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The solution to the midnight puzzle

AS readers will remember, in examining the new Pope's chart, I became convinced he was born at 9 am, rather than 9 pm, which contradicted his birth certificate. Which traced to a day that began at noon, rather than midnight, which is the current standard. I then remembered other charts where I had been compelled to make an AM for a PM swap. I traced this back to William Lilly and then wondered, who made the change from noon to midnight, and when and why.

On Friday, H.C., at the Center for Disease Control, led me to a solution. Look at US President Chester A. Arthur's **International Meridian Conference**, held in Washington in 1884, he said. So I did.

By the 1870's the global impact of railroads and the telegraph were forcing the introduction of standard time, which is to say, everyone in a large geographic area having all their clocks set to the same exact time. While this is common today, it was not then.

If there were going to be standards, then some observatory was going to get bragging

rights to ground zero. As it turns out, the contest came down to London and Paris. Which the Conference, and the British Navy, resolved in favor of Greenwich, as we all know.

Which created a most curious problem: Where does the date change? While London got 0° longitude, it clearly could not have December 31st in the east end of town and January 1 in the West End. Which meant the date had to change on the other side of the globe, which was conveniently ocean.

Since London also wanted to keep noon as its basic frame of reference, that meant the date had to change at midnight.

It was a botched solution. London got 0 degrees but 12 hours, while the International Dateline got 180 degrees and 0 hours. Logically the dateline should be 0° and 0 hours and London should be noon and 180 E or W.

None of this applied to domestic law or custom, which were left untouched, which is to say, the Conference had no force of law.

It then remained for the BBC World Service, a world-wide shortwave broadcaster, to hammer the new reality home during World War II. And as best I can tell, that's how the world changed from days that started and ended at noon, to days that started and ended at midnight, without ever quite realizing that it had done so. My thanks to H.C.

ALMANACK

for the week (all times GMT)

09	19:19	☾		☉	
	19:50	☾	✳	♃	
10	07:25	♀		♂	
	09:35	●	20° 41'		New Moon
	16:25	☾	♂	♀	Void
11	03:22	☾	♂		
12	19:33	♃	SR		
	19:59	♀	♃	♁	
	22:57	☉		♂	♀
13	12:31	☾	✳	♀	Void
	14:13	☾			
14	02:37	♀	♃		
	20:56	♀	♃	♃	
15	07:25	♀	♂		
	18:37	☾	✳	☉	
	19:42	☾	✳	♂	Void

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Speech (continued from last week): These [sign] characteristics are subject to much variations according to the rising planets, the predominating influences in the nativity as a whole, and the position and aspects of Mercury. **Stammering** generally follows from an affliction by Mars or Saturn to Mercury involving Sagittarius [or the 9th house – Dave], especially if the 12th house is occupied by one of the planets. Charles I may be taken as an example of this trouble. Dumbness is happily sufficiently rare to make it difficult to find adequate data. The 12th house is usually prominently occupied and there are malefic afflictions of a severe kind to Mercury. The Moon is often, and in the 3rd house I believe, always, afflicted [true]. 25° Taurus-Scorpio and 14° Gemini-Sagittarius [check] are often involved. It may be expected that Saturn is always prominent on account of the extreme limitation imposed by a defect of this nature.

— [Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology](#), by C.E. O. Carter. [Buy](#).

Vivian Robson's STAR OF THE WEEK

BATEN KAITOS zeta Ceti 22 ° 08

Notes: A topaz-yellow star in the body of the Whale. From Al Batn al Kaitos, the Whale's Belly

Influence: Of the nature of Saturn. It gives compulsory transportation, change or emigration, misfortune by force or accident, shipwreck but also rescue, falls and blows.

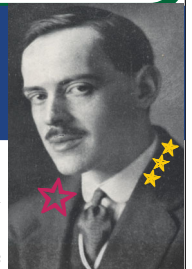
AL PHERG eta Piscium 27 ° 00

Notes: A double star in the cord near the tail of the Northern Fish. Associated with the Greek Head of Typhon.

