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“Project Hindsight” for medicine?

PART of the problem of modern medicine is simply finding the words to describe the enormous medical disaster all around us. *We need more science! No we do not. Science has failed.* Science, as we understand it, is too flabby, too simplistic, to succeed. If this were not true, then science would have long ago cured cancer, for example. Instead of failing with surgery. Failing with radiation. Failing with elaborate chemical cocktails. Failing with serums. Failing with vaccines. If you have cancer and do not wish to die from it, hunt through the old medical cookbooks and try the recipes you find there. It’s an old disease.

Twenty years ago astrologers bravely went back to the past and exhumed, translated and began to study the great books of the last 2000 years. They were a revelation. They have transformed astrology beyond anything anyone could imagine — certainly more than I could imagine, and I was there.

It is time for medicine to do the same. The Greeks despised what we call “science,” for they could see it was nothing but an egotistic free-for-all. It would, as it did, develop rapidly through easy stages, and then, like a

top-heavy plant, fall over dead. For science to survive, it needs *an external structure*. Such as the Chinese and Hindus still have today, and as medieval Europeans once did.

It is time for modern doctors to go back to the past. To discover and study and learn from the enormous medical literature that history has bequeathed them.

Will they do it? Remember these are city doctors who have, through the centuries, faddishly taken up one craze after another, “science” being just another one of them. Are they now tired enough, stressed enough, in debt enough? Are they tired of failing, are they tired of excuses, are they tired of being pushed around by pharmaceutical companies and equipment manufacturers, to say nothing of the insurers? Are they tired of the perpetual fear of career-ending malpractice suits? Finally, do they simply *want to heal their patients?*

I am not certain they are, but increasingly I am certain that if they do not, a new generation of astrological doctors will eat them alive. They have already begun training, for astrology *has the books*, and astrologers already *have the desire* to study them. Which, for all our flaws, puts us ahead of everyone else. I have already **published** several such books myself. I will have Dr. Duz’s 1912 masterpiece in print by mid-summer.



Spirituality, regarded not so much as implying positive virtues as the appreciation, pure and simple, of spiritual and intellectual values as well as, or in place of, worldly ones, we may regard as being generally the outcome of a Venus-Jupiter-Neptune blend, and the signs Libra, Sagittarius, and Pisces. We must, however, recall that real spirituality is a rare thing and must by no means be expected to occur to a marked extent in every horoscope containing these characteristics.

Shelley’s horoscope may be taken as a good example. Sagittarius rises, Moon is in Pisces, Jupiter conjunct Neptune in Libra in 9th, Venus conjunct Sun.

Studiosness, or what is called the bookworm tendency, is most commonly found under Virgo. It is especially noticeable if the cardinal principle is lacking, and Mars, the Sun and Jupiter obscurely placed or in airy signs. Gemini is upon the whole an active sign, physically as well as mentally. — **Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology**, \$18.95. **Buy.**

ALMANACK

for the week (all times GMT)

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Vivian Robson’s STAR OF THE WEEK

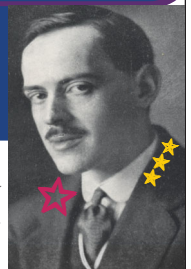
HAMAL alpha Arietis 07♃51

Notes: A yellow star situated in the forehead of the Ram and commonly known as the ram’s Following Horn. From Al Hamal, the Sheep. Symbolically called the Death Wound and often incorrectly named El Nath.

Influence: According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Mars and Saturn. It causes violence, brutishness, cruelty and premeditated crime.

With Sun: Dissipation, evil associates, loss and disgrace. **With Moon:** Patient, slow success through hard work, trouble through love affairs but favourable for marriage, marriage partner gains by business or speculation. **With Mercury:** Dull mind, many friends, great determination, tactful, greatly influenced by marriage partner. **With Venus:** Handsome, quiet, envious, jealous, domestic trouble, ill-health to native or family.

