated troubles, would you take a minute of your time and outline how you would handle all of the items you found, either personally, or by other comments to be intolerable? Naturally you were kidding when you published the comment by Marc, who uses this type of thing as an introduction to his talks, for AFA DID NOT issue any such directive; further, none of the present AFA Directors or faculty members are but 100% supportive of good fun and laughter as there is no other method known to be more positive in bringing home a point in an lecture or class. As a matter of fact it's fun to read stories of alleged comments made by this or that person which in reality just isn't true. Then, too, you realize Conventions have to be geared to the size of the spaces available, which doesn't permit every scheduled meeting to be in the ideal room.

In essence, we seek your thoughts on putting together a 2500 people Convention, with expansion past 3500, starting from scratch, without any hold-backs on what has occurred in the past, but how YOU would handle and organize this meeting so that it would be perfect, without complaints. We'll eagerly await your conscientious reply.

Sincerely,

Robert Cooper
Executive Secretary

Zip Dobyns wrote to tell us about newly formed IAA:

Out of an unscheduled, impromptu research discussion at the English conference in Sept., 1974, a new concept has been born. Individuals from nine countries were present in the meeting, all concerned with research in astrology, and all feeling the need for more communication without heavy over-head expense and red tape. The group decided to attempt a network of communication between active researchers, to be known as International Astrological Abstracts, and to consist of a report on progress from each group to be sent to each other group at least once a year. Anyone engaged in serious research who has results to report can become a member by sending his report to the other members on the list. The only expense will be the duplication of the yearly (or more often if desired) report and postage to mail it to the rest of the participating groups. Summaries of the reports are to be sent in German and French, though the full report will be in English for most groups. Although NCGR was not listed originally, it will undoubtedly be added and could serve as a clearing house for American groups who might have difficulty with the need for some knowledge of German and French. It is hoped that a similar exchange can be set up within the U. S., perhaps with Zip Dobyns and Tony Joseph as coordinators. Tony writes the newsletter for NCGR and Zip is in contact with numerous groups through her travels around the country. Zip reports that several research projects are underway in Texas with University cooperation. One of these days, there should be some results to report. A big study on alcoholism is being conducted in Kansas, using the harmonic program from England and the ideas of John Addey. Addey's latest booklet on his harmonic research is fascinating. It can be ordered from the Astrological Association in England.

[Zip's new book "Finding the Person in the Horoscope" is now available. It retails for \$2.00 and can be obtained by writing to TIA Publications, P.O. Box 45558, Los Angeles, Cal. 90045. I personally found the book great. It tells it like it is! Some of the headings include "Materialistic vs. Humanistic Astrology", "The Exaltation Falacy", "Elements", "Qualities" and the "Right Thing in the Wrong Place", as well as "Astrological Dilemmas". Under Elements Zip wrote "Earth and Water can make mud or wet cement. Where they are emphasized we have the mothers and fathers and saviors of the world. With the urge of earth to carry the load and the need for attachment and closeness of water, the combination is almost always nurturant." Zip also said she is planning on the same thing for her rectification workshops as soon as she can finish the book. She started it last summer but ran out of time! She is also working on a 24 lesson correspondence course.

Joyce Weinberg of Baldwin, N.Y. had some nice words to say about the MH: Enclosed is my \$7.00 for next years subscription. IT'S WORTH IT! I enjoy reading every word of it. It's a paper we really needed to let everyone know what's going on in the astrological world, especially the news. Where else does it exist? And you print the TRUTH - which is even harder to find extant! Please keep it up. Lots and lots of LUCK!

Johnny Lister of Boise, Idaho is all excited about his new grand-son! Congratulations, Johnny! He tells us the following: He has a Leo ASC., an Aries MC. Reinforcing this is the fact that, in spite of the fact that he is a Libra like me, he has Pluto 2 deg. from his Sun and Mars only 6 deg. from his Sun. He'll be a Libra, but he'll be tough. He'll know how to fight in a way his grandfather had to spend 50 years learning. (Johnny -- For Goodness sake -- We love you just the same, even if you are a Libran grandfather!) I still think your Moon is in Leo! Who else could give the wonderful dramatic presentations you call lectures. People pay attention, listen and learn when you go into "your act". Forgive me, I meant "lecture" (NO! I meant "act". - so there!)

The Rev. X. Porter Friedman sent in an extra donation (THANK YOU, dear heart) plus lots of comments which will be printed here and there throughout the coming issues. I'll start with her opening letter:

"I am delighted at the invitation to tell it like it is, and desire to begin practicing that skill in things other than book reviews and reports on conference activities and response thereto. This invitation seems REAL to me since you are, as far as I can see, doing the same thing, and my donation is really to encourage you to keep putting your mouth where your heart is. I will tell you that I shall feel that things are not as proposed when/if you become interested in directing the aspirants toward the "proper" magical touch which assures that they have learned the ritual and cant sufficiently well to keep from making waves in the pasteboard world so many value highly. Nor will I maintain my kindly attitude if you begin taking research information seriously and authoritarily instead of just letting individuals report what hobby horses they are currently riding. I think one of the best purposes you serve is to expose the variety of voices speaking out, the variety of interests being pursued, the variety of ethical and humanitarian stances being spoken from. For instance, Willie Ambrose spoke out of his being in a previous issue, and up pops a guy named Robt. A. DePesquo to protest such speaking in mellifluous tones, and at the same time comes along Wayne Donenfeld to say that he doesn't much relish the tone of anyone, while Willie is back to show that he is using his mind as well as his conditioned responses. Willie gets merit badges in my league for a lack of shoulds and oughts, demonstrated ability to think his way through the ideas of other persons, hard work, persistence. The King's henchman from the frigid/rigid northeast gets an A for polish, and WD has a banner for courage. In MY book. And what fun to be making book in such excitement!

Porter also has a nice plug for Neil Michelsen (Astrocomputing Services)! "I'm a confirmed user of Astrocomputing Services and have a heart-y interest in seeing the rest of the world informed about him and his work. When working with a chart that is important to me I order a great deal of data processed by Neil because it checks my own work out for the basic calculations, and it provides error-free data which it is very difficult to collate conveniently otherwise. Trying to utilize all of the data on printout sheets from him has expanded my understanding of the celestial and mathematical mechanics underlying the philosophies of astrology enormously, and thereby I am richer in philosophy and in total understanding of universal processes."

Here is a cute story from Chris and Hal Rechter of Chicago, Ill. "An Expectant Gemini cat who resides at our home, after scouting the premises, rejected all offers of plush bedding last May 28th. To deliver seven Gemini kittens -- in the bottom shelf of a book case, tearing up irreplaceable old astrological journals for bedding, pushing away blankets. Papa cat, a proper Leo, aided in the wash-up operation and retains an affectionate attitude toward his offspring."

I am sure Bob Mulkins (Cosmic Researchers) of Atascadero, Cal. doesn't need an introduction to many of you. His sun is in Sag., Asc. is Sag., Moon in Scorpio and MC is Libra. He has written several books, among them "Miracles of the Mind and Astrology" (which I found very interesting) and "Secrets of Teaching and Interpreting Astrology". Bob tells us: "I began investigating Astrology, while still in college, to disprove it. I was studying for the Orthodox Christian ministry and wanted to prove to myself that Astrology was superstitious hog-wash. But, like so many..." "I came to scoff and stayed to pray." That was 35 years ago, and from that time to the present, Astrology has been my basic philosophy of life and the key to the vital link between mere man (me)...and God.

From Isabel Hickey, who has joined us in the open channel of communication.

Send 20 of your books. It's terrific! I'll look forward to the next MH. They are great!

SHORT BIOGRAPHY and how I got involved in Astrology

In the long ago I wanted the answers to the meaning of Life and I went looking for them. I was born in Brookline, Mass. of a middle-class family who had high morals and integrity but were very rigid in their religious views. My father was a fundamentalist and my mother a Presbyterian; later I was to have a Catholic husband. Can you imagine how much of a trial I must have been to all three of them. Dogma and traditional values were being assaulted because I could not accept them without knowing why. I wanted to know many things they could not answer. Why did I have a husband who went to church on Sunday and followed all the rules but didn't understand the 'why' of any of them? Why did I have a father who never took a drink in his life and my girl friend's father drank and beat his children when he was drunk? Why did parents have to lose a child before it grew up and lived a life? I met my first spiritual teacher when I was 30 years old. I was taught the law of rebirth and the law of Karma and learned that we were vibrantly connected with everything that happened to us. I learned we picked our parents before we came into the new body and had very good reasons for doing so even if we didn't remember it when we got down here.

Time came when I was able through meditation to come in contact with my Higher Self within me. I learned how to seek divine guidance and I wanted to be a disciple of the Light. I was ready to obey with no idea of what I would be asked to do. 'Be an astrologer'.. Frankly I was horrified. I have been studying it to help my two high schoolers and finding it fascinating but never dreamed it would go farther than that. My family were horrified. 'a fortuneteller in the family.' When I agreed and said 'Yes, Lord' I made a pact with my Higher Self. I would never look for a client, a class or anything else. That those God would help through me would seek for me. I would ask for inner direction and I would know that my Higher Self would run the show and it would be my job to keep the ego out of the way so the channel would be clear. And so has it been from that day to this, whether it is classes, clients, lectures, workshops, retreats, writing, it has come through being under the direction of my Essential Self. I have never spent any money on advertising my books; they have sold themselves.

I didn't want to get hooked on any materialism so from the beginning when I was told to charge (\$3 for many years) I asked that every once in awhile in my morning meditation I would be impressed "Take no money today. You are working for Me." On that day when they wanted to pay me I would say, "I am working for my Lord today and He owns the Universe and doesn't need any money." If I were to tell you what would happen on those days it would be unbelievable. That would be the day those who came desperately needed the help and couldn't afford it. Within the week three times as much as I gave out would come back to me in the most unusual ways.

Because I know a great many people cannot afford the fee that many astrologers are charging I feel badly for those in need who cannot afford it and the astrologers that are bypassing their needs for I know the Karma it entails. They cannot be rightly guided in their counseling because the forces of Light and their own Higher Self must have channels clear of ego.

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Recently there has been a new energy released on the planet. Crystallized patterns and hidden frailties are coming up for transmutation. Energy is coming through at an intensified speed and, depending on how we use it, we will rise or fall. The cosmic broom (the comet) is sweeping up the dirt and debris; housecleaning - collectively, nationally and personally is the order of the day. None can escape it.

