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## Special Note

OF late years it has been especially borne home to me that we are apt to exaggerate the difference between so-called "good" and "bad" aspects. Both in compiling cases for my book *Astrological Aspects* and in examining horoscopes for the present work, I have noticed that the same bodies will, in a class of similar cases, occur again & again in aspect, but that the nature of the aspect is far from constant. Further, in making lists of persons with the same bodies in "good" aspect and of other persons with the same bodies in "bad" aspect, it was often difficult to see that the former had been any more fortunate in the matters involved than those in the second category, and, in other cases, those with "bad" aspects seemed no worse off than those who had "good" ones.

This statement may call forth the protests of many, but I invite the incredulous to collect a few dozen cases & study them, as I have done. — *Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology*, by Charles Carter

## Guido Bonatus Arrives!

I SPENT the week pouring over Benjamin Dykes' six volume translation of *Bonatus' Book of Astronomy*. Here's the gist:

If you're a student of early medieval astrology, get all six, all at once, or one at a time, your choice. (Late medieval astrology is, of course, *Morin* & the 17th century London crowd: *Lilly*, et al.)

Here's a quick synopsis of the individual books:

**Treatise 1, 2 & 3, Basic Astrology**, is exactly that. The stuff you probably already know, on signs & quadruplicities & elements & houses & planets.

**Mundane Astrology**, which is Treatises

4, 8.1 & 10, is a revelation. The Chart of the Year, the Ruler of the Year, the Significator of the King (or ruler). This is the mundane book we've been looking for.

**The 146 Consideration, Treatise 5**, is a modern translation of the Lilly/Coley *Astrologer's Guide*. Unlike the Guide, Treatise 5 does not include aphorisms by Cardan, but on the other hand, it's cheaper.

**Treatise 6, on Horary**, was a disappointment. Bonatus is very good, but *Lilly, Louis, Appleby, Frawley & Ivy* are all better, which is to say there's a lot of competition.

Quite the reverse with **Treatise 7, Elections**. Bonatus is equal or better than *Robson*, which is to say, the best we have. Bonatus blends elections with horary, for unique results. Essential.

Finally, **Lots: Treatise 8.2**. Bonatus' list is similar to what you will find in *Al Biruni*, but not as nicely displayed. On the other hand, Bonatus has massive details on how to best use the many Parts, which I think will be a revelation. (Get both.)

Missing from the six volume set are the translator's **Introduction & Appendix**. I am hoping he will post both on his [website](#), and perhaps help us with glossaries as well. All in all, an excellent job.

## ALMANACK

for the week (all times GMT)

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	21:25	☽ ✖ ♀	Void

Extracted from *AstroAmerica's Daily Ephemeris, 2000-2020*. Get yours!

### Nuclear bombs:

Einstein first presented his *General Theory of Relativity* in November, 1915, to the Prussian Academy of Science. At that time Pluto stood at 3 degrees Cancer. Something else to think about during this horrible, horrible summer . . .



## STAR OF THE WEEK



**SIRIUS**, alpha Canis Majoris, 14 ♁ 13 — *Sirius Cybernetics!*

**Notes:** A binary star, brilliant white & yellow, situated in the mouth of the Greater Dog. From Seirios, Sparkling or Scorching, or according to some authors from the Egyptian god Osiris. Among these people it was also Thoth & Sothis, and formed the basis of the Sothic period of chronology. The Chinese knew it as Tseen Lang, the Heavenly Wolf, and said that when unusually bright it portended attacks from thieves.

**Influence:** According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Jupiter & Mars; and, to Alvidas, of the Moon, Jupiter & Mars. It gives honour, renown, wealth, ardour, faithfulness, devotion, passion & resentment, and makes its natives custodians, curators & guardians. It also gives danger of dog bites, and two examples of this effect will be found under Procyon.

**If culminating:** High office under Government giving great profit & reputation.

— from *Fixed Stars*, by Vivian Robson

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## IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

### Your Mission on Earth

**T**HE most important motion in the universe so far as we earthlings are concerned must be the turning of the planet we live on, carrying us forward. We are born in a moment of suspended animation, so to say, as we turn from one state of consciousness to another, and for a split second the planetary positions form an indelible recording of the Present that is to become our Future and perhaps wipe out an unworthy Past; because a new beginning forgives what is over and done with — unless the same Sign appears on both the 12th and 1st House cusps at birth, carrying over past mistakes for present expiation.