With Mars: Violence, criminal tendencies. — *from Fixed Stars*, by Vivian Robson. **Buy.**



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Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson
1893-1990

IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

What You Want and whether you will get it

In a natal or horary chart it is always interesting to determine what it is that the person wants, and also whether or not he is going to get it — at least in part if not wholly. WHAT is wanted is denoted by the 11th House of Hopes, Wishes and Circumstances, and WHETHER it is achieved is shown by the planet ruling the Sign on the cusp of the 11th House. Be sure to note the distinction we make here.

An intercepted Sign in the 11th signifies another great desire but of secondary importance and usually held in abeyance because of circumstances over which the person has insufficient control. Sometimes this discloses a future desire still to be formulated.

Fire Signs on the 11th cusp have a basic desire for spiritual things; whatever touches the heart and soul and is creative. Earth Signs want the practical and material, safeguarding type of thing that can be developed into future security; they want roots in solid ground and something they can hold on to. Air Signs want whatever is intellectual and scientific—the impersonal interests that can logically be given to people in general, because Air Signs are diffuse, having only a light hold on what they want when they get it, especially in matters intellectual, desiring to spread their knowledge; they are teachers. Water Signs want to satisfy their extra-sensory perception through deep understanding of the mystical; whatever appeals to the imagination, feelings and emotions as in things taken on faith. — [Here and There In Astrology](#), 1961. **Buy.**

A Bomb and a “witch”

I MUST write about the marathon bombings. Looking at the news reports on Saturday, it seems clear that nothing is as it seems. Here are some charts. The marathon was on Monday, April 15, 2013, in Boston.

The bombings were at 2:45 pm, EDT.

The traditional start of the race, the men's start, was at 10:00 am.

The women started at 9:32 am. Other groups had their own start times.

At 12:10:22 pm, the first competitor crossed the finish line.

Over at Wiki's 2013 Boston Marathon site, the official bomb time is given as 2:50 pm. Also:

Spring equinox in Boston, was at 7:02 am on March 20, 2013.

Krystle Campbell, one of those who died in the bombing, was born on May 3, 1983, in Somerville, MA. Two Chechens have been accused of the crime. They are most likely patsies. I presume birth data for both will turn up.

It is now a week later and the media is verging on hysteria. So let's do some thing sane. Let's take the 2:45 pm chart, of the bomb itself and see what it tells us.

Two degrees of Virgo rises. An early degree rising would imply the action was premature, but as the bomb exploded nearly three hours after the first runners crossed the finish line, with only a handful of participants still to complete the course, it would not be the time that was premature, but the event itself was not the one that was desired? As so often happens, astrology takes us in directions we had not thought to consider.

Ruler of the ascendant is Mercury. We find him in the 8th house, which signifies death. Three died in as a result of the bomb itself, while a fourth, one of the two accused, has since died, with the other accused man in serious but unknown condition.

Of those who died, one was a child, which is Mercury, ruler of children, while the other three were young adults, which is also Mercury. Mercury is in Aries, which is to say the deaths would occur suddenly and without warning. Mercury disposed by Mars, also in Aries, their deaths would be violent. Uranus is also in Aries and in the 8th, which is explosive, though I find Uranus too erratic to be relied upon.

But then things get complicated. Aries is not on the cusp of the 8th, but a very late degree of Pisces is. This tells us several things. One, the intention was not to kill any specific person, but, instead, anyone who might have been in the area. As the ruler of Pisces is Jupiter and as Jupiter was debilitated in the sign of Gemini and as Gemini indicates short travel and movement, the specific intention was to kill runners in the marathon, but as Gemini is intercepted, this did not happen.

In finding Mercury and then its ruler, we have been led to the 9th house, where we find, in addition to Mars, the Sun, Venus and the south node. This is a lot for one house and makes me curious as to what could be signified by it. As I was perplexed, I first went to Lilly, to ensure I had not overlooked anything obvious. Lilly gives the 9th house as signifying long journeys, religion, pilgrimages, dreams, philosophy, intellectual pursuits, etc. As this was no use, I next looked in a mundane book and gained only foreign affairs, of which I was already aware. I did not like that.

