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Happy New Year !

Reinstantiate suicides are lousy forecasters, do you have to ask why? They have this strange quirk, that not only can't they see a future, what they can see largely doesn't interest them. Which is why I've never bored you to death & beyond with my forecasting skills.

I got caught empty-handed last week & phoned **Martha Lang-Wescott** for emergency stock. Unaware of my personal quirks, she asked me what I thought of 2010 & I pointed out the obvious, the upcoming T-square of Saturn, Uranus & Pluto in early degrees of cardinal signs. She hit right back with the **eclipse of January 15**, at 25 Capricorn. She uses the **dial**. Martha says the

eclipse is sitting smack on half a dozen nasty midpoint structures. Watch 4 & 25 of cardinal, 19 of fixed, and 10 of mutable. I used to have 10 mutable in my chart, but it moved. On the 15th, the eclipse will be on the eastern horizon in Berlin, nearly conjunct Saturn (23 Capricorn) in Germany's unification chart of July 1, 1990, midnight.

But enough of me talking about the year ahead. You tardy shoppers, get your Maynard calendars NOW !!! so you can follow along. It's getting to be very, very late.

Happy 2010 to all !

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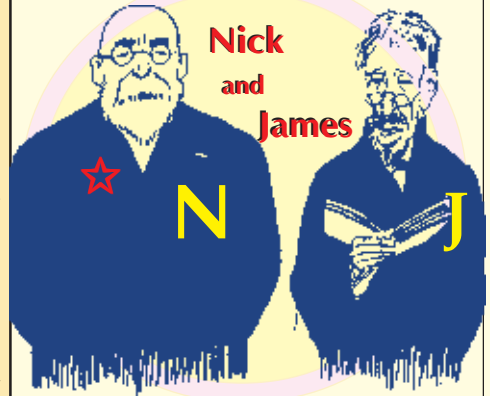
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At Random

James Wilson, 1819: The conjunction of Venus with Mercury, if Venus be significator & Mercury well dignified & free from affliction, makes the native handsome & well shaped, ingenious, witty & eloquent; well disposed & kind to everyone. Such a one generally acquires a fortune by some literary undertaking, and is always fortunate.

Nicholas deVore, 1947: It is easy to show that the Precession which ended with Christ was the end of the 5th Family Race of the 5th Subrace of the 5th **Root Race**: making 33 Family Races or Precessions since 850,000 BC. Therefore the present 6th Family Race, of the present cycle of Precession, may be considered as a bridging cycle out of which both the 6th Sub-race & the 6th Root Race will in the next cataclysm . . .

ALMANACK

for the week (all times GMT)

Notes

29	12:19	♀		♄	
29	01:15	☾			
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30	02:25	♃		♃	
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	18:13	☾	♂	♃	
	21:56	☾	♂	♃	Void
04	02:53	☾	♄		
	19:06	♀	♂	☉	

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January 1 begins the year:

1522: Venice; **1544** Holy Roman Empire; **1556** Spain, Portugal; **1559** Prussia, Sweden; **1564** France; **1576** S. Holland; **1579** Lorraine; **1583** N. Holland; **1600** Scotland



STAR OF THE WEEK

★★★☆☆

PELAGUS, sigma Sagittari, 12 vs 32

Notes: A small star situated on the vane of the arrow at the Archer's hand.

Influence: According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Jupiter & Mercury, and to Alvidas, of Saturn & Mercury. It gives truthfulness, optimism & a religious mind.

With Sun: Influential public position, favourable for domestic & family matters.

With Moon: Successful writer on science, philosophy, education or agriculture, unorthodox in religion, defeats enemies, many friends, illness of a Saturnian nature.

With Mercury: High government position, popular criticism, wealth, anxiety on account of illness to wife or mother.

With Venus: Heart rules head, favours from opposite sex, many friends.

With Mars: Reserved, diplomatic, strong mind, courageous, energetic, straightforward, false friends, favourable for gain.

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

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1893-1990

IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

The Ruler of the Horoscope

IF Leo is on the Ascendant the Sun is the guide who leads the native some what triumphantly through life according to his station, taking him into the environment of those who will respect & assist him & even indulge his frailties or pardon them. He therefore leans on Divine Providence, even when as guilty as the next one & aware of being more or less insecure in life & dependent on outside help, because his guide is the highest of the high. All 5th house matters & peoples come to the fore, and the influence of the Sun makes him love entertainment as either participant or spectator, and happy to be in the company of the opposite sex. Children have a brief part in his life & there may be lack of sympathy for them – and also as regards his own father. With the separation Sign Aquarius on the 7th, there is often more than one marriage.