Influence: Of the nature of Saturn and Jupiter. It gives preparedness, steadiness, determination and final success.

(You will note how fixed stars rarely relate to the signs they are found in, either tropical or sidereal. — Dave)

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Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson
1893-1990



IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

Seventh House Questions

Will there be a divorce?

Yes, if the ruler of the 1st or 7th is in bad aspect with Uranus or Neptune; or if the Part of Marriage is afflicted by Saturn, Mars or Uranus; or the Moon weak or afflicted or in the same degree as the Nodes or if there is a malefic in and not ruling the 7th, 10th or 4th.

Will my wife (or husband) return?

For the condition and whereabouts of any missing person, review pages 109 thru 114, substituting the ruler of the 7th for the husband or wife inquired about here and following the method shown in the chart on pg. 108.

They will meet again if the ruler of the 7th or the ruler of the absentee-9th is retrograde and in the 1st House or applying to an aspect of the ruler of the 1st or if the ruler of the 1st is in the 7th and not badly afflicted. If the rulers of the 1st and 7th have translation or collection of light they will meet through a third person. If the ruler of the 7th is conjunct a stationary planet either angular or succedent, or if it is combust the Sun, the missing person is uncertain of his next move. Any malefic afflicting the ruler of the 7th and aspected by the ruler of the 1st signifies that the missing mate will be found against his will.

If the Moon separates from an aspect of one of their rulers and applies to an aspect of the other, expect a message or news from or concerning the missing person; and if the Moon sextiles or trines the 4th house cusp expect news or the return of the absent person in a few days. . — **Simplified Horary Astrology**, 1960. **Buy.**

A Survey of Medieval Medical Techniques

WHEN I was in the hospital in February, treatment was confined to IV drugs and pills. There were daily blood tests as well as a cath scan of the heart itself. The intake interview failed to discover a transient ischemic attack I suffered on January 25, which they certainly would have liked to have known about, and which I would have happily told them, if they had only asked. I myself was confused.

The racing heart problem, which plagued me the entire time and which would have had me back in the ER at least a dozen times since, was diagnosed, not by the doctors while I was under their care, but by my wife, after I was released: Excessive calcium. So why are there doctors?

Such is modern medicine. What kinds of techniques did old time medicine use? Are they better? Let's survey **Blagrave**.

Since a lot of this will be about herbs and as you should grow and harvest your own, some notes on gardening:

Planting: Plant when the Moon is *waxing* and in a *water sign*: **Cancer, Scorpio or Pisces**. Use your **Maynard**. Avoid the days before and after the new and full moons. New moons produce weak plants, full moons produce quick growing top-heavy plants that fall over. If flowers are important, plant in a *waxing* moon in **Taurus or Libra**, the Venus signs. For root plants, plant in a *waning* moon in an *earth sign*: **Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn**. If you want to eat the root (potatoes, carrots, beets, onions, etc.) plant in a *waning* moon in a *water sign*, as earthy signs produce woodiness.

Harvesting: For long storage and best preservation, harvest in a *waning moon* in a *fire sign*: **Aries, Leo, Sagittarius**.

Herbs for medicinal purposes, such as Blagrave's, require special handling: Harvest in the *first hour after sunrise* on the day that *rules the plant in question*:

- Solar plants: Sunrise on Sunday.
- Lunar plants: Sunrise on Monday.
- Mars plants: Sunrise on Tuesday.
- Mercury plants: Sunrise on Wednesday.
- Jupiter plants: Sunrise on Thursday.
- Venus plants: Sunrise on Friday.
- Saturn plants: Sunrise on Saturday.

Blagrave's amazing success requires

proper harvesting. In cases of conflict between waning moon/fire sign, and planetary days and hours, **go with the hours.** They're far more important in healing.

Blagrave got his diagnosis by astrological means, generally from decumbiture charts, which could be the time the patient was so ill he took to his bed, or the moment when the doctor was summoned, or when a flask of urine was produced. Anymore, it's when you're bundled into the ambulance.