It was very clear in San Francisco at the National Convention that new age Astrology dealing with spiritual values was not part of the A P of A plan. When the resolutions were passed and boos and noes resounded through the hall, people were trying to tell them something. They were completely ignored. Many letters of objection to the way they functioned have been sent to them from all over the country. I know for I have been sent copies of the letters that have been sent in. Each person received an unsatisfactory answer and the writer was very much on the defensive. A very rigid attitude was apparent. One letter writer said: "I took a look at that head table. Not one youth in their midst. When I saw the crystallization in their auras and the lack of radiance and love in their faces I knew it was hopeless to expect them to understand what the new age is all about." I heard many comments from well known professional astrologers that politics of the tight little group, going on year after year, the nominating committee carefully chosen, would keep it from being any different. I don't know whether that is true or not. I like Sarah and Robert Cooper for they are really nice people but their vision is very limited. They are afraid. The last two conventions they have been so up-tight you can't help feeling sorry for them. They work so hard and it's not an easy task. They have not learned as yet to LET GO AND LET GOD. No blame. That is where they are at. They will continue to attract those who are interested in the techniques, academia and research and it will fill a need.

I have had people writing letters from all over the country concerning a group consciousness dedicated to the new age astrology with a spiritual orientation. I have not done anything about it as yet. I won't until I know how many in this country are sincerely wanting that kind of approach. The coming year it looks as though I will be all over the country giving workshops, lectures, meditation retreats, etc. I will be in California for the month of Feb. Before I make any commitment where group consciousness is concerned (dedicated to raising the level of consciousness to higher values) I am asking all those who are interested to send me a postcard (35 Maple St., Watertown, Mass. 02172) saying 'I am interested in the kind of spiritually oriented astrology you are talking about.' Put your name and address on the card (nothing else) and I will keep you informed. If there are enough interested we will have a get-together...and discuss it. There will be no officers but probably a council of dedicated servers who would set up a conference twice a year, one in the East and one in the West. These are just swirlings of ideas. Nothing has crystallized and won't unless there is a real demand for the kind of approach that will bring help and healing THROUGH not from.

BLESSINGS TO ALL

Isabel Hickey's Schedule for the month of Feb. 1975 is as follows:

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| Feb. 1-2 | Anaheim Astrological Group II - Sun Sign Book Store |
| Feb. 8 | Workshop Saturday, 2 to 5 PM at Academy of Atlantis,
12201 Wilshire Blvd., Hollywood |
| Feb. 9 | Sunday, 1:30 to 4:30 PM - Aleph Bookstore, 304 No.
Verduco, Calif. |
| Feb. 17 | So. Calif. Astro. Assoc., 213 No. Broadmore, West
Covina, Calif. 91790 (at Holiday Inn) - Tel. 337-1062 |

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In Steve Arroyo's last letter from Davis, Cal. he wrote this to Will Ambrose:

In reference to Will Ambrose's letter in an early issue of the MH: I agree with him completely that astrology may be used and often is used as simply a mind-game with which one plays with words and ideas at the expense of getting into the depths of the person's real needs. This limitation in most astrological practice became apparent to me early in my studies (about 7 years ago) and so led me to study Gestalt Psychology, yoga, and -- particularly -- Polarity Therapy. Polarity Therapy is a system of energy balance similar to acupuncture in many ways but uses only the hands of the therapist rather than needles and also deals with the entire energy field of the individual, thus effecting a new balance and release of blocks in the mental, emotional and physical levels. Astrology is primarily a cosmic science, but it necessarily uses words to describe the inner workings of the life forces. Hence, it is often a powerful tool, but at times (depending on who's using it and how) it can be a superficial way of trying to explain out of existence real problems that can only be dealt with in a way more immediate than mere talk. For example, if one has a stressfully aspected Moon in Scorpio, all the talk in the world won't be as effective a therapy as some procedure to lead the person to confront the intensity of emotional struggle within him. I myself use astrology as a tool in counseling and therapy, in order to point out very specifically where the problems lie and what the deepest causes are that give rise to the problems. However, once that is clear to me, then it is time for action: if the person really wants to deal with the essence of his inner struggles. And that is where Polarity Therapy comes in, for it is a way of dealing with the stresses and imbalances that arise in everyone periodically at the same energy level as the astrological forces that we're talking about. Presently I am teaching workshops in Polarity Therapy to astrologers and non-astrologers, and I'd be happy to send a sheet describing Polarity Therapy and how it was developed to anyone who requests it. The workshops I teach are weekend seminars and I've been doing some out of state also. Some books are available on Polarity Therapy, altho it is necessary to attend a workshop before one can really understand the books. The basis of all of Polarity Therapy, incidentally, is that the four "elements" of astrology are in reality living energy forces that one can work with in an immediate way.

Looking forward to the next issue of the MH. Steve!

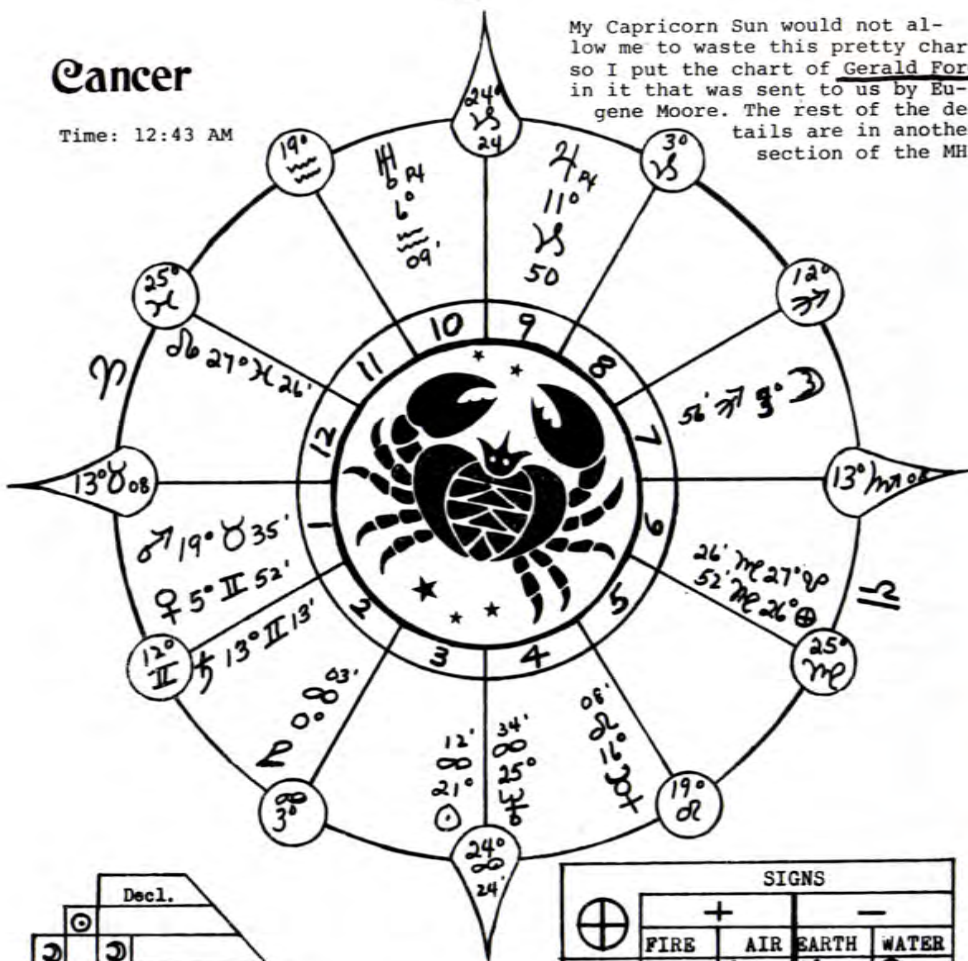
Dean and Jessica Benenz will be the Seminar Leaders for the Second Annual European Touring Seminar for the SBA and Group Harmonics Centre. It will take place June 15th. to July 5th., 1975 and will visit Belgium, Switzerland and Germany. (Incidentally, when Dean sent in his 'request form' for the MH, where we ask for a short biography, Dean wrote: "This will be a typical Scorpio LONG BIOGRAPHY!" -- and that's all he wrote!) Speakers at the touring seminar will include Dr. George Unger, Dr. Hans Bender, Friedrich Gladitz, Edith Wangemann, and Dr. Theodore Landscheidt, among others. Approximate cost: \$1250.00. For further information write to: SBA Tour c/o Group Harmonics Center, 115 Harvard Ave. S.E., Albuquerque, N.M. 87106.

The United States Government is trying to drive the astrologers "up the wall"!!! At any rate you would think so with the way they keep changing "time" back and forth. Does anyone have all the different areas in the U.S. that were or were not on Daylight Saving Time during the past year? If so, do us a favor and send them to me and I will put it in the MH so we will all have a copy of it. (As they say here in Virginia - "Would 'precitate that!").

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My Capricorn Sun would not allow me to waste this pretty chart so I put the chart of Gerald Ford in it that was sent to us by Eugene Moore. The rest of the details are in another section of the MH!



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The following was sent to us from Peggy Higgins, a new member of the Astrological Association of Florida

I've just returned from A WEEKEND OF ASTROLOGY, a conference held in Tampa, Fla. sponsored by the Astrological Association of Florida. Though the attendance was disappointing, it was the consensus of opinion among those who were there that it was one of the most enlivening and enlightening meetings of this type.

Plagued by a series of delays and frustrations, including a postponement of the conference from its original date set for last Spring (due to the energy crisis) to the fact that the announcements for the new date were delayed in the mails and were not received by many until too late for them to attend, this meeting nonetheless contained an outstanding array of guest lecturers and teachers.

Among them were Joseph F. Goodavage, author of several books, including "How to Write Your Own Horoscope", who opened the conference with a presentation entitled "The Science of the Future" concerned mostly with the role of Astrology in future weather predictions.

Mr. Goodavage was followed by Louis Acker, co-author of "The Astrologer's Handbook" and numerous other books on the transits of the outer planets. His lecture dealt with the chart of the United States and what to expect in the coming two years. Though discouraging, it was brilliantly presented and well received.

Mr. Acker also conducted a workshop on the planet Pluto through the houses of the natal horoscope. Having first-hand acquaintance with this planet (it being conjunct his natal Ascendant at 0° Leo) this workshop shed a great deal of new light on a planet about which so little is still known. He is one of the younger, brighter lights on the Astrological horizon and I sincerely hope he will be included in the roster of speakers at future astrological conventions.

Al Morrison, who is well known in the astrological community, also conducted a very instructive class covering the charts of Gerald Ford and Nelson Rockefeller as they relate to the U.S. Chart.

Among the other instructors and lecturers were Glenda Buccholz, David Cochrane, Carolyn Davis, Vera Ellen, Robert Fogle, Phyllis Dee Harrison, Elizabeth Mayo, Ruth McMillan and Beverly Metalfas. Also featured was a demonstration of Astro-Sonics by Michael Heleus. I could not attend this latter but understand it was fascinating. A discourse was given on "The Twentieth Century Renaissance of Astrology" at the Saturday evening dinner by Mrs. Edward A. Wagner, Editor of DELL HOROSCOPE Magazine, which was prepared by her husband, Mr. Edward A. Wagner, Consulting Editor of the magazine. This was followed by a panel discussion with the other featured guests.

