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Maynard's Celestial Guides and Astrologer's Datebooks are gone

IF you were waiting for a good time to order these two Maynard datebooks, I regret you've waited too long. As I have not before seen any of Maynard's calendars run out (especially not in December, for heaven's sake!), I would presume his print run was short this year.

I was alerted by Maynard himself, some two weeks ago. I asked if he could reprint, but he said a reprint would not arrive until February, which would be too late. I did not publicize as I did not want to cause a run and encourage hoarding. **Walls and Pockets, Eastern and Pacific, are still in good supply.**

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for the week (all times GMT)

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Upcoming:

Quad Bike Analysis

THE text of my fourth book of essays is now complete. It needs to be checked for consistency and formatting, it needs a table of contents, I need to finish the introduction and the cover. It should be in print in a month or two, it will include the last six months (or so) of essays from this newsletter.

Titles to my books are whimsical and I have fallen into a "Kinsey Milhone" (*A is for Alibi, B is for Burglar*) concept, where each title expresses a number. Thus, Duels, Triple and now Quad. I haven't yet settled on a title for the eventual fifth.

It may be that I am publishing too many trivial essays, but on the other hand, would you rather I censored my work, or would you rather do it for me? "*Enough*," I can hear you say, "*another book of essays from Dave!*" Someday you won't have me to kick around and you may actually want some of the more arcane details. I myself have no way of knowing.

ASTRO A to Z VEDIC

FROM C.E.O. CARTER'S ENCYCLOPAEDIA

Sensitiveness is common to all the watery signs, and perhaps most of all to Cancer, this sign being susceptible to outside influences to the highest degree. All the negative signs are on the whole more receptive and sensitive than the positive, with the usual exception of Taurus, which is often extremely obdurate against criticism or slights of any kind—whence, among other reasons, the fact that it is the sign of the lunar exaltation. Here only the Moon may be said to find rest and stability. Leo and Sagittarius probably come next in lack of sensitiveness.

Virgo is easily hurt and inclines to adopt an attitude of what is commonly called "huffiness". Capricorn readily feels slights or snubs and is very sensitive to neglect or being overlooked. Libra is easily hurt, but, unlike the watery signs, has a short memory for such things and can generally be easily consoled. Gemini and Aquarius are predominately mental and do not feel injured over-easily.

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

Vivian Robson's STAR OF THE WEEK

★★★☆☆



WEGA alpha Lyrae 15 vs 29

Notes: A pale sapphire star situated in the lower part of the Lyre. From Al Waki, the Falling, and known in the Middle Ages as Vultur Cadens, the Falling Gypr or Vulture. Often incorrectly spelt Vega

Influence: According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Venus and Mercury. It gives beneficence, ideality, hopefulness, refinement and changeability, and makes its natives grave, sober, outwardly pretentious and usually lascivious.

With Sun: Critical, abrupt, reserved, unpopular, fleeting honours, influential position, insincere friends. If with Mars also, above the earth, and the Moon be with Procyon, death from the bite of a mad dog.

With Moon: Public disgrace, probably through forgery, loss through writings, some ill-health, success in business.

— [From Fixed Stars](#), by Vivian Robson [Buy](#)

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Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson
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IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

From

My Notebook for Venus

IF VENUS is not afflicted by the conjunction or bad aspect of Saturn, she is not limited in expressing and enjoying her talents as she wishes. Otherwise she must express her submissive side and accept limitation, renouncing something of the house she is in and still counting her blessings which she does readily.

Where you have the “lesser benefic” you will be desirous of co-operating, being obedient to what may be required for the well-being of other people of that house. Venus agrees quickly and is the great reconciler, bringing peace to that department, healing or mending breaches, unobtrusively sharing what she has to give, and always improving the conditions there.

Venus rules all kinds of trimmings, lace, braid, ribbons, and especially fringe. Thus, she not only grants the good of the house she is in but also what may be called “fringe benefits” or an added benefit.

Because Venus rules ornaments, she is considered “an ornament to society” in that part of the circle.

