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INTRODUCTION

Margaret M. Meister

Welcome to the HELIOGRAM, the newsletter of the new helio SIG. Its purpose is to encourage the use of the heliocentric positions of the planets for everyday astrological use. We hope to maintain a quality organ which seeks to aid ongoing study.

Although Helio astrology had been used by some for quite a while, it was only shortly after T. Pat Davis pressed the helio button on her computer and opened up the world to mix and match geo/helio astrology that Robert Hand published the first easy to read ephemeris for helio planetary positions. The ephemeris covered the years 1981-1990. Later, ACS published its green book: The American Heliocentric Ephemeris 1901-2000. There is even a heliocentric graphic 45 degree ephemeris published by Astrolabe.

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THE HELIO SIG

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At long last! Colleagues willing to share and cooperate, via the Heliogram in pursuit of understanding the solar dimension. I spent so many years in a solitary effort at understanding the heliocentric system that there were plenty of moments when I wondered if I would survive to the time it became accepted. There was never the slightest doubt in my mind that Heliocentric's time would come. With my Aquarius, "I knew" I had the proverbial tiger by the tail. The problem seemed to be in convincing others.

Reviewing how the breakthrough was made in sparking interest, I cannot

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HELIO HISTORY

J. Lee Lehman, Ph.D.

Back during classical Greek times, some philosophers thought that the Earth was the center of what we now call the solar system, while others thought that the Sun was at the center. Thus, neither heliocentric nor geocentric systems represent new ideas. For better or for worse, the geocentric system won out in early times. When the geocentric system was established, there was no distinction between astronomy and astrology. Later, when the heliocentric system was established astronomically, the split between these two fields had begun. The heliocentric system was established in astronomy after the usual time of several generations necessary for an old scientific theory to be replaced. Astrologers have had a harder time dealing with the ramifications of what our sister science found centuries ago.

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describe any single approach as being consistently productive. The individualism of astrologers is too powerful, and most especially in those willing to strike out in a new direction of investigation.

What this means is that a variety of approaches is needed to touch a responsive chord and cultivate wider interest in and use of Heliocentric astrology. This variety appears to be guaranteed for the Heliogram, given the varied backgrounds and exceptional talents of the seed group.

Overcoming resistance to an inspection of Heliocentric appears to be helped through giving these types of assurances:

1. Reminding people that there is nothing hypothetical or manufactured about using the true positions of the planets in the solar system.

2. Reminding people that the common denominator between the two systems, geocentric and heliocentric, is the familiar zodiac of the signs.

3. Using Heliocentric is quite respectable; John Nelson used Heliocentric in establishing the times when there would be interference affecting radio transmission on Earth, that NASA uses Heliocentric, and that Theodor Landscheidt of Germany declared, "Geo, Helio, it makes no difference; they work together."

4. Using Heliocentric can be successful "commercially", for those believing the general public's intelligence is so low that only kindergarten level material is suitable; computer programmers, pop astrology magazine writers, and horoscope publishers are most in need of this assurance and encouragement to assist education rather than to retard it.

5. The bottom line is assuring colleagues that their track records will improve, and that including Heliocentric positions should be considered integral to the horoscope from the beginning, rather than being put off into some advanced study category.

On a personal note, my own conviction of the astounding effectiveness of Heliocentric influence, with the methods I have proposed, was sealed through reviewing my own past history, long before I had heard of Heliocentric. I was virtually raised with astrology, but was an adult before I immersed myself in it very deeply. My interests and activities were confined to the small group of people surrounding me.

Twenty-one years ago, a change was made which didn't seem overly important at the time. I joined the AFA, the only large organization existing then, and began attending conventions, meeting astrologers from around the world. As the saying goes, "One thing led to another." I reached out to the wider world and found what is apparently my life work.

I have the Mercury-ruled signs of Gemini on the Midheaven and Virgo on the Ascendant. Helio Mercury is in Aquarius in the sixth house of work in the natal chart. When I joined the AFA, Helio Mercury had progressed to the smack-dab conjunction with my Ascendant. The implications of the natal position found personal focus and were integrated into my activities from that time on.

This type of story is fat from being unique to my own chart. As a matter-of-fact, Robert Cooper accepted the position as Executive Secretary of the AFA with the same pattern effective. Helio Mercury is in Scorpio in his 6th house natally; it had progressed to his Mercury-ruled Gemini Ascendant with his change of employment.

My anticipation at the fun of sharing universal ideas on an international level (I have Helio Venus in the 7th) through the HELIO-GRAM is impatient to get started. Let's go!

[J. Lee Lehman - continued from page 1]

Under the tenets of astronomy, either we have a heliocentric or a geocentric solar system: the two are mutually incompatible. In astrology, it is not at all certain that the two are incompatible, or whether one supplements the other. According to the Larousse Encyclopedia of Astrology, heliocentric ephemerides have been available to astrologers since 1767.