At luncheon on Sunday Lt. Cdr. David Williams presented his 1975 Stock Market Outlook, and Phyllis Dee Harrison featured a short talk on "How U.S. Businesses are using Astrology Today" with suggestions as to how we might go about having our profession further recognized and utilized in the business world.

Since it is impossible to be in two places at one time, I was unable to attend all workshops but those I did attend were well conducted and everyone who attended them felt that they came away a little more knowledgeable than they had been previously. My only regret is that I couldn't divide myself in two, as the topics covered were unique and the instructors excellent.

I neglected to say at the beginning that this meeting took place from Friday, Nov. 8th thru Sunday Nov. 11th.

I had written to Cliff Warry in Australia about the feelings of some religious people and their mis-conceptions toward Astrology. This was his reply which I found interesting and wanted to share with you.

"I know what you mean re the attitude of some religious people. I know some of them think astrology should not be indulged in. They have some vague idea it is tampering somehow with something we are not meant to touch. Anyway it is not that long ago that the famous Monkey trial took place but today evolution is widely accepted. If you can bear with me I will go into this a bit. Although I do not make a fetish of esoteric astrology I am not a cold blooded materialist, as a matter of fact I take a very great interest in what could be described as Higher Thought.

Do these christian people realise that before christianity came, the god Mithra was the forerunner of their Xmas day celebration. The "Golden Bough" by Fraser points out "In the Julian calendar the 25th of Dec. was reckoned the winter solstice, and it was regarded as the Nativity of the Sun, because the day begins to lengthen and the power of the Sun to increase from that turning point." They must have known the Sun started to return from extreme south declination. Frazer goes on to tell of the ritual of the nativity as celebrated in Syria and Egypt. The celebrants would retire into an inner shrine and at midnight would cry out "The Virgin has brought forth, the light is waxing". An image of an infant was made just the same as we now see at Xmas time. The christian church did not celebrate the birth of Christ until they realised the people had a leaning toward this function, and brought this in as the birth of Christ. Further, would these modern bigots realise that shepherds would hardly be out on the hills tending their flocks at the height of the rainy season. Not at night time surely. They do not realise that Xmas is based upon the movement of the Sun. One sentence in the bible has always arrested my attention, "In my Father's house are many mansions". I will go along with this because I think there are many divisions of life, in fact, I think there are both higher and lower than the one we are functioning upon. I refuse to accept that man is the highest type that any Creator would set in motion. To think that man could only look forward to spending eternity in the company of many of those who are "saved" makes me shudder. I can only suspect we evolve to other forms of life, but of course I have no proof. One would suspect that the chain of evolution is unending. One cannot place any limit upon what the 12th and Neptune involves. I have a fair amount of information here re the bible and astrology if your care for it. A Reverend Brooks once came up with a lot of biblical passages relating to astrology.

I mention the 12th and Neptune because it is through this medium we can sometimes get a glimmer of an existence outside the three dimensional one we function in."

From Dr. James T. Hayes we have received the following.

FOUR QUESTIONABLE PRACTICES OF ASTROLOGERS

Twentieth-century astrologers aspire to have their art recognized, accepted, and applied--a worthy aspiration. Paradoxically, however, entirely too great a number of astrologers indulge in certain practices that place impediments in the path of recognition, acceptance, and application. Principal among these questionable practices are the advocating of the cause-and-effect theory; the classifying of people by solar signs; the employing of the equal-house system; and the using of the concepts of minor aspects, exaltation, detriment, and fall.

First of all, the theory of cause-and-effect in astrology is extremely difficult for a scientist to accept. The scientist is oriented toward tangible evidence of one thing's causing another. On the other hand, he is more amenable to the theory of synchronicity because he understands the concept of rhythms, a concept that concerns timing.

Although one may be involved in a simple matter of semantics when he suggests the term synchronicity rather than the term cause-and-effect, he is, nevertheless, advocating a concept that is more readily received by those who scoff at astrology. In truth, though, synchronicity is what astrology is all about.

The second questionable practice of some astrologers is that of classifying people by their solar signs. The great Swiss psychiatrist Jung developed this system as a means to an end--generating interest in astrology. Realizing that everyone knows his birth date, Jung determined that a person can quickly determine the sign of the Sun at his birth. Hence, popular astrology had its birth.

In spite of the fact that popular astrology still plays a significant role in creating interest in astrology, the professional astrologer should classify his clients by their rising signs because it is the rising sign, as that sign is qualified by aspects, that describes the person as the world sees him. In fact, the professional astrologer and the teacher of astrology should draw a fine line between the popular and the serious astrology so that their clients and students will move toward seeing the whole horoscope rather than simply the Sun.

Popular astrology has been a boon to publishers and to freelance writers and will continue to be for yet a rather long time. However, the professional is obligated to look into the lens of the camera--the rising sign.

A third questionable practice among astrologers that alienates the scientist is the use of the equal-house system. Although this system is without doubt the oldest among house systems, it has become antiquated with man's solidly developed sophisticated knowledge of the solar system.

Since the astrological chart must record conditions as they appeared to be at any given moment at a given place, the Placidian system is the only system that measures up to this demand. All professional astrologers are aware of the facts that Earth is not a perfect sphere and that conditions appear to be quite different from one latitude to another. Realizing this, then, they should remain true to that which they practice--an art with exactness.

Actually, the Placidian system of house division records celestial conditions that equate a photograph taken from a position in space through a transparent Earth. In the vernacular, the Placidian chart "shows it as it is!"

Opponents of the Placidian system argue that charts become impossible at far northern latitudes because of complicated interceptions. What these opponents do not stop to realize is that those places to which they refer are places that cannot within themselves sustain life. This fact in itself is a strong point for the validity of astrology!

On the other hand, proponents of the Placidian system insist first that the chart must indeed record matters as they appeared to be at a given time at a certain point on Earth. In addition, these proponents insist that the equal-house system is invalid because the affairs of life itself are most certainly not equal in significance in the life pattern of an individual. Thus, the astrologer should construct a scientifically justifiable chart.

A final practice of many astrologers that is questionable is the use of the concepts of minor aspects, exaltation, detriment, and fall. When one goes beyond the conjunction, the trine, the sextile, the opposition, and the square, he is treating of trivia that unnecessarily cloud the issue of accurate chart interpretation. He is doing likewise when he applies the ideas of exaltation, detriment and fall.

The minor aspects and the latter three ideas are most likely the serious and at-the-time laudable attempts of ancient astrologers to time matters attributable to correspondences with the then-unknown extra-Saturnian planets. Although there are most likely two more planets to be discovered, calculated, and researched, these somewhat meaningless trivia should be removed from serious studies into astrology. Quantity of matters to be considered in a chart is of no importance; quality of matters, however, is that toward which the professional astrologer should set his sights.

In essence, then, the professional astrologer should abandon any practices that he cannot defend with sound support and should keep high on his list of priorities the goal of presenting workable astrology in a manner that attracts rather than alienates. Once professionals do this, they will more speedily close the gap between those knowledgeable in their art and those not knowledgeable.

Incidentally, Dr. Jim Hayes also wrote to tell me that the first edition of his hardback textbook "Introduction to Natal Astrology" is now gone and they are in second printing of it. Congratulations, Jim!

Eugene Moore, President of the Moore School of Astrology in Gibbstown, N.J. sent us his latest brochure in which he has a natal chart and a progressed chart for Pres. G. Ford. He gives the time of birth as 12:43 AM, Omaha, Neb., 7/14/13. At the end of the fine article he wrote on the two charts he states: "The natal and Progressed Horoscopes of Gerald Ford are through the courtesy of Ann Davis, 127 S. Woodstock Dr., Cherry Hill, N.J. Birthdata obtained by Ann Davis from Mrs. Ford, via her personal secretary, Marsha Perrott." This chart gives Pres. Ford 13 deg. 08' of Taurus rising. (Not that anybody cares but it is interesting to me to note that Pres. Ford has his Mars conjunct my Ascendant, His Moon conjuncts my Venus and his Jupiter conjuncts my Sun, not to mention his Mercury conjuncts my Neptune-Moon conjunction!!! Maybe I should send him a subscription to the MH? With 300 of us helping him run the country, what could he lose? (I mean besides the country?)

Eugene Moore is working with Fixed Stars. He says "In the past 8 months I have obtained more new astrological information than in the past 8 years. Many heretofore obscure factors are now coming to light. Birthmarks appear to be caused by the Fixed Stars. Other Medical problems as well as personality traits are influenced by the Fixed Stars. I do need charts of persons with medical problems (cripples, blindness, etc.). Please send me charts of any kind of medical problem. Send to 220 Swedesboro Rd. Gibbstown, N.J. 08027."

The AQUARIAN REVELATION CENTER will be holding a fantastic Seminar in Cosmic Experience on March 20 to the 23rd. in Michigan. (Write to Ray Merriman, 26272 Avondale, Inkster, Michigan, 48141, for further details.) This much I can tell you! Some of the speakers will be: Connie Collier, Christine Rector, Richard Wolf. They are working on Michael Myer. Also to be present will be trance mediums and clairvoyants David Jackson and Rosie and David McKnight. In all they plan on having about 18 speakers and workshop leaders present. (I'll be there doing my thing, too!)

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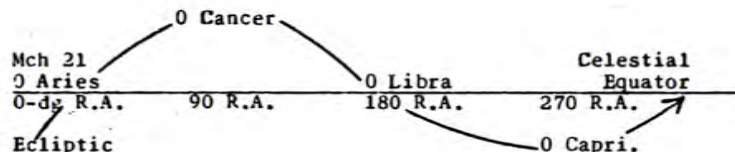
THE JOHNDRO LOCALITY CHARTS

Excerpt from "Foundation of the Astrological Chart" by permission of the author, Ivy M. G. Jacobson

A locality chart is one set for only a place & date, without reference to clock time. When set for a place of birth in particular it is a BIRTH Locality Chart & of great importance to its owner - even though he also possess a regular natal chart.

The outstanding exponent and developer of this method was L. Edward Johndro whose book "Earth in the Heavens" is highly recommended to the serious student of astrology. There he will find the delineation, etc., we are not including here, since we are confining ourselves mainly to the mathematics of the science.

Since clock time is not employed, the usual Sidereal Time is not used. Instead, the figuring is done easily with Right Ascension. The great circle of 360 degrees (ecliptic) that the Sun traverses begins at 0 Aries 0, and Right Ascension is simply distance from 0 Aries 0, measured along the Celestial Equator as we show here:



In Dalton's Table of Houses note that each degree of the Zodiac given for the M.C. in Sidereal Time is also given in Right Ascension called Arc (part of a circle) and it is this Arc that we use in this work. Our only figuring is in finding the Midheaven. The planets are taken as at noon on the birth date and set in the BIRTH Locality & other Locality Charts without calculation.