Since she rules the affectional nature Venus reveals that your greatest fondness for people, places and interests lies in the house she is in. You will be happier there and affectionately inclined, and that is where you will find appreciation in return, since Venus seeks to balance the scales justly and evenly.

Whether your role in life is public or private, your main audience is in the house you Venus is in. — [Here and There in Astrology](#), 1961. **Buy.**

Steve Irwin Crocodile Hunter

I STARTED with Houdini, because he had two birthdays and I thought it would be fun to puzzle them out. Then I went to Neil Armstrong, first man to walk on the Moon and I realized I had found daredevils. After that, Evil Knievel, who turned out to be an different kind of daring guy.

Along the way I found a formula for such people: A light in the 8th, opposed to a malefic in the 2nd. **Houdini** and **Armstrong** both had Moon in the 8th, with Mars in the 2nd, though in Armstrong’s case, Mars was actually in the first. **Evel** had a debilitated Sun in the 8th, opposed to a debilitated Saturn in the 2nd, eyeing each other hungrily, egging him on to *hurt himself*. Evel only lasted ten years before he was so badly smashed up he could not continue.

With the much-missed **Steve Irwin**, we again see strong 8th and 2nd house placements, along with, as with Armstrong, strong first house planets. The time of birth, 4:18 am, is putative. **AstroDataBank** says it came from Australian astrologer Judy Crichton, from a blog entry. When he was questioned, Irwin himself said he had no idea. I do not know how Australian birth records are handled, it may well be they are public and that birth times can be had for the asking. (Australians, do you know?) Regardless, 4:18 am gives a strongly indicative chart.

Aquarius rising, we saw Steve as bright and friendly and relating to us as a group, not as individuals. Mercury very near the ascendant, he had an easy speaking manner, his words were unforced. Mars very nearby, he was known for his manly feats of derring-do. Regrettably, as with **Emperor Nero** (who, to our surprise, had a timed birth), Mars in the first house tends to be the cause of their own deaths. Conjunct the south node, that death would be accidental.

Moon in the 8th, and in Virgo, Steve had a keen sense of life and knew what he had to do — all the picky details — to keep himself safe. He was criticized for dangling his newborn son, Robert, over the heads of crocodiles while he fed them on camera. It is very likely that, Virgo on the cusp of 8, with the Moon in Virgo and in that house, ruled by Mercury near the ascendant and not accidentally also ruling his 5th house of children, Steve had carefully considered the risks, and

had dismissed them as not important. You and I saw crocodiles. Steve very likely saw well-treated animals which were being forced to eat more than they really wanted. Very likely, animals he well-knew.

Which also concerned his wife. Mothers do not like fathers who put their children at risk, and Steve’s wife, the American born Terri Raines, would have justifiably murdered the poor man had she thought he had risked her infant son. I was always impressed by Terri, who was born July 20, 1964, in Eugene, OR. She looked as if she knew who she was and what she wanted.

The synastry between the two is interesting. Steve had a mutable Moon in Virgo, ruled by Mercury. Terri has a mutable Moon in Sagittarius, ruled by Jupiter. Moons in square are stressed. What one likes, what one feels, is never what the other likes or feels, and, as is the nature of the square, it never becomes clear why this is so. But the two had been married 14 years at the time of Steve’s death. What kept Steve and Terri together?

FIRST, consider that mutable Moons experience the world as constantly changing and that they must adapt as best they can. Steve, with a Moon in Virgo, will go on about details and never being clean and organized enough for his satisfaction, while Terri will simply want to chuck all that and go where the winds take her, no matter what or where. (Which might just be how she found herself in Australia in the first place.)

Dig deeper. In Terri’s chart, note the ruler of her Moon, in Sagittarius, is Jupiter in Taurus, which is in tight sextile to her ruler of Steve’s Moon, Mercury in Leo. In Steve’s chart, the ruler of his Moon in Virgo is in the same sign as his ruler of Terry’s Moon, Jupiter, both in Aquarius. Which means the overt emotional tensions between them were resolved by processes internal to each. In simple synastry we want to see Moons conjunct, trine or sextile to each other, but this can make for a ho-hum relationship. Oppositions and squares are more dynamic and sexually thrilling, but to avoid ultimate unhappiness they need resolutions elsewhere in the charts. Steve and Terri Irwin were examples of how these tensions can be resolved.