For the most part, Blagrave did not have his patients' natal charts, few people knowing their exact date of birth. Having an accurate natal chart is a huge advantage. With natal and decumbiture, astrological diagnosis can not only be foolproof, **but also extremely precise.** Which enables the enlightened doctor to discard generalized remedies (which must of necessity be weak, or the doctor risks bad outcomes) to exact, and therefore, **much more powerful solutions.**

SO with powerful herbs and a precise diagnosis, here is some of what Blagrave would do in the year 1671:

He starts with herbal teas. Pour boiling water over chopped and dried leaves and flowers, let steep and drink. These teas have recently made a comeback, there are lots of them in health food stores. My friend **Emma** specializes in them. Myself I think teas are weak, but it might be that you need two cups a day for a month or more, which I have never done.

The next stage are decoctions: Boil leaves and stalks and roots and barks, etc., for about an hour or so. Drink that straight, or,

Reduce the liquid (boil it off) which concentrates the result. If that's not strong enough, then,

Add a whole bunch of fresh ingredients (the same ones) and more water and boil again and reduce some more.

And repeat. Blagrave says that when he must treat heart patients like me, he does this several times. Which means my little marigold plants are not nearly enough. I need half the back yard planted, alas. Herbal doctors have 40 acres, a mule and a plow.

But sometimes the concentrated result is more than you can safely take. So after it's been boiled down you add honey or a thick

This is a serialization of Vivian Robson's **A Student's Text-Book of Astrology.**

Part 11:

The Alphabet of Astrology

1. The Planets. There are 9 heavenly bodies that are employed in astrology, their names and symbols being as follows:

Sun	☉	Jupiter	♃
Moon	☾	Saturn	♄
Mercury	☿	Uranus	♅
Venus	♀	Neptune	♆
Mars	♂		

Each of these bodies is a centre of force and exerts its own particular kind of influence affecting us according to its position in the horoscope and the sign and house through which the influence is transmitted. The general nature of each planet is as follows:—

Sun. Hot, dry, positive, electric, masculine, vitalizing, strong, sanguine and inflammatory. It is never retrograde.

Moon. Cold, moist, phlegmatic, negative, magnetic, feminine, fruitful, changeable, wandering and sympathetic. Its nature is convertible as it partakes largely of the nature of the planet most strongly aspecting it. The Moon is a collector and absorber of influence, and carries the influence of one body to another. It is never retrograde, but was considered so by the ancients when its motion was less than the mean value of 13°11' a day.

Mercury. Cold, nervous, changeable, active, excitable, and busy. Its influence is convertible, and it takes on that of the planet in strongest aspect with it, becoming masculine or feminine and benefic or malefic according to the aspecting planet.

Venus. Warm, temperate, moist, fruitful, negative, magnetic, graceful, joyful and pleasure-giving. She was called the Lesser Fortune by the ancients, and her influence is favourable, tending to peace, harmony, justice and love. — **A Student's Text-Book of Astrology**, by Vivian Robson. **Buy.**

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Medical Aspects

from **Medical Astrology**
by Heinrich Daath

Natal Mars, by conjunction, square, opposition or other hard aspect:—

Sun.—Increases the susceptibility to feverish, inflammatory and hyperaemic action. High temperature, rapid pulse, excessive voluntary power.

Moon.—Copious menstrual discharges. Pyrosis, bilious nausea and eructations. Exanthematous fevers, eruptive action.

Mercury.—Irritates the nervous system,—excitability, logorrhoea, etc., as pathogenic signs. Nerve inflammation, crethism of nervous centres. Bilious diarrhoea, neuromania, thirst.

Venus.—Copious urinal discharge, excessive secretions, renal irritation, fibroma, phlebitis, nymphomania (in females).

Jupiter.—Lipoma, arthritis, fibrinous exudations, steatomatous tumor, adipose sarcoma, sthenic inflammation.