IF Cancer is on the Ascendant, the guide through life is the Moon, and a restless guide she can be, leading the native far afield from his birthplace, directing many changes in his life & environment so that he shall contact those whose burdens he is destined to share, being sympathetic, maternal & desirous of developing the best interests of the people he meets. He will surely meet them, in and out of his own family, but only those outside will appreciate him in his earlier years. A wide scope of interests is his, an inquiring mind & instinct to collect & save towards ultimate security, thus his guide will lead him toward that end. All 4th house matters & people are important to him. . . — **All Over the Earth**, 1963. *To be continued.*

R E I N C A R N A T I O N

Intercepted Signs

I was going to give you the key to finding the ascendant on your past-life chart, presuming you're lucky enough to know your past life birthday, but to my surprise, I stumbled onto something else instead. Intercepted signs.

An intercepted sign is a sign that does not fall on any house cusp. The house starts with a late degree of one sign, has all 30 degrees of the next sign inside it, and finally ends several degrees into the third sign. I had **previously speculated** that such a house had two distinct "stories", or delineations. The first, the sign on the cusp was what should be, but largely wasn't, partly because the degree was late & so the sign exhausted, but mostly because there was a parasite (intercepted sign) lurking inside it. That sign constitutes a "make-do" that you're not quite aware of until it's pointed out to you. I still think that works, especially if the intercepted sign is not tenanted, i.e., there's no planet in the sign.

But in analyzing my own intercepted Saturn in Libra in the 5th, I found compelling reasons (too involved to go into here) to believe the four children I had in my most immediate past life were not mine. In this life I remember as a small child, less than five years old, before I knew or suspected anything, that I did NOT want to marry, and I did NOT want children. It is my opinion that such childish thoughts are hangovers from the previous life, as I know of no other explanation for them.

So I am now exploring the idea that intercepted signs are dysfunctions from the immediate past life. In the past week, two examples have arrived.

By accident I was directed to a page with the chart of an English magician (the real kind, not the stage juggler), born January 8, 1953, 1:30 am, Goring by Sea, England. Here we have Sun intercepted in Capricorn in the 3rd, Saturn on the ascendant in Libra, and the Moon in the 12th. In this life, the man is said to be a recluse. Looking at the interception, with Saturn on the ascendant & ruling the intercepted Sun, I had the strongest impression of a reincarnate fugitive. Someone who was hiding in his own community (3rd house is local), someone known to the authorities (Sun disposed by Saturn), someone whose very face was known to all (Saturn on the ascendant), but who escaped capture. Moon in the 12th was another indicator.

On Monday I had a call from a woman curious about her 5th house Saturn. Turns out she had intercepted signs (I forget which) in the 1st and 7th. I had just finished delineating a chart with an erroneous time that gave interceptions in 1 & 7, so I pounced.

Interception in the first, there was a past life where she wasn't "seen" for who she really was (1st). As a consequence, there was an arranged marriage with a man who had no interest in her as a wife (7th). So, when she gave him children (5th), they weren't hers, but her husband's. Perhaps they were taken away from her, perhaps she felt guilty about having them, there are things that I just can't guess, but the net result was a pair of interceptions & Saturn in the 5th.

I stress the interceptions I've seen were all tenanted, in other words, there were planets lurking in them. Also, in every case, there was some controlling planet or house elsewhere in the chart which, by aspect, or rulership, or just because it was appropriate, was the source of the problem, or provided the outcome, or both.

A few months ago I reviewed a **book by Alice Miller** that claimed intercepted houses made the individual somehow "special", unique & gifted, an idea I found silly. For one thing, the further north you go, the more signs get intercepted. In India interceptions are quite rare. In Scotland, it's exactly the reverse. And now here I am, claiming that interceptions make you dysfunctional.

Could it be that we all started out in equatorial Gardens of Eden & as we made mistake after mistake, our penance was to be born, ever more gifted, in ever colder climes? Is our fate to be Nordic reindeer herding geniuses? Will our Ultimate Destination be as an interior decorator in **that famous Ice Hotel**?

I think it more likely the chart finds ways to give us what we need to experience, and that when it has interceptions to work with, it does so. Now: The past life ascendant.