Rather than trace the current wave of heliocentric interest, especially since our contemporary enthusiasts such as T. Pat Davis and the Erlewines are quite capable of speaking for themselves, I would like to acquaint the reader with the earlier works of astrologers as they grappled with the meaning of heliocentric astrology - both for and against.

For example, Yarmo Vedra wrote in 1899:

> "Heliocentric Astrology is a new system of personally determining the primary fund of Mental and Physical forces and their results in mental aptitudes that dominate the nature of the individual as based on the date of birth.
>
> "This system is a key to the intellectual, social and industrial course of personal destiny; to the harmonies of thought, marriage, and home life."

From: Heliocentric Astrology or Essentials of Astronomy and Solar Mentality, with Tables of Ephemeris to 1910. David McKay: Philadelphia.

Unfortunately, the above quote is almost the only thing from this book worth mentioning. His ephemerides only show the signs of the heliocentric planets and the dates that they enter a new sign, from 1830 to 1910 - hardly enough for serious study.

If Vedra or someone like him were the only source for heliocentric information in the late nineteenth century, then the scathing comments of Sepharial would be understandable:

> "This remarkable phase of mental aberration is becoming more and more prevalent in the United States of America, where cheap and easy methods of dollarising are quite the fashion. The symptoms peculiar to this form of mental affliction are these. The patient, while regarding himself as an intelligent member of the Earth's populace, conceives himself to have been born in the heart of the solar orb, and to be there the centre of all the unalloyed influences of the planetary bodies and the constellations of the zodiac. The constellations he names Aries, Taurus, etc., and calls them 'Houses' to distinguish them by such eccentricity from the Signs known to ordinary mortals under those names. His zodiac begins with Aries, and Aries commences at the Vernal Equinox of the planet called Earth, though why, from his heliocentric position of eternal summer, he should select the Earth's equator, and not that of Mars or another body to determine the prime radius, the 'Helioeccentric' disdains to tell us."

From "Coming Events," Vol 5, No. 50, November 1900.

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Edith Custer

Lee Lehman, Margaret Meister and I were talking about Helio at a conference of NCGR's in Indianapolis when we decided that now was the time to try to get together some of the people who were interested in Helio. It was time to share information. How to do it? That was when the idea of the HELIO SIG was born. I mentioned it at the NCGR Board Meeting and was told to "go ahead and try it, see how many you can get and get it rolling". With this newsletter we are doing just that.

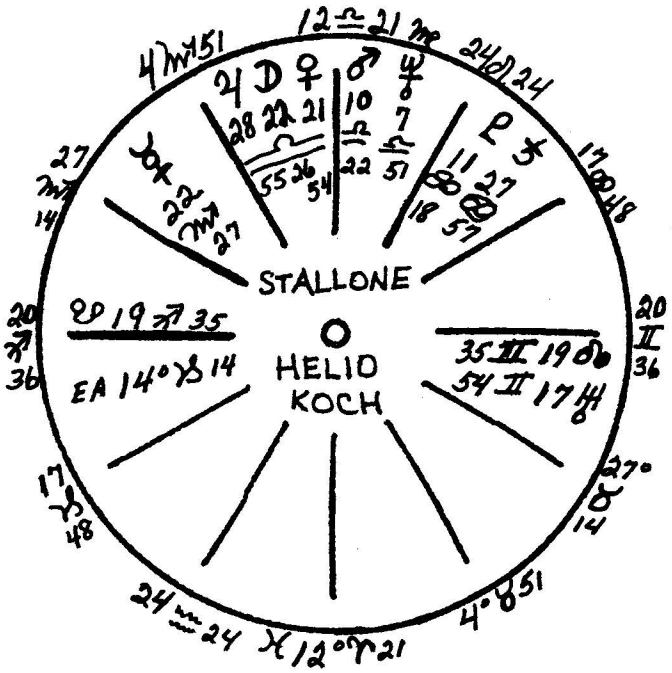
If you know of anyone who might be interested, PLEASE help us spread the word. I will be happy to contact any names and addresses you send me, or tell them to send me a check, in my name, for $8.00 and we will take care of it immediately. They do have to be members of NCGR but we can handle that for them as well. ($30.00 for the first year of membership in NCGR). In order to share information we have to receive it first -- so send me anything you have found using the Helio, any interesting bits and pieces, articles, a paragraph, anything just so long as we are communicating and sharing. There is only one way that this will work and that is with your cooperation. So, help us any way you can. We are willing to do the work if you are willing to give us something to work with - fair enough? Be sure you give us the source of the charts you send us. I am looking forward to hearing from all of you. How did you get involved with Helio, how long have you been using it, what do you like about it? If you have a bad storm in your area send us the date, place and time it started. Dot Willis will be interested in these and will keep us posted on weather conditions with the Equinox and Solstice charts.

OK, we started things rolling, are willing to do the work, now it is up to the rest of you to help with articles, paragraphs and just plain communication. LET'S HEAR FROM YOU SOON! EDITH.

SYLVESTER STALLONE'S HELIO CHART

The birth information is from Horoscope Magazine, July, 1986. Birth information: July 6, 1946, N.Y.,N.Y., 6:44 PM EDT.