Saturn.—Biliary calculi, inflammation in joints, malformations, fractures, achondroplasia, according to which is the dominant planet.

Uranus.—Pains and cramps from exalted excitomatory function, involuntary muscular excitement, hyperkinetic action, lacerations and ruptures.

Neptune.—Phenomena referable to psychic causes.

Natal Saturn, by conjunction, square, opposition or other hard aspect:—

Sun.—Locomotory and spinal defects, lowered vitality, heart and spinal centres affected, rigor, diseased voluntary power, lesions of the motory columns within the spine, structural diseases of the heart, deep-seated complaints.

Moon.—Anaemic, narrow chested, cachectic, impaired sensorial functions, encephalic and intropulsive congestion, maturation and softening of the tubercle. — **Medical Astrology**, by Heinrich Daath. *In stock.* **Buy.**

The Galactic Center

from **The Encyclopedia of Astrology**
by Nicholas deVore

THE gravitational center around which the Sun revolves. Astrology has hypothetically placed this at 0° Capricorn, which is exactly confirmed by recently published results of thousands of calculations of spectroscopic radial velocity measurements, and other thousands by the parallax method of determining proper motion, by Charlier, Stromberg, Wilson, Campbell and Moore, and Smart and Green. In consequence the astronomers have arrived at a position of the center of the Milky Way Galaxy at R.A. 270°, declin. +29.7°. Therefore at the time of the Winter Solstice, the Galactic Center is a few degrees South of the Sun.

The Sun's actual travel is estimated at 200 miles per second in orbit. As it is placed about 30,000 light years from the center of the Milky Way Galaxy, one complete orbit is estimated to require 200 million years. Its apparent motion toward a point near Wega in the constellation Hercules, as measured by nearby stars, is 12 miles per second—which should not be confused with its compound actual rate of travel.

The plane of the Sun's orbit is presumed to be approximately that of the Galactic Center, which is inclined to the Earth's orbit by about 50 degrees. — **Encyclopedia of Astrology**, by Nicholas deVore. **Buy.**

April 9

- 1241—Mongols defeat Germans & Poles
- 1415—Henry V crowned king of England
- 1511—St. Johns, Cambridge, chartered
- 1682—Mouth of the Mississippi discovered
- 1865—Robert E. Lee surrenders
- 1867—Alaska purchase ratified
- 1916—Verdun: 3rd offensive launched
- 1939—Marion Anderson sings in DC
- 1940—Germany invades Denmark
- 1959—Mercury 7 astronauts named



sugar syrup and cook until brittle: Lohochs or lollypops. Time release, and you thought it was a modern invention.

Instead of water, you can put the herbs, leaves, sticks, etc., in a still and fill with beer or ale or wine or spirits (depending on the recipe) and let steep. Just like in cooking, alcohol reaches places that plain water just can't. This is how my Chinese doctor says she will unblock my arteries, and in fact how she was doing it last year, except I didn't replace the herbs often enough. (Well, they're expensive or so I thought, but lots less than a day's stay in the hospital.) She gives me a bag of mysterious herbs, I put it in a gallon glass jar and pour in five bottles of locally produced red wine and put it in the fridge. A quarter cup, twice a day, laced with ginseng, nuked for 1 minute to kill anything nasty that might be in there, also to eliminate the booze itself.

A **SPECIAL class are known** as glisters, a term which puzzled me for the longest time, as it has simply disappeared. Clyster is its kissing cousin and means the same thing: Enemas, or more precisely, high colonics. Shredded herbs and seeds, boiled in milk until reduced by half, with sallet oil and honey or sugar, given warm, orally, along with a suppository made of sallet oil to get the big stool out of the way. Glisters by themselves can be wonderfully healing.

Which are related to purges, which are the same thing but slower. Which are related to vomits. Blagrave warns that ill-administered purges can turn into vomits, and vice-versa. *Watch your planetary hours*, he says.