I have a friend, JES, who was born November 17, 1956, 5:08 pm, NYC. His most immediate past life, as a soldier, ended early in WWII. As is typical of soldiers who die young, he came roaring back (**Stephen Crane**), and that's the part that's confused me. He was previously JPS, born in Germany on February 20, 1745. So what's the 1745 ascendant? Maybe in a week it will appear to me.

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ELECTIONAL ASTROLOGY

Part 41: *More Holiday Cheer!* **MAKING A WILL, 2**

IN the case of a will made in emergency during illness, the following rules should be observed. If the Moon be slow in motion, unaspected, combust, or under the Sunbeams, the testator will die & the will remain unaltered. This is especially so if the Moon be in conjunction (not in aspect) to Mars, provided Mars is not in the ascendant nor aspecting either the ascendant or its lord. There is, however, danger that the will will be lost or stolen.

If Saturn, instead of Mars, is similarly placed in regard to the Moon or lord of the ascendant, the testator will live & the will remain unaltered during the rest of his life & after his death; but if Saturn afflict the ascendant, it will be altered.

If Jupiter or Venus be similarly placed the testator will recover, and subsequently revoke the will. — **Electional Astrology**, 1937

January 1:

- 45 BC: Start of the Julian Calendar
- 1515: Francois 1ère King of France
- 1772: First travellers cheques
- 1788: First edition of Times of London
- 1801: United Kingdom created
- 1801: Ceres discovered
- 1808: US bans importation of slaves

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Venus in the Houses

In First House: Addicted to flirting. Danger of seduction if afflicted. Often delays marriage.

In Second House: May marry for money, or marry a rich partner after some delay. Partner will not be happy on account of the native's neglect, jealousy, or exacting demands.

In Third House: Danger of entanglements & of seduction if afflicted, but sometimes gives monastic tastes. Love affairs on a voyage, and marriage or union abroad or while traveling.

In Fourth House: Unstable love affairs. Danger of seduction & adultery. Loss of position through a love affair. Strange events in love & marriage. Unreturned affection on the part of the native or the partner.

In Fifth House: Inclined to be jealous & self-indulgent. Precocious & dangerous love affairs. Fortunate marriage.

In Sixth House: Many troubles in love; attachments to inferiors; and a partner of low birth or social position. Unhappy marriage. Danger of impotence or venereal diseases.

In Seventh House: Native attracted to loose women. Marriage sometimes delayed & sometimes early, but if Scorpio or Capricorn an irregular union may be formed. More than one marriage.

In Eighth House: Exactng affections. Danger of troubles in love & seduction, and loss of property through women. Marriage may be delayed, and may bring financial gain, followed by the death of the partner, or separation & divorce. — **Astrology & Sex**, 1941

From: Ancient Astrology, Theory & Practice

by **Julius Firmicus Maternus**

Forecasting the Length of Life

WHEN you look carefully at the Giver of Life, that is, the ruler of the chart, and you see in what house it is located, and in what kind of sign, and in what degrees, and you also consider the ruler of the sign in which the Life-Giver is situated, in what sign & in what house and in what degree it is, and to what extent the Giver of Life & the benefic planets are aspected to the Sun & Moon, you will easily be able to delineate the whole character of this life. For, if the Life-Giver is situated in a good house, in a good sign and in good degrees, a healthy number of years is portended, especially if Jupiter in a diurnal nativity, or Venus in a nocturnal nativity, is in favorable aspect to the Giver of Life.

If Saturn is the Giver of Life & is favorable, he decrees 57 years, but if he portends evil he decrees 30 years, or 30 months & 12 hours.

If Jupiter is the Giver of Life & is favorable, he decrees 79 years, but if unfavorable 12 years, or 12 months & 12 days & 12 hours.

If Mars is the Life-Giver & is favorable, he portends 63 years; if unfavorable 15 years, or 15 months, 15 days & 12 hours.

If the Sun is favorable he decrees 120 years; if unfavorable 18 years; if moderate 45 years.

Venus, if she decrees favorably, 84 years; if unfavorably 8 years, 8 days, 12 hours.

Mercury, if he decrees favorably, 108 years; if moderately 79 years; if unfavorably 20 years, or 29 months, 20 days, 20 hours.

If the Moon decrees favorably, 84 years; if unfavorably 25 years.

If the Ruler of Life is in his own house or in his own exaltation or in his own terms, and if planets in his own condition exert a favorable influence on him, then a larger number of years is portended.