I was curious to see what made for the violent, action-type pictures he consistently makes. His Geo Mars in Virgo and Mercury in Leo didn't quite explain it for me. Looking at the Helio Mars conjunct the MC and his Helio Mercury in Scorpio makes a lot more sense! Add the Helio Venus in Libra trine Uranus from the 10th to the 6th doesn't hurt matters any, along with the Moon and Jupiter up in the 10th!



Dorothy Willis was talking about the 26 volcanic eruptions we had by August 26, 1986 (worldwide) and said "I would be inclined to say that Mars perigee in a fire sign is true devastation, complicated of course, by Saturn and Uranus in Sagittarius." Geo Mars was in Sag trine Helio Mars in Aries since November 3rd. Since then, we have had the major eruption on the Big Island in Hawaii. EDITH.

ESSENTIALITY OF HELIOCENTRICISM

Phillip Sedgwick

The following essay is the first of five parts and is a chapter from Philip Sedgwick's unpublished work Of Astrological Relevance - Essays on the Evolution of Astrology.

The formation of the heliocentric model of the solar system from the time of the ancient Greeks until well into the 19th Century, dominated scientific, academic and theological thought as the most prevailing controversy in astronomy. The establishment and proving of the heliocentric solar system continually embraced the arms of antagonism, blatant bias and rejection of every possible form. Those purporting the heliocentric model, those innovative few, experienced personal and professional ridicule including extreme emotional anguish and physical abuse. These agonies did not exactly generate enthusiasm amongst the supporters of heliocentricism to speak their minds.

The initial conflict actually came from the supposition that the Earth was in motion. Not only was one type of Earthly movement suggested. To make matters worse the founders of the motion principle acknowledged three distinct motions of the Earth in space. These premises violated all good thinking of the time and could be verified as sacrilege according to the Holy Scriptures.

The lack of physical evidence for the Earth's motion and subsequently the validation of heliocentricism added more complexity. The hypothesis could not be proven. Sans lack of proof, why would any stable minded individual think of such a principle? Einstein even had it easier than the first heliocentricists. The precession of the perihelion of the planet Mercury gave a sole consistent, tangible proof of relativity. That was all that was required. Solar centered thinkers did not fare as well.

The whole problem of the acceptance of the heliocentric point of view originated in the manner in which the observers of the ancient times observed. A clear distinction between that which was seen and that which was viewed appears with hallucinogenic aberrations. A causal principle of thought and observation existed based upon an ingrained need to measure, monitor and quantitatively equate everything. Correspondences obtained fell into the realm of the formative (striving to maintain grasp of the end result) and usually referred, assumptively, to that which was final. Confused presuppositions abounded in science, philosophy and theology. The nature of observation existed in such a manner as not only to support these fallacies, but to re-enforce them.

This causal principle of thought and observation works like this. Last evening my friend and I were driving in her VW car. We came to a stop at a sign indicating a stop. We stopped. It is nearly winter in Long Island and the water at the end of the street near the stop sign had frozen. The cassette tape player in the car played without incident until...we began to start up from the stop and the car slid to the right. As the steering correction occurred to preclude further skidding, the tape player ingested the cassette tape into its obviously hungry innards. Our conclusion could be: when cars skid on ice, tapes in the stereo cassette unit will be eaten. Worse yet, the quality of the stop at the indicating sign could be added. To overly complicate the system, the model of the car and the State could be added.

The popular magazine, Omni, in its October, 1983 issue, published a section entitled, "Only a Theory". This section contained a series of hysterical premises submitted by readers all of whom

belong to this category of causal thought and observation. One instance stated (paraphrased), that wind is caused by the motion of the limbs of trees; one will notice that when the appendages of trees are still, no wind exists!! Such was the foundation of observation and thought; the foundations of modern science, religion and philosophy.

The problem in the acceptance of heliocentricism stands much more clear. The problem roots largely in perceptual difficulties. David Bohn, in his awesome treatise, Wholeness and the Implicit Order, (which incidentally, should be mandatory reading for any one professing to be a metaphysician) creates a clear context for observation. States Bohn, "Thus, instead of saying, 'An observer looks at an object', we can more appropriately say, 'Observation is going on, in an undivided movement involving those abstractions customarily called 'the human being' and the 'object he is looking at'" (sic) (1) Such a statement affords for the mutual inclusion of the subjective and the objective as opposed to the traditional arrogant and segregated view.

The linguistic architecture recommended by Bohm extends comfortably into the dimensions of astrology and rectifies one of the major conceptual blocks in astrological contemplations. Do the stars and planets exert a compelling influence upon humans, animals and minerals upon the planet Earth or all planets? Do people respond to the planetary configurations in space or do people just happen to be involved in a certain set of circumstances coincident with a unique set of (as all of them are) planetary positions? No conflict exists here in applying Bohm.