Then there are fumes, which are chopped and bruised herbs placed over hot coals, producing smoke. Allied to those are suffumigations, which are vapors, like Vicks Vaporub, only taken to the max. These are shredded herbs in hot booze which produce fumes. They have many essential uses.

There's still more, I'm not even started. Cataplasms are made of shredded herbs ground in a mortar with a bit of salt, raisins, honey, turpentine or pitch, laid hot directly on the skin (be careful not to burn your patient!). There are a great many types of cataplasms, or plasters. You will remember Brother Aloysius's variation, of ground lobsters and garlic, that cures some kinds of cancer. Cataplasms are often applied to the wrists, as well as chest, stomach, etc.

Then there are baths, such as footbaths, which start with herbs boiled in water and malt, concentrated by reduction. Remember in Blagrave's day they lacked bathtubs and

so immersed body parts in large pots and kettles. This was often done in the evenings and presumably could be expanded, where appropriate, into a full modern bath. Monseigneur Kneipp and Brother Aloysius have a variation on this, where cold water is briefly poured on various parts of the body.

Ointments. There are two classes. Those made with sallet oil (goose fat), and those made with pork lard. Shred the herbs, grind them in a mortar, put them in hot oil and let them cook until near crisp. Set the ointment in the sun and then add more herbs and cook it again to make it stronger. Which I suppose can be repeated as much as you like.

Beyond this there is bloodletting, which if done correctly is almost a miracle cure by itself. Blagrave gives specific directions. As do Johanna Paungger and Thomas Poppe, two Tyrolean farmers who have written a marvelous book on lunar-based healing, **Moon Time**, which is in stock. Ignore its dorky cover. I get a lot of my covers wrong, too.

Ignorant city doctors have long plundered techniques from healers such as Blagrave and Paungger. They invariably get the details wrong, hurt a lot of people, whereupon the technique is discredited and the city doctors walk away from the disaster, pretending it's not their fault. Bloodletting in fact was never popular with patients, they thought it icky, but it was indiscriminate bloodletting by late 18th century city doctors that killed George Washington and ruined the reputation of bloodletting itself. This has just happened the past few years with cold therapy. I don't know what goes on in med schools, but their doctors are clearly foppish, or worse.

In addition to all of these, there are "magical" powders. One of them being Roman Vitriol (copper sulfate, though this might be a very specific kind, so *be very careful*.) Which is to be beaten in a mortar and then sieved until fine, laid out for 40 days in the Leo sun (late July to September, the French holidays), keeping it always dry and warm. Blagrave is explicit: Application of the powder on pus taken from a wound, in other words, with material not in physical contact with the patient at all, produced immediate and striking results in the patient.

Which brings me to the most amazing of Blagrave's cures. Techniques that must be true as the man would be taken as a fool and his book thrown away forever if they were not.

Which starts with a small satchel of three solar herbs, harvested in the minutes after sunrise on Sunday, the hour of the Sun, and worn about the neck. Which Blagrave recommends for virtually all patients, regard-

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— an occasional feature —

less of ailment. It strengthens the heart, which strengthens the patient overall, since a strong heart is the no. 1 key to good health. When I was preparing Blagrave's book I could see how this would work in theory, but I had no idea until I actually had lavender, sage and rosemary blossoms around my neck. But there is more.

Blagrave says we can bring an atrophied limb back to life by boring a hole in a willow tree, taking some of the sawdust and applying it to the limb, and then take some hair and nail clippings, adding the sawdust to them, and stuffing it all back into the hole in the willow tree, stopping the hole with a peg. Blagrave says to do this when Saturn is weak, the Moon increasing, Venus and Jupiter in friendly aspect and in fruitful signs. He says boring a hole in the root of a hazel tree will do as well.

