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Astrology & KARMA

— Introductory notes —

THE astrological premise is the natal chart represents the person who owns it. The reincarnation premise is that we've all had countless previous lives.

Combine the two, and what you get is a birthchart that is the sum of all your previous lives, with particular emphasis on your most recent life. (I'm a retread. I believe in linear time. Some folks don't.) Your chart will tell you where you've been just as well as it will tell you where you're going, and are likely to end up.

With the possible exception of **Martin Schulman** (whose books are only available on audio), I have been most unhappy with all of the **astro-reincarnation books**. They are not only simplistic, but their theoretical underpinnings are hopelessly weak.

So over the next several weeks, I am



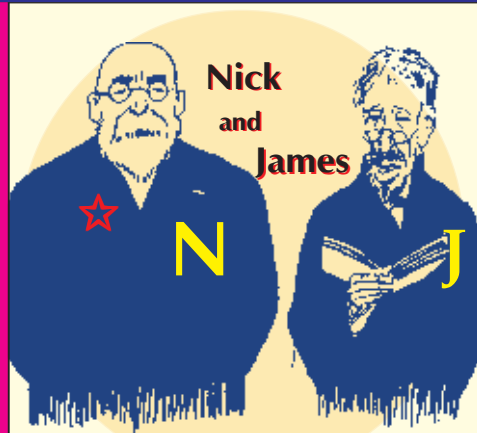
going to write up some of my own notes, and present them here (on page 2, to be exact.) I will be looking at the entire chart, not just Saturn or the nodes. *A teaser —*

Your birth chart shows where you were, what you were doing, at the moment of your previous death. For better or worse, your final orientation, your final destination in life.

So **where is your Sun**, by sign & house? That was your mental outlook. Aspects to the Sun were the talents it was then employing. **Where is your Moon**, by sign & house? That was where you were, emotionally.

What is the aspect between the two, if any? That shows how well you were getting on in the world around you, more or less.

What is your rising sign, in this life? That's what you were struggling to become, what you wanted to be saying or doing. **That's why it's rising now.**



DUELING DICTIONARIES

PTOLEMY

James Wilson, 1819: The only reason why Saturn has his exaltation in Libra is because the Sun has his in Aries, that they may be opposite in dignity as in nature, and because Ptolemy made the wonderful discovery that "where heat is increased cold is diminished, and where cold is increased heat is diminished."

Nicholas deVore, 1947: It seems that Ptolemy, finding a lot of scattered truths & sundry devices for applying them, devoted his ingenuity to an effort to hook them all together into a unified system. In this it appears that in a sense he was a precursor to Freud, in that he seemed bent on reducing everything to terms of sex. Of course, this may note be literally true. . .

ALMANACK

for the week (all times GMT)

Notes

15	00:17	☉ ✖ ♃	
16	00:17	☉ ✖ ♃	
	12:02	● 24♄ 40	New Moon/Void
	22:32	☾ ♃	
17	12:39	♀ △ ♂	
18	02:02	☾ ☉	
	07:52	☾ ♂ ♀	
	20:08	☾ ✖ ♁	Void
19	10:39	☾ ≡	
20	01:53	♀ □ ♁	
	13:27	♂ SR	
	21:36	♀ ☉	
21	04:53	♀ ✖ ♃	}
	05:24	♀ ✖ ♃	
	06:13	♀ ♀	}
	08:54	♃ ♂ ♃	
	12:07	☾ ♂ ♃	}
	12:09	☾ ♂ ♃	
	12:54	☾ ✖ ♀	Void
	17:47	☉ ♃	
	23:42	☾ ♃	

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STAR OF THE WEEK

★★★☆☆

ACULEUS. 6M Scorpii 25 ♂ 52

Notes: The so-called Nebula in the sting of Scorpio mentioned by Ptolemy. It is actually a cluster & lies with Acumen a little above the sting.

Influence: Of the nature of Mars & the Moon. It affects the eyesight & causes blindness of one or both eyes if in conjunction with an afflicted luminary, or in conjunction with a malefic that afflicts the luminaries. The opposition appears to be equally effective.

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

December 16:

- 1431 – Henry VI crowned in Paris.
- 1707 – Last eruption of Mt. Fuji.
- 1770 – Birth of Louis van Beethoven, Bonn
- 1773 – Boston Tea Party

- 1811 – New Madrid earthquake.
- 1826 – Ruler of Fredonia declared.
- 1850 – Pilgrims arrive, New Zealand.
- 1893 – Premiere of New World Symphony.
- 1937 - Only "successful" escape, Alcatraz.