The stars, planets, and other celestial or extraterrestrial objects extend an influence upon the inhabitants of any given platform (planet of residence) anywhere in space. Simultaneously,, those inhabitants (including mineral, animal, woman and man) extend a mutual influence to all of the external stimuli in space to which they initially responded. The cycle of mutual inclusion, or shall we say wholeness, goes on ad infinitum.

Let us return to heliocentricism to review what events transpired in heliocentric history to create such a fuss in the first place. Heraclides of Pontus encountered the first two major developments leading to the innovation of the heliocentric model of the solar system. The pre-Christ Greek noted the rotation of the Earth upon its axis creating the primal notion of Earthly motion. Next, and perhaps more significantly, Heraclides found that the inferior planets, Mercury and Venus, maintain orbits about the Sun. Aristarchus of Samos (310-230 BC?) picked up the observations made by Heraclides regarding Mercury and Venus to set up his observations. The work of Aristarchus remains somewhat obscure and his student Archimedes first referred to the efforts of Aristarchus as follows, "The fixed stars and Sun remain unmoved, that the Earth revolves about the Sun in the circumference of a circle, the Sun lying in the middle of the orbit."(1)

Plutarch next refers to Aristarchus in his work, De facie in orbe lunae, by stating:

> "Only do not, my good fellow, enter an action against me for impiety in the style of Kleanthes, who thought it was the duty of the Greeks to indict Aristarchus of Samos on the charge of impiety for putting in motion the Hearth of the Universe, this being the effect of his attempt to save the phenomena by supposing the heaven to remain at rest and the Earth to revolve in an oblique circle, while it rotates, at the same time, about its own axis." (2).

This commentary by Plutarch adds another insight into the work of Aristarchus through the noting the motion of the Earth, now instilling both of the original thought stimulations of Heraclides.

Against whom Aristarchus conducted his impieties remains unclear. The hierarchy of the Greek philosophical system implies that Aristarchus appeared irreverent toward the elders of his times. At the time of the flourishing of Aristarchus (c.281 BC) no reason could be perceived for shifting into the new dimensions of the heliocentric architecture of the solar system. The denotation of Earthsuggested immovability, thus, the premise of the Earth's motion looked meaningless. The state of the art of astronomy for the early Greeks met all of the needs of the contemporary astronomy and physics of the time; no need for modification appeared.

The time for the heliocentric paradigm shift fell away after the incarnation of Aristarchus, the mathematician of Samos. This conclusion received a final Grecian evidence as Hipparchus, following Aristarchus by about a century, returned to a geocentric format. The authority held by Hipparchus in his time closed off all remaining open-minded pursuit of the revolutionary theories of Aristarchus.

The term paradigm shift again appears in this series of essays upon the evolution of astrology. Curious how relevant a term can be. The entire nature of the paradigm as put forth by Thomas S. Kuhn in The Structure of Scientific Revolutions notes that a series of collective changes occur coincident with a major paradigm shift in science. (1). The shift replaces an antiquated model of scientific perception and theory with a new system which meets the existent specifications of the current problems of modern science. A paradigm shift occurs when a collective force begins to note the failure of the present system under application in the now relevant scientific problems. The replacement of an archaic paradigm with a newer paradigm does not, within itself, resolve the difficulties of the leading edge in science. Conversely, a paradigm shift usually complicates the nature of scientific reason. New, more sophisticated questions arise and the new paradigm may not yet perfectly answer the questions at hand. Corresponding psychological uncertainty prevails presetting, during and in the post-paradigm eras as well. Bear in mind that the entire belief system to which one had prescribed, shifted under one's conceptual feet generating anxiety and uncertainty. Kuhn quotes, in his chapter, 'The Response to Crisis':

> "Copernicus complained that in his day astronomers were so 'inconsistent in these [astronomical] investigations...that they cannot even explain or observe the constant length of the seasonal year. With them, it is as though an artist were to gather the hands, feet head and other members for his images from diverse models, each part excellently drawn, but not related to a single body, and since they in no way match each other, the result would be monster rather than man."2

Kuhn continues, "Einstein, restricted by current usage to less florid language, wrote only, 'It was as if the ground had been pulled out from under one, with no firm foundation to be seen anywhere, upon which one could have built'" (2).

No inconsistencies appeared to the Greeks nor did any interest in creating a scientific monster occur, nor did an interest in the feeling the movement of the thick carpeting of the undisputedly immovable Earth.

Aristarchus next received mention in The Placita written by the doxologers in commentaries upon eclipses. However, no mention of the Earth's motion or Heliocentric effects existed in this work. In the first half of the Third Century, BC, the noted skeptic, Sextus Empiricus wrote, "Those who do not admit the motion of the world and believe that the earth moves, such as the followers of Aristarchus, the mathematician, are not hindered from discerning the time" (4).

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Now, the tools with which we need to start using helio are within easy grasp. There is no longer an excuse for not trying out the helio positions in daily work.