Allied to this is a remedy that works with your very own fecal matter. You're ill, your body is trying to get rid of the disease, which is to say, it's excreting it along with what's left of the sandwich you had yesterday for lunch. Take the squishy brown stuff, dry it carefully in the dark (sunlight will sterilize it, which you don't want), mix it with soil, put it in a pot and plant the herbs which, used by other means, would cure. Give the plant to the patient and instruct him in its care. As the plant grows the poop in the pot will magnetically pull the disease out of the body while it feeds the plant itself. Enabling the plant to cure the disease. When you're well, you burn the plant and scatter the dirt, in full sunlight, as **they will have the disease in them.**

G **OUT and hernias** are cured by means of an oak tree. Drill a hole into the oak, fill it with personal matter and seal it up. Tree cures work best in the spring when the sap is rising, or in other words, now. Elsewhere Blagrave has uses for pine trees, which can heal some ailments merely by sitting under them, though you should chose mature trees as too much sitting by sick people can actually kill the tree.

Most amazing of all, Blagrave says you

may know the relative health, including if dead or alive, of anyone anywhere in the world by taking a bit of their blood, mixing it with brandy, sealing it in a small glass vial and keeping it warm, such as by wearing it around your neck. The visible state of the blood will reflect their overall health at that moment. If the blood looks healthy, the person is well. If not, the person is ailing. Which will bring great comfort to the spouses and friends of prisoners, or those stationed in the military, fighting wars, far from home. If they should die, Blagrave says tersely, “the blood will putrefy and stink accordingly, as will the rest of the body.” Metaphysics fully supports this, by the way. Blagrave does not mention it, but a vial of bloody brandy might well enable thought transference between two people. Certainly if the vial held both their bloods. Wanna try? Are you sure you want to be that intimate?

THEN there are gross cures. Want to cure plague sores? Well, okay, I’ve never seen a plague sore, but Blagrave has seen lots. Take a living chick and put its rear directly on the sore. It will heal the sore and kill the chick.

Cure swellings, sores, tumors or warts by rubbing the area of the body with flesh, such as a hand, taken from a newly dead person.

A most wonderful ointment for healing wounds is made from the following ingredients:

- 2 ounces moss of a dead man’s skull
- 2 ounces man’s grease
- ½ ounce of mummy: preserved flesh
- ½ ounce of man’s blood
- 2 ounces of linseed oil
- 2 ounces of rose oil
- ½ ounce of bole armeniac, an astringent clay from Armenia.

Before you declare this to be seriously revolting and not ever to be done, remember the modern craze of ripping organs out of bodies only seconds “dead” is frightening on a far greater level. (Heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, corneas, etc.) There are near death stories where the revived patient told of rushing back to avoid such things happening to his declared-dead-but-still-living body. The Aztecs only ripped out the heart. Obsidian blades are as sharp as anything a surgeon has.

Though it is quite rare, stone cold dead bodies (a full day dead) have on occasion “woken up” and walked serenely away. Many years ago I had a first hand report from a woman from Sierra Leone, of a village elder who took offense at his funeral, “woke up” to direct a small part of the procession, and then returned to being dead. Yes the

world is a weird place and anyone who says science will give all the answers is a simple-minded fool. As revolting as it is, there are worse things than a dried, dead hand in a cabinet and ointments made from human remains. Who among us would not sacrifice a bit of fat from a body a week dead?

Not mentioned by Blagrave presumably because England was poor in them, but in widespread use elsewhere, are bracelets made of various metals (e.g., copper, for arthritis), precious gems worn on various fingers (common in Ayurveda), healing waters, such as those from Lourdes, and healing earths, such as those from the Dead Sea. Additionally there are mountains which have known healing properties. There are many such in the Swiss Alps.

And finally there are pills. Pound your material into a powder and add a little gum *Tragacanth* to make them hard. Blagrave says pills should be taken at night. The only ones he prescribes are intended to bring the patient to stool. Many of Blagrave’s patients were so “bound in body” that they could not come to stool. It would seem the medieval diet was no more rich in fiber than our modern ones. Of all his many techniques, this was the best use he could make of pills. “For I find the astrological way of cure by herbs does (if rightly applied) cure all distempers and griefs whatsoever.” (pgs. 73-74). Regrettably, Blagrave rarely tells us what method to use on what ailment.