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1893-1990



IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

The House of the Immediate Future (the oblique ascendant)

WHERE the 1st House rules the immediate present, as at birth, and the 12th House rules the immediate past preceding birth, the 2nd house rules the immediate future: the first intimation of the approaching personal trend in life that discloses one's inherent fitness for a particular interest to be followed as a career or vocation in the future. This is the special office of the Oblique Ascendant, and where is the person who would not like to have this information long in advance? We need to know when the Oblique Ascendant will conjunct the 2nd cusp so as to know the age when it happens & thus the year; and we want to know, too, what matters are ruled by the house where we find the planet ruling that 2nd. That is the house in which the native's main talent is to register, and if the ruler of the 2nd is well aspected to the natal Ascendant, the native's goals will be more easily attained. But if in bad aspect (square, sesquare, quincunx, opposition) there will be obstacles, delays, setbacks or denials to expect.

On the opposite page we present former-President Harry S Truman's natal chart set for 4:14 pm LMT May 8th, 1884, Lamar, MO. The list of parallels shows by its arrangement that he had a ladder to climb in life but his Ascendant-ruler Venus is at the top, disclosing that he would reach the top of the ladder in time & probably by his own efforts, Venus standing alone in the house.

Planets in the 1st House describe one personally active in furthering the matters of the houses they rule. — **The Way of Astrology**, 1967

R_XETROGRADES_R ♀ ♂

IN honor of the upcoming retrogrades of Mars (20 December) and Mercury (26 December), a quick overview of what retrogrades are, and some notes on the better books.

Viewed from a geocentric perspective, *retrogrades are a function of the angular relationship individual planets have to the Sun*. When a given planet reaches a stated number of degrees from the Sun, it goes retrograde. When the Sun's advance returns the pair to that same angular relationship, the planet goes direct. Let's consider Mercury.

On December 26, Mercury is just shy of 22 degrees Capricorn. The Sun is just shy of 6 degrees Capricorn. The difference? 16 degrees. At which time Mercury will go retrograde.

Mercury goes direct on the 15th of January. At that time it will be 5-something degrees of Capricorn. The Sun will be at 24-something degrees of Capricorn. Difference: 19 degrees. Get the picture?

Well, not quite. Up to January 27, Mercury will fall further behind the Sun, by which time it will be 25 degrees behind the Sun. For years I was unaware of this curious period of "Retrograde Hangover". Born up to a dozen days after Mercury turned direct? You're "running to catch up." Instead, the talk is of Mercury coming out of its "shadow", which is to say, catching up with where it was when it first went retrograde. Which will happen around the 4th of February, 2010.

Mercury next goes retrograde on April 18, at which time it will be at 12-something Taurus. The Sun will be at 28 Aries, the difference being 14 degrees. You can look the rest up for yourself.

Our neighboring planets, Venus & Mars, are the rarest of retrogrades, doing so only once every other year. Retrograde Venus is quite rare, lasting only five or six weeks & is always significant, one way or another. Mars is a sturdier retrograde. The upcoming Mars retrograde, which starts on 20 December, will end on 10 March next year.

On 20 December, Mars will be just shy of 20 Leo. The Sun will be 28-something Capricorn, the difference 158 degrees. We can now talk about aspects.

All the major Sun-Mars aspects, including the inconjunct, are direct, with the single exception of the opposition. But watch what

happens as we move further from the Sun.

Jupiter will go retrograde at 3-something Aries on July 23. At that time the Sun will be at 0 Leo. Which is 117 degrees. So what do you think of a Sun-Jupiter trine? Did you know that Sun-Jupiter trines have a stationary (direct or retrograde) Jupiter, by definition? Does a station make an aspect "better" or "worse"? "Stronger" or "weaker"? You decide.

Saturn will go retrograde on January 14. At that time it will be at 4-something Libra, the Sun will be at 22-something Capricorn. That's 108 degrees. This brings up an interesting paradox. On the one hand, the Sun-Saturn square, said to be stressful, always has a direct Saturn, which, in most signs, is said to be good. On the other, the Sun-Saturn trine, which is said to be a good thing, has a distinctly retrograde Saturn, which, in most signs, is said to be not so good.

What's the practical result? Sun-Saturn squares give you more direct Saturn than you can probably handle, while the bashful retrograde Saturn in Sun-Saturn trines never quite delivers, even if it wants to. I have the two trine, with Saturn retrograde in Libra. Saturn in Libra is said to give a perfect sense of timing, and, trine the Sun, it certainly has the ability to manifest itself. But although I in fact have a wonderful sense of timing, I never get to use it: Retrograde. Dang!