THE identity of the bomber(s) is given by the 7th house, which is Pisces. Here there are various problems. One, Pisces means it could be anyone, anywhere. Second, Neptune is tightly on the 7th house cusp itself, which means we would be unable to clearly identify the attacker and may get the wrong man for the wrong reasons. In this regard, the two Chechen brothers who were quickly accused of the crime seem to have previously come to the attention of the FBI because of various trips they took to Russia over the past several years.

This is why I did not like the strong 9th house emphasis in this chart. An attacker who comes from and has subsequently returned to his homeland (which happens to be our traditional enemy) and then returned here sounds a lot like a replay of Lee Harvey Oswald, the alleged killer of John Kennedy in 1963, not that I need to remind you. If that is true, then has not a foreign government — or a rebellious party inside some foreign country — sent agents to the US in order to kill our citizens?

In 1963, it would seem that Oswald's comings and goings to the Soviet Union ended in his murder of a US President, which could be viewed as Soviet “revenge” for the humiliation they suffered the year before over Cuban missiles. Doubtless Russian leaders have,

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The Alphabet of Astrology , continued

EACH planet moves through the zodiac in the order of the signs, passing from Aries to Taurus and so on to Pisces, from which it again passes into Aries, and its position is denoted by the degree it occupies in any particular sign. At various times all the planets, with the exception of the Sun and Moon, appear to move backwards through the zodiac, i.e. from Aries to Pisces to Aquarius and so on, after which they become stationary and again move forwards. A planet thus moving backwards is called *Retrograde* (symbol $\text{R}\downarrow$), and when moving forward *Direct* (symbol D). The point at which it is stationary passing from direct to retrograde is called its *First Station* and that at which it again becomes direct is called its *Second Station*. A retrograde planet is weaker than one that is direct and usually promises more evil or good than it performs. Retrogradation weakens both good and evil planets alike, and does *not* make a malefic planet more evil, as is sometimes stated. A planet that is stationary is always of very great importance and its influence in a map is thereby greatly accentuated. When within $8^{\circ} 30'$ of the Sun a planet is said to be "combust", and this was considered a weak and unfortunate position by the ancients, though less harmful to Mercury than to the other bodies.

—A Student's Text-Book of Astrology, 1922.
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- April 25: Lunar eclipse**
404 BC—Sparta defeats Athens.
1607—Dutch destroy Spanish at Gibraltar.
1707—Bourbons defeat Hapsburgs.
1792—La Marseillais composed.
1846—Mexican-American war starts.
1861—Union army takes Washington.

Anatomical Sign Rulership Scorpio

Scorpio represents procreation, re-adaptation, and is concerned in both the reproductive and destructive processes of life. It therefore exercises special dominion over the generative organs. The principal parts under the care of Scorpio are the pelvis of kidney, bladder, ureters, urethra excretory vessels of the testicle, Cowper's glands, prostate, the iliac regions or groin, the gall, rectum, sigmoid flexure (probably the whole of colon), mesocolon and meso-rectum. Scorpio diseases frequently implicate the back, heart or throat. Castration ($\text{M}\downarrow$) affects the voice (V). The parotid glands (P) will often be affected synonymously with certain diseases of Scorpio, such as buboes. A chronic exanthematous sore-throat, diseased nasal fossae, etc. (S) commonly accompany syphilis ($\text{M}\downarrow$).

We must carefully distinguish between the parts ruled by Libra and those by Scorpio. An apparent Libran disorder may be actually due to Scorpionic influence. For instance, suppression of urine and retention of urine are different things: the former is a true Libran complaint, occurring when the kidneys for some reason or other do not secrete the urine; the latter is Scorpionic, the urine being duly secreted by the kidneys, but retained for some reason in the bladder. The author has found the disposition of rulership in the allied parts of Libra and Scorpio as in the diagrammatic representation given in Fig. 1, on pg. 10.

This will show why gravel or stone in the kidney will be signified by Scorpio rather than Libra, since it is in the pelvis of kidney that the stone is formed, a part which belongs to Scorpio government. — **Medical Astrology**, by Heinrich Daath. *In stock.*
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Trees & Crops

from Al Biruni's **Book of Instruction**

Saturn: Oak-gall tree, citron or myrobalan tree, olive tree and also willow, turpentine tree, castor-oil, plant, and all those which bear fruits with disagreeable taste or smell, or hard-shells such as walnuts and almonds. Sesame.