CONCLUSIONS

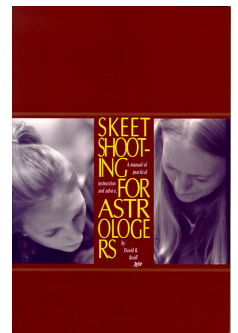
“Take two aspirin, call me in the morning,” is not remotely medicine. What passes for modern medicine resembles the remains of an expensive frock, worn until worn out, washed until the colors are pale and gone, a relic of its former glory. Yet doctors pour over these remains with microscopes, noting the state of every thread. For the most part, what medicine could be learned by scientific means has already come to light (vaccines, etc.). It is time regain the proven medicine of the past.

Note that Traditional Chinese Medicine, while it does have meridians, has only a tiny fragment of Blagrave’s methods. TCM is said to be one of Mao’s personal creations and it seems that he left a lot on the cutting board when he rushed it through. Might be that he himself did not understand. The whole of Chinese medicine will have all of Blagrave’s techniques and more. The better Chinese doctors are slowly bringing them back. Now do you understand why I spent more than a year putting Blagrave’s book back together?

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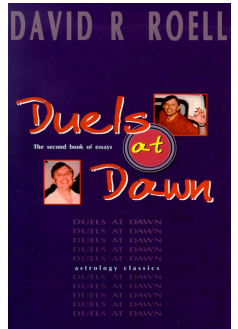
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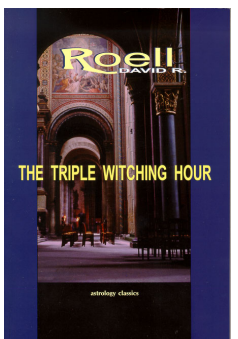
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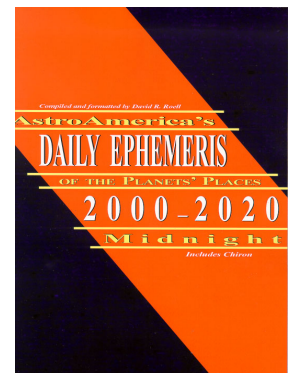
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Picking up where Blgrave leaves off, the “no touch, no hands” method of healing goes on to include pure energy healing, such as **Choa Kok Sui** and **Stephen Co** have developed and promoted the past 20 years. In searching for something to link to his name, I have just learned that Choa Kok Sui died in 2007. Cause of death was not given, but I would suspect the heart. The sort of work he did puts great strain on the physical organ. He was 54, born August 15, 1952. He had Sun-Mercury(R)-Pluto-South Node conjunct in Leo, Mars square from Scorpio, Jupiter in Taurus, opposing Mars and squaring Sun-Mercury-Pluto. All tight. A guess would put Leo in his 6th, Pisces rising.

Many diseases are, in fact, nothing more than a thin invisible layer of dirt that clogs the patient. Which is easily scraped away and disposed of by intelligent use of the hands and a bucket of salted water. Having removed the problem, the healer draws upon the energies of the earth itself and projects them directly into the patient, who is rapidly reenergized and healed. Blgrave, whose talents stagger me more every time I read him, in fact attempts this in the closing pages of his book, where he describes casting out devils. Which today is known as “multiple personality disorder” and is generally left untreated as it is believed—erroneously—to be incurable. Or dangerous drugs are given. (There are no safe drugs so far as psychological ailments are concerned.) Energy techniques, also known as pranic healing, are vastly powerful and can heal.

WHICH takes me into an entirely new realm, that of healing addictions and mental disorders. Which can be done. The contrast between what the modern medical profession knows and permits, and what is actually possible, is vast. While I have respect for cave men and cave man treatments, the ill have the right and free will to seek real medicine and genuine cures. They have the right to refuse crippling surgeries. It is, after all, their lives which are at stake, and life, as we all eventually come to realize, is precious. There is so much healing in the world, if we only know where to look for it.