Right Ascension advances the M.C. at the rate of 46.10 seconds per year. As an example, correct a difference of 22 years by multiplying by 46.10" & dividing by 60" to get the difference in minutes. Compare this with the Table on the following page:

$$46.10'' \times 22 \text{ years} = 1014.20 \div 60'' = 54.20 \text{ more than half}$$

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Johndro Locality Charts continued

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46.10" CORRECTION TABLE

Yrs	Dif	Yrs	Dif	Yrs	Dif	Yrs	Dif	Yrs	Dif
1	00'	19	15'	37	28'	55	42'	73	56'
2	02'	20	15'	38	29'	56	43'	74	57'
3	02'	21	16'	39	30'	57	44'	75	58'
4	03'	22	17'	40	31'	58	45'	76	58'
5	04'	23	18'	41	32'	59	45'	77	59'
6	05'	24	18'	42	32'	60	46'	78	60'
7	05'	25	19'	43	33'	61	47'	79	61'
8	06'	26	20'	44	34'	62	48'	80	62'
9	07'	27	21'	45	35'	63	48'	81	62'
10	08'	28	22'	46	35'	64	49'	82	63'
11	08'	29	22'	47	36'	65	50'	83	64'
12	09'	30	23'	48	37'	66	51'	84	65'
13	10'	31	24'	49	38'	67	52'	85	65'
14	11'	32	25'	50	38'	68	52'	86	66'
15	12'	33	25'	51	39'	69	53'	87	67'
16	12'	34	26'	52	40'	70	54'	88	68'
17	13'	35	27'	53	41'	71	55'	89	68'
18	14'	36	28'	54	42'	72	55'	90	69'

Johndro completed his work in 1930 and used that year as the Base Year: the date March 21st for the beginning of the astrological year: the place Greenwich, England for the beginning of Longitude: and 29:10 P.A. for the Midheaven there, as it was at that time. Always set this data down complete as in Line 1, of the following page. Only 3 steps are required: to change the year, date and place to suit the person whose chart it is.

The Right Ascension of the Sun

In the Table of Houses, find a Midheaven in the same Sign and degree as the Sun: the Arc accompanying it is the R. A. of the Sun; and if he has minutes, add them.

The 3-step method to follow.

- Find Difference between Base Year 1930 and Birth Year: Refer to CORRECTION TABLE to change Difference in Years to Difference in Minutes. If before 1930, subtract Difference in Minutes from 29:10; otherwise, add the Difference in Minutes to 29:10. NOW YOU HAVE CHANGED THE YEAR.
- Always add the R.A. of the Sun's place on the desired day. NOW YOU HAVE CHANGED THE DATE.

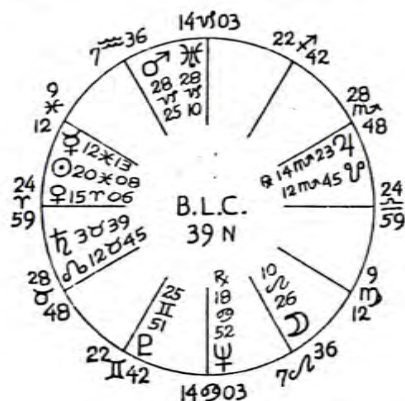
Johndro Locality Charts continued

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3. Subtract birthplace Longitude if WEST (add 360:00 if necessary in order to do it): add Longitude if EAST. For South Latitude, add 180:00. If the final result passes 360:00, subtract 360:00.
NOW YOU HAVE CHANGED THE PLACE.
4. In the Dalton Table of Houses, find the R.A. that is nearest your answer and take all the cusps but the M.C. for the chart: use the birth Latitude as usual. The difference between the R.A. you worked and the one in Dalton's that is nearest-&-LESS is minutes to add to the M.C. accompanying that lesser R.A. (For South Latitude, this is the I.C., not the M.C.) Use the calculated natal planets if you have them but otherwise take the planets from the ephemeris.

A Birth Locality Chart

March 11 1911 SUN Pisces 20 = 350:48
94:36-W 39-N 08 f .08
(Jean Harlow) R. A. Sun 350:56



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Line 1	29:10	RAMC	Grn	Mch 21, 1930
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	28:55	RAMC	Grn	Mch 21, 1911
1930 Base Year	+ 350:56	RA/Sun	March 11, 1911	
-1911 Birth Year	379:51	Perm/RA/MC	Grn	3/11/11
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I mentioned in the last issue that Marc Robertson has a quarterly journal out called "AQUARIUS RISING". It is \$1.50 an issue or \$5.00 per year. The address to order it is: The Astrology Center of the Northwest, 522 N.E. 165th., Seattle, Washington, 98155

The one issue I think you should all read is the FALL ISSUE! (He has only put out two issues so far and both have been excellent.) I was particularly interested in the "Fall Issue" because, like the folks who are involved with the Mercury Hour, he tells it like he sees it. I don't say you have to agree with him but you should be aware of how others in our profession feel on various issues. His editorial alone is worth the price of the issue. It is entitled "Licensing: by Whom?" It deals with several other points besides the licensing. As an example: "Some proposals suggest that if one passes the AFA exams, he is ready to practice. Hmmm....." "There must be at least a dozen to a hundred different systems usable in astrology. If you've tried a number of them, you'll discover that they give approximately the same basics. What differs about them is the embellishment each individual astrologer adds BECAUSE HE IS LOOKING FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT IN THE CHART THAN ANOTHER ASTROLOGER IS. Is the licensing system going to recognize this and test for all systems? And then, how can a licensing examiner test for the one thing that is most important: the astrologers' ability to relate, to establish a rapport, to make a meaningful relationship (whether personal or abstract) to his client?" Marc's last sentence reads: "Tell me this, those of you who want licensing: WHO is an EXPERT and OBJECTIVE JUDGE IN THIS FIELD -- on a system other than his own?"

There are a couple of other articles that should be read by all of you. Barry Edwards' article is entitled "Was it KARMA for the AFA?" (He was referring to Resolution 11 that was read at the banquet.) Barry says: "A wave of boos, noes and hisses rolled over the room, overwhelming the rather feeble applause for the resolution." Anyone who has taken the AFA exam should be interested in a report by one who did take it and their reaction to it. One of the major complaints in the article is that "FAILURES WILL NOT BE NOTIFIED WHY!". The author continues with "I, for one, resent this and feel that all those who took the exam paid and slaved enough over it to deserve a complete disclosure of its results." The author also makes several more very valid points so that anyone who is contemplating taking the test or who has taken it should read it.

Nancy Holtz has an excellent article in the same issue "Is Pluto the 'esoteric' ruler of the sign Pisces?" Marc's article "Two Ways to Look at the Birth Chart" is also excellent. He deals with transits and progressions, among other things. A couple of the titles in his article are "The Obvious Time to Say, 'NO' -- The Obvious Time to Say, 'YES' -- The Time for Fundamental Changes."

Though I (or you) don't have to agree with Marc we do have to respect him for having the courage of his own convictions and for being willing to speak up and "be counted". If, after reading the above articles, you agree with the authors, SAY SO, and if you don't agree, SAY SO! That's what the Mercury Hour is all about! Let's hear it from you, the astrologers of today! Now I suppose you want to know where I stand on some of these things. OK!

I can't expect you to speak up and say your piece if I don't. I have not taken the AFA exam for a few reasons. 1. Because I don't feel it is fair to make some people pay for something that others got for nothing! I am referring to the gold and silver cards. Many have received these who have not taken the examinations. I feel very strongly, as do several others, that some who received those cards couldn't pass the test if they did take it. 2. If I fail an examination, I want to know WHY and what recourse I have with those who "judged" it! 3. I use the Longitude and Latitude book (which the AFA sells and makes a profit on) but the test does not include the Cix.

of Birth, only the Longitude and Latitude for it. Many of us today do not use anything but the Longitude and Latitude book. 4. I rarely use "the day for a year" progressions, only with the Moon, since I have found very little worth to them, using instead the "Solar Arc" progression of the natal Sun. 5. I do not feel that anyone except my students and the people who I counsel can judge whether or not I am a "good" astrologer. 6. I do not believe that an astrologer can or should try to "predict" EXACTLY what is going to happen to someone. I do think we should be able to know what "conditions" a person will be operating under at a given time. I believe that a person's "attitude" toward these conditions is more important than any actual event. 7. I agree that a test for the accuracy in setting up a chart is okay just to show you can do it but I also think all this nit-picking over minutes is ridiculous. Fine, if you are doing research with precise time to work with but who has a precise time of birth?

A good friend of mine once said at a lecture; "You can give 10 astrologers the SAME chart and you will get 10 different delineations. You may not learn much about the chart but you will learn quite a bit about the astrologer through their delineation of it!" Simply meaning that each astrologer interprets a chart in their own way. What one astrologer looks for or concentrates on is not necessarily what another will do.

I concentrate on the BASICS in astrology, in the teaching and the counseling. If my students can master the basics, inside out, backwards and forwards, the many things that each sign, planet and house can represent in a chart and the interplay between these things, then there isn't anything they won't be able to do or "read" in a chart. I am basically interested in the character, the potential, of the individual simply because I feel that with understanding of self, no matter what happens, you can handle it. No, I don't "sugar-coat" my interpretations. A lot of you know me well enough to know "I tell it like it is." But there are ways of making an individual face themselves without destroying them, ways of helping them to see and help themselves. I do not make decisions for them. This they must learn to do for themselves. I really don't feel anyone has a right to make decisions for another person, to be used as a crutch if something goes wrong (Considering some of the screwed up lives some astrologers have had or are having, who are we to tell others how to manage or run their lives when we can't do it ourselves. It is pretty much like the parent telling the child to "do as I say, not as I do!".)

I have had my say, now it is your turn! If you have any questions on how I feel about anything else, ask. You may not get the answer you expect, but you will get an answer!

From Marian Wagner, a new subscriber to the MH, from Chicago, ILL.:

In a period of five years I lost both of my parents, got fired from job after job. I lost some wonderful friends, my bank account went down to "0". I got very fat. My car was involved in an automobile accident. I felt absolutely alone and MAD. So I started to read astrology books, studied with many teachers. Then I met the truly great astrology trio of the astrology world, Christine Rechter, Richard Wolfand Ray Merriman. Christine, a true friend, taught me to love astrology and to understand. Then came the "Paul Newman and Robert Redford" of the astrology world, Wolf and Merriman. Astrologers haven't lived until they have seen and heard this dynamic duo in action. They are young, brilliant, fresh, exciting, vibrant, informative, sweet, handsome and lovable. (Really now, Raymond! I didn't know that!! Edie) When you leave their lectures you have learned. You have understood. Mental doors are opened (that I believe, Edie) and the thirst for knowledge that they leave you with is a real credit to astrology and astrologers. All three love astrology and teach astrology with love, understanding, and so very much knowledge. They are extremely well trained, learned, and excellent teachers. Questions are answered to your satisfaction. DO YOURSELF A FAVOR AND CATCH THEIR NEXT SHOW. (In Michigan on March 20 to the 23rd. (Inkster, I think) put on by the Aquarian Revelation Center. There will be astrologers, mediums, clairvoyants (and Edie). Come join us in a "Cosmic Experience".)