Jupiter: Trees bearing sweet fruit without hard skin such as peach, fig, apricot, pear and lote-fruit, companions Venus as to fruits. Roses, flowers, herbs sweet-smelling or tall, such plants as are light and whose seeds fly with the wind.

Mars: All bitter, pungent and thorny trees, their fruit with rough skin, pungent or very bitter such as bitter pomegranate, wild pear, bramble. Mustard, leeks, onions, garlic, rue, rocket, wild rue, radish, eggplant.

Sun: All tall trees which have oily fruit, and those whose fruit is used dry, such as date-palms, mulberries and vines. Dodder, sugarcane, manna, tarangubin and shir-khisht.

Venus: All trees soft to touch, sweet-smelling, smooth to the eye like cypress and teak, apple and quince. Sweet and oily berries, fragrant and coloured herbs, spring flowers and has a share in cotton.

Mercury: Pungent and evil-smelling trees. Savoury herbs and garden stuff, canes and things growing in water.

Moon: All trees the stem of which is short such as the vine and the sweet pomegranate. Grass, reeds, canes, flax, hemp, trailing plants such as cucumber and melon.

DRUGS

Saturn: Drugs cold and dry in the fourth degree, especially those which are narcotic and poisonous.

Jupiter: Those which are moderately hot and moist and are profitable and agreeable. Fruits. — **The Book of Instruction in Elements of the Art of Astrology**, by Al Biruni.
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over subsequent years, taken note of how Russia was very nearly made a scapegoat for what appears — to the rest of the world — to be a purely domestic US affair, which, to make myself perfectly clear, was the murder of a US President.

Traditionally terrorists claim responsibility for their work, as attacks involve great personal risk, are not easy to do and are intended solely to promote their righteous cause, whatever it may be. But you will note this ironclad rule does not apply to America or to Americans. Consider:

No one claimed responsibility for John Kennedy's murder. Oswald expressly denied it.

No one claimed responsibility for Robert Kennedy's murder. (Sirhan was a joke.)

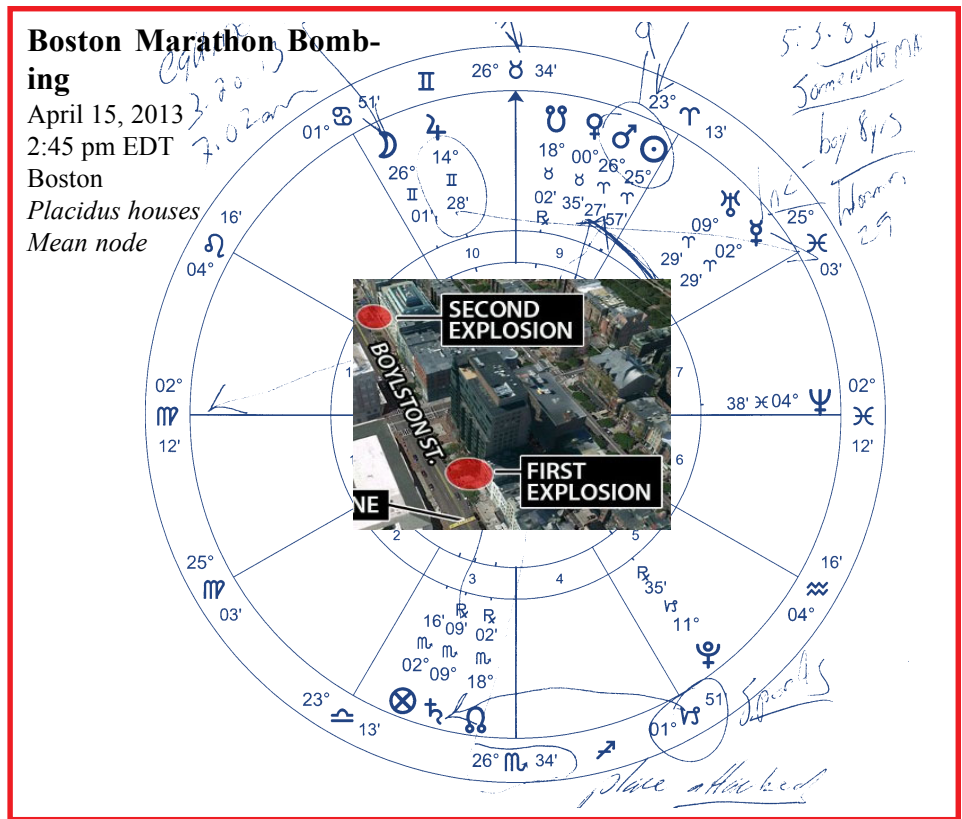
Half the racist bigots in the country would have claimed responsibility for Martin Luther King's murder. I understand the case against James Earl Ray was helped enormously by Ray's pride at having been fingered. A few years later he wrote a letter to Time Magazine, which I chanced to read. Uniquely, Time elected to not correct his grammar and spelling, which I thought small-minded of them (publishers normally fix such things). It showed Mr. Ray to be barely literate.