That recording becomes scripture for us to obey; it is a written outline to read ahead of Time, and we are blessed in having the science of astrology to guide us that we may choose rightly and thereby justify our new & golden opportunity to be alive again (or born at all). Life is what we make it, so our experiences constitute our mission in life.

For purposes of convenience we still say that the Sun's rate of speed is 0:59:08 per day and we note the Sign & degree he is in. However, the Sun is a so-called fixed star, and it is the turning of the EARTH at an average daily rate of 0:59:08 — in the Sign & degree opposite to that shown by the Sun — that we should hold in mind as well. This is the Major Arc, used as the yearly rate of progression, and it gives a most astonishing, revealing insight in reading progressed aspects from a dual point view & in recognizing our mission as it develops.

— *All Over the Earth*, 1963.

## Sweet Spots

**S**O, according to what I've worked out, the Story of Astrology goes like this:

The many & varied bodies that make up the solar system, the Sun, the planets, the moons, the asteroids, the comets, and all the rest, each have a unique resonance. As if they were each a vibrating tuning fork.

Each of these vibrations is transmitted through space, just as light is transmitted through space, creating interaction between all the many bodies in our solar system. Because each planet has several different kinds of motion (axial & orbital among them), because many of the planets have moons that have their own peculiar motions, because the Sun itself is not stationary, the nature & quality of these interplanetary vibrations ceaselessly change. They are never the same.

On each planet or body, the sum total of these vibrations is transmitted, by the planet itself, into everything that is physically placed upon it. At the very instant that something manages to detach itself from anything else, in other words, is "born", it keeps the vibrations of that instant as its own, for as long as it exists. **THIS IS THE SECRET OF ASTROLOGY.**

And that's the preamble for the week. I have covered this before, but if it isn't repeated endlessly, you will slide back into the old gibberish.

Resonating bodies, such as planet Earth, are essentially spherical bells. When a bell is struck in more than one place at a time, complex harmonics ensue. Astrologers know of these as aspects. The "simple" aspects are known as Ptolemaic (sextile, square, trine, opposition, and the conjunction, which is not actually an aspect at all). Kepler invented a bunch of others (division of the circle by 5, 7 & 9); which, in 400 years, have failed to catch on. Whereas, division by 8 (semi-square) and 16 (semi-semi-square) have, as have midpoints. All of which can be easily explained by standard bell harmonics.

One previously unrealized quirk of the Earth-bell has to do with the ascendant & Astro\*Carto\*Graphy. Because the ascendant is a powerfully vibrating point in itself, it will have harmonic consequences elsewhere on the planet. Moving to a place that shifts the ascendant 60, or 120, or 240 or 300 degrees, should give the native a change of pace, as the environment will be similar, yet refreshingly different. Moving the ascendant 45,

90, 135, 180, 225, 270 or 315 degrees will result in stress, regardless of any beneficial factors.

For the same reasons, one should carefully watch for midpoints (and their squares & oppositions) on relocated ascendants.

But the most interesting part of this has to do with sweet spots & climes.

A bell's "sweet spot" is that area which sounds the most melodious when struck by the clapper. As a resonating sphere, the Earth itself has such a sweet spot. I am going to use a curious way to find it.

All the planets in the solar system exist in a single plane. They all have axial rotations that are counter-clockwise, except for Uranus. This is already evidence of powerful harmonic agreement among the bodies.

In the case of the Earth, which has a great deal of water, counter-clockwise rotation has resulted in land masses in the north, and seas to the south. It has also resulted in the vast majority of the Earth's population being right-handed. Just as a scrap of paper will sail downstream, both of these quirks are the result of the Earth's axial rotation in the ecliptic, ie, the underlying energy flow.

**Climes** are how astrologers divide the earth into horizontal bands. I hypothesize the Earth's "sweet spot" to be the northern latitudes at which the most favorable land to ocean ratios can be found, roughly 30 to 60 degrees north latitude.

Of this area, the climes said to be most favorable to humans were the 4th, from 36° to 40°N; the 5th, from 40° to 45°; and the 6th, from 45° to 48°. According to Bonatus, the clime rulers, from 36° to 48° N latitudes, are Jupiter & Mercury. From 36° to 40°, the Sun is an additional ruler.