You can work out the details on the remaining planets. Pluto, for example, changes direction at 102 degrees. A century ago, when Pluto was further out there, the number of degrees was 98. A planet infinitely far from the Sun will go retrograde at 90.

Understand the mechanics, you will better understand the interpretation. Some books:

Helen Adams Garrett's books are favorites because she has a firm grasp on the mechanics of retrogrades: **Understanding Retrogrades**, and, **More About Retrogrades**.

Mohan Koparkar deals with oppositions, house placements, and rulerships. He's notably not so good on outer planets.

What to do before Mercury goes retro on the 26th? Get Therese Francis's **Mercury Retrograde Book**. Also check out the retrograde section in **Joanne Wickenburg's Your Hidden Powers**. I'll have a few things to say about retrograde Saturn in a week or two.



WHY WHERE
WHAT WHO
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ELECTIONAL ASTROLOGY

Part 39:

Recovering Money that is Owing

WHEN taking steps to obtain money that is due, fortify the lord of the radical ascendant, and also Jupiter. Let either be in the second house, strong & essentially dignified, free from combustion & other afflictions, and in good aspect to the benefics, especially to any benefic that throws a good aspect in the birth horoscope to the second house or its lord.

In choosing a time in which to apply for money that is due fortify the cusp of the ascendant & its lord, and let the lord of the eighth apply by good aspect to the lord of the ascendant or of the second. If, however, this is impossible let the lords of the ascendant & second be in mutual reception.

Pawning

THE rules for this are the same as for lending money. Do not pawn any article when Jupiter is afflicted or within 17° of the Sun, especially if it does not receive any good aspects, there will be little or no hope of redemption.

— **Electional Astrology**, by Vivian Robson

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House Position of the Ruler of the Seventh House

In First House: Great friendship with & influence over women, but they will cause trouble in the end especially if the lord of the fourth afflicts the significators. If afflicted, discord & strife in marriage, and death of the partner.

In Second House: Money through marriage, or marriage for money. If afflicted, the wife or husband wastes or steals the native's money. Native outlives the partner.

In Third House: Marriage to a relative, which will be happy or the reverse according to the aspects received. May indicate misconduct of the partner with the native's brother or sister.

In Fourth House: Benefit & inheritance through women. Partner of native's race or lineage. Contentions on account of birth, parentage, or inheritance if afflicting ruler of the ascendant.

In Fifth House: Love match with a young, pleasant, cheerful, and pleasure-loving partner, but if afflicted, an unfaithful one. Injuries & loss through children.

In Sixth House: Partner of low birth or of blemished reputation, a servant, or an invalid.

In Seventh House: Honourable & worthy partner of good family who will not love the native & will cause trouble through other affairs. If afflicted, sorrow & trouble through marriage, and also from loose women.

In Eighth House: Partner with money, who benefits by the death of others. If afflicted, extravagant & wasteful partner.

In Ninth House: Benefit or loss & trouble through partner's relatives, according to the aspects received. Foreign partner. — **Astrology & Sex**, by Vivian Robson.

SATURN

1. Saturn, when located by day on the ascendant, will bring the native to birth with a great cry. The one born will be the eldest of all children or, if any is born before him, that one will be separated from the parents. That god always, by day, on any of the angles, will make the native the first-born or the first to be reared, or he destroys those born before. But he makes the natives themselves boastful & full of pride.

2. If Saturn is on the ascendant by day & Mars is on another angle or the anafora (sign before) of an angle, this indicates many evils—immense danger & loss of inheritance. But often, if there is no benefic planet in a favorable location in aspect to them, or if Mars receives the influence of the waxing Moon, the will make for a violent death.

3. But if Saturn is located by night on the degree of the ascendant, the native will be hindered by the greatest weariness & will always be oppressed by hard labor. Some will be allotted occupations around water, but of such a kind that they will always be worn out by hard work.

4. When Saturn occupies the second house from the ascendant, he indicates serious illnesses & great reverses of fortune. The native becomes the murderer of his wife & children, a frequent agitator of great public disturbances, and he wastes his maternal & paternal inheritances. He is slow in all his activities & suffers from constant bodily afflictions.

5. If Mars is on any of the angles or is in opposition or square aspect to the Sun or the waxing Moon, this will make wretched paupers, their bodies burdened with daily toil.

6. Saturn in the second house by day will slowly & gradually provide an increase in income. The natives themselves he makes withdrawn, recluses, poor in mind, always denying that they own anything. Some will get their living from watery professions or business having to do with liquids. — **Ancient Astrology Theory & Practice**, by Firmicus Maternus.