"CHART MART" by Ruth Dewey of Denver, Colo.

This is "wipe the egg off my face" time. For someone supposedly as concerned about accuracy as I am, I really have been messing up. First, the error in the Dobyns-Hill Pres. Ford rectification. It was 1:23 PM, not AM. Then I discover that the time meridian for Iran is 3 1/2 hours East of Greenwich, not 4 1/2 hrs. I could blame it all on Saturn. At this writing it is sitting on my Sun, but that would be copping out. Just blame it on my lack of attention to proper detail. If I have inconvenienced anyone, I sincerely beg pardon.

Muhammed Ali is World Heavyweight Champion again. His birth data is as follows:

Muhammed Ali/Cassius Clay
1-18-1942
6:30 PM CST
Louisville, Ky. 38N15 85W45

The Source for this chart is the July 1973 issue of Horoscope Magazine per an article by our own Dr. James T. Hayes. He does not state his source for this chart.

Charisma is an elusive quality. You either have it or you don't. Here are two stars who became famous in the 50's whose charisma is still evident. James Dean, dead in an auto accident at the height of his career, and Marlon Brando, still one of the greatest stars around.

James Dean	Marlon Brando
2-08-1931 -- 2:AM CST	4-03-1924 -- 11:00 PM CST
Marion, Ind. 40N33 85W40	Omaha, Neb. 41N15 95W57

The Dean data comes from a biography, "James Dean, A Short Life Story" by Venable Herndon - Doubleday, 1974, while the Brando data can be found in the November 1972 issue of Horoscope Magazine per an article by John A. Hanson. Original sources were not given by either author.

Perhaps the male star with the greatest charisma of all was the late CLARK GABLE. A chart set up for 9:00 PM EST on 2-01-1901 at Meadville, Pa. is the one usually found in astrological sources. However, every other biographical source gives his birthplace as Cadiz, Ohio, including his obituary in the New York Times. The Meadville chart gives him a Virgo Ascendant while a chart set up for the same time for Cadiz moves the Ascendant on over to Libra. Can any of the Mercury Hour readers settle this question of Gable's birthplace and authenticate the 9:00PM birth time as well?

Also, can any of the Mercury Hour readers settle once and for all whether Elizabeth Taylor has a Libra or a Sagittarius Ascendant? By settled I mean a valid original source such as birth records, Miss Taylor herself, one of her parents, or someone close to her who would logically have access to the data. These are the two charts my students at the Community College of Denver want to see most.

This note from Bob Mulkins, Atascadero, Calif.:

Edie's rendition of the atmosphere of the San Francisco AFA convention was up to her typical subtle wit! But, as usual, it packed a meaningful wallop, too! (He likes exclamation points as much as I do! Edie) I'm a professional life member of AFA, but I must admit that I was somewhat disenchanted with the general feeling prevailing in San Francisco! Perhaps the especially large crowd (somebody said 3 thousand) had something to do with this?!

I'd like you to know I'd gladly pay an extra two dollars (\$7.00) a year to keep the Mercury Hour show on the road! Where else can you communicate so easily with so many astrologers? We're all opinionated and gabby to a certain degree. (Bob dear, I am starting to think Sags have cornered the market!) Edie Custer is the perfect catalyst for such a sounding board! (I wonder what he meant by THAT?! (Don't ask him, he'll probably tell us, what with his Sag Sun and Asc. Just look out for his Scorpio Moon! Only kidding, Bob, honest!--I AM???)

BOOK REVIEWS by Don MacDonald

Groundrules: These reviews will be short and spicy, with few exceptions. If you object to a review, please write me at 639 E. 18th St., Minneapolis MN 55404. Each installment will cover about 6 books.

My personal library of astrology books is rapidly approaching the 500-book mark. I will try to identify some of the gems (as well as some of the most unfortunate duds) in this collection. The books will not be listed in any particular order.

Zoltan Mason (based on Morin de Villefranche), *Astrosynthesis*, 192 pages, 1974, \$10. There's no wishy-washy gobbledygook in this book. Specific clearly-stated rules of advanced delineation and synthesis are given, including such normally taboo topics as determining the cause of the native's death. A masterpiece!

Reinhold Ebertin, *Pocket Ephemeris 1974*, 28 pages, 1973, \$1.00 (or higher in some outlets). This is a noon ephemeris, and is easier to use than the Rosicrucian noon ephemeris. The type style is clean and uncluttered. The planets are listed in their natural order, from Mercury out to Pluto, with Sun and Moon information given on the facing page. Daily positions are given for Pluto. Both noon and midnight positions are given for Moon. The layout of latitudes and declinations is also designed to be most helpful. Accuracy rating is excellent. It's only deficiency is the lack of a timed aspectarian (Raphael's noon ephemeris is best for that).

Jeanne Rejaunier, *Astrology for Lovers* (Pocket Books paperback), 246 pages, 1971, \$1.25. This book is more for fun than serious study. It gives over-exaggerated but memorable (and therefore useful) descriptions of planets in signs. Excerpt from Saturn in Capricorn: "You always achieve your goal, but it reaps you unpopularity and it's doubtful sometimes whether it's all worth it. Find a partner as seething with ambition as yourself to understand where you're at. No one else ever will."

Steve Schmidt, *Astrology 14* (paperback), \$.95. This is one of the worst astrology rip-offs on the market (which is nevertheless selling pretty well). The author announces his astounding new proposition that there are now 14 signs in the Zodiac rather than 12, and then doesn't even bother to try to make a convincing case (since by that time you've already wasted your money by -- out of curiosity -- purchasing his book).

Jess Stearn, *A Time for Astrology* (Signet paperback), 435 pages, 1972, \$1.50. This is the best book I know of, to buy several copies of, to give to your friends. It is written by a famous non-astrologer in newspaper-reporter style (and therefore has a few errors), but it is an exciting, sympathetic, intelligent, and extremely comprehensive survey of today's astrology scene. It has a wealth of good delineation material quoted from top pros like Zip Dobyns, and has a lot of good charts, e.g., baby-doctor Benjamin Spock.

Louis Haines Sargent, *How to Handle Your Human Relations*, 77 pages, 1970, \$2.50. The title is misleading -- it does not discuss personality improvement. This book is a "bible" on synastry! For all planet aspects between charts, it gives descriptions which are sensitive, precise, understandable, practical, and accurate. It is a superb reference book for anyone who does chart comparisons. No other book in print comes close to this in excellence in this area.

T. Pat Davis finally got around to writing to us to tell us that she has been working very hard on her "Retrograde Planet" book and has lots done. She would like some help from us so if any of you can supply her with what she needs, please do so. Her address is 227 E. High Point Rd. Peoria, Ill 61614. Here is part of her letter:

"At the present time, I have only 61 murderers in a test group to see if retrograde planets stand out in any unique way. I would very much like to have a larger sample. The sample I have covers births over a 107 year time span and from many different countries. They are names and birthdates from a variety of books like CEO Carter, Sabian Symbols, Astromedical Diagnosis and scattered pamphlets of recent years. With this small sample, Mars is retrograde twice as often as would be expected, a totally unexpected result and I would like to have a larger sample to see if this pattern continues. I'm not using military leaders who are responsible for mass deaths -- but those operating on a single basis or through organized crime connections. If any of your readers can make a contribution to this data, it would certainly be appreciated.

The next group I am short on is what I call general hoodlum types -- those not known to be murderers but assorted swindlers, thieves, bank robbers, etc. I only have 78 in the sample now and Neptune stands out way below the expected rate in being retrograde. These types seem to refer a direct Neptune -- at least in the sample presently available. I would like a larger sample of hoodlum types, too, to see if this pattern is maintained. I have 200 mental patients and the most intriguing thing about this group is that Venus is retrograde so seldom that it is running at about 100 to 1 odds at this point. That was certainly unexpected!

Guess what planet average housewives have retrograde most often? Saturn. But male bankers have got average housewives beat on retrograde Saturns. Male bankers have retrograde Saturn's more often than any other group -- but if you can't figure out why you will have to buy my book to discover the reason."

Pat says she only needs the birthdates, time and details not important. (Hey Pat, so don't tell me -- I was going to buy the book anyway!)

TO the writers (authors) in the group. Have been hearing rumors that it is difficult to collect for books from the Fresno Astrology Center in California. Perhaps it would be better to insist on the cash first and then ship the books. This would save problems for both you and them!

The Rev. X. Porter Friedman sent several pages of comments on the third edition which you will find scattered here and there throughout this issue and the following ones! She also sent us a donation to help keep the MH alive. For both we thank you very much, dear heart! She tells us that: "I have Saturn Rx in Leo and rising in the first house. It makes me tenacious, righteously pugnacious, prone to slowed down circulatory functions in all systems, fearful and anxious, self-disciplined to an extreme. As cautious and conservative as 4 planets in Aries with three in trine to Saturn will let me be. My grandparents were very much involved in my early rearing. I was a premature baby and my mother was in hard labor for nearly 60 hours in delivering me. My childhood was full of responsibility, neglect and brutality, which retrograde Saturn let me forget until recently transiting Pluto came square natal Pluto and semi-square natal Saturn (which is conjunct progressed Saturn at the same time.) I had severe rheumatic ailments during the first Saturn cycle, lost them during the second and am looking forward to whatever the third will bring.

THE MERCURY HOUR

MARTHA RHODA of 1303 Volker Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64110, is trying to collect as much information as she can on the birth control/fertility theory-test results (negative and positive), Hindu stuff on fertility-- anything! She writes, "I would sincerely appreciate any help as to where to go to get this data." Martha also says "I am valiantly fighting to get astrology back into the academic world, for what that's worth!" Her main interests in astrology involve the Medical/Biological implications. Martha's Sun is in Taurus, her Moon in Gemini, her Asc. is Pisces and Sag. rules her M.C.

JANIE STATLANDER sent us this on the birth of her twins: Thought someone reading the Mercury Hour might be interested in Birth Data on twins. The boy twins, mine, were born January 1, 1974. The first, Joshua Caleb, was born in our house on the couch at exactly 8:56 AM West Almond, NY (77 W 53'--42 N 17'). The second, Daniel Morris, was born 16 miles away in the hospital at 10:07 AMCT., Hornell, NY (77 W 40' 42 N 20').

I considered the birth time of both as occurring when the child was completely delivered from my body. The first one born, was out of my body at exactly 8:56 AM CT but was attached by the umbilical cord for about 20 minutes longer. Incidentally, no one knew I was to give birth to another child an hour and 11 minutes later until, arriving at the hospital by ambulance, the doctor quickly examined me and said "Get her into the delivery room, there's another one in there!"