No one claimed responsibility for the attacks of September 11, 2001. Osama bin Laden expressly denied responsibility, while remarking the US got what it deserved.

SO I presume the remaining professionals at the US State Department have spent the week reassuring Russia that no sabre-rattling will occur as a result of two of their citizens having attacked American soil. I expect the Russians to smile politely (Venus just barely in Taurus in the 9th house), all the while remembering how America has traditionally betrayed its allies over recent decades, including Manuel Noriega, in Panama, Saddam Hussein, in Iraq, and bin Laden himself. Note the south node in the 9th, the site of the upcoming eclipse. Don't expect US-Russian relations to remain pleasant.

The event in question, the marathon, was a sporting event. Sports are shown by the 5th house, which here has Capricorn on the cusp. Capricorn is ruled by Saturn, which we find in the 3rd house. The 3rd house nicely symbolizes people "running around town." The day was expected to be pleasant, as Libra is on the 3rd house cusp and its ruler, Venus, had just entered Taurus, which it also rules.

Saturn in Scorpio further along in the third tells us the day would not turn out the



way it started, that it would be intense and dark (Scorpio) and unhappy (Saturn). Note that Saturn is ruled by Mars and that Mars was in the house opposite, which tells us that larger issues are at stake, which is to say, matters of international policy (9th house) and war-making, Mars being the planet of war and Saturn being the planet of government, the Sun being national will and the south node being an indicator of a great blunder.

The site of the attack is the 4th house cusp, which in this chart has a late degree of Scorpio on the cusp. Here, the late degree would signify the attack should have come earlier in the day, when more people were physically in the area. The cusp is ruled by Mars, which, as before, remains in Aries. Note that Mars is tightly inconjunct to the cusp. As my working definition of inconjuncts is "that which is invisible" and therefore unintended, Mars inconjunct the IC reinforces a general murky feeling about the day, that although an attack, leading to death, was intended (chart ruler in the 8th), the exact events did not go as planned.

So far as a deliberate attack by an aggrieved party, aka, terrorism, the idea is absurd. The Boston Marathon is known to be a 2 hour, 10 minute course, give or take a few. If you want to make a statement for your cause, whatever it is, you will time the bomb to detonate between noon and 12:30 pm, at the latest. While the famous runners are still there. With the media in full force. As soon

as you see the reports on TV, you will immediately phone, perhaps from some safe house in the Dominican Republic, and claim responsibility for your group. No, it doesn't make any sense to me, either, as I am reasonably sane and limit myself to verbal tirades only (for which I later castigate myself), but if I was an aggrieved party, I would play by the rules and not miss any obvious tricks.