So what made Steve a dare-devil? Moon in the 8th gave him a keen appreciation of

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

Part 1

Preface

For many years there has been a demand for an up-to-date, concise, and comprehensive text book of Astrology that is complete in itself and does away with the necessity of purchasing one or more additional volumes, and it is primarily to meet this need that the present work has been undertaken.

The method of arrangement that has finally been adopted is in some respects new, inasmuch as it has been my endeavour to make each chapter complete in itself and so dispensing with the usual annoying necessity of turning back to the introductory chapters in order to find the influence of the planets and signs on the particular matter under consideration. Each chapter is, therefore, arranged so as to include the general rules applicable to that section, the specific effects of planets and signs, and a number of special rules or aphorisms. By including the latter I am aware that I lay myself open to the charge of treating the subject in too cut-and-dried a manner, but I have endeavoured to correct any such view of astrology itself in the chapter on general principles of judgment, and moreover many of the rules are of such value that it seemed a pity to omit them, especially as accuracy and definition of judgment are the qualities most needed in present day astrological practice.

A good deal of hitherto unpublished material will be found scattered throughout the book, and as much detail in every case as could be conveniently compressed in a matter consistent with clearness. Had space been no object I should have endeavoured to have illustrated each important statement by an example nativity, but this would have expanded the book to an unmanageable size. — **A Student's Text-Book of Astrology**, by Vivian Robson. **Buy**

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Mars in Capricorn

YOU'RE not cute, or helpless, or weak, although at times you believe you should seem to be these things. You are probably gorgeous (Capricorn rules the bone structure), and you don't believe you are a knockout. This makes you gloomy, but you are jolly good value as you are the height of responsibility in a relationship. Do you play Mother or Father in love? Do you like wearing dark colors? Do weird age gaps with lovers appeal to you? Do you like to control in bed? Mars in Capricorn, as with Mars in Aries and Scorpio, is among the best Marses on the market. Love lasts a long time with you. Your power turns people on. They think of you as a Big Shot.

You manipulate people, and yet it's usually for their own good. This is a fine place for Mars in business, as you start out as coffee boy and two years later end up owning the joint. You think you're superior to other people, though, and tell them their faults in a calm, caring effective style — but they'd better not tell you anything! This fear of authority bogs down your whole life; you need to learn to play and work *by the rules*. You resent this so-called intrusion on "freedom," which is actually a narrower, more immature kind of life than if you played things straight. You love to be In Charge, and no matter how odd your life may look to others (you are terribly image conscious) your life is just the way you want it. You've a chip on your shoulder, and nobody had better mess with you.

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DOG OF THE MONTH



The Capricorn dog looks stand-offish and doesn't take kindly to strangers. They are very loyal, intelligent, persistent, and like comfortable surroundings.

See that his basket is cozy, no sleeping outside for this one. He will punish you by howling all night if you insist he stay there. But don't chide him as this makes him neurotic. He is only showing you that he has feelings and wants to be treated like you would want to be.

Food wise he is fairly easy to please. Not at all lazy, he seems to thrive on activity, so try to keep him busy. He is a natural scavenger, so keep your garbage can lids on tight, and give him plenty of vitamins.

© **Marian Futterman**, 1976, **Your Dog and Astrology**, \$3.00. Yes, Marian, we still have copies. Some of the best sun-sign writing I ever came across. **Buy!**

The New Newsletter

Most people, most astrologers, even, have no idea how rich, how varied, astrology really is. I'm lucky. For the last nineteen years, I've lived in what amounts to a world-class astrological library, which I've been passing off as **AstroAmerica**. Every week I will serve up a slice for your amusement.