This is your newsletter. We hope you will send in anything pertaining to helio discovered in your everyday experience. We are looking for tidbits, articles, conversation, and questions. It doesn't matter if you send in a sentence or a page--we will publish it. The only request we have is that any chart information given must be completely sourced: date, time, time type, location, latitude, longitude, house system used, zodiac used and above all, from where the information comes. It is understood that often it is near impossible to have exact times for many charts. If you submit a rectified chart for publication it must state clearly that it is a rectification and the time the chart was rectified from as well as the time arrived at must be included if it is to be published. We retain the right of refusal if any of the above information is not included. Future editions of the HELIOGRAM will include a form of the above requirements reminding original subscribers and informing new ones.

Hopefully, we can explore together the various nuances of helio astrology. Whether you mix your helio with geo or use it straight, this forum is for you. Articles will be accepted from persons who have a commitment to the proposition that helio has an important place in astrology today. Articles to be published will run the gamut from Natal, Event, Weather, and Mundane to Horary; Tropical or Sidereal.

So much of the astrological community these days seems to be involved with political concerns. This SIG will not recognize political boundaries. It will only be involved with the creation of a stable venue for the spread of solid astrological thought incorporating the use of helio. We gladly welcome all who wish to share their experiences and insights with the community.

In this, our first issue, you will find pieces by Dot Willis on weather and from Dr. J. Lee Lehman on helio history. There are tidbits from Barbara May and insights from T. Pat Davis, and "The Custer Corner" from our guiding light Edith Custer. Phil Sedgwick has allowed us to use a chapter from his forthcoming book which will be presented to you in five parts. Michael Erlewine, Heliophile and founder of Matrix Software, has donated some Helio wisdom on chart patterns which will begin in the next issue. This is just a start though; only mutual sharing will guarantee the quality and endurance of future editions.

Barbara May

Tucson, AZ

I thought I'd send you a copy of what the chart I work with looks like. With the arms sales to Iran, then converting those $$ to the Contras via Israel & Geneva clearly shows in the HELIO transits from this Summer on. I use the dates the Helio aspects are exact but have found just like the Geo, the Helio resonates at a degree...especially the outer planets as they move SO slowly. Note the degree of HELIO Pluto in transit right now: inconjunct the US Asc & square the Nodes. Then in February the partile aspect of transit Neptune to radix Jupiter in our $$ 2nd house. I read Neptune as scandal in Mundane. The biggie is HELIO Uranus inconjunct Mercury on May 25, 1987. This is the people and the president. Though I voted for Ronnie, this will be a toughie for everybody. Also expect some headlines at Christmas when HELIO Saturn inconjuncts the US Sun.

(This was received from Barbara before Christmas 1986)

WEATHER: VERNAL EQUINOX & ECLIPSES

Dot Willis

For the remainder of this year and all of next year to late fall, the predominate weather feature is the coming conjunction of Saturn and Uranus. While the actual conjunction doesn't take place until Feb. 13, 1988, these two planets are within a five degree orb, and to complicate things, are approaching the conjunction orb to Neptune. Saturn and Uranus are the two coldest planets, generally indicating well below normal temperatures for all seasons, and very erratic weather patterns. As they are both in Sag we can also expect much higher than normal heat waves during the hot seasons. Being so close together, there will be a pattern of arid and drought conditions side by side. The extreme fluctuations and prolonged disturbed atmospheric conditions with continual east winds, affect crops and health adversely. Be alert for new strains of flu, pandemic diseases that will move from EAST to WEST (contrary to weather flow). The lack of Sun will increase, lack of vitality and depression will become more apparent. (Sun lamps, anyone?) Mars squares through the Western Plains States at 99W. Hail, thunderstorms and wind possible. This is both a tornado warning and for Mexico, a seismic warning. Jupiter, having left the square to Uranus, moves rapidly to square Neptune on April 5th. March will be a month of rapidly changing weather. Jupiter has at last reached northern declination which will also improve the temperatures in the northern latitudes.

Venus is not being very kind this spring. Starting off in Aquarius over the Mississippi Valley with a sextile to Saturn [suggests] lower temperatures, a semisquare to Neptune promises slower moving cold fronts across the east coast, rain with rising temperatures to bring flood warnings, then moving to sextile Uranus for a cold wave flowing east.

May will be a very unsettled month, rather tumultuous in spots. Mars opposes Saturn on the 6th of May over the Alaskan Peninsula and Greece, through Libya and South Africa. This brings intense atmospheric disturbances and destructive windstorms. It is also a seismic indicator. The Sun conjoins Mercury on May 7th, always bringing vicious winds and cooling temperatures. Mars opposes Uranus on May 14th; a tornado breeder but also eruptive violence. The line runs through Greece, Libya and South Africa and the Alaskan Peninsula squaring the east coast states again. May 23rd brings Mercury opposite Saturn which is more potent for seismic activity than for weather, then May 24th brings Venus opposite Pluto for heavy rains on the east coast of the U>S> and finally Mercury opposite Uranus on May 27th, more violent winds. This time the west coast may feel the affects through the square. Not good!

HELIO FOR THE VERNAL EQUINOX
MARCH 21, 1987, 3:52 AM GMT

The HELIO chart is very interesting in its emphasis. Mars, Venus, Chiron and Uranus all cover the same area. HELIO Venus sits on Geo Saturn. HELIO Saturn is opposite Geo Chiron. Mars at 18 Gemini is applying to Chiron at 20 Gemini, both are opposing Venus at 21 Sag. In longitude, this covers the areas from 17E to 23E, which takes in Poland, Athens, Libya to South Africa. Venus joins Uranus on the 22nd, while Mars and Chiron should conjoin on the 24/25th.

The HELIO chart transposed to the western hemisphere takes in the Alaskan Peninsula, squares eastern Canada and Maine down through the western coast of South America. That would bring cold to the north east, but I would suspect seismic preparations for South America

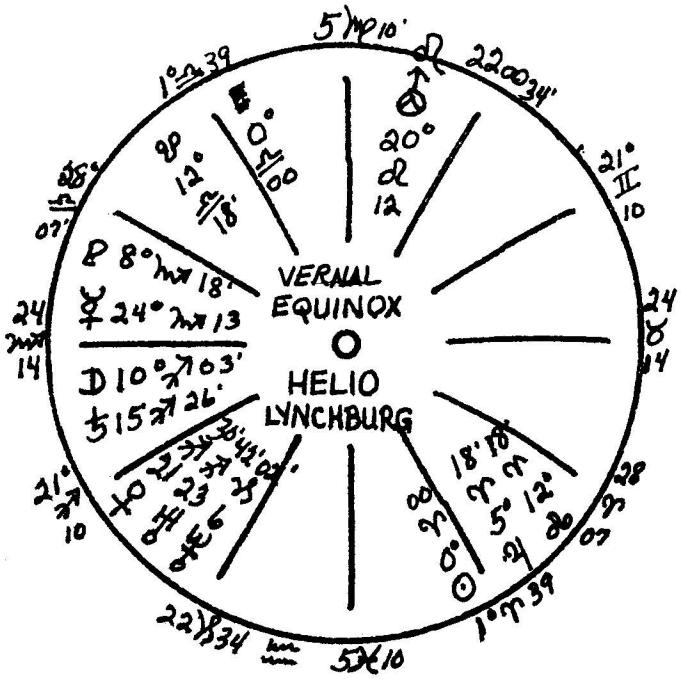
and Greece may occur. With such heavy aspects involving Chiron, it will be interesting to see [what happens].

ANNULAR ECLIPSE
MARCH 29, 1987 07:46 AM EST

The HELIO chart for this eclipse is very strong with adverse aspects suggesting extremes of violence and turbulence both in the atmosphere and on the Earth. Jupiter is at the same degree as the Geo Jupiter, but squares Neptune who conjoins Venus (Venus therefore squares Jupiter as well) over the western plains area thru Mexico, becoming exact on the 30th. This intensifies the rains and flood warnings greatly, and seismic possibilities. Mars opposes Uranus over Afghanistan, and over south eastern California, up through Nevada, Idaho, Montana and Alberta, also on the 30th. This indicates storms with violent winds, a tornado breeder, and severe thunderstorms beginning in the higher elevations along with seismic indications. Mercury is rapidly moving to conjoin Uranus to add to the danger of hail. Abnormally fluctuating temperatures. Mercury will oppose HELIO Chiron first, over Los Angeles, again on the 30th. HELIO Chiron is on the meridian for that longitude so expect some severe winds there. Along with windstorms over the mid- east, violence will occur, either seismic or man-made. Uranus is semi-squaring Pluto by degree but on the 31st. Mercury semi- squares exactly. The Moon is in Aries both days, squaring the Jupiter/Venus/Neptune aspect and will oppose the Mars/Uranus/ Mercury about April 14th while on the 5th she opposes Neptune.

LUNAR ECLIPSE
APRIL 13, 1987 9:31 PM EST

Chiron comes into focus on this chart. Helio Chiron is opposite Geo Saturn, and Helio Saturn is opposite Geo Chiron. It will be interesting to watch what effect this has. Helio Chiron is 3 degrees west of Athens, while Uranus is 1 degree west, and Uranus conjoins the Geo midpoint of Saturn/Uranus. This longitudinal line runs through the Bal-



kans and Central Africa. HELIO Saturn central Europe, west Libya and along the west coast of Africa (Geo Chiron runs down that longitude also). In the west, Saturn, Uranus and Chiron are over Alaska, and square the meridian over the east coast of the US down through western South America. The freak weather anomalies connected with the Saturn/Uranus proximity could be enhanced by Chiron. Watch for a large low forming in the Pacific this Spring with some unusually severe storms.

Venus lies over Russia and Iran in the east and along the northwest coast of British Columbia. Rains, but being in Capricorn, the rains will not be heavy. Venus squares the meridian along the east coast of Australia. Mercury in the west lies over the western Rockies and through California cooling temperatures generally.

Mars is just entering Cancer,a very poor sign for Mars. He is hot and dry, Cancer is wet and cool, friction is the result. Atmospheric turbulences. He cuts through all the countries being affected by the blockade. Jupiter separating by one degree from the square to Neptune brings rains to Alaska, and heavy lows down and across the plains.

In the western hemisphere Saturn squares the meridian along the east coast promising damp, overcast, and cool weather.

Edith Custer

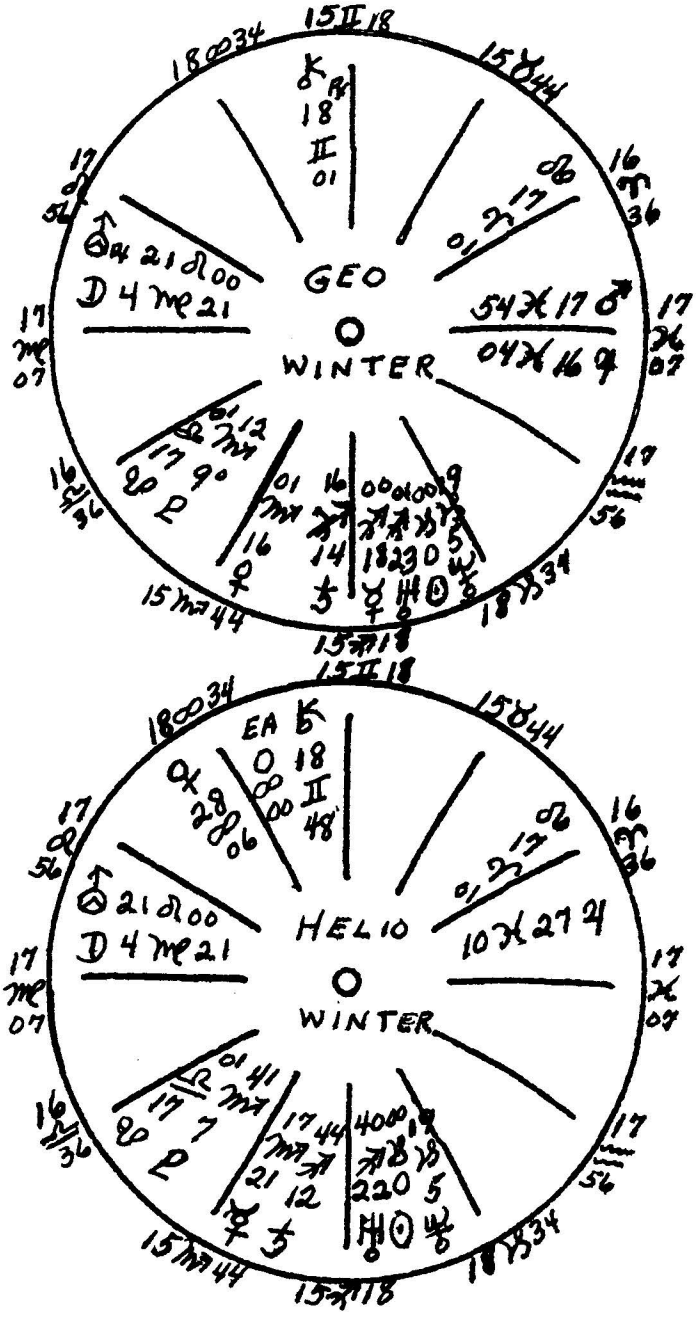
I thought some people might be interested in the Winter Solstice chart in both Helio and geo. These charts are set for Dec. 21, 1986, 11:02:32 PM EST, Washington, D.C. With Saturn so close to the 4th cusp and three and four planets in the 4th, the winter season does not look very good for the East Coast. At 78 degrees West longitude Saturn (Geo) will be conjunct the 4th and at 80 degrees West Helio Saturn will be conjunct the 4th. These are indicators of a cold winter in the East. I've added Chiron and Transpluto to the charts since I find they are playing a part in weather and earth movement predictions. Joyce Wehrman once told me to watch 5 degrees of a fixed sign for earthquakes. The one which I experienced in San Diego had the Sun at 5 degrees of Scorpio. Note that Helio Venus, Mercury, Jupiter and Pluto are all in water signs. You also have Pluto, Venus, Mars and Jupiter in water signs in the Geo chart. It looks as if we will have a cold, wet, winter!

Wind is indicated in the Geo chart with the Mercury/Uranus conjunction. I look at the Geo as well as Helio charts always. Both of them can be very active.