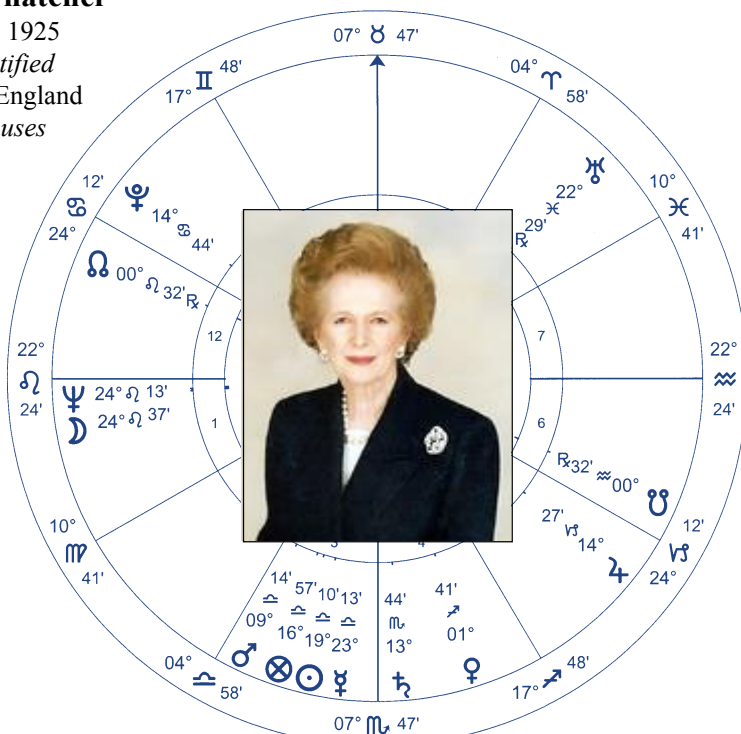
Note the ruler of the 4th house, the scene of the crime, is itself the God of War in the Sign of War, and is located six houses from the scene (chart turning), which is the mundane house of the military. In the days immediately after 9-11, I hoped, I prayed, the US would take the legal route and pursue the criminals, whoever they were, through legal channels. It has long been forgotten that in the days that immediately followed, the Afghan government, of Taliban clerics, offered to arrest and turn bin Laden over to the US, if we would but make a case for them to do so. We spurned their offer. It was so much more fun to be Biblical about it, to get an eye for an eye, etc. To render the world blind. Under the twin onslaughts of Anglo-American war and Anglo-American financial fraud, the world as a result is dying straight in front of our very unseeing eyes.

We could look at the 10th house and try to find in it an overall outcome. The sign is Taurus, which is lazy inertia and immobility. It might be that although the Boston

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Maggie Thatcher

October 13, 1925
1:00 am *rectified*
Grantham, England
Placidus houses
Mean node



Marathon Bombing could rise to the level of an international incident, the inertia from all parties will keep it from doing so. Venus, having just entered the sign, is still too weak to do anything with it, and though the south node is in the 9th and an eclipse will shortly be seen there, it is also true that the 9th house is the 12th from the 10th, meaning that unfortunate things there can be hidden or suppressed. It is also true that same eclipse will likely give us major financial problems which will quickly push marathon bombings off the front pages and out of our collective memories.

MAGGIE Thatcher passed away on April 8, at 12:52 pm BST, in London. *Ding dong the witch is dead!* Which has made it back to the top of the charts in England, much to the embarrassment of the BBC and others. I went to [AstroDataBank](#) and got Thatcher's data: October 13, 1925, 9 am, Grantham, UK. I set the chart up and found Scorpio rising, Saturn in the first. Which were both absurd placements. Immediately I looked where the birth time had come from. "Rodden Rating A," I read. **Charles Harvey** — who I thought would know better — asked one of her private secretaries and then believed what he was told. Are we bought off that easily?

The classic case of Saturn in the first is Ludwig van Beethoven (December 16, 1770, Bonn), who, according to my rectification

(7:45 pm LMT), had Saturn in Leo in the first house, a mane of hair, was darkly colored and disliked everyone. Who mostly disliked him. It is highly isolating.

Nine AM puts Thatcher's Moon in Leo in the 10th. A tenth house Moon commonly knows the public's sentiments and how to play on them, which Thatcher did to some extent, but as the Moon waxes and wanes, the popularity of 10th house Moons commonly comes and goes. Which was not Thatcher, who came and stayed.