With Joshua's ascendant of 0 deg. Aquarius exactly trine my natal Neptune in Libra, trine my Uranus in Gemini (we were completely taken by surprise) within minutes, and square my natal Venus within a degree, there are certainly many interesting connections.

In the charts I have collected of parents of multiple births or of parents with a number of children, I have found Jupiter, Sag. Sun, Leo, 5th and 11th houses involved. You would naturally expect to see these planets, signs, and houses involved and they are always highly active. As an example, in my chart, Natal Jupiter is in an exalted degree of Cancer (15 deg.), in the 11th house, exactly semi-sextile my ascendant at 15 deg. of Leo. Sag is on the cusp on my 5th. Hope this offers all of you some seed for thought. (Pun intended!!)

From Cliff Warry of Australia comes the following on our "new age". "Maurice Wemyss often mentioned a "World Horoscope" but this idea seems to have got lost somewhere. I mention this because money trouble is world wide just now and it is not only here that is affected (Australia). I often ponder what sort of world our grandchildren will have to put up with. The only thing that makes sense is the astrological tenet that we are becoming involved with the Aquarian Age. A break up of TRADITIONAL tenets is in evidence everywhere. Only the blind, wilfully or otherwise, could fail to see this fact. Greed or self interest is the root of our troubles. I can see nothing else but the symbol of the water carrier becoming a reality, where each and everyone will get the necessary aid to grow. I think Aquarius by polarity should express everything we say the Sun has in Leo, only instead of being personal in Leo it becomes impersonal in Aquarius.

Jane Statlander of Almond, N.Y. has requested that we print the following for her in answer to Julianne Sturm's charges in her last letter to the ISAR Members.

"As one of the former ISAR Board members who resigned on Feb. 2, 1974, I find it necessary to state the following:

Julianne Sturm has apparently lost her senses. To attempt to repudiate her absurd charges would be to give them unwarranted credence.

In regard to one of her more bizarre charges that we were racially prejudiced in not supporting her choice for ISAR Librarian: She knows as well as anyone that no one living out of her immediate area even knew or saw this person she "chose" for the position. That was precisely the problem. No one would ever have any advance warning or information on a particular "choice" of hers for one office or another. She would just try to bulldoze them into whatever position she desired them to be in regardless of the fact that there was, at least on paper, an ISAR Board of Directors and a membership, which in a democratically run organization is always at least notified of any changes in the Board.

The full extent of her inability to tell the truth and to manipulate the facts can be seen in her contention that the board members held a meeting without giving her sufficient notice. It should be here very blatantly stated that while I was the ISAR Executive Secretary at the time of the Board Meeting in question, I WAS VERY SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED BY HER TO SEND OUT THE NOTICES FOR HER SO-CALLED EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING JUST A FEW DAYS BEFORE SHE PLANNED TO HOLD THE MEETING SO THAT, AS SHE STATED IT: "SEND THEM THE VERY LAST MINUTE SO THAT THE WEST COAST PEOPLE WOULD NOT BE THERE TO CREATE PROBLEMS". This board meeting was in fact and in reality an exclusionary tactic used by her to keep Edith Custer and others excluded from the meeting. This meeting was a very important one since she was going to have people present vote on matters very important to the future of ISAR, as well as vote on the matter regarding her "salary". She claims ISAR owes her at least \$10,000 in back salary. If she had had her way and had held her "meeting" the Board members present would have been the following: her husband, Ken Gillman, her mother, Sheila Mullette, her "hand-picked" Librarian and herself. Rather than go along with having her Executive meeting, the Board members decided to call a meeting which could include all board members and represent all points of view. It is absolutely true as she herself has stated that all of the newly resigned board members were "hand-picked" as well. She is obviously outraged because we are showing her "ingratitude" for being "chosen" and hand-picked and then having the audacity to disagree with her -- even say she has been wrong.

From Cliff Warry of Australia to Don MacDonald:

"Don points out that overlooking the nodal positions caused a lot of problems in Alan Leo's election chart for Modern Astrology. I was given a large collection of these magazines dating from 1910 to 1940. The two chief problems seem to have been a lack of cash, and arguments caused by Bessie Leo pushing esoteric astrology instead of exoteric astrology. Could Mr. MacDonald throw some light on the nodes in this map, please?"

Cliff Warry also has some nice words for Sylvia DeAngelo (so Syl, be a good girl and write something else, now that you have a fan!!). "Going through MH several times I have decided that the way S. DeAngelo writes appeals to me strongly. Whether one agrees with her or not is beside the point. I like the direct and easy flow of expression she has."

Our thanks to Roger De Pesquo of Stratford, Conn. for sending the following:

Regarding the second regular edition of the Mercury Hour, I must say it was very well received and thoroughly enjoyable, as was the first edition. The offset was fine, and so is first class mail. Concerning the M.H. Chart, I agree with you that it is not as bad as it might have been; however, there are certain aspects I find disturbing, and others frankly, are puzzling.

First of all, Saturn, ruling the sixth house, conjunct Mars, ruling the Tenth house does not appear to be a very favorable testimony for those house associations. Also, I might add, on this point, Fortuna and the South Node in the Eleventh house with the Mars-Saturn conjunction tends, I believe to promote grave doubts about the success of Eleventh house matters generally. I am convinced that M.H. will have to deal with these influences at some point in time. Moreover, the opposition of the Sun and Uranus, especially with Uranus retrograding and ruling the eighth, and to a lesser extent the seventh house, brings to mind the proverbial lightning from a clear sky, as it were, a force undoubtedly to be reckoned with.

Never the less, the most striking and yet enigmatic feature of the entire chart is unquestionably the presence of the three outermost planets, Uranus, Neptune & Pluto, below the horizon and within a 65° area, quite unusual and extremely compelling. In pondering the tantalizing position of this triumvirate, I am reminded of what the inimitable Sherlock Holmes once said: "If the probable and improbable won't work, then the solution lies within the possible." Most certainly a fascinating and intriguing situation!

And assuredly, if nothing else may be said about the M.H., it can indeed be stated unequivocally that this is a unique and far from ordinary publication, original intent notwithstanding. I decidedly refrain from speculating on the myriad interpretations of this trio, but am certain that its nature and purpose will be revealed to us all when the proper moment arises. And I do concur that 'free will' is much overrated! For the time being, I shall say no more.

Thank You to Doris Thompson of Reading, Pa. for the following:
"Am enclosing some of the press notices with reference to Nixon's resignation based on my article in AFA Feb. Bulletin. Am awaiting another article in our local paper with write-up and pictures. Getting a chance at the AFA Convention to conduct workshops on the resignation was a big thrill for me - the eclipse of June 19, 1974, which hit Nixon's Pluto in the 10th. and Ford's progressed Mars also hit my natal Moon in Gemini in the 3rd. which trined Uranus in Aquarius in the 11th. and there I was, the "cosmic mouthpiece" communicating the news to an astrological association through a sudden event! Talk about "as above, so below!"

Our thanks to Al Morrison of New York for the following:

"As I read the progressing US Constitutional Chart, the Progressing Moon is about zero Aries at the time of Ford's inauguration with the transit Moon Void of Course - What an election! - or elective - I should say. I suppose it is pointless to notice that for Nixon's election the polls all colsed with Moon Void of Course.

Edith Wangemann says that they matched experiments with phrenology practitioners and found: The ascendant shows in the top of the face, to the bridge of the nose. The Koch 2nd. cusp describes the middle zone of the face, and the Koch 3rd. cusp, the mouth and chin. I find the Sun on the 3rd. gives a stronger lower face, more of it and more squarley built.

Al and several others were quite concerned about the chart we had mentioned in the last edition for President Ford, and rightly so. It was a typing error! I checked back on the original and my gal had typed it exactly as we had originally received it. I don't check these things, I just type what you send. The time should have read 1:22 PM not AM. Mary Vohryz called me from the West Coast to let us know there is another time being circulated for Pres. Ford and that is 12:35 AM, which would give him 10 degrees Taurus rising. (Which I think kind of fits him!) Al also sent a rectified chart for Nelson Rockefeller with 6 degrees Sag. rising using 4:16:23 PM LMT as time of birth. This time was used because of the following item from a microfilm copy of the New York Times which stated: "A son was born to Mrs. John D. Rockefeller LATE YESTERDAY at the Rockefeller home here. (July 9, 1908, Bar Harbour, Me.)

This seems to be Al Morrison's page but he did send us some good information which he wants to share with you so here is the rest of it:

"In response to the concern for Vertex calculations:

I have a stock of Schwickert's Tables for high northern latitudes, for sale at \$1.00 per copy - six pages 8x11 - offset from original typing, imported from the original publisher. They go from 67 to 75 north, only. I also have the computer work at hand to look up for anybody any Ascendant for any given Sideral Time for Latitudes 60 to 80. Above that latitude it is said to be difficult for even a big computer to work out exact ascendants.

All who wish a copy of the Void of Course Moon Ephemeris may have it by sending me a self-addressed stamped envelope. Current Edition runs through March 31, 1975. A new edition will be prepared and ready by that time. ANY contribution is welcome. It is an expensive hobby to keep this work coming out year after year. (Al's address is as follows:)

Al Morrison - 223 West 20th. St. New York, N.Y. 10011.

Incidentally, when Al first filled out the "request form" for the MH, when asked how or why he got involved with astrology he wrote "Apparently destiny!" (Can you think of a better reason?? I can't!!)

Elections were held in September by the San Diego Astrological Society:

President - Joseph J. Gustin Jr.

Vice President and Program Chairperson - Gina Ceaglio

Corresponding Secretary - Carole DeMott

Recording Secretary - Nola Williams

Treasurer - Arlene Robertson

Director of Publicity - Lillian Canaan

Director of Membership - Judy Malte

Director of Finance - Sylvia Goldberg

Director of Research - Edna Kinnon

Our congratulations and best wishes to them all! This is a very "up and at it" group.

Continuing the Cosmobiology series by Inge Aach of Canada -

3. Series: The Cosmic Structure.

The data and natal chart for Mr. Kissinger are taken from the German magazine "Kosmischer Beobachter", Dec. 1973, No. 22/12 Aalen.

The Cosmic Structure (form No. KS 2) is a summary of all planetary pictures. Each planet will be judged by sign and aspects as to abilities, potentials etc. The direct and indirect midpoints reveal most accurately the psychological inside of a person thus the manner in which he uses or misuses his potentials.

A midpoint is a sensitive degree in a cosmogram even more so when occupied by a planet (direct midpoints), or if the planet forms an aspect to the degree of the midpoint (indirect midpoint). There are 78 midpoints in every chart, Transpluto not included.

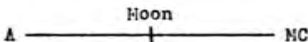
The 90-degree-dial is an aid to find midpoints quickly. Simply put the pointer of the plastic disc on each planet in the 90° outside ring. Check whether you can find two planets, one on each side, which are equidistant from the one you are pointing at, allowing 1 1/2° of orb to both sides. The planet you are pointing at occupies the midpoint therefore is the midpoint between two other planets.