'Til next week — **Dave**

January 2:
533 – Mercurius becomes Pope John II.
1860 – Planet Vulcan discovered.
1974 – 55 mph speed limit begins.



life and death. His Moon was ruled by Mercury, which is on the ascendant, which means we saw him as a risk-taker. Note that Mercury is besieged by the two malefics, with Saturn on one side, and Mars on the other.

Saturn in this case is twice removed. Once, by being in Aquarius, where he tends to let fools be fools, and on the other, by being in the 12th. If Jupiter in the 12th is a guardian angel that wards off harm, Saturn in the 12th would generate harm from hidden and unseen places. Which would make the native wary and cautious (see **Alan Oken** on this point). Except when Saturn is in Aquarius. We might consider that when Saturn is in Aquarius in the 12th, that instead of sending out a stream of warnings, he waits until he can catch you out, unawares, for a macabre “grand finale,” as it were. Add this to the previous consideration of Mars in the first, conjunct the south node, which results in a *sudden*, self-inflicted, accidental death.

WHY was Steve fascinated by fish and reptiles? The answer is so simple it will amaze you. This is a demonstration of the sheer directness and honesty of astrology.

The second house what we value. The Sun there says Steve valued those values more than anything else in life. Venus there, Steve found his second house possessions of true and, in a mutable sign, of ever changing beauty.

Now look at the sign: Pisces. Pisces, ruler of fish, and all the creatures that swim in the sea and which are cold-blooded. Steve was born with a love of the sea and all its creatures. Many times on TV he expressed amazement at the beauty of the creatures around him.

Where did Steve get his love of reptiles and fish and crocodiles? From his father. Where is the father in the chart? The father is traditionally the 4th house. What sign do we find on Steve’s 4th house? We find Taurus. What is the ruler of Taurus? The ruler of Taurus is Venus, which we find in Pisces, in Steve’s second. Steve’s father loved reptiles and fish, which I presume (*hello Debbi!*) he ate with relish. He presumably drank, as there is a strong Pisces-booze connection, and presumably with his friends, as the Sun falls in Father Irwin’s 11th house of friends. Change your focus, go back to his son Steve’s second house, Daddy Irwin presumably had a keen interest in his son’s money, but that story seems to have been suppressed. You cannot possibly get a more literal, nor a tighter set of rulers. Did Steve drink? No. Steve’s sixth house cusp is Cancer, which made him physically sensitive. Ruler Moon was in Virgo, of cleanliness, and in the 8th

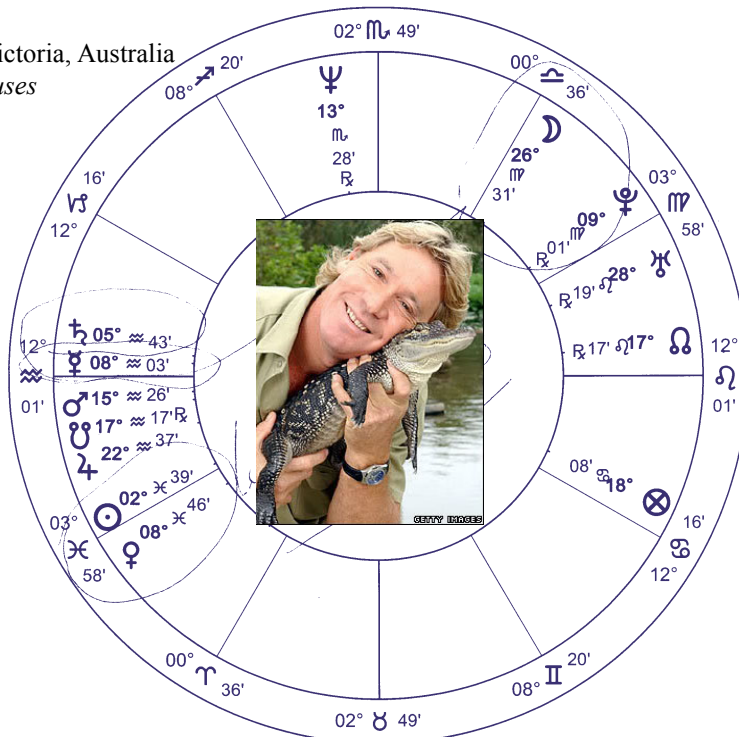
Steve Irwin, the Crocodile Hunter

February 22, 1962

4:18 am

Essendon, Victoria, Australia

Placidus houses
mean node



house, of do or die. Moon opposing Pisces, Steve knew all about the dangers of drink.