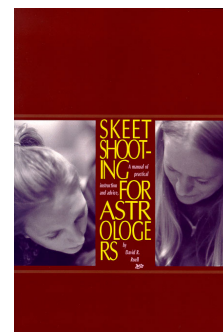
With a loud red mane of hair, with cat-like manners, Leo goes on the first. We then have the temptation to put a late degree of Leo on the ascendant and get Taurus and Scorpio on 10 and 4.

And we get "The Lady's Not for Turning" and, "There Is No Alternative." (TINA) Two of the strongest statements of fixity there have ever been. Which gives her a 1:00 am birth time (more or less, exactitude is not of interest) and fixed signs on all four angles. So far as planets are concerned, only Moon, Saturn and Neptune are in fixed signs. Thatcher had five in cardinals.

With Mars, Sun and Mercury all in the third, she would be bright and active around town. And in fact was an outstanding scholar, with a degree in chemistry. Early on she was described as obstinate and headstrong, which doesn't sound like a Scorpio rising or a Sun in Libra, even if Mars is nearby. (Mars-Sun combinations are aggressive, a different

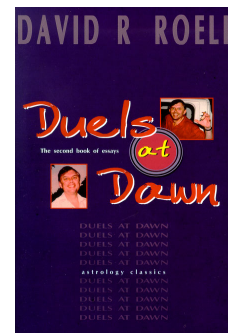
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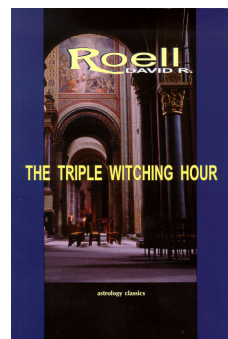
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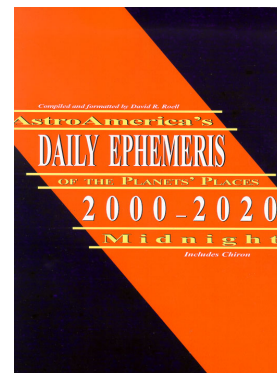
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thing. When Mars-Sun turn up in female charts, the common description is tomboy.) Sun-Mercury in Libra is someone who will ask others their opinion, thereby giving the impression she is in touch with others

Thatcher's Neptune-Moon conjunction in the first meant she would never be clearly known. It was not until I read **Michael Hudson's analysis** of her goals (an obit) that I understood what was driving her. With hindsight he says she was trying to break up stale bureaucracies and bring power — and money — to the little people. She instead blundered and sold the country to City financiers. The place hasn't been the same since. In my off-the-cuff rectification, you will note idealistic Pisces on the 8th house cusp, of Other People's Money, which is to say, no clear idea where such money comes from, what to do with it, or where it goes, ruled in this case by a debilitated Jupiter in Capricorn, which is her in charge of the government, by the way, remotely placed near the 6th house cusp.

GOLD

FROM the 15th to the 22nd of this month, gold suffered a staggering decline in price, from 1550 to 1350. The best explanation I have heard is this was engineered to stop holders of paper gold certificates from redeeming them for bullion, as paper has been oversold at the rate of 100 to 1 (fractional reserve goldbugs) in order to depress the price of gold and mislead us about the worth of paper currency. Suddenly there was no more hard bullion to keep the party going and so a crash was arranged.

The effort did not succeed. After the price dropped, supply of gold coins immediately dried up, as did raw gold bars for the Hong Kong bullion market. Why mention this? Reckless actions, presumably desperate ones, have left the world's financial system less stable than before, just in time for a solar eclipse in Taurus on May 9, in the sign of money itself. (Gold is Leo, strictly speaking.) There are now widespread predictions of a financial collapse coming to a country near you, and sooner rather than later. Get set for a bumpy summer. Would I buy gold? Sure, if I had money. There's no point buying ice cream sundaes any more. The calcium gives my heart the heebee jeebies.

I had wanted to write about spooks I have known. Maybe next week.