This is not to say that civilization cannot happen outside these latitudes. Men are free creatures & always ingenious & clever. The English, Scandinavians, Russians, Aztec, Inca, Mayan, Hindus, Khmers & many others all give proof of that. But if my hunch of "sweet spots" is correct, the majority of human effort will always be found in the area from 30° to 48° north latitude.

The wrong astrological theory will flounder for any of a thousand trivial reasons. The right theory will not only explain astrology, it will reveal the world as it truly is.



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## ELECTIONAL ASTROLOGY

### Part 66: *Marriage & Children*

## MARRIAGE

**T**HE ascendant, its lord, the Sun, and the planet from which the Moon last separated are signifiers of the man. The seventh house, its lord, Venus, the planet to which the Moon next applies are the signifiers of the woman. The tenth house, its lord & occupants, and planets aspecting the cusp or lord denote the things that will happen between them, whether good or bad. The fourth house, its lord & occupants, and planets aspecting the cusp or lord denote the event & the end of the marriage.

Mercury denotes the children and if dignified & in conjunction or aspect with the benefics, especially if in a fruitful sign, denotes a child speedily. Let the ascendant be well aspected or occupied by the benefics, and unafflicted by the malefics. Particularly fortify the Moon for upon her much of the good or evil depends.

— *Electional Astrology*, 1937

*On the fourth day of July:*

- 1054—The Crab Nebula first seen
- 1187—Saladin defeats King of Jerusalem
- 1569—Poland & Lithuania unite
- 1634—Trois-Rivières, Quebec, founded
- 1636—Providence Rhode Island founded
- 1754—George Washington surrenders !!!

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## Directional Comparison

From *Astrology & Sex*, by Vivian Robson.

**T**HE first step is to calculate the progressed positions in each nativity for the period which the comparison is to cover. . . The next stage in the process is to prepare three lists, each list headed M (for male) and F (for female), with a middle space for the aspects, just as was done when comparing the radical horoscopes.

In the first list set down all the aspects formed by the man's progressed planets to the woman's birth positions, including the ascendant & midheaven in both cases. These aspects show the temporary harmony or disharmony caused chiefly by the man, and the effect of his current positions upon the woman.

In the second list set down all the aspects formed by the woman's progressed planets, ascendant & midheaven to the man's birth positions. This shows the nature of her influence upon him.

Finally in the third list set down all the aspects formed by the progressed positions in the one map to the progressed positions in the other.

In each case a note should be made as to the month in which every aspect is exact in order that the various effects may be accurately timed & studied chronologically.

As many aspects may be formed when all three lists are considered, it is particularly advisable to use only the conjunction, sextile, trine, and opposition, and omit the minor ones in order to simplify the comparison.

— *Astrology & Sex*, by Vivian Robson

## Earthquakes

from *Mundane Astrology*, by H.S. Green

**A**N eclipse is always liable to cause seismic disturbances where it is visible, especially if it falls very close to the line of the horizon, *i.e.*, the cusps of the first & seventh houses, or of the meridian, *i.e.*, the cusps of the tenth and fourth houses. Of these two lines, that of the meridian is the more important; and the lower meridian, *i.e.*, the cusp of the fourth house, is the most important of all.

The same remarks apply to important planetary conjunctions & oppositions falling near these points, such as those of Mars & Jupiter, Jupiter & Saturn, &c.

If these two factors are combined, that is to say, at the time of the eclipse, there is a close conjunction or opposition of the luminaries with any of the planets, from Mercury outwards, and especially if two or more planets are concerned, the probability of earthquakes following is much increased.

In addition to this, certain of the zodiacal signs are more closely associated with earthquakes than are others.

The four fixed signs are very important in this respect; and of these Taurus & Scorpio are more often related to great shocks of earthquake than are any other signs, when eclipses or important conjunctions occur therein, or when oppositions or squares are thrown to major planets therein.

All four cardinal signs are associated with earthquakes when two or more of them are strongly tenanted by planets in close conjunction, square, or opposition with each other; but especially if the earlier degrees of these signs are concerned. It will be noticed that cardinal signs correspond to the angles of a mundane map, Aries to the first house, Cancer to the fourth, Libra to the seventh, and Capricorn to the tenth; and therefore the first degrees of these signs correspond to the lines of the horizon & the meridian. — *Mundane Astrology*, by H.S. Green