How to find a midpoint without the 90-degree-dial? Let us calculate together the midpoint between Mr. Kissinger's Ascendant and Midheaven. It is a most important midpoint if occupied and describes the personality extremely well.

We add the degrees of the two planets involved, in our case the two Personal Points. The result has to be divided by 2 and is the midpoint.

Asc. = 23° 0' Gemini counted from 0° Aries = 83° 00'
 MC = 19° 35' Aquarius " " 0° Aries = 319° 35'
 402° 35' : 2 = 201° 17'.
 201° 17' from Aries is 21° 17' Libra.

Any planet within 19° 47' to 22° 47' of Libra would be the direct midpoint between Ascendant and Midheaven. The Moon is in 22° 30' Libra, and therefore she is in the direct midpoint between Asc. and MC. This is written: Asc/MC = Moon.

The picture: 

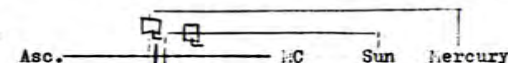
In Mr. Kissinger's chart the Asc., MC and Moon form a grand trine in the air triplicity and are of utmost importance anyway, indicating his intellectual knowledge and flexibility, his independence and intuitive powers. Please, don't misunderstand me: all aspects in the Cosmogram have to be established and evaluated first - only then we go into the midpoints in order to get a more detailed insight of how the principles of the planets and their aspects will be used.

There should be more to a dynamic and intelligent personality as Mr. Kissinger is. And we do find more by the indirect midpoints to the Asc. and MC.

Indirect midpoints are the degrees which don't occupy the midpoint (21° 17' Libra) but form an aspect to that degree. The squares to it, 21° 17' Aries, Cancer and Capricorn are not occupied, so we don't have indirect midpoints by squares, but the sesquiquadrate of 21° 17' Libra is in 6° 17' Gemini or Pisces respectively. In Gemini we find the close conjunction of the Sun and Mercury and both are forming within allowed orb an indirect midpoint by their sesquiquadrate to 21° 17' Libra.

As a result we have furthermore: Asc/MC = Sun and Asc/MC = Mercury.

Here is the picture for it:



No other planets form aspects to 21° 17' Libra.

The "Combination of Stellar Influences" gives the following interpretations:

Asc/MC = Moon	one's personal attitude to others as governed by feelings, cordial understanding with others, instinctive powers
Asc/MC = Sun	the relationship between body and soul, a person's attitude to other persons the man in his sphere of life + activity the male principle in general
Asc/MC = Mercury	Exchange of thoughts, the use of one's critical faculties, a frank discussion between people cooperation in the scientific or commercial sphere

Does this not indicate precisely how Mr. Kissinger's abilities, manifested by aspects, are being used and handled?

To calculate all midpoints without the help of the 90° dial would be rather time consuming not to mention the indirect midpoints. With the 90-degree-dial it is very quickly done.

If you don't know your own midpoints why not try to find them and look for their interpretations in the "Combination of Stellar Influences". You'll come across many little character traits of yours. It is not only amazing how much the midpoints tell, it can be quite funny. People just can't figure out how one can possibly pinpoint little peculiarities in their nature. But more important: they bring out hidden qualities (or a red light) and it can be of very much help for someone who needs help.

I like to give one little hint concerning the orb. New students usually are not quite certain of how to judge the orb for the midpoints. Please, put the pointer on the plastic disc on the Sun once more. She appears in ca. 65° on the outside ring (Gemini belongs to the mutable signs which occupy the degrees from 60 to 90). The Asc. is a little more than 18 degrees to the left side from the Sun (on the plastic disc). But the MC is a little more than 15 degrees to the right side from the Sun. I told you, not more than 1 1/2° of orb. Yes, it is only 1 1/2°. The orb refers to the midpoint, the Sun. Move the pointer away from the Sun until you have it exactly in the middle between Asc. and MC, and the pointer is only 1 1/2 degrees away from the Sun. There it is a midpoint. If on the other hand the pointer was more than 1 1/2° away from the Sun, it could not be considered as a midpoint.

Occasionally I am not certain whether a planet is still in the midpoint or not. Only in those cases I calculate the midpoint. And please, don't forget, a semi-square and a sesquiquadrate to the midpoint appears as an opposition on the 90°-dial and is an indirect midpoint. The dial is based on 90 degrees only. 45° (the semi-square) is half of 90 and 135° (the sesquiquadrate) is 1 1/2 to 90.

I'll give you the structure of all planets by sign, aspects and midpoints. Please, make your own evaluation of the planets by sign and aspects. I write only the interpretations of all midpoints in the structure as they are found in the "Combination of Stellar Influences".

You can see for yourself the contribution that the interpretation of the midpoints give. But most important, they provide a profound psychological inside to the individual.

So far I have given only the mechanics on how to prepare the 90-degree-dial and the Cosmic Structure. How they work together and should be applied will be shown after I have explained the life diagram in the next issue.

The Cosmic Structure

♂ II ♂♂, Δ, ♀, ♀

- ♂ MC nobility, unrest, an excitable man, to get angry easily
- A MC the man in his sphere of life and activity,
- ♂ ♀ organizing talent, pride, a sense of honour, the love of enterprise, the happy bridegroom
- A ♀ to be exploited or harmed, humiliation

♂ = Δ MC, Δ A, Δ ♂, ♀, ♀

- ♀ ♀ intense emotions
- ♂ ♀ sensitiveness, nervous weakness, infections
- ♂ MC independence, impulsiveness, excitability
- A MC personal attitude as governed by feelings, cordial understanding with others, instinctive powers

MC = Δ A, Δ ♂, Δ ♀, ♀

- ♂ ♀ unusual capabilities for advancement in life, self-confidence, ambition (operation)
- ♂ ♀ endurance, power of resistance, indefatigableness, necessity to overcome difficulties in life
- A ♀ the gaining of experience, being oppressed
- ♂ ♂ ambitious aims, much energy, determination, readiness for action, excitement
- ♂ ♀ cultivation of soul-unions
- ♂ ♀ individual inclinations, an aesthetic person, an art lover, a beautiful human soul

A II ♂♂, Δ, ♀, ♀, ♀

- ♂ ♂ an excitable person, upsetting events
- ♂ ♀ personal associations and contacts, energetic and vigorous cooperation
- ♀ ♀ intellectual domination of the environment and the ability to exercise an influence upon persons in one's environment
- ♂ ♀ establishment of one's own personality, attainment of one's aspirations - a crisis of self-preservation
- ♂ ♀ separations
- ♀ ♀ confidence, sociableness, cheerfulness, a warm heart

♀ II ♂, ♀, Δ, ♀, ♀

- A MC the exchange of thoughts, the use of one's critical faculties, frank discussions, cooperation in scientific or commercial fields
- ♂ MC to deliberate, to organize, a person laying down instructions, orders
- ♂ ♀ a receptive mind, nervous weakness through misuse of energy
- ♀ ♀ artistic talents

♀ ♂ ♂, ♀, ♀

- ♂ MC deep attachment, one's own attitude to love
- ♂ ♀ creative powers
- ♂ ♂ excitability
- ♂ ♀ cordial cooperation, a love union
- ♂ A the response to the feelings from others

♂ II ♂ A, Δ, ♀, ♀

- ♂ ♀ fanaticism, the stage of "bending or breaking"
- ♀ ♀ the desire to make others amenable to one's own wishes
- ♀ MC desire for children
- ♀ ♀ the act of speculating
- ♂ ♀ realization of joint objectives, ideals and wishes

♀ = Δ A, Δ ♂, ♀, ♀, ♀

- ♂ A harmonious team work and cooperation, the ability to lead others, a good organizer, agreement with others on the pursuit of the same objectives
- ♀ ♀ philosophical thinking, good power of concentration, application of method, industriousness, thoroughness, short journeys
- ♀ ♀ rich imagination, receptiveness for beauty and art, a love of comfort

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| ♀ | A | termination of a relationship, love of solitude, |
| 4 | ⊗ | one-sided principles, obstinacy, disadvantages |
| 2 | ⊗ | termination of an association, solitude, difficult team-work |
| ♀ | MC | love of solitude, meditation, melancholy, pessimism, separation |
| ♂/⊗ | ⊗ ⊗, ⊕ A, Δ 4 | make |
| ♀ | ♂ | to act with "lightning speed", to decisions during upsets |
| 0 | ♂ | impulsiveness, change of vocation, adjustment to new circumstances |
| ♂ | MC | greatest efforts, to obtain objectives at all cost |
| ♂ | 4 | sudden good fortune, confidence, optimism, love of enterprise |
| ♀ | ♂ MC, ⊕ 4, ⊗ ⊗, * ♂, L ♂ | |
| 4 | MC | success and good fortune without effort |
| ♂ | ♀ | active imagination, fancies, exposure to lies fabricated by other |
| ♂ | ⊗ | separations, weakening strength |
| ♂ | ⊗ | separations, suffering falsehood, being misunderstood |
| ♀ | A | to suffer from the actions of malicious people |
| ♂/⊗ | ⊗ | ⊕ ♂, Δ 4 |
| ♂ | ♂ | fanatism, one-sided outlook |
| ♀ | 4 | a suggestive orator, a person exercising an influence over the masses |
| 0 | ♀ | extremely high sensitiveness |
| ♂/⊗ | ♂ ⊗, ⊗ ♀ | |
| ♀ | A | obliging manner in contact with others, exchange of ideas, plans |
| 0 | ♂ | good fellowship, successful teamwork, joint undertakings |
| ♀ | ♂ | fighting for certain objectives |
| ♂ | ♂ | realization of thoughts in association with others |
| ♂ | MC | sympathy and compassion |
| ♂ | 4 | success with people, sociableness |

Nelson Rockefeller--at this writing President Ford's choice for Vice President--has always been known, first and foremost for his extreme wealth. In fact, his last name has entered the language as a synonym for 'super rich'. Venus, natural ruler of the 2nd house(money) and natal ruler of his first (the face one shows to the world) and eighth (inheritances and resources of others) houses.

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makes an exact sextile to his Vertex in Taurus. This aspect seems the one which really points out his wealth and the emphasis this wealth has made in his life. There has been speculation that the chart used in this case was wrong; that he gave out the wrong data. However, the position of the Vertex in this chart seems to verify the noon birthtime for him.

Pluto is involved heavily with the Vertex in the charts of the following four men: Robert and Edward Kennedy, Charles Lindberg, and George Wallace. With Lindberg and Edward Kennedy, Pluto semi-sextiles the Vertex; with Wallace, it quincunxes it; and with Robert Kennedy, the Vertex squares his exact Venus-Pluto opposition. Each one of these four men has been shaped by the deaths of those around them. Who can forget the multiple tragedies of the Kennedy family, the agony of the Lindberg baby kidnapping, Lurleen Wallace's long, but losing battle with cancer? On a strictly physical level, both Edward Kennedy and George Wallace have suffered serious, paralyzing injuries which have required a literal rebirth--Edward Kennedy in a plane crash where he broke his back; Wallace by an attempted assassination, the results of which confined him to a wheel chair. Edward Kennedy has recovered completely. Will Wallace?