DID father and son take risks, was their work dangerous? Yes. It was damn dangerous. Look at the Venus-Pluto opposition, from second to eighth. This opposition hits the father just as much as the son, but as the father buried his son, it would seem that Steve’s Saturn-Mars-South Node complex was unique to Steve and not his father. Count five houses from the house of the father (4), to arrive at the house of the father’s children. You will arrive in Steve’s 8th. In the 8th, Pluto. The ruler of Pluto, Mercury. Count houses from the 8th. Mercury will be in the 6th from the 8th. The 6th is the house of work and has an association with the sign of Virgo. Bob Irwin’s son would be killed while at work. If you like you can make up a fancy new rule: Count from the cusp and note if the planet ruling the cusp is itself in a house that it would then rule. In this case, Mercury was six houses from Virgo, which is a form of mutual reception, planet to house.

You can go further. Mars rules the first sign and therefore the first house and in Steve’s chart was in the first house. His death would be known to the world virtually as soon as it happened. This is simply another way of messing with a chart. Once you know the basic rules, you can go on forever like this. Astrology is literal because it is based

on harmonic resonances which reverberate, just like the strings on a piano. Lift the damper, strike any one note, and all the strings will vibrate in sympathy, each in their own way. This is why there are so many schools of astrology, each with their unique points of view, all equally valid. Find the set of tools that work best for you, and then use them.

Does this mean life is fated? Well, yes, it sort of does. It is fated because of the choices you have already made, and which are in effect while you are busy swimming in water that turns out to be more shallow than you expected. Such was Steve’s sad ending.

Which brings up the **old formula** for computing life expectancy. We need first to find the *hyleg*, or giver of life. With the exception of the first house, when the Sun is below the horizon, it is never hyleg. Steve’s Sun was in the second. The Moon in a feminine sign can be hyleg if it is in aspect to a planet which rules it. Regrettably, it is not.

Which takes us to the ruler of the ascendant, Saturn. It is in Aquarius, which it rules, both the sign as a whole, and the first term. Which makes it both hyleg, giver of life, and *alcochoden*, giver of years, as there is no other planet available. In the first house it gives 57 years. From that, we subtract 12 years for Mars, which is conjunct, to get 45. We should add 12 years as Jupiter is in Aquarius as well, but it is on the far side of the south node, and Saturn rules the sign

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Terri Irwin

July 20, 1964

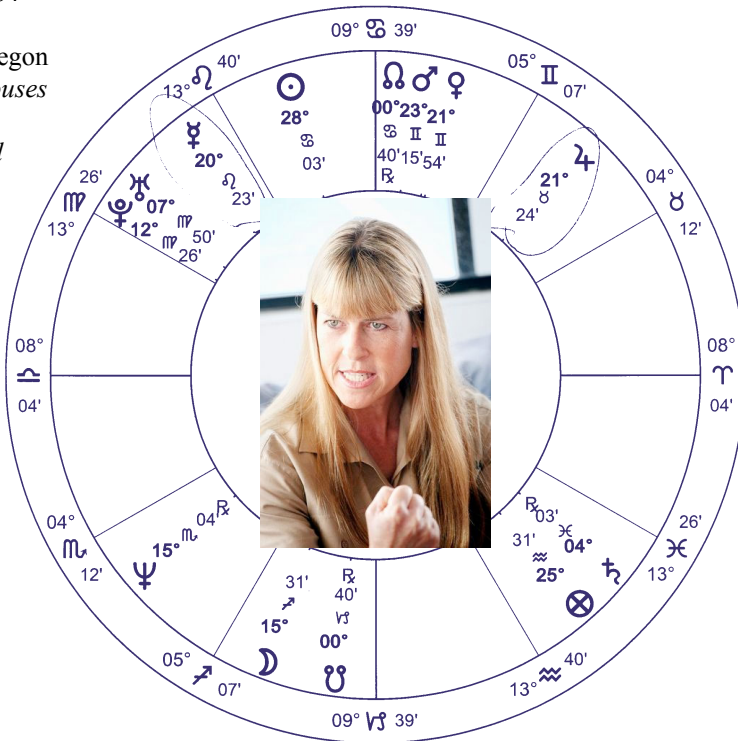
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overall, so I am going to exclude it. When Mercury is with the fortunes he adds his least years, but, sandwiched between malefics, as he is here, he does not. Which leaves 45 years. Steve Irwin died in his 45th year of life. I greatly miss his enthusiasm and spunk, we all do. This formula is so quirky, overall, that I would never dare use it on a living person, unless he was my enemy and I wanted to impress his friends. So stop trying to figure yourself out!!!

ARE YOU BEING OBSESSED?

NO, I don't mean that your former high school drama coach seems to leave yellow roses in your path, but otherwise you haven't had contact with him since the day he died thirty years ago. Nor am I referring to young persons who drowned in a nearby pond who some psychic said came to visit you for a time, you being unaware.

If you are obsessed, you know it. The voice in your head that will not stop, not day or night, will not leave you in peace. Maybe it belongs to someone you knew who passed unexpectedly. Maybe it belongs to someone else, it makes no difference. It's there and it's tearing your life apart.

Drugs and booze dull you without taking it away, but increasingly you seek them out for what relief they can give. You know what it wants, but you have no way of giving it to it. One case I worked on, the discarnate wanted to find the members of his band, so

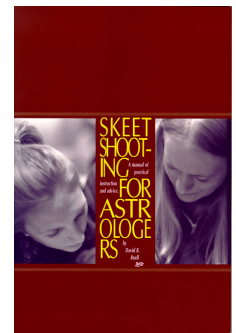
he could go play with them. But the woman he was obsessing (who never knew him in real life) did not know the members of his band. Driven nearly insane, she spent her evenings listening to his music, writing down the names of her friends, none of which he wanted. And then repeating the process, over and over again. Another case simply wanted her living sister to "do something."

You dare not confide in anyone, not a friend, not your spouse, not a priest, not a psychiatrist. When you tried they told you it was imaginary, or that you should "send them into the light" or call in Jesus or their mother or grandfather. God! You've tried all of that and none of it worked. You tried pleading with the obsessing entity but that only made it more desperate. You tried prayers, between you and God, but, as is so common, God was deaf. You are increasingly isolated. At wit's end, you are contemplating harming yourself as that seems the ultimate solution. Sometimes the obsessing entity wants you to, wants you to join him, or wants you to harm others. *This is obsession.* It is real and highly dangerous.

I have worked with such cases. I have a simple formula which may work. Do not harm yourself, not because I said so, but because ending it *will not work* as a solution. Find my **number** and phone me. (Emails are useless.)

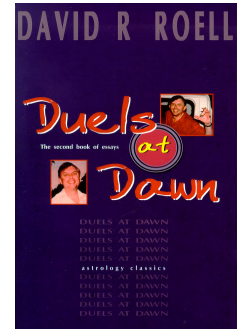
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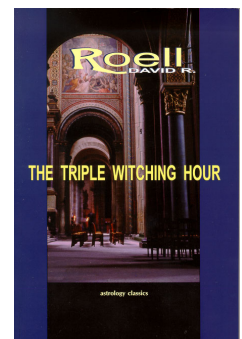
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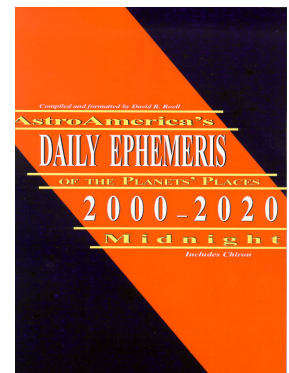
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