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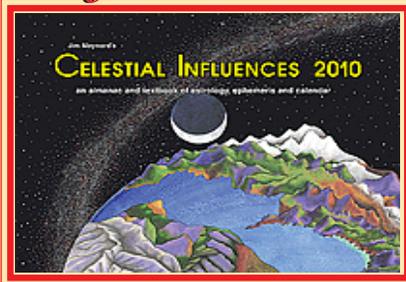
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MAYNARD for 2010 ARRIVES!

Maynard calendars for 2010 are now in stock and shipping. They arrived on Friday. All orders placed before December 1 will have shipped by Monday, December 7. Orders placed in December will ship by Wednesday, December 9, so if you have previously ordered from us, you should have your calendars by the end of the week. My thanks to all of you for your patience.



in the spring & summer we are asked if we can replace lost or missing Pockets. Regrettably, by that time we cannot. If you're the sort who loses things, you might consider getting a backup

IF you haven't ordered yet, **DON'T WAIT.** Maynard calendars will be in good supply until the end of January. Supply gets spotty in February, and in March, everyone runs out, us included.

Pocket Astrologer users: Every year

copy.

Here are your choices, they're all linked.

WALL CALENDARS:

Celestial Influences EASTERN

Celestial Influences PACIFIC\$12.95

POCKETS:

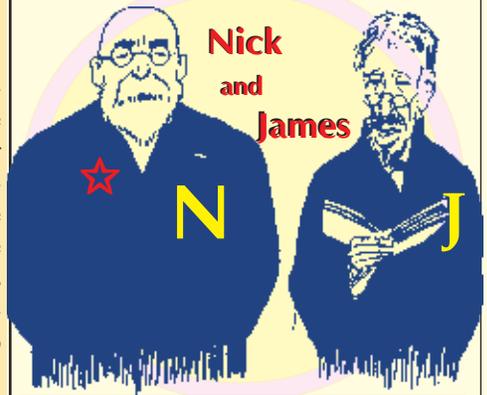
Pocket Astrologer EASTERN

Pocket Astrologer PACIFIC\$6.95

DATEBOOKS:

Celestial Guide (coil bound)\$11.95

Astrologer's Guide (perfect bound)...\$8.95



Nick and James

DUELING DICTIONARIES

DIGNITIES

James Wilson, 1819: However this may have been, it is certain that if power may be deemed exaltation, all planets must be exalted when they arrive at their northern nodes, and advance towards our zenith. The Sun and Moon, therefore, and the two fortunes, must be rendered more beneficial by such a position, and the infortunes more malignant.

Nicholas deVore, 1947: Other accidental dignities, according to older authorities, are: favourable aspects to Fortuna; freedom from combustion; favourable aspects from benefics; swift in motion & increasing in light; and in a House which corresponds to the Sign of its Essential Dignity—as the Sun in the Fifth House, corresponding to Leo. . .

ALMANACK

for the week (all times GMT)

Notes

08	02:35	♀ □ ♃	
09	00:14	☉ 17♁03	Last Quarter
	10:05	☽ ♀ ♃	Void
	22:48	☽ ♁	
10	05:08	☽ ♀ ♃	
11	09:26	☽ ✕ ☉	
	17:45	☽ △ ♀	Void
12	04:32	☽ ♁	
13	16:25	☽ □ ♀	
	22:45	☽ △ ♃	
	23:07	☽ □ ♃	
14	01:18	☽ □ ♀	Void
	02:48	☽ ☉	
	12:25	☽ ✕ ♃	
	15:27	☉ □ ♃	

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

On December 12

- 1812 – The French stop invading Russia
- 1897 – Belo Horizonte is founded in Brazil
- 1911 – Delhi becomes capital of India
- 1917 – Boy's Town founded (Nebraska)
- 1936 – Chiang Kai-shek is kidnapped
- 1941 – India declares war on Japan



Solar Eclipse
New Moon
25Y01
2:11a

DVc 4:02a
D→≈ 12:17p

D♁☉ 2:11a
D♁♀ 4:02a
♀SD 11:52a
D△♃ 9:43p

Edward Teller 1908
Andrea Martin 1947



STAR OF THE WEEK



RASALHAGUE alpha Ophiuchi 22 ♁ 35

Notes: A sapphire star situated on the head of Ophiuchus. From Ras al Hawwa, the Head of the Serpent Charmer.

Influence: According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Saturn & Venus; and, to Alvidas, of Jupiter & Mercury when in sextile to Mars. It gives misfortune through women, perverted tastes & mental depravity.

With Sun: Reserved, thoughtful, studious, suspicious, solitary, reputation for athletics, little wealth, careless of public opinion.

With Moon: Public prominence in religious matters, favourable for gain.

With Mercury: Unpopular attitude & criticism through religion, philosophy or science; difficulties in marriage & quarrels fostered by others, trouble through opposite sex, not very good for gain.

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

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Top Ten Books

Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson
1893-1990



IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

Shall I plead bankruptcy?

TAKE the ruler of the 1st & the Moon for the querent and the 7th, its ruler, and any planets in the 7th for the creditors. Always take Venus into consideration, being the natural ruler of the 7th house (lawsuits) & also take Mars, being the natural ruler of the bankruptcy—8th.

The one whose significator is the stronger by Sign & by good aspects to benefics or the Part of Fortune, or is direct & elevated over the other in the chart, is the debtor or creditor who overcomes the other. Sometimes the ruler of the 1st is the better fortified excepting only that it is retrograde. This merely shows that the hearing date will be set over several times & he will have to keep coming back until his ruler turns direct, at which time his superior strength will win.

If the ruler of the 1st or the Moon is strong, well-placed by Sign & unafflicted, or if they are in good aspect to the ruler of the 10th or 4th, conjunct Venus or the Sun (or conjunct the Part of Fortune in any but the 12th House or Pisces), the querent will overcome, especially if he disposes the ruler of the 7th, or if that ruler is in the 1st, coming over to the querent, and bankruptcy-Mars is in mutual reception elsewhere.

If the ruler of the 7th is well aspected to Jupiter, Venus, the Sun or the ruler of the 4th or 10th, strong by Sign & unafflicted by malefics, the creditor wins, especially if he disposes the ruler of the 1st, or if that ruler is in the 7th, going over to the creditor. — **Simplified Horary Astrology**, 1960.

Born on December 12

- 1745 – John Jay, 1st of the Supremes
- 1791 – Marie Louise, Napoleon's 2nd wife
- 1821 – Gustave Flaubert



Christmas / Holiday Gift Ideas What to give the Astrologer in your life, or to yourself!

Give the gift of astrology this holiday season.

The following suggestions are taken from Dave's list of **The Best of The Best**:

To introduce a friend to the study, you have two choices: Give them the book you used, as a cherished hand-me-down, or one of these:

Llewellyn's Complete Book of Astrology, by Kris Brandt Riske, head of the **AFA**. Kris has a genius for catching all the little details that so often stump beginners. She also gives a good, solid presentation of the basics, as well as a lot of other stuff that I wish were better known, as it's most useful. An A+ book.

Or, Charles Carter's **The Principles of Astrology**. This is a genuine eye-opener. Carter wrote it as a basic introductory book, but you'll be amazed at the wealth of detail, the wonderful observations, the excellent prose.

Everyone wants to make forecasts. The best all-round book is still **Robert Hand's Planets in Transit**. What will Mars in your 3rd house bring? What to expect when Saturn squares your Moon? This book will tell you. Chapter 2, on timing transits, is worth the price of the book all by itself.

I think Robson's **Astrology & Sex** is the best all-round book on relationships, but it's outsold by Robert Hand's **Planets in Composite**. People don't want details (Robson) as much as they want the Final Answer. And that's what composites give you: Put your data in the computer, put your friend's data in the computer, draw the composite, open Hand's book, and read it out. Simplicity.

Need a general reference book? There are two I think highly of:

Encyclopedia of Astrology, by Nicholas de Vore. Brief, encyclopedic articles on all phases of astrology, along with a very nice, very extensive eclipse section. I've had a battered copy of this book on my desk the last fifteen years. DeVore based a lot of his work on James Wilson's **Dictionary of Astrology**, from 1819. This is a quirky, opinionated romp through the subject, including many details that are today

unknown or overlooked.. About half the book is an extensive, detailed, horary text.

On aspects, there are several good books. I like **Carter's** for his pithy, powerful insights. I like Sue Tompkins's **Aspects in Astrology** for her meaty explanations of how & why.

Horary astrology makes intensive use of the craft to find answers to practical, everyday questions. The best introduction is without doubt Anthony Louis's **Horary Astrology Plain & Simple**. Let Anthony get your feet wet & you'll want to move on to the two great classics: William Lilly's **Christian Astrology** (books 1 & 2), as well as Ivy Goldstein-Jacobson's **Simplified Horary Astrology**.

Eventually, all astrologers turn to Medical Astrology. It's just too important to leave aside. The first time the astrologer gets sick, he wants to know if it was shown in the chart, indeed, this is often the ultimate test for those seeking to "prove" the validity of astrology. There are many good books in this category, I will list only a few of them:

Judith Hill's Medical Astrology, A Guide to Planetary Pathology is both new, and most excellent. Judith compiles ideas & techniques into one volume that I have never seen collected before & does an excellent job of presenting them.

For her part, **Jane Ridder-Patrick** blends medieval & modern in her book, **A Handbook of Medical Astrology**. In one book, definitions of things like yellow jaundies, as well as the famous – and very rare – list of degrees & diseases as compiled by Elsbeth & Reinhold Ebertin in the 1930's.

So far as degrees go, everyone should have a copy of Carter's Green Book, **The Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology**. Carter gives specific degree areas for many ailments, as well as general indicators for a great many more.

And it wouldn't be Christmas if I didn't pitch complete sets: Get a complete set of **Charles Carter**. Get a complete set of **William Lilly**. **Jean-Baptiste Morin**. **Reinhold Ebertin**. **Robert Hand**. **Vivian Robson**. **Ivy Goldstein-Jacobson**. **Judith Hill**. **Dane Rudhyar**. **Martha Lang-Wescott**. **John Addey**. — *Merry Christmas!*

December 14: 1782 – First balloon flight, Paris. 1911– Amundsen reaches South Pole.



WHY WHERE
WHAT WHEN
ELECTIONAL
ASTROLOGY

Part 38:

Borrowing Money, part ii

IF it is desired to keep the money idle for a long time let the angles, and especially the ascendant, be in fixed signs, and the lord of the ascendant, the Moon, and the lord of the second be also in fixed signs, strong & free from affliction. But if the money is to be used quickly let the angles, and especially the ascendant, be in cardinal signs, or failing that in mutable ones, and let the lord of the ascendant, the Moon, and lord of the second in the radical map, and if possible in the electional map also, be in cardinal signs & free from affliction. If it is desired to keep the money so that it may be used to advantage, fortify the ascendant, its ruler, and Jupiter; and see that Mars does not aspect the Moon, ascendant, Part of Goods, or Fortuna, or their houses or dispositors, especially those of the Moon & ascendant.

— *Electional Astrology*, 1937

Born on December 12

- 1805 – William Lloyd Garrison
- 1805 – Henry Wells, founder of Amex
- 1915 – Frank Sinatra
- 1919 – Olivia Barclay, astrologer
- 1924 – Ed Koch, Mayor of New York
- 1940 – Dionne Warwick, singer
- 1952 – Cathy Rigby, gymnast

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Aphorisms from
Astrology and Sex
by **Vivian Robson**

P. Dominant Partner

242. Venus behind the Sun in the zodiac, strong, and in good aspect with Jupiter indicates that the wife will be the dominant partner.

243. If the Part of Marriage in a man's nativity falls in one of the obeying signs Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius and Pisces, and in his wife's nativity it falls in one of the commanding signs Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, and Virgo, the wife will rule the husband. (*Hermes, Centiloquy*, 61)

244. In a woman's horoscope the ruler of the seventh house in the ascendant makes her domineer over her husband; and if the ruler of the ascendant is a superior planet and the rising sign is one of the commanding signs, she will be a thorough virago. . .

O. Agreement in Marriage

226. Benefics in good aspect with the Moon indicate love & harmony in marriage; but if the aspect is a bad one there will be accord in most things though the general agreement will be only moderate. Malefics in good aspect with the Moon indicate moderate general agreement, but disagreement in many particulars; while if the aspect is a bad one there will be continual quarrels.

227. Benefics in good aspect with the ruler of the seventh indicate harmony in marriage.

228. Moon in good aspect with benefics in the seventh house, or the ruler of the seventh, denotes happiness in marriage; but if afflicted by malefics in the seventh it indicates much evil through marriage. — *Astrology & Sex*, by Vivian Robson, 1941

**PTOLEMY'S
TETRABIBLOS**

From the Centiloquy

XII. Love & hatred prohibit the true accomplishment of judgments; and inasmuch as they lessen the most important, so likewise they magnify the most trivial things.

XIII. In every indication made by the constitution of the heavens, secondary stars, whether auxiliary or injurious thereto, are also to be used.

XIV. The astrologer will be entangled in a labyrinth of error, when the seventh house & its lord shall be afflicted.

XV. Signs cadent from the ascendant of any kingdom are the ascendants of that kingdom's enemies. But the angles & succedent houses are the ascendants of its friends. It is the same in all doctrines & institutions.

XVI. When the benefics may be controlled in the 8th house, they bring mischief by means of good men: if, on the other hand, they be well affected, they will prevent mischief.

XVII. Give no judgment as to the future life of an aged person, until the number of years he may live have been reckoned.

XVIII. If, while a benefic may ascend, both the luminaries should be in the same minute [of the same degree & sign], the native will be equally & highly prosperous all things which can befall him. So, likewise, if the luminaries be mutually opposed by east & west. But the contrary effect will be produced, should a malefic be on the ascendant.

XIX. The efficacy of purgation is impeded by the Moon's conjunction with Jupiter.

XX. Pierce not with iron that part of the body which may be governed by the sign actually occupied by the Moon. [*Perhaps the most famous of the 100.* — Dave]

— *Tetrabiblos*, by **Claudius Ptolemy**. Translated by J.M. Ashmand, 1822.