Planets parallel or contraparallel the Vertex are also illuminating and should never be ignored. Zelda Fitzgerald, the beautiful and erratic wife of author F. Scott Fitzgerald had both Mars and Pluto in the sign Gemini opposing the Vertex in Sagittarius in the fifth house. Increasing the intensity of the Mars in its contraparallel to it. Improper use of Mars' energy was one of the most persistent problems in her life--one she never managed to solve. However, both Saturn and Neptune, often associated with illnesses of an emotional nature, are drawn into this complex involving the Vertex (they are opposed in longitude but make no aspects to personal points) with Saturn parallel it and Neptune contraparallel. Zelda had a real problem with alcoholism and ended up dying in a fire in a mental hospital where she had been incarcerated for years with schizophrenia.

Much of Barbra Streisand's charisma can be explained by her natal parallel of Neptune to the Vertex; while Queen Elizabeth II has the Sun -- the hallmark of royalty -- not only trine her natal Vertex, but parallel it as well. Her sons Charles and Andrew also have the Sun prominent by virtue of the aspects it makes to the Vertex in both their charts. Only by seeing the Vertex working in actual charts can the researcher ascertain its true meaning.

And what is this true meaning? What has preliminary research found out about this 'contra-ascendant'? It seems that the meanings of this critical sensitive point can manifest in several ways. Associated with "fate" by Charles Jayne, one of its co-discoverers, it certainly can manifest that way if its lessons and warnings are disregarded and ignored. Then it seems to have an almost compulsive validity about it, especially if the person involved insists on taking the easy way out. Again using Zelda Fitzgerald as an example, perhaps, if she had practiced and learned self-discipline, learning to trust and rely upon faith in something outside herself (Saturn parallel the Vertex in Sagittarius); she could have, most likely lived a long, productive life. Instead, she let her own self-will, her almost frantic pursuit of excesses, and her search for illusion

From Bob Mulkins, Director of Cosmic Researchers, Atascadero, California

I hope this doesn't sound too vindictive, but I feel strongly about Mr. Will Ambrose's uncalculated attack on Carl Payne Tobey in your third regular edition of the Mercury Hour.

Mr. Ambrose went to a lot of trouble to "prove" nothing, as far as I'm concerned. He says he has "vindicated traditional rulerships" by a long, drawn-out explanation of how he drew up thirteen charts, etc., etc. His experiment would "work" just as surely, no matter what rulerships or house count is used.

Gemini-like, Mr. Ambrose is quite glib. The only trouble is that he doesn't say anything worthwhile. Also, Gemini-like, his attention span must be extremely limited. I don't, for a minute, doubt Mr. Ambrose's sincerity, but I'm afraid it is sometimes sadly misplaced.

Frankly, I find it hard to believe that he read the book.....at least thoroughly. Perhaps he's one of those book-review speed readers. I've studied it....carefullythree times, and I still haven't digested all of the seemingly unorthodox concepts that Mr. Tobey proposes.

Mr. Ambrose, quite obviously, doesn't understand the Leo clockwise count and ruler-ship changes, either. When questions came up in my mind, I decided to write to Carl Tobey. This started a continuing correspondence and what I consider to be a true and meaningful friendship. Carl and I have great rapport. (I have Sun, Mercury and Ascendant in Sagittarius and he also has a Sagittarius Ascendant).

For the first time in twenty-five years of studying astrology, I'm beginning to see things work that simply refused to fall into place before. I've published three books and a correspondence course.....all based on the counter-clockwise count and "traditional rulerships". To compound the misery, I have five planets in Fixed Signs. It was extremely difficult for me to accept some of Tobey's ideas.

Mr. Ambrose, too, doesn't understand the Leo clockwise house count. He even remarked, somewhat facetiously, that "Tobey may be a Leo and holds a solar bias". Tobey makes it daylight clear on page 154 of the book that his natal Sun is at six degrees Taurus! He also states that his Uranus is rising. No wonder he's somewhat of a rebel.

What must be remembered is that ALL new thought is at first considered rebellious and revolutionary! Mr. Ambrose wonders "why Tobey counts BACKWARD". Now, who the hell ever said that clockwise was backward? And what makes anyone think counter-clockwise is forward?!

Tobey lucidly points out that the ancients (before Ptolemy) counted the Houses CLOCKWISE. Ptolemy was the scoundrel that started the counter-clockwise count. He was a materialist, as were all the Greeks. They screwed up the basic principles of astrology and the mess persists to this day!

Instead of the materialistic approach, astrology, like mathematics is an ABSTRACT art. The only viable theorem for the horoscope HAS to be abstract and mathematical. Unlike Mr. Ambrose, who "intuitively guesses" at some of his conclusions, Mr. Tobey spent thirty years exhaustively researching these findings. I'm eternally grateful that he passed much of this knowledge to me and many others.

Carl Tobey is not trying to cram anything down anyone's gullet. In fact, he pleads

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for us not to "believe" in anything or anyone....blindly....including himself! He gives us the ball and it's up to us to run with it.

Regarding rulership changes, Mr. Ambrose may be interested to know that Dane Rudhyar agrees with Tobey's proposed association of Pluto, not Mars, with Aries. I think that even Mr. Ambrose will agree that Dane Rudhyar and Carl Payne Tobey are two of the greatest minds involved in astrology today!

Now, Mr. Ambrose, please don't think that this is a personal attack on your integrity. We are opposite Signs, but I have always found oppositions stimulating. You have stimulated my ire, because you have maliciously attacked a friend of mine..... a great astrologer. And, besides I don't think you should be so pencil-happy, when you don't know what you're talking about!

Also from Bob Mulkins, Director of Cosmic Researchers, Atascadero, Calif.

Your book "Astrologically Speaking" is a stand-out gem! It makes me wonder if you are misplacing your "energy units" with the "Mercury Hour". You are only reaching, however effectively, a few hundred, whereas books like you are obviously capable of writing, would get to thousands-----if not more!

My mind was thoroughly boggled after reading four "Mercury Hours" in about three hours straight. I can see that you are building a fantastic file of "goodies", which you may consider making into a book someday! Mercury Hour is a much-needed sounding board (practically the only in existence) and I consider the idea sheer genius. No wonder you're so wrapped up in it!

I'd appreciate a few extra application forms for my students and associates. Thought I'd rupture a gasket over that guy with the Sagittarius Ascendant and M.C., hot Sun and cold Moon, who shares my sentiments about reincarnation.

(Att: John McC: - I keep telling you people appreciate your sense of humor. How about sending us one of your "famous" articles that nobody has been willing to print? Edie)

From Jan Moore, Indianapolis, Indiana

First let me congratulate you on the organizational ability -- oh you Capricorns -- your interesting newsletter shows. How you have gotten so much information and data into any kind of order amazes me -- but then my retrograde Venus in Virgo is square my Sagittarian Moon. That makes for a messy Virgo. Anyway, I love the Mercury Hour, and will make the time to be one of the contributors.

(Thanks for all the info sent. It has been forwarded to Ruth Dewey and Rev. Porter Friedman. Edie)

Our sincere "THANKS" to Phyllis Meinhart for the unusual cover she drew up for this edition. Our "THANKS" also to Joylyn Hill for the idea that inspired it! The talents of the folks that are part of the Mercury Hour are endless (thank the good Lord!). Just a closing reminder to send in your renewal subscriptions NOW while it is fresh in your mind. Anything you can do to help us increase our circulation will also be appreciated. We seem to have a good thing going, something that we all enjoy, so let's work together to keep it going. That means getting your renewals in as soon as possible and trying to get more subscriptions. "It's your turn to deal!". You know how Capricorns worry, don't age me any faster than I am aging already. I got this edition out to you, now you make sure I can get future editions out. Love you all!!

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The following article appeared 10-10-69 in "Evening World", Spencer, Indiana Sent to us by GLADYS MEEK of Santa Ana, California. Thanks, Gladys!

Did you know that the space program is busy proving that what has been called "myth" in the Bible is true. Mr. Harold Hill, President of Curtis Engine Company in Baltimore, Md., and a consultant in the space program, related the following development.

I think one of the most amazing things that God has for us today happened recently to our astronauts and space scientists at Green Belt, Md. They were checking the position of the sun, moon, and planets out in space where they would be 100 years and 1000 years from now. We have to know this, so we don't send a satellite up and have it bump into something later on in its' orbits. We have to lay out the orbit in terms of the life of the satellite, and where the planets will be, so the whole thing will not bog down. They ran the computer measurement back and forth over the centuries and it came to a halt. The computer stopped and it put up a red signal, which meant that there was something wrong either in the info fed into it or with the results as compared to the standards. They called in the service department to check it out, and they said, "It's perfect." The IBM head of operations said, "What's wrong?" "Well, we have found there is a day missing in space in the elapsed time." They scratched their heads and pulled their head. There was no answer.

One religious fellow on the team said, "You know, one time I was in Sunday School, and they talked about the sun standing still." They didn't believe him, but they didn't have any other answer so they said, "Show us." So he got a Bible and went back to JOSHUA 10, where they found a pretty ridiculous statement for anybody who has common sense. There they found the Lord saying to Joshua, "Fear them not, I have delivered them into thy hand, there shall not a man of them stand before thee." Joshua was concerned because he was surrounded by the enemy and if darkness fell they would overpower them. So Joshua asked the Lord to make the sun stand still. That's right, "The sun stood still and the moon stayed...and hastened not to go down about a whole day." The space men said, "There is the missing day." Well, they checked the computers going back into the time it was written and found it was close, but not close enough. The elapsed time that was missing back in Joshua's time was 23 hours and 20 minutes - not a whole day. They read the Bible and there is said "about (approximately) a whole day."

These little words in the Bible are important. But they still were in trouble because if you cannot account for 40 minutes you'll be in trouble 10,000 years from now. Forty minutes had to be found, because it multiplies many times over in orbits. Well, this religious fellow also remembered somewhere in the Bible where it said the sun went backwards. The space men told him he was out of his mind. But they got the Bible and read these words in Second Kings 20. Hezekiah, on his death bed, was visited by the prophet Isaiah, who told him that he was not going to die. Hezekiah did not believe him and asked for a sign of proof. Isaiah asked "Do you want the sun to go ahead ten degrees?" Hezekiah said, "It is nothing for the sun to go ahead ten degrees, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees." Isaiah spoke to the Lord, and the Lord brought the shadow ten degrees backward. Ten degrees is exactly 40 minutes. And 23 hours and 20 minutes in Joshua, plus 40 minutes in Second Kings make the missing 24 hours that the space travelers had to log in the logbook as being the missing day in the universe.

Joshua 10
Second Kings 20