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INITIATION

and other new books

YOU'RE on your way to a hot date when God kidnaps you. Dangles you over the Thousand Foot Precipice of Hell. You feel the heat singing your feet. Burning your eyebrows. He asks you three inane questions:

What is the square root of Vancouver?

How many Martians does it take to land on the Moon?

And, most terrifying of all,

What is B-FLAT?

Before you can answer, with a roaring laugh, he drops you mirthlessly into the pit.

Six inches before you are to be impaled on the Devil's upraised rotisserie pitchfork (gee, did he look like **Ron Popiel?**), God snaps you up, stands you beside him, says

Good Job! and drops you, 30 minutes late, a quivering, hysterical blob of jell-o, smack in front of your date for the night. And it was the third date, too. The one where you were going to get lucky! She's fuming & you're a babbling incoherent mess.

Such is the cartoon that people think of when the topic of initiation comes up. For two different views, see my remarks on Delores Ashcroft-Nowicki and Stephanie V. Norris's new book, **The Door Unlocked: An astrological insight into initiation.**

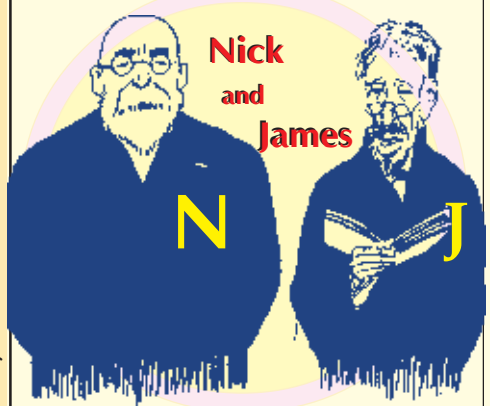
Other New Books

Friday brought a bunch. While I have them displayed on-line, I won't get notes written about them for a few more days:

Six Astrological Treatises, by Masha'allah, translated by James Herschel Holden. This one's worth it.

Understanding Karmic Complexes, Evolutionary Astrology & Regression Therapy, by Patricia L. Walsh. Based on Jeff Green's work, with a foreword by the mysterious Mr. Green himself.

Decanates & Dwads, by Sakoian & Acker. Previously published as **Zodiac Within Each Sign**. The old edition is cheaper, and still in stock.



DUELING DICTIONARIES

— ASPECTS —

James Wilson, 1819: Those arising from a division of the square were thought by Kepler to be evil, and those arising from a division of the trine or sextile by 5, were good; thus, the vigintile, being 1/4 of a quintile, is good; the quindecile, being one-fifth of the trine, is good; the semi-sextile, or half sextile, is good; the decile, being half a quintile, is good . . .

Nicholas deVore, 1947: As speed in orbit is relative to the size of the orbit, the inner planets aspects the one farthest removed from the Sun. Thus Venus aspects Saturn, not vice versa. There are exceptions, but only when other factors are involved. Transiting Saturn cannot pass over Venus, but Saturn can pass over the degree Venus occupied on some former occasion. . .

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for the week (all times GMT)

Notes

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	12:22	☾ ♂ ♀		
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30	05:21	☾ ♂ ♂		
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	09:03	♀ ☉		
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STAR OF THE WEEK

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Oculus pi Capricorni 4 ♁ 51

Notes: A small star in the right eye of the Goat.

Influence: Of the nature of Saturn & Venus. It gives a clever & piercing intellect when in conjunction Mercury.

Bos rho Capricorni 5 ♁ 18

Notes: A small star situated in the Goat's face.

Influence: Of the nature of Saturn & Venus. It gives a clever & piercing intellect if in conjunction Mercury.

Armus eta Capricorni 12 ♁ 53

Notes: Situated in the heart of the Goat.

Influence: Of the nature of Mars & Mercury. It gives disagreeableness, contemptibleness, instability, shamelessness, nagging, etc.

— from **Fixed Stars**, by Vivian Robson

Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson
1893-1990

IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

The Ruler of the Horoscope

part 5

IF Sagittarius is on the Ascendant, Jupiter is the native's genial & generous guide, taking him into new neighborhoods where he will be welcomed, admired & assisted, because he reflects all the kind & fatherly attributes of his guide. He may prefer to live among strangers rather than his own relatives, his family contacts will be formalized, and all 9th House matters & people will be first in his environment: only to his own family will he be a stranger. Gemini on the 7th gives a mate who may not take the marriage seriously. Finances may suffer; and children are somewhat unsatisfactory.

WHEN Pisces is on the Ascendant, Neptune is the alter ego or other self, the higher self and guide through life, but apt to miss the way and lead the native astray because of always looking for a better Utopia. He is blind to what is close at hand, thereby sure to either deceive or defraud himself. He has an extremely idealistic & inspirational nature & possesses great extra-sensory perception, sometimes going to extremes and reading into someone else's words or actions something that may not be there, because he reflects his guide's tendency to over-sensitivity. This causes bewilderment & confusion in his environment, and usually loneliness.

All 12th House matters & persons to the fore; his guide brings him into contact with lawbreakers or those under delusion, obsession or compulsion, or attracted to the exotic. — **All Over The Earth Astrologically**, 1963. *To be continued.*

More

Fun with Houses

IF angular houses (1,4,7 & 10) are Where You Go Out & Get the World, and if cadent houses (3,6,9 & 12) are Where The World Comes to Get YOU!, then succedent houses (2,5,8 & 11) are where you Find Repose. Retreat from the world. Seek refuge, via money or children or sex or friends (2,5,8 & 11, respectively).

While it's not possible, or at any rate, darn rare to have a planet in each house, a well-rounded chart will have planets angular, planets succedent, and planets cadent. But if not, then we get something in houses that resembles Marc Edmund Jones's famous Planetary Patterns, i.e., Bucket, Bowl, Splash, Splay, Bundle, Locomotive, etc.

Specifically, if all your planets are in angular & cadent houses (no succedent), then you have a Push-Pull sort of chart. You push on the world, it pushes back on you. Lacking succedent, you have no repose, no rest. Which perhaps you don't want, or perhaps you sorely miss, I don't know which.

With these empty houses it's important to note where the planets disposing those cusps happen to fall, as that's where these houses will play out. No planets in the 5th??? Does that mean No Children or No Sex?!

No. It means that you get children / have sex by means of the house where the planet owning the 5th house is found. Ruler of the 5th in the second? Maybe you need to have money to woo the charming maiden. Or maybe you make your living in the sex trade. Ruler of the 5th in the 4th? Your father may have final say over who you see & when, or perhaps will raise your children for you. Ruler of the 5th in the 9th? You meet your lovers at religious retreats, or at universities, etc. — This is how unoccupied houses work. All houses, occupied or not, work this way, but the process is most easily understood if one looks first at the unoccupied ones. Now back to my subject of the moment: —

If all your planets are in cardinal & succedent houses (no cadent), and if the ruler of the horoscope as well as the Sun & Moon are in angular houses, then you are a terror set loose on the world (no, not a terrorist!!! Come on, now!) who retreats from time to time to recharge his batteries.

If all your planets are in angular & succedent, but the chart ruler, Sun & Moon are in succedent houses, then from time to time you leave the safety of your nest to ravage

the countryside around you. (Well, you get the idea.) In neither case does the world ever seem to catch up & get back at you, since the cadent houses which would permit this are unoccupied. Does this mean that you're stupid (3rd empty), have no morals (9th empty), or will live forever (6th empty)? Of course not. As with the example of the 5th house, it only means the affairs of these houses are subordinated to the houses in which the rulers of these unoccupied houses may be found.

If angular houses are unoccupied, the individual will appear to have no outward drive, no ambition. This often frustrates his friends, who see his talents wasted but do not know why.

All planets in succedent & cadent make for one or another form of paranoid. The world is a strange place, we have no power (i.e. angularity) over it. Refuge is the best we can hope for. If the ruler of the chart, the Sun & Moon are all in cadent houses (as in my case) we are continually on guard that we not be ensnared in some mindless trap. In the other case, chart ruler, Sun & Moon in succedent houses, we are a wary recluse.

Both of these cases may be attributed to a past life which failed in some spectacular way. When such an individual reincarnates, he is more interested in knowing about his past, about why things failed, than he is in making any new mark on the world. Hence he is withdrawn, and, when challenged, may have a nasty sting.

It would not surprise me that individuals with empty angular, or succedent, or cadent houses, would seek partners who have those houses occupied in their own charts. The person who lacks angularity would much profit from someone who has planets in them. Such a partner would be his window to the world. This again reminds me of M.E. Jones, who postulated that people with complimentary planetary patterns took up with each other & made each other "whole". Someone who was lacking succedent would find a partner with an abundance of succedent to be a welcome person to come home to.

Houses are endlessly fascinating to me. I can read a chart, start to finish, with little else. Of course I sacrifice the predictive side of astrology, but with a cadent-heavy chart, I'm more than a little wary of what's out there and am more than a little dubious if there is such a thing as a good forecast.

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ELECTIONAL ASTROLOGY

Part 45: Jobs

Setting up in any trade or profession

LET the radical tenth cusp be the ascendant of the election. Let the lord of the ascendant and the Moon not only be free from affliction, but in sextile or trine to the lords of the tenth & second houses. If possible let the benefics be angular & the malefics cadent, but note that if the occupation be ruled by one of the malefics, that malefic should be strong & well placed in the figure.

Engaging Assistants

THE rules for this are the same as for engaging servants. The planet & signs ruling the business, or the duties for which the assistant is required, should be well placed and aspected.

— *Electional Astrology*, 1937

John Ballantrae has reemerged, with a series of short video lectures. One of the true greats. See his comments on **Tiger Woods** for a tour de force on reading house cusps.

January 31

1606 – Guy Fawkes executed.

1747 – First VD clinic in London

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From The Sex Outlook of the Signs

From *Astrology & Sex*
by Vivian Robson

ANOTHER Taurian characteristic of importance in regard to sex matters & marriage is a natural soothing & healing power, which makes the native of that sign a good partner for one with a high-strung nervous system. Thus Taurus and Gemini harmonize fairly well together for Taurus supplies the steadiness, balance & calm which are so needed by the Gemini native.

Mentally, of course, there may be friction, for the slow mind of Taurus cannot keep pace with the brilliance & rapidity of the Gemini mentality, but the marriage of a Gemini man to a Taurus woman can be extremely successful, for the woman can put the man's ideas into practical effect far better than he can himself.

The marriage of a Gemini woman to a Taurus man is not usually so successful, but everything depends in this case upon the woman. She may be of immense business & financial help to her husband by allying her keen brain with his steady & practical business ability. But so often moderate intellectual ability produces an air of conscious superiority in woman which would irritate even so placid a sign as Taurus, and in a case like this such a marriage would be foredoomed to failure. — *Astrology & Sex*, by Vivian Robson.

January 31

1849 – Corn laws abolished in UK.

1929 – Leon Trotsky exiled.

1930 – 3M markets Scotch tape.

On Marriage

from *The Principles of Astrology*
by Charles E.O. Carter

THE general circumstances of the marriage are shown by the 7th house, and by the application of the appropriate Luminary. The Sun stands for the male sex in a woman's horoscope, and the Moon for the female in a man's, and the first application of these bodies denotes the kind of marriage-partner and the conditions of marriage. This often works out with great exactness, the planet to which the Light first applies being commonly the ruler or rising planet in the natus of the partner. The theory often propounded that the successive applications of the luminaries denote successive attachments, and that marriage takes place when, having run the gamut of any bad aspects that it may form, the Light reaches its first good one, must be received with caution.

If the Luminary appropriate to the case apply by good aspect to a planet, it is probable that marriage will take place readily to a person denoted by that body, whatever subsequent applications may be made. If it apply to a benefic or neutral by square or opposition marriage will probably ensue, but will be attended by some trouble, as shown by sign and house. If the application be by bad aspect to a malefic, either no marriage or an unhappy one must be expected. Saturn is more likely to deny or greatly delay marriage, Mars to hurry it with regrettable consequences.

The 7th house has a wider significance, embracing all partnerships or relationships between the native and individuals. It is possible that the general conditions of marriage are shown by this house, and that the application of the luminary has more to do with the actual wooing and events immediately subsequent to marriage. — *The Principles of Astrology*, by C.E.O. Carter,