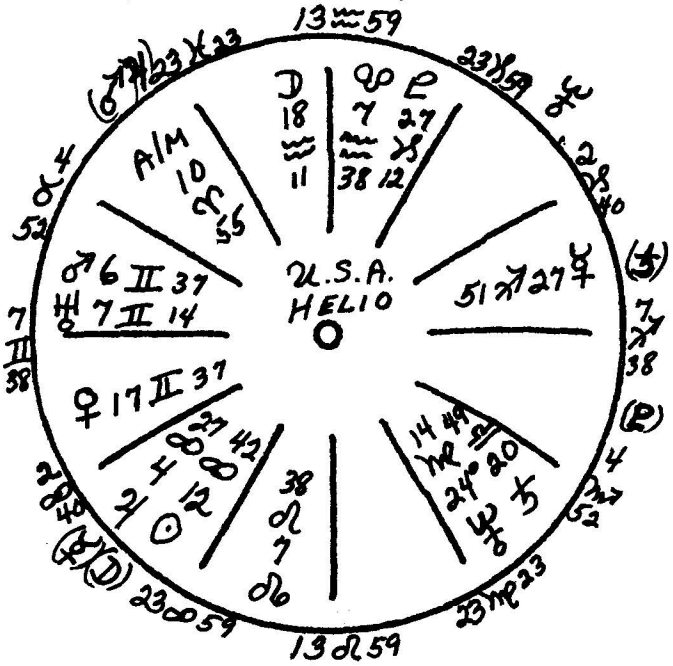
Speaking of weather charts, on December 1, 1986 we had a "Supermoon" which can indicate abnormally high tides with flooding involved. There will be another one on Dec. 31st that I am anxious to observe! (This was written Dec. 11, 1986 ed.). The one on Dec. 1st caused wide-spread damage up and down the East Coast. Losses were estimated at $7 million! The one on Dec. 31st will have the added ingredient of high winds with Helio Mercury and Uranus conjunct. The actual date and time of the Dec 31st "Supermoon" was 12/31/86, 3:10 AM GMT. (We would have to subtract 5 hours from that time for EST,of course.) The Helio Mercury/Uranus conjunction will be exact on Jan 2, 1987 in the early morning.

At any rate, I got all the Supermoon dates and times from a table that Richard Nolle has published. It gives them all; from 1/31/1900 to 12/22/1999. You can get a copy of this table and a brief explanation of what exactly a Supermoon is by sending a large, stamped self-addressed envelope and one dollar to: Richard Nolle P.O. Box 26599, Tempe, AZ 85282. Ask for a copy of the Supermoon Alignments. There will be two of these in 1987 and four in 1988. It might be interesting for us to keep an eye on them together. The one on Dec 1st was enough to convince me they bear watching with the flooding on both the east and west coasts.

EDITH.



When the President made his speech on 11/19/86 at 8:00PM EST Washington, D.C., I ran a Helio chart to see what it looked like. I put the transits around the 7 degree Gemini chart that a lot of people use for the U.S.A. (7/4/1776, 2:14:46 AM, Philadelphia) Here are some of the transits--and we all know what's been happening since. First of all Helio Mars was conjunct the Asc/MC midpoint by 13'! Transiting Mercury at 3 degrees Cancer, Moon at 6 degrees Cancer, and Neptune at 5 degrees Capricorn were conjunct and opposite natal Jupiter. Transiting Jupiter was opposite natal Neptune exact to the minute, transiting Saturn inconjunct the Sun less than a degree, Transiting Pluto square the Nodes by 11' and Transiting Venus was conjunct Mars by 27' (Both charts were Helio) Here is the U.S.A. Helio chart with the above planets in transit on the outside. I didn't put the degrees in since they are mentioned above. You might want to hang onto this chart for later references, if you don't have the Helio placements already. EDITH.



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After hearing your lectures, Edith, in Indianapolis, I purchased the Heliocentric ephemeris and T. Pat Davis books. I was amazed to find events in my chart triggered by a Helio aspect within minutes of orb, whereas the geo was degrees off.

Looking forward to further involvement with this group!

DIBS & DABS: HELIO

Barbara May

In Relationship charts, note the two HELIO Mercurys, especially if they are aspecting personal planets in the other person's chart. This will tell how the two people relate most easily. The wife of a policeman has her HELIO Mercury conjunct his Geo Mars. He talks to her about his work daily. His HELIO Mercury is conjunct her Moon so they discuss family and other concerns with their children constructively. Their Geo Mercurys make no aspect to each other at all but communication is one of the strongest parts of this relationship.

Horary tidbit: I read the HELIO Asc ruler instead of the Geo Asc ruler. As in the old saw about where Saturn is, that is where the real concern is. The HELIO Asc ruler shows you where the querent is in the question absolutely. HELIO Mercury-Venus-Mars move so much more quickly you can watch when the HELIO planet gets to a point in the horary; timing gets better. (Timing is still a stinker in horary but I said BETTER!)

If you think you are serious about HELIO then follow HELIO Mercury the next time Geo Mercury goes retrograde. This "time of discovery" becomes clearer when you do this daily, as HELIO Mercury can go thru 4 or 5 signs in three weeks!

(Barbara mentioned in her letter to me that she uses HELIO with everything: horary, past life, THIS life, relationships, electional, event, mundane, medical, etc. She ended her letter with: "Let's go full steam ahead on this HELIO SIG! It's needed and though our numbers may be few, we are loud and enthusiastic!" I'll add an "amen" to that!(EDITH